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FOLLOW ME

On a hilltop playground in City Heights, a woman in a pink wraparound apron and straw hat is walking. She looks like an American mother of a certain period — before feminism and dual careers — but thinner, thin as a flapper, as thin as the girls in Kate Greenaway illustrations. She steps patiently toward the Waldorf School of San Diego, a raw stucco building among raw stucco buildings, barred windows, paved yards, chain-link fences, and houses, houses, houses.

"Follow, follow, follow," the woman sings, "follow me."

She sings liltingly, unselfconsciously, although she never sang to anyone except her own children before she got this job. She's Miss Lea here, the teacher of one-, two-, and three-year-olds who come to the Waldorf School's Morning Glory class once a week with their mothers, and being a Morning Glory teacher means you sing, you knit, you sing, you teach mothers to knit, you sing, you tell stories, you make oatmeal, you sing, and you bake bread. You do this even if for 25 years you had a phobia about your voice.

"Follow, follow, follow, follow me."

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Aunt Trudy's Gay Advice

It was Valentine's Day when I picked up the *Reader* at the market. I raced through it and happened to look at something I never read before called "Ask Aunt Trudy." On this day, Aunt Trudy had given strange advice to a Point Loma teenager who thought he or she was gay. Aunt Trudy told him or her to go to a homosexual organization, to reinforce his or her so-called identity as a homosexual. I shall simply say that I would have advised the teenager to write to Exodus, which is a Christian group that helps people to change their sexual identity through therapy and spiritual help, or to one of many churches in San Diego County that have outreach programs for teenagers and others who do not want to remain homosexually fixated.

As one who has had long clinical experience in dealing with matters of this kind, I am convinced that a teenager's sexual orientation is not finally fixed at age 14 or even 18. Indeed, men and women have changed their sexual identities even in their 40s. It depends on the willpower a person has in wanting to change. It is somewhat similar to the process of changing an alcoholic, but it is much more difficult than that process. The change can be brought about through an extensive period of counseling and therapy, as well as reinforcement by one's religious community, by one's friends, and by a commitment to God. I know that this can be done, because I have seen it happen again and again. With correct counseling, with the right environment, with the spiritual power available to any believer, and with the help of family and friends, a person can gradually conquer homosexuality if that person is willing to exert himself or herself in the struggle.

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Dental Floss Victim

I think Eve Kelly missed a couple of important criteria in her "Best Buys" column on dental floss in your St. Valentine's Day edition. I have trouble with a lot of dental floss. It drives me crazy; it gets stuck between my teeth and then breaks off, and then I have a hell of a time getting it out. Sometimes I even have to wait a day or so, and when it gets softened or digested or whatever the hell happens, then I can get it out. People whose teeth in places are close together — or sometimes people have rough spots on the sides of their teeth that cause the dental floss not only to stick between the teeth, but also to fray and shred and break. A lot of these fancy dental flosses, such as Glide, I can't use because they break too easily. I try to slip one of those pieces of Glide and similar flosses between my teeth, and it just breaks in two. On the other hand, plain old unwaxed dental floss, I try to put that between my teeth and it gets stuck. So there are other important criteria than those she considered. Two things, floss stuck between people's teeth and floss that breaks and shreds and tears too easily. So she should have gotten a bunch of people like me, who have a hell of a time with dental floss, and got them to test the different brands.

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Only Klingons Build Birds

I was looking at your *"Reader* Puzzle" for your issue of February 7, and the particular clue I'd like you to look at is clue number 63 across. It says in your puzzle, "Movie in which the Starship *Enterprise* lands in San Francisco." Now, I realize that the answer you're looking for is *Star Trek IV,* but that's an erroneous, or simply to put it, bad clue, because the *Enterprise,* which is a Federation heavy cruiser, never landed in San Francisco. I believe if you were to look at the movie *Star Trek IV,* you'll find out that Captain Kirk and his crew were flying a Klingon Bird of Prey when they went back through time in *Star Trek IV*. So the correct clue should be "Movie in which a Klingon Bird of Prey lands in San Francisco," or "Movie in which the *crew* of the Starship *Enterprise* lands in San Francisco." So I would just bring to your attention that the clue is rather weak. I could probably give you that they might have christened it the USS *Enterprise,* except they didn't do that in the movie, and besides, the admiral or commanding officer cannot christen a naval vessel. It's done by the Department of the Navy after extensive planning and building. Also, of the four *Enterprises* in all of the *Star Trek* series, all of them were built by the Federation. Only Klingons build the Birds of Prey.

John Kohl
Oceanside

Garcia On Glass

I can't believe John Brizzolara agreed with the cop who likened Jerry Garcia's playing to "strumming on a plate-glass window with a brick" (Pop Music, February 7). I see how a cop would have that opinion, but any music lover knows of the talent Jerry had in each of his nine and a half fingers.

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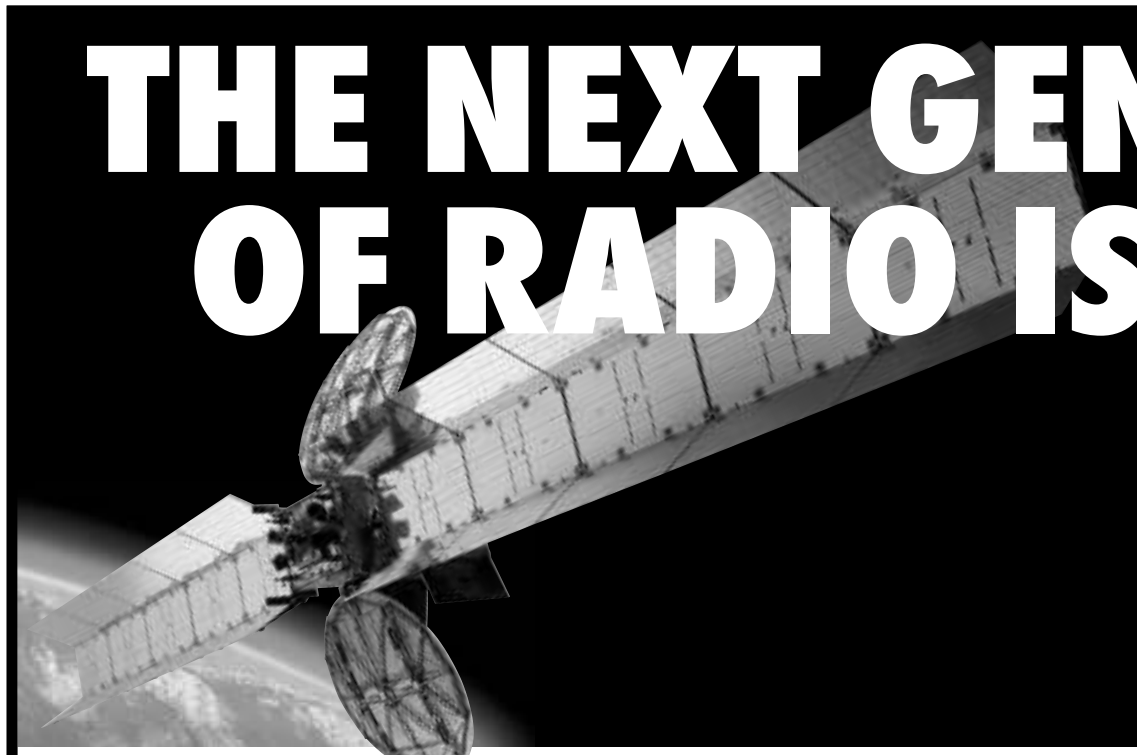

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Neon signs Following a mention here two weeks ago about his failure to disclose, San Diego State University president **Stephen Weber** has amended his official statements of economic interest to reveal the acquisition date of his stock in Neon Systems, that controversial **John Moores** company connected to the political demise of ex–San Diego city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings**. Weber's original statements, filed under penalty of perjury in March of 2000 and 2001, reported that he owned between $2000 and $10,000 worth of Neon stock in both 1999 and 2000. But the statements failed to disclose, as required by law, the date on which he acquired the shares. Neon went public in February 1999, at which time Stallings and other insiders got a rock-bottom purchase price that allowed them to make a hefty profit when the stock rose steeply during the heyday of the dot-com market bubble. The stock subsequently crashed in value, and Stallings was forced off the council as part of a plea bargain in which she pled guilty in January 2001 to conflict-of-interest charges. In his disclosure amendments — dated less than two weeks ago, on February 11, and also signed under penalty of perjury — Weber now reports he did not own Neon stock in 1999 but instead acquired it on January 13, 2000. Weber did not return phone calls regarding the reporting errors and subsequent amendments.

Documents retrieved from the university under the state's public-record act show that Weber has been in frequent contact with Moores, a major SDSU donor. In addition to Weber and Stallings, other local officials who are known to have owned Neon stock at one time or another include ex–San Diego port commissioner **David Malcolm**, who resigned under fire after conflict-of-interest questions regarding his involvement in a power-plant venture came to light, and county supervisor **Ron Roberts**. In addition to the Neon and other stock holdings, Weber also reports that in 2000, the latest year for which reports are available, he served on SDG&E's "community advisory council," picking up between $250 and $1000 for his trouble.

Lunch bunch Eighth District San Diego city councilman **Ralph Inzunza**, running for re-election next month, has been repeatedly wined and dined by some of the *Union-Tribune*'s top reporters and columnists, according to his recently filed financial disclosure report. Last May 3, Inzunza reports, he was treated to a $21 lunch by reporter **Caitlin Rother.** On May 22, he had another $21 lunch with reporter **Jennifer Vigil**. Then in July, he sat down to another $21 lunch courtesy of the *U-T* with editorial writer **Bob Kittle**. In August, it was a $21 lunch with real estate writer **Roger Showley**, and in September, he had a $17 lunch with columnist **Neil Morgan**. But the *U-T* wasn't the only organization to pick up Inzunza's tabs; taxpayers also forked over. San Diego Unified School District superintendent **Alan Bersin** paid for an $11 breakfast in April. Inzunza also reported having a $17 lunch in May and a $13 breakfast in September with somebody named "Smith" from the school district. Then in October, he had a $21 lunch with Bersin. San Diego State provided Inzunza with NCAA tournament tickets valued at $80, and in September, an individual associated with the university named "Kitchen" provided an $11 lunch; in October, somebody from SDSU named "Cornthwaite" also paid for an $11 lunch. The most generous host of all, however, was San Diego Gas and Electric, whose employees took Inzunza out for lunches and one breakfast on six separate occasions in 2001. The tabs ranged from $12 to $30 and totaled $113.

Ralph Inzunza

Late fees The Committee to Ban the Ban, a group formed to combat the city's Mission Beach booze ban, has missed the latest campaign-disclosure filing deadline, the city clerk's office reports ... Atlantic Philanthropies, that charitable outfit providing a $5 million grant to the San Diego Unified School District, is a front for **Charles Feeney**, a New Jersey billionaire and one of the Irish militant group **Sinn Fein**'s biggest backers. Feeney, who made his fortune on duty-free airport shops, has reportedly given away more than $1.28 billion around the world since 1982.

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Aliens Use My Social Security Number

By Ernie Grimm

We all assume that if there is one thing that's ours alone, it is our Social Security number. And everyone who's ever offered you a job, a loan, or a line of credit has assumed that if they have your Social Security number, they have a number that identifies you and nobody else. Carol Huckabay, a human resources director who lives in Carlsbad, assumed the same thing, until 1990.

"I was living in San Jose, working for a market-research firm when I got laid off," says Huckabay, a trim, soft-spoken woman in her late 40s, dressed in a gray tweed pants suit. She sits with perfect posture at an uncluttered desk in her spare, almost austere office at a Carlsbad semi-conductor company. "For the first time, I decided to apply for unemployment benefits. So I went to the unemployment office, and I gave them my Social Security number, which I've had since I was a kid. And the clerk there said, 'Are you sure this is your number? Someone's already using it to get benefits.' She showed me a computer screen, and it had all the companies that Mr. Martinez, the man using my number, and I had worked for. They were meshed into one list. It was amazing. I got concerned because I thought, if someone else is getting unemployment on my number, what about me? So I went to the Social Security office in Santa Clara and explained the situation. They were very curt and said, 'There's nothing we can do about it.' They also told me it wouldn't affect my benefits. I find that hard to believe. What if Mr. Martinez starts claiming my benefits?"

Tom Margenau, public information officer at the Social Security Administration's office on Front Street, downtown, responds, "That would never happen. To collect Social Security benefits, you have to show up and give us a birth certificate. Now, conceivably, worst-case scenario, I suppose they could find some woman roughly the same age and forge a birth certificate, but that would get awfully complicated. I've been with Social Security 28 years, and I've never heard of a situation like that. There's been many an identity-theft issue but never a case of stealing someone's Social Security benefits. And, in a strange kind of twist to this identity-theft issue, if these guys are using Carol Huckabay's number and posting earnings to her number, it actually kind of helps her, because it boosts her eventual Social Security benefit. Because your benefit is based entirely on your earnings. And the more earnings on your number, the higher your benefit is going to be."

Roy Nedrow heads the local office of the Social Security Administration's Inspector General, a federal law-enforcement agency that investigates crime related to Social Security numbers and benefits. He says cases in which one person's benefits are claimed by another are uncommon but do happen. "We've worked those cases, and we've worked them in the San Diego office, and we've worked them within the last year. For us, that's just about the highest priority case we could work — somebody who is hijacking somebody else's identity to receive Social Security benefits. We handled a case that had a little bit of everything. The guy is a convicted child molester. He's wanted and he's on the run, so he's a fugitive to start with. His brother, who is a Social Security recipient, dies. So this guy gets his brother's identification and his brother's number and goes in and changes his identity to that of his brother because it saves him from being a fugitive. At the same time, he says, 'What the hell, I'm already here. I might as well collect my brother's benefits.' So he's getting a double benefit over this. This guy is in prison now. That's a recent case we handled last year out of the San Diego office of the Social Security Administration."

Margenau points out that one's Social Security benefits are only a small part of the identity-theft equation. "We can take care of [Huckabay's] Social Security records," he explains. "In other words, if there's been a problem with people using her number, we can make sure her earnings record is correctly posted. But, frankly, even though it's a Social Security number that's causing all these problems, her Social Security issues are kind

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Carol Huckabay

They Laugh at a $1000 Fine

By Ernie Grimm

Edmundo Batista Rivera and Conrado Gaxiola Val, though business competitors, greet each other as old friends.

Batista rises from his table at Azulejos restaurant in the Hotel Camino Real in Tijuana's Zona Rio, and the two smile, shake hands, and share a laugh or two before sitting down. Batista and Gaxiola own Metromundo and Gaxiopsa Publicidad, respectively, Tijuana companies that build billboards — *carteleras* in Spanish. Though new billboards are popping up daily in the border city of more than two million, the two are not happy with the state of their trade. Batista begins the tale of his discontent with a little history.

"Many years ago, in the Avenida Revolución, we had billboards. But about ten years ago, the municipal government wanted to renovate Revolution Avenue, and they had about 20 billboards taken down. Now there are only one or two billboards in that area. It's a tourist area with lots of business. Personally, I think we should have billboards over there. But the municipal government won't give permits. And in this area, Rio Tijuana, the federal government decided not to issue permits to put billboards. Now this area is municipal, but in those days it was federal, and they wanted to keep the area clean. So we have tried to respect that order in Avenida Revolución and in the Rio area. But recently, in Mexico City, the municipal government stopped allowing new billboards and started taking billboards down. So many billboard companies, about 100 of them, are coming to the north, especially to Tijuana and Monterrey. And they're not respecting those restrictions."

Batista pauses to take a bite of sweetbread — "With your permission," he says to his guests — then continues his story. "These companies are arriving. They've got power. They've got money. They go to your home, to your building, and they pay you a lot of money, and they put up a *unipolar* on your property. It doesn't matter if there's a billboard there already. The *unipolares* they can make very high so that it is above one that's already there. It's very dangerous. This is what happened during a big storm in Mexico City." He shows his guests a photo clipped from a newspaper of a couple of large billboards that fell during a windstorm, crushing a small two-story building.

Tijuana billboard

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOE KLEIN

Billboards near border

A *unipolar* is a large billboard, as large as 12 by 4 meters, supported by one heavy steel pole bolted to a concrete footing. It's not the added competition from the south that has Batista and Gaxiola upset, it's the manner in which the out-of-town companies are doing business. "These guys come from Mexico City with their big *unipolar* billboards," Gaxiola explains. "They come in the night, they put up the billboard in the dark with a big crane, all without a permit from the city. Then, when the municipal government asks for a permit, they just pay the fine and the billboard stays there."

The concrete footing, Batista says, they pour and cure days before they erect the billboard. "They dig a big hole there, usually behind a screen so you can't see what's going on, and they pour a big base. While it dries, they build the billboard somewhere else. Then they bring it on trucks, they lift it up with a crane, and bolt it onto the base. It takes maybe three hours."

The fine levied by the city for such nonpermitted billboard construction is, in Batista's estimation, laughable. "About 9000 pesos, $1000," he explains. "The maximum I've heard of is $1800. Now, Conrado and myself, we're not very powerful. But these companies have a lot of money. They can pay that fine very easily. A *unipolar* with two faces costs about $30,000 in materials. So when they get a $1000 fine, they just laugh."

Advertising clients for the new billboards are pre-arranged. "If they build it," Batista explains, "it's because they already have the client, usually a large Mexican company — Corona, other breweries, cigars, brandy, or wine. If they don't pay the fine, sometimes the municipal government puts a sign that says canceled over it, but they just pay the fine and the billboard stays there."

Edmundo Batista and Conrado Gaxiola

Luis Valdivia is a Tijuana resident who directs Médicis Communications, an advertising firm with offices in Tijuana and San Diego. "There's a very bulky new billboard at the border crossing that has a big pole in the middle," Valdivia says, "and one side extends to the left and the other side extends to the right. Right now, on the left side, they just put up a sign for Barona Casino. On the right side, they put up a sign, I think, for Pardee Homes. With that particular billboard, the problem was it was placed on federal land. But the people who put it up didn't realize that, in addition to getting a federal permit, they needed a city permit, because the city controls whether you can put up a sign. So when they had put up the structure and were getting ready to put the signs up, the city closed it down and covered it with a bunch

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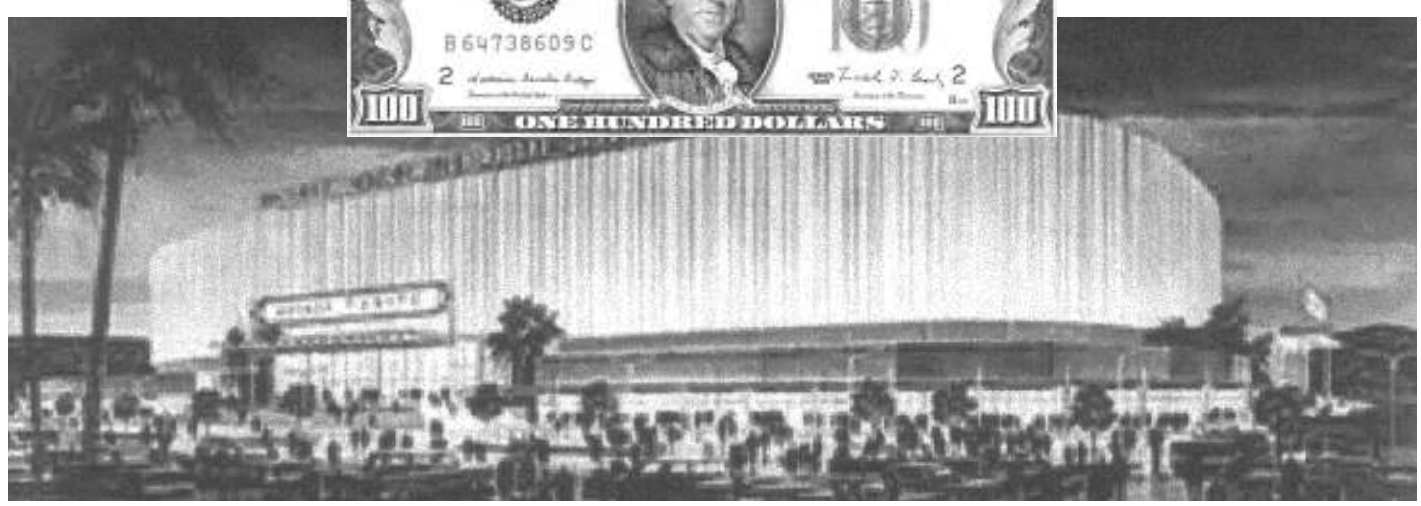

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After discovering that her number was being used by someone else and the initial concern it caused, Huckabay carried on with life and forgot about the issue, until last year. "I did some work in the spring for a company in Mission Valley. They ran a background check on me. What they did, it's through Transunion, they pay a fee and you get a background check on these people. The background check showed three people using my number. There's Juan A. Zelayandia, Bonifacio A. Estrella, and Juan A. Cruz. Full names, addresses, and the whole nine yards. I went to the Social Security Administration here in Pacific Beach and explained the situation. I said, 'There have been four other men using my Social Security number,' and the fellow there said, 'You know what, there's nothing you can do because they're only using it to get work.' I said, 'Well, they're using it illegally to get work. They're probably illegal aliens.' He said, 'That goes without saying.' "

At this point, with four people using her Social Security number, Huckabay began to worry about them gaining access to her credit. "So I sent letters to the three credit report agencies [Transunion, Equifax, and Experian] explaining the situation and asking them to be alert if anybody applied for a credit card or anything using that Social Security number. They have a process through which you can do that."

So far, Huckabay hasn't suffered any attacks on her credit. But it's a constant worry to her. "I'm concerned about credit cards," she admits. "I have only one credit card. I would not have more than one because of this situation."

She realized she had a full-blown problem on her hands when the accountant for her current employer called. "He said, 'Carol, I've gotten some paperwork from California Educational Development Department seeking child support, and it's got your Social Security number on it.' What happened was, the child-support service in Los Angeles tries to track people down through their Social Security number. That's how it came to me. And now, not

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They used my number

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only have I gotten the one child-support collection notice, I've gotten two regarding two different people who are using my Social Security number. Mr. Cruz owes $32,000 in back child support. The other gentleman, Mr. Zelayandia, owes almost $17,000 in back child support. Now, they're both Juan Angel, so I think it could be the same man with two different last names."

From the California Employment Development Department, Huckabay obtained a list of names and employers for everybody working under her Social Security number. "I have contacted all of their employers, most of which are in the garment district in Los Angeles, and they all denied knowing the individuals. Yet the list came from EDD. So they know that this man, or men, worked at all these companies."

Margenau says the onus is on employers to not allow these people to work under somebody else's Social Security number. "If somebody is using [Huckabay's] number, and they're working with that number and reporting her number to an employer, then we know there's a discrepancy because earnings show up. When reporters report earnings to us, we match a name with a Social Security number. So, if we get a report from an employer, and the name and the number don't match, then we go back to the employer and let them know. Then it's up to the employer to go back to the employee and say, 'What's going on?' But lots of times they don't do anything about it."

In addition to contacting the Employment Development Department and the Social Security Administration regarding her identify being stolen, Huckabay has signed up with the Federal Trade Commission's identity-theft clearinghouse website, which she says is little more than an information-gathering device. And she's registered with the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General in Washington. That office repeated what Tom Margenau says: "We can fix your Social Security record. It's your responsibility to work with the credit bureaus to correct credit problems that have resulted from your number being stolen. As a last resort, we'll issue you a new number."

Nedrow says Huckabay could bring her case to his office. "We will triage it," he explains. "We look at the situation and find out what the substantive crime is. If it's about credit card fraud, that's a Secret Service jurisdiction. Let's say it's a fugitive who's trying to conceal his true identity and establish a new one. The primary agency there is the United States Marshal, because they track fugitives. If it's about illegal aliens, if that's the true crime — somebody illegally trying to get into the country and stay — that's Immigration and Naturalization. And, quite frankly, what happens in this area is a lot of the illegal aliens will hijack somebody else's Social Security number to work. Those cases are more appropriately subject to having Immigration and Naturalization grab up readethe person and having the person deported back to the country they came from. We may not pursue a case into the depths of hell if it doesn't look like it has a lot of prosecutorial po-

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They used my number

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tential, but we will take a look at it."

Like Margenau, Nedrow offers the idea of getting a new Social Security number as a last resort. But the idea of changing the number she's had all her life offends Huckabay. "Why should I have to change my original number?" she asks. "Besides, I have brokerage accounts, I have two trust deeds, I own property. It would be so complicated for me to have to change all of this at this point in time. It's a ridiculous idea." ■

They laugh at a fine

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of stickers showing the word *clausurado*, which means closed by the authorities. The stickers stayed up for a few months. But starting on January first, they were able to put up the signs, so I guess they worked it out with the city."

In addition to the fly-by-night style of the out-of-towners, Gaxiola and Batista complain that the Mexico City companies are building in areas that the city has designated off-limits, particularly Revolution Avenue and the Rio zone, and getting away with it. "And they're putting up too many. You walk out the front door of this hotel," Batista, growing animated, says, "and glance either right or left, and you'll see eight, nine, ten billboards in one glance. I counted eight billboards on a building near here."

"That area of the Rio zone," Valdivia says, "where Paseo de los Héroes ends, there's one block where you see about five to seven structures, and each structure has 2 billboards, one on top of the other. You're talking about 10 to 14 different billboards at a glance. You generally have about six seconds to read a billboard. Which one are you going to read? Especially in an area where you're merging into traffic and you're watching out so that you don't crash into somebody."

Gaxiola and Batista also complain that the new billboard makers in town are putting them in green zones, on historic buildings, and on bridges, all against city regulations. In the meantime, to build billboards legally, Batista and Gaxiola and a handful of other local companies go through an involved process. "First," Gaxiola explains, "you rent the area from the landowner. You have your own engineers see if the billboard you want to make can be done on that location and put together a plan for the billboard. With all that information, you go to the municipal government's planning department. You sign a request and you show them your plans. You have to make sure that the sign is completely over private property. It can't hang over the street. And it has to be able to withstand wind of 120 kilometers per hour. You leave the plans there, and you don't pay anything yet. They say to come back in ten days. In the meantime, they send their engineers out to check the site. If everything is all right, then they issue the permit, and you have to pay about 3000 pesos [about $330]."

Rent paid by the billboard company to the owner of the land upon which a billboard is erected usually equals about one month's rent charged to the advertiser. That figure depends on size and location of the sign. "It could be $10,000 per month for a big billboard near the border," Batista says, "and a small one here in Rio Tijuana would be $300 to $400. It depends on how much traffic, how many other billboards are around. If the area is crowded with *carteleras*, the price goes down."

Gaxiola and Batista are in the process of forming an outdoor-advertising association to try to help regulate, set standards, and "restore order" to the billboard business. Gaxiola has spoken to the mayor, Jesús González Reyes, on the subject. "I told him that a group of us would like to speak about the problem with him. What we want is order, and he says he wants to bring order to Tijuana."

"But right now," Batista adds, "these companies are coming in the night and putting up very expensive billboards and making our city look ugly. And the city doesn't do anything about it." ■

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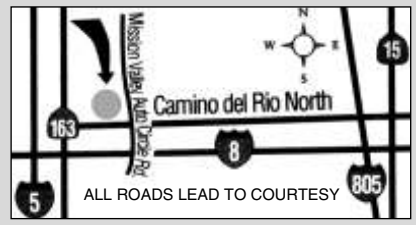

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

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Ahoy, Matt:
I've noticed that many of our canine friends seem to walk, um, well, sort of sideways. It's like their hind legs are going faster than the front ones and are catching up. Usually it's the rear legs that are to the right of the front ones, but sometimes it's the other way around. And it doesn't seem to depend on which side of the woofer the human companion is walking. I've seen this on all sorts of breeds and sizes of our pawed pals. What gives?

— Rob (LHR), at sea

Very odd phenomenon, watching a dog that looks like he needs a back-end alignment. And very hard to find a vet who will admit to knowing what we're taking about. But in our own irritating way, we kept at it until one of them finally gave up the info. Did you know that your dog has dominant and nondominant sides, ergo, dominant and nondominant legs? That if he could use a pencil or a spoon or a pistol or toilet paper, he'd favor one paw over the other? How 'bout that. Anyway, the odd butt drift comes because the stronger, dominant leg pushes off harder when the dog runs. To use this power efficiently, the strong leg gradually moves into the midline position, between the front legs, as the dog builds up a head of steam. You see it most when Rover's moving at a fast trot or a loping gait. When he's at a dead run heading for the mailman, it's not so obvious.

Hey:
Do the Keebler elves have names? Are they related to your elves?

— Skitch, Solana Beach

To Matthew Alice:
Recently I bought a box of crackers, specifically a 16-oz. box labeled Krispy original. The crackers have 16 pinholes each. Most saltines for years have had 13 pinholes, Krispy (formerly Sunshine) included. Why the change? The pictures on the box show the old 13-hole cracker. I called consumer service, which invites questions but is a bit short on answers, although with a helpful attitude. Your attitude is not unhelpful but is definitely something special.

— Mary Krimmel, the net

Special enough to take your question seriously, Mary. Any legitimate journalist would have stuck it up on the office bulletin board with all the other crackpot mail — the interstellar-radio-hat, the psychic-cat ladies, and the rest. But for some reason I can't explain, the buzz about Universal Alice LLC is that we actually solicit crackpot letters, so I feel obligated to deal with them. Though I still reserve the right to suggest that some of you very badly need to go back and get that GED, or learn welding in your spare time, master 3-D Scrabble, take many vigorous walks, or something…anything.

No one was more amazed than I was when the research elves tracked down someone who knew the answer to your question. Or, anyway, someone who knew someone who knew the answer. Close enough for me. But first, let's take a field trip of the imagination to the Keebler kitchens and follow a typical Krispy saltine. An endless ribbon of dough squeezes onto a conveyor. It passes under a roller that pokes in the pinholes and the dotted lines that separate each cracker unit. The conveyor rumbles through the oven, and baked golden squares appear at the other end. So what critical function do those pinholes serve? They allow steam to escape as the cracker puffs up (making it crispy), and they keep each cracker unit from blowing up into a cracker pillow as it bakes.

According to Deep Dip, our appetizer informant, Keebler makes both 13-hole and 16-hole saltines. They come from two different bakeries with slightly different conveyor mechanisms. (We have no hard data to suggest 16-hole Krispys are any crisper than 13-hole Krispys.) Anyway, the picture on the package only promises you 13 holes. So when you opened the box and found you had 3 extra holes per cracker unit at no extra cost, I assume you were pleased.

And now on to a touchier subject. The Keebler elves: Ernest J. Keebler, Ma Keebler, Zoot, JJ, Elmer, Fast Eddie, Professor, Roger, Doc, Leonardo, Sam, Buckets, Casey, plus Zack and Flo, Keebler's elves of color. Yes, they're related to the research elves, though nobody likes to talk about it. The Alice elves actually tried out for that Keebler gig. Practiced for weeks, went to the audition, sang and tap danced their little hearts out, only to lose the job to cousins in the Midwest branch of the family, true snobs who love to talk about how their ancestors came to America on a very tiny replica of the *Mayflower*. But don't feel sorry for the Alice elves. They're just as happy that they don't have to live in a hollow tree.

Matt:
Why does a lightbulb burn out just as you turn it on and never when it's been on for a while?

— LLN, La Jolla

As a lighted bulb glows away, minute bits of the metal filament fly off and deposit themselves on the inside of its little glass prison. The filament gets thinner and weaker as it burns until one day you flip the switch, current surges through a wire that's too thin to bear it, and the bulb's little brains explode. If you listen carefully, you can sometimes hear a faint scream.

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

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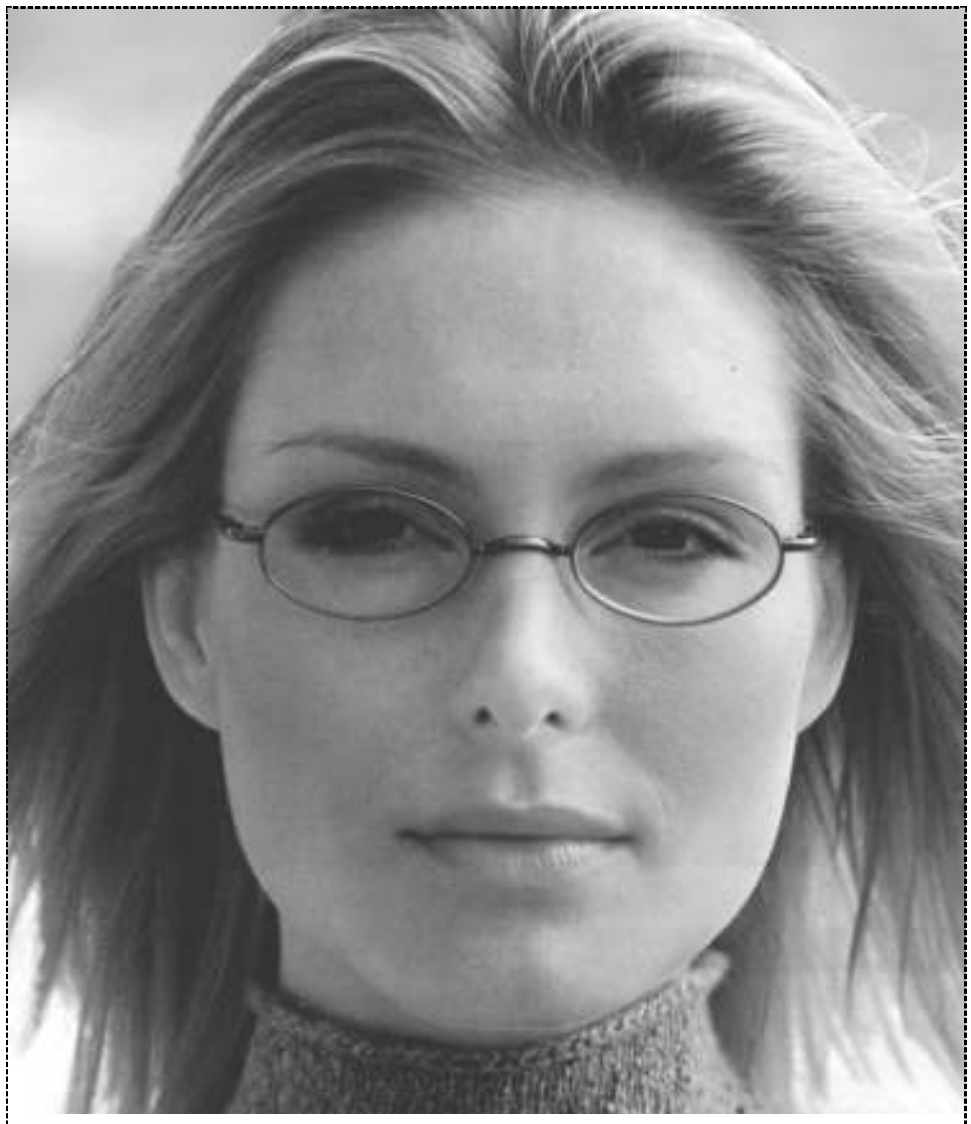

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'Not too bad, just really cold, very wet."

Speaking is Felicia Brown, 35, coach of the SDSU women's golf team. We're sitting on the patio of the Lake San Marcos Country Club, a par 73, 6078-yard golf course in — where else — San Marcos.

The 2002 Lady Aztec Spring Invitational tournament is wrapping up. Rain and wind have caused totals to balloon; most players are scoring in the 80s. In fact, the tournament's best individual score was four over par by Hwanhee Lee of UNLV (SDSU's best was plus 7 by Sandy Kim).

"How many tournaments do you play?"

"We host this tournament and travel to ten events a year. The NCAA ranks you by district. We're in the West District. Right now, we're in 20th place. I believe the top 19 teams go to the regionals [May 9–11 at Stanford], and the top 5 teams from there go to the finals."

Brown, the youngest of seven children, graduated from San Marcos High School and the University of Arizona, Tucson. "How long have you been coaching at San Diego State?"

"Since August. I was working in North County as an LPGA teaching professional. The year before that I was on the Futures Tour [the LPGA developmental tour], playing as a professional."

"How did you do on the tour?"

"Not well, that's why I'm coaching." Brown and I smile. "I went to qualifying school in 1990 and missed my pro card by four shots. In '91, I made a swing and ripped out all the cartilage in my left thumb. I couldn't hold a club for 18 months. They wanted to do surgery and I said no.

"I got into the teaching end of it for awhile and then got an itch to try the professional tour one more time. Got through the qualifying school for the Futures Tour, went out for one year…" Brown shrugs, "I missed eight cuts by one shot."

"That must have been indescribably frustrating."

Brown nods. "I went into the teaching division and worked in a pro shop up here and then in El Cajon, enjoyed that. Then, I tried the tour again. No good. Came back…a couple part-time jobs, and this came up."

"How many women on your team?"

"Fourteen."

"Is that typical?"

"We're large; the typical squad is nine."

The wind has picked up again. "What are the three hardest things to teach?"

"I don't do a lot of instruction. Usually, by the time you get girls to this level, they have a game, they have their own pro instructor. There are as many swings as there are golfers; nobody swings the same. Different pros have different theories. The girls have different teaching pros, so I don't try and change their swings, per se. What I work on is their short game — 30 yards and in, putting, chipping, pitching — and their mental view of the game."

"Wouldn't their own pro coach teach 30 yards and in?"

"You can teach someone how to chip and not change the theory of what's going on. A golf swing is unique, but chipping and shorter shots are pretty universal."

"What separates the student who becomes a professional from the student who winds up as a good weekend golfer?"

"Mechanically, it's their strength at the bottom of a swing, meaning, when they go through the ball. Some girls aren't as strong, so they break down at the bottom of a swing. When they make contact you can see their hands and wrists give. If you go out to the pro tour, you'll see hip-to-hip is very strong, very quick. You have to have that. The other ingredient is being able to work the ball left to right, right to left. A lot of collegiate players are cookie-cutter players; they always hit a draw no matter where the hole is. They force the hole to fit their draw instead of making the ball move to hit the hole.

"Another element is being able to travel, being independent. When you're on the pro tour you're home for, maybe, two months a year. And another ingredient is being able to play under any condition, any time, whether you don't feel well, if you do feel well, if you just had an argument with your husband, whatever the situation might be."

Time to go. "Did you ever play on the LPGA tour?"

"I only played in one event. That was two years ago at the McDonald's tournament [LPGA Championship], back at the DuPont [Country Club, Wilmington, Delaware]. Queen for a week."

"The Big Show. They treat you like a movie star."

"Oh, they do. Go to a restaurant and people buy you dinner. I went to fill up my gas tank and I was still wearing my visor with the tournament ID on it. The guy says, 'Oh, you play in the tournament?' I said, 'Yeah.' He goes, 'Gas is free.'"

"How did you do?"

"I shot 76 and 80, didn't make the cut, but…not bad, not bad."

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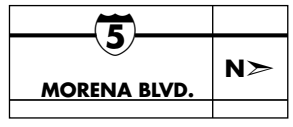

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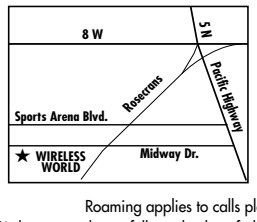

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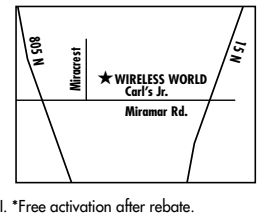

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SHEEP AND GOATS
PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Year founded: 1996
Senior pastor: Reverend Joe Halcott
Congregation: 35 members
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 30
Annual budget: $18,000
Weekly giving: $350
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian
Dress: casual
Services: Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

Thirty or so churches in San Diego County provide simultaneous translation for the deaf. Deaf Christian Fellowship in College Grove is one of only two "deaf churches" in Southern California (the other is in Riverside). The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest denomination, has ordained only three deaf pastors. Deaf Christian Fellowship's Joe Halcott is one of them.

"Deaf people grow up in a hearing world and as children, if they attend church, usually attend a hearing church with their parents," Reverend Halcott told me last Sunday morning. "If a church has no interpreter, a deaf person has no idea of what's going on and just sits there, bored out of his mind, counting the number of pews, counting the candles, whatever, doing anything to kill the boredom. And even in churches that have interpreters, the quality of interpretation varies widely. I went to one church where the interpreter was so unskilled that the deaf people in the congregation were literally confused between the 'Sun God' and 'Son of God.' For years, the interpreter had been using the sign for 'sun' instead of the sign for 'son.' In other instances, the interpreter signs too quickly to be understood, or really has not been trained to interpret theological concepts in a concise and clear way.

"At a deaf church like ours, the service is entirely signed. When I give my sermon, I use a lot of visual aids. Since I'm deaf and an ordained minister, I know how to explain theological concepts in a way that deaf people can understand in their own language. One of the biggest differences between a hearing church and a deaf church is that hearing churches tend to be more passive. Here, during the service, people ask me questions if they don't understand something, or they can add their own comments to what's going on."

Reverend Halcott, who teaches American Sign Language and sign-language interpretation at Mesa College, was born with a hearing deficit that grew more profound as he got older. He speaks clearly and can read lips, but last Sunday he used the congregation's interpreter, Diane Goodman, to translate my questions for him into American Sign Language. In addition to translating the service for the congregation's handful of hearing members, Goodman translates the hymns that the church plays, loudly, over its stereo system.

Reverend Halcott also translates in an interesting way. American Sign Language, or ASL, doesn't resemble English. Part of what Reverend Halcott does is explain to his congregation the sometimes obscure English used in Scripture. Last Sunday when a church member stood to read a verse from 1 Samuel, she hesitated at the word "maidservant." She didn't know the sign for "maidservant." She instead spelled it out, "m-a-i-d-s-e-r-v-a-n-t," with her fingers. "What does that mean?" another church member asked. "In this case," said Reverend Halcott, "it just means 'woman.' "

The service began with several upbeat evangelical hymns. Sung in ASL, they seemed like dance. Facial expression and body language are important elements in American Sign Language. Intensity and emphasis are expressed by broadening a sign's gestures, by making them larger. When a person makes the sign for "joy," he or she looks joyful.

REVEREND JOE HALCOTT

Deaf Christian Fellowship
College Grove
★★★½

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

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

I don't imagine all deaf people are gifted actors. But Reverend Halcott is. His sermon, "God Who Hears and Answers Prayers," centered on barren Hannah who went to the Temple to ask God for a child. Reverend Halcott contorted his face and bent his body double when conveying Hannah's distress. (1 Samuel 1:10, "And Hannah was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish.") His features assumed refined disdain when he mimicked Eli, the Temple priest, who insulted Hannah. (1 Samuel 12–14 "And it happened, as Hannah continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you be drunk?' ")

"Hannah's lips were moving," Reverend Halcott told us, "but she wa not saying anything. Eli thought she was drunk. But Hannah *was praying with her heart.* And this is an important thing to remember. God hears us no matter how we pray. God knows our thoughts. God knows our heart."

A church member waved his hand in the air. "And God knows sign language!"

"Yes," Reverend Halcott said. "God knows sign language."

After the service, everyone stayed a while to talk. Through Diane Goodman, several people told me that while they were aware that several local evangelical churches had large programs for the deaf, they'd heard of Deaf Christian Fellowship by "word of mouth, which is how most news is spread in the deaf community."

As I was leaving, a woman named Estella tapped me on the shoulder. She wanted to tell me something. I apologized for my awkward American Sign Language. I said it had been many years since I'd used it.

"That's okay," Estella said. "Even if you can't sign, God loves you very much."

— *Abe Opincar*

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a dilemma. I have a crush on my dentist. He is attractive, witty, intelligent, and extremely nice. He is also recently divorced and discusses this, among other personal matters, with me as if we are close friends. I feel a definite attraction to him that has grown more intense during the past months. I am not sure if it is reciprocal but would like to explore the possibility. Would it be a total breach of professional conduct for a dentist to go out with his patient, socially? Would it make a difference if I, as the patient (and a consenting adult), was the one doing the asking? I am hesitant to bring this up in a forthright manner, since I do not want to offend my dentist or make him feel uncomfortable. Do you have any advice you can offer me on how to make a subtle and appropriate first move?

NOT SO PATIENT DENTAL PATIENT

Dear Not So Patient,

Your question, like a bicuspid, has two prongs. 1. Is there anything wrong with dating my dentist? 2. If dating one's tooth doctor is okay, how do I discreetly ask him out? I phoned the California Dental Association to find out if the codes that govern their practices forbid dating patients. The response was that this issue is not addressed in state law pertaining to dentistry or in their code of ethics. Therefore it's up to the consenting adults involved. I also was cautioned that this is considered a tricky situation and that it's important that there's no harassment on either side and that personal relationships don't influence dental-treatment decisions. If your particular dentist is wary of dating patients but is interested in getting to know you outside the confines of the office, you could find someone else to care for your pearly whites. My first instinct in dealing with the second part of your dilemma is to appeal to the readers of this column for help. You're asking advice on current courting practices from an elderly lady who's a bit out of the loop. Any women out there want to offer up their methods for delicately letting a dude know you've taken a shine to him?

In my youth, back in cave painting's heyday, women employed elaborate subterfuge on such occasions. I don't recommend this, but I remember a resourceful young female who removed the distributor cap from her car to render it inoperable at a party where the man of her dreams was in attendance. Then she innocently explained to him that her car wouldn't start and she needed a ride home. It worked! They dated for years. I also remember women going to great lengths to find excuses to slip their phone numbers to men they were sweet on. But I hope today things are less primitive. Could you tell the smile brightener you've been given two tickets to a play (or a rock concert — something you think you'd both be interested in) and see if he'd like to accompany you? Or invite him to a friendly supper with a few friends, so he can meet some new folks post-divorce? There's always the direct approach: you could ask him if he'd like to go out for coffee or to the horse races or the molar museum. You sound like the soul of discretion, and I'd be surprised if he was offended by your polite inquiry.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

This is in response to "Confused in El Cajon," who wondered why his girlfriend was upset when he did not leave her a tip after being waited on by her at the restaurant where she worked. You answered that it was probably a small idiosyncrasy and that he should indulge her. As a former server and bartender, I can tell you that there is almost certainly another reason for the girlfriend's chagrin. In the state of California, those in the food-service industry are required to report all their tips. If they do not make any money on a table, they are still required by law to report 8% of their sale as income. This means that if someone spends $100 in a restaurant, the server is required to report that he or she made $8, even if no tip at all was left. So if "Confused in El Cajon" does not tip his girlfriend, it costs her money to wait on him.

CORONADO EX-BARTENDER

Dear Ex-Bartender,

I always learn a lot from my readers. A toast to you for supplying an important piece of information to Mr. Confused. Perhaps his girlfriend was seeing red because his reluctance to tip her put her financially in the red. I wish she had explained this to her mate. Thanks for chiming in.

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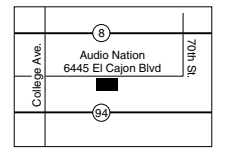

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FOLLOW

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Story continued from front page

Miss Lea and her students

The mothers sing too, though with less confidence in the results, and their children, who are disinclined to follow anyone anywhere, do. They follow.

Back in the classroom, the barred windows, paved yards, chain-link fences, and flat houses disappear. The world is reduced to a semicircle of tiny wooden chairs before a low wooden table, which serves as a stage for the story Miss Lea is about to tell. A nearly transparent silk scarf covers her props — three pinecones for the forest, a wooden arch for the house, a knitted doll, a hunk of wool. The children sit down for the rituals that precede the lifting of the silk scarf.

First the singsong chant for resting your hands:

Open them, shut them
Open them, shut them
Lay them in your lap!

A song for lighting the candle:

I can light a candle,
God can light a star.
Both of them are useful,
Shining where they are.

Then, as Miss Lea lifts the scarf, she delivers the most mysterious of the daily sayings, a metafictional pronouncement: "When and where did it happen? When and where did it not happen?"

In this manner, the story begins.

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The first Waldorf School was Die Freie Waldorfschule of Stuttgart, Germany, founded in 1919 by the owner of the Waldorf-Astoria cigarette factory and an Austrian mystic named Rudolf Steiner. Steiner's aim, in a country ravaged by the first world war, was to educate children of factory workers for what he called "a more humane existence than we have had." More than 800 schools would eventually be founded in its likeness, 127 of them in North America, and because the schools aim to teach spiritual truth as well as the usual academic skills, they tend to convert — not just employ — instructors.

The conversion of Lea Nelson began in Lakeside 20 years ago. She wasn't Miss Lea then. She was a 14-year-old girl riding her bicycle to a housecleaning job. Her parents weren't religious — her father, in fact, said "atheist" when Lea asked what religion she was — but her grandmother in Illinois talked openly about her conversations with God.

As she approached a busy intersection, Lea spotted two of her friends across the street. She intended to say hello, but at that moment a drunk driver's car struck her bicycle. Her friends watched her body fly over five lanes like the body of a cloth doll. She landed on her head. The doctor who examined Lea said she was lucky the car had been going so slowly when it hit her. That was the only explanation for Lea's survival, for her solid unbroken bones.

But a driver who'd been on the road at the time said otherwise. That driver told police the car that hit Lea's bicycle had been going more than 60 miles per hour.

When and where did it happen? When and where did it not happen?

After that, Lea couldn't say there wasn't a higher power.

She began to pursue the question of what God is. She wanted, in particular, to devote herself to some earthly cause, to do the kind of charity work her devout grandmother had always done, but she found no satisfactory means until a year or so after high school, when she saw a notice for a new antiapartheid group at Grossmont College. Lea showed up, but no one else did. Just the organizer himself. He was so charismatic that Lea became his student and did her ministry training in the Church of the Essene, a Christian sect that, like the Waldorf School, puts great emphasis on the human relationship with the natural world.

At 20, Lea Nelson married the man who would father her three children, who would work in sales, study herbology, and find himself addicted to a wide range of things. They stayed together for years in spite of that because she didn't want it to come to separation, to divorce, *to separation, to divorce.* Eight years ago, when Lea was four months pregnant with their third child, it came to that. She moved back to her childhood home in Lakeside with two children and one not born yet.

But before those unhappy things, back when their first daughter was born, she and her husband had begun looking for a different sort of education. They tried a Montessori preschool, then homeschooling, then a Rudolf Steiner book group. She brought her son to his first Morning Glory class in 1993, and there she found, at last, other mothers like herself.

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She found what you would find if you sat down on a tiny wooden chair for kindergarten orientation. The Waldorf School attracts people whose children are, for various reasons, not thriving in the public schools, and it attracts those who wouldn't

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The windows are draped with pastel silk, and the shelves, what few there are, hold seasonal displays that in spring might consist of sticks, nests, eggs, live lemon grass, wooden figures, and a candle.

want their children to thrive in the public schools. It attracts iconoclasts, idealists, environmentalists, homeschoolers, and freethinkers, specifically freethinkers who would call themselves spiritual, not religious. It attracts those who question the conventions and tools of modern parenthood, who want alternatives to hospital births, circumcision, vaccinations, allopathic medicine (the kind prescribed by doctors), Ritalin, early weaning, disposable diapers, cribs, Disney videos, standardized testing, plastic toys, fast food, white flour, white sugar, and vegetables grown inorganically.

Finally among others who doubted the goodness of technology, Lea Nelson found a model for a particular kind of home life, which she now gives to parents, and that model may, perhaps, be the most unusual aspect of a Waldorf education: it seeks to establish not just a way of learning but a way of dressing, eating, parenting, and consuming.

The dress code, for example, excludes clothes marked with slogans, cartoons, caricatures, numbers, and letters. Instead of bringing Lunchables in Pokémon or Power Ranger lunch boxes, children are to bring a "wholesome" meal in a basket with a cloth napkin to use as a placemat. Kindergartners bake whole-wheat bread in class, and the daily snack, which children help prepare, contains cooked barley, oatmeal, wheat, rice, or millet. The school recommends that children watch no television at home and play no video games.

Beginning with the Morning Glory program, the school seeks, instead, "to provide parents with the needed information to bring Steiner's ideas into the most important area of influence — their home life. In essence, a healthy, rhythmic home life is the best foundation for the later development of the intellect."

As a consequence, the Morning Glory room is homelike and couldn't be more different from a typical preschool room, where number charts, alphabet charts, animal pictures, construction-paper insects, oversized calendars, books, maps, and dinosaur pictures form floor-to-ceiling wraparound wallpaper; where books, blocks, papers, easels, paints, crayons, games, Legos, cars, puzzles, and miniature animals fill the shelves in an effort to teach, through osmosis and repetition, a multitude of facts. These facts are specifi-

cally designed to prepare the preschool child for kindergarten, which is specifically designed to prepare the kindergarten child for first grade, all according to a fat book of standards established by the state board of education.

The Morning Glory and kindergarten rooms don't teach facts. They contain no children's books, no Legos, no glossy pictures, no children's artwork, no "manipulatives," no charts of any kind. Nothing is plastic, and almost nothing is a primary color. The walls of the Morning Glory room are a hand-washed pink. The windows are draped with pastel silk, and the shelves, what few there are, hold seasonal displays that in spring might consist of sticks, nests, eggs, live lemongrass, wooden figures, and a candle. Entering a Morning Glory room is like entering a church for gnomes, and if you could fit in the chairs, you'd worship there.

Bonnie Holden (left)

The rooms do, of course, contain educational toys, but the toys don't teach the alphabet, shapes, colors, or phonics. They teach what the school as a whole teaches: that life is more satisfying if you can make things yourself, preferably with things plants and animals made themselves.

In one corner of the room are the baskets. The baskets hold acorns, pinecones, thinly sliced and varnished logs, hunks of colored wool, simple knitted animals, scarves, knitted strings, clothespins, and shells. During free play, while Miss Lea and the mothers attempt to knit (the theory being that handwork sets a mood of industrious calm), children are encouraged to make rivers of scarves, houses of logs, pastures of wool, and forests of pinecones. The idea is that the children will, by making an imaginary world from real things, develop a relationship with real things. Occasionally, of course, the children whack each other with the pinecones and try to wrap their mothers' knitting yarn around the necks of four or five seated people, which tends to disrupt the industrious calm. When this happens, Miss Lea sings something gentle, says something gentle, or suggests a less lethal imaginary game, such as cooking.

Play cooking is done in the play kitchen, which has no dishwasher, no fancy dials, no plastic hot dogs, no rubber fruit. The Waldorf kitchen is an unfinished wooden cupboard full of enameled tin plates, miniature steel cutlery, wooden spoons, wooden bowls, and tin cups. Beside it stands a nursery full of dolls in doll beds, but the dolls are different too. They have no faces, no fingers, no shoes, no changeable dresses, no bottles, no toy horses, no tiny suitcases, no American Girl–colonial–pioneer–Civil War accessories. The dolls can be carried, rocked, patted, or fed, but to fashion, history, and acquisitiveness they're utterly immune.

Because Waldorf preschools and kindergartens don't seek to prepare children academically for school but to create a soothing, almost puritanical home outside of home, they don't teach reading or even read books at story time. Teachers tell stories instead. They make a kind of puppet show with the knitted animals and hunks of wool, using acorns for Baby Bear's porridge bowl and wood chips for Baby Bear's bed. When Miss Lea tells a story in this fashion, she's more entrancing than any librarian holding a book — normally rau-

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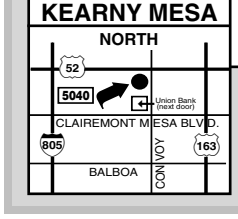

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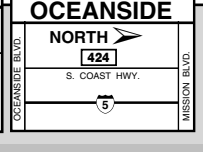

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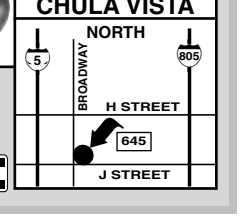

cous two-year-olds are spellbound — but in its reliance on the tactile world instead of the written world, the Waldorf philosophy can seem antiacademic, antireading, almost Luddite.

"And if things haven't changed," Miss Lea will sometimes say at the end of a story, "they are still the same today."

This refers, I was told, to the timelessness of fairy tales, but it also alludes to the unceasing, rock-moving wistfulness of Waldorf philosophy. From the school bulletin board, with its notices about community-supported agriculture and peat clothing, to the pastoral lunch baskets, Waldorfian life is a life of dogged revival, restoration, and reenactment. It requires you to hope that things haven't changed and to prove that, indeed, they haven't: that you can still give birth at home, breast-feed your children for three or more years, grow vegetables for them in the back yard, chop firewood with them, hike with them through pure mountains, tell them stories, sing them centuries-old nursery rhymes, bake your own bread — give them, in urban, car-choked 21st-century San Diego, the sort of childhood Rudolf Steiner had in pastoral, 19th-century Austria before he laid out plans for Die Freie Waldorfschule.

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Rudolf Steiner was born on February 27, 1861, in a town called Kraljevec, which lay on what was then the border of Hungary and Austria. His father had once been a huntsman in the service of a count but at the time of Rudolf's birth was a telegraphist on the Southern Austrian Railway. Although the Steiner family lived in what Rudolf describes as the "wonderful landscape of the lower Austrian mountains," his parents pined for a still purer land, their homes north of the Danube, "a region into which the railway was late in coming."

As a boy, Steiner loved a set of picture books that contained string puppets. "One associated little stories with these figures, to whom one gave a part of their life by pulling the strings," he writes, recalling that he sat by the hour with his sister, making the figures move in much the same way that Waldorf teachers and, ideally, their pupils, give life to small knitted figures in the classroom.

The village school was less arresting to Rudolf than his puppet-books. The schoolmaster seemed, in Rudolf's opinion, to hate his work, and when he blamed Rudolf for some vandalism his own son had done, Herr Steiner took Rudolf to the train station and taught the lessons himself.

In the railway office where Rudolf was supposed to copy his letters, he was interested, instead, in natural phenomena — in why a freight car on a passing train had burst into flames, at what speed his father's ink dried under a cloud of absorbent dust, to what depth he could force his father's ruler into the slit at the point of a quill. When left to amuse himself with the materials of writing, Rudolf learned to write, and it was perhaps in memory of this that he said, at the opening lecture for the Waldorfschule in Stuttgart more than 50 years later, "Our children will learn to read and write from life itself. This is our intention. We will not pedantically force them to write letters that for every child at first seem all the same."

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The San Diego Waldorf School has remained true to this dictum. The alphabet is not introduced until first grade — at least a year later than in conventional schools — and it makes its appearance via stories, such as, "The K is a king who undergoes many trials as he journeys over the mountains (M) and through the waves (W)."

In Rudolf's eighth year, his family moved to the village of Neudorfl, where the Laytha River divided Hungary from Austria. It's impossible to read his description of life there without seeing, as through a picture window, the wished-for world of the schools he would eventually found, where children would carry their lunches to school in baskets, where sanded logs and acorns would provide the materials of play, where children would dance around the Maypole every spring, where Christianity would excite interest in the unseen world, where children would learn to draw, knit, carve, read, calculate, and make music instead of preparing themselves for college.

"Massive heights covered with beautiful forests bounded the view in one direction; in the other, the eye could range over a level region, decked out in fields and woodland, all the way to Hungary." The mountain he loved most could be scaled in less than an hour, and on its crest stood a chapel that he visited with his parents and siblings, collecting, on the way down, blackberries, raspberries, or strawberries for supper.

"Such walks," he wrote, "were filled with a special happiness because of the fact that at that time of year we could bring back with us rich gifts of nature."

In the same forests, villagers collected firewood, saying to Rudolf when they met, "So thou goest again for a bit of a walk, Steiner Rudolf," and chatting with him as though he were not a child.

In another direction lay the spring at Sauerbrunn, where, during vacation time, Rudolf would take his clay Blutzer every morning and fetch sparkling water for lunch. When he met, on occasion, the silent monks of the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer, who lived in a cloister nearby, he felt an "undefined but solemn feeling…that there must be weighty matters in connection with the duties of these monks which I ought to learn to understand."

At nine, he borrowed a geometry book from a teacher. "For weeks at a time my mind it was filled with coincidences, similarities between triangles, squares, polygons; I racked my brains over the question: Where do parallel lines actually meet? The theorem of Pythagoras fascinated me. That one can live within the mind in the shaping of forms perceived only within oneself, entirely without impression upon the external senses — this gave me the deepest satisfaction."

This was, for Steiner, a spiritual awakening, and the beginning of what would become not just an educational idyll but a religion he called Anthroposophy, "the science of the spirit." Although he could not, at 9, articulate what he felt about the spiritual world, he could at 20.

"I said to myself: 'The objects and occurrences which the senses perceive are in space. But, just as this space is outside of man, so there exists also within man a sort of soul-space which is the arena of spiritual realities and occurrences.' "

The school Steiner envisioned would attempt to recognize and develop the "soul-space." Religion "must permeate the teaching of every subject," he wrote, and "School is an illusion without religion."

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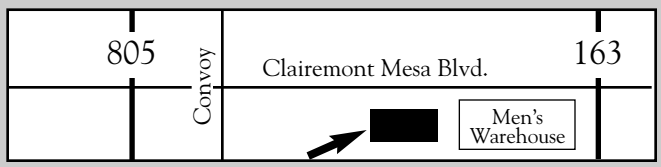

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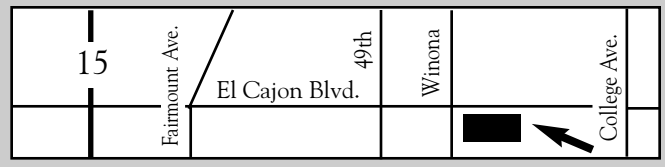

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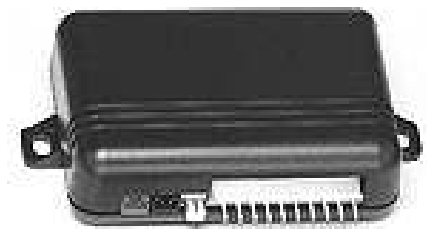

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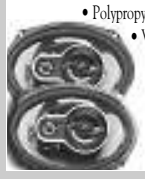

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ing at Sunbridge College, "so that she can have a religious experience. So that she learns something about reverence. So that she learns something about respecting a higher being."

This respect was fostered in Steiner by a charismatic priest and a Catholic education. "Of the deepest significance for my life as a boy was the nearness of the church and the churchyard beside it," he wrote. "Everything that happened in the village school was affected in its course by its relationship to these. This was not by reason of certain dominant social and political relationships existing in every community; it was due to the fact that the priest was an impressive personality."

For Steiner, the other impressive personality was a doctor from the town of Wiener Neustadt. While the doctor waited for the train to take him home, he would join the Steiner family in the shade of two enormous lime trees near the train station. Under the lime trees, while Steiner's mother knitted or crocheted, while his brother and sister busied themselves at something, Herr Steiner and another railway employee would argue about politics, and the doctor from Wiener Neustadt would talk to Rudolf.

"This man passed with my parents," Steiner wrote, "and with most persons who knew him, as an odd character. He did not like to talk about his profession as a doctor, but all the more gladly did he talk about German literature. It was from him that I first heard of Lessing, Goethe, Schiller.… He took an interest in me; often drew me aside after he had rested for a while under the lime trees, walked up and down with me by the station, and talked — not like a lecturer, but enthusiastically — about German literature. In these talks he set forth all sorts of ideas as to what is beautiful and what is ugly."

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There is a picture of Rudolf Steiner in which he stands, arms crossed, fingers blurred, staring at what appears to be something just above your head. He's slender, handsome, knowing. A strand of hair has fallen across his eyebrow, but he is otherwise neatly dressed in a white shirt, dark jacket, and elaborately knotted silk tie. The right side of his face is delicately shaded so that the cleft in his chin and the hard smooth points of his lips are intensified. He's neither smiling nor frowning. He looks calmly triumphant, as if he has just discovered something.

When the photograph was made in 1905, Steiner was 44 years old and an impressive personality himself. He had already delivered 25 lectures on "Christianity and Mystical Fact," and he had already declared that his life's aim was the founding of new, scientific methods of spiritual research.

"Here was one," says champion and biographer Gilbert Childs, "who was capable of perceiving not only the materially manifest world, but also the occult, in the true sense of what is hidden and unmanifest."

Here was one who had already written *Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and Its Attainment.* Here was one who would say, years later, that at this time the beings and events of the unseen world drew near to him and gave him aid. In 1909, he wrote *Occult Science* and began to break away from Theosophy — an American movement based on Buddhist theories — to nurture his own Christ-based Anthroposophy. Between 1905 and 1924, Rudolf Steiner would deliver more than 6000 lectures — an average of 300 a year for 19 years.

Although few people outside the Waldorf School or religious studies have heard of Steiner or Anthroposophy, 1500 of Steiner's 6000 lectures have been translated into English and collected into books, which are kept in print by the Anthroposophic Press in the United States and Steiner Press in London. None of these books is required reading at the Waldorf School, and Steiner's theories are not explicitly taught in the classroom, but Waldorf teachers study his works extensively.

The first-year book list for 1993-94 at Rudolf Steiner College included, for a course called Psych 101, three texts: *Theosophy,* by Rudolf Steiner; *Calendar of the Soul,* by Rudolf Steiner; and *The Younger Generation,* also by Rudolf Steiner. For a course called Lit 100, prospective teachers read three books about the myth of the Holy Grail, including one by Rudolf Steiner. Out of 15

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courses and 35 listed texts, 22 of them were written by Steiner and 2 more are about him. The texts by Steiner for education, psychology, social science, history, and Christology courses include *The Cycle of the Year as a Breathing Process, The Festivals and Their Meaning, The Four Seasons and the Archangels, The Course of My Life, Knowledge of the Higher Worlds and Its Attainment, Occult Science, Christianity as Mystical Fact, Reincarnation and Karma,* and *Education of the Child in the Light of Spiritual Science.*

More than 300 of Steiner's books and lectures are available through the Rudolf Steiner Archive, including Steiner's thoughts on the Michaelmas festival, Egyptian myths, Buddha, the biblical myth of Creation, the poetry and meaning of fairy tales, and the occult significance of the Bhagavad Gita. The archive also offers Steiner's lectures on nutrition, music, painting, color, and the influence of planetary spheres on human life. The subjects on which he lectured correspond so closely with the Waldorf Schools' that it's hard to imagine a topic on which his views could not be consulted.

Consider, for example, "The Influence of Planetary Spheres on Human Life." Last winter, the San Diego Waldorf School sent home with parents a flyer offering "pedagogical silk scarves" for sale. The flyer explained that "Waldorf kindergarten teachers often wear specific colors each day of the week for 'color therapy' for the children." It then listed the colors with the appropriate day and planet: "Monday — lilac — Moon Influence, Tuesday — red — Mars Influence," and so on through yellow Mercury, orange Jupiter, and green Venus.

In Steiner's lectures, too, red is not just red, green is not just green. He discusses at length, in lecture after lecture, the fact that there are seven colors in the rainbow, seven days of the week, seven notes in the Western scale. The number seven has occult significance for him, as does practically everything in the seen and unseen world, from crystals and blood to fire and trees.

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Say "occult" in the same breath as "private school" and you have a social problem. People may wonder what you're doing, choosing such a school. Say "occult" in the same breath as "public school," however, and you have a lawsuit.

In 1987, a sound engineer named Dan Dugan enrolled his son in the sixth grade of the San Francisco Waldorf School. He thought he'd found the most beautiful school in the world, a place where the teachers were as dedicated as nuns, where teaching methods were progressive, creative, and artistic. Then he picked up one of Steiner's books, which the school itself was selling. The book contained a lecture from 1922, delivered in Germany: "You see, when we really study science and history, we must conclude that if people become increasingly strong, they will also become increasingly stupid. If the blondes and blue-eyed people die out, the human race will become increasingly dense if men do not arrive at a form of intelligence that is independent of blondness. Blond hair actually bestows intelligence.... It is indeed true that the more the fair individuals die out the more will the instinctive wisdom of humans vanish."

Then Dugan's son complained, "They're teaching us baby science." A science teacher had apparently told the sixth grade that "the elements are earth, air, fire, and water." So Dugan looked at several science-lesson books and found that "planetary influences" were said to affect the growth of plants, that the body was said to be made up of "the nerve-sense system, the metabolic-muscular system, and the rhythmic system," and that the science curriculum was based entirely on direct observation, not on scientific theories.

According to an article in *Skeptical Inquirer* called "Weird Science at Steiner School," Dugan was rebuffed when he proposed a parents' committee to reform the science teaching. He then requested an administrative hearing. "He was refused, and a delegation of teachers informed him that the family would be expelled unless he stopped making trouble. Beaten, they withdrew from the school." That was in 1989, at the end of his son's seventh-grade year.

Six years later, Dan Dugan and some former Waldorf parents and teachers started a group called People for Legal and Nonsectarian Schools, or PLANS, whose mission statement advises that it will provide parents, teachers, and school boards with views of Waldorf education from outside the cult of Rudolf Steiner, expose the illegality of public funding for Waldorf School programs, and litigate against schools violating the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

In early 1998, PLANS filed a federal lawsuit in Sacramento, naming as defendants the Sacramento Unified School District, which operates a "Waldorf Method" magnet school, and the Twin Ridges Elementary School District, which has established seven "Waldorf-inspired" charter schools.

Three years later, in May 2001, a federal court in Sacramento dismissed the lawsuit. PLANS is now appealing the dismissal, and Dan Dugan remains the most prolific author and publisher on the subject of Rudolf Steiner and Waldorf Schools next to Rudolf Steiner himself. On Dugan's website, which is regularly updated, he continues to collect and publish criticism from all over the world. Fourteen years after the enrollment of his son in the Waldorf School, 12 years after leaving it behind, he shows no sign of fatigue, no flagging of interest in his cause of exposing what he calls the pseudoscientific teachings and "benevolent but paternalistic racism" of the Waldorf School.

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It's quite simple to prove that Rudolf Steiner said racist things. Like Dan Dugan, Steiner was fervent, opinionated, inexhaustible. As such, he is a public relations nightmare, holding forth in his hundreds of

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texts not only about beekeeping, the Pentecost, and biodynamic farming, but also about miscegenation and racial evolution. To make matters worse, he wrote and spoke about these things in Germany between the wars. Still worse, the things he wrote and said are kept in print by various Waldorf-associated presses.

"No doubt about it," Steiner said in conference with the teachers of the Stuttgart Waldorf School in 1923, "the soul becomes corrupted through using the French language.... It is also possible at the present time that the French will even ruin their own blood, the very element which has kept their language going as a corpse. That is a terrible thing the French people are doing to other people, the frightful cultural brutality of transplanting black people to Europe. It affects France itself worst of all. This has an incredibly strong effect on the blood, the race. This will substantially add to French decadence. The French nation will be weakened as a race."

It would be comforting to say that Dan Dugan dug these remarks out of an archive somewhere in Bavaria and then published them on his website, but Dugan found them in a British book published in 1988 by Steiner Schools Fellowship Publications, which has translated all of Steiner's school conferences and collected them in four volumes.

It would also be comforting to find no further evidence that Steiner believed skin color was an index of virtue, but the spiritual superiority of Anglo-Saxons is actually a central tenet of Steiner's philosophy. "The prominent position occupied by the Anglo-Saxon nation in our time," he said in 1921, "is indeed due to the fact that this nation is especially suited for the development of the consciousness soul." He spoke at length (and with breathtaking lapses in logic) about blood and destiny, blood and race, blood and purity.

To be fair, he was a nationalist in a time of nationalism, and he did make more benevolent remarks, such as his plea, in 1909, that the "anthroposophical movement...must cast aside the division into races. It must seek to unite people of all races and nations and to bridge the divisions and differences between people and various groups of people.... [W]e must get beyond the illnesses of childhood and understand clearly that the concept of race has ceased to have any meaning in our time."

When and where did it happen? When and where did it not happen? Does the earlier remark about racial unity negate the later remark about racial superiority? For which of Steiner's millions of words should he be held most accountable? For those that led Lea Nelson to teach two-year-olds all day for a very small salary, or for those which a Nazi ideologist quoted in his "programme for the restoration of Aryan authority in the world"?

Perhaps Steiner can be compared to a painter who has not only left hundreds of paintings but launched a style of painting that seemed unusually gentle and benign — perfect for the nursery — until someone discovered that all of the images in his art had symbolic value and that some of those symbols were racial allusions that made his paintings very popular with the Third Reich. Knowing that about him, would you feel comfortable having a Steiner painting on your child's wall? Would you feel comfortable discussing the painting when your dinner guests were African-American? Jewish? Haitian?

If, in other words, you didn't know that Rudolf Steiner said, "Blond hair actually bestows intelligence," and if no teacher ever said that in class, if the teacher shares Steiner-approved and -interpreted fables, fairy tales, myths, and legends without believing in what Steiner said about blondness and intelligence, is she still complicit, somehow, in his racism? Should the school be judged by the ugliest words of its founder or by the words spoken in the classroom and the effect those words

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On a bright Tuesday morning in May, Bonnie Holden stands in an upstairs room of the Waldorf School of San Diego and leads a class of 31 fifth and sixth graders in what's called the morning verse, which begins:

I look into the world in which the sun is shining
In which the stars are sparkling
In which the stones repose.
The living plants are growing
The feeling beasts are living
And human beings in souls give dwelling to the spirit.

Eighteen of Bonnie Holden's students — the oldest in the school — have been saying a morning prayer with her since first grade; 13 of them were in her kindergarten class. In the Waldorf School, as in Rudolf Steiner's life, the best teacher is a mentor, a presence for years and years. When children enter first grade there, they meet the person who will, barring disillusionment, a family emergency, illness, or death, teach them the core curriculum for the next eight years. The idea is to provide students with continuity, connection, and security.

After the morning verse, the class sings a medieval round in preparation of the May Faire, and then it's time to recite the choral passages of the play they'll perform next month: scenes from Homer's *Odyssey.* As with the saints' legends in second grade, the Michaelmas play in fourth grade, and the Christmas play last winter, everyone has learned all the lines, all the parts.

"In a horse made of wood full of war-riors," they chant, each word staccato and yet droning, "to the cit-y the Tro-jans went rock-ing." Despite the monotonous tone of their joined voices, the words form a strangely vivid picture of the ancient past.

Troy's might-y walls have now fall-en
The ash-es of Troy catch the wind.
Pri-am's great cit-y destroyed…

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co-op in Akron, Ohio, more than 20 years ago. She and her friends bought and sold organic food, made whole-wheat bread, organized against nuclear power, read *Mother Earth News,* and looked, like Lea Nelson, for an alternative form of schooling for their children. In the latter, Bonnie Holden was following a vow. As a teenager, she had watched her younger brother rebel against going to school. He had a learning disability that is now commonly diagnosed but which, to this day, he doesn't want anyone to know about.

Bonnie isn't sure what kind of testing was available then. All she, her mother, and her sister knew was that he cried every day. "He didn't want to go to school. And my mom forced him to go to school. My mom just thought she had no options, you know."

Bonnie and her sister vowed there would be options. Her sister became a Montessori teacher, and Bonnie helped found a Waldorf School, the second one in Ohio, in 1981. She's been teaching at the San Diego school since 1986.

The room in which Bonnie Holden now stands has been painted, like the Morning Glory room, with a wash of color over white, but here the colors are blue and green. The institutional hue of the chalkboard is tempered by a natural, timber-ish wood frame and a pair of periwinkle blue curtains. Over the board hang jewel-toned silk flags, mementos of the annual pentathlon, when sixth graders from a half-dozen Southern California Waldorf Schools meet in Santa Barbara to reenact the Olympiad. Each flag represents a different city-state — yellow for Athens, red for Sparta, blue for Thebes — and was dyed by the Athenian, Spartan, Theban, or Roman student who wrestled, threw the javelin, or otherwise won glory for his or her state.

On the board, with colored chalk, Bonnie has sketched a complicated three-dimensional scene of Hannibal's army crossing the Alps on the backs of elephants. Beside this she has sketched, with attention to

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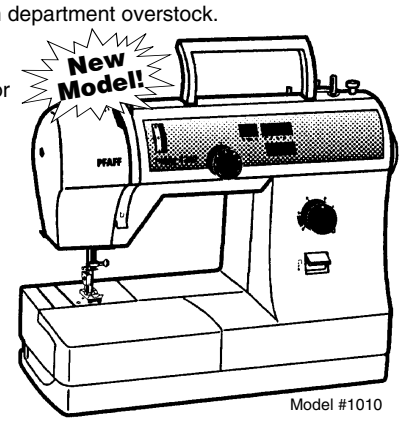

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what looks like every inlet, spit, and boulder, a map of the Adriatic Sea and the Mediterranean. Other evidence of the fifth- and sixth-grade curriculum is on the side walls: blurry student paintings of St. George and the dragon (Waldorf painting is done with bright Stockmar watercolors on a wet surface, so that everything has a dreamlike corona at the edge), a lemon-hued North and South America in a bright blue sea, and, on a smaller chalkboard, a diagram of the eightfold path of Buddha.

After the recitation, Bonnie tosses a knitted ball to a student. "One-half," she says.

The boy who catches the ball says "point five" and gets to sit down. The others stand and wait for the knitted ball to fall into their nervously sweaty or calmly cool, long-nailed or nibbled-upon, clumsy or delicate hands.

The kids look like any kids on the verge of 12. They don't wear peat smocks or sweaters they've knitted themselves. Girls hunch over their desks in board shorts and nylon sweatpants. They wear Adidas sneakers, glitter polish, ponytails, and cardigans. There are flat-chested girls and girls who've been bra-shopping with their mothers. The boys, some thick, some thin, wear chunky basketball shoes like the chunky basketball shoes worn this minute all over the city, all over the state, all over the world.

"One-half?"

"Point-five."

"One-fourth?"

"Point two-five."

The kids who have tossed the knitted ball back to Bonnie Holden bite their cuticles, crack their knuckles. Girls finger their hair, their cardigans, their pencils, their desks. They're crammed together in mismatched public school desks, but they don't talk or harass each other. The mouths of

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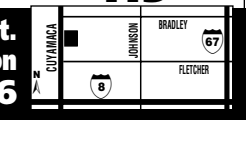

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their desks are stuffed with eraser bits, pencils, folders, knitted things, wadded shirts to wear as painting smocks, and the oversized floppy books in which they write about Odysseus, the Cyclops, Jesus, and Buddha.

These books are their texts, and they've been writing and illustrating them for years, making a new one for each main lesson. In these books, the students amplify, condense, copy, and illustrate lessons about Indian, Persian, Egyptian, Chaldean, and Greek mythology, United States geography, Roman history, medieval history, and world geography.

After the last student has said the last decimal, it's time for a lecture on Jesus in the time of Rome.

"What were the three temptations of Christ?" Holden asks.

A hand shoots up. The temptations are listed: the stones into bread, the "cast thyself down," the exceeding high mountain, then the part where Jesus says, "Get thee hence, Satan." There's some comparison to Buddha, some historical background, some material from the view of the Essenes.

It's quite possible that the lecture contains material from Rudolf Steiner's writings, but he isn't mentioned by name.

"Anthroposophy is a world view," Bonnie Holden told me, "and the teachers work out of it, but we do not bring dogma to the children. We celebrate spiritual festivals. In third grade, we will do the Hebrew people. In sixth grade, with the Romans, we'll do the birth of Christ, and then we'll do Islam. In fifth grade we've done Hinduism and Buddha, Zarathustra — all out of our literature and mythology."

When I asked how she would describe the religious or spiritual teachings of the Waldorf School, she said, "Starting in the kindergarten, the most important festival is the child's birthday.… With that celebration, we recognize their spiritual origins. They came from a spiritual place, and they will one day return there. I think that's the thread that goes through all the grades…that there is in reality a spiritual world, that we come from, and we go back to someday."

I asked her if there were points on which she strongly agreed with Rudolf Steiner, and she said, "Rudolf Steiner was a man ahead of his time." She said you could take something that seemed blatantly wrong, study it for years and years, then change your mind. In her study group, for example, the participants recently debated something Steiner said about CO_2, or carbon dioxide. Steiner evidently called CO_2 a death force, and Holden disagreed because plants take in carbon dioxide and it doesn't kill them. Later, though, when Holden was teaching a botany segment to her class, she read that Steiner believed "plants are actually doing a deed for the rest of the world by taking these forces into themselves and transforming them." Steiner was, in other words, personifying the plants — giving them the power to choose and act morally.

Still in a quandary about Steiner's root-race theories, I asked, "Are there any points of his teaching, however, where you find yourself strongly disagreeing, where you don't find yourself coming around to seeing a truth?"

"No," Holden said. She said that when she first came to Anthroposophy and first started studying it, it seemed like going backwards. That happens to everyone at first, she said. "Everybody's up in arms about it, but when you begin to study it, you see…"

Still unsure, I pressed further. "Some of his more controversial statements seem to be those about the Atlantean theory of the evolution of the world, and his theories about races. I find a lot of criticism of those."

"Basically, it's all taken out of context," Holden said, "and people are just looking for sensational things to say."

The Association of Waldorf Schools in North America, she continued, has responded to those charges, has issued statements. For her, what is more important is Steiner's message about brotherly love, "that no one can be happy if we know someone else is suf-

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fering. That's what we're aiming for. That we know human suffering is a reality like we know two plus two is four. And that we need to do something about it."

After she said that, she paused. "Am I going to sound like a kook in this?" she asked.

I think about that in her classroom. She stands in her gray knit skirt and red silk blouse, talking about the wandering in the wilderness. She doesn't look like a kook, talk like a kook, sound like a kook. She wears half glasses. Her hair is wavy and brown. Her 14-year-old son, Joaquin, is 500 miles away at the Sacramento Waldorf School, which means that he's getting the education she wanted for him and he wanted for himself (the Sacramento school goes through 12th grade, as the San Diego school does not) but that she won't see him when she goes home at the end of the day. It's nine o'clock and the room is already warm.

Holden stops lecturing and asks for volunteers to act out the death of Julius Caesar. "Two turns of the sand clock to get ready, actors," she says.

Behind the bookshelves, in the open half of the room, kids discuss who will be Brutus. They say, "Whatever." They say, "Josh will just be the murderer." They say, "Does Brutus just stand there?"

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It's Saturday, May 12, the day of the May Faire, rite of spring, but the sky over the Waldorf School is milky and low. Rain threatens but doesn't fall. It's gloomy all over San Diego, a gloom the color of sand.

Undaunted, children dart around in crowns made of silk ribbons and rosebuds. Fathers are grilling ribs and "ribs," a vegetarian alternative. Two Maypoles stand on the playground like women in curlers, their bright ribbons rolled up and pinned in place until flower-crowned students are ready to weave in and out, in and out, in and out.

Unlike most of the Waldorf School's festivals, which are based on the Christian calendar and Steiner's teachings, the May Faire appears to be Steiner-free. Steiner seems not to have lectured anyone on the significance of May Day, perhaps because it is a pre-Christian celebration of renewal and fecundity.

May Day is also, in this case, a fund-raiser, so booths abound. At the bubble booth, a father dips a wood-and-copper-wire wand the size of a scepter into a vat of homemade bubble soap and waves the wet copper loops over the grass, sending huge, cell-like globs into the air, over upturned faces, the fence, the roofs of houses down below. Mothers entwine pink rosebuds with rosemary branches, then tie them with trailing ribbons. Ponies decked with ribbons and bells clop past, their saddle horns in the grip of amazed children. On the makeshift stage, a man in tights and a velvet tunic plays the lute, a woman shakes her tambourine, and the milk-white sky begins to feel Elizabethan.

Lea Nelson is here, of course, and Bonnie Holden. So is Kirsten Morrell, part-time office secretary, Waldorf parent, and former Waldorf student. Morrell's daughter Bailey will dance around the Maypole today, finish her study of Norse mythology and Kumeyaay culture this month, and leave fourth grade for fifth. Bailey's class has lost its teacher more than once. Bailey is on her third new teacher now, not the Waldorf ideal, but Kirsten still wants nothing more than continuation of what was, for her, the perfect schooling.

Kirsten Morrell went to Highland Hall, a Waldorf School in the San Fernando Valley, from the age

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of 3 to the age of 13. She regrets nothing about her Waldorf education except the premature ending of it — leaving the 250 people she knew intimately and who knew her intimately for the 3000-person public school where, as she puts it, it was "here's your book, do your homework, see you tomorrow." In a few weeks, she'll attend a reunion of her Waldorf School class, not her high school class, to see the people who, like her, had the same teacher for eight years, who fought to sit on the same lap under the same tree on the same playground, memorized the same plays, and started the school day with prayer. Kirsten still has all the main lesson books she made during those eight years, books of fables, saints, Norsemen, and Romans, and her mother still wears the sweater Kirsten knitted for her in fourth grade.

Although the Waldorf School of San Diego has no plans to expand into high school in the near future, although it must first repair the parking lot, build a new kindergarten, find more teachers willing to stay for eight consecutive years at a subsistence-level salary, Kirsten has her fingers crossed that Bailey will, somehow, be going to May Faires for the next seven years.

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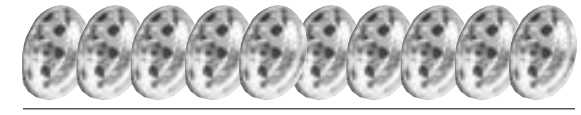

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Is Joe moving on or just moving home? A year and a half after the disastrous Del Monte, *Corpus of Joe Bailey* returns to San Diego, where Joe works at Consolidated Aircraft, waits to get drafted, and wonders what Connie Robinson's doing tonight.

i Con leaned across her dressing table and traced lipstick a little beyond the natural line of her lips, studying in the mirror her small oval face with the oriental eyes and the fine white skin that was her pride. But she looked tired tonight, and she was tired, and very nervous. Her eyes caught her father's photograph, the fat features beneath the thatch of white hair, frowning and judicial. Next to it was Wally Cobb's long, scrubbed little-boy face, with the white brim-cap on his head and the ensign's bars at his collar. She had been meaning to put Wally's picture away ever since she had broken the engagement; she supposed she had not because she disliked leaving empty the position opposite her father, which had been occupied before Wally by Don McKeston's photograph, and before that, for so long by Joe Bailey's.

"Doll!" she heard Charley call from the living room. "Doll, Marya's here." She frowned. Charley calling her mother "Doll" seemed the hallmark of their relationship. She wondered again why she did not find her own apartment. She could now that she had the job managing Wayner's College Town — a job, Marya had assured her, which would lead to the really good position in Los Angeles, or San Francisco, or even New York. But maybe the apartment was like the job, which she wanted so and yet dreaded.

She sat down on her bed, covered her face with her hands, and gently smoothed her forehead; tired, when she should not have been tired, depressed when she should have been elated and excited. Because the fashion show this afternoon had gone off so well, and it was another step, as the job at Wayner's College Town had been a big step, upward and away; and she was going out tonight with Phil Gardener, who was older, smooth, a sophisticate, an unknown quantity; and, most of all, she would see Joe tonight for the first time since that morning at Del Monte, almost a year and a half ago.

She rubbed her hands over her aching eyes, feeling only an exhausted dread of all of it. For each piece became a part of the grinding pattern to which all of her experience seemed to conform: the success this afternoon in the career she had chosen to take her where she wanted to go, tonight with Phil Gardener when she would have to affect the mask of confidence and imperviousness she could never really feel, seeing Joe again so that all that might start once more to mix everything up but not deter her from the apartment away from her mother next, then the job away from San Diego, and, after that, scratching and panting and looking back over her shoulder, scratching, panting

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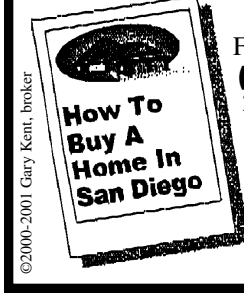

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with fear, another step, another and another — toward the ultimate fulfillment of a life of excitement and glamour, and to the ultimate complete and terrified exposure to life itself.

But now there was Joe to confuse it. For 15 months she had not seen him; for 15 months she had not had him as the defender and guardian he had always been, even when he was away. Yet she had. Joe had been that even when she had struggled against his rejection at Del Monte, even when she had become engaged to Don and then to Wally, even when she had found out that Joe was back in San Diego and working at Consolidated Aircraft. And this afternoon she had met Hickey on the street downtown, and Hickey had told her that he and Joe were going on to a party at the Hotel del Coronado tonight. And she and Phil Gardener were going there too.

Quickly she rose; she would not think of it anymore. She would not dread seeing Joe. She would be excited, as she should be, over the fashion show, and she would be natural with Phil Gardener and have a good time. She would be natural too when she saw Joe, and if… She shook her head determinedly, glanced once more into the mirror to see if she had smeared her lipstick, and hurried down the hall to see Marya.

Her mother and Marya were in the living room, her mother lounging on the couch. Marya sitting in the Monterey chair, her legs crossed and one foot swinging back and forth. A string of smoke rose from the cigarette she held between her interlocked fingers. "Hi, hon," she said. "I dropped by to see how your show went off."

"Marvelously," Con said. "I was a little afraid, you know. But it went just marvelously." She sat on the ottoman at Marya's feet and talked about it. Charley came in with a round of drinks and sat beside her mother. He had splashed water in dark spots down the front of his shirt.

"Well, I guess you wowed them, kid," Marya said when Con had finished.

Hotel del Coronado party, 1916

Marya was very tan; she had been at Palm Springs for two weeks, and Con was sure she had gone with a man. "This will get around," Marya said. "This'll do you some good. Thank God you didn't go off somewhere after a modeling job."

"Was she going to do that?" Charley grinned. "I didn't hear about that."

"That was after the big split with the boyfriend. Year before last. When I was her age and got heartbroke, I was all for going off to join a convent. But not our girl. She was heading right for New York."

"Oh, I don't think she really intended to go," Con's mother said.

"She took it pretty hard," Marya said, shaking her head. "I told her what had happened was the best thing for her. If she wanted to move along in this racket. Get you lousy men out of her system."

"Here!" Charley said, and Con's mother smiled and said, "I'm afraid your advice didn't take, Marya."

"She got rid of two engagement rocks inside of six months," Charley said. "Maybe it did at that. I'm all for married life, but I didn't go for any of the candidates."

"Let's discuss something else, shall we?" Con said. She said to Marya, "Charley's always talking about my love life. I think he'd die of boredom if he didn't have my love life to worry over." Immediately she wished she hadn't said that, afraid she had distressed her mother. But she was thinking angrily of the way Charley almost always appeared as she was returning from a date. He would come into the living room in his pajamas and robe, with a glass of milk in his hand, to ask about her date and what they had done, his sleepy face at once boyish and fatherly. What angered her most was that she had come to depend on his waiting up for her, so that sitting in someone's car in front of the house late at night she would feel both reluctant and impatient about going in. Obviously he had liked neither Don nor Wally. Announcing her engagement to Don had given her a perverse pleasure but also such a feeling of guilt that it had been a relief when she had broken it — the emotions repeated in her second engagement and increased when she had actually made plans to marry Wally.

"He's just trying to be a good stepfather to you, kid," Marya said.

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"And it isn't easy." Charley patted her mother's leg and settled back on the couch.

Con rose to get a cigarette from the coffee table and was disappointed that he did not get up to light it for her.

"What I wouldn't give for that figure of yours," Marya said. "Was a day when I could wear an outfit like that, believe it or not. Stepping out tonight, honey?"

"Dancing at the Hotel del Coronado, if you call that stepping out."

"Who with?" Charley asked.

"Phil Gardener."

"Phil Gardener?" her mother said.

Con, who had sat down again, felt Marya's toe brush her arm as Marya uncrossed and recrossed her legs. "He has a shop in La Jolla," Con said. "Around the corner from yours and up a block. He's an interior decorator."

"Oh yes," her mother said, her puzzled frown clearing slowly.

"I don't think I know him," Charley said.

Why should you? Con thought.

"Well, I'll never forget the time you were going up to Berkeley for all the college rah-rah," Marya said in a flat voice. "You sure gave me a bad time on that black formal, honey." Marya went on to discuss her health, telling long and repetitive yet funny stories about her experiences with doctors. When she rose to leave she asked Con to walk down to the car with her.

Mission Hills

Going down the steps, she grasped Con's arm. "Can this Phil Gardener," she whispered. "Can him quick. That's an s.o.b. you don't want anything to do with. A young chicken like you!"

"Why?" Con said. "He's a friend of Wally's. He —"

"Can him," Marya said.

"But why?"

"Never mind. Just can him as a favor to me. I'm a sick old lady, and I don't want to have to worry about the laddie rooting around in your jewel box, and I don't mean the one where you keep your engagement rings."

"Oh, Marya," Con said and freed her arm and halted.

"Pardon the language," Marya said. "But I mean it, honey,"

"Well, I think he's a nice guy, and I can take care of myself, thank you. You and Charley can quit worrying about me."

"We're not apt to, I'm afraid," Marya said, but she went on down and got into her car.

Con stood there on the steps, watching Marya drive away in the darkness, rubbing her hands over her bare arms and thinking about Phil Gardener.

ii Phil Gardener's convertible had a tall chrome aerial that glistened in the streetlights as they sped along Rosecrans Boulevard. Con watched him out of the corners of her eyes as he drove. Leaning away from her, with one hand gripping the top of the steering wheel, he seemed unaware of her beside him. She was furious at herself when she started as he reached across her to punch in the cigarette lighter. She refused the cigarette he offered, rubbing her hands over her bare arms beneath the coat thrown over her shoulders.

"Cold?" Phil asked.

She said she was, a little. She was prepared this time for the hand that crossed her knees to touch another switch. Warm air swirled around her ankles.

As they danced in the ballroom at the Hotel del Coronado she relaxed a little, scoffing at her cowardice; and on the dance floor, moving among the other couples to the thin music of the band, what Marya had said seemed ridiculous. Nor did Phil seem so huge and silent as in the darkness of his car, although he was very tall and broad, with cropped dark hair, a darkly tanned face, and horned-rimmed glasses. His arm around her back was heavy and warm.

At the first intermission they found a table in the bar, and Phil ordered champagne cocktails. He hadn't asked her what she wanted. He handed her a cigarette and leaned toward her to hold up the flame of his lighter.

"How old are you, Connie?" He stared at her intently, still holding up the flame.

"Almost 23. How old are you, Phil? Thirty?"

"Around that." The flame drew back, illuminating his dark expressionless face. Then he snapped it off. "About your sister's age," he said as the waiter came up with the champagne cocktails.

Con very carefully lifted the glass to her lips. "Did you know Charlotte?"

"I was a friend of Henry Reeves," Phil said and paused, as though he expected her to say something. He sounded almost disappointed when he asked. "Don't you remember Henry Reeves?"

Con shook her head.

"You were just a little girl then," Phil went on. "I remember you wore bangs. A cute little girl. Then I lost track of the Robinsons until your mother opened her place in La Jolla. Once I followed you for a long way, thinking here's someone who knows how to walk. And then I found out you were Connie Robinson."

Con said uncertainly, "I'm flattered you like the way I walk."

"I wouldn't be if I were you," Phil said.

Everything seemed very slow and silent, she and Phil isolated from the others in the bar, but suddenly she heard a familiar loud laugh. She turned. Hickey was sitting with a State College girl whose name Con could never remember and two other couples at a bigger table near the French doors that led out to the terrace. She could only see Joe's back.

When she returned to face Phil again she could not keep from smiling. Phil was no longer important, what Marya had said about him not worth worrying about. "Tell me about your shop, Phil," she said.

He didn't answer.

The music started, and the people at Joe's table rose to go to the ballroom. She watched them casually. Joe didn't look her way or make any sign that he had seen her, but she knew he had. She felt very sure of herself now. He was wearing a brown tweed suit and seemed thinner, and he needed a haircut. Evidently his date was the redhead with the flat chest and good legs; Joe walked a little ahead of her out the doorway, but Hickey

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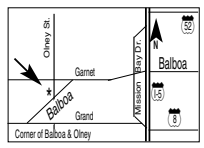

stopped and turned. He called out loudly, "Hi, Con. How's tricks?"

She waved. Phil looked irritated, his hand raised to touch his glasses. "Who's that?"

"Hickey Wallace."

He nodded. "He doesn't seem to have changed. I remember him when he was a loud-mouthed high school brat."

"He is a little noisy."

"He went to USC, didn't he?" Phil said and gave her the intent, expectant look again. And then he said, "Wasn't that Joe Bailey with him?"

"I think so. Shall we dance, Phil?" Con rose quickly, and he rose and took her arm.

"I know Joe too," Phil said. "I remember that whole crew of brats that hung around Mission Beach. What ever happened to that one Joe used to run with? That skinny blond —"

She laughed. "You mean Peter Gorman. Don't tell me you haven't heard about *that* beach brat. He's in the Eagle Squadron, and he's shot down a lot of German planes. His picture was in the *Union* a month or so ago. 'San Diego's Own Ace.' Don't you read —"

"Well!" Phil interrupted in a clear, affected voice. "Isn't that *odd?*" They had entered the ballroom, and he put his arm around her and swung her out onto the crowded floor. He seemed very brusque when he spoke to her, as though he were disgusted that she even knew Hickey and Joe, but she was aware that somehow he had lost an advantage. It was difficult to pay attention to his remarks because so much more important was the way Joe would act when they saw each other close by, and the way she would act. As though nothing had happened, she thought; as though nothing at all had happened.

And the next time the band stopped playing, and she and Phil halted, Joe and the redhead were standing not ten feet away. She smiled at him; he gave her a stiff nod in reply. He took his girl by the arm and moved toward them.

"Hello, Con."

"Hello, Joe," she said and asked if he knew Phil Gardener. He said he did, but he didn't look at Phil as they shook hands. His girl's name was Wanda. The music began again. Almost belligerently Joe asked Phil if he would like to trade a dance. The redhead and Phil were watching her, and her smile felt mechanical and foolish as, with a quick motion, Joe stepped toward her, raising his arms.

She was dancing with him then, still smiling, acutely conscious of his chin warm against the side of her forehead. "It's good to see you again," she said at last. "How long have you been down from Berkeley?"

"A couple of months." They danced in silence for a time, and then he muttered, "What the hell do you think you're doing, going out with Phil Gardener? Listen, you're not engaged to that —"

She laughed shakily. "Oh no!"

"Con, listen, Con," he whispered. "I have to see you, damn it."

"I have to see you too." She moved her head to feel his chin prickle against her forehead.

"When? Listen, fluff him off, will you? When'll you be home tonight?"

"Early."

"I'll come by about one. I'll honk and you come out."

"Yes, Joe," she said breathlessly.

"Get rid of that guy you're with, will you? I don't like to even see him touch you."

"Yes, Joe," she said.

When Joe returned her to Phil, she found Phil very silent. The evening dragged. Finally she saw Joe and Hickey and their dates and the other couple leaving. The next time she and Phil went into the bar she ostentatiously looked at her watch. "Oh, it's almost midnight," she said. "You'd better take me home, Phil. I've had a big, big day."

"Of course you have," Phil said. He had taken off his glasses and was polishing them with his handkerchief. "You don't want to stay for the midnight supper?"

"I'm afraid I couldn't eat a thing."

"Of course you couldn't." He put the glasses back on. His eyes swam at her. "I shouldn't even have asked, should I?"

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Hills. Sharply she asked where he was taking her.

"I'm taking you home. I just thought we'd go this way."

He slowly passed the house where she had lived in Mission Hills and swung down Balboa Drive past Joe's house. At the dead end of Balboa Drive was the canyon where the fort was; there was no streetlight at the end. Phil drove down through Old Town, and when they were on Rosecrans, going out to Point Loma, he said, "I asked you out too soon, didn't I? I should have waited till next month. April is the cruelest month, isn't it?" He laughed shortly. "I should have made it April Fool's Day, shouldn't I?"

She didn't know what he meant, and now, as he slowed the convertible to a stop before her house, it occurred to her that he might want to kiss her. When he moved to pull the handbrake on she said quickly, "Light me a cigarette."

He lit one and handed it to her. She sat up very straight, taking short quick puffs of smoke. "Calm down," Phil said. "I'm not going to make a pass at you." Then he said, "Why don't you still wear your hair in bangs?"

"Why should I?"

"So you won't mislead people. You haven't come along so fast, have you, Connie? You haven't come along at all, have you? I suppose it's some kind of parental compensation."

"I don't know what you're talking about."

"I wouldn't expect you to, Connie. Connie Robinson," he said, saying it to himself, not to her.

She couldn't see his face in the darkness, but he looked huge, leaning over the wheel. "I have to go in now."

"I'm sure no one would try to stop you. But I'd like to see you again sometime."

"I'm awfully busy. I..."

"Oh, I don't mean soon. You're not ready yet. You've got such a hell of a way to go yet, but there's a chance. No, just sometime," he said and laughed.

"I have to go in," she said shakily. She thrust down on the door handle and got out. She made herself walk slowly across the sidewalk.

"Connie Robinson," Phil said behind her. She started and turned, but he had not left the car. "You shouldn't be allowed to walk like that," his voice said. "They should have taken that walk and that face out of circulation, like the number on Red Grange's jersey." He started the car, still talking, but his voice was lost in the roar of the motor as the car moved forward.

She hurried under the arch where Charley always left the light burning, but halfway up the steps she turned again to watch the lights of his car sweeping up the hill, the red dots of tail-lights finally flickering out. She was shivering violently as she sat down on the cold steps and gathered the bottom of the coat around her legs. She didn't walk like Charlotte. She didn't look like Charlotte. What had he been trying to do? She groped in her purse for a cigarette and a match. The flame of the match trembled palely before her eyes, and Charlotte was in it. She let it drop, but now Charlotte was in the darkness too, caught like the remembered white glow of the match, two-dimensional, repellent and fascinating.

She remembered returning from Joe's after they had fled the canyon; she had sneaked into the house the back way to get upstairs and paint her ankle, bathe and change her dress, before her mother or father saw her. As she passed the library she had heard her mother and father talking, and she stopped to peek through the crack beside the door, through which so many times she had watched Charlotte and her boyfriends making love. Her mother was sitting on the couch, weeping, her hands covering her face, her father standing before her with a cigar in his hand. "Don't be a fool," her father was saying. "Of course I don't blame you. No one ought to blame you. If you did your damnedest you couldn't have brought her up to be that kind of a tart. She was born a damned tart, that's all" — saying it in the flat, hard voice Con had heard soften only when he talked to Charlotte. But it had not been soft then, and in his face there was no sorrow, nor even pity for her mother,

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only the wrathful judgment and unforgiveness. Always Charlotte had been his girl, always it was Charlotte to whom, on his visits home from Washington, he had brought the yellow party dress, the watch, the perfume, the pearls; while to her, Con, he had brought only those perfunctory and belated objects picked up at the last minute at some depot; and always it was Charlotte who received the real, longed-for, fatherly hug and kiss, while she was given only the dutiful peck.

And now it was as though she could trace to that moment of eavesdropping the guilt she had never recognized before: the guilt at the judgment and unforgiveness laid on Charlotte, while she, Con, had done with Joe what she had done that afternoon before the tramp had come to discover, judge, and punish them — to stop them and to rape her — and the tramp all mixed up with her father and ambiguously with Charley now and with the men she had watched through the library door, kissing Charlotte, their hands all over Charlotte, all whirling in the black dark of the simultaneous guilt and retribution while Joe swung his club frantically to protect her; but now Phil Gardener was trying to thrust her back into all of it again, pulling her back from the trapdoor of the fort, imprisoning her at the library door, trying even to make her think she was Charlotte, was both herself and Charlotte and must hold all of it within her when she could not.

She became very calm as she wondered if she were going insane.

She flung her cigarette down the steps. She said aloud, "God, you have to make it stop. Please, God, make it stop. Make it go away," lifting her eyes, as she said it, to see the headlights coming up the hill from Rosecrans.

She rose. With the same calm she glanced around her, up the street where Phil's car had disappeared, behind her at the house — in the front window where the lamp glowed Charley might be sitting on the couch with his glass of milk, waiting to talk to her about Phil Gardener. She heard the quiet call of Joe's horn. The headlights were slowing to a stop.

She walked down the steps. She didn't begin to run until she had nearly reached the sidewalk and saw the door of the car flung open for her; then she dashed toward it and threw herself inside, into Joe's arms, with her face pressed against the rough tweed of Joe's shoulder, resisting when he tried to force her face up to his.

"Con," he said throatily. "Con —"

She said nothing. She didn't want to speak or even think; she only wanted Joe to tell her all the things he had to tell her.

"Con, I've been such a stupid jerk. Con, I love you so damn much."

She nodded as he said it and raised her head. Lights were coming down the hill toward them. A horn tooted

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a-shave-and-a-haircut. A long convertible swept past. Joe's headlights gleaming momentarily on a broad grill, the tall shaft of a radio aerial.

"Who's that?" Joe demanded.

"I don't know," she whispered. "No one." But her calm was shattered, and she clutched his arms fiercely, feeling the muscles tighten under her grasp. She had to make him know. She had to make him realize how he had to love her, how he had to protect her from what she could not identify or even understand. She sobbed with the frustration, avoiding his lips that were trying to find hers, when that was not what she wanted. "Joe," she cried, "you *have* to help me, you have to — Joe," she almost sobbed, "tell me I'm good!"

"You're terrific," he said huskily. "You're —"

"No! That I'm good!"

"You're good," Joe said.

iii At College Town in the morning they were very busy. It was Saturday, there was the mess of the fashion show to clean up, and she felt emotionally limp. Last night seemed a long time ago, and she wished Joe would phone her. Whenever she was not busy she hovered near the phone on her desk in the alcove, smiling fixedly at the State College girls and the high school girls with their mothers who wandered over the thick red carpeting of College Town, among the shining metal racks of spring formals and frocks and suits and the glass showcases of handbags and accessories.

It was almost closing time when Joe called. "Is Miss Robinson there?" he asked, and she replied crisply, "This is she."

"It's she, is it? This is Consolidated Aircraft, receiving department, Mr. Bailey on the hook. How — how are you, Con?"

"Irritated. I've been waiting for you to call."

"Been busy," Joe said. His voice was accompanied by echoing shouts and clangings. "Well, I'll tell you. I was scared. I went out of my head and asked you to marry me last night."

She laughed. "Oh?"

"Listen, I've got $30 in the bank and I owe $400 on my car and $15 on that nifty suit you got lipstick all over the shoulder of last night. It was what you call a rhetorical question."

"Wait till you see what a breach-of-promise suit will cost you."

"Ha, ha," Joe said. "With lipstick on the shoulder?"

Con laughed again, tightening her grasp on the phone.

"Are — are you booked for tonight?" Joe said.

"Why don't you come out to dinner?" she asked, and he said he would come.

After dinner they played bridge, and when Charley and her mother had gone to bed, she and Joe sat listening to an all-night record program. She told him about her job at Wayner's, and he told her about his father and stepmother, who were building a house. And his father was opening a tract of small houses out on El Cajon Boulevard. His own

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Karl: The very next day we got together, and the day after that, too. I don't think we've spent many days apart ever since. It doesn't take long to know when you've found a relationship you want to pursue.

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Karl: I didn't have to tow a banner behind a plane to propose to Amy. We both knew it was going to happen.

Amy: Still, I thought he should officially ask me. So he did, about 13 months after we met. It was late at night and we were sitting on the sofa, laughing and crying at the same time.

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job, he said, was just a job. "I'm kind of the right-hand man to the assistant head of the receiving department. Pretty soon I'll go up a notch, though. I guess you know they're expanding terrifically. And just about everybody at Consair's draft deferred."

It was almost two when Charley came out to the living room with a glass of milk in his hand. His hair was tousled, and he wore his white bathrobe and the black silk pajamas, faded now, that Con had given him the first Christmas after he had married her mother. He sat down in the Monterey chair. Tonight, for some reason, she didn't mind. The three of them talked until Joe said he had to go.

When they heard his car start up in front of the house Charley said, "My God, kid, I don't know how you stand these non-stop necking sessions. They'd kill me." He drained the last of the milk and put down his glass. He yawned.

"Here we go again," Con said. "You're too old, that's all." But she felt friendly toward him tonight and pleasantly tired. She bent to pick up the shoes she had slipped off and started for her bedroom.

Charley said, "I like that boy. He's all right. He's worth the rest of them put together."

She stopped in the doorway and turned. She put her free hand to her breast and struck a pose. "He's my prince." She laughed and, because she wanted to shock Charley, added, "And will the handsome prince steal the beautiful princess's diamond without price? Keep tuning in, same time, same station."

But Charley didn't seem shocked at all, sitting there grinning at her. She winked and waved her shoes at him and started down the hall, wondering why she hadn't got the reaction she had expected. What she had said seemed to her a marvelous joke, and she must remember to tell it to Joe at the proper time.

iv Sunday afternoon she and Joe drove up to the mountains for dinner. There seemed not much to say, but Con didn't mind; she felt lazy and contented, and she sat over close to Joe as he drove. Joe turned on the radio; a commentator was speaking about the British troops going into Greece: "The British lion hopes to contain Hitler in the Balkans by —" Joe twirled the dial and got Frank Sinatra singing "All or Nothing at All." "I just don't like to listen to it," he said in explanation. "I start worrying about how long it'll be before we're in." Then he said, "What do you hear from your boy Phil?"

"I haven't heard anything from him. He's not my boy, Joe."

"I guess it's not smart ball to tell you I hate his guts, is it?"

"You don't need to worry about Phil," she said. "You don't need to worry about anybody." They held hands as he drove.

On the way home after dinner, following the white line that dipped and climbed and curved through the abrupt dark shapes of the mountains, she leaned her head on his shoulder. His arm pressed her against him, and she listened quietly as he explained how and why he loved her.

"I don't understand you," she said finally. "For a year and a half I've been going out of my mind wondering about that night at Del Monte, but all you say is that it was because of a lot of things. What things?"

He didn't answer. She wanted to ask if it had been because of what had happened on Grizzly Peak, but she said, "I don't think you explain things very well."

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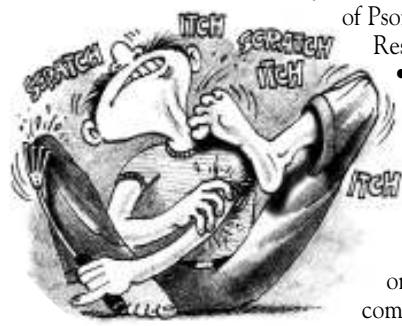

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"I love hearing you tell me how you love me, but..."

"Well, I guess I flubbed that too," he said crossly. "Did Donny and Wally do better?"

"Oh, stop that." She punched him in the ribs; and then she was pressed closer against him as he guided the car around a sharp bend, the white line curving away into the darkness beyond the range of the headlights. A bare cut slashed in the side of the mountain rose steeply above them and, sprawled on the face of the rock, in huge smeared white letters, were the words: ARE U READY FOR ETERNITY?

"Con," Joe said, "do you want to talk about getting married?"

"No," she said softly. "Not now." She felt distressed that he had mentioned it, and she wondered why.

"I guess it's pretty old stuff to you," he said, and she swayed away from him as the car swayed.

"I love you though, Joe," she whispered.

She saw the glow of lights approaching around the next bend, then the lights themselves appeared, not two, but four, extending across the road. "Damn fool!" Joe said. The tires screeched, the car wavered. Still the two sets of headlights grew evenly larger. Con sat up straight and clutched the top of the door.

With an abrupt movement of his shoulder Joe swung the car to the right. She was jarred as they went off the pavement. Gravel rattled up under the fenders. The headlights swept past; a dark sedan was outlined momentarily against the square shape of a truck. Then she felt the car skidding.

With a rattling, sliding sound the rear end was swinging toward the bare face of the cut. Joe spun the wheel. The sliding stopped, but there was a jolt that bounced Con up off the seat, and the lights flashed over the pale earth that rose steeply above the black highway and shining white line, then out into the huge and empty darkness beyond it. Everything seemed to be spinning as the car spun, flung loose from the world, not falling, just unattached, slipping helplessly over the smooth, gripless surface of the world.

"Jump!" Joe cried. "We're going over!" But she could not jump, watching with a horrified fascination as the white light that led the way threw itself far out over the immense darkness that was almost below them now. But there was another crash, and she was flung forward so that her head struck against the windshield, without pain. The car was not moving anymore. There was no sound in all the vast silence, and the lights hung like a white veil over emptiness.

"Christ!" Joe said.

She clutched at him. He tore her hands away and opened the door. "Wait," he said. "Let me look. I've got to see what's holding us up."

In a moment he was back. He started the car, thrust at the gear lever, and backed slowly onto the highway. There was a jammed, rubbing sound. "What is it?" she asked hoarsely.

"The fender. It's all right." He trod hard on the gas and backed up the hill, then ran the car forward off the highway and close against the bank. "Are you okay?" he asked.

"Yes," she said.

He switched off the lights and blew out his breath in a long sigh. She threw her arms around him, shivering. She put her hands inside his coat and felt the warmth of his back beneath his shirt. "Close?" she whispered.

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you to come look."

"I don't want to."

"Yes, you do." He made her get out and cross the highway with him. They came upon a low wall of cemented rocks, a foot or two high, perhaps four feet long. On the other side of it there was nothing. Abruptly she sat down on it.

"Just this," Joe said. "Just this little thing." His voice shook. He stared past her, his lips parted, chin raised.

"What?" she asked. "What do you see?" He only shook his head, and she said, "I'm getting cold, Joe."

They waited until a car passed, then crossed to Joe's Mercury. Con got in, and Joe went to the front to pry the fender way from the tire. She heard him curse. She lit a cigarette, still shivering.

Joe came to her door and opened it and got a rag from beneath the seat. He wiped his hands carefully. In the sudden light from a passing car his face looked hard and intense but very young; his nose was a sharp shadow against his cheek, his eyes two round shadows. Then she couldn't see him in the darkness, but she felt his hands.

He pushed her back. He forced her down on the seat, and she felt a strap of her slip break. "No," she said firmly, pulling at his arms. "I don't feel like that now."

He pulled her toward him. She felt a jerk at her panties. *"Joe!…Joe!"* she cried. But after a moment she lay without moving, struggling no more, watching passing headlights spread a sheet of white above her, above Joe's head — then another and another and another in quick succession. She felt pain, but she seemed detached from it, as though she were alone in cold lost space, and the lights blinking eerily over the inside of the car were the lights of circling planets. There was no sound but the occasional rush past, the steady hard rasp of Joe's breath and her own breath, and then, at the end, her own single ugly cry that echoed in her ears long after they had been lying completely silent and still.

She stared up at the dark curved roof. Joe moved; there was a small flare of orange light in which his cheek looked very white. A cigarette was thrust between her lips. "Thanks," she said. There was another orange flare. They smoked in silence until Joe flicked his cigarette out in a glowing arc and got out and went around to the driver's side. Con sat up as he started the car, leaning against the door and shaking as the car bumped up onto the pavement.

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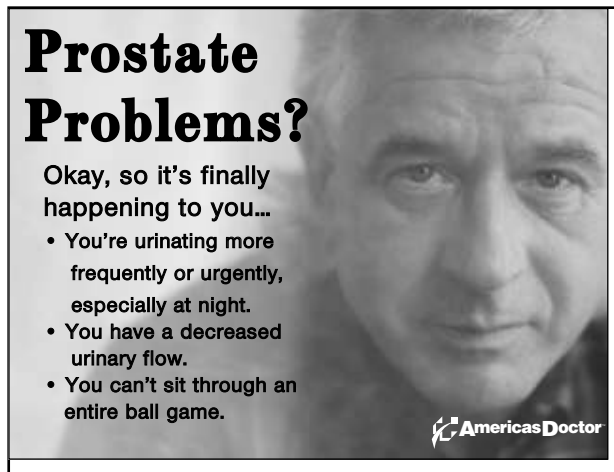

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thrust her face between his shoulder and the back of the seat.

"You were a virgin," Joe said. There was wonder in his voice.

She stopped a hysterical surge of laughter. "Saving myself for you," she said, so softly he could not have heard her.

Then her mind began to come alive. She was no longer a virgin. Joe had raped her. *Had he?* Not really; but she began to tremble again with a great belated pleasure that made her thighs and belly feel as if filled with eiderdown. She was no longer a virgin; she had been fully committed to the act abortive and interrupted in the fort in the canyon, degrading and messy on Grizzly Peak. But she felt no guilt. She felt only vastly relieved, remembering the night in Berkeley and the fear that Joe had turned against her because she had not been able to respond to him, because she was frigid. She realized now she had been unable to respond because she was frightened, because that night Joe had become the stranger, or rather a disturbing confusion of boy and man, when he must be one or the other. And tonight he had been clearly and recognizably Joe, even as the boy with the club was transfigured into the pressing, forcing, relentless attacker, yet always and in every movement and separate act Joe Bailey. So he had served and fulfilled her doubly.

"Jesus, Con, I don't know what to say," he said. He cleared his throat. "I didn't know you were still — Hell. I had it all figured out, and I was telling myself it didn't matter if —" He stopped. "Con," he said, and he touched her knee. "Listen —"

But she didn't move, didn't speak. The feeling slowly, exquisitely died, slowly, delicately, exquisitely was resurrected, died, was resurrected, again and again and again, until she thought she could stand no more, but could not stand it either if there were not more.

Shut up, can't you? she thought as he blurted. "But I feel pretty damn good I was the one!" He stopped again. "Are you all right, Con?"

"I suppose so," she said.

It seemed forever before they came into San Diego, driving down through Mission Valley where the fog was sudden and dense, with just a few lights showing liquidly along the tops of the hills. Joe had to slow the car.

"We have to go to your place first," Con said.

He lived in the very southwest corner of Mission Hills, in the basement of a tall old house that looked out over the blurred lights of Consolidated, Lindbergh Field, and the bay. Holding Joe's hand, she followed him down a narrow walk below which the hill seemed to drop straight off. Joe opened a door upon heavy darkness. "Bathroom," she whispered, and he led her across the black room to another doorway. She went in and closed the door and turned on the light.

In the mirror in the too bright room her face was doughy white, her mouth pallid; there was a lump on her forehead where she had hit the windshield. She had not felt it before, but it ached now. She turned on both faucets in the bathtub, and, when she had undressed, got in, sighing as the hot water flowed gently over and around her.

After she had dried herself she put on the blue flannel bathrobe that hung behind the door, opened the door, and kicked outside the pile of clothes she had dropped. She could see nothing in the room but the glow of a cigarette end. "Joe," she whispered. The reassuring spot moved toward her. "Where's the bed?"

He led her to it. She threw the counterpane back and got in, pulling the robe around her. The sheets felt icy to her bare legs, and she drew them up. The bed gave beside her as Joe sat down; a shoe thudded to the floor. She could see the shape of

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him in the light that streamed from the bathroom door. "No," she whispered. "Oh, I couldn't now." Then she said in a louder voice, "Aren't you going to take a bath?"

"Sure," he said.

When he had gone into the bathroom she raised herself and turned on the lamp that stood on the dresser beside the bed. On the dresser were an ashtray, a hairbrush, an alarm clock, a couple of bottles and jars, a framed photograph, a folded *New Yorker* magazine; above it was a mirror with photographs stuck in around the edge of the frame. The margins of the room were in semidarkness. She felt an intense emotion toward the room, toward the bare concrete walls, the door set between the two windows at the front, the battered-looking easy chair, the book-littered desk, even the ugly brown linoleum, grained to simulate a hardwood floor.

She swung her legs out of the bed and went over to see whose photograph was on the dresser. It was hers, her sorority picture from San Diego State College, when she still wore her hair in bangs. The posed and composed face in the photograph looked very young, very innocent, a little supercilious. She stuck out her tongue at it and inspected the other pictures: one was of Joe and Peter at the beach, grinning, squinting into the sun, looking very young; one was of someone in a Cal letter sweater — the face seemed familiar. There was another photograph of several of the men from the fraternity house, in which she recognized the Bill somebody who had been at Del Monte; there was a group picture of the football team, Joe in the back row, very solemn, the number 67 on the front of his jersey. On the wall beside the mirror was his diploma from the University of California — *Joseph Mitchell Bailey*.

When she heard the water draining out of the tub she got back into bed. The clock said 20 of 11, the alarm indicator pointed to 6:30. She reset the alarm for four. That would give her time to be home by five in the morning, and she had stayed out that late many times. And maybe she would have time to watch Joe shave in the morning; the thought appealed to her strongly. She pulled the covers up around her neck and watched the bathroom door, sleepily wishing that Joe would hurry so they could go to sleep together, and thinking that she should tell him he had to get a haircut tomorrow.

v When she announced the next day that she was going to move out and take her own apartment she could see her mother thinking, Charlotte, Charlotte, and the fear. Her mother said flatly that she wouldn't allow it. She would write Con's father. "I'm practically 23," Con told her. "I can support myself. I'm going to do it, Mother." Charley seemed distressed only because her mother was, and Con felt he might even be trying to persuade her mother that it would be all right. And when the battle over the apartment was won, Charley said he would see if any of his friends had a line on a place. Apartments were getting a little hard to find these days.

She was with Joe almost every night that week. Each time she stayed with him she set the alarm for three so she could get home. The only thing that really worried her was Charley. He had stopped waiting up for her at night, and once he had said to her, "Maybe you'd better watch yourself, Connie. A word to the wise, you know." But it was Charley who found her the apartment; it was in a building only a year old, on Cedar Street, next to a mortuary and within walking distance of downtown — two rooms, a bath, and a kitchenette, cheaply but nicely furnished.

She and Joe spent the weekend getting her moved in and preparing for a housewarming party Sunday night. Joe and Charley were to mix the drinks, and her mother helped her with the hors d'oeuvres. She invited the people she worked with at Wayner's to drop in early, and for later in the evening Marya, Hickey and his girl, Steve Livingston and George Miles, who were friends of Joe's, and Dinny Taylor and Ardith McCreary, two girls from her sorority at State.

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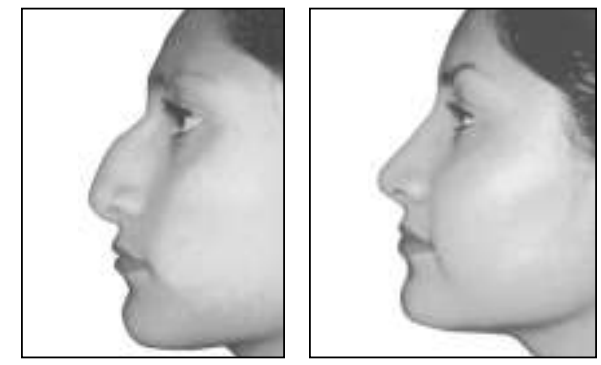

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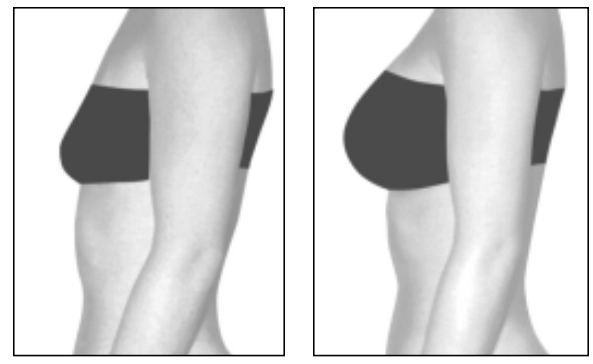

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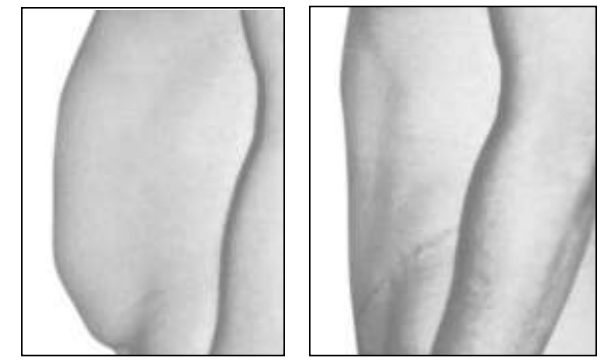

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and Charley took turns making drinks in the kitchen and passing them around, and by ten o'clock, when Marya and the last of the Wayner people left, everyone was a little high. Steve and George left with Dinny and Ardith not much later, and, as Con said good-bye to them, she saw Phil Gardener coming down the hall.

"Oh!" she said. She could see him looking at her breast, looking at Joe's fraternity pin, as he flattened himself against the wall to let the others pass. "Oh, hello," she said.

He moved toward her, tall, in an Oxford gray suit and a black knit tie, grinning crookedly. "I wasn't exactly invited," he said. "But I thought I'd drop by. Do you mind?"

"It was nice of you to come." She turned uncertainly and retreated to the couch. Across the room Hickey's girl, Betty Humme, was sitting with her legs crossed and a run showing in her stocking, smiling up at Hickey, who was talking in his expansive way and making airplane motions with his free hand. Joe was still in the kitchen, where her mother seemed to have him cornered. Charley was nowhere in sight.

Phil sat down beside her, took off his glasses, and cleaned the lenses with his handkerchief. "It looks like a nice apartment, Connie. If you're going to be here a while, why don't you come out and look at some of my furniture?"

"Oh, I think I'm satisfied with what's already here. Thank you."

Phil shook his head. "Pretty dull. Pretty dull borax. You won't like it long."

"Are you drumming up trade?"

"Just checking prospects." He raised his head and looked behind her. Charley was standing there, his sleeves rolled back, his shirt open at the neck. Phil rose; they were two big men, Phil the taller, and Charley broader. She felt her breath slowly through her parted lips; the moment seemed very intense.

When she introduced them they didn't shake hands. "Phil just crashed the party," she said to Charley. "It must be a good party. Do you think we could

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let him have a drink?"

"What would you like, Mr. Gardener?" Charley said. His hand touched her shoulder, then dropped away.

"Scotch and water," Phil said. "Please." He sat down again. Gazing after Charley, he said to Con, "Is that your mother in the kitchen?" and when she nodded, "I won't be staying long." His eyes were huge and liquid behind his spectacles. "Joe's pin?" he asked.

She nodded again.

"Did you get it that night you late-dated on me?"

"Yes," she lied. "That night. Isn't it romantic?"

"Very romantic," Phil said softly. "I want to see you on your birthday, Connie. It's next week, isn't it? The thirteenth?"

She looked at him in surprise. "How did you know?"

"I can remember a year your birthday came on Friday the thirteenth. Can I see you on your birthday, Connie?"

"I'm awfully sorry. Some other year, Phil." Joe had come out of the kitchen and was standing with his back toward her, talking to Hickey and Betty.

Phil rose. "Some other year," he said. She was shocked at the expression that crossed his face, a kind of abstract and grieving hate, yet vindictive too. But at once he smiled and said, "Well, I'll be going. I'll take a rain check on that drink." He gazed past her again. "I don't know if I like your Mr. Brooks," he whispered. "He looks as though he might bite." He turned on his heel. He had disappeared out the door when Charley came up.

"I'll take that," Con said, reaching for the drink he held. "Phil had to leave." She smiled brightly at him, then started as someone put an arm around her. It was Hickey, and she saw Joe helping Betty into her coat.

"Fine party, Con," Hickey said, patting her hip.

"It was swell, Con," Betty said. She was very short, with a round face and colorless hair that was all stiff curls and waves from a recent permanent. "It's a marvelous apartment." She smiled with the big-eyed, half-worshipful, half-fearful look under which Con never knew how to act.

"It's big-time," Hickey said. "That's old Con. That's what I've always said about you, old Conner. Big-time. Why don't you get an apartment like this, Humme? I'd marry you in a minute."

"I don't have a job like Con does," Betty said. "You can just come over to my house and drink Cokes and listen to records till I get a job like Con's."

Charley stood there, smiling. Hickey patted Con again.

"Watch who you're patting there," Joe said.

"Ooops!" Hickey withdrew his arm and patted Betty. "Little more here," he said.

Betty twisted away. "Will you and Joe come out and play bridge Friday night?" she asked.

"Sure," Joe said.

He left soon after Hickey and Betty, but when Con's mother and Charley had gone he returned. They sat together on the davenport and had another drink.

"Your mother gave me a bad time," he said. He had taken off his coat and tie and his feet were propped up on the coffee table. Con leaned against him, holding an ashtray in her lap. "She wants to know when we're going to get married."

"What did she say?"

"She was kind of talking around it. You know how she does. We're seeing so much of each other, and now this apartment. She doesn't think it's quite right for you to live here by yourself. She wanted me to agree that it isn't quite" — he raised his hand with his fin-

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"What?"

"Because of Charley."

He frowned. "I don't get you. What about Charley?"

"Haven't you noticed?" She bent her head and snubbed out her cigarette. It still smoked, and she rubbed it hard against the side of the ashtray. "It's hard to say delicately." She flushed. "But he — well, he lusts after me, I'm afraid. He's..."

"Quit it!" Joe said. "Nonsense. Listen, I've heard you say stuff like that before; you think that too much. You're great to look at and all, but you've got this kind of — of Helen of Troy complex." He patted her thigh and grinned. "I lust after you though. Go ahead and count on that."

She didn't say anything, angrily watching the cigarette, which had begun smoking once more.

Joe said, "How come you asked Phil Gardener?"

"I didn't. He just came."

"What kind of line was he giving you?"

"I guess I'd better not say. You'll tell me I have a Helen of Troy complex."

"Ouch," Joe said. But he sounded very earnest. "Listen, Con, I know I sound like the jealous lover, but he's a damn toad. I'd beat his head in if it wasn't so big."

"He knows you came over after he'd taken me home that night."

"Yeah," Joe said. "That was Phil that drove past. That's the kind of thing he'd do."

"Tell me the kind of thing he does. Joe, will you?"

"Oh, I don't know. He used to brag about all the sex he'd got. You know, you wonder when a guy does that. Usually if they talk about it a lot they're probably not getting much. But he was getting plenty. There's that story about him and some crippled girl in La Jolla. He was living with her — she worked in the library out there — kind of

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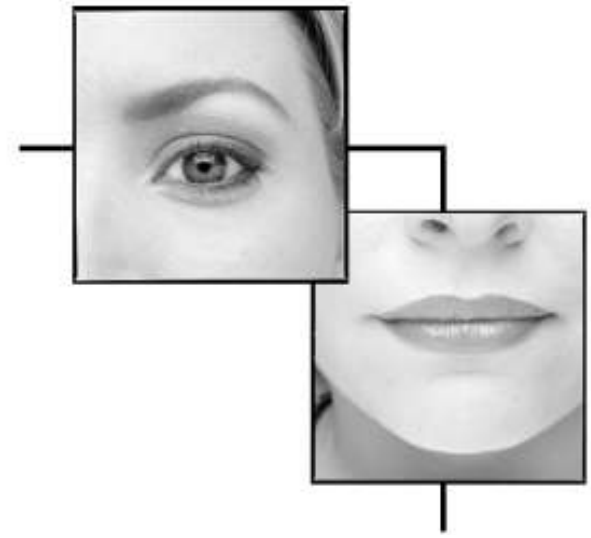

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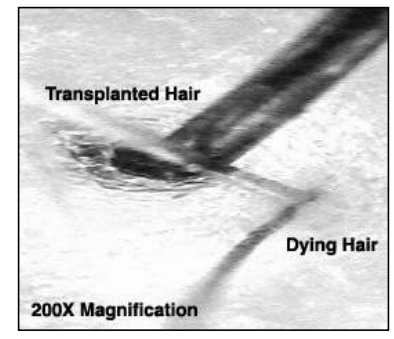

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queer, the whole thing. She tried to kill herself, and they had to put her away. Somebody said she was pregnant. I don't know. It was a couple of years ago."

Con thought of Charley and Phil facing each other, and of the baleful look Phil Gardener had given her. How had he known when her birthday was? And why had he said that about the time her birthday had fallen on Friday the thirteenth? To change the subject she said, "Do Hickey and Betty ever do anything, Joe?"

"Hell no!"

"I didn't think so. Did I ever look that virginal?"

"No," he said. "Not quite." He cocked his head toward the bedroom door. "Don't you think we ought to housewarm this place right?"

"Didn't we last night?"

"That didn't count."

She sighed loudly. "Carry me," she said, leaning against him. "Carry me, Joe." To herself she said, Pretend I'm a cripple.

vi When Joe was asleep she rose to set the alarm. She saw that they had left the light on in the kitchen and went to turn it off. The living room rug tickled her bare feet. She was carrying the last of the glasses to the sink when she heard footsteps in the hall. They stopped. She almost screamed when she saw the knob of the door turn, the door begin to open; she was sure it was Phil Gardener. She clutched her robe around her, her mouth open, staring at the opening door.

It was Charley. She watched him come in; he moved toward her. Suddenly she cried, "You'd better not! Joe's here. He'll..."

"Connie," Charley said, but already she was running for the bedroom door. In the dark room she stumbled over the stool to the dressing table, almost falling; she bumped against the edge of the bed and groped wildly around for Joe, finally finding his shoulder and shaking it. "Joe! Joe!"

She pulled the chain on the lamp over the bed and jerked around toward the door. Charley appeared, as though rising into the lighted rectangle. She shook Joe's shoulder. "Joe!"

"Okay," Joe said and sat up. She stared at him

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expectantly, but he didn't move. Nor was Charley coming any farther toward them, standing spread-legged in the doorway. No one spoke.

Aren't you even going to get up? she thought. Everything seemed all mixed up. The expression of Charley's face was wrong — merely embarrassed and unhappy. She sat on the bed beside Joe and rubbed at her shin; the skin wasn't broken. She remembered the night she had discovered that Charley was her mother's lover and she began to laugh.

Joe shook her arm. "Hysterics some other time, huh?" he whispered.

She thought she really would have hysterics then, gasping to catch her breath, but her laughter ceased abruptly as Charley said, "Connie, did you ever think how your mother would feel if she knew?"

He stepped forward, but only to set upright the dressing-table bench. Erect again, his face was very red. "How long did you think you could get away with this sort of thing? It's going to get to your mother sooner or later. You ought to know how the talk goes around."

"Go ahead and call me a tart," she said between her teeth.

"No," Charley said, "I'm not talking about that part of it at all."

She looked down, furious at Joe's silence and inaction. But she knew there was nothing for him to say. This was between her and Charley, and already she felt wrong and ashamed, but already forgiven. She felt like crying. "I don't think anyone knows," she whispered.

"Marya knows."

Con gasped. "She's a fine one to talk about me! And so are you! How did you think I felt when I found out about you and Mother?"

"Easy," Joe said.

"That was your mother and me doing wrong," Charley said. "That doesn't make this right, does it? And it's that you're being dumb. Did you think no one was ever going to go by and see Joe's car sitting out there late at night? Joe's being dumb too."

"Pretty dumb," Joe said.

"You don't want to be the kind of person you could get to be this way," Charley said. "You're doing wrong. You haven't thought. You have to think it out, kid."

Tears started in her eyes, her throat constricted but she whispered, "I'll be the kind of person I want to."

"It's that we can't very well get married," Joe said in a slow, careful voice. "See, I'm trying to save a little money, and Con — Con — well, we can't very well get married till I get a better job and because it looks like we'll be in the war pretty quick, and —"

"Well, you two figure it out," Charley said. "I'm not telling you to do anything. I just don't want to have this work out so her mother gets all bruised up again. She had that other —" He stopped, and there was a long silence. Con didn't look up. Finally Charley said, "Well, you think it over. Joe, you help her. I'll be on my way."

She found herself nodding as she heard the bedroom door gently close, then the door into the hall.

"Charlotte," Joe said.

She nodded again.

"What a decent guy," Joe said huskily. "What a damn decent guy!"

"I want a cigarette," she announced, and while Joe went to get one she roughly dried her eyes on a corner of the sheet. Charlotte, she

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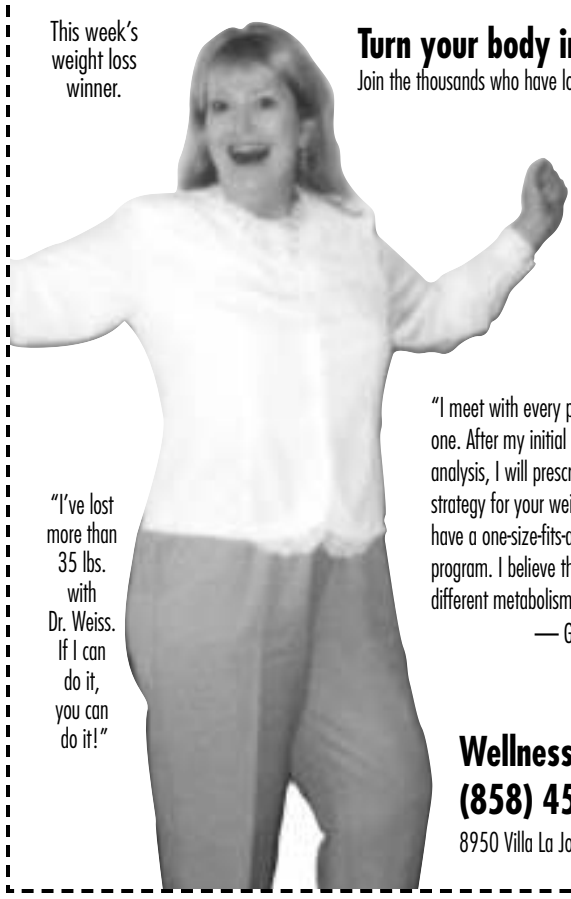
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was thinking. Damn her, damn her! The whole memory of Charlotte now only sordid, the idea of Marya going to Palm Springs with a man disgusting, this scene tonight in her new apartment sordid and disgusting. Everything had turned bad; Charley had turned it bad. He just wants me, that's what he was after, she told herself, he was after me. Me — trying to make it be true again when she had had to see tonight that it was not true.

When Joe came back with the lighted cigarette and sat beside her and put his arm around her, she closed her eyes tightly, gripping the cigarette between tight lips. She knew what he was going to say, and she dreaded it. But she couldn't send him away, she couldn't let him leave her now.

"Con, do you want to talk about getting married?"

She shook her head without opening her eyes. "Not now," she whispered. "Please, not now."

vii The Monday after the Sunday of Pearl Harbor, Con was a little astonished to find herself going to work as usual, to find everything functioning as usual, and nothing downtown changed except that the headlines were taller and blacker. The night before, she and Joe had sat drinking in her apartment, listening to the radio in an overwhelmed silence; it was the first time Joe had spent the night since Charley had talked to them. Her phone was ringing when she reached her desk in College Town. It was Miss Steegmuller, one of her salesgirls. "Would it be all right if I didn't come to work this morning, Miss Robinson? See, my brother is stationed at Pearl Harbor, and Mother — Mother is —"

"Of course," Con said crisply. "I hope he'll be all right. Oh, I'm sure he will. Evidently they didn't do much — damage." When she hung up she found she was quite shaken, but in the store that day there was more a feeling of excitement and momentous expectancy than of shock. And the mood persisted throughout the week, constantly replenished by the barrage of news broadcasts, headlines, declarations of war, blackout regulations —

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and so many strange names: the Philippines, Guam, the Pacific Fleet, Malaya, Luzon, the *Prince of Wales* and the *Repulse,* and Pearl Harbor repeated and repeated. Each night she and Joe sat at her little radio like grimly loyal football fans who could not turn off the broadcast of their team's brutal beating.

Joe painted blue the headlights of her car, leaving a little clear square at the bottom for the light to come through, and there were several frantic telephone conversations with Dinny Taylor, whose wedding was to be on Saturday. Con was one of the bridesmaids, and Dinny kept calling everyone concerned, trying to decide whether or not to postpone the wedding because of the war.

At the wedding Con thought she had never seen anyone look so beautifully tragic as Dinny standing at the altar with Gordon, who wore his dress white ensign's uniform with the gold buttons. Everyone got immediately and gloriously high at the reception, and when it was over Joe and Con went with Hickey and Betty to a bar on Pacific Boulevard.

It was just growing dark as they drove along Pacific. Con squeezed Joe's hand. "I want more champagne," she said loudly, settling down in the broad low back seat of the Wallaces' Chrysler. "I'm really getting to be a champagne girl."

"Champagne and gold buttons," Hickey said. "That's what it takes these days."

In the bar they ordered champagne cocktails and talked about the wedding. "Old Gordon looked pretty regimental standing up there," Hickey said. "Alert, straight as a ramrod, polished and shined to hell, and ready to take on the whole damn Jap Navy with Dinny at his side. When're you going to join up, Joe, you lousy draft dodger?"

"I'm getting ready," Joe said.

"Me too," Hickey said. "I'm going to get into Intelligence. I'm intelligent, what the hell else do they want?"

Joe had talked about joining the Marines, especially after Steve Livingston had enlisted, and Con wondered whether or not she wished he would. She tried to imagine how he would look in Don McKeston's green Marine uniform, surprised that she could hardly remember what Don had looked like, or what Wally had looked like. There had been only Joe now for so long — for eight, no, nine months. Long enough so that if they had not been lucky that first time she would have had a baby by now — or, like Charlotte, she might have been dead.

"Oh, I don't want you to," Betty was saying to Hickey. "There are plenty of others. They can just go draft them." The light made a halo behind her colorless hair, and she looked almost pretty, smiling, her cheeks flushed. She put Hickey's hand to her mouth and took a drag on his cigarette.

"You write a letter to Hershey, Bett," Joe said. "You tell him."

"I will!" Betty said.

"Dear General Hershey," Hickey said. "There's a couple of able-bodied Two-A bums skulking around here at Consair. I want you to draft them and shoot out a couple of shiny ensigns with nubby gold buttons."

"You can bye me on that," Con said.

"Yeah, but we better do something though, Joe," Hickey said. "The competition's going to start getting rough. Maybe we ought to write old Pete and see if the RAF needs us. I'll bet those RAF uniforms —"

"I don't want you in a uniform at all," Betty protested.

"That's what I want to hear!" Hickey pounded on the table. "Waiter! Waiter! More champagne!" And when the waiter had brought another round he said, "Well, shall I tell them, Humme?"

Betty flushed, "Oh, you're crazy!"

"I'm going to tell them," Hickey insisted. "Nobody has a better right to know. Are you ready, Joe?"

"Ready," Joe said.

"Are you ready, Conner?"

"Hickey!" Betty whispered.

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"Hickey, stop it!" Betty said.

Con's cheeks were burning, and she was afraid to look at Joe. His hand was gripping hers tightly. "Con," he said, but she didn't turn.

Across the table Betty was whispering to Hickey, who was saying, "Listen — Listen, Humme, listen —"

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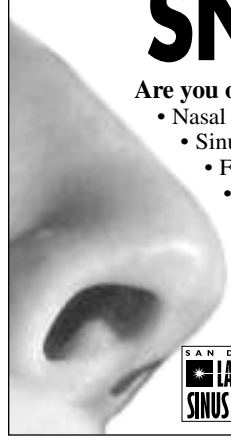

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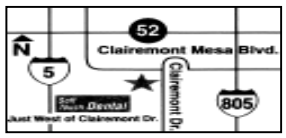

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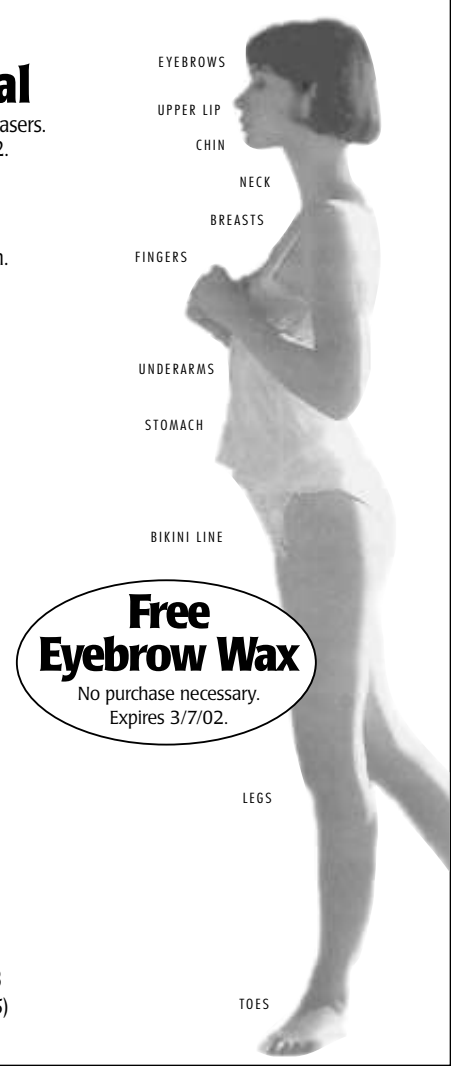

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"Goddam it, Con," Joe said. "Why not? Why the hell not? We're —"

Betty rose abruptly. "I have to go to the little girl's room," she announced. "Con, come with me." She reached over for Con's hand, and, as she grasped it, Joe released the other. Betty pulled Con with her.

"Too late for Con to give you all the dope now," Hickey called after them.

In the ladies' room Betty stopped and leaned back against the door. "Con, he's been going on like that all afternoon. He means it. I don't know what to do."

"He's just tight."

"No, even before he got tight. When he picked me up this afternoon he started it." She stared unhappily into Con's eyes. "Con, shall I do it?"

Why not? Con thought. Why the hell not? Joe had said. "Do you want to?" she said to Betty.

"Oh, Con — could I have a cigarette please?"

Con got the pack from her purse, gave Betty a cigarette, and with a trembling hand held a match to it.

"Oh, Con," Betty said, the cigarette flipping up and down in her mouth as she spoke. "I guess I love him. But — oh, I wish he wouldn't drink so much, and he's oh — almost brutal sometimes. Ever since you and Joe — he's wanted us to go all the way. But I couldn't."

Why not? Con thought. Why not? She didn't really know; there seemed to be reasons, but when she groped for them they slipped out of reach. The pleading look Betty was giving her told her Betty considered her immensely wiser and more worldly, but she did not feel so now. "Why not?" she said aloud. "Why don't you go?"

Betty jumped as the door opened against her. A hard-faced blonde in black entered. Her eyes inspected Con's white and gold bridesmaid's dress as she brushed past and went into a cubicle. Betty dropped her cigarette with a helpless gesture.

"Do you think you'll marry him sometime?" Con asked.

Betty nodded.

"Well, why not now?" Con said.

The blonde came out

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and stood in front of the mirror, painting her mouth with lipstick in a black initialed case. "Go ahead and marry the guy," the blonde said. "Excuse me." She started out past them. "Marry the guy, honey. You'll never regret it. Not much, you won't."

"Oh, Con," Betty said when the blonde had gone. She was coiling and uncoiling a lock of hair on her finger. "Oh darn it. I don't know what to do."

Con turned to look at herself in the mirror. There were spots of color in her cheeks and her lipstick was gone. She painted her mouth; the face that gazed back at her looked frightened. "You could call your mother from Yuma after you were married," she said, but not to Betty. She could phone her mother and Charley from Yuma, phone her father in Washington, to tell them she was married.

She worked her lips to spread the lipstick. The dark, tilted, scared eyes stared back, and suddenly she was aware that there was no one from whom she could seek the advice and reassurance Betty was seeking from her. There was no one; not her mother anymore, not Marya, never her father — no one in the world she was close to but Joe. She swung around. "Would you feel better if it was a double wedding?"

"Oh, Con! Shall we?"

"Let's go out and tell them."

Betty followed her back to the table. Hickey was watching them approach, grinning crookedly; Joe was slumped down in his chair, arranging coins in patterns around the base of his glass. Two cigarettes raised a single rod of gray from the ashtray in the center of the table.

Joe didn't stand up as Con resumed her seat.

"How far is it to Yuma?" Betty asked.

"Hey, no kidding?" Hickey said.

Without looking at Joe, Con said, "Do you really want to get married?"

"Hey, no kidding, you guys?" Hickey cried. "Are we really going? All hands ready? Ready, Joe?"

"I'm ready," Joe said.

"Ready, Con?"

"Ready," she said and laughed, seeking Joe's hand under the table. She turned and smiled into his face, which seemed strangely sober and restrained.

"Ready, Humme?" Hickey said, and then he cried in his big voice, "Well, let's get on our horse, chaps! A hundred and fifty miles nonstop!" It was more than 150 miles, and at 8:00 they were only halfway. They stopped for dinner in El Centro, and after dinner the right front tire of the car was flat. Hickey and Joe changed it. Hickey asked Joe to drive the rest of the

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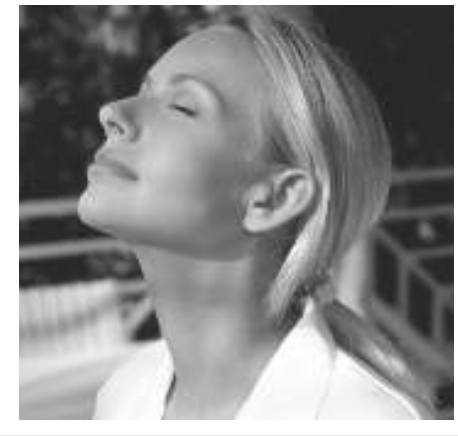

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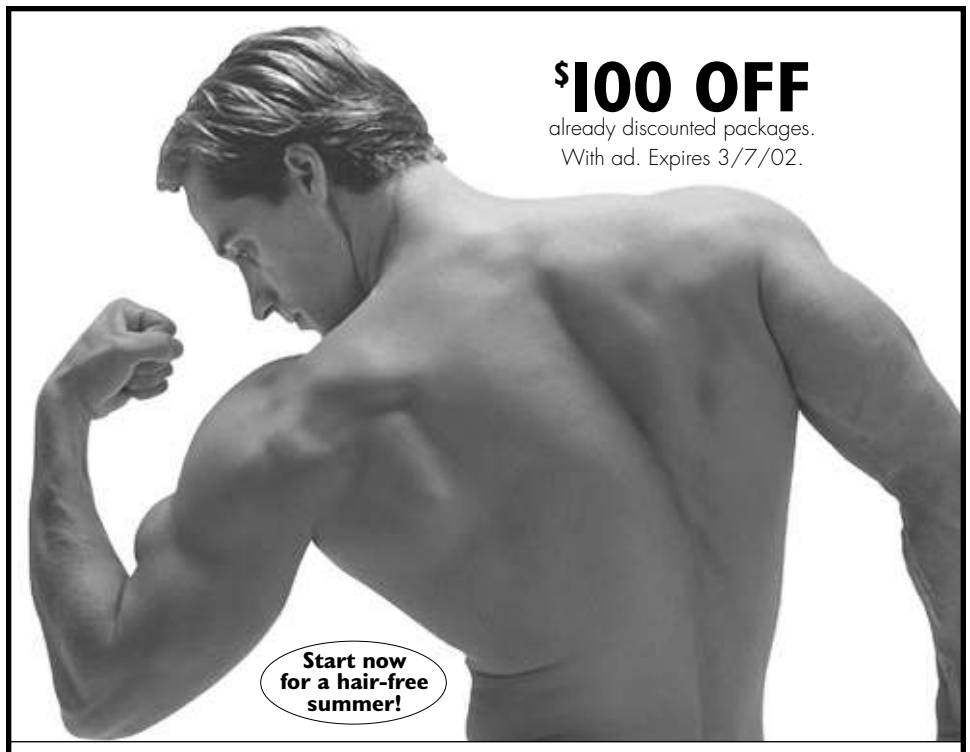

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way, and, as though the flat tire had been a cure, everyone fell silent. At first the trip had been gay. There had been much laughter, many plans, but after El Centro there was none of that anymore, and Con felt only tired and grimy.

Through Imperial Valley there were few curves in the road, few towns, if the little settlements through which they passed could be called towns at all. They were only the empty darkness and the lights illuminating the occasional shield-shaped highway markers and the rectangular white signs upon which distances were listed. Once they passed a train, a long series of lighted windows, and at the end the red-glowing firebox of the locomotive. In the back seat Hickey and Betty might have been asleep.

Con smoked cigarette after cigarette. She found nothing to say, and all Joe said from time to time was, "Light me one too, will you?" And once, in the light of a match, she saw his hand on the wheel.

She blew the match out. The hand had been dirty, the fingers stained with grease; she could almost smell its sour odor. It did no good to tell herself it was only from the tire he had changed, because now, in the darkness, Joe was someone dark and unknown bent over the wheel, no longer the boy-man she had clung to but the enigma of the husband. She stared out the window at the shifting shapes that rushed past the car in the darkness, thinking of the time she had picked up Joe after work at Consolidated: waiting for him in her car as the buzzers rang and the aircraft workers began to stream out of the buildings that stretched up and down the boulevard, clotting at the doors of the long silver buses drawn up at the bus stops, streaming across the overhead pedestrian walks to the parking lots, men and women in overalls and dirty slacks, Okies, Arkies, Texans, Negroes, Mexicans, dirty people, poor people; the world had seemed to shake with the shrill grind of starters in the parking lot, a man in a torn leather jacket had whistled at her, three men in overalls had grinned suggestively, obviously dis-

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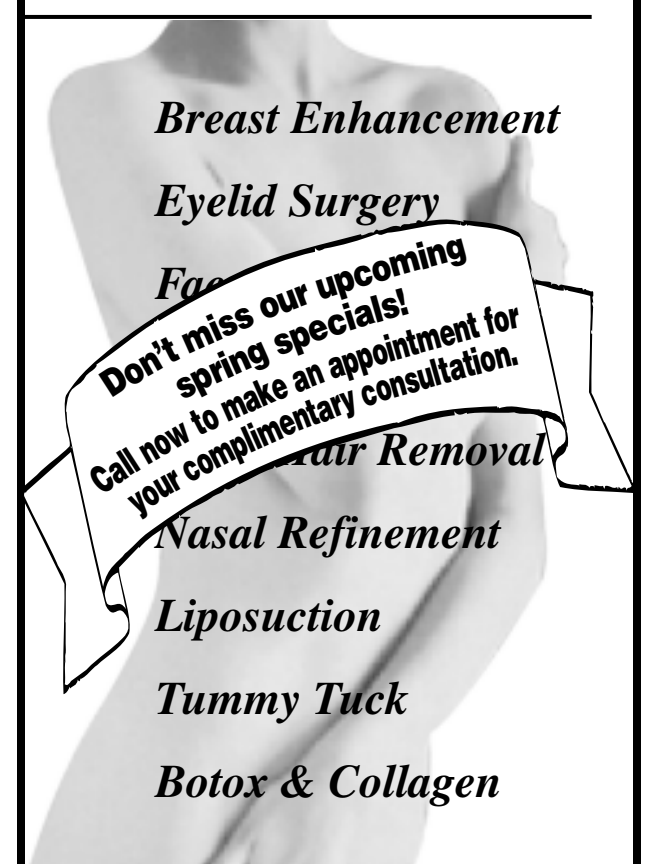

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cussing her among themselves. And when Joe had come hurrying down the stairs he had been carrying a lunch pail like the rest, like the rest wearing a yellow pass badge, and Levi's and a gray jacket with a grease stain on the sleeve.

Her head felt hot and stuffy, her mouth foul from too many cigarettes as she stared hypnotically out her window. "Yuma — 32," a highway sign read. A truck lit up like a pinball game rose out of the highway before them, enlarged, swept past with a blast of sound. She listened to the humming of the engine, the rush of warm air off the windwing. Her mind would not accept a picture of herself married to Joe, of Joe not as a boy, not as a Cal man, but as an aircraft worker coming home to her at night in his greasy jacket with the yellow badge. She felt almost physically the stinking hand over her mouth, smothering her, the shapes in the darkness springing up at her from their trapdoors, and she shook her head wildly.

She couldn't marry Joe.

She realized how little she had actually thought about Joe. Trying now to look calmly, disinterestedly at the character that was his, she realized with a shock that his good traits were the same as Charley Brooks's. Joe was a good guy; she would never deny him that pat and meaningless phrase of approval. Yet there was a meaning in the phrase that implied a certain steadiness and honest ineffectuality — the traits that rubbed her nerves raw. She wondered how she could have been so close to this steady, safe, nice, confused, good guy — who would never get anywhere — these last nine months, and never have examined what it would be like to be married to him. Belatedly she scrutinized that life in the clarity of the headlights on the curveless level highway. They would live in San Diego in a little apartment which would be all they could afford. Later they would move to a little house, like Mr. and Mrs. Bailey's inadequate proud little house. They would see Hickey and Betty and a few others, see the same people, do the same things. Probably Joe would get a little better job. They would have a baby that drooled and screamed and dirtied its diapers. Joe would get a succession of a little better jobs, and she would have a washer to do the diapers in, and they could have another child, and they would get a bigger refrigerator with more ice trays so they wouldn't run out of ice cubes when Hickey and Betty and the others came over, and she would get middle-aged and cowy like her mother and Joe fat and bald, never seeing or doing or being anything at all, in San Diego.

She almost screamed out against it. The tiny insufficient bit of adventure and excitement Joe had always meant had faded and become tasteless; even the exotic wildness of that night on the Poway grade, of the nights in the car engaged in what had already begun to seem a comfortable commonplaceness in bed, was turning into a life of comfortable commonplaceness. She could see the great gray fabric of the dullness spread out before her, she could hear it in the monotonous vacuum-cleaner sound of the motor, feel it sweeping steadily, comfortably, endlessly past her elbow, smell its grimy dustcloth smell, taste its flatness like stale ginger ale — when she was a champagne girl.

She had to get out of San Diego. She felt the old, impatient, frustrated impetus to get out and make the life she wanted. This could never be it. She saw the sudden lights of a gas station.

"Stop," she said. "Stop and let's get some cigarettes."

But Joe didn't stop. He was sitting stiffly, both hands at the top of the wheel, his right knee bent out toward her, staring straight ahead. "We're almost there. Five more miles."

"Can't I have a pack of cigarettes?" she said fiercely. She felt the car slow.

"Faster!" Hickey cried from the back. "Faster! Don't stop now, Jack!"

"Oh, keep going," she said. "I've stood it for an hour."

She sensed Joe's stiffness and wondered if he could know what was going on in her. She wondered what he was thinking. She felt a great shame that she should have been so intensely close to him without finding the clues, or even bothering to try to find them, to what he was thinking. She could see the lights of Yuma now, but she didn't look toward them, watching Joe, thinking how inadequate would be any kind of apology she could make when she told him, as she had to tell him soon, that she couldn't marry him; that this night, which they would spend in Yuma because of Hickey and Betty, was their last night; that when they returned to San Diego tomorrow she didn't want to see him anymore.

They crossed a rumbling bridge and stopped for the Arizona inspection station. They turned onto a main street where neon signs shed a false, frantic glow on a general shabbiness. They passed a neon sign that announced, "Marriages Performed."

"Hey, there it is!" Hickey cried. "How about that one, brides?"

"Oh, it looks *awful!*" Betty said.

Joe pulled over to the curb and parked behind an ancient pickup truck. Hickey and Betty got out. Con waited till Joe turned toward her, then, looking at him steadily, she shook her head.

"Change your mind?" He licked his lips. "Sure," he said. "It's all right." He didn't sound angry or hurt; he didn't sound anything at all. He just said it, staring back into her eyes.

"I'm sorry, Joe, I just can't. I love you though," she whispered very softly. "I want you to always know that. But I can't, and when we go back tomorrow we have to stop — Joe, do you understand?"

"Sure," Joe said.

Now she could see the pain spread over his face, and intensely she wished there were something she could do for him, some way to make up for it. And then the feeling came to her, inexplicable, that she might even be able to go through with this, marry him after all, if he would just insist, force her — if he just made a move she would marry him. But with an awful plunge of her heart she knew he would do nothing.

The sense of loss was sudden, hard, in her breast. "Oh, Joe!" she whispered.

"It's all right," Joe said. "I understand. Forget it." He opened his door and got out.

Rapid footsteps approached her side of the car. "Hey, come on," Hickey said. "Let's go get married, lovers."

She felt the tears start. "I guess we just came along for the ride," she said. She got out as Hickey opened the door, holding up the bottom of her bridesmaid's dress so she wouldn't trip over it. ■

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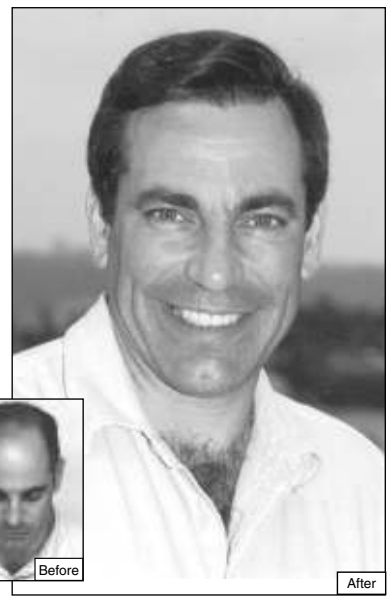

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Big Boogie Nights

Big Boogie Nights is nightclub-style entertainment for "people of size," says promoter Darren D. Battle. But Marina Wolf, whose hip-hop ensemble will perform at San Diego's first Big Boogie Nights, shuns the euphemisms that the "size-acceptance" movement has coined.

"I don't get coy about it," says 31-year-old Wolf, artistic director of Phat Fly Girls. "I go ahead and say fat without pussy-footing. Otherwise, it's more of the same: 'Oh, it's a bad thing.' Hey, we're fat. We're *fat!* Saying it takes some of the sting out."

LOCAL EVENTS

Battle is based in L.A., Wolf in the Bay Area. What is the fat scene like here? "The scene is limited, which is why I'm happy about this dance," says Amy Marshall, a member of the local fat community. "San Diego is Southern California at its fat-phobic worst," Marshall says. In the so-called land of bulimics there is no chapter of the National Association to Advance Acceptance of Fat. Marshall's first exposure to it was in Anaheim at a conference in 1998.

Marshall is still adjusting to the association's worldview. "I'm considered midsized, because I'm under 300 pounds. So I often feel funny at the meetings, because I'm small compared to the super-sized women who can't even shop at Lane Bryant's. Their clothes must be specially made." She is sometimes "left out" of their conversations, she says.

Is there a fat way to dress that's, well, phat (the rap term meaning "really well put together")? "Traditionally, for fat people, dressing has been a bitch," says Marshall. Tent dresses? Moo-moos (spelled "mu'u mu'u" in Hawaiian)?

"Yeah, they suck. Nobody made anything attractive. But now there are certain shops, like Torrid in Mission Valley." A chain that opened last spring here and elsewhere, Torrid offers junior sizes 14 to 26. "It has cool stuff for young, fat people, mostly younger than myself." Marshall is 35. "It's kind of Goth, but it's very size-accepting."

Dressing has become easier for Wolf since she began dancing, teaching dance, and "loving my body more" three years ago. "For me now it's all about accentuating my body with tighter clothes, definitely. I've been wearing crop tops; I'm showing off the belly a little; I'm wearing lower-slung pants."

The day after she performs at Big Boogie Nights, Wolf will teach a workshop here. "I start people with walking across the room with attitude, which a lot of fat people don't have. We're told to keep it down. 'Don't take up a whole lotta room.' Well, attitude is all about taking up space. We go from there to a short routine designed to build confidence in movement, which a lot of fat people lack, when the truth is, we're especially well suited for hip-hop. When you need the hips and ass moving? It's like, 'Hey, we've got that!' "

But dancing is exercise. Is that a problem for Wolf? "You mean, how do I stay fat? Sometimes," she admits, "if you're not fat enough, people might say, 'Well, you're not really oppressed. People in the outside world still think you're hot.' Or whatever. For myself, I'm on the lower end of the midsized range, which is between sizes 20 and 28. And some people might say to me, 'Well, you're not really that bad.' So maybe they won't trust me as much? I don't know. People might say, 'You're not even fat, girl.' So there are relative issues going on. I dance four to five days a week for a minimum two to three hours each time. It takes a lot of calories. And I have lost some weight, without trying. But it's not something I focus on. I just enjoy the dance."

Do some members of the fat community glorify fat? "I'm not an F.A.," says Marshall. "That's Fat Admirer. I don't seek out fat men, as female F.A.'s do. Most F.A.'s are male. They're into fat women. And some of them are feeders. That's men who want fat women even fatter. The ultimate for a feeder is to create a woman who is unable to fend for herself. It's an isolationist, control thing. But they're an extreme."

The reality is that, for most people, "fat" is not an identity they want to embrace, says Wolf. "Maybe people aren't all excited to become fat, but the point is, if they already are fat, it's okay. The main issue is destigmatizing it. I think that's a lot of what we're doing."

And the health issues? What of them? "Myself, I'm famine resistant," says Marshall. "I'll be the last person standing. The real harbinger of ill health is not getting proper medical care. If you go to the doctor, you'll be told, 'Well, you really need to lose weight.' 'Yeah, well, thanks. But can you first cure my bubonic plague?'

"People have said to me, since I've been in the movement, 'Oh, you look like you've lost weight.' And I'll say, 'Oh, hell.' It's like, 'I'm not buying into this.' It's like, 'You just don't get it.' I think of lost weight as a sign of *bad* health," says Marshall.

— Jeanne Schinto

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$15
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BAJA

"Love Letters," it's a play for adults only, starring Raquel Presa and Giancarlo Ruiz, Friday, February 22, at 9 p.m., El Juglar, 530 Eighth Street. For reservations and information, call 011-52-664-633-0040. (TIJUANA)

Concert, Carlos Diaz "Caito" will be in concert on Friday, February 22, and Saturday, February 23, at El Lugar del Nopal, Callejon Cinco de Mayo #1328. For information call 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

¿Langosta for Lunch? Head to Puerto Nuevo for a "Lunch in Lobster Village" when Baja California Tours hosts a guided outing on Saturday, February 23. The $54 fee includes transportation, lobster lunch at El Patio de la Langosta, and shopping in Rosarito and Tijuana. For reservations, call 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, TIJUANA)

Concert, Pablo Milanes and Eugenia Leon perform on Saturday, February 23, 9 p.m., Jai Alai Palace, Revolution Avenue. For tickets and more information call 011-52-664-685-7833. (TIJUANA)

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.

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Lupines, whose spiky, purple (sometimes yellow) flower clusters adorn grassy areas and disturbed patches of soil, are beginning to pop up all over San Diego County. If desert rainfall cooperates, you'll spot lupines along the sandy washes or in roadside gullies where water temporarily collects. Coastal lupines should be in full flower by late March. Higher-elevation lupines will be blooming in the mountain areas in May and early June. The generic name *Lupinus,* meaning "wolf," was given these plants in the belief that they robbed the soil of nutrients. Actually the reverse is true: Their ability to fix nitrogen through root nodules helps them survive on poor soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

Normally Elusive Species — such as common goldeneye, surf scoter, Brant goose, little blue heron, and red-breasted merganser — may be seen during the Audubon Society outing in the South Bay on Saturday, February 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Meet the trip leader at the corner of 8th Street and Boulevard Avenue. Bring a scope, and expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. For additional information, call 619-692-3246. Free. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Take a "Spring Hike" along the Rim Trail at the western edge of Mission Trails Regional Park with the Canyoneers on Saturday, February 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will take in great views and see threatened species of variegated Dudleya as well as California towhees, yellow-rumped warblers, vernal pools, coast barrel cactus, Johnny jump-ups, and more. Bring your binoculars. For directions and information, call 619-232-3821 x203. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Walk Back in Time, explore old Escondido East during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, February 23. The outing starts at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

For the Birds, head out to Tecolote Canyon Open-Space Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, including February 23, for an easy bird walk starting at 9 a.m. at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring water and binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Commo nly seen species: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, and common yellow-throats. Free. For information, call 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, February 23, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Lope to Little Italy "for lingering looks at the old and new" with Walkabout adventurers on Saturday, February 23. Expect a moderately paced two-hour walk. Bring money for lunch. The walk starts at 10:30 a.m. just outside of Horton Plaza (at Fourth Avenue and E Street). 619-231-7463. (DOWNTOWN)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, February 23, 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)

Learn to Track Bobcat, mountain lion, and other native species with experienced trackers from the San Diego Tracking Team and then sign up for a wildlife-monitoring survey during a volunteer training workshop on February 23 and 24, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Training runs 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Meet at the Adobe Ranch House in the preserve. To reach the spot, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. To register, dial 858-672-0584. The fee is $35. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Wander the Footpath along the shoreline as you learn about San Diego's origins during an Urban Safari planned by Patty Fares on Sunday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is $10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (POINT LOMA)

See Wildflowers and Native Plants — and learn their uses — when naturalist Linda leads a moderately paced two-mile nature walk in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Sunday, February 24, at 9 a.m. Meet in the upper level of the Mercy Road parking-staging area, at the junction of Mercy and Black Mountain Roads. 858-484-3219. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Find Purple Sea Urchins in reef holes hidden by surf grass and find lobsters in deep surge channels during the tidepooling expedition to Hospital Point planned by the Birch Aquarium-Museum on Sunday, February 24, at 1 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: Monday, February 25, at 2:25 p.m. (-1.6 feet), Tuesday at 3:02 p.m. (-1.7 feet), and Wednesday at 3:38 p.m. (-1.5 feet). Very high tides will also occur within that string of days, most notably on Tuesday at 8:13 a.m. (+6.7 feet) and on Wednesday at 8:58 a.m. (+6.7 feet).

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

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

Take a Tidepool Field Trip with University of San Diego biology professor Sue Lowery on Tuesday, February 26, 1 to 4:30 p.m., at Scripps Pier. The fee is $10; call 619-260-4815 to make the required reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Full Moon occurs on the night of February 26-27. On Tuesday evening (February 26), watch as the amber disk of the moon crawls above the east horizon just as the sun is going down (around 5:40 p.m.). More than 12 hours later, you can watch the moon sink into the Pacific Ocean while the sun is coming up on the other side of the sky. This out-of-phase, rise-set synchronicity is characteristic of every full moon.

Watch for Wildlife when Bob and Lynda lead a four-mile "end-of-winter hike" on Wednesday, February 27, from 8 to 10 a.m., in San Dieguito River Park. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Get Outside, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each weekend in March. The destinations are Mason Valley on Saturday, March 2, and Mason Valley's Oriflamme Canyon on Sunday, March 3. Future weekends promise treks to Whale Peak, La Puera Real de San Carlos (a former Cahuilla Indian village), the Lucky 5 Ranch, Sentenac Canyon and Cienega, Rockhouse Canyon, and the slot canyons and caves of the Carrizo Badlands.

Tickets range from $20 to $35, depending upon the adventure. Reservations are recommended by February 28 (with late registration accepted if space is available). For more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

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DANCE

"The Utah Project: Forever Young," a dance production based on the lives and times of Brigham Young's wives in the early 19th Century, was choreographed by SDSU alumna Alison Cutri. Cutri, a great-great-great-granddaughter of Brigham Young, has based her work largely on the life of her ancestor Emily Dow Partridge, an autobiographical account of her travels across the U.S. to Salt Lake City. Through the piece, Cutri looks at Mormonism throughout history.

Tickets are $10 general. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, in the Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

The Hip-Hop Ensemble of Big Moves, two of the Phat Fly Girls — an ensemble calling itself "the nation's only organization dedicated to size diversity in dance" — perform at the grand opening of Buster Daly's Nightclub (3112 University Avenue) on Saturday, February 23. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are $10.

The Girls lead a "size-positive dance workshop" on Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m., at the Linda Vista Recreation Center (7064 Levant Street). "The Fundamentals of Hip-Hop for Fat Folks and Their Friends" is open to people of all sizes, but larger dancers are especially encouraged to attend. The fee is $15 at the door. For information, call 760-546-6170. (LINDA VISTA)

Dance Jam, dance music from around the planet and photographs from Arabia and Africa may be enjoyed when the San Diego Center for Moving Arts hosts this evening of "music, dance, and visuals" on Saturday, February 23, 8 p.m. Admission is $7. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Contras Jump, head out to contradance to music by Jump Fingers and calling by Graham Hempel on Saturday, February 23, 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)

Romanian Review, come and review dances taught by master folkloric choreographer and dance instructor Theodor Vasilescu on Saturday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., at the Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Call 619-281-5656 for details. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Love" (of course) is the theme for the Sufi dancing event led by Toni Michael on Saturday, February 23, 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)

Jitterbug and Swing Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Sunday, February 24, 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)

Experience the Original, see "Riverdance — The Show," the acclaimed celebration of Irish dance, music, and song when the company returns for performances Tuesday, February 26, through Sunday, March 3, at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range from $26 to $77, available at 619-570-1100 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Beginning Lindy Swing classes led by Emily Belt take place on Wednesdays, starting on February 27, at 8:30 p.m., at 24-Hour Fitness (in University Towne Centre). The fee is $35 per person or $55 per couple. You don't need to be a member to take the class. To register, call 800-600-2007 x2352. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Zesty Humor, Daring Physicality, and ingenious choreography are hallmarks of shows by the Pilobolus Dance Theater, taking the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets to see the modern dance collective range from $20 to $40, available by calling 800-988-4253 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). The center is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

The Greatest of All Folk Dance Groups? The Moiseyev Dance Company was created by Igor Moiseyev for the first Festival of National Dance in Russia some 64 years ago. The dancers boast rigorous classical ballet training used to explore dances of all the Russian territories along with the Crimea, Moldavia, and Central Asia, along with dances from Venezuela, Argentina, Spain, and Uzbekistan.

The Moiseyev hits the stage at the San Diego Civic Theatre for performances Tuesday through Sunday, March 12-17. Find the theater at 202 C Street. Tickets range from $24 to $65, available by calling 619-570-1100 or Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The Origins of Flamenco are uncertain, and they have been lost through the centuries in a web of influences and contributions from various civilizations. Enjoy a fine example of the form when Campañia de Espanola de Antonio Márquez performs on Thursday, March 21, 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from $20 to $50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

FILM

What Led a Quiet, Unassuming Man named Fred Korematsu to defy the U.S. government? Get the scoop when *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story* is shown on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street).

Korematsu resisted the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II and lost his related Supreme Court case in 1944 but was vindicated after a 40-year legal fight. UCSD political science professor Peter Irons leads the following discussion. Free. Call 619-236-5800 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

"Così è la Vita" screens on Thursday, February 21, at 7 p.m., for the Italian Film Series at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is $2 for nonmembers. Practice your Italian — the film has no English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

International in Scope, the 12th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival continues through February 24, with more than 40 feature films, documentaries, and short subjects from over ten countries scheduled. Among the films: *Waiting for the Messiah, Gripsholm, One of the Hollywood Ten, A Trial in Prague,* and *Promises,* among others. There will also be filmmaker appearances, postscreening discussions, and family films.

Screenings take place this year at the MCA La Jolla 12 Theatre in La Jolla Village Square, Mann Hazard 7 Theatre, Ultrastar's Creekside Plaza 10, and Ultrastar's La Costa 6 Cinemas. General admission is $10 for nonmembers; series passes are available for $90. For information and reservations, call 858-362-1348 or 858-362-1365. (LA JOLLA, MISSION VALLEY, POWAY, LA COSTA)

An Evening of Surreal Dreamscapes is promised when the Film Forum convenes at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, February 25. The program includes Jean Cocteau's 1930 "opium fantasy" *Le Sang d'un Poète (The Blood of a Poet),* and the short films *Kostnice* and *Leonardo's Diary* by Czech surrealist filmmaker Jav Svankmayer. Curtis Glatter and Nathan Hubbard will provide a live, originally composed electronics and percussion score for each film.

Free. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at 820 E Street. 619-236-5800. The Cocteau film is in French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

In World War II, a handful of young Americans refused to be drafted from the concentration camp at Heart Mountain, Wyoming; they were ready to fight for their country, but not before the government restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their families from camp. But the government prosecuted them as criminals and Japanese-American leaders and veterans ostracized them as traitors.

Conscience and the Constitution reveals the story of the largest organized resistance to the wartime incarceration of Japanese-Americans and the suppression of that resistance by Japanese-American leaders. See the film when it screens for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library on March 3, at 2 p.m. Frank Abe — producer, director, and writer of the film — will lead the ensuing discussion. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Ninth Annual San Diego Latino Film Festival runs March 14-24, promising 80 films and videos from around the U.S. and Latin America screening at the Mann Hazard Center 7 (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Featured films include *Y Tu Mama Tambien, Manito, Sin Dejar Huella, The Blue Diner, Vagon Fumador, Brava Gente, Tres Pajaros, No Turning Back,* and *Panchito Rex,* among many others.

Tickets are $8 general, $6 for students and seniors. For showtimes and other information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

"Endeavor 8000," American climber Ed Viesturs — now just two climbs away from becoming the first American to ascend all 14 of the world's 8000-meter peaks — presents a slide-illustrated lecture on his mountaineering career at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The talk begins at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, February 21. Tickets: $8. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Artist, Market Thyself, intellectual property protection, marketing yourself and your art, techniques for operating a small business, and record keeping and other financial topics will all be covered during an eight-week entrepreneurial course for performing and visual artists, writers, and other cultural artists.

Classes take place every Thursday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning on February 21 and continuing through April 11, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The $90 fee in-

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Entirely in French, Ruth Mastron of the Alliance Française offers her insights into "The Cultural Differences between France and the USA" in a French-language lecture on Friday, February 22, at 7 p.m., at the Hahn School of Nursing (west entrance), room 106, University of San Diego, Alcalá Park, Linda Vista Road. How do we differ in education and management styles? Politics and business? Can we finally understand the French? General admission $10, free to Alliance members. 858-551-2647. (LINDA VISTA)

Excavating Unplundered Late Minoan Chamber Tombs at Mochlos will be discussed by Cameron Walker from Cal State Fullerton when the Archaeological Institute of America meets on Friday, February 22. Walker will describe events surrounding the discovery of the "spectacular" gold and ivory Palaikastro kouros and examine the relationship between the Minoans and the volcano that devastated the neighboring island of Santorini in the context of what is known about Bronze Age Minoan Crete.

"Ivory Statues and Unplundered Tombs on Minoan Crete" starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Lemon Grove Community Center (3146 School Lane). Free. For information, call 619-465-3841. (LEMON GROVE)

Batten Down the Hatches and get ready for (armchair) adventure when Chris Tratnyek speaks for the Audubon Society on Friday, February 22. Tratnyek, past president of the group, will bring slides and sea stories of her recent trip to the sub-Antarctic islands south of New Zealand and Australia. 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)

Ancient Alchemical Texts pictured the process of psychological development and "provide an exciting and invaluable tool for examining the very nature of the psyche." Learn about "Alchemy and Psychological Transformation" when Jungian analyst Michele S. O'Brien speaks for the Friends of Jung on Friday, February 22. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is $15 for nonmembers. 858-587-4651. (MIRA MESA)

"Unlocking Archaeological Mysteries" with GIS/GPS and "ground penetrating technology" is the subject when Christopher Dore presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the San Diego Archaeological Society on Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. Take in the free lecture at the Los Peñasquitos Adobe Ranch House (northwest of the intersection of Black Mountain and Mercy Roads). 619-229-0648. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Dinosaurs for Parents and Other Living Fossils — How to Be Smarter Than Your Kids" will be divulged by Michael Brett-Surman of the Smithsonian Institution on Friday, February 22, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Become enlightened as to the "best and worst sources of dinosaur information, the frequent errors made by movies and TV," and how to answer the tough dino questions. $8. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Japanese Conversation is being taught by Heather Campbell on Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Participants will learn common greetings and phrases, how to get around, and how to socialize as an American among Japanese. Beginners are welcome. The fee for nonmembers is $10. To register, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

The Mysterious Photographs of Michael Kenna are "often made at dawn or in the dark hours of the night," concentrating "on the interaction between natural landscape and human-made structures." An exhibit of Kenna's work is on view through Saturday, May 11, at the Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, La Jolla; 858-456-5620).

Kenna presents a lecture on his work on Saturday, February 23, at 2 p.m., in the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater at the Museum ofPhotograph ic Arts. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

What to Feed and Which to Own, the Parrot Education and Adoption Center hosts two seminars this weekend. On Saturday, February 23, the subject is nutrition — what should your parrot eat? Get the skinny on the characteristic personalities of various parrot species and what parrot might be right for you when the group meets on Sunday, February 24.

Both talks run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way, off West Mission Bay Drive). Admission is $10 per seminar. For information, call 619-287-8200. (MISSION BAY)

A Child Is Waiting, Family Connections Adoptions is hosting an adoption information and family panel session at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, covering a variety of adoption issues. Find the office at 2181 El Camino Real; 760-754-0200. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Canine Healing Touch, this class, slated for Saturday, February 23, 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)

Let It Rot, the San Diego Master Composters plan a composting workshop on Saturday, February 23, 8 a.m., at the San Diego Zoo. Call 760-436-7986 for registration and location. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Get the Skinny on Reparations when Mzee Kahalifa King from the Pan-African Association of America presents "Sorting Out the Organizations Involved in Reparations." The talk starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street (at Euclid). Free. Call 619-527-3405 for information. (ENCANTO)

Vines to Wines, for the small vineyard owner or anyone thinking of planting one, this course exploring the association between grapes grown and wines produced is planned on Saturday, February 23, 1 to 4 p.m., at Belle Marie Winery (26312 Mesa Rock Road). The $15 includes materials and wine tasting. For registration, dial 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

Bring Your Spouse when SDSU economics professor Shoshana Grossbard-Schechtman presents "The Expansion of Economics" for the Libertarian Supper Club on Sunday, February 24. Her specialty is household economics, with a focus on marriage and labor supply. Expect to hear about the economics of marriage and in-marriage household labor, emphasizing the libertarian principles of cooperation and trade within marriage.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant (4280 Nobel Drive). $5. Call 858-759-8389 for information. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

Still Controversial After All These Years, the Reverend Jerry D. Lawritson presents "Malcolm X: The Messenger" on Sunday, February 24, at 7 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (2088 Beryl Street). Free. Call 858-274-6600 for information. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Get Away from the Busy-Ness of Life and "go deep within to the sources of all healing, peace, and harmony" after "healer, harpist, and author" Joel Andrews focuses on "Inner Harmony — Outer Peace" on Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m., at Christ Church Unity (3770 Altadena Avenue). The requested donation is $25. For information and child-care reservations, dial 619-280-2501 x109. (EAST SAN DIEGO)

Women and World Music, Zap Mama vocalists Marie and Anita Daulne present the regent's lecture on Sunday, February 24, at 4 p.m., in the Price Center Theater. For information, call 858-822-0265. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Backyard Wildlife Habitats" are on the program when Kristin Skadberg addresses the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, February 25, at 2 p.m., in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Call 760-741-0829 for details. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"Meet Your Muslim Neighbors" when a coalition of faith- and community-based organizations hosts a series of "town meetings" to educate San Diegans about the Muslim faith and the Muslim community. The goals: "to diminish fear, address myths and stereotypes, and allow people to understand that the September 11 terrorist attacks do not represent the beliefs or teachings of authentic Islam."

The next meeting starts at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 25, in the auditorium of the Manchester Conference Center at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. For more information, call 619-702-5399. (LINDA VISTA)

Huh? The subject is "Preparing for the 1930 Census" when Randy Thompson speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, February 26. Thompson, who has been with the National Archives and Records Administration since 1995, will demonstrate how to use this resource "even though there is no Soundex or surname index."

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The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

There's a Writing Workshop planned by creativity coach/performance writer/improv comedian Jill Badonsky on Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). The fee is $15. For information, call 858-720-0050. (ENCINITAS)

Quiet Your Inner Critic and write from the heart when Ken Carter leads "Write Now" on Tuesday, February 26, at 1 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). The workshops will take place every second and fourth Tuesday. Free. Call 858-755-3162 for more information. (SOLANA BEACH)

Arrangements Using Camellias will be demonstrated by Sumiko Lahey of the Sogetsu School and Sadako Oehler of the Ikenobo School for Ikebana International on Wednesday, February 27, at 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-223-8879. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Cook With Roberta when she leads a cooking class on Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). The fee is $20. To reserve a spot, call 858-488-9315. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Many Misunderstandings prevalent in the West regarding Islam, dance, and the visual arts provide the focus when Anthony Shay speaks in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos on Wednesday, February 27, at 11:30 a.m. According to organizers, "in the Islamic world, the arts, both performing and visual, permeate life in a way unknown in the West." The campus is found at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. Admission to "Dance and Human Rights in the Islamic Middle East" is free. (SAN MARCOS)

Making a Difference Now, the 2002 African and African-American Community Summit on Education — themed "A New Millennium, the Same Mission" — begins with part one running Thursday through Saturday, February 28-March 2, in the West Commons area at San Diego State University.

Each day a themed presentation will be followed by a town-hall format in the morning, with "focused small-group discussions designed to clarify issues and produce recommendations related to the topic of the day." Nationally prominent speakers will be featured.

Participation is free. For further details, call 619-594-1193. (SDSU)

"Nature in Pastel," that's the name of Joan Grine's six-part art class in soft pastel, sponsored by Quail Botanical Gardens. Artists of all levels are welcome, every Thursday (beginning February 28) through April 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m., in the Ecke Building at the gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. For information and registration, call 760-436-3036. Cost for the series is $95 general, $85 for members. (ENCINITAS)

"Civil Liberties Under Attack in the Post-September 11 World" are examined when Jefferson School of Law associate professor MarjorieCohn speaks for the Matters of Controversy dialogue series on Thursday, February 28. Events begin at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). For more information, call 858-459-4650. (HILLCREST)

"From the Pacific to Palomar: A History of Northern San Diego County" will be offered during the conference planned by the North County Historical Committee of the Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties on Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2. Some of topics to be covered: "The History of the Asian Community," "Leo Carrillo and Los Kiotes," "A Historic Survey of Escondido Buildings," "The History of Surfing in Southern California," "Water Comes to Vista," "Mines and Mining in North County," "The California Conservation Corps at Palomar Mountain," and more.

Events run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The $20 fee covers both days. To reserve a spot, call 760-630-0444. (CARLSBAD)

Gain a Deeper Understanding and appreciation of José Clemente Orozco when the San Diego Museum of Art hosts a symposium entitled "The Reception of Orozco in the United States: A Cross-Cultural View from the Mexican Revolution through the Present." The seminar is presented in conjunction with the upcoming exhibition "José Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934."

Learn of "Orozco's Promethean Gift to Art" when University of New Mexico art history professor David Craven speaks at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Saturday, March 9, Renato González Mello and Diane Miliotes (co-curators of the exhibit) will be joined by Anna Indych and Lizzetta LeFalle-Collins (independent scholars of 20th-Century Mexican art) to examine "The Reception of Orozco in the United States: Historical Perspectives" at 10:30 a.m.

Also on Saturday: Southern California muralists Salvador Roberto Torres, Judith Baca, and Joseph Montalvo present a slide-illustrated program entitled "Artist Presentations: The Influence of Mexican Murals on Southern California Chicano Art," beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Admission to Friday's opening-night reception for the exhibit is included in the symposium package fee ($45); admission to single events is $20. Need more information? Call 619-696-1918. (BALBOA PARK)

Q: What Four Elements Are Required to attract wildlife to your back yard? Find out when the National Wildlife Federation, Quail Botanical Gardens, and Wild Birds Unlimited present a seminar on "Backyard Habitats" on Saturday, March 9. (The previously mentioned elements are food, shelter, water, and a place to raise young.)

The seminar starts at 9:30 a.m. at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). The fee is $15. To reserve a spot, call 760-436-3036 x203. (ENCINITAS)

IN PERSON

A Black History Celebration is planned by Jahsun Edmonds, "master of the spoken word," at the San Diego State University Bookstore today, Thursday, February 21, at 3 p.m. Free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

Black History Month Jazz Concert, John "Ironman" Harris and friends present a concert today, Thursday, February 21, at 7 p.m., in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. Call 760-750-4366 for information. (SAN MARCOS)

A Humorous Look at Time, space, words, and relationships is offered in David Ives's *All in the Timing,* the next production from the Coronado School of the Arts theater department. See the play at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, February 21-23. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School (650 D Avenue). Tickets are $8 general. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

The Loreto Mission is author Ann O'Neil's subject. She'll be appearing at John Cole's Book Shop, 780 Prospect Street, on Friday, February 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. She's the co-author (with Don O'Neil) of *Loreto, Baja California: First Mission and Capital of Spanish California.* 858-454-4766. Free (LA JOLLA)

Literary Biographer Anne Conover discusses her new book, *Olga Rudge and Ezra Pound: "What Thou Lovest Well…"* on Friday, February 22, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Rudge is described as the "muse who inspired the poet to complete his epic poem *The Cantos* and the mother of his daughter Mary." Admission is free. Call 858-456-1800 for information. (LA JOLLA)

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The series continues on Friday, February 22, at 8 p.m., with Jack Shea's *Ad Altare Dei.* Tickets are $10 at the door. Find St. Paul's at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information and reservations, call 619-262-6162. (MIDTOWN)

"Berlin to Broadway to Barcelona," this show features melodies from the opera, theater, and cabaret stages, along with romantic popular Spanish songs performed by sopranos Mary Jaeb and Cynthia DeCuir, baritone Gregorio Gonzalez, pianist John Danke, and violinist Reginald Clews. This benefit for Join Hands — Save a Life is slated for Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). Tickets are $15. For information and reservations, call 760-434-5008. (CARLSBAD)

"Bravissimo! Great Music from the Theater" is the theme when the San Diego Master Chorale performs on Friday, February 22, at 8 p.m., at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. The program showcases selections from the operatic stage and musical theater including Bizet's *Carmen,* to Gilbert and Sullivan and "the best of Broadway." Tickets are $16.50. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. To reach the box office, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

"California Dream," it's the title for concerts planned by Ireland's Cross the Border Orchestra on February 22 and 23. Children from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland participate in this ensemble led by conductor Gearoid Grant. The program includes songs such as "The Irish Suite" and "Danny Boy," along with an Abba medley, themes from *West Side Story,* "Rock Around the Clock," and more

Performances take place on Friday in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park) and on Saturday at Our Mother of Confidence Church (3131 Governor Drive). Concerts begin at 7 p.m. Offerings will be received. For more information, call 858-625-8370. (LINDA VISTA, UNIVERSITY CITY)

Why Has the Distinctive Sound created by the California E.A.R. Unit received prestigious attention? Find out when the group performs on Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are $12, $17, and $22, available by calling 619-440-2277 and Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (EL CAJON)

"Catch the Express," it's time for the seventh annual production by Carlsbad High School's Sound Express, set for February 22 and 23. The show promises a variety of individual and group performances of classical, barbershop, show tunes, and pop music.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street). Tickets are $7 for evenings, $5 for the matinee. Call 760-730-1848 for reservations. (CARLSBAD)

Cabaret in the Park, candle-lit and cabaret-style concerts are planned by singer Maureen McGovern February 22-24 at the San Diego Museum of Art. She has recorded more than 25 albums and has acted in movies including *Airplane* and *The Towering Inferno.*

Shows begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 4 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $25 general. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

An Open Poetry Reading hosted by Poetry Unlimited Art and Music is set for Friday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

"Remembering the Mule and 40 Acres: Looking Back and Beyond February" is the title for evenings of poetry, music, and dance planned at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23. Events begin at 7 p.m. both nights at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. Call 619-641-6123 for information. The requested donation is $5. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Hear North County Poets from this year's *Drift Wood Highway Anthology* reading and bring some of your own work for events planned on Friday, February 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Power Surge Cafe (241 South Twin Oaks Valley Road, across from CSU San Marcos). Free. 760-752-8669. (SAN MARCOS)

Artescape 2, a tribute to Black History Month through spoken word, live music, and "community cohesion" is promised when Activist San Diego presents Artescape 2 on Saturday, February 23. Featured performers include the Able Minded Poets, Forward Funk, Salatu, the Freedom Writers, and Boujoubumbastick.

The fun begins at 9 p.m. at Galoka Restaurant and Gallery (5662 La Jolla Boulevard). Tickets are $5. For information, call 858-274-4722 or 858-551-8610. (LA JOLLA)

Have a Bicultural Experience when UCSD alumnus Paul Flores reads and signs his debut novel, *Along the Border Lies,* on Saturday, February 23, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Effects and Samples Are Heavily Used by Marcelo Radulovich in "Thumb," which he'll present for the Fresh Sound Series at the Spruce Street Forum on Saturday, February 23, 8 p.m. The experimental electronica continues when Radulovich and Marcos Fernandes present "The Whisper Chipper." Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street; 619-295-0301. Tickets are $15 general. (HILLCREST)

Hailing from the British Isles, songwriter Jez Lowe plans a concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are $12. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Be on Hand when the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir records its first live CD on Saturday, February 23, at 6 p.m., at Bethel Memorial A.M.E. Church (3085 K Street). Child care will be available for those under 7. For information, call 619-697-6246 or 619-232-0510. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Show Time" — the annual variety show and dinner party hosted by the San Diego Choraleers adult mixed chorus — is scheduled for Saturday, February 23. The show begins at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets for adults are $8. Call 858-277-0849 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

"Sharing the Light: Widsom Tales for the New Millennium" may be heard when Eth-Noh-Tec performs for the Storytellers of San Diego. Performers Nancy Wang and Robert Kikuchi-Yngoji retell ancient Asian folktales, myths, and legends as well as contemporary Asian-American stories using rhythmic dialogue, lively facial expressions, accompanying music, and dance motifs.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, in the Manchester Conference Center on the campus of the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). The program is suitable for adults and children over 12. Tickets are $7. Dial 619-298-6363 or 619-260-4584 for reservations. (LINDA VISTA)

The Injustice of Racism provides the theme when poets Jihmye Collins, Sharon Elise, Jim Moreno, Georgi Sanchez, Donna Watson, and storyteller John Moreno present a poetry reading on Saturday, February 23, at 3 p.m., in the community room at the Beckwourth branch of the San Diego Public Library (721 San Pasqual Street). Free. For information, call 619-527-3404 or 760-742-2003. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Sunday Slammin', the fourth of eight qualifying slams for the 2002 season is planned during the Last Sunday Poetry Slam on February 24 at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups start at 7 p.m., with slamming at 7:30 p.m. 619-294-2920. The requested donation is $2. (HILLCREST)

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day, February 24, at 7 p.m., at the Fish Connection Restaurant (36 North Euclid Avenue, at Division). The Moto-Jaye Performing and Creative Arts Institute for Youth presents this program of dramatized poetry with music and dance in tribute to historical persons of African descent. Donation. 619-263-8899. (NATIONAL CITY)

Meet Author Dr. Fred Luskin when he signs and discusses his new book, *Forgive for Good: A Proven Prescription for Health and Happiness* on Sunday, February 24, at 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Winter Jazz Series at Carlsbad Library continues when the North County All Stars perform on Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Listen for music by Ellington, Basie, the Dorseys, Goodman, and others. The requested donation is $5. Call 760-602-2026 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Award-Winning Author Dan Simmons will sign and discuss *A Winter Haunting* on Sunday, February 24, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). For information on the required tickets, call 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Jazz at Seagate, the theme is "Composing Percussionists" when the series continues on Sunday, February 24. Percussionist Jim Plank will be joined by "four long-time colleagues and friends" for selections by composers including Victor Feldman, Joe Chambers, and Plank himself.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are $15 general; there's a family rate of $25 for two adults and at least one child. For reservations, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

Poetry Times, poetsperformance convenes on Sunday, February 24, 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

"We Are Women" — featuring music from opera to musical theater — will be presented on Sunday, February 24, at 2:30 p.m., for the concert series in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Performers include soprano Kellie Evans-O'Connor, mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver, and pianist Ilana Mysior. Call 619-236-5810 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Music of Latin America can be heard in a concert sponsored by the school of music of San Diego State University, Monday, February 25, 6 p.m., Smith Recital Hall on campus. Admission $6 and $10. 619-594-1696. (COLLEGE AREA)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, February 25, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

New York Playwright Jim Knable was a three-time winner of the California Young Playwrights Contest. His play *The Best Mistake* is being presented on Wednesday, February 27, at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). In the play, A-student Becky discovers that her smart, adventurous father can barely read; what can she do to help?

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by an audience discussion with learning specialists at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 general, $12 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 619-239-8222. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Live and on Film, the jazz series at the Museum of Photographic Arts continues next Thursday, February 28, with a performance by local favorites Holly Hoffman (flute), Mike Wofford (piano), and their ensemble, followed by a screening of the 1943 classic *Stormy Weather,* with Lena Horne, Fats Waller, and Cab Calloway. Things get started at 5:30 p.m. in the atrium at the museum. General admission $15, $10 members. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

History of Jazz Guitar II, head to the San Diego Museum of Art when the series continues next Thursday, February 28, at 7 p.m. Art Johnson explores the history of jazz guitar music in America during the program, with guest Mundell Lowe. Tickets are $15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

One of the Finest Irish Singer/Songwriters Today? You make the call when Mary Murphy performs for the "Reading, Writing, and Rhythm" world music series on Friday, March 1. In her traditional songs and new compositions, Murphy draws on Celtic, American, and world beat influences. Concerts begin at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are $7. For information, dial 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Classic Folk, the chamber music ensemble Camarada presents "Classic Folk: Folk-Inspired Chamber Music and Folk Tales" on Sunday, March 3, at 6 p.m., at the Mingei International Museum of World Folk Art. Guests will enjoy classical music inspired by melodies of international folk music, folk art, and folklore illustrated by Kenneth Bell's storytelling. The program includes works by Ravel, Stravinsky, Beaser, Copland, Lorge, and others performed by Susan Barrett (oboe), Kenneth Bell (narrator), Ann Chase (soprano), Elena Mashkovtseva (harp), Pat Pfiffner (percussion), Randy Pile (guitar), and Beth Ross-Buckley (flute).

Tickets are $25 general. The Mingei is found on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For reservations, call 619-699-8789. (BALBOA PARK)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a "dose of percussion" under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8" and "Black Angels" by George Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the "String Quartet No. 4" by Shostakovich and Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are $15, or pay $90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

The Heart and Soul of Chinese Kung Fu has been found at the Shaolin Temple for over 1000 years. Today the temple is best known as the home of the legendary fighting monks known as the Shaolin Warriors. The Songshan Shaolin Martial Monks Troupe consists of more than 20 warriors who are said to have "perfected the art of hand-to-hand and weapons combat."

Enjoy the sacred and deadly art form in theatrical kung fu displays when the Shaolin Warriors perform on Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets range from $17 to $37. For information and reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

A separate troupe known as the Shaolin Monks present their "Wheel of Life" on Tuesday, March 19, at 8 p.m., at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets range from $32 to $42, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Alexandr Vampirov's Play *The Eldest Son* is being prepared by students taking part in this year's design/performance jury at San Diego State University. Three groups of students were selected to present their ideas for a production of *Son,* a short scene of the play is presented, and the jury then discusses the work, commenting, asking questions — it's a full day of talk about the process of creating theater.

Jurors include playwright Edward Albee, actress Marion Ross, Efim Zvenyatski (director of the Maxim Gorky Dramatic Theatre in Vladivostok, Russia), Judith Dolan, John Iacovelli, and York Kennedy. The whole shebang takes place in the Experimental Theatre in the drama building at SDSU. Sessions begin on Friday, March 15, at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. Free. For information, call 619-594-4560. (SDSU)

Twelve Women Navigating Their Bodies through the world of cultural identity and the paradigms of social, sexual, and economic power are explored in performance artist Carla Kirkwood's new piece, *Half the Sky.* This work-in-progress performance piece may be seen February 21-24 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Collaborating artists include Phyllis Jackson, Rachel Axler, Danelle Amato, Isabel Olivieri, Leonora Afuyog, Annie Hinton, Andrea Singer, Tammy Ray, and Vicki Wolf.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are $18 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, dial 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Expect the Best players in the world to compete in the Accenture Match Play Championship 2002, continuing through February 24 at the La Costa Resort and Spa (2100 Costa del Mar). Organizers expect Tiger Woods, Colin Montgomerie, David Duval, Phil Mickelson, and many others. The championship tees off with 32 matches; the competitors are arranged so that the highest-ranked player will play number 64, the second-highest-ranked will play number 63, and so on.

Quarter-finals and semifinal matches take place on Saturday, with two finalists competing for the title on Sunday. Weekly ticket packages are available for $100; children under 12 free with a paying adult; daily tickets are $25 Thursday through Sunday. For tickets and information, call 877-942-8497. (LA COSTA)

Surf's Up, head to the north and south jetties at Oceanside's Harbor Beach when ISF surf competition takes place from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24. Viewing is free. Call 760-931-1450 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

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Hike to Cowles Mountain from Santee with Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Sunday, February 24, 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)

From the Ocean in Oceanside to a View of Vista, you'll get it all when the Knickerbikers head out for a jaunt on Sunday, February 24. This 45-mile ride for expert bicyclists starts at 9 a.m. in the Oceanside Harbor free public parking lot (through the tunnel under the train track east of the harbor). Free. For information, call 619-255-2890. (OCEANSIDE)

Fitness and Fun, the Pardee Torrey Pines 5k run/walk "Race for Knowledge" and children's 1-mile, half-mile, quarter-mile, and diaper dash races are set for Sunday, February 24. Race-day registration starts at 7 a.m., with racing starting from 8 to 10 a.m., at Del Mar Highlands. For further information, call 858-450-6510. (CARMEL VALLEY)

It's Cold! The San Diego Gulls host the Anchorage Aces on Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from $5 to $17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Take Me Out to the (Charity) Ballpark, the San Diego Padres open their spring training season with charity games against the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday, February 27, in Tempe, Arizona; and against the Seattle Mariners on Thursday, February 28, in Peoria, Arizona. For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO.

Climbin' for CF, cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease causing the body to produce dangerously thick mucus, leading to lung infections and interfering with digestion. Take part in the 21st annual Stairclimb to Cure Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday, March 2, at One America Plaza (600 West Broadway).

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with two stairwells for climbing (starting at 9 a.m.). Participants climb the stairs and ride the elevator down. For more information, call 858-277-5880. (DOWNTOWN)

You'll "Scratch Your Skating Animal behind the Ears" when Eddy Matzger leads a workshop for improving skating technique and skating speed March 15-17. Matzger promises "an intensely participatory, interactive skating experience" geared for all ages and abilities, covering inline skating and racing. The workshop fee is $175 ("plus a portion of Matzger's airfare"). For more information, call 760-936-4597. (SAN DIEGO)

Elements of Football and Soccer are incorporated in rugby, a sport played by men and women across the world. The San Diego Surfer's Women's Rugby Football Club hosts the 19th annual Champagne Classic Rugby Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 16 and 17. The tournament, taking place at the Robb Field Recreational Facility, promises play by many of the nation's best women's teams. The tournament runs from around 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with the championship game played on Sunday. For more details, dial 619-229-6559. (OCEAN BEACH)

SPECIAL

Awaken to African-American Culture when the Sherman Heights Community Center hosts festivities on Friday, February 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Organizers promise world beat drumming and dancing, sweet potato pie, mixed-media crafts, exhibits, and more. Admission is free. Call 619-232-5181 for information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

Days of Sci-Fi, ConDor IX: San Diego's annual science-fiction convention runs February 22-24 at the Doubletree Hotel (11915 El Camino Real). The guests of honor are Will Shetterly and Emma Bull; special guest is Robert Trebor (who plays Salmoneus on *Hercules* and *Xena*). Organizers promise concerts, parties, a film room, panel discussions, gaming, dancing, an art show, dealers and vendors, and more.

The show runs from 2 p.m. on Friday until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Passes are $45; single-day rates are available. For information, call 619-263-5040. (DEL MAR)

Make Your House a Dream Home after the fourth annual San Diego Interior Design and Landscape Expo running February 22-24, at the San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive)). Expect to see "internationally themed landscapes and room vignettes created by International Interior Design Association designers," a Zen garden, seminars, over 450 exhibits, and more.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $8 for adults, $1 for children 6-12, free for those under 6. For information, call 888-970-3976. (DOWNTOWN)

It's 1848 and Black Pioneers — such as otter hunter and Mexican government game warden Allen B. Light and law enforcer Richard Freeman — reflect on early San Diego when Old Town San Diego State Historic Park hosts Black History Month commemorations on Saturday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Call 619-220-5373 for more information. (OLD TOWN)

Dog Beat Dog, the Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego's two-day AKC All-Breed Dog Shows are set for Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Over 2200 dogs are expected to compete *each day,* and it's great fun to watch. No unentered dogs are allowed on the show grounds. Admission for (human) spectators is free. Call 619-588-0507 for information. (DEL MAR)

"One Nation under God" is the theme for the 11th annual Heritage Day parade, slated for Saturday, February 23. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at 49th Street and Logan and ends at the Vendor's Mall (286 Euclid Avenue). Arts, crafts, live entertainment, and vendor booths will be on hand. For information, call 619-286-8887. (SAN DIEGO)

What Are Human-Powered Buoyancy Shoes? It's the moniker applied to items designed by engineering students from colleges, universities, high schools, and industry to compete in the 11th annual Walk on Water competition slated for Saturday, February 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., *on* the University of San Diego's swimming pool. Each team designates one "shoe pilot" who must remain vertical while crossing the Olympic-sized pool without support.

For information, call 619-260-7558. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. Spectating is free (use the USD athletic entrance, east of the main USD entrance on Linda Vista Road). (LINDA VISTA)

"The Child's Conception of Time" by Swiss educator and psychologist Jean Piaget provides the topic when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, February 23, 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)

Paintings of California and Baja California landscapes by Krentz Johnson are on exhibit through March at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Receptions for the artist are planned on Saturday, February 23, at 3 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. Over 60 paintings in oils and watercolors may be seen. 619-287-0624. (EL CAJON)

"Selected Images in Photography" by Richard Emery, Joan Everds, Melissa Langham, Jay Langham, and James Mickelson are on exhibit through Sunday, March 10, at the Heritage Museum in Old Poway Park (14114 Midland Road). Meet the artists during a reception set for Saturday, February 23, at 5 p.m. View the show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, February 23, March 2, and March 9 and on Sundays, February 24, March 3, and March 10. For information, call 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Play the Piano? Meet with others of like skills in a get-together at the Santa Fe room of the Balboa Park Club (near the Aerospace Museum) on Tuesday, February 26, at 10 a.m. Classical and originals are on the program. Bring your music and join in. Free. 858-483-3939. (BALBOA PARK)

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

View the birdhouses through February at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). For viewing hours, call 858-552-1657; for information, dial 858-756-2140. (LA JOLLA)

Bring Work from Your Studio for feedback, criticism, and encouragement when the Flux Gallery hosts a visual artists' discussion and critique group on Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. At the meeting, three or four artists are signed up in advance to present their work and lead discussion. Free. Find Flux at 655 Tenth Avenue; 619-239-4068. (DOWNTOWN)

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 at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays from through Friday, March 22. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue. For more information, call 800-225-5693 x6485. Viewing is free. (HILLCREST)

Honoring S.D. Writers Who Published in 2001, the 36th annual Local Authors Exhibit is on exhibit through Thursday, February 28, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). There are 222 authors represented. Viewing is free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Go Home, Dell Harris built the home at 2470 A Street after working with Greene and Greene in Pasadena. The home, which is mostly untouched and has been owned by the same family for over 90 years, is the site for a home tour and the SOHO Preservation Revolving Fund fundraiser on Saturday, March 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 for nonmembers. For reservations, call 619-297-7511. (GOLDEN HILL)

Can You Name a Few of Your Favorite Things? Pull out your lederhosen and warm up your vocal chords, the "Sing-Along *Sound of Music*" hits the Ken Cinema for a run March 8-21. Each performance includes a costume contest and preshow festivities led by a guest host, followed by the 1965 Academy Award-winning film. Audiences are encouraged to sing along and to "act out" musical numbers.

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Belgian Beer Bonanza, when the Pizza Port hosts its 12-hour Belgian beer party on Saturday, March 9, a list of "specialty" beers will appear on the "Belgian beer wheel." By the end of the 12 hours, over 45 different beers will have been served; some are very rare and will only be available for a limited time.

The fun begins at 11 a.m. at 571 Carlsbad Village Drive. The $20 admission fee includes a glass and four four-ounce tastes (pay $1 per additional taste). Questions? Call 760-720-7012 for answers. (CARLSBAD)

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***It's My F—-ing Birthday* unfolds in seven state-of-my-life addresses this hapless high school art teacher writes to herself on consecutive birthdays, as she is determined to break the patterns of behavior that are keeping her down. Her objective: to avoid making the same mistakes over and over and start making some new ones. Through seven outrageously funny years of needling parents, self-absorbed boyfriends, riots, O.J., and Monica — and bigger and bigger bouquets from Carl — she navigates a circuitous (and ultimately successful) route to happiness in a world where everything seems to conspire to the contrary.**

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
Kirkus Reviews: Laugh-out-loud debut fiction by a four-time Emmy winner and humorist. An art teacher writes annual reports on her birthday so she won't be condemned to repeat her screwed-up life. Her entries run from thirty f**king six to fortymmmmpphhh. There is no way she can avoid her ghastly parents, a mother who makes her cringe in restaurants (" . . . maybe the waiters and waitresses will think I am Dad's child by a previous marriage"), and a father who gives excruciatingly detailed orders to busboys ("Listen to me carefully so I don't have to eat my lunch soaking wet.... If you don't hold that pitcher with two hands how the hell do you expect to get any directional stability when you pour?"). "So these were my parents, the people put on earth to judge me, to advise me, to correct me, to mold me in their image." Each birthday the teacher's painfully boorish ex-boyfriend Carl sends her an oversized birthday bouquet of seasonal flowers — and each birthday she has high hopes that this year the dumb girl in her will finally die. Can she stay out of the Hole where divorcees and singles in their late 30s and beyond sit whining to each other that they haven't had sex in four years? She has really, really, really bad sex with a guy in her acting class who has no idea at all where anything is on a woman. "If he wired a car the same way he made love, the windows would open and close when he pressed on the accelerator." For her thirty f***king eighth birthday, her parents take her out. When Dad triumphantly spots a 72-cent error in the bill, calls the waiter, then the manager, Mother swells, as proud of her man as if he'd pulled her from a burning building. Classy stuff that deserves tons of flowers from dazed and satisfied readers.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Merrill Markoe was born in 1948 in New York, to a real estate developer father and a librarian mother. Ms. Markoe's father's profession kept the family on the move. When Ms. Markoe entered her sophomore year in high school, the family set up housekeeping in the Bay Area. Ms. Markoe attended and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a B.A. and an MFA, in painting. After graduation, in 1974, she taught drawing for one year at the University of Southern California. In an interview Ms. Markoe gave in 1988 to *People* magazine, she said, about her work at USC, "I never really fit into academia. I was this incredible smart-ass who had a lot of humor in her paintings."

Ms. Markoe began writing TV scripts and doing stand-up routines at Los Angeles comedy clubs. In 1977 she met David Letterman. They moved in together. Ms. Markoe began writing for Letterman, who, at that point, was performing in clubs and trying to secure a television show. Letterman and Markoe created the old NBC *Late Night* (and it was Ms. Markoe, a passionate lover of dogs, who initiated Stupid Pet Tricks). During her years with the Letterman show, Ms. Markoe won four Emmys for comedy writing. She continued in various capacities to write for Letterman until 1986, when she went out on her own, writing scripts for situation comedies. The Letterman-Markoe romance broke up in 1988.

Ms. Markoe, who lives in Malibu, continues to write comedy scripts and to appear in comedy clubs. She was also a regular contributor to *Not Necessarily the News* as well as a writer and performer of several comedy specials for HBO and a winner of Writer's Guild and Ace Awards. She has been a panelist and guest on many television shows and a columnist for several newspapers and magazines. In addition to *It's My F---ing Birthday*, which is Ms. Markoe's first novel, she is author of four nonfiction titles: *What the Dogs Have Taught Me; How to Be Hap-Hap-Happy Like Me; Merrill Markoe's Guide to Love*; and a children's book, *When My Dogs Became Guys*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: A smart woman who'd

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Living History, the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum hosts a Civil War reenactment and encampment on March 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Visitors will see live cannon firing, authentic costumes, historical figures, battle tents, displays, demonstrations, and more. Battles begin at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday and at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Admission is $7 for adults, $4 for children under 12, and free for those under 3. For information, call 805-496-6036. (VISTA)

There's Gold in Them Thar Hills! The historic town site of Julian hosts "Historic Days" festivities on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Get into the spirit by dressing in a period costume dating between 1850 to 1913 to bring Julian's history to life, using the town as your stage. Participants will meet and greet with visitors in hopes of winning the vote as the most popular character in town to win $400. It's up to you to become a well-liked town denizen; votes will be cast by the general public at the Town Hall for their favorite characters.

To pre-register by today, Thursday, February 21, call 760-765-1857; on the day of the event, registration will be conducted by Mike Julian starting at 9 a.m. at the Julian Town Hall (at the corner of Main and Washington). Registration is free. Ballots will be counted at 3:30 p.m., with prize money awarded at 4 p.m. *each day*. (JULIAN)

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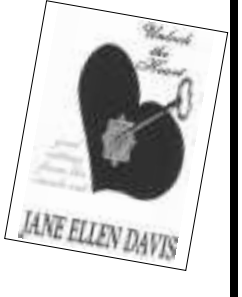

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read Ms. Markoe's book in galleys recommended it to me. "So, so funny," she said. So I read Ms. Markoe's *It's My F---ing Birthday*, and I laughed but I also felt sad. *It's My F---ing Birthday* is *funny-sad*. The novel's unnamed heroine, for a living, does what Ms. Markoe once did: she teaches art. She is not unattractive and she's incredibly decent. Her mother is a stone bitch and her father a vile old fool. Plus the unnamed heroine falls for horrible men, men not worth even one of the tears that regularly dampen her Kleenex. So I looked forward to interviewing *It's My F---ing Birthday*'s author and learning all about how she managed to make me laugh and cry at the same time.

Alas, I don't see much television or keep up with gossip about contemporary cultural figures. I knew about Ms. Markoe that she had written about dogs and that was all that I knew. Only an hour before I telephoned Ms. Markoe did I discover her fame and her connection to the toothy Mr. Letterman. When we spoke, Ms. Markoe and I, late one morning, I felt shy and stupid in a way that I would not have felt shy and stupid had I thought Ms. Markoe was merely this very clever writer. But once I learned about her fame, I felt as big as a Macy's balloon and clumsy in the way that big balloons must at times feel, bumping into other big balloons, and self-conscious. Plus, once I learned of Ms. Markoe's relationship to Mr. Letterman, I couldn't quit thinking about the late-night host's huge piano-key teeth; I couldn't quit thinking about how those teeth were so outsize and so protuberant and so out there that you think you might be able to reach up and prop your hands on Mr. Letterman's lower lip and pick out "Fur Elise" on his incisors and cuspids, as you would on piano keys.

I gushed out all this (except the bit about the teeth) to Ms. Markoe when she answered her telephone. "I didn't know you were famous," I said and felt my cheeks redden and the sweat pop out on my forehead. I said that I knew her name from her writing about dogs, and I took a big deep breath and said that I had a dog, a dachshund. And in a perfectly calm and adult voice, Ms. Markoe asked, "A little miniature or a regular size?"

"Big dog," I said, "big. She's big."

"Those are funny dogs."

"Yes. Funny. Her name is Lily. Lately when she's been really snappish with her dog friends, and I've been calling her Mullah Lily. As in Mullah Omar."

"Mmm. Mullah Lily. I get it. Yes."

I figured my time was about up and got busy with my question list. "The heroine of your book," I asked, "does she have a name?" (I didn't say that a few minutes before I called I realized that I didn't know the heroine's name. I knew that the heroine had a goofy friend named Laurel, but what was the heroine's name? I didn't mention that right before I dialed, I'd frantically leafed through the book, trying to find that name.)

"You know what? It's funny. She did have a name in different versions of it, and then I was using it so infrequently that my editor just suggested, 'Why don't you just take it out altogether?' So I did."

Did Ms. Markoe think, as do I, that it's more difficult for women to write "funny" and to have what they write accepted by the larger culture?

"I don't know. I think that the culture is set up pretty much for men. There's no question. But I have a lot of funny women friends who, yeah, I don't think that they get the same acclaim as do men, but I certainly know a lot of them who are in there kicking and trying and who are awful good. I have a pretty large circle of women friends who are funny."

"But being funny — writing funny or doing stand-up comedy — doesn't seem that acceptable for women."

"I guess I don't know that our culture is all that embracing of women doing anything, but it's certainly a lot more embracing of women doing everything than other cultures. So it does seem like women get less of a shake in all areas."

"Women," I said, "if they want the reader or the audience to clap and say, 'I love you, I love you,' don't dare say the kinds of horrendous things that guys say."

"The women whom I know do. I perform stand-up as well, and I'm in a couple of venues where the women I know say astonishing things to great response. It depends on what little corner of the world you're looking at. I mean, I know a lot of really out-there, hilarious women. Do you know who Margaret Cho is?"

"No," I said, "no."

"Well, Margaret Cho, she and Julia Sweeney and Kathy Griffith, there's a group of them, very outspoken, really hilarious. I mean, there's a lot of really outspoken, really brilliant, funny women around. I don't know that they're embraced at the core of the culture to the extent that men are, but to some extent, they are. I mean, look at Roseanne. There's been others too. But women just don't as often do it. It's like pretty much everything else, comedy is; it's really more set up for men, but there's women in there being really funny too."

"I know a lot of really out-there, hilarious women.... Margaret Cho, she and Julia Sweeney and Kathy Griffith, very outspoken, really brilliant, funny women."

"So much of what women want to be funny about is men," I suggested, "and men don't like it."

"Well, it goes both ways that way. I'm just really aware of women being really funny about men. But I'm just thinking of my friends. I have some really funny women friends. None of them are as big as they want to be, but they're not out for the count yet. They're only in their 30s."

The heroine becomes involved with a new fellow. She decides that she'll visit his old girlfriends and ex-wife. I asked Ms. Markoe if she ever did anything like that.

She didn't. "No, no, no. What I'm really aware of though is just how dangerous it is when you're falling in love with somebody and it's brand new; the stuff you don't know is such a big element in the way. Sort of important that you do know, and it's

on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figgins will offer two different teas — such as formosa silvertip oolong and China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on March 9. Reservations are not required. Free. For more information, call 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

Spin Your Time into Gold when the Weaver's Tales present *Rumplestiltskin* through February 24 at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Pepper's Favorites* performed by Puppet Express February 27-March 1. The curtain rises 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)

Do Lobsters Walk in Their Sleep? Do sharks snore? Find out at Birch Aquarium-Museum's slumber party for adults and children (6-12), running from 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 22, through 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. Before bedding down among the aquarium's fishes, participants may take part in activities including bioluminescence experiments, fish printing on T-shirts, and tours of the aquarium and tidepool before and after dark.

The fee for "Asleep in the Deep: Sleepers and Creepers" is $40 per child, $30 per adult. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. To make reservations, dial 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

"Castles and Kingdoms" supply the inspiration when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a carnival concert on February 23 and 24. The musical selections include *The Sorcerer's Apprentice, The Wizard of Oz, Aladdin,* and other pieces, with performances by the orchestra, violin prodigy Eugene Ugorski, the San Diego Pantomime Theatre, the Christian Youth Theatre, and the San Diego Children's Choir.

Saturday's performance begins at 4 p.m., in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Preconcert 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)

The fun begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets for this show are $9.50. Call 800-988-4253 for information and reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

What's Purim? Find out about this Jewish holiday when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents *Purim, Purim* for the "Children's Classics" on Saturday, February 23, 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Gerald McBoing Boing, Beauty and the Beast Part 2,* poetry and songs. 858-268-4494. Admission is $4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Children's Museum of San Diego, celebrate the five senses when "Listen @ the MUSE" hits the museum on Saturday, February 23, from noon to 4 p.m. Families will participate in activities celebrating the sense of listening, with music, storytelling, and performances.

The "Good Vibrations" exhibit focuses on music, dance, "and the understanding of sound as art expression." The February arts workshops promise printmaking explorations. Continuing exhibits include "The Book Stop," "Improv Theater," and "Cora's Rainhouse." Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

Marshmallow Roasting, Campfire Stories, arts and crafts, and a cookout are promised during "Kids Night Out" at Mission Trails Regional Park. The program runs 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at Kumeyaay Campground (Two Father Junípero Serra Trail). The fee is $5. For information, call 619-668-3275. Rain cancels. (MISSION GORGE)

Ancient Chinese History is intertwined with mathematical concepts in *The Warlord's Bead,* Virginia Pilegard's sequel to her book *The Warlord's Puzzle.* Pilegard will read from and sign her books on Saturday, February 23, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Local Children Auditioned and will join the Missoula Children's Theatre to present *Red Riding Hood* on Saturday, February 23, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts. The musical begins at 3 and 7 p.m. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). Tickets are $5 for children, $10 for adults. To reach the box office, dial 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Make the Most Out of Your Relationships when the Youth Leadership Institute offers "Developing Relationships for 2002" on Saturday, February 23. Organizers hope to "help young men and women find ways to make the most out of their relationships" and "how to enhance their lives with healthy relationships."

The session begins at 1 p.m. at Turning the Hearts Center, 347 1/2 Third Avenue. The requested donation is $10. To reserve a spot, call 619-425-9834. (CHULA VISTA)

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 February 23, 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)

Teens Tell Tales, teenagers from Escondido Union High School 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 at 3:30 p.m. every Monday through the end of May at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. For information, dial 760-839-4837. (ESCONDIDO)

Who Are the Most Famous Star-Crossed Lovers? Get familiar with Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs a 90-minute version in English for junior high and senior high school students on Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $6 general. For information and reservations, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Learn About the Critters living at La Jolla Shores when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Wednesday, February 27, 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)

"Tide's In, Tide's Out," ever notice the change in the tide? Learn why tidal flows change daily and seasonally when the Junior Rangers meet on Thursday, February 28, 3:15 p.m., at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Chocolate Reading Program," Reading's sweet! Kids from 2 through 13 can register for the program from now through March 30. See how many books you can read by the end of March. Chocolate prizes and surprises are awarded as each child reads more and more.

The Civic Center branch library is at 330 North Coast Highway (760-435-5600); the Mission branch is at 3861 Mission Avenue (760-435-5630). (OCEANSIDE)

Death Defying and Belief Suspending! Large-scale science demonstrations with lots of audience participation are promised when Paul Zaloom presents the scientific antics of "Beakman Live!" on Sunday, March 3, at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are $9.50. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

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

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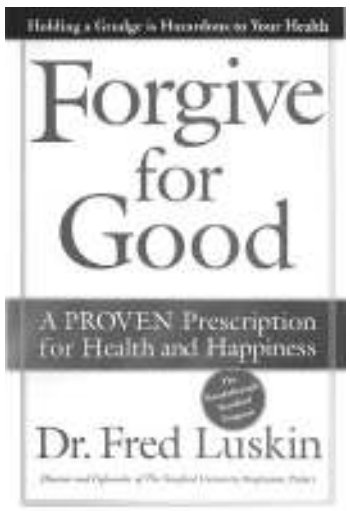

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not always obvious how you get that information. So that was taken from that. But this trying to figure out why men do things, that's the biggest mistake that I've noticed that women make about men. Because people are not that hard to figure out."

The heroine goes to one of the new boyfriends' ex-girlfriends, a hairdresser, and gets a hideous haircut. Did Ms. Markoe laugh out loud when that idea came to her?

"Well, that *was* fiction. That did not happen to me. That was just me making up scenarios of the worst things that could possibly happen. Bad hair is always kind of the worst destruction of your looks."

Were the horrible parents like Ms. Markoe's real-life parents?

"I've got to say that woman is my mom. My mom is dead now, that's why I had to write about her. I was looking for a place to write about my mom for a lot of years." (Ms. Markoe had told a *People* magazine interviewer, "I had a loopy mother. Everyone agrees. It may be the source of all my love problems. She's the repetition-compulsion queen. I've always been attracted to people who view me very critically. I always thought that means they see me.")

"Is your dad still alive?"

"No, my dad is deceased also, but my brother read the book, and the dad is, like, 50 percent my dad, 50 percent fiction. The mom was just my mom. My brother said, 'Oh my God, it's a good thing Mom is gone.' I wouldn't have written about it if she was alive."

"Would your mom really buy you those ugly clothes as birthday presents?"

"Well, yeah, all that stuff is kind of based on reality. My mother and I never had any long period of getting along, not on any level. We were really just from two different planets. That's how it is for a lot of mothers and daughters, though. I went through a lot of therapy to get a handle on it. It's very uncomfortable to realize that you've got a really seriously alienated mother-and-daughter bond. I mean, I was always thinking, 'It couldn't be that broken.' "

"I also read *It's My F---ing Birthday* as a very charming advice book."

"I was sort of trying to do that. I feel like I've learned a few things that I really feel like I want everybody to know. The chief among them being that sexual chemistry is not love. I think it's important for people to know that. Women keep pretending that if there's sexual chemistry, that means there's feelings involved. Au contraire. It's possible to have sexual chemistry with people you have no particular fondness for at all. But a mistake women make is they think that it's an indicator. I mean, if you do really like somebody, it's a plus, but you can have it with somebody you hate, and women tend to think that you add the ingredient of sex, and if there's some passion to the sex, then that means there's a depth to the relationship. Not necessarily. If it's already a depth to the relationship it means it, but not if there isn't. The task is that you have to get somebody who's really interested in you, and you have to build that separately. It can't be about sex. If it's about sex, you won't get, necessarily, the rest. But then you have to add the sex after you've got the other. That's what I've learned."

"Your heroine," I said, "is so much better than almost everyone around her."

"Well, that's, of course, the way you try and write her."

"Even though her adventures and her responses made me laugh, some pages could be really sad. As you were writing, did you expect that readers might feel that way?"

"I really don't know. I've never written a novel before. I write humor pieces for the most part, and I just kind of barreled ahead trying to write honestly. I felt like I just wanted to write really honestly and see what came of it all. I really have no idea what the readers' responses will be, what it will be like for readers. Only a couple of my girlfriends have read it."

"What did your girlfriends say?"

"They liked it, but I knew they would because they like me."

"Did they also think it was kind of sad?"

"I don't know. I guess I didn't interrogate them. I know they liked it okay. And that made me happy. You sort of hope for the best."

"Why are there no dogs in the book?"

"I felt like it was busy enough as it was. And I just felt like I always put dogs in everything, so I thought, how about something without dogs for once. It seemed so predictable for me to add dogs to it."

"And then, of course, if you'd put dogs in the book, perhaps the heroine would have been more interested in the dogs than in these awful men."

"I don't know. I've got a new guy that I've been seeing, and he's got a couple of dogs, and sometimes I have seven dogs here at this house. They make a really big mess."

"How do you feed seven dogs?"

"Oh, boy, it's a pain."

"Do you put out a bowl for everybody?"

"Yeah, you do. You put out seven bowls, and then they're all eating in one like mess hall. It's really silly."

"Do they fight? Over the food? When Lily the dachshund has dog company she will snap and snarl if the other dogs get near her food. That's when I call her Mullah Lily."

"No, these dogs don't seem to be fighting. It's just that seven is a lot of dogs."

"And how do you know if all seven dogs have gone to the bathroom?"

"Well, that's the problem. A couple of this guy's dogs have peed in my house. Not my favorite thing, peeing in my house."

— Judith Moore

619-469-1480 for more information. (SPRING VALLEY)

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)

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 619-409-5903. (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)

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)

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 Museum, "Selected Images in Photography" by Richard Emery, Joan Everds, Melissa Langham, Jay Langham, and James Mickelson are on exhibit through Sunday, March 10, at the museum. An artists' reception is planned on Saturday, February 23, at 5 p.m.

An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this 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; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

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.

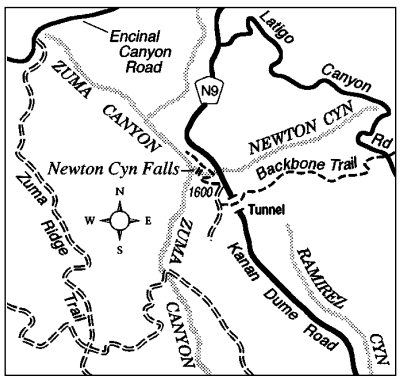
Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Roam-O-Rama

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

Although they slice only about six miles inland from the Pacific shoreline near Point Dume in Malibu, Zuma Canyon and its tributaries harbor some of the deeper gorges of the Santa Monica Mountains. Winter rains turn these summer-dry canyon bottoms into lively little streams. Tucked obscurely into an upper tributary of Zuma called Newton Canyon is a pint-sized but charming waterfall accessible by means of a mere one-half mile of hiking.

To reach the waterfall, begin walking from a large trailhead parking area for the Backbone Trail at mile 9.5 (9.5 miles north of Pacific Coast Highway) on the west side of Kanan-Dume Road. The Backbone Trail, stretching east-west across the length of the Santa Monicas, is nearing completion, with significant work yet to be done west of here. On this segment of the trail you make an easy descent through mature chaparral with an understory of wildflowers and ferns. In just a few minutes you reach the Newton Canyon stream — which below this point dribbles some 30 feet down a mossy cliff. Off the Backbone Trail to the left you can get a glimpse of this fall from atop some sandstone outcrops, but don't step too close to the edge, where fallen leaves underfoot may precipitate a serious tumble. If you want to reach the base of the fall, it's safer to continue a bit farther west on the Backbone Trail, take one or another trail going left down the slope to the stream below, and then hike a short distance back upstream.



Exploring Newton Canyon's narrow bottom in the downstream direction can be a fun and probably foot-wetting exercise of hopping sandstone boulders and slabs and dodging limbs and branches of oaks, sycamores, and bay laurels. After about 250 yards of such scrambling, you reach the top of another drop-off about 50 feet high, just shy of Newton Canyon's confluence with Zuma Canyon. Stay well away from it. This is the end of the line, so back up and return to the starting point the way you came.

Falls in Newton Canyon

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)

Museum of History and Art, Monty Lewis (1907-1997) was the founder and director of the Coronado School of Fine Arts and a 1930 Guggenheim Fellow in fine arts and painting. Much of Lewis's work dates from the Depression era; under the WPA he worked collaboratively with other artists on large-scale murals depicting American life in the '30s. "Depression-Era Art of Monty Lewis," opening on Friday, February 22, includes Lewis's oils, pen-and-ink drawings, and other work from his daughters' private collections. See the show through Tuesday, April 2.

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scientific methods to recreate a "crime scene" to determine the meat-eater's guilt orinnocence in "T. Rex on Trial." World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? You make the call through Monday, May 27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Risk Worth Taking

What counts in Baroque opera, more than anything else, is the brilliance and expressiveness of the singing.

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

San Diego Opera's general director, Ian Campbell, took a risk when he chose Handel's *Ariodante* as an offering in the current season. The company has never done a Baroque opera before (although last season's successful production of Mozart's *Idomeneo,* an *opera seria* very much in the Handelian mode, was an encouraging first step in that direction). Lack of action, remoteness of style, formulaic arias, considerable length — how would the local audience, used to Verdi and Puccini, react to this very different kind of music drama? And what about the task of finding six terrific singers experienced in the Baroque style and capable of measuring up to Handel's formidable technical demands?

The risk was worth taking, for the Baroque is a rich storehouse of operatic treasures, and Handel is one of the supreme opera composers (his stature equals that of Mozart, Verdi, Wagner, Puccini, and Richard Strauss). As it turns out, Campbell — in his usual fashion — found an excellent cast, as well as a conductor (the admirable Kenneth Montgomery) with an authoritative command of the idiom; the production as a whole was one of the most impressive San Diego Opera has ever put on; and while a small number of patrons went home during one or the other of the two intermissions, most of the audience stayed put, allowing the great music, the accomplished singing, and the effective staging to persuade them that *Ariodante* was well worth three and a quarter hours of their time.

Things could have gone on longer than that, but with a canny measure of his audience's endurance, Campbell kept things down to a more-or-less reasonable length. The typical Handel aria is in ABA form. The composer achieved remarkable variety within this formula, but not always at the same high degree of invention. Ariodante's superlative second-act aria, *"Scherza infida,"* raises the form to its fullest potential. Having discovered (as he thinks) that his beloved Ginevra has been deceiving him with another man, the hero is overwhelmed with bitter disillusionment, to the point of intending to kill himself. This is the "A" section, at a relentless moderate tempo poignantly seasoned by an obsessive bassoon *obbligato.* But then another emotion breaks through: rage at having been betrayed, and a frenzied wish to take vengeance by coming back from the grave to haunt his faithless fiancée. This is the "B" section, its music strongly contrasted with what has come before. Yet despair, the deeper feeling, overcomes him again, and the repetition of the "A" section, even more anguished than the first time, rounds out this superb rendering of the character's conflicted psychological state, while at the same time conforming perfectly to the standard musical shape.

This is the ABA form at its most dramatic. At other times — not very often in an opera as inspired as *Ariodante* — the "B" section provides little contrast (if any), and the repetition of the "A" section is fairly mechanical (although it always affords the audience the legitimate pleasure of hearing some additional virtuosic singing). In just a few of these cases, the San Diego production reduced the aria to its "A" section. If the audience missed some good music, they were not aware of the loss, and there was a concomitant increase in concise dramatic vigor. None of the opera's greatest arias was touched by the shears: even the expansive expression of the falsely accused heroine's hopeless misery, *"Il mio crudel martoro,"* was allowed to spin itself out to its full nine minutes of exquisite lament.

To further reduce the opera's length, the ballets that end each of the three acts were eliminated or severely condensed. Those of the first and third acts were easily dispensable, as they are purely decorative, go contrary to modern expectations of dramatic form, and are accompanied by pleasant but routine music. The dance sequence at the end of the second act, in contrast, is dramatically relevant and musically powerful, since it represents conflicting wishes and fears in the heroine's dream. Ginevra's agonized outcry as she awakes — "My afflictions can have no rest even in sleep!" — is one of the most stunning moments in all Baroque opera. It was too bad to have to do without it — but one can understand the practical considerations that led to the cut of this whole section.

What counts in Baroque opera, more than anything else, is the brilliance and expressiveness of the singing. These qualities are hedged in by conventions that necessarily create problems for a modern production. First of all, there is the issue of what sex the singers belong to. Most of Handel's leading male roles are composed for treble voices. They were usually sung by *castrati,* who had power, agility, and the requisite high range (such was the case with the title role of *Ariodante* in its original 1735 production). When he could not get the *castrato* he wanted, Handel was content to use an able female singer (as he did for the role of the villainous Polinesso in that same production).

How are these issues to be handled today? There are no more *castrati,* but we do have counter-tenors, male singers whose speaking voices are in the masculine range but who sing in falsetto (they are more precisely referred to as "falsettists"). Some of these singers are quite wonderful (Andreas Scholl); some of them are quite awful (James Bowman); and very few of them are effective in opera (although they may be splendid in cantatas and oratorios), because of the strange resonances of the male falsetto voice and the dramatic anomaly of a male character sounding like Mickey Mouse.

The more usual ploy is to follow that other Baroque convention by which a male character written for the treble range is sung by a female singer. The great Ariodantes of our time have been mezzo-sopranos: Janet Baker, Lorraine Hunt, Anne Sofie von Otter. Their vocal skills have made them the equal of any possible 18th-century *castrato,* and modern audiences, trained by *The Marriage of Figaro* and *Der Rosenkavalier,* are comfortable with the convention of the "trouser role." The role of Polinesso, too, has often been sung by a woman (sometimes with amazing dramatic cogency, as in the case of Polish mezzo Ewa Podles).

In the San Diego production, Ian Campbell compromised on the distribution of parts, just as Handel had done in the first place — but he reversed the composer's choices. Ariodante was sung by mezzo Vivica Genaux, whose technical mastery and perky personality have made her a hit here in two Rossini comedies. Polinesso was falsettist David Walker. Genaux, as was to be expected, exhibited exceptional agility in Ariodante's fabulously demanding *fioritura;* she was deeply affecting in the tragic arias and exciting in the exuberant ones; her acting was tasteful and elegant;

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Handel

Handel, "Ariodante"
Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)
Kenneth Montgomery, conductor; John Copley, director; Kenneth von Heidecke, choreographer; John Conklin, set designer; Michael Stennett, costume designer; Stephen Strawbridge, lighting designer. Singers: Rosemary Joshua (Ginevra), Christine Brandes (Dalinda); David Walker (Polinesso), Vivica Genaux (Ariodante), Julien Robbins (King of Scotland), Bruce Fowler (Lurcanio).

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and, in general, she seemed to have made the character her own, both physically and vocally. I did have some reservations as to the timbre of her voice, which, sharply and almost gratingly focused, often took on the colorations of a crone, a witch, or a harridan — not, evidently, a matter of interpretation, but an unpleasant characteristic of her instrument or (more probably) her habits of vocal production. In addition, Genaux's grotesque, fishlike mouth movements accompanying rapid passages made it hard to look at her; they also seemed an odd waste of energy, since such trills and roulades are negotiated in the vocal chords and not by the lips or jaws.

David Walker had numerous defects of his own, and none of Genaux's virtues. The quality of his voice, shallow, watery, and deficient in point and volume, precluded him from conveying Polinesso's nastiness and menace: the role came off, rather, as one of mean-spirited comedy, an effect compounded by the singer's gross overacting. Walker's *coloratura,* while just about adequate, lacked the coruscating vividness and ease required by Handel's vocal writing. His rapid triplets sounded more like undifferentiated slurs.

Soprano Rosemary Joshua (Ginevra), a woman singing a woman's role in a woman's range (such things are possible, even in Handel), is an artist of impeccable gifts: a lovely, limpid, floating voice; agility so comfortable that it always sounds like meaningfully phrased singing and never like mere display; a gripping power of vocal characterization; and so sincere and graceful a manner of acting that, in spite of the artificiality of the genre, her impersonation of the tender, ecstatic, despairing, and then once again joyful heroine actually succeeded in touching the heart. Christine Brandes, as the naively amorous court lady Dalinda, displayed comparable talents, rising to an unexpected intensity of dramatic expression in her infuriated invitation to the heavens to strike the treacherous Polinesso with lightning.

In a perfect world, Ginevra and Dalinda would be portrayed by singers more clearly differentiated in vocal weight and color: Ginevra demands heroic and tragic richness, while Dalinda is something of a soubrette type. As it was, Joshua and Brandes sounded a bit too much alike (Brandes would make a good Ginevra herself) — but this is carping, for it was wonderful to encounter two such proficient sopranos on stage at once. And yes, there were some roles for standard male voices too: the King of Scotland (movingly sung by bass-baritone Julien Robbins) and Ariodante's brother, Lurcanio (Bruce Fowler, personally engaging, and — as his earlier Rossini roles on the Civic Theatre stage had demonstrated — a fine light tenor).

In addition to mastering a vocal style different from that of more modern operas, all the singers — as well as the audience — had to contend with another problem inherent in modern performances of Baroque opera. In Handel's time, it was customary for the singers to embellish the repetition of an aria's "A" section with various turns, scales, trills, and other decorative devices. The audience demanded to be wowed, and the singers, trained in nothing but that type of music, knew how to improvise in an appropriate fashion. Modern singers rarely have such a skill, so that musicologist editors have to help them along, recomposing the music according to their own lights.

The score used in the San Diego Opera production was thoroughly stylish in this regard, with much beautiful and spectacular additional writing (beautifully and spectacularly performed by most of the singers). But — as in many Baroque opera performances nowadays — there was at times a tendency to overdo things. Sometimes the distinctive features of the original vocal line, those elements that had caught the attention the first time through because of their striking shapeliness or expressiveness, were so smothered in "improvisation" during the repeat that they were barely discernible. This was particularly damaging in the faster arias, including Ariodante's superb *"Con l'ali di costanza"* and *"Dopo notte, atra e funesta,"* where, while reveling in a lot of scintillating virtuosity, one could not really hear enough of Handel's music.

A final problem posed by an opera like *Ariodante* is what to do with the staging. The Baroque audience's focus was all on the expression of emotional states (which takes place in the arias) and almost not at all on overt stage action. For the duel-to-the-death between Polinesso and Lurcanio, absolutely crucial to the plot, Handel did not even bother to write any music! On the other hand, the emphasis on static or prolonged emotional states offers the set designer unusual opportunities for inventiveness and imagination. In his designs for this *Ariodante* (which was a co-production of the Dallas Opera and the New York City Opera), John Conklin made full use of these opportunities, with somewhat controversial results.

The basic stage structure — underlining the larger-than-life grandeur of the conception — consisted of immense, movable, "stone" panels, behind which there was revealed from time to time a vast framed perspective on dramatic skies of ravishingly intense hues. Within the frame, and sometimes downstage as well, additional architectural or sculptural elements, once again of imposing dimensions, provided mysterious symbolic images.

This, however, tended to pose problems rather than to solve them. Although *Ariodante* takes place in medieval, chivalric Scotland (several features of the plot depend on the setting), Conklin's symbols were all classical Greek and Roman: leaning columns, erect columns, broken triumphal arches (a *capriccio* on the Arch of Constantine), a stupendous equine head from the Parthenon's east pediment, a Hellenistic female face.... All this was visually magnificent, with the beauty enhanced by Stephen Strawbridge's lighting. Conklin had used similar classicizing motifs — of similar beauty and grandeur — in his designs for *Idomeneo,* last season, but that opera takes place in ancient Crete. What, one was continually wondering, did fragments of Greek temples have to do with *Ariodante?* And when the hapless Ginevra is calling upon death to come to her, why is she answered by the arrival — uncannily descending from the flies — of a horse from the chariot of the goddess of the moon?

Perhaps the intention was surrealistic, as in the paintings of De Chirico. Or perhaps Conklin merely wished to set the mood through vague poetic association, without precise symbolism. But again and again his inventions distracted the audience from the singing, calling more attention to themselves than are suitable for operatic sets, and creating enigmas where none are warranted or needed. ■

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She Debuted at Lincoln Center at 14 years old and has since appeared with many of the world's most prestigious orchestras. Now Hae-Jung Kim plans a concert with sonatas by Haydn, Liszt, and Ginastera at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are $20 general. For information, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Violin Sonatas Focusing on Paris (however loosely) in the 1770s and 1780s have been chosen by Jaap Schroeder (classical violin) and Tom Beghin (18th-Century piano) for a concert of baroque music on Thursday, February 21, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center.

The program includes Mozart's "Sonata in A Major," the "B-Flat Major Sonata" by Hüllmandel, the "Storm and Stress C Minor Sonata No. 1" by Edelmann, the "G Minor Sonata No. 5" by Boccherini, six character pieces for unaccompanied keyboard by C.P.E. Bach, and Haydn's "Violin Sonata in G Major."

A pre-concert lecture begins at 7 p.m., with a reception immediately following the concert in the East Room. Admission is $8 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

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"Bravissimo! Great Music from the Theater" is the theme when the San Diego Master Chorale performs on Friday, February 22, at 8 p.m., at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. The program showcases selections from the operatic stage and musical theater including Bizet's *Carmen,* to Gilbert and Sullivan and "the best of Broadway." Tickets are $16.50. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. To reach the box office, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Masterworks Concert Series, the San Diego Symphony, led by JoAnn Falletta and joined by guitarist Angel Romero, performs on February 22 and 23. The selections include Ravel's "La Valse," the "Concierto de Aranjuez" by Rodrigo, and Rachmaninoff's "Symphonic Variations."

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

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, February 22, 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)

"Castles and Kingdoms" supply the inspiration when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra presents a carnival concert on Saturday, February 23, at 4 p.m., in the indoor activity center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. The musical selections include *The Sorcerer's Apprentice, The Wizard of Oz, Aladdin,* and other pieces, with performances by the orchestra, violin prodigy Eugene Ugorski, the San Diego Pantomime Theatre, the Christian Youth Theatre, and the San Diego Children's Choir.

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)

Celebrity Series, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Yuri Temirkanov and joined by Yefim Bronfman, performs for this La Jolla Chamber Music Society concert on Saturday, February 23. The all-Russian program includes Liadov's "Enchanted Lake," the "Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor" by Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor."

The music begins at 8 p.m. at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). A pre-concert lecture for ticketholders starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from $15 to $95. For reservations, call 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

An Adventurous Variety of Music from the baroque and classical eras is presented by the King's Consort. Taking their name from leader and keyboardist Robert King, strings, oboes, and theorbo (for the uninitiated, it's a large double-necked bass lute) are joined by soprano Carolyn Sampson and trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins when the group performs for the San Diego Early Music Society on Saturday, February 23. The "Masters of the Baroque" on tap include Purcell, Vivaldi, Bach, Handel, and Telemann.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets are $25 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

The Story of the Guitar, Continued, classical guitarist Randy Pile presents a solo recital focusing on "Explorations and Visitations" on Saturday, February 23, at 8 p.m., at the Congregational Church of La Jolla.

Attendees will be treated to a theatrical presentation using canvas sets painted by local artist Pamela Martina Santa Cruz with dramatic lighting, ambient props, and narration; musical selections are by composers including Mauro Giuliani, Joaquín Rodrigo, Napoleon Coste, Nikita Koshkin, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Joaquí Turina.

Find the church at 1216 Cave Street. The requested donation is $12 general. For more information, call 858-459-3459. (LA JOLLA)

Bursting Out in Song! "I Love Opera" takes place at the Academy of Sound and Music on Sunday, February 24, at 7 p.m., hosted by the Small Opera of San Diego. Singers of all ages perform opera arias, art songs, and light opera favorites (a professional accompanist is provided). The suggested donation is $5. Find the academy at 1495 C Street. For an audition appointment and information, call 619-702-1495. (DOWNTOWN)

He Won the International Chopin Competition, and on Sunday, February 24, pianist Kevin Kenner will perform at 7 p.m. in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego. Expect to hear works by Chopin, Schubert, and Schumann. Find the church at 2111 Camino del Rio South and by calling 619-297-4366. Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. (MISSION VALLEY)

Noise at the Library, the series — highlighting 20th-Century classical music — continues at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Steven Schick has championed contemporary percussion music as a performer and teacher for the past 20 years; he's commissioned and premiered more than 100 new works for percussion. The San Diego New Music benefit concert featuring Schick is set for Sunday, February 24. Works to be performed include "rebonds," and "Psappha" by Iannis Xenakis, "To the Earth" by Frederic Rzewski, and "Toucher" by Vinko Globokar. In addition to his solo works, Schick will be conducting Stravinsky's "L'histoire du soldat."

A pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 p.m., with music starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. For reservations, dial 858-454-5872. Tickets are $15 for nonmembers. (LA JOLLA)

"An Afternoon of Spanish Classics" is promised when Gregorio González joins up with guitarists Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda and pianist John Danke for the Pier View Way Concert Series on Sunday, February 24. González is the recent winner of the western regional Metropolitan Opera auditions, on his way to the final auditions in New York in April. Guests will be treated to works by de Falla, Turina, Sabicas, Serrano, and Rodrigo.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). An offering will be received. For details, dial 760-722-1688. (OCEANSIDE)

St. Cecilia Evensong, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 24, at Saint Paul's Cathedral, the men and girls St. Cecilia Choir will sing evensong using the Thomas Morley fauxbordouns and singing the Maurice Green anthem "The Sacrifice of God." Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Renowned British Organist Martin Neary premieres the "New Festival Tuba" for the 38-rank Schantz organ when he performs for the Schantz Organ and Music concert series on Sunday, February 24. The program starts at 7 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). An offering will be received; child care is available by reservation. For more information, call 760-753-6582. (ENCINITAS)

"We Are Women" — featuring music from opera to musical theater — will be presented on Sunday, February 24, at 2:30 p.m., for the concert series in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Performers include soprano Kellie Evans-O'Connor, mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver, and pianist Ilana Mysior. Call 619-236-5810 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Mostly Mozart, the fifth annual James H. Kolar Amadeus Music Fund Concert takes place on Sunday, February 24. Participants include USD professor emeritus, violinist, and composer Henry Kolar along with USD faculty and students. The concert begins at 3 p.m. in French Parlor at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Call 619-260-2280 for information. Tickets are $8 general. (LINDA VISTA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, February 24, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Dial 619-702-8138 for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Goachino Rossini's *Barber of Seville* may be enjoyed when the San Diego Opera Ensemble presents a "unique staged and costumed performance" for the San Diego Mini-Concert beginning at noon on Monday, February 25, in the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Admission is free. The music lasts approximately 50 minutes — bring your lunch! For more details, call 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

They've Got Brass, the Heritage Brass Quintet performs in a noon concert on Wednesday, February 27, in Smith Recital Hall on the SDSU campus. Admission is free. Sponsored by the school of music. 619-594-1696. (COLLEGE AREA)

Who Are the Most Famous Star-Crossed Lovers? Get familiar with Charles Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* when the San Diego Opera Ensemble performs a 90-minute version in English for junior high and senior high school students on Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at La Costa Canyon High School (3451 Camino de los Coches). Tickets are $5 for students and seniors, $6 general. For information and reservations, call 760-434-2904. (LA COSTA)

Even Brassier, sponsored by SDSU's school of music, the Heritage Brass Quintet and the Brador Brass will perform in concert, Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall on campus. It's free. 619-594-1696. (COLLEGE AREA)

Put 25 Candles on the Birthday Cake when the UCSD contemporary music ensemble Sonor celebrates its 25th season this year. The next Sonor concert is planned on Thursday, February 28 at 8 p.m. (following a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m.), in Mandeville Auditorium.

This concert honors the memory of one of UCSD's most distinguished founding faculty composers, Robert Erickson, with the performance of a large ensemble work. Guest composers Helmut Lachenmann and Alvin Lucier will also be represented, as will a large-scale work by a graduate student composer.

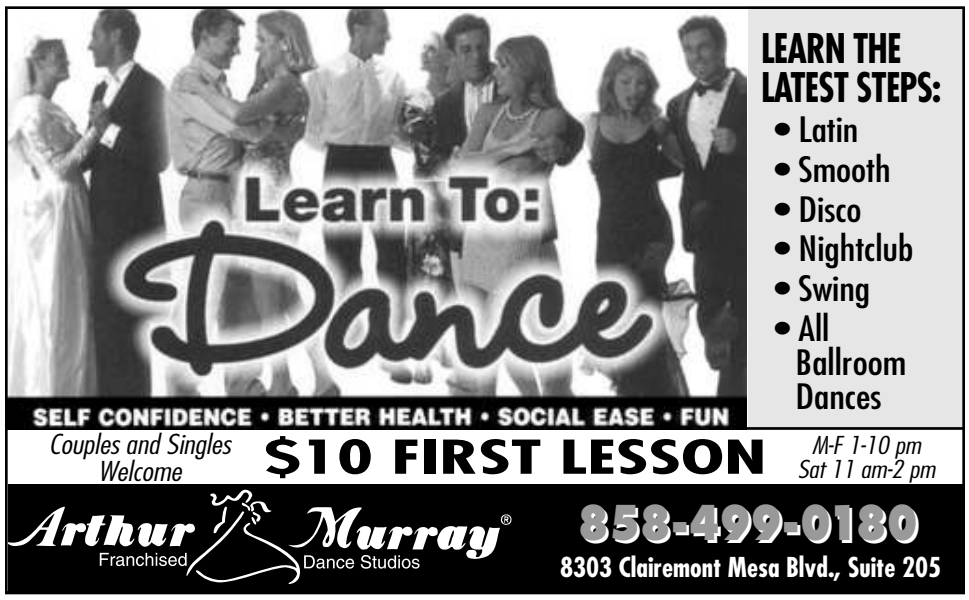
Tickets are $10 general; parking permits are $3. Dial 858-534-4830 for details. (LA JOLLA)

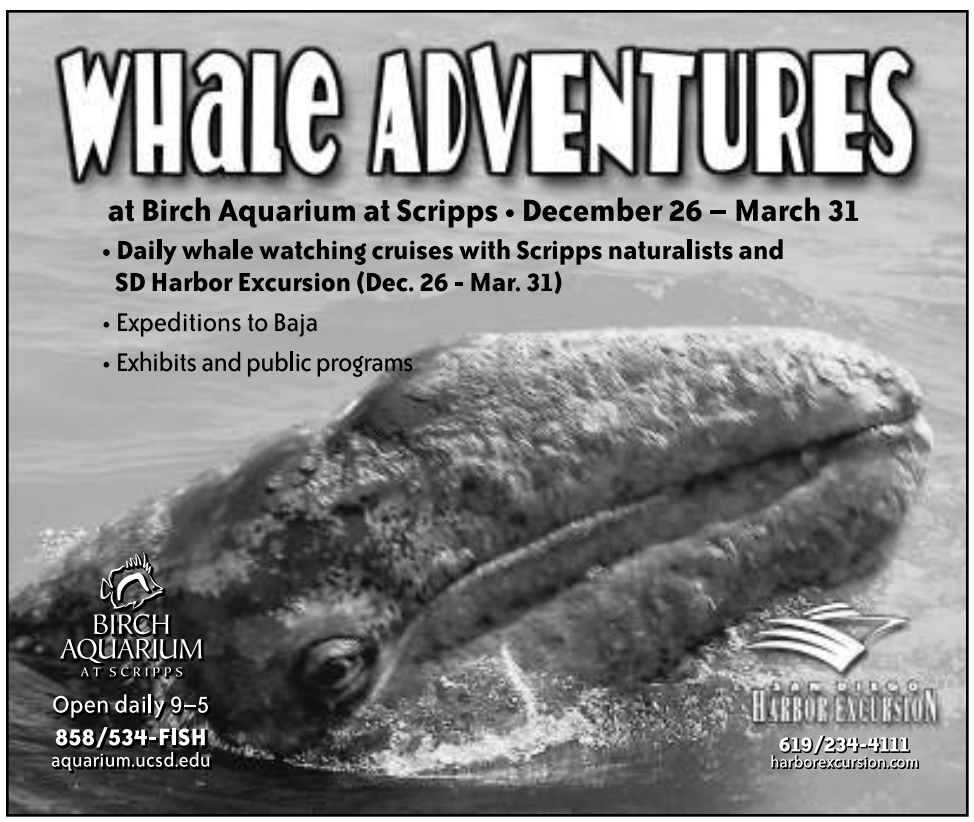
Classic Folk, the chamber music ensemble Camarada presents "Classic Folk: Folk-Inspired Chamber Music and Folk Tales" on Sunday, March 3, at 6 p.m., at the Mingei International Museum of World Folk Art. Guests will enjoy classical music inspired by melodies of international folk music, folk art, and folklore illustrated by Kenneth Bell's storytelling. The program includes works by Ravel, Stravinsky, Beaser, Copland, Lorge, and others performed by Susan Barrett (oboe), Kenneth Bell (narrator), Ann Chase (soprano), Elena Mashkovtseva (harp), Pat Pfiffner (percussion), Randy Pile (guitar), and Beth Ross-Buckley (flute).

Tickets are $25 general. The Mingei is found on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For reservations, call 619-699-8789. (BALBOA PARK)

Provocative? The innovative Muzik3 series returns for its fifth season, combining new music, classical music, jazz, and a "dose of percussion" under the direction of San Diego cellist Felix Fan. The series gets underway when the group Raw Fish performs Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8" and "Black Angels" by George Crumb on Friday, March 8. The group returns to play the "String Quartet No. 4" by Shostakovich and Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on Saturday, March 9.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (found in the ReinCarnation Building, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are $15, or pay $90 for the series. For information and reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)





Gangs of Demons

It is, to put it harshly, a very pretty picture and hard to take.

REVIEW
W.S. DI PIERO

Whenever I'm about to say harsh things about a work of art, I remind myself of the critical response to Matisse's *Woman in a Hat* at the Salon d'Automne in 1905. In the painting, Madame Matisse balances on her head a copious boat of fruit and felt. Her nose is two blunt strokes of pale and dark blue ending in a lavender nostril with a yellow tip. Her hand, leaning on a walking stick, looks like a dappled fin, and the background is all splashy gesture. Viewers laughed at it out loud. Critics derided it with a vehemence that would snap at Matisse's heels for years, the sort of vehemence that masks anxiety, ignorance, or a crisis of confidence. So, although it doesn't guarantee judiciousness, when I'm making tough remarks I tell myself to be sure I'm really seeing what's in front of me and not simply seeing what I expect or want to be there.

Matisse's picture was exhibited in the Salon along with works by André Derain and Maurice de Vlaminck. Their work had a wildness and attack that violated the norms of conventional painting — their pictures made drawing skills seem irrelevant. For them, Derain said, tubes of color were sticks of dynamite. They acquired their tag when a critic said of a tame academic picture that it was "like a Donatello among wild beasts (*fauves*)." *Woman in a Hat* offered a new subjective colorism that had tremendous expressive force. (A young painter complained that Matisse was more interested in his own personality than his model's.) Matisse's career was a series of formal consolidations and surges, some of which are evident in a painting of a bouquet of flowers, included in the San Diego Museum of Art's current exhibition, "European Art 1870–1940: War and Revolution." The flowers jump with the spiky high-keyed colors of his fauvist period, but there's a quivery delicacy of line not so prominent in the earlier work. The picture is also decorative — it might just as well have been patterned after the Moroccan carpets Matisse so admired — and is in part a response to Cubism, which he disliked for its subdued, gray-green palette.

The works on exhibit come from the museum's permanent collection and are installed to demonstrate how artists were responding to turbulent public events of the period. They also elucidate patterns of influence, lines of resistance, rebellion and counterrebellion among modern artists. A riverscape by Raoul Dufy, for instance, set close to the Matisse, shows how younger artists were affected by the fauves. Artists' responses to world events are so internalized and so often kneaded unrecognizably into the formal dynamics of their work that I'm not quite persuaded by what the exhibition purports to illustrate. It does, however, present modernism as an unstoppable progressive machine, which isn't news but reminds us just how hard it is to challenge and break up a tenacious art historical paradigm.

The show, in any case, provides a useful vest pocket history of that progress. To work up to the Matisse, the curators have hung a Monet landscape and an untypical view of a canal by Gustave Caillebotte (best known for his views of Paris) as evidence of two strains of Impressionism Matisse built on. Next to

The Young Shepherdess, William-Adolphe Bouguereau

Woman in a Hat, Matisse

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them is a big, stolid picture of a shepherd girl by Adolph-William Bouguereau, one of the most successful artists of the time and a famous teacher. (He told his stubborn student Matisse that he'd never learn to draw.) It displays all the prized academic qualities of its time: deft handling of values, an impeccable smoothness of surface, attention-getting scale, good draftsmanship, and a bucolic mood. It is, to put it harshly, a very pretty picture and hard to take. Compared to Bouguereau's polite manner, Matisse's aggressive enthusiasm seems rowdy.

Though the show's argument is strung along like Christmas lights from one painting to the next, the selection is sensible, and the paintings are sometimes a real surprise. Georges Rouault (a fellow student of Matisse) is represented by the heavily impasto-ed *Clowness,* a robust sign of how Rouault dragged reverie-laden Symbolism into a modernist idiom. Like all of his work, it explodes with spiritual fervor.

Degas, who admired Bouguereau, is represented by a ballerina picture rich with the sculptural feeling he brought over to painting — he could create an ethereal presence without losing any of the body's volume as it occupies space. A picture of a Breton peasant woman by Emile Bernard has the uneasy quietude of Gauguin's work among the peasants of Brittany, from which it derives, and is a fair measure of how Neo-Impressionism was captivated by primitivism of different kinds. By the time we get to a late Cubist still life by Braque from 1927 (its foggy gray and brown palette gives some credence to Matisse's complaint), we've seen, in brief, the arc of intention and experiment by artists that led up to it.

Detail of *The Last Judgment,* Hieronymus Bosch

Detail of *The Temptation of Saint Anthony,* Giovanni Savoldo

A different sort of influence is on view in a tiny, exciting show at the Timken, where you will learn what a *grillus* is. "Choices and Inspirations" consists of only two pictures, Hieronymus Bosch's triptych *The Last Judgment,* painted during the 1480s, and Giovanni Girolamo Savoldo's 1527 *Temptation of St. Anthony.* Savoldo, born in Brescia, made his career in Venice and was in practically every sense a Venetian painter. Like his much greater contemporaries Veronese and Tintoretto, he exploited the sensuousness and supple lighting possible with oil paint, only recently invented in northern Europe.

Like many artists (and writers and composers), Savoldo didn't hesitate to emulate the examples of others or to steal from them. He picks up some of the grisly torments depicted in the Bosch and deposits them in his picture. His painting is like a diptych collapsed into one picture: on the right "panel" are a burning city nearly identical to the one in the Bosch, plus gangs of demons sent to challenge St. Anthony's faith; on the left, wedged apart from the grim goings-on by a rocky mount, is a fair-weather pastoral scene toward which St. Anthony runs, hands clasped in desperate prayer.

The two pictures have a matching cast of characters: a human water wheel, which is a ferocious composite of man and mill wheel that eats up sinners and wears a birdcage crown, a medieval symbol for frivolity; a piggy, rabbit-eared beast of burden transporting sinners to their much-deserved end; and a *grillus,* a stumpy armless grotesque with a human face and head more or less stapled to a pair of legs.

Both of these exhibitions are occasions to look at pictures that are in some way conversing with one another, and in the case of *The Last Judgment,* which comes from the Groeningemuseum in Bruges and rarely travels, it's an occasion to see a great piece of art. ■

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The Mysterious Photographs of Michael Kenna are "often made at dawn or in the dark hours of the night," concentrating "on the interaction between natural landscape and human-made structures." An exhibit of Kenna's work is on view at the Joseph Bellows Gallery through Saturday, March 30. Meet the artist when he visits the gallery for a reception on Friday, February 22, at 6 p.m.

Kenna presents a lecture on his work on Saturday, February 23, at 2 p.m., in the Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater at the Museum of Photographic Arts (in Balboa Park). The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

Works on Paper by José Bedia, Anish Kapoor, and Richard Serra go on exhibit at Quint Contemporary Art beginning with a reception on Friday, February 22, 6 p.m. The folkloric imagery that Bedia uses complement his "delicately rendered designs on handmade paper." Kapoor, known for his large sculptures in reflective metal and stone, shows prints and drawings sharing "this concern for materials, particularly pigment," while Serra contributes works on paper achieving "a profound sense of gravity and presence."

See the show through Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

A "Synergy of Light and Color" is on exhibit through Thursday, March 7, at the 101 Artists' Colony (25 E Street). Participating artists include painters Sarah Stead and Don Ayala and photographer Julianna Ivey. Meet these local artists at a reception on Friday, February 22, at 6 p.m. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 760-632-9074 for details. (ENCINITAS)

Spanish Artist Enric Torres Prat has an exhibit of original paintings on view at the Fingerhut Gallery. Prat will be on hand during the reception set for Saturday, February 23, at 7 p.m. See the show through March at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to RSVP for the reception and gallery hours. (LA JOLLA)

Fiber Art will be on display when Ron Witherspoon of Rondell's Fiber offers an art exhibit at Jered's Fine Art Gallery on February 23 and 24. See the work from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery is located at 4752 Federal Boulevard (near 47th Street). For more information, call 619-527-6975. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Landscape Photographs by James Halfacre (local and eastern High Sierra shots) can be viewed at a reception on Sunday, February 24, from noon to 5 p.m., at Planet Rooth Studios, 3811 Ray Street. (NORTH PARK)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, site-specific installations by an international group of artists whose creative material is light opens on Sunday, February 24. "Light" examines subjects including "the nature of time, space and infinity, and the consequences, both positive and negative, of our increasingly intimate relationship with technology." The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 5.

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, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in "African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," continuing through Sunday, June 30. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

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, a collective vision of life in the United States through the experiences of citizens from diverse communities is offered in "Indivisible: Stories of American Community." Twelve accomplished photographers visited locations across the nation "and recorded the ways in which citizens have erased poverty, soothed racial tensions, and protected the environment." In each location, "the artists documented the ways residents work together to address crucial issues and create positive change." Be inspired through Sunday, April 21.

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." 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 photographs 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. The "John Garrett Retrospective" continues through Sunday, March 17, at 704 Pier View Way. For more information, call 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore the "art of collecting" when 76 "Master Drawings from the Collection of Alfred Moir" are exhibited through Sunday, April 7. Drawn from the collection of baroque art scholar Alfred Moir, the exhibition includes fine examples by Annibale Carracci, Pietro da Cortona, Luca Giordano, Salvator Rosa, and Simon Vouet.

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.

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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Hollywood Stampede

America, he says, is "just the same as Ireland, really. Full of fat women with beards."

REVIEW
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When Hollywood comes to west Ireland's County Kerry, Jake and Charlie work as extras, looking "dispossessed" for 40 quid a day. They're just backdrops, "nothing more." The movie's called *The Quiet Valley*. Snatches of description make it sound hyper-lunkhead and replete with stereotypes ("they're Irish," says a filmmaker, "what do you expect?"). The stars and crew mirror the screenplay. They exude an imperialist sense of ownership: they trample down the populace and, possibly worse, as a Dream Machine they inspire too much hope. "Imagination," one says, "can be a damn curse in this country."

When the film crew leaves, a spotlight flicks off, and the village becomes darker than before. So Jake and Charlie plan their own movie, in which the "stars become the extras and the extras become stars." They'll call it *Stones in His Pockets,* and it will expose the havoc Hollywood can create in a small rural community.

The theme of Marie Jones's comedy-drama, celluloid dreams vs. rural Irish realities, isn't fresh. In Martin McDonagh's *Cripple of Inishmann* (1997), Billy goes to Hollywood while his neighbors feel left way behind. (America, he says, is "just the same as Ireland, really. Full of fat women with beards.") Unlike Billy's disillusionment, *Stones* wrestles with fantasy then grabs it whole hog. It becomes the play Jake and Charlie envisioned.

If *Stones* had an actor for each role, and lavish production values, the big canvas would blur its subtheme. But Jones made a smart choice. She wrote *Stones* for only two actors. Bronson Pinchot and Christopher Burns play about 15 different people. Their set is a picture of clouds, rows of shoes, and a trunk. They change shoes, maybe a vest, and rarely resort to props. Sometimes they step upstage as one person, turn, and come back as someone else. The threadbare, intrepid approach enables the lowly "extras" to tell the whole story, exhibiting versatility and talent that would humble the Hollywood intruders.

The actors' range seems infinite. Along with Charlie Conlon — the "clown" who, it turns out, has a chronic case of the "Joe Depressos" — Pinchot plays the American starlet Caroline Giovanni, whose libidinous impulses tend to "go ethnic"; he also plays the film's director, and Caroline's bodyguard, a bull-necked Sly Stallone clone with the IQ of an igneous rock. Burns's gallery of characters includes Jake Quinn (back from America like crippled Billy), embittered old Mickey Riordan (last living extra from John Ford's *Quiet Man*), and young Ashley, an impressionable assistant.

Stones takes time to make its world. The presence of two drably dressed blokes, speaking different, often slab-thick accents, requires an adjustment. By evening's end, though, one must admire the ways they do their jobs. Every inch of the two-act play's been choreographed. Each step, glance, nod, and blink flows. The precision of movement reaches an ironic peak when Pinchot and Burns perform an extended "Riverdance": hands on hips, feet flying, matching each other's corkscrew kicks.

The actors use precise accents. Jake and Charlie, for example, refer to the film as a "fill-um." When they plan their movie they don't want the Irish accents to be too exact because "Hollywood might think them false." (When I played St. Andrews golf course, wondering about our image abroad, I asked the caddy if he liked packing Americans' bags. "Sure," he said, "at least I can understand your English.").

Pinchot and Burns perform so well they almost cover up glitches in the writing. *Stones* makes many points about cultural clashes (Hollywood, in fact, may be a metaphor for U.S. foreign policy). Most observations focus on young Sean, who gets thrown "out of his own pub in his own hometown" — the equivalent, in some pre-Columbian cultures, of stepping on his shadow. Sean does an Ophelia, with stones in his pockets, and assumes tragic status, or is supposed to, anyway. Sean intrudes onto the story the way Hollywood stampedes into County Kerry, with little preparation and urgent import. As the writing strains for significance, it becomes as forced as the performances are fluid.

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Because its lambasting of the aristocracy may have hastened the French Revolution, Beaumarchais's 1784 comedy, *The Marriage of Figaro,* has been labeled "the most subversive play ever written." But how does a modern production recapture that fire? In 1983, Andre Serban directed a version for the Guthrie Theatre (in which my baby brother, Mikie, played Grippe-Soleil). Serban put everyone on roller skates, and the stage looked like a hockey game. For UCSD, guest director Loretta Greco fills the intermission and curtain call with Cuba's revolutionary anthem "Guantanamera," but the production proper is innocuous and intermittently funny. It combines flash with flat, talky stretches and cannot overcome Beaumarchais's almost endless planning and scheming.

On opening night, acting polish varied from person to person, but overall, the show felt underrehearsed. Beaumarchais urged his performers not to overplay farcical urges. Nor does Greco's cast, but they lack a lightness of touch to keep the comic bubble bouncing. Alex Cranmer's Count Almaviva, one of dramatic lit's most duped aristos, does throughout. And Jen Smith-DeCastroverde's Cherubin, a woman playing a man playing a woman, comes closest to fusing humor and drama.

Figaro is as much about genders as social classes. But in Richard Nelson's modern adaptation, Beaumarchais's observations about male and female behavior inflame only because they're

Bronson Pinchot, Christopher Burns in Stones in His Pockets

Stones in His Pockets, *by Marie Jones*
Old Globe Theatre, *Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park*
Directed by Ian McElhinney; *cast, Christopher Burns, Bronson Pinchot; scenic design, Jack Kirwan; lighting, James C. McFetridge*
Playing through March 16; *Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-239-2255.*

The Marriage of Figaro, *by Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais*
Mandell Weiss Theatre, *UCSD*
Directed by Loretta Greco; *cast, Michael Keyloun, Emily Donahoe, Alexandra Aufderheide, Jen Smith-DeCastroverde, Alex Cranmer, Alex Smith, Amy Stewart, Simone Moore, Guillermo Aviles-Rodriguez, David Johnan Kim, Brian Joubran, Amy Carson, Dan Lee; set, Paul Eric Pape; lighting, Shaoann Yo; costumes, Jen Tiranti Anderson; sound, Casi Pacilio*
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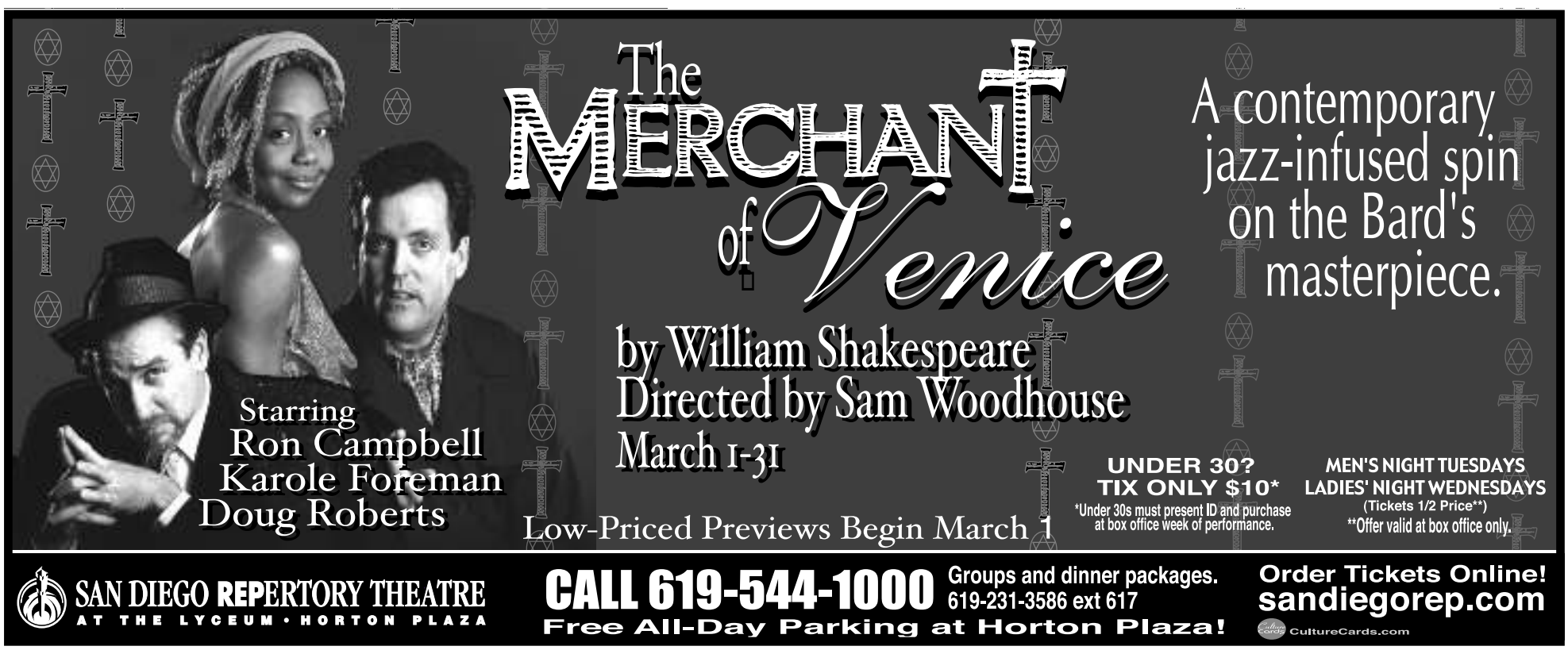

just stereotypes.

Scenic designer Paul Eric Pape magnified the notion of a traditional "box set." The floor and three large walls of the Mandell Weiss stage are a deep, blazing red, the color having numerous symbolic associations, from embarrassed faces to the by-product of guillotines. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ad Altare Dei
New Works/Vantage Theatre and St. Paul's Cathedral Center present, as part of their "Reader's Theatre" series, Jack Shea's drama about a priest's struggle with conscience. A discussion follows the reading.
GREAT HALL, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 2728 SIXTH AVENUE (AT FIFTH AND NUTMEG), SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-262-6162.

Anything Goes
SDSU stages the Cole Porter musical. Reno Sweeney, ex-evangelist, and Billy Crocker ("a man of many faces") sail on the S.S. *American*.
EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, THROUGH MARCH 3; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Marriage of Figaro

Beehive
Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.
Worth a try.
THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Best Mistake
The Playwrights Project stages Jim Knable's drama about adult illiteracy. A discussion follows the performance.
THE NEUROSCIENCES INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM, 10640 JOHN JAY HOPKINS DRIVE, LA JOLLA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-8222.

Betrayal
If Harold Pinter's thickly layered drama were linear, it could bore you to tears. Robert, a publisher; Emma, his wife; and Jerry, Robert's best friend and Emma's lover, say little, even when excited. They'd rather discuss jaunts to Torcello than how they feel. To spotlight their verbal lapses and crossed connections, Pinter wrote *Betrayal* backwards. It moves from an affair's ashes to initial sparks. The structure reveals how transitory vows can be, and ideals. It also points to an unseen, ever-present figure: the ultimate betrayer, Time. The Globe Theatre's production has one remarkable feature: Robin Sanford Robert's set begins as a huge square of maplewood, maybe four feet by four feet. When the play begins, the square breaks into smaller shapes — chairs, tables, beds — and behaves like the drama itself, creating new, unforeseen configurations. Karen Carpenter's direction, however, is a puzzle. As often as not, when the actors reach a pause, instead of communicating an inner life, or concealing its absence, they just freeze. Maybe they didn't have enough rehearsal time, or maybe they haven't translated Pinter's famous theories into practice. In either case, the cast remains on the surface. They stop and start, or do go on. But instead of showing us, in languages under their language, character as iceberg, all we get are ice cubes.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 10; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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

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In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else?
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The Colorado Catechism
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6TH@PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 3; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-692-3105.

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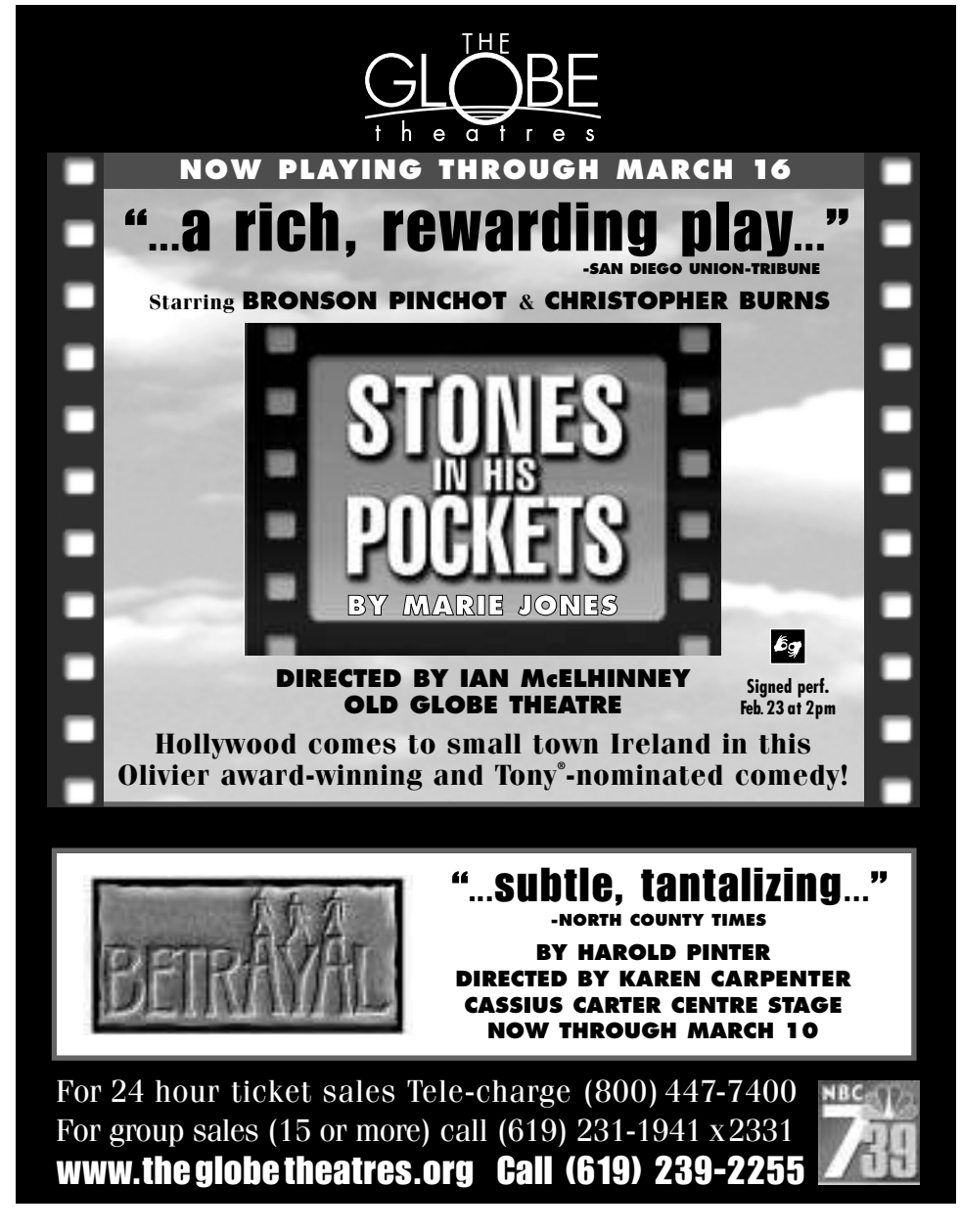
Death Rides the Stage
HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear…and there's a dead body in the next room."
SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN;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

The Duchess of Malfi
UCSD stages John Webster's rarely produced "sexy tale of deceit and vengeance," which asks, "Can pure love exist in this corrupt world?" Daisy Walker directed.
MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, THROUGH MARCH 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.



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Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Lezley Havard's thriller about an old farmhouse that seems to resist the arrival of new owners. C. Taylor directed.
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

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CULY THEATRE, 338 WEST SEVENTH, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN, FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY

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PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: THE DINNER/THEATER PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE ONLY THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-519-7458.)

Kiss or Make Up
East Side Repertory Theatre (formerly Octad-One Productions) stages Jack Sharkey's comic farce "about the funny side to paying taxes." Wayne Alan Erreca directed.
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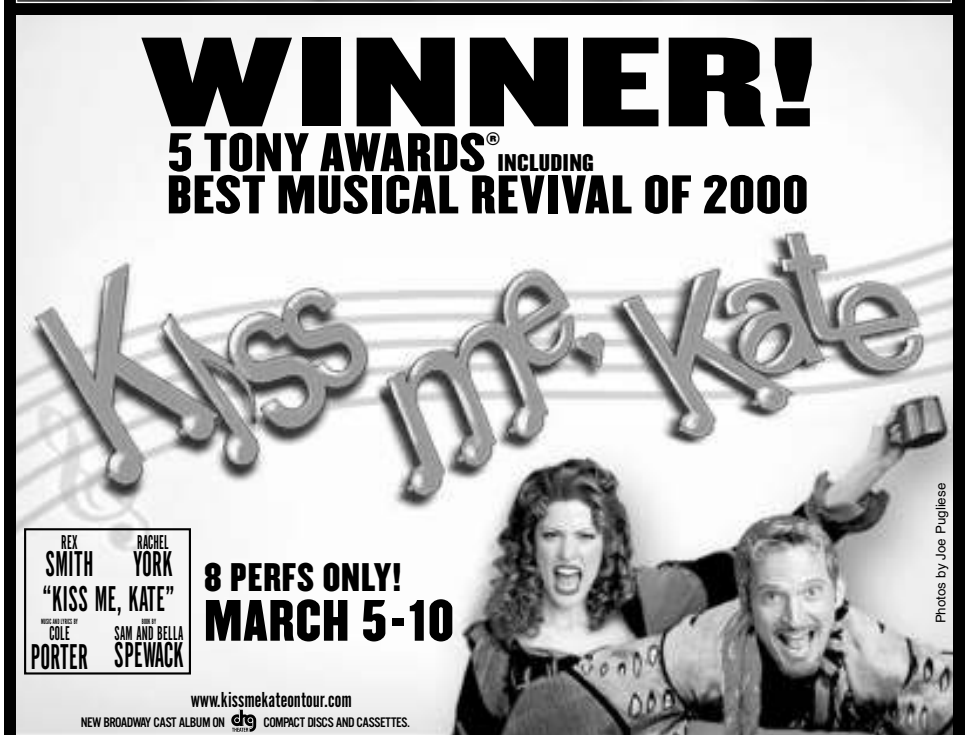

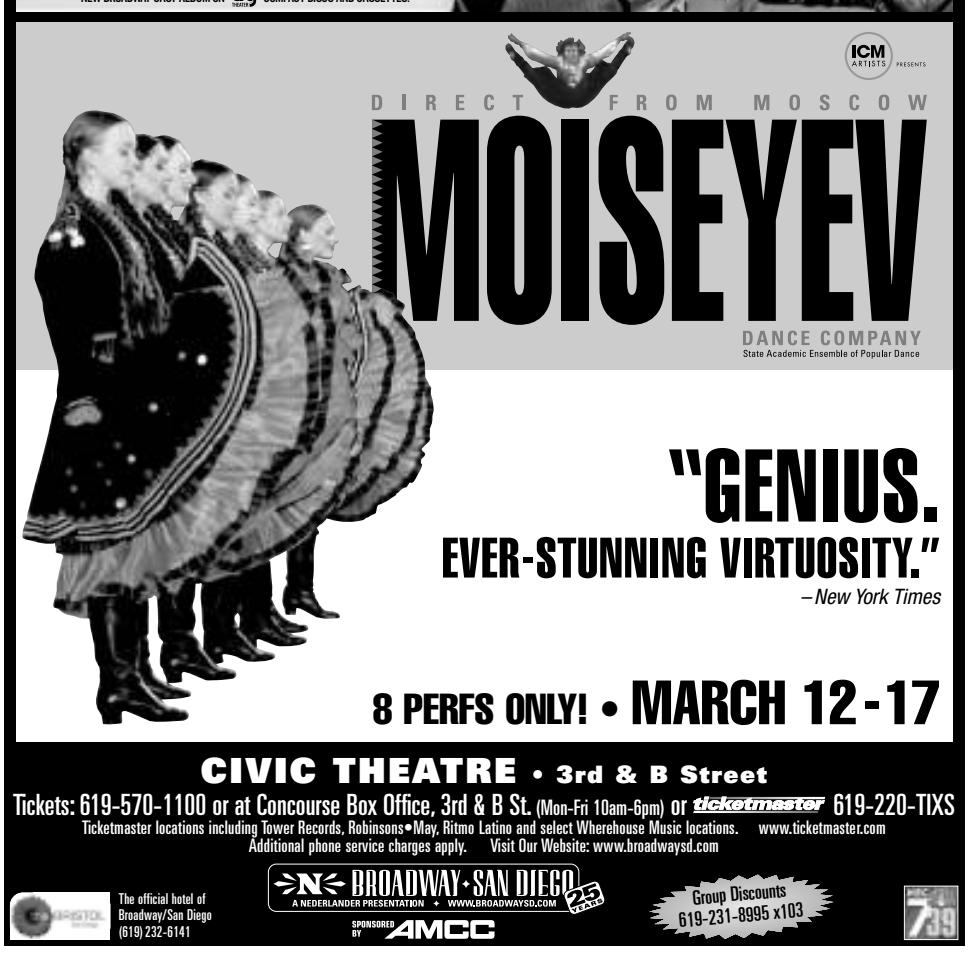

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Lobby Hero
South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Kenneth Lonergan's new comedy about a lonely night watchman who bungles his way into a murder case. Olivia Honneger directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, THROUGH MARCH 24; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

Making It
The South Coast Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of Joe Hortua's drama about "people on the job," at a trendy Manhattan restaurant, and "people on the move." David Emmes directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SECOND STAGE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

A Man for All Seasons

A Man for All Seasons
"Both socially and individually," Robert Bolt writes in his preface to *A Man for All Seasons,* "it is with us as it is with our cities — an accelerating flight to the periphery, leaving a center which is empty when the hours of business are over." Bolt's play offers a counterexample: Sir Thomas More (1478-1535), "the English Socrates," author of *Utopia,* Lord Chancellor of England, and Henry VIII's eloquent, though mute, opponent. Hiding "in the thickets of the law," More stood on principles, at great cost to his family and, ultimately, to his life. The Lamb's Players Theatre's 2-hour, 45-minute-long production lacks inspiration. Except for Nick Cordileone's creepy Richard Rich (even bottom-feeders can rise) and Doren Elias's engaging "Common Man," most of the actors wear their roles without inhabiting them. This includes Michael Harvey's portrayal of More. Harvey conveys the man's intelligence and wit (in *Utopia,* More says prospective brides and grooms see each other naked before they get married), but when required to reach higher emotional levels, Harvey indicates with melodramatic reactions and poses. Mike Buckley's set — platforms, stairs, and drapes — looks unfinished, and Nathan Peirson's lighting overcooks the drapes with satanic reds whenever Thomas Cromwell's on the scene. Jeanne Reith's costumes, however, create a 16th-century tapestry of fashion.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 17; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Marriage of Figaro
Reviewed this issue.
MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, THROUGH FEBRUARY 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Moving Violation
Community Actors Theatre opens its new season with Sharon Martin's "mind-bottling melodrama about survival and how human excesses determine the quality of life." Jennie Hamilton directed.
COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Murder Most Romantic
Murder Mystery Players, Inc., presents an interactive dinner-theater mystery about attempts to get more press for Ruthie Lavonne's "latest and tired romance novel." Frances Palmer directed.
DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO SOUTH, MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH MARCH 9; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of John-

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stone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.

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

Never the Sinner
Diversionary's string of excellently staged, thought-compelling shows continues with John Logan's drama about Leopold and Loeb's "crime of the century." To prove their Nietzschean *ubermensch* superiority, the teenagers murdered 14-year-old Bobby Franks. Clarence Darrow defended them against capital punishment, arguing he could hate the sin, but "never the sinner." At no point do they reveal feelings about the crime or its consequences. The script and Diversionary's terrific production avoid the facile sociology often attached to "thrill killings." Directed by Sean Murray, the production explores rather than explains. Young actors Jon Levenson (Leopold) and David Stanbra (Loeb) fuse into a symbiotic pairing, each incomplete without the other. The design work on Diversionary's small, triangular stage is tops, especially Mike Durst's bright lights and bigger shadows. At first only George Ye's background music seems out of joint. It's contemporary, though the trial took place in 1924. The music, however, makes for sly relevance. Change the names, and Shulamit Nelson's Jazz Age costumes, put these kids in Columbine High, and *Sinner* becomes as current as your next breath.
Critic's pick.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

No Exit
Beacon Theatre, a new company, offers Jean-Paul Sartre's drama about two women, a man, and a grim room that could be Hell. Pam Benjamin directed.
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The Price
The Sunshine Brooks Theater performs a "reader's theater" staging of Arthur Miller's drama. A discussion follows the reading.
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Seven Weeks of Greeks!
The Tragedies
What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea,* and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work, or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire-irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent, and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Euripides' *Hippolytus* on March 3.
Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 28; SUNDAY, MARCH 3, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-698-2659.

Showboat
The Lawrence Welk Resort Theatre, by popular demand, reprises its production of the musical about 50 years in the life of Magnolia Hawks and Gaylord Ravenal, "troubled riverboat gambler."
LAWRENCE WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 30; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY, AT 1:45 P.M.

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Stones in His Pockets
Reviewed this issue.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH MARCH 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Struggling Truths
Peter Mellencamp's epic drama is a movie in a play's body. Make that four movies. He recounts 20 years in the history of Tibet, the rise of the Dalai Lama, a polite debate between he and Chairman Mao Zedong, and Communist China's takeover of Tibet. He gives lessons in Buddhism and moral conundrae, and tells the story of Dorje and his sister Rinchen. They become torn between Tibetan tradition and Chinese communism, and face "struggling truths" sprung from fixed ideas. The play concerns one of the most important events of the 20th century and, surprisingly, presents both sides (Tibetan lamas are either saintly *Rinpoches* or reactionary oppressors, depending on one's point of view). It's a vast canvas that the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre only paints in parts. Like a movie,

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Mellencamp's script unfolds in brief scenelets, but the production has neither the flow nor the force to sustain them for the play's two hour, 45-minute length. AART has plusses: Sandra Kraus's costumes range from military drab to the distinctive maroon and saffron robes of the Tibetans; and director George Ye's sound design, from bullets to deep bass chanting, is first-class. Although Jyl Kaneshiro and Chad Sakamoto give strong performances, the acting's quite mixed and tends to weaken when needed most in the last hour. There is, however, a truly standout performance. Robert Dahey, one of the area's best young actors, plays Sang Sang, a crazy wisdom guru who delights in proving that reality is illusion or, just when you believe him, might not be after all.
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Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."
Worth a try.
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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.
HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

The Universal Monster Show
Sledgehammer Theatre presents the world premiere of a collaborative piece, based on the monstrous Hartford Circus Fire of 1944. Kirsten Brandt directed.
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Verdict
The Coronado Playhouse presents Agatha Christie's mystery, which asks, "Can friendship ever require too much from us? Can mercy ever be wrong?" Kathryn Lee Moss directed.
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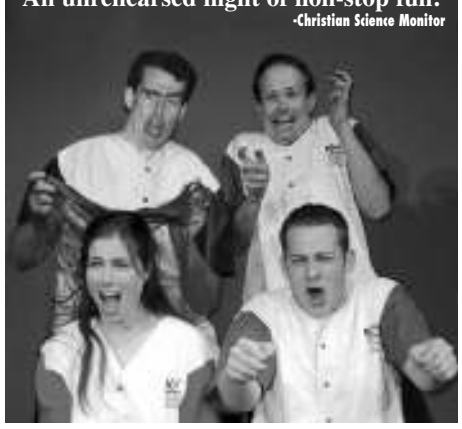
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John Reis has fronted Rocket from the Crypt — arguably San Diego's most influential band of the '90s — for the last 13 years.

Five months ago Reis realized a longtime fantasy when he was given his own Sunday night radio show. Using the radio name "Swami," Reis samples his personal collection — obscure cuts by a 25-year-old Belgian punk band called the Kids or by Mahmoud Ahmed, "the Ethiopian version of James Brown."

"I'm attracted to the multigenerational rock and roll experience," said Reis. "I'm currently fixated by Middle Eastern psychedelic music. It makes me feel good."

This is the first radio gig for Swami Reis. Next month the radio amateur gets something that some radio veterans work years for but never get: a chance to broadcast in L.A./Orange County — America's second-largest radio market — on 94/3 KMXN.

"It hasn't even hit me yet," said Reis about his big break.

Inspired by Wolfman Jack, Dr. Demento, and L.A. radio legend Rodney Bingenheimer, radio Swami is heard Sunday from 10 p.m. to midnight on 92/1 KFSD-FM. Reis was brought in by 92/1 program director Mike Halloran. Because of 92/1's ratings success, last Friday KFSD's owner Art Astor also turned his Orange County station, 94/3, over to Halloran. The Swami show is one of the elements from 92/1 that Halloran said he will bring north to 94/3 KMXN.

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

RADIO SWAMI GETS PICKED UP ON EL CAJON BLVD.

Swami's stream-of-conscious delivery and off-center musical tastes might seem out of sync with conservative Orange County, or even with San Diego, for that matter. But there is at least one San Diego hangout that does good business with Radio Swami.

"It took us nine years before we figured out a promotion to make Sundays work," said Joe Austin, co-owner of the Live Wire on El Cajon Boulevard in University Heights.

"We figured out how to rig an antenna to pick up that station [92/1]. We found a 1970 broken-dial receiver that picks it up. We mentioned it in *Bargoer* [the Live Wire's weekly e-mailed newsletter]. Now we are always packed on Sundays."

— *Ken Leighton*

"Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam" is the name of the latest rock-and-roll tour.

The world's most famous skateboarder and Orange County–based band manager Jim Gueirnot (Social Distortion, Offspring, Chris Cornell, No Doubt, and Beck) are organizing a sort of Warped Tour but with reversed priorities.

"With the Warped Tour, the music is the focus, while the action sports is secondary," said Hawk from his home in Carlsbad. "We are doing it the other way around."

The Warped Tour features up to 50 bands playing on multiple stages at each stop of its cross-country tour. Skateboard and BMX demonstrations are scheduled periodically throughout the day. Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam will only have one band playing at a time. The stage will actually be at the top of a half-pipe. Bike and skateboard demonstrations will run throughout the event.

"The first show will be televised on ESPN," said Hawk, who added that the first date is tentatively set for April 27 of this year in Las Vegas featuring Social Distortion and Offspring. Hawk did not know the ticket price range. "That depends on how many sponsors we get. More sponsors, the less the ticket price will be."

HAWK'S BOOM BOOM HUCKJAM TOUR

Hawk is also organizing Skate for Life on April 6 at Universal Studios. Sponsored by L.A. station KROQ, the concert will benefit the Neil Bogart Memorial Fund for children's cancer and the Tony Hawk Foundation, which builds skate parks in underprivileged areas.

Hawk said so far the foundation has built 12 skate parks across the country. "We just gave a grant to build one in Needles, [California]."

Each grant, he says, funds between $5000 and $25,000. At press time Hawk did not know the name of the April 6 headliner.

Two weeks ago Hawk sang lead with one of his favorite locals bands, fluf. "They had this surprise party for me in Long Beach."

"Tony sang [fluf song] 'Stand in Line with Us,' " said fluf bassist Josh Higgins. "He knew all the words and everything."

— *Ken Leighton*

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"He's, like, four foot nothing."

Actor-turned-rocker Jared Leto may have a bigger-than-life presence on the big screen, but local photographer Ryan Loyko said the actor's real-life stature may not be what you'd expect in person.

Leto, known for his appearances in films like *Fight Club, The Thin Red Line,* and *Urban Legend* and in TV's *My So-Called Life,* made his local rock debut February 8 at Brick by Brick with his band Thirty Seconds to Mars.

Leto, 30, sings lead and plays guitar in the four-man band. Their first CD, produced by Bob Ezrin (Lou Reed, Kiss, Pink Floyd), will be released by Immortal/Virgin this summer. Next month Thirty Seconds to Mars joins the Puddle of Mudd tour, as an opening act for 24 dates.

Leto's identity was top secret for the Brick by Brick show. "I had a contractual agreement not to reveal [Leto's] name," said promoter Harlan Schiffman. "They wanted to focus on the strength of music and not the name of the personality."

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

30 SECONDS TO FIGURE OUT LETO'S AN ACTOR

Rocking actors have drawn mixed reactions. Woody Harrelson and Kevin Bacon played the Belly Up Tavern to generally favorable reviews, while Keanu Reeves' Dogstar project was regarded as a critical bust. Reeves' performances at the Belly Up were noted for the throng of female fans crowding around the stage directly in front of Reeves.

"They were enamored, but they weren't taking off their clothes," said Schiffman about the crowd response to Leto at Brick by Brick.

Loyko said he was asked to leave after he started shooting Leto. He did, however, manage to sell one of those photos to *Rolling Stone* for an undisclosed amount.

"There were some complaints voiced backstage after the show," said Schiffman about the presence of Loyko's camera. "Because they have a record deal, the band image is licensed to the record label, thereby necessitating approval for photos to be taken of the band."

"They captivated the audience," said Andrew Wilcox of the local band Neverbound, which preceded Thirty Seconds to Mars at Brick by Brick. "Whether it was the music entirely or [Leto's] reputation, it was hard to tell what made them go off."

Spivak Entertainment manages Thirty Seconds to Mars. Chelsea Laird of Spivak explains why they demanded Leto's identity be kept secret.

"We want the fans to just focus on the music and not the name. As far as I know none of the promoters leaked it."

— *Ken Leighton*

"They slept with each other's girlfriends."

That's the salacious explanation given on 91X why neo-glitter band Teacher's Pet has stopped playing live.

Press, TV, and radio types are normally reserved about sharing hearsay about sexual peccadilloes or chemical abuse, but Tim Pyles, co-host of the 91X local music show *Loudspeaker,* wanted to share the lurid details of Teacher's Pet's love life on 100,000 watts.

PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

91X DISHES DIRT ON TEACHER'S PET

"I would prefer that Tim didn't get into that stuff," said Pyles's boss, 91X program director Bryan Shock. "That was a little too personal. We like to keep it up and positive [on 91X]."

But Pyles and Shock don't have to worry about a lawsuit, even though the band's lead singer, Noah, said the charge of interband infidelity is simply not true.

"We're just taking a break right now. Some of the band members have other interests. Jobs are interfering. Some [fellow bandmates] are more serious about careers instead of the band.… They are too hung up on trying to earn some money."

Noah says he was disappointed but not upset about the 91X DJ's comment.

"I think [Pyles] is just trying to be rock and roll…but I can't believe he said that. Don't you think it's inappropriate?"

Pyles shared his Teacher's Pet exposé at 1:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 12. *Loudspeaker* airs midnight to 2 a.m. on Tuesdays (late Monday night).

"I'm sure not many people heard it," said Noah. "But still…I guess anything that's said about a pop group is good."

Noah says there is no pending Teacher's Pet date at this time.

"I'm sure we'll get back together someday soon."

— *Ken Leighton*

"The song is about these two women who live on my street, a mother and daughter.… They're basically hermits, and the house they live in looks like the Addams family place, only messier."

Susan Smith took a photo of her neighbor's ramshackle home from her own front porch, and Smith's East Coast record label, Rockland, used the picture for the front cover of Smith's new CD — *Neighbors from Hell.*

Smith sold her first composition in 1980 while still in her teens and living with her parents in

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Oceanside. She's since written dozens of songs recorded by artists like REO Speedwagon, Orleans, and the Atlanta Rhythm Section, published under her "professional" name — S.F. Simon.

"I never see these women," Smith says. "They hide inside all day and night, but I wanted them to know what effect their house has on our neighborhood, so I dropped a demo copy of *Neighbors from Hell* in what's left of their mailbox."

Smith was then served with a civil lawsuit claiming "defamation and invasion of privacy" and had to appear in court in order to block her neighbors' attempt to have an emergency injunction placed against the release and distribution of Smith's CD (which was supposed to come out February 4).

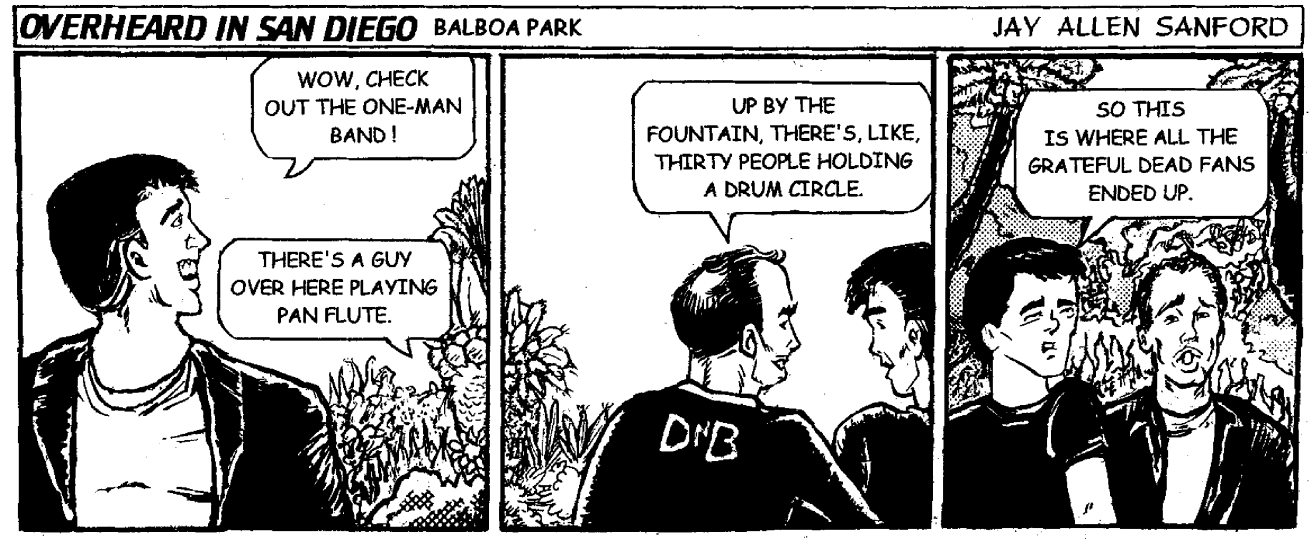
"The judge said the suit had enough merit to grant the injunction pending the outcome of the case, and they were ready to send marshals…to seize the master tapes and every pressed copy of the CD and the printed sleeves.… I'm dead set against dropping the song or changing the cover, and I'll fight it as far as I have to."

The lawyer Smith retained informed her that the plaintiff's case is weak. "There's no picture of the women themselves, there's no address.… There's no way of even knowing what state the picture was taken in."

Rockland is appealing the injunction against distribution of the CD and will be flying a representative to San Diego to do so in late February. Smith, as publisher of the song under her own publishing imprint SimonSongs, will fight the defamation and privacy invasion suit herself.

"I've already dished out thousands of dollars for a lawyer. If I'd have just given [my neighbors] the money instead, they could have fixed up their stupid damned house."

— *Jay Allen Sanford*



"Of course we're doing a makeup date...as soon as possible," said Strokes' manager Ryan Gentles, who responded via e-mail last week about the universally panned February 3 appearance of the Strokes at 4th & B.

Gentles's assistant, Juliette Joslin, initially indicated there would not be a make-good date to appease local fans who were unhappy with lead singer Julian Casblancas's impaired performance. The Strokes' set was shortened, and others, including opening artists and front-row fans, filled in for Casablancas by singing lead vocals.

"The band is extremely committed to their fans, and they know that that wasn't a real show," writes Gentles. "Julian asked the crowd several times if they should call it off, to which the crowd…screamed back at them to stay and play. We'll be back as soon as we're off this tour. And [the makeup show] will be a great one and as free as possible for all the attendees of the last show. There's a lot of details to work out on how we can do that, but that's my first priority."

If there is a makeup date, it is assumed fans would be accommodated if they could produce a ticket stub from the February 3 show.

Promoter Harlan Schiffman of Fineline Entertainment would not commit to a makeup show.

"I can't comment right now," he said.

— *Ken Leighton*

Mary Dolan, *Long Way from Home,* Cargo Music EAR-026

The highlight of this set is a letter-perfect, sweat-and-ooze-perfect, squirm-and-twitch-and-writhe-perfect, spot-on remake of the Janis Joplin version of "Piece of My Heart," y'know the one released on *Cheap Thrills,* itself copped from the original by Erma Franklin on the Shout label, written by who the hell was it…um…Jerry Ragavoy, right? And Bert Berns.

Anyway, it's pretty close — to Janis, not Erma — and prit-ty damn good. If nothing else, if you put a wig on Ms. Dolan, she could play Janis in the touring production of *JanisMania* or somesuch…hey, it's just a thought.

Musical collaborator Jimmy Crespo, former guitarist for Aerosmith, sez: "To me, Mary is one of the greatest female artists/singers I have ever heard" — and don't look t' me to argue.

Is that a truck she's driving or a van?

— *Richard Meltzer*

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When Myron Ross got the notion to produce a talent show, he knew that he wanted all of his performers to be persons with disabilities. Ross himself had lost much of his sight to retinitis pigmentosa a decade earlier, when he was in his early 50s. In the years following the onset of his blindness, he immersed himself in social clubs and services for the disabled and took a job with Accessible San Diego, a resource center for travelers with disabilities. As a musician, he began to cultivate friendships with disabled entertainers. He thought that an amateur variety show would be both fun and therapeutic for the performers. He would make it a yearly event, the first of its kind that he knew of in San Diego. For several months, Ross sent out mailers advertising his idea. He even visited what he calls the different disabled communities, in hopes of drumming up a cast of entertainers.

"I did not get one response," he says.

In the end, Ross, a professional drummer, drew from his circle of friends to build the cast. But there were other challenges.

"A lot of people with disabilities have medical issues, you know, where they're either really tired, or they can get sick, they can catch things, really quick," says Ross.

Later, he will tell me that the health of his performers — eight of them in all who made the final cut — was a critical issue in planning the show. "I made sure that I had backup acts, just in case the number-one act couldn't make it."

Ross's planning turned out to be fortuitous for City Heights entertainer Aaron Brown. When guitarist/singer Mark Gossney (who plays the guitar with his feet) needed to cancel at last minute, Brown stepped in as the show's opener.

"I've been a drummer since I was five years old," Brown tells me. (The show today is full of drummers — Ross is a member of the Disabled Drummers Association.) But Brown will not play drums today. Instead, he will play piano and sing gospel. Brown's eyes orbit independently of each other, rendering them almost useless. (During sound check, when a wheelchair-bound harmonica player let loose a loud blast directly into the PA, Brown yells, "Ow. He's gonna make me deaf, too.")

Brown needs assistance in getting up onstage, but when he is finally seated at the elementary school upright, all hell breaks loose. He boogies, shouts, jumps, stomps, and pounds out his songs.

There are easily over 100 people in the audience of the Indoor Sports Club in Hillcrest. The club bills itself as a social club for the physically disabled and has a spacious room with tables, chairs, and a ramped stage. There is a view of the harbor and a pleasant afternoon breeze. Ross, acting as show MC in sport coat and tie, has thought of everything; throughout the two-hour show, an interpreter will work stage left, signing all announcements and singers for the hearing impaired in attendance.

I spend some time with Garrett Knipe. He tells me that he is an impressionist-comedian, that he's performed at Sushi downtown, that he appears fourth in the lineup today, and that he's got the preshow jitters. As Richard Nixon impersonating Chuck Berry, he tells me he lives on disability in La Mesa. He claims he has 65 different voices. "I'm trying," says Knipe, in what I take to be his real voice, "to get work as a commercial actor doing voiceovers."

Knipe will be joined onstage by dyslexic singers, a jazz dancer with Down's syndrome, former Miss Wheelchair California Angela Cook, and Myron Ross.

"I've worked with Buddy Greco, Keely Smith, George Goebel, and the Andrews Sisters," Ross tells me. He was an alternate percussionist in the San Diego Symphony. He lives with his wife in the Chula Vista Marina on a powerboat. He gigs regularly with the jazz group Lila Meets Myron.

Ross also teaches drumming to people with disabilities.

"I bring my trap set and have one person at a time come up. I seat 'em at the drums, or if they're in a wheelchair, I roll 'em up and arrange the drums so they can play. Some can't use their lower bodies, but their hands work. Some students, because of their disabilities, can't use their hands, so I use Velcro strips and gloves so they can hold the sticks and hit the drums."

PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDY HOFFMAN

Myron Ross

The drummer Kurt Levee has traveled from his home in Manhattan Beach to play in Ross's show today. Barely over four feet tall and restricted to crutches, Mr. Levee takes a lengthy solo on his enormous kit. Ross warns the audience that it's going to be loud. Levee is a powerhouse, a John Bonham on the drums. Wearing tiger-striped pants, a black tank, and sporting shoulder-length blond hair and a tattoo ("it's Animal from *Sesame Street*. That's my nickname — Animal"). Levee, 41, is the cofounder of the Disabled Drummers Association.

It takes me the better part of two months to finally catch up with Levee after the talent show. He is constantly on the road, playing pickup gigs and auditioning. Levee employs a drum tech to set up and pack his drum kit, splitting with him the standard fee normally paid by a band to one drummer. "But it all works out cool in the end," says Levee. "As long as I get some brews and some food, that's all I really care about."

Levee says that he regularly goes on tour with George Clinton's Parliament Funkadelic. In years past, Levee has worked for James Brown. "I first met him in 1995…and he was, like, really interested 'cause he hadn't met anybody disabled who played drums professionally."

Levee says that so far, he has been the only disabled (and possibly the only white) drummer to work with the Godfather of Soul. "That goes for George Clinton, too."

Levee says that he worked with Brown's bands as a warm-up drummer during preshow sound checks, spelling Brown's road-weary regular drummers. "If you made a mistake, or your clothes weren't right, he'd fine you."

Levee says that Brown communicated his displeasure during a gig via hand signals. "He'd point to a musician and then flash his hand…and that could mean anywhere between 50 and a couple of hundred bucks…depending on…whatever."

When Levee failed to make the cut into the performing band, he says, "I finally got frustrated and said, 'This isn't really what I want to be doing,' so I moved on."

Levee has been playing drums for three decades. He has osteogenesis imperfecta, a disease that can cause his bones to break easily. I ask him if he finds the music business compliant with the mandates of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"No," he says. "To be honest, they [bandleaders] don't want you in. This is one of the things I'm constantly combating," he says. "But some of it's justified and some of it's not," he admits. He explains that a dark stage covered with cables and fast-moving roadies can be a dangerous place. "I'm doin' pretty good just to be up there on crutches," he says, "and if you're in a wheelchair, man, the chances of you bein' onstage are pretty bleak." ■

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Imaginary Orphan

She heard a bluegrass group called the Harmony Grits one Tuesday night at a place called Sluggo's Pizza.

Last week I was writing about listening to Don Byas and a French rhythm section studio recording from the early '50s, made in Paris. I was listening to Byas in Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom" on Caspian Lake with my old friend Bill Corbett as the sun was going down. It's interesting how much influence the setting has with regard to one's musical experience. I'll forever associate a Don Byas ballad with that particular place and time of day.

Poets, more often than not, seem drawn to jazz. Few know more about it than Corbett, who lives during the year in Boston and catches what he can of the limited live jazz scene there, a scene not a little enhanced by having the remarkable Berklee College of Music close by, which has produced so many of jazz's front-rank artists. Bill's been in Boston so long he can remember old-timers like Cecil Taylor and Steve Lacy when they were first coming up.

Bill was talking about Lacy on our drive back to Johnson, where I had work to do. In particular, a performance Lacy gave with poet Bob Greeley, in which Lacy improvised around Creeley's poems as the poet read aloud. That's a tough act, but Bill insisted that, after a few false starts, it was the best jazz-poetry marriage he'd ever heard. Too bad it's not available on tape. Lacy has always been a big poetry fan and is uncommonly literate for a jazz musician. I've written about Lacy in this column and about one of his sidemen, a vibraphonist named Sonhando Estwick, whose mother and stepfather I would presently be visiting in Montreal. But more about Mom — Ms. Lucille King-Edwards — down the road.

It turned out that a friend of mine, Liza, had come north from the Boston area to say hello. Liza used to work at a bookstore in the neighborhood, and we became friendly. So we took a long walk down a country road in the late-afternoon sunshine, the Green Mountains rimming the distance, and caught up a bit.

Gillian Welch

Liza, among other things, is a musician and, although an unmistakable Yankee, an enthusiast of bluegrass music. One of Liza's current enthusiasms is a performer named Gillian Welch. The name meant nothing to me, but I was determined to check her out when I got back west, and so I have.

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Ms. Welch is an odd duck, and a very talented one. Although she makes herself look like a Walker Evans portrait of a Depression-era Appalachian woman on the cover of her debut album, *Revival,* Gillian Welch is an Angeleno, born and bred, the daughter of Hollywood television composers (there are them thar genes again). And guess where she studied? Give up? The Berklee College of Music, where she hooked up with her musical and songwriting partner, David Rawlings.

Los Angeles, where Welch was born in 1968, and Boston's Berklee College in the 1990s would appear to be a great distance from Depression-era rural America, but the latter is where her musical imagination appears to have taken her. And though from an apparently comfortable and reasonably enlightened background, her subject matter would be "orphans, death, destitution, poverty, crime, drunkenness, loneliness." Go figure.

Gillian Welch first fell for bluegrass in 1985, while at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she heard a bluegrass group called the Harmony Grits one Tuesday night at a place called Sluggo's Pizza, where, apparently, on Tuesday nights one could hear such things. She fell for the sound, began hanging out with the band and borrowing their records, stuff like the Blue Sky Boys, the Delmore Brothers, Bill Monroe, and, her fave, the Stanley Brothers. She graduated from college in 1989 with a degree in photography (thus, that clever Walker Evans–like cover) and headed to Berklee.

Emmylou Harris

It was in her last year at Berklee she hooked up with David Rawlings, and in 1992 the two of them relocated to Nashville and began performing at open-mike sessions and at writers' nights at local clubs. Over time there was a demo tape and some interest on the part of established performers like Emmylou Harris, who covered Welch's "Orphan Girl" on her *Wrecking Ball* album. Finally, in 1996, she recorded an album of her own with David Rawlings and a few others aboard called *Revival.*

It's a pleasant album, but unremarkable, I think. The songwriting and musicianship are very good, but as with all this sort of revival thing, I much prefer the original, Maybelle Carter, for instance, or the plethora of old folk and country musicians on compilations like Harry Smith's *Anthology of American Folk Music,* sung by the folks in Walker Evans's photographs, who were dealing up close and personal with "orphans, death, destitution, poverty, crime, drunkenness, loneliness," and never got close to a recording studio in Hollywood or the Berklee College of Music. And if you can't hear the difference in their voices, you ain't listening good.

David Rawlings

What a grouch…I know, I know. On my return to Johnson and the Studio Center, I was shown a recent issue of the magazine *Oxford American,* the annual music issue, which included a CD of 22 tracks. It was shown to me by one Jenny Brown of San Antonio, Texas, a talented poet who would turn 30 the following day but wise beyond her years, not least through her own extensive travels, which included an extended stay on Africa's Ivory Coast.

Any compilation that opens with Mississippi Fred McDowell singing "Jesus Is on the Mainline" is not going to be all bad. Much of it is very good; in fact, it's so damn good I may just order some back issues from *Oxford American* (P.O. Box 1156, Oxford MS 38655-1156/e-mail: *oasubs@watervalley.net* / phone: 662-236-1836). In any event, the prizes on the 2001 music issue include a fine version of the Stax hit "Hard to Handle" delivered by the Jamaican Toots Hibbet; a duet of Ralph Stanley and Bob Dylan singing "The Lonesome River"; a wonderful Cajun fiddle tune by Canray Fontenot, "Bee de la Manche"; the Golden Gate Quartet singing "Nellie Was a Lady"; a romping version of "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues" by Doc Cheatham and Nicholas Payton, quite the December-May pairing, and a marriage that works; Anne Peebles's peerless version of "I Can't Stand the Rain," which I first heard in Montreal 25 years ago on Rue Duluth, a street I would revisit shortly; the wonderful Bill Nettles singing "Oxford, Mississippi Blues"; and the prize of prizes, a great version of "Ring of Fire" by Earl Scruggs and, if you can believe it, Billy Bob Thornton. Oops, I nearly forgot: Emmylou Harris sings Gillian Welch's "Orphan Girl" on this collection. It's a good song, all right. Welch's own version is understated in comparison to Emmylou's. I'm of two minds about it, but they both like it just fine.

By and large, the old-timers carry the day, but on an indifferent song by Kevin Gordon called "Down to the Well," Lucinda Williams comes forward to sing a chorus or two, and, dang it, if she ain't some kind of hot-voiced lady.

Next week, up to Montreal for a little Brazilian samba and *feijoada* and a visit to ye olde haunts of long ago. ■

Gillian Welch, *Revival*
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David Lindley *[445]*, **J.J. Cale,** and **Wally Ingram:** Belly Up Tavern, today, Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Alkaline Trio *[345]*, **Bouncing Souls** *[332]*, and **Lawrence Arms:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, today, Thursday, February 21, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

SATURDAY

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 *[611]* 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.

SUNDAY

Busta Rhymes *[194]*: 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. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

The Breeders *[509]* and the **Radar Brothers:** The Casbah, Tuesday, February 26, and Wednesday, February 27, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Anti-Flag and **Thrice** *[491]*: The Epicentre, Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Death Cab for Cutie *[392]* and the **Dismemberment Plan:** The Epicentre, Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m., 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

Sound Tribe Sector 9: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, February 28, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

MARCH

Mary J. Blige *[601]* and **Avant:** Copley Symphony Hall, Friday, March 1, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Nikka Costa *[612]* and **Tre:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, March 1, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ryan Adams and **Leona Naess:** 4th & B, Friday, March 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Vamp, Lovelight Shine, and **Distant Cousin:** Tio Leo's Lounge, Friday, March 1, 5302 Napa Street, Bay Park. 619-542-1462.

Deke Dickerson & the Ecco-Fonics, the **Stillmen,** and the **Sleepwalkers** *[434]*: Tio Leo's Lounge, Saturday, March 2, 5302 Napa Street, Bay Park. 619-542-1462.

Rocket from the Crypt *[237]* and the **Locust:** The Scene, Saturday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

The Wu-Tang Clan *[182]*: 4th & B, Sunday, March 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Rufus Wainwright *[811]* and **Teddy Thompson:** Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, March 5, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Blasters *[478]*, the **Beat Farmers** *[404]*, and the **Skid Roper Combo:** 4th & B, Wednesday, March 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

"Newport Jazz 2002" featuring **Joe Lovano** *[662]*, **Terence Blanchard, Cedar Walton, Howard Alden, Justo Almario, Idris Muhammad,** and **Peter Washington:** 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, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Dashboard Confessional, the **Anniversary** *[181]*, **Ben Kweller,** and **Legends of Rodeo:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Tristeza *[300]*, **Ilya, Loop Drop,** and **Transit:** The Casbah, Thursday, March 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Le Tigre *[164]*, **Tribe 8,** and **Erase Errata:** The Scene, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos *[449]*: Viejas DreamCatcher Showroom, Friday, March 8, 8 p.m., 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 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.

Susan Werner *[405]*: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, March 8, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

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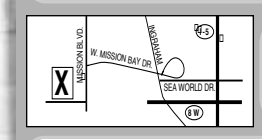

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Wilco *[538]*: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 12, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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Little Feat *[435]*: Cannibal Bar, Friday, March 15, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-539-8650.

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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.

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Charlie Musselwhite and **John Hammond** *[961]*: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 28, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Natalie Merchant *[532]*: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Enrique Iglesias: Civic Theatre, Sunday, March 31, Third Avenue at B Street, San Diego. 619-570-1100 or 619-220-8497.

Ben Folds: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, March 31, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Mannheim Steamroller *[992]*: San Diego Sports Arena, Monday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

John Mayer and **Norah Jones:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 2, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Church: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, April 4, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns *[263]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, April 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Avant: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, April 6, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Jealous Sound *[294]*, **Jack's Broken Heart** *[258]*, **Ilya, Drop Science** *[988]*, and **GoGoGo Airheart** *[136]*: The Casbah, Saturday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Los Fabulosos Cadillacs: Caliente Racetrack, Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m., Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana. 011-52-664-683-2938 or 619-220-8497.

Harry Connick Jr. *[675]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, April 7, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Soullive: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, April 11, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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NOFX *[109]* and **Rancid** *[163]*: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 8:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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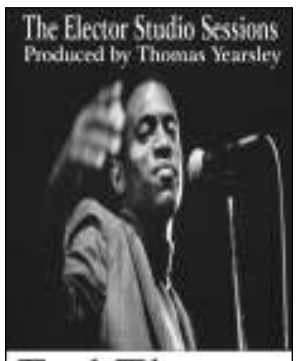

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136 .....**GoGoGo Airheart:** The Casbah
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The New Breed Band: The Alley
641 .....**Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe, The Calypso Cafe, Dizzy's
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Robert Parker: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe
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Allan Phillips: Dizzy's
Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
682 .....**Quiet Storm:** Humphrey's
Calvin Romance: Humphrey's
Rick Ross: The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
The Shelltown Horns: Croce's Jazz Bar
Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's
724 .....**Spaceman Spiff:** Redfish
643 .....**Peter Sprague:** Dizzy's
Tripp Sprague: Dizzy's
Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza
The Swing Time Orchestra: Viejas Casino
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REGGAE/ SKA

Bredren: The Scene
Earth Ride: Henry's Pub
732 .....**Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations:** Winstons, Buffalo Joe's
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740 .....**Psydecar:** Winstons
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747 .....**Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House
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EXTENSION 4007
COUNTRY

Calico Ridge: Don's Cocktail Lounge
770 .....**Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers:** Belly Up Tavern
Wishbone: Magnolia Mulvaney's

EXTENSION 4008
ACOUSTIC/ FOLK

873 .....**Bruce Dale Betz:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)
860 .....**The Boxty Band:** The Field
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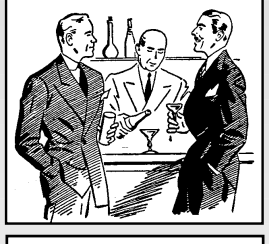
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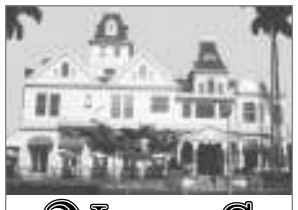
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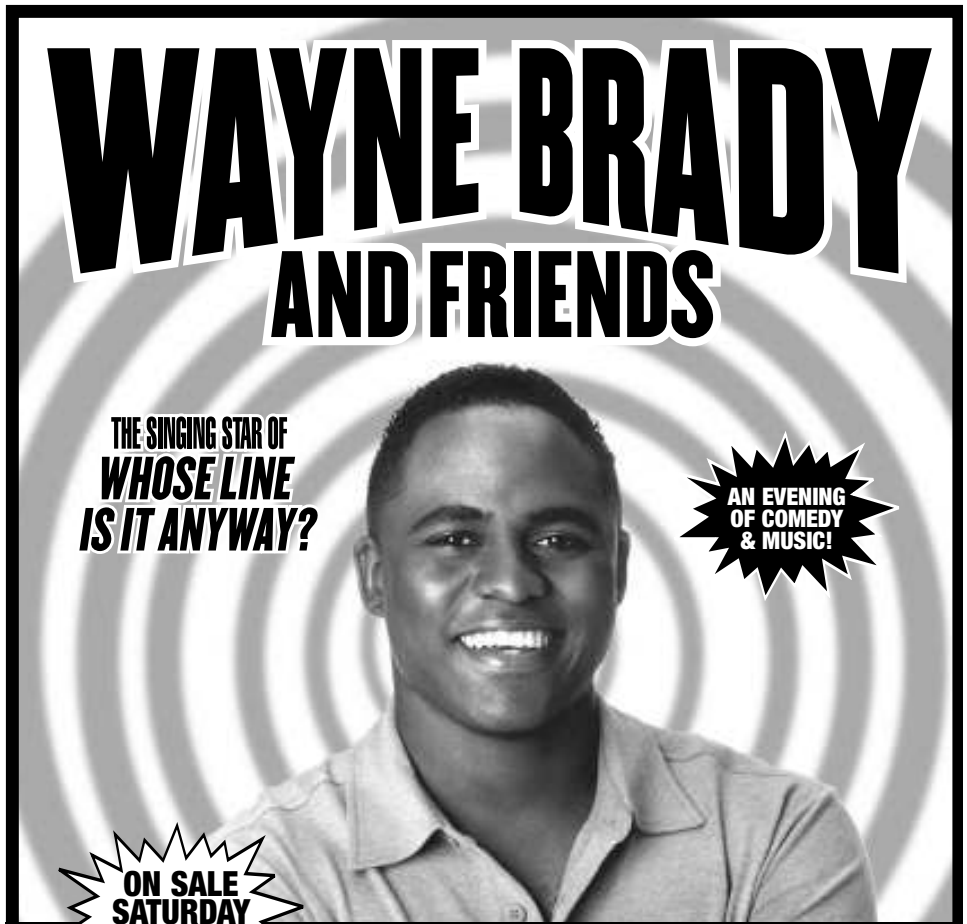

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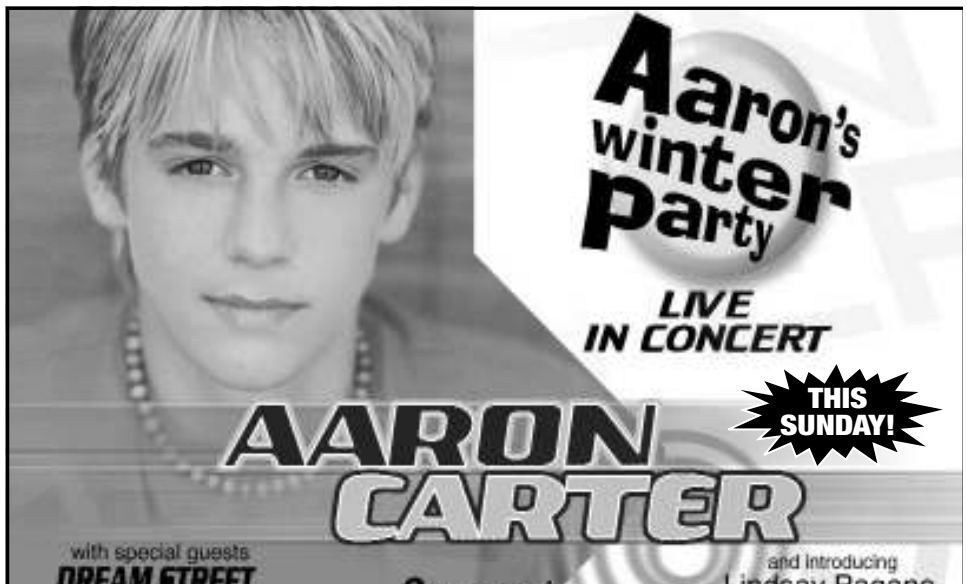

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965 .....**Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings:** Buffalo Joe's, The Calypso Cafe
932 .....**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Chateau Orleans
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947 .....**The Bill Magee Blues Band:** The Kraken, Humphrey's
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913 .....**Shelle:** Juke Joint Cafe
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946 .....**Earl Thomas:** Coyote Bar and Grill, Winstons
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EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

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Vicki Eriqat: House of Munich
Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel
994 .....**Kjell Holmes:** House of Munich
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
983 .....**Gordon Kohl:** House of Munich
999 .....**Latin A Go-Go:** Juke Joint Cafe
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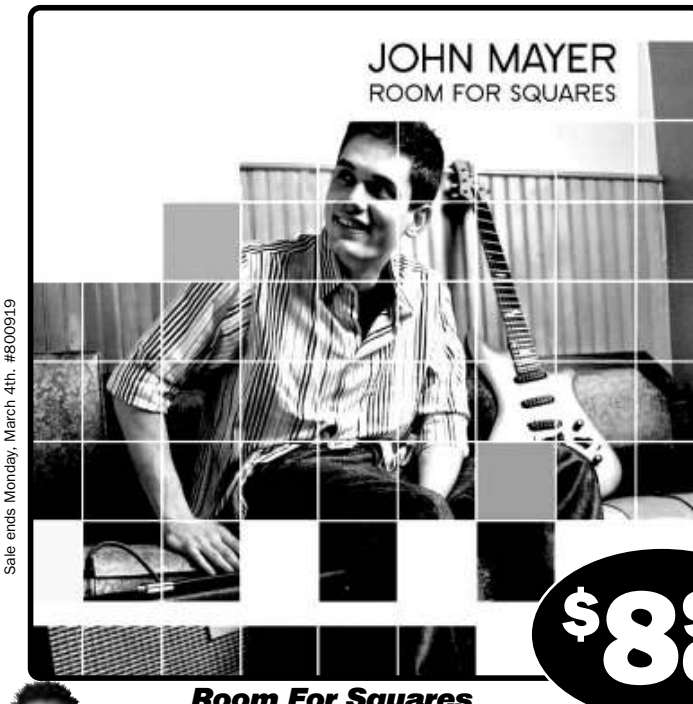

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On my list of the biggest musical disappointments of the '90s, the story of the **Breeders** sits pretty close to the top. The Breeders were there, damn it! They were two steps from the finish line and they just wandered off! Sure, "Cannonball" was a huge hit — so big that we got sick of hearing it and almost forgot that it was a fantastic song. But we didn't, really.

We thought that **Kim Deal** and her twin sister, **Kelley**, were going to carry on and make more wonderful, weird music and we'd hear that on the radio soon. And, despite the Pixies screwing Kim over, despite Tanya Donelly leaving the Breeders to form Belly, the irrepressible Deal sisters would be stars forever. Unlike so many women rockers, they wouldn't have to dress like porn stars to get on the covers of magazines. They'd be there just because when you heard their music you couldn't stop smiling.

But the rest of the decade was a wash. The Breeders got sick of touring and Kelley got busted for drugs and the rest of the band got sick of Kim and Kelley fighting. Kelley got clean and started new, forgettable bands. Kim did the same. Then she decided to restart the Breeders, tried to record an album all by herself, got new bandmates, finally got Kelley back in the band. They said they'd release the album soon. Months went by. A year. They now say it'll be out in May.

Can the Breeders pull off a comeback? I say yes. One word: Weezer.

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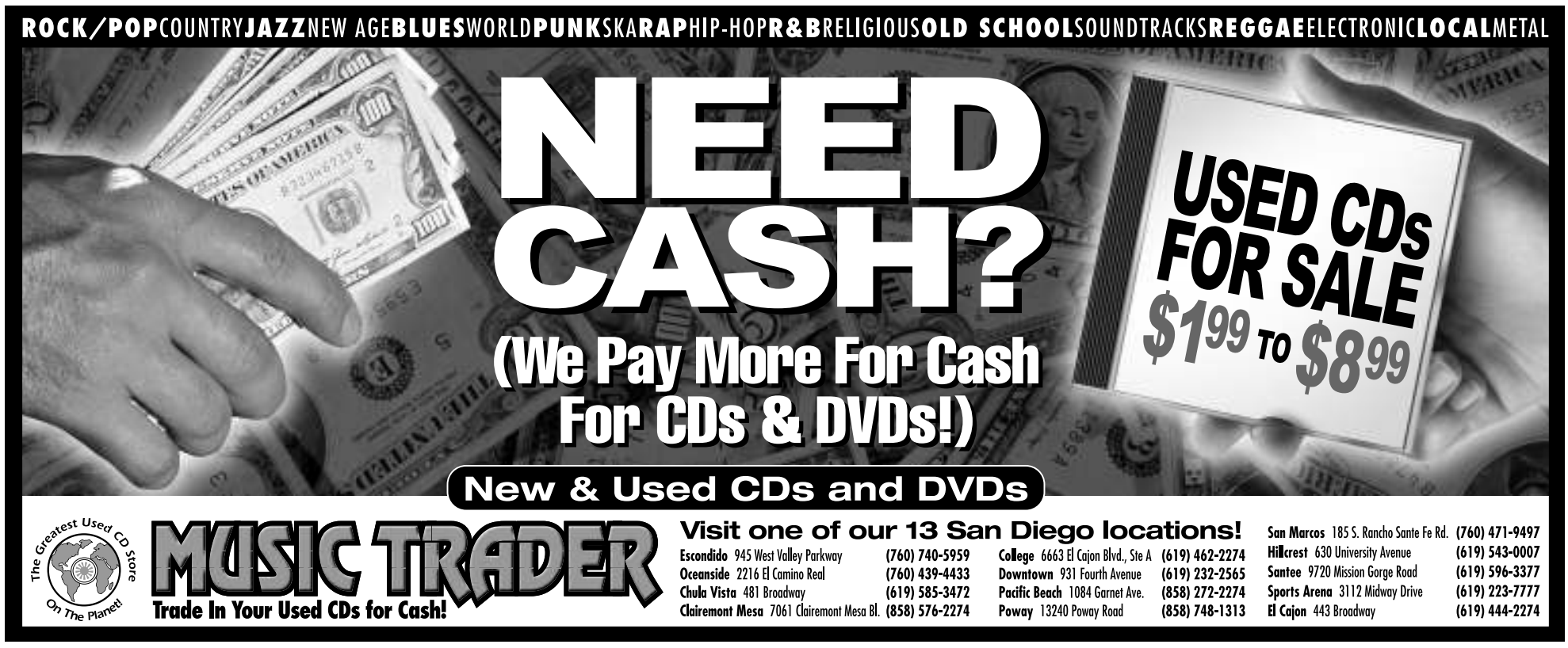

G. Maxim and guests. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Hole, 2820 Lytton Street, Loma Portal. 619-226-9019.

Fresh: Mondays, weekly residents Chad Fortin, Eric Diaz, and Jared Joseph. No cover before 10 p.m. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

GLO: Fridays, superstar guest DJs, house percussionist Sacca, and the GLO girls fill the main level with progressive house. '70s and '80s in the Ultra Lounge; R&B and rap in the Gallery Bar. On Broadway Event Center, 615 Broadway, downtown. 619-231-0011. *www.obec.tv.*

Hollywood Star: Thursdays, *Club Platinum* (college night), hip-hop and R&B, two level dance floor, one level 21 and up, 9 p.m. to close. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, hip-hop and R&B. Also, Saturday and Sunday mornings, *After After Hours,* house music 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. 1320 Fifth Avenue (between A and Ash), downtown. 619-232-2102. *www.hollywoodstargrille.com.*

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It Feels Good: Late night Fridays and Saturdays, 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.; 21 and up. 740 Broadway, downtown. Information: 619-234-0303.

Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. *www.clubmontage.com.*

Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

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.

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Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego. 619-574-0744. *www.clubsabbat.net.*

Skies Lounge: Thursdays, *Salsa Fever* with DJ Kaliente Mix. Fridays and Saturdays, DJs Regin and Juan spin *Party Mix,* disco, funk, house, hip-hop, and Latin pop. Tuesdays, *The Zone,* mainstream hip-hop and turntablism with DJs Cwitch, Impakt, Bugz, and Dinoh. Four Points Hotel/Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego. Recorded information: 619-596-9777.

Sno: DJs Irene, Didi, Mea, Miss Lisa, and Alexandra. Theme: elegant angels/white apparel; club attire enforced; 21 and up. Thursday, February 21, 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. 4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. Information: 858-792-8043; 619-231-4343. *www.4thandb.com.*

Strangeways: The first Wednesday of every month, DJs spin'80s New Wave, punk, electronica, Brit pop, shoegazer, ethereal, indie rock, dream pop, and more. 9:30 p.m.; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park. 619-584-2720. *www.clubxanth.com.*

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Studio 64: Fridays, resident DJs Demon, Circa, and Scooter. Three rooms, five floors, and three types of music. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 21 and up. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590; recorded information: 619-969-7285. *www.clubstudio64.com.*

Therapy: Every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Flame. The best of industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163. Event information: 619-465-5827. *www.klubs.com.*

Voodoo Lounge: Saturdays, DJs Kazy, Sandman, Arkon, Didi, and guests spin house, techno, trance, and progressive house at the Gaslamp's only open-air nightclub. Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-234-7226.

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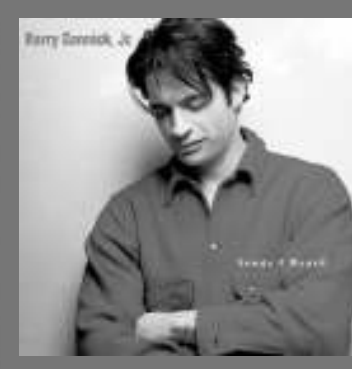

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Wednesday, *the New Breed Band,* pop. Friday, *the Craig Carter Band.*

The Bailey Barbecue Restaurant and Bar, corner of Main Street and A Street, Julian. 760-765-9957. Friday, *Kitten with a Whip,* alternative.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *David Lindley, J.J. Cale,* and *Wally Ingram.* Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Mar Dels,* 9:15 pm, *Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers* with *Minibar,* alternative. Wednesday, *Ten Pound Brown, Scorch,* and *the Attic Fans.*

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Dumayla,* rock/alternative. Saturday, *the Lost Patrol,* rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Music is blues and jazz. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue.* Friday, *Cal-Son,* salsa. Saturday, *Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings.* Sunday, *Sambajazz.* Monday, *the Hodads,* pop. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* blues. Wednesday, *Candye Kane* and *Sue Palmer,* blues and jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna,* classic rock. Saturday, *Nitehawk,* classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Boneyard,* rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Earl Thomas,* blues. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Gumboyaya,* funk, blues. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, live jazz. Monday and Wednesday, call club for information.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Blues Pharoahs,* blues.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Pure Flow,* classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *Kitchen Fire,* Irish folk. Friday, *Ron's Garage,* acoustic. Saturday, *Tommy Price,* acoustic.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday, *Juiced, the Lobster Tank Divers,* and *Cheap Date,* alternative rock. Saturday, *Lizard Fish, Chaotic Order,* and *Peace Corpse,* alternative.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors.* Friday, *Gear,* rock. Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band.*

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.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Government Grown.* Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet.*

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Bob Karwin,* acoustic. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *John Foltz,* folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Jordano,* Flamenco.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, *Sweet Dreams.* Friday, *Kyng Arthur,* reggae. Saturday and Wednesday, call club for information.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *S.O.B.,* contemporary. Saturday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *5 O'Clock Shadow,* swing, blues, jazz.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, open mike. Friday, *the Janet Ricci Band,* rock. Saturday, *Bone,* rock.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Sunru,* hip-hop. Friday, *Glissando, Sol Reel,* and *Animal 32,* rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Blue Spring,* 8 pm, *Superunloader,* rock/alternative. Sunday, *Mango Bay* and *the Dime Store Poets,* acoustic.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It wouldn't do the guitarist **Byl Carruthers** (or the rest of **Café R&B**) any justice to say that his wife **Roach** carries the show when the band performs, but she does make a powerful statement. Roach is old school all the way. Her voice sounds as if a couple of seasoned entertainers owned it in previous lifetimes and polished it before passing it on. She is fearless and sings everything to the verge of blowout…a torch in a holy roller's body, writhing on the stage floor when it gets to be too much.

Carruthers is old school, too. He plays guitar the way that a boxer might jab at an opponent. The picking is clean, and his tone is all Chess Records. And the band — Hammond B3, piano, bass, drums — is airtight.

CAFE R&B

Carruthers and Roach have been married for 14 years. They first played together in Roach and the White Boys, an early-'80s rock outfit. Roach eventually burned out and quit music. Carruthers played music here and there and took a day job directing television (including the *Oprah* show). He also ran a blues jam that eventually helped bring Roach out of semiretirement and into the blues. With a nod of encouragement from ex-Stone Mick Taylor, the group solidified about five years ago and hooked a Tuesday-night slot at L.A.'s Fais-Do-Do.

Some writers have compared Roach's stage act to something more like channeling than performing. She sings as if gripped by old spirits, haunted by unwholesome voodoo. But what I like most about Café R&B is that they've channeled into that whole Howlin' Wolf/Buddy Guy city-blues thing with their originals and without even a nod to the strict blues architecture so favored by artists looking for fast coin. That old blues has been plucked clean, and it's time to get sad about something else.

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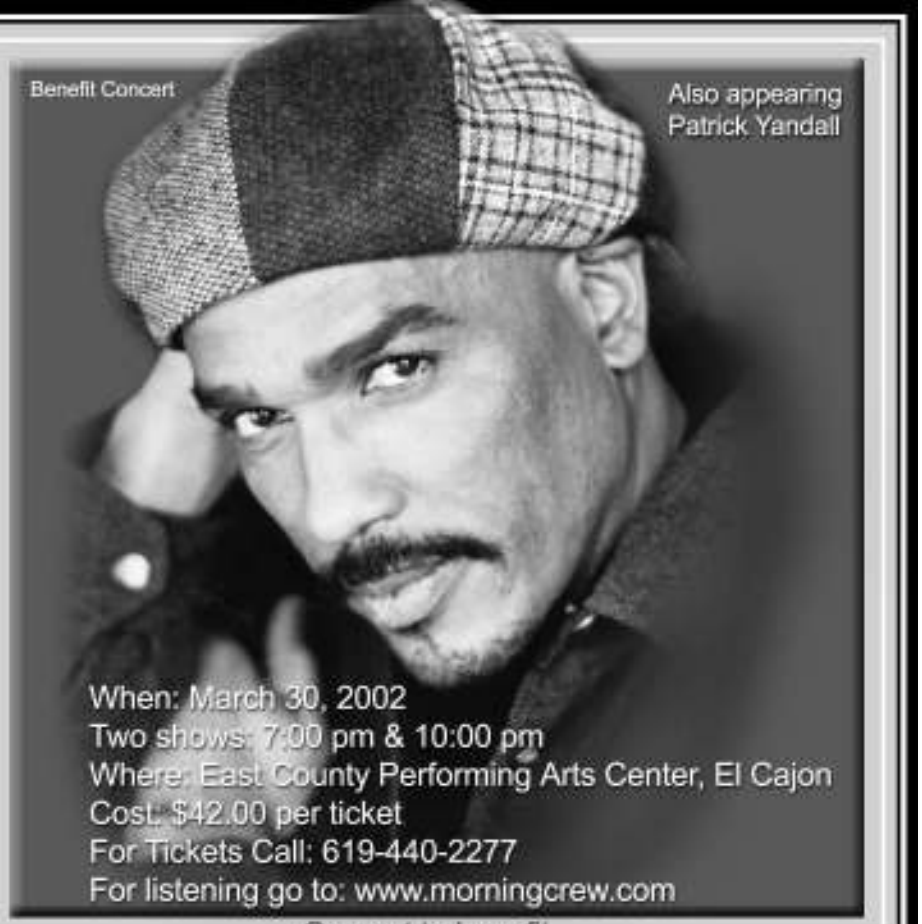

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Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Pink Froyd,* rock. Sunday, *Savoy Brown* and *Kelly Bowlin Band.* Wednesday, *Radiante.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

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Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *I Want To Believe.* Friday, *Forward Funk.* Saturday, *Artescape.* Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Propect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Friday, *Wonka Bar,* rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *the Late Late Show,* rock. Saturday, *the O'Brien Brothers,* Irish folk. Monday, 9 pm, open mike.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich,* piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus.*

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Monday, *Rockola,* classic rock.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, 8:30 pm to midnight, *Rick Ross,* jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Moore,* piano and vocals.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack,* piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight.*

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Scottie Blinn's Bucket Ruckus,* blues. Friday, *Scottie Blinn & the Tiki Torchers,* blues. Saturday, *Big Wheel Wipe Out,* rock. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, Chris Kelly's open-mike night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Saturday, 9 pm, *Agua Dulce,* Latin jazz.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Liza* with *the Damn Dirty Apes.* Friday, *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations,* reggae. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Zone 4,* 8 pm, *Particle,* rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Ambassadors, Juke Joint Jezebelles* and *Delilah Jones,* blues. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* rock. Tuesday, *Psydecar,* reggae, funk. Wednesday, *the Global Funk Council.*

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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the Seaweeds,* blues, funk. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.*

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Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *the Classics,* rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Bleed Street,* alternative.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln,* rockabilly. Friday, *Powerthud.* Saturday, *the Blazers,* rockabilly.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert,* piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet.*

Downtown

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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.

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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.

South Bay/Coronado

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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.

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East County

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 7 pm, *the Fiction Engine,* alternative. Saturday, 7 pm, *Susie Burns,* jazz.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, *6one9,* classic rock.

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The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark.*

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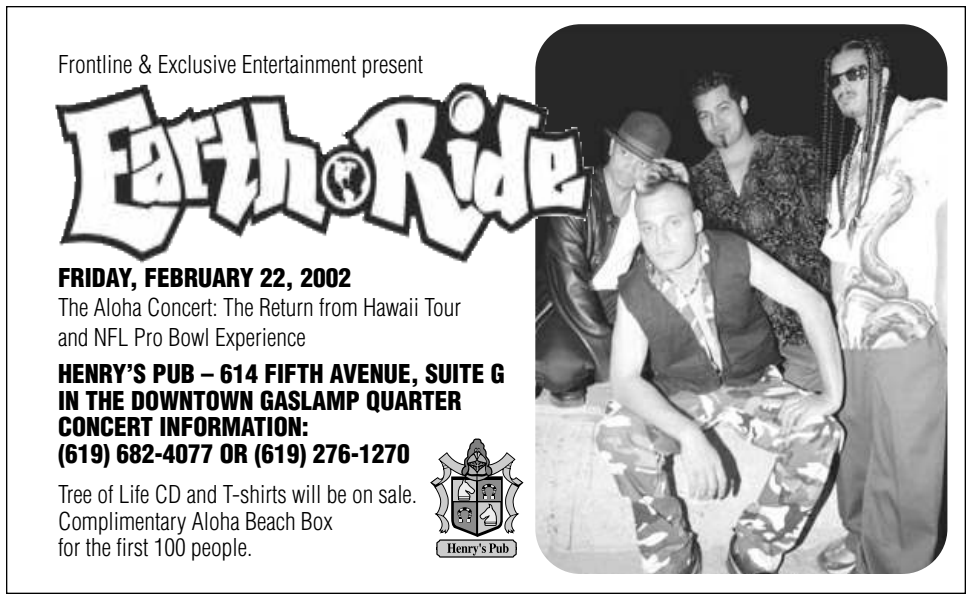

Wining Down

Cuvée means a single batch (or vat) of wine that's ready to bottle, and the name tells you the focus of the reincarnated restaurant that's replaced the well-known Bird Rock Cafe. After seven years at the location, chef/owner Chuck Samuelson and his wife/partner Cissy Tam found their neighborhood changing: As recession touched La Jolla, some nearby businesses closed or moved, and his own business was waning. Samuelson realized that his inspiration had grown stale and the restaurant needed a new direction.

Thinking back, he realized he most enjoyed creating special dinners matching his dishes to selected wines. With that in mind, he shut his doors for a few weeks of renovations last fall and reopened with a new name and new focus. The decor in the two intimate dining rooms is warm and craftsmanly; with Pompeiian-red walls framing numerous paintings and photographs. A small heated eating-patio in front is bordered by a low-walled garden; surprisingly, it's planted with ornamentals rather than herbs. Tiny white "firefly" lights lend a festive air. A roofed archway connects the restaurant to its decorous wine bar next door. The wines that now hold the spotlight at the new restaurant add up to an intriguing list, sold at extraordinary prices — wholesale cost plus 20 percent plus $8-per-bottle "corkage."

What this means in down-to-earth terms is that you can blithely experiment, adventuring your way through grapes, growing-regions, and vintners you've never tried before, and at the end of the dinner when you look at your bill, you'll be shocked by how reasonable it is. The pricing also applies to "BYO," so if you've been aging some special vintages in your cellar (or garage, or closet), you'll pay just $8 to open them at Cuvée.

A couple of friends from the Bay Area were in town, and I decided to take them to Cuvée for my first visit there because — like last week's Savor — the restaurant claims to serve the "wine country cuisine" that Northern Californians find so enchanting. With both restaurants, the claim proves somewhat exaggerated. Their cuisine less resembles the precious simplicity of Napa Valley winery meals (of local organic meats and oils, "craftsman" cheeses, fresh-picked baby veggies) than the urbane comfort food you might encounter at dinner parties thrown by Food Network fans.

As in its previous incarnation, Cuvée's dishes come in "small," "medium," or "large" plates, but the menu now changes monthly to follow the seasons. In general, the large plates seemed the most successful. (Does size count after all?) The best of our "small plates" was a conventional but delicious matchup of perfectly seared "dry-pack" sea scallops with a caper *beurre blanc* sporting a mound of delicate sautéed leeks in the center. ("Dry-pack" essentially means "no chemical preservatives," as opposed to "wet-pack," where the scallops' freshness is preserved by immersion in a phosphate-laden liquid that changes their color, softens their texture, and saps their taste.) These were the best-quality scallops I've met in months. But on a "medium plate" of the same scallops, a garnish of "foie gras mashed potatoes" proved lifeless — the spuds were probably California- or Nevada-grown supermarket russets rather than, say, similar-priced but more flavorful Idaho russets or Yukon golds. The foie gras in the mash got lost, and the accompanying light, buttery port wine sauce added little. Glancing at the table next to us, we noticed that our neighbor, too, had eaten all of her scallops but left her whole heap of mash.

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

The theoretical underpinning of his cooking, said Samuelson as he strolled among the tables expounding his wine-pairing theme, is a "layering of flavors." Unfortunately, some dishes had too few layers, some had insufficient flavor, and in others the layers quarreled.

The worst example of the latter was a small plate of blue crab, nopal, and jicama, which proved to be a chopped salad wholly dominated by sweet jicama batons and a swamp of mayo. The slivered nopal cactus was almost unrecognizable, and the shredded blue crab — the most delicate-flavored crab — was nigh imperceptible. A butternut squash soup suffered a related problem. "Is this Gerber's or Beech-Nut?" asked one of my Frisco friends. Although prettily served in a "bowl" of topless baked winter squash, the thick, bland purée had no detectable seasoning — no spices, no herbs, possibly not even salt and pepper. Now, even such draconian understatement can be a valid cooking style — but only with ingredients of such unutterable splendor that they can glory in their nakedness. Even if this were the most exquisite squash purée in the known universe, it would also call for outstanding table condiments, e.g., a mini-saucer of Fleurs de Sel (or at least Breton sea salt), and for pepper, crushed Tellichery peppercorns or a multicolored blend. Cuvee's diner-style shakers of table salt and ground pepper just don't cut it with underseasoned dishes.

Another small plate presented a conventional pairing of smoked salmon and a blob of sour cream over a tasty, oniony potato pancake. The lox, from a small processor in L.A., was very smoky but unusu-

Cuvée
★½ (Good to Very Good)

5656 La Jolla Blvd. (at Bird Rock Ave.), La Jolla; 858-551-4090; *www.cuveerestaurant.com*

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday, dinner 5:00 p.m. until closing (about 10:00)
PRICES: "Small," "Medium," and "Large" plates, priced by cost of ingredients, range from $6 to $22, with most plates in low to mid-teens. Wines are sold at low retail price plus $8 "corkage." Same corkage for BYO wines.
CUISINE AND WINES: Seasonal, sophisticated home-style California-Mediterranean cuisine, with menu changes monthly. Wine list is an array of delights, many of them little-known "meritage" blends. Three-wine flights encourage exploration. Menu suggests two possible wine-pairings for each dish.
NEED TO KNOW: Currently near-full almost every evening; reservations necessary. Noisy. Small, hard-to-find parking lot in alley behind restaurant; more parking on side streets. Casual-dressy. A few tables available on well-heated garden patio.

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ally soft, perhaps made from warm-water salmon, and was overwhelmed by the potato when we tried them in the same bite. A featured "medium plate" of "petite lobster pot pie" had a crown of good puff pastry over chunks of mushy root vegetables in a cloyingly sweet sauce, interspersed with a sparse array of very tough nuggets of overcooked local lobster. To be fair, lobster pie is a difficult dish to pull off, and I've never found a successful one locally. A "medium" (actually quite large) bowl of mussels "Provençale" had black-shelled bivalves of various ages, from very fresh to slightly funky. "We ought to bet on how good the next one will be," said my sweetie, "so we can make money on this deal. I'll even give you odds." (If you order this item, inhale each mussel's aroma before committing it to your mouth. The nose knows.) The pale coral sauce brought to mind some extra-deluxe cream of tomato concentrate, completed with heavy cream and amended with a little shredded fresh basil, a lot of chopped scallions (both whites and greens) — but sorely missing the traditional Provençale presence of garlic.

The "large plates" were generally more interesting. Horseradish-crusted roast salmon was gorgeous — the thick rectangle was rosy pink in the center and fairly moist even on the edges. Its top had been painted with a quiet, subtle horseradish sauce and then sprinkled with fine crunchy breadcrumbs. Unnoted by the menu, the fish was sauced with another luscious *beurre blanc*, this one scattered with a few translucent coral orbs of salmon caviar, ready to burst in your mouth. Another clear winner was a flat-iron steak with a "five-pepper demi-glace" — there was nothing flat about the steak flavor, abetted by a beautifully carbonized grilled crust. The sauce, despite a surprisingly reticent pepper component, was a fine match for the medallions, which were sliced in the kitchen for serving. The only flaw was another blob of dull mashed potatoes (with no foie gras this time to flatter the case).

We also enjoyed a duck "schnitzel" — a tender golden-fried cutlet of battered duck-breast. This was a new one on me, and I liked it a lot. I thought that, with its lightness, the batter was closer to a Japanese *tonkatsu* (schnitzel) than to German cookery, and indeed, *tonkatsu* was what the previous month's menu called the same dish. But duck shines most in good company — often something sweet-tart and something earthy to both contrast with and emphasize the gamier aspect of its flavor. Its accompaniments here paid lip service to this ideal: rehydrated dry porcini mushrooms and the same old mash provided a perfunctory earthy element. For the sweet-tart role, there was a "slaw" of crunchy shredded brussels sprouts with slivers of sautéed garlic, drenched in sugared vinegar. Even the sprout-lover in our group swiftly abandoned it with a shudder. This slaw, by the way, contained the only garlic we'd detected all evening, and it had completely lost its nature in the harsh pickle. A more assertive duck dish another night was a bowlful of penne puttanesca with hunks of duck confit. Strong Kalamata olives and plenty of invisible but potently palatable mashed anchovies enlivened the tomato sauce, which became tastier by the bite.

Seared ahi topped with foie gras appears to have been "borrowed" through guesswork from a more famous chef. George Morrone invented this dish about 12 years ago at San Francisco's Aqua, and the seemingly outrageous combination soon became world-famous. But to pull it together, you need satin and velvet — equal quantities of sushi-quality bluefin ahi and top-grade goose foie gras (with the light, creamy richness that only a goose liver can furnish) — plus a touch of some devastating sauce to unite them. At Cuvée, we glumly faced a large, unsauced slab of ordinary ahi topped by a small nubbin of slightly bitter, lower-grade duck *foie*. But this time the garnishes were flawless — slippery-lush fresh shiitake shreds and a replay of the oniony potato pancake.

When an "osso bucco" (*sic*) of pork hit the table, my other Frisco friend asked, "Say, who ordered the rhino shin?" It looked like a ham hock with a pituitary disorder — a huge, knobby meat-club surrounded by an alarmingly thick sheath of fat, sauced with a bland meat broth and surrounded by white beans cooked to every stage of doneness from chewy to squishy. Were the shank braised a couple of hours longer (to fully soften the meat and melt off some of that frightening fat-layer) it might almost be an entrée you'd encounter in Tuscan countryside — assuming a Tuscan chef so absentminded as to forget to include garlic and fresh rosemary.

One of our favorite dishes of both evenings was actually the gratis *amuse-bouche* that started the dinners — demitasse cups of lobster bisque, typical but sensual. We wiped out the minuscule cups with the good, light house bread. Sorry, Miss Manners, we couldn't help ourselves — it was too tasty to leave a drop behind.

The dessert list, varying nightly, is short and sweet, with two or three housemade items amended by a selection of divine sorbets and gelati from Bubbie's in Encinitas (yay!). A chocolate cake was indeed the food of the devil, light-crumbed and not excessively sweet, even with a drenching of warm dark chocolate syrup. Its garnish of cinnamon gelato beat the Häagen-Dazs version six ways from Sunday. A mango sorbet was all air and tropical essence, a pure fruit flavor.

Cuvée's ambiance is likable (if loud), and a number of the dishes were enjoyable, if hardly startling. Given the restaurant's name, I'd anticipated finding something resembling vibrant "wine country" cuisine at an affordable price. What I found instead was something closer to a "neighborhood Mediterranean café" with a special twist — wines priced to allow lovers of the grape to fulfill their most cheerful dreams. To your health!

ABOUT THE CHEF

Chuck Samuelson started cooking at age 13 as an alternative to becoming a full-time juvenile delinquent. "My mother was waitressing in a café in the little town where we lived, in Montana, and I was starting to hang out with a bad crowd. So she got me a job in her café — where she could keep a close eye on me." But his passion for cooking did not arise until a number of years later, when he worked under French-born chef Daniel Dufour in a small, deluxe restaurant in Hawaii. "I think he was a genius. I'd never tasted food like that in my life."

Thirteen years ago, he wanted to return to the mainland and was hired at Jake's in Del Mar. Through the encouragement of his wife and partner, surgeon Cissy Tan, in 1995 he found a converted cottage in La Jolla and opened his own restaurant there, Bird Rock Cafe; he also owns the small pizzeria next door to it. In 2001, he noticed that his business was falling off and realized that he'd gotten stale. Switching to a monthly changing, wine-centered menu revitalized both the chef and the restaurant. "To do this seasonal menu that changes every month is much more challenging," he says. He gets some of his recipes and ideas from *Art Culinaire*, a deluxe cooking magazine. "I also do a lot of classic dishes that I've revised a little to lighten them up."

"Do you dislike garlic?" I asked him, since it was a missing element in some of his Tuscan and Southern French dishes. "No, I like it very much, it's just that my customers seem to prefer milder seasonings. My wife is Burmese, and at home we eat a lot of Asian food, with much stronger flavors than I serve at the restaurant." ■

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"You did see those big warning asterisks on the menu, didn't you?"

TIN FORK
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"Here," says Christina. "This is what you want to do with pot-sticker dumplings."

And what she does opens up a new world of eatin'. I mean, till now, when I thought "dumplings," I'd think of those buns that some Chinese restaurants wheel around on wagon carts, the kind that leave you stuck mouthing two words: "Got milk?"

Christina is here to set me right. Me and Hank, that is. We agreed to meet here. Hank is going crazy over his night-sky photography. Wants to get a night-scope attachment somewhere hereabouts. He's even invited me to go out and shiver in the desert night while he takes his three-hour tracking star shots. Fat chance.

Doesn't mean I'd turn down the meal. So I got off the number 27 bus, walked a block, and crossed over Convoy just in time to see Hank haul up in his café au lait Camry. Convenient color: you can't tell where the paint ends and the rust begins.

You have to seek out the Dumpling Inn. It's deep in the Jasmine/Korean Market Center, a collection of Oriental herb shops, beauty parlors, fish restaurants, a store with man-size Chinese vases, even a feng shui place. The Inn's a really tiny, modest place, but as soon as you're through the door, it seems the whole town's already here, chatting and eating. Mostly Chinese-Americans, actually, which tells you a lot about the food. Inside's nice. Cozy. Hanging lights, salmon and cream-colored walls with pictures, flutes, a conical straw hat, and a string of scarlet and gold firecrackers as decoration, green lino floor, green and black hoop-metal chairs, and tables topped with white cloths under glass. And right now they're all steaming with rice dishes, vegetable and gravy platefuls, and snaky noodle soups folks are slurping.

So Christina sets me right about dumplings. She's a bright-eyed gal, with a mouth that shows her sense of humor. She's from Kowloon in Hong Kong. "Dumplings are northern Chinese," she says. "In the south people eat rice, but the north, where it's cold, they grow grains. They make flour. They make dumplings."

Seems I've been thinking of buns, not dumplings. Dumplings are smaller, appetizers, not the main dish, even though they have "dumpling dinners" at around $10 each and dumpling soups.

"So you want pot-sticker dumplings, for appetizer?" Christina says, like that's what most people have. We look at the choice. "No, no," says Hank. "Something more interesting." He wants "pork dumplings in Szechuan hot sauce" (ten for $4.95).

Five minutes later, the senior waitress Tina brings them out. She has been here 16 years. The dumplings look like little white drawstring purses. They're speckled with red pepper shreds and green onions, sitting in a hot sauce.

We crack open our wooden chopsticks and have at them. They're good. Porky, not doughy. Hot, but not burning hot. It's surprising how quick those little suckers disappear. Tina also brought a pot of piping-hot, gullet-clearing Chinese tea.

Hank wipes his lips. "I've decided," he says. "Spicy stir-fried three-ingredients lo mein." Number 109. Costs $6.50. Tina says the "three ingredients" are shrimp, calamari, and chicken. I know I'm about to strain the budget, but I match him with number 113: Dahn Dahn noodle, $5.50. Noodles bathed in sesame seed paste, with cucumber strips.

Hank scoops through his lo mein. It really is a good deal. Plenty of big shrimp and calamari, thick noodles, and — uh-oh. He must have bitten a red pepper. The guy's going red, swelling… I'm waiting for him to pop. He's hit something really hot. He glugs down his iced water. "Six minutes," I tell him. "No burn lasts longer than six minutes." The boy doesn't look comforted. He stares at the firecrackers and then me through his glassy eyes. "Hey," I say. "You did see those big warning asterisks on the menu, didn't you?"

My Dahn Dahn noodles are plenty filling. The reddish sesame paste tastes like salty peanut butter. You need the cucumber strips for refreshment.

But it's when Hank insists on ordering "something gentle" — the very pot-sticker dumplings he'd turned down in the beginning (eight of them for $4.50) — that Christina turns teacher and my new world opens up.

"See, in Hong Kong we always mix a sauce for them," she says as she puts them down, loaded on a long green flowery plate. I notice these aren't overgrown Hershey Kisses like the Szechuan ones. They're shaped like giant pea pods. Pork and veggies inside. And they've been fried.

"Here's what you do," says Christina, leaning over. She grabs the little soy bottle, shakes some of that onto my plate, does the same with the white vinegar, splots red chile paste from its pot, and gunks red chile oil over the lot. She stirs it together into a dark red grainy puddle.

"Now," she says. "Eat, please."

We dip the dumplings in. The hot, rich, dark flavor of Christina's dip kicks wild life into the bland, fried taste of the pot-stickers. These are great. Makes you want to move to China. Tonight. I look up at Christina. I look at Hank.

"Why the heck didn't we start off with these?"

By the time we leave, Tina, Christina, and Li Ching, the owner, are sitting down eating their own lunch. No dumplings, I notice. They have to know what they're missing, don't they? ■

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According to Master of Wine Tim Hanni, founder and president of the wine marketing company WineQuest, I have a rather feminine palate. Let the explanation begin. For over a decade, Hanni has been talking to scientists and anthropologists in an attempt to understand wine and the wine community. He suspects that the community is becoming increasingly disconnected from the consumer as it builds up a self-insulating wall of scores, descriptions, and wine-with-food "rules," and he is devoted to restoring that connection.

From the anthropologists, he learned that "human beings are attracted to certain sensations as part of our survival instinct. The two intrinsically attractive sensations are sweet and *umami* tastes." (*Umami* is the flavor produced by an amino acid found in protein-rich foods.) "These flavors indicate sources of carbohydrates and proteins, and they lead us to safe and nutritious forms of foods. Most women have a much higher sensitivity to dangerous, poisonous tastes in food, such as sourness or bitterness." This means that "women typically salt their food more than men," since salt lessens the sensation of bitterness.

Armed with information like this, Hanni has developed a psychogustatory profiling test, which can be found at YumYuk.com, part of the WineQuest.com website. He invited me to get profiled. Here are the results:

The first set of questions has to do with salt. Do I like salty snacks? (Yes.) How do I usually find my food with regard to salt? (Fine as is, no additions required.) Do health concerns affect my salt intake? (No.)

The second set is concerned with the way I like my coffee. How strong? (Very strong.) Sugar? (One, possibly two.) Cream? (A lot.) Flavorings? (No.) Favorite brands? (No preference.) Drink coffee? (Yes, I love it.)

Then the way I like my beer. (Don't like beer.) Then my favorite mixed drink. (They don't have bourbon, so I go with cognac.) How do I feel about soda? (Yuck.)

"Certain questions were more psychological than they were sensory," explains Hanni. Beginning, then, with the sensory: "We know that everybody is biologically individual. From this interview, we can tell the relative number of taste buds that you have. You're very high for a male — you're within the top 20 percent." Practically feminine. As a result, "You're more sensitive than I am to bitterness. You buffer all the bitterness out of a coffee. You like the intensity and the flavor, but you need to do something with all that bitterness."

What doesn't fit is that I don't usually salt my food in an attempt (conscious or otherwise) to reduce its bitterness. Hanni accounts for this by claiming that I harbor a secret desire for salt. "You like salty snacks in general — but psychologically, somewhere along the line, you have disposed of that taste. The way we acquire and dispose of tastes is very important here," and this is where the psychological element comes in. "Psychological predispositions" are a key element of Hanni's definition of flavor, a definition that includes but is not limited to actual sensation. "I really resisted at first, but it's become the foundation of everything I do now." Is a particular flavor present? Absent? Good? Bad? Hanni says that the answer to questions like these is always the same. "If your brain tells you it is, it is."

"Over a period of time, we acquire tastes, which is simply learning to replace a sensory aversion with an emotional or psychological attraction. Nobody picks up a strong cup of black French roast coffee and says, 'Oh, that's delicious.' It isn't palate development; it's psychological mutation. 'I don't like coffee, but I see Dad drinking it.' " In recounting his discovery that it is not beef, but the salt on the beef, that reduces the bitterness of the tannins in strong red wine, he notes something interesting. "With experts and unsalted beef, about 80 percent of them will find the wine being softened by the red meat," regardless of the absence of salt. "If I do it with consumers, about 80 percent of them won't find it being softened. This is the psychological predisposition — if you are predisposed to think it will happen, it will in all probability happen."

Because of this, he grants that "the more advanced that wine people become, the less relevance this whole system of psychogustatory profiling has." Psychological predispositions, built up through years of reading and tasting, alter the perception of taste. For what it's worth, YumYuk concluded that I like wines that are dry, with moderate intensity, moderate fruit, moderate oak, moderate tannins, and balanced acidity. Except for my general aversion to oak, this seems about right. I like to think that my preference runs to balanced wines, and moderate everything sounds pretty balanced.

But Hanni isn't about to let me imagine that this preference is based on objective characteristics. "We're all biologically individual. We don't even smell the same components. There are certain things your wife smells that you are incapable of even sensing. In taste, the difference is probably even more dramatic. There is no one standard of balance. Those who like milder wines with less oak have a standard of balance. To other people, standard is as much fruit and as much oak and as much everything as can be. And their sense of balance is valid."

Thus, he will not even grant the standard critical line on White Zinfandel, namely, that it suffers from flabbiness, a lack of acidity to balance the sweetness. When I mention it, he responds, "Yeah, well, why do you screw your coffee up? Why do you take a really intense coffee and make it a milkshake? And if you went into a restaurant and said, 'I'd like a nice espresso please,' and then asked, 'Where's the cream and sugar?' and they said, 'We don't serve it because we've determined that it makes the coffee too flabby and sweet,' how would you react?"

But in spite of his emphasis on subjective experience, Hanni is not bothered by the extraordinary influence of wine critics like Robert Parker. "Fundamentally, human beings gather around symbolism. Let's say you taste a wine and say, 'I don't like that.' Someone says, 'You've got to look for the essence of the wine, blah, blah, blah.' Now you've got to learn to like it. If somebody has a symbolically based system" — such as Parker's scores and descriptions — "then you can learn, from a sensory standpoint, to recognize the attributes that would give those points. Then you're in the system, and I have no problem with that.

"I'm interested in what gives value to wine and how we can better understand that. We've done great on the Parker–*Wine Spectator* end; the value of wine has never been higher. What we're losing are consumers who just simply like it. There's this pervasive idea that it's not enough for wine to just taste good. We've gotten top-heavy with the symbolism." What Hanni wants to know, what Hanni wants the industry to attend to, is what people like. ■

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CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — *E.W.*

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — *N.W. (9/01)*

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or 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 upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, *www.thearmenian-cafe.com.* Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is $32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Inexpensive. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The cafe is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone, from truck drivers to movie stars, would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) omelet, the 101 original cheeseburger on a grilled bun with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the great Depression dish, biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, *www.calypsocafe.net.* This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really *rocks.* They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas;* quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema;* and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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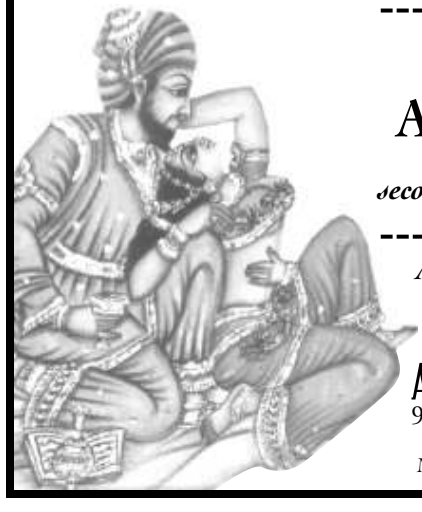
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JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular,* but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KIM'S RESTAURANT Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, 745 First Street, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Closed Monday. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the albóndigas soup is equally genuine — and even the so-called "small" bowls make a full meal. The menu includes some unusual dishes, and flavors are vivacious and earthy. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under $10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle,* and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style "deli" in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at $126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles,* sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la,* etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TORREY PINES CAFE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES Costa Verde Shopping Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

CHOPAHN Renaissance Towne Center, 8935 Towne Center Drive #111, Golden Triangle, 858-677-0100. Located in a romantic, elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food — possibly the best Afghan menu in the city. Be sure to order two or three appetizers and the house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegetables are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized service. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (11/98)*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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MEDITERRANEAN ROOM La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The room has been redecorated at a cost of $1.2 million. It's dazzling. Dinner entrées start at $18.00 for potato dumplings and soar upward from there — almost as steep as the Sky Room. Beautiful setting, but the food preparation is uneven. Open daily, three meals. Very expensive. — *E.W.*

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas,* including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon,

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SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, *www.aladdin_cafe.com.* These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. 7604 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *Mi Ga,* a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken. Or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. He will explain all. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Monday. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.W.*

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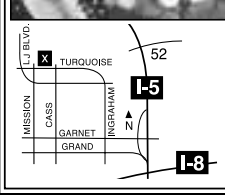

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www.islandsedge.com. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884; *www.theebungalow.com.* The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pate to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pates and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W. (11/00)*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

EL AGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m, and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revolutions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (2/01)*

CAFE ZIA 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half San Diego State does: just say yes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Listen for speeding cars rounding the corner as you cross into the dirt parking lot — and watch for the scorpion in the counter-top. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. Loving experience and gastronomically satisfying. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. This neighborhood restaurant (formerly Chang) offers 18 chicken preparations at low cost, plus diced chicken in lettuce cups and smoked chicken with fried greens — the last two are appetizers. Good neighborhood restaurant in gorgeous surroundings. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

TOMMY'S PIZZA 1164 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-440-2676. This old-fashioned pizza house also prepares superb Italian sandwiches that include Italian roast beef, meatball, sausage, and various combinations. Call for hours. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

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EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than CalMex or TexMex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish). *Caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros,* and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian *"Treno della Pace."* Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera,* which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W. (12/00)*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, uptown, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multi-grain, sourdough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.*

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for $9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a loaf, homemade potato chips, chicken, steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean charbroiled hamburgers, plus the continuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (6/99)*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions are huge, and ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti are your best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, Gaslamp District, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W. (1/00)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, downtown, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two

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FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GARDEN COFFEE HOUSE 634 Broadway, downtown, 619-231-6494. Come around nine in the morning and you're in the tower of Babel. You hear French, German, Japanese — double-kissing foreign students from the language school next door come here for pre-class breakfast. Raziq Fani, an Afghan poet, runs the place. Breakfasts can be "health," "continental," or "American." The "American" promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea. It's worth it for the fennel-herbed sausage. "The flavor comes from the valleys of Afghanistan," says Mr. Fani. Relax in the library section, or play chess, or stay for lunch. Try *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat, or spaghetti with Fani's own sauce. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy "brown stew." Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil,* roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole,* pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LAEL'S RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Market Street, downtown, 619-687-6066. All-you-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., $21.95. All-you-can-eat prime rib buffet, Thursday night, $18.95. Wednesday night, all-you-can-eat Italian buffet for $14.95. Worth trying for lovers of buffets. — *E.W.*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-1653. Not to be missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi; unique hot appetizers; fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue, downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Grueben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout eight years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). "I'm Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions," says Rafael, now 26. "I was never materialistic." Tip well: all the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisseried meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you'll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There's always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed "top sirloin cap." Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, *www.cafesevilla.com.* (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their "All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat" special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB's pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, Kung Pao chicken, or sweet and sour pork. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Refills!" Kung Pao squid, beef broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can't be bad. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado, binagoongan,* and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit,* Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. And yes, there is a real Lydia, age 76, mother of six, grandmother of 26, great-grandma of 44. (Give her a hand!) But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented — *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). And now — ¡*baile*! Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Live a little! Order a half carafe of Burgundy and sing along with the music — "*Funiculi, Funicula.*" Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PEOHE'S The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc.* A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Open daily, lunch, and dinner. Reservations advised. Bargain-priced "early bird" dinners Monday through Thursday, otherwise expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue at C, Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. The sign says it all: "Gracious Guests: We are pleased that you chose our cafeteria to serve you." It's signed "Your gracious host, Ben Riddell." It's comforting civility to all those who enter with a heavy heart to pay trolley fines or fight for custody in divorce court upstairs. Ben says his excellent meals are aimed at "lifting sagging spirits." Breakfast includes tasty corned beef hash, eggs, potatoes, and toast. Lunch offers such hot treats as French dip sandwich, potato skins with bacon, or sirloin tips over noodles with vegetables and rolls. The servings are generous. The prices? They will definitely lift your spirits. Breakfast and lunch, weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. All-you-can-eat Greek buffet daily, lunch, midweek dinner, weekend dinner with entertainment of belly dancers and Zorba's dancers. Plenty to eat. Not gourmet food, but fun. Open daily, 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.)

BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana. Open 24/7. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattlemen, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfasts include eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

EL TAURINO 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steak house, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria,* or try *empapelado,* fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate except for lobster. — *E.W.*

GRAND BISTRO Grand Hotel Tijuana, 4500 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana, 681-7000, x4188. Visit this Tijuana restaurant for its formal elegance, mystery, romance. Visit Grand Bistro for its prime rib! The tastiest I've ever eaten. This thick and juicy portion of Mexican beef comes with an outstanding side of "creamed spinach," slow-cooked with bits of smoky bacon and minced onion. Along with a fine Bistro salad and a selection from their excellent and affordable wine list, it's a voluptuous, if fatalistic, meal. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (3/99)*

LA COSTA 8131 Galeana (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a variety of preparations. Price of entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA VUELTA 2004 Avenida Revolución, Tijuana, 685-7309 or 684-2611. For an extravagant evening of mariachi music, good food, and high spirits, remember that La Vuelta is open every day, 24 hours a day. Mariachi available daily. Authentic Mexican food and atmosphere. English spoken. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso, off 2nd Street, Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a *granero* (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful *casera* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch (to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

ROSTICERIA LOS POLLOS Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SAVERIO'S RESTAURANT MEDITERRANEO Avenida Carlos Robirosa 260, Tijuana, 686-3604 or 681-8496. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is $14.00. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to 10:00 p.m. Low to moderate. Take Revolución until it turns into Boulevard Agua Caliente. Continue until you see the Hotel Grand on your right. There, turn left onto the side street Avenida Carlos Robirosa. You'll see Blockbuster Video. Saverio's is across the street. — *E.W.*

TOUR DE FRANCE Gobernador Ibarra 252 (past the Rio section), Tijuana, 681-7542. This French restaurant will provide you with wonderful food, incredible service, and an extensive menu printed in French, Spanish, and English. The presentation, preparation, and quality of the food are first-rate. Don't miss the desserts, especially chestnut soufflé. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations on weekends a must. Phone for directions. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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DUNCAN SHEPHERD

To cool down Oscar fever, a few movies you won't be hearing about at this time next year....

The banner blurb in the ad for *Hart's War* reads, "One of the best World War II movies you'll ever see" (Jim Ferguson, KMSB-TV/Fox). Benefit of the doubt, or professional courtesy, or something, requires that I consider the possibility that the rest of the sentence ran along the lines of "assuming you're under thirty years of age, and, like most of your generation, you have no interest in unearthing the wealth of World War II movies before your time." As directed by Gregory Hoblit, this is without question a movie for its own time in its voguish imagery of alternating monochromes (blue and brown, predominantly) and in the operatic proportions of its protagonist's agonies. Tales of plucky POWs, however, make up a rather minor subdivision of the genre (*Stalag 17, The Great Escape*, never mind *Hogan's Heroes)*, and the impromptu court-martial of a black officer charged with murder — one of the celebrated Tuskegee Airmen — takes us into the out-of-the-way cubbyhole of wartime race relations (*Home of the Brave, A Soldier's Story)*. Each of the three principals — the defendant (Terrence Howard), his defender (Colin Farrell), their commanding officer (Bruce Willis) — gets to take a turn making a noble gesture near the finish: a bit more nobility than a single climax can bear. The Nazi commandant who craves civilized conversation with a fellow Yalie ("You've read Mark Twain? He's wonderful!") is a cliché, but not an unappealing one. And the standard courtroom dramatics generate standard tension.

John Q kicks around health-care issues and medical ethics in addition to its Little Man hero, whose last name is actually Archibald and not Public: a devoted family man, a regular churchgoer, a hard worker, although the factory has started farming out jobs to Mexico and cutting back his hours to part-time, so that his insurance policy will no longer cover a life-saving heart transplant for his Little League son. (This is explained to him in the nasally tones of Anne Heche: "People get sick. They die. That's the way it goes.") He gets the bureaucratic runaround, sells off his possessions, raises approximately a tenth of the necessary quarter of a million, is given an emasculating earful from his wife — what else is he to do but take over a wing of Hope Memorial with an unloaded gun? Even though we witness it with our own eyes, the entire scenario plays out like nothing so much as a defense attorney's final summation. Credence, accordingly, depends on susceptibility to hypnotism. Denzel Washington is such a sympathetic actor that it's almost an insult (to him, to us) to stack the deck so heavily in his favor. The director, Nick (son of John) Cassavetes, is coddlingly hospitable to his actors, but that doesn't stop him from putting his star (and us) through an agonizing bedside farewell even while a replacement heart is being rushed to the scene by the U.S. Cavalry (or

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JOSH HARTNETT

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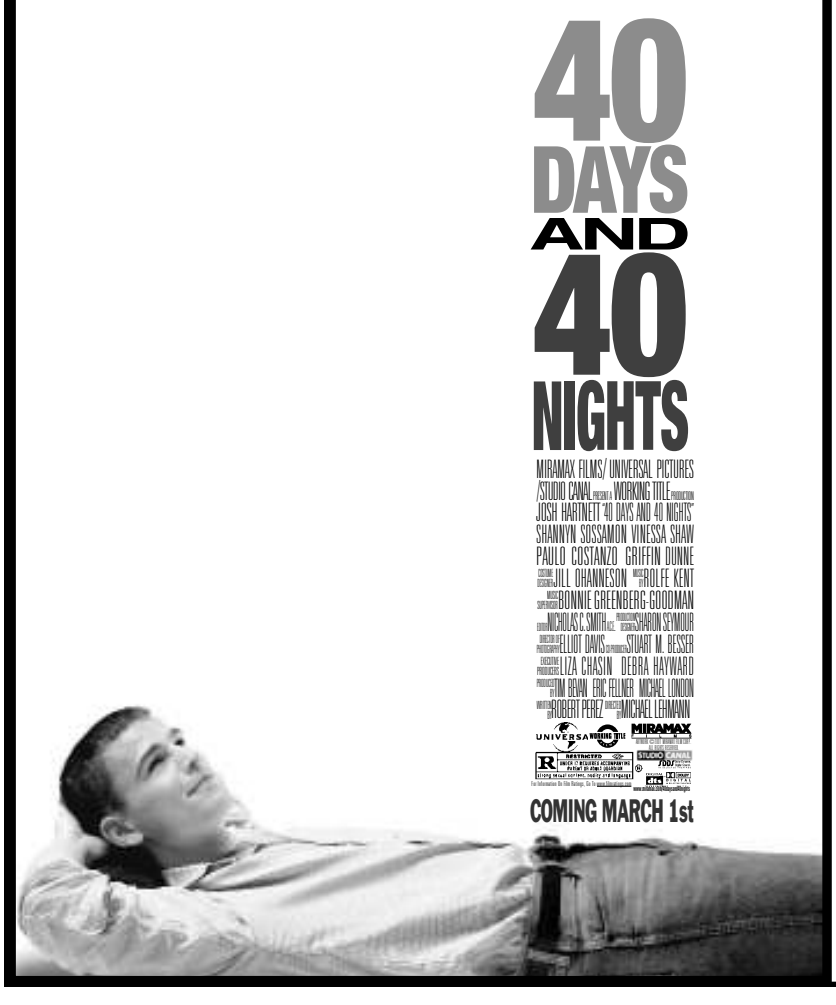

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their equivalent). The unscrupulous cranking-up of suspense is fully matched by the unscrupulousness of its release: we are shown how communications are cut off before the cavalry can arrive; we are not shown how the word could get through anyway.

Crossroads does for Britney Spears, that Pied Piper of Girl Power, what *A Walk to Remember* did for Mandy Moore and what *Glitter* did for Mariah Carey: not much. (Can Jessica Simpson be far behind?) It does give the pop star more latitude than her Pepsi commercials, to which homage is paid when she sashays past the vending machine at a gas station. But that's just another way of saying more rope with which to hang herself. The movie, directed by Tamra Davis, shows her off in her undies twice within the first fifteen minutes (two different ensembles, same day). Then it slows down in that department — the lingerie department — and takes off on the post-graduation road trip of three estranged high-school girlfriends: class valedictorian, pregnant trailer trash, and Miss Popularity. Spears, you would never guess, especially from the tawniness of her tan, is the cloistered bookworm ("Pop, I worked really hard to be the valedictorian"). Her adventures on the road include meeting the mother who abandoned her in infancy, winning a karaoke contest, losing her virginity, and wearing numerous different pink outfits. The proper audience for all this would be the one that has never before seen an expectant mother take a header down a flight of stairs. They will have no need of assistance in finding their way to it.

Return to Never Land must surely set a new record for length of delay between a film and its sequel: forty-nine years since *Peter Pan*. As he can never grow old, this is no problem for Peter. And as he's a cartoon, nor is it a problem for an actor playing him: the animators are adequate copiers. But Wendy, by some dubious arithmetic (even though the delay in fictional years is closer to forty), is now a young mother in London under the Blitz — perhaps there's a fountain-of-youth benefit from a short stay in Never Land — and her shoes will have to be filled by her daughter Jane: a chance to "rectify" any out-of-date attitudes in the forerunner and to bring the story more in line with Disney's new-found feminism. *Et voilà:* "the very first Lost Girl." (There will be no sign whatsoever of retrograde redskins.) For pace, balance, variety — and in spite of its pre-PC elements — *Peter Pan* remains one of the top two or three of all the Disney animated features. Reason enough, right there, not to have attempted a sequel. Especially not to have entrusted it to what amounts to the B-team, Walt Disney Television Animation in alliance with Walt Disney Animation Australia. The unimaginative results (a giant octopus in place of the crocodile, a couple of voice-over songs by a generic girl singer) are nothing short of a disgrace, and little short of a desecration.

Super Troopers, the big-screen breakthrough of a five-man comedy troupe collectively called Broken Lizard, is a dirt-cheap and piss-poor spoof about the jurisdictional rivalry between a squad of Highway Patrol pranksters and the strait-laced Spurbury Police Department. It's somewhat similar, in both those descriptive adjectives, to such Seventies spoofs as *Kentucky Fried Movie* and *Tunnelvision*. Which is in no way to wax nostalgic about it. You could sink into a clinical depression waiting for a laugh, a cackle, a lip-curl, anything. The only claim on your attention is the participation in it of anybody recognizable: Brian Cox, Daniel Van Bargen, Lynda Carter. Or so it says in the cast list. In truth I didn't make it as far as Lynda Carter.

Italian for Beginners, by Lone Scherfig, is a Danish romantic comedy made in strict adherence to the Dogma '95 guidelines for unwatchable cinematography. Pity, because the loose-knit cast of characters — a widowed pastor, a cranky restaurateur, a shy hotelier, a clumsy baker, a somber hairdresser, and a sunny Italian waitress — is not without its charms and its chemistry. The trailer wants you to believe the film takes place, rather than merely ends, in Venice. What with the indoor, up-close, hand-held camerawork, it doesn't give you a very clear sense of where it does take place.

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The hook of the Oscars is that everyone is made to feel he can get in on the party, as long as he's willing to discuss Hollywood on its own terms. Or to put it the other way around, the Oscars are Hollywood's most successful P.R. ploy. But seeing that Steve Buscemi did not receive an engraved invitation, I can't feel I have anything to celebrate, or root for, this year. *Ghost World* did get one nomination, for Best Adapted Screenplay. *Charlotte Gray*, equally worthy, got none — one less than the last Gillian Armstrong film, *Oscar and Lucinda*, for Best Costume Design or some such. If people like me can no longer bestir themselves even to bring up things like *In the Mood for Love* and *The Vertical Ray of the Sun*, it's simply a measure of Hollywood's success in dictating the terms of the discussion. And a measure, too, of how long it is since the discussion should have ended. ■

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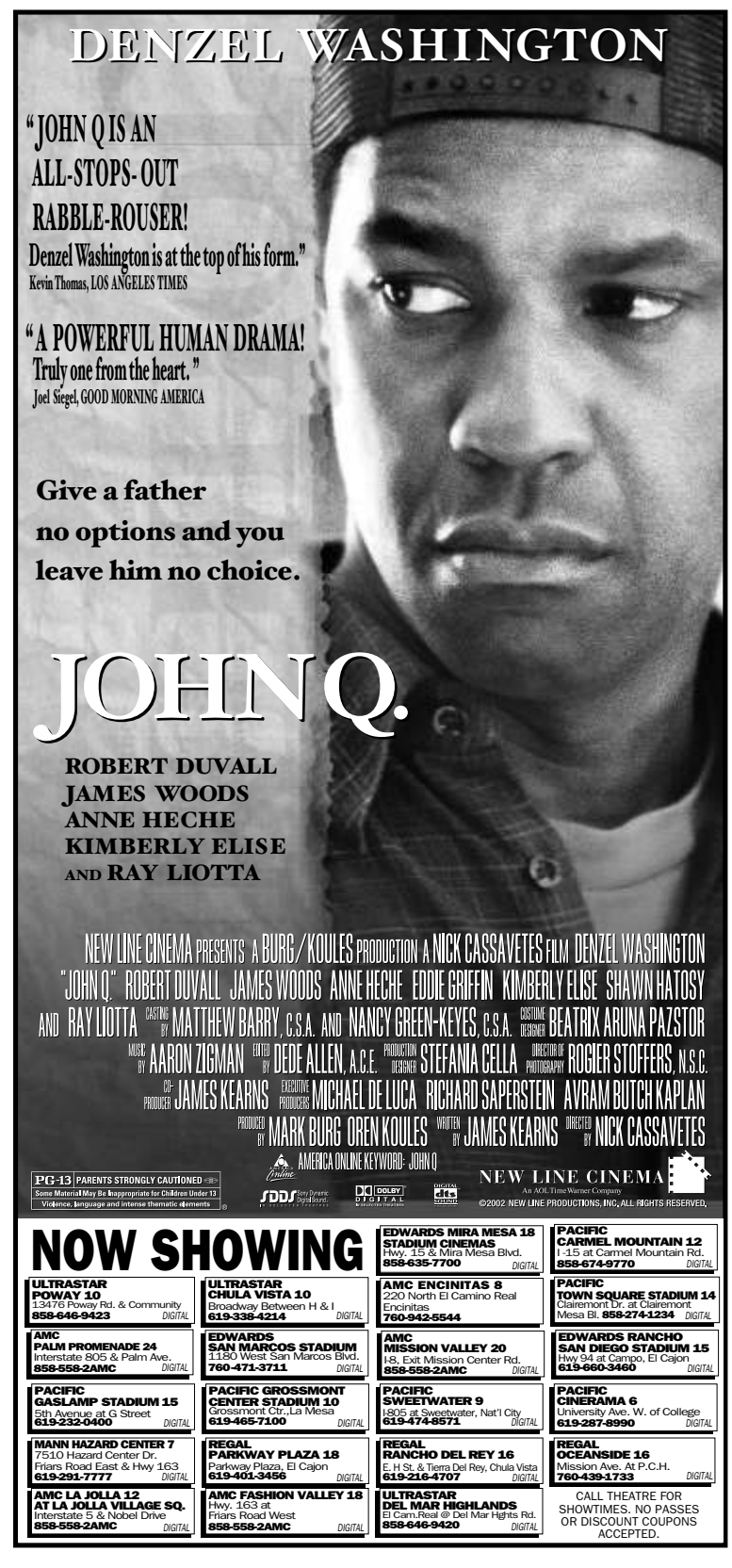


The Count of Monte Cristo

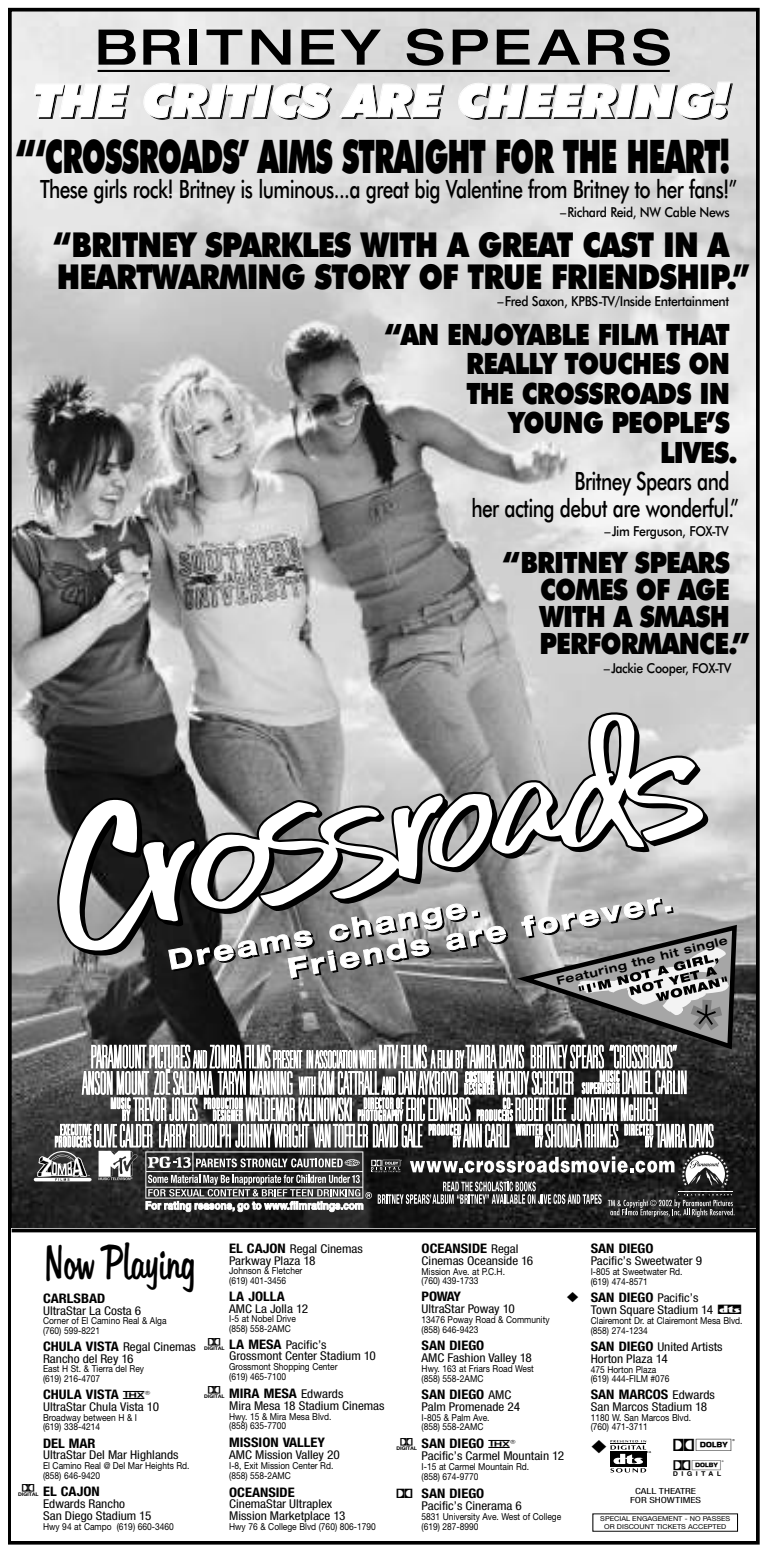
and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Ali — Will Smith's impression of the self-proclaimed "Greatest," né Cassius Marcellus Clay. For entertainment purposes, it can't touch Billy Crystal's impression of him. (Though, for those same purposes, there can be no quibble with Jon Voight's Howard Cosell: a glued-on nose as phony as the hairpiece.) The two-and-a-half-hour skim through the prime of his life, from the first Liston fight through the Foreman (shy of the third Frazier fight, the "Thrilla in Manila," worthy of an entire movie unto itself), is processed through Michael Mann's cinematic Mixmaster: desaturated color, gilded color, frosted color, blue-rinsed color; Steadicam, unsteady cam, bob-and-weave cam, float-like-a-butterfly cam. These stylistic pretensions, coupled with the historical-sociological-cultural-epical pretensions, dampen what might have been an agreeable stroll down Memory Lane in the company of one of the great sports figures of the 20th Century. Possibly, yes, the greatest. With Jamie Foxx, Jeffrey Wright, Ron Silver, Jada Pinkett Smith. 2001.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

Amélie — Cutesy art-house item looks at the world (at Paris, more precisely) through the primrose-colored glasses of Jean-Pierre Jeunet: a delayed-meeting romance à la *And Now My Love, Sleepless in Seattle*, et al., and a fashionable juggling act of fate, chance, coincidence, etc. The dementedly winsome heroine (Audrey Tatou), prone to conspiratorial glances at the camera, and egged on by a waggish narrator, is a self-denying do-gooder whose secret mission seems to be the spiritual enlightenment of others, often by the most devious means: reprogramming a speed-dial button from "Mother" to "Psychiatric Helpline." The boundless, bounding imagination tends to be grounded, however, by the air of effortfulness. The best of it — the broad omniscient view of humanity combined with an eye for random trivial detail — was done better, and funnier, in Jane Campion's apprentice work, *Passionless Moments*, and at about one-tenth the length. With Mathieu Kassovitz. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA)

A Beautiful Mind — Laundered biography of the Nobel Prize-winning mathematician, and madman, John Forbes Nash, Jr. It's his madness, of course, and not his math, that makes him a viable screen subject, and director Ron Howard nurtures it with care. (And with more taste and restraint than are his custom.) But between the West Virginia accent and the nerdish introversion, much of what he says — or rather, what an emasculated Russell Crowe says — is lost in transmission. With Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, Paul Bettany. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

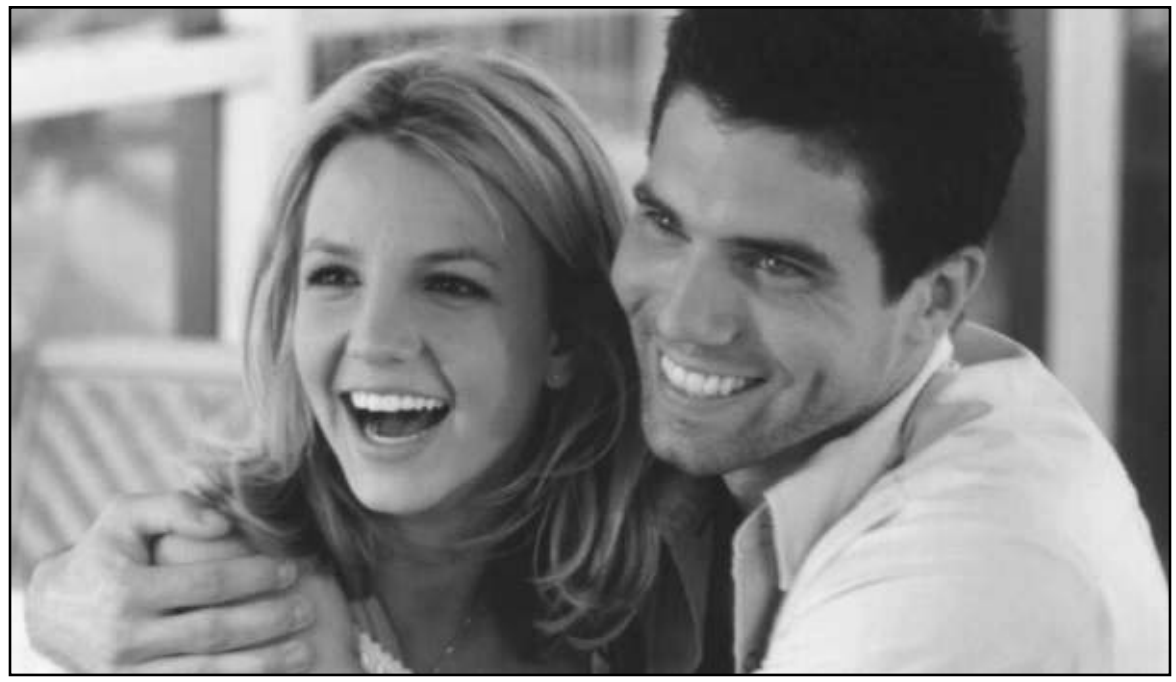
Behind Enemy Lines — Contemporary war story about a U.S. Navy flier downed in the demilitarized zone of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the posse of Serbs hot on his heels, and the rescue effort thwarted by a NATO busybody of divided loyalties. (Opportunity, there, to reprise the wistful Vietnam refrain about taking 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. Di-



rected by John Moore. 2001.
★ (VOGUE)

Big Fat Liar — A ruthless film producer steals a kid's English composition and transforms it into his next blockbuster: a dose of Hollywood self-loathing for the whole family. There's no harm in it, surely, and plenty of pep. Paul Giamatti, in the part of the producer, slathers the relish on the hot dog. And two TV teens, Frankie Muniz and Amanda Bynes, evoke (yet scarcely eclipse) memories of a young Mickey Rooney and Hayley Mills (or else a pre-possession Linda Blair). Directed by Shawn Levy. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 the spectacular, the gorgeous, the slick are givens; 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.
★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)


Crossroads

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.
● (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 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.
★★★★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 2/21)

Collateral Damage — Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a fearless firefighter ("All right, guys. Heads up. Let's do it") whose wife and son get blown up by a South American terrorist: code name, El Lobo. Conviction — political, emotional, or otherwise — is not something you need waste any time looking for. Calculation is everywhere. The brief glimpse of Happy Home Life — the aging Schwarzenegger, now in his mid-fifties, soaping himself in the shower with his toddler son, looking for all the world as though he's advertising the latherability of Zest — and the tender wave from a block away at the very moment the wife and child are blown to smithereens (the star is saved from having to act a reaction when he immediately gets bowled over by a taxicab) are tacked on at the outset only because the filmmaker, Andrew Davis of *Chain Reaction, The Fugitive, Under Siege, Above the Law*, can't trust to the viewers' imagination. How will they know how big a tragedy this is unless "Amazing Grace" is rendered on bagpipes at graveside? The dialogue traffics in similar rudiments: "You cannot take the law into you own hands," "You cannot negotiate with terrorists" (well, you can and you can't), etc. Schwarzenegger, who really is getting too old for this kind of thing, signals his implacability with a patented one-eyed squint — this is why they pay him the big bucks — as if sighting down a Winchester. And the true identity of El Lobo is a "surprise" only because — or only *if* — the spectator has become inured to, resigned to, the improbabilities in the plotting up to that point. (Sure: the collagen-lipped, supermodel-cheekboned peasant wife of the terrorist will switch sides once she gets to meet an American in person, once she sees his humanity up close. Why not?) It is no surprise from any angle that each of the chief villains will need to be killed twice: par for the course. With Elias Koteas, Francesca Neri, Cliff Curtis, John Turturro. 2002.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crossroads — Reviewed this issue. With Britney Spears, Zoë Saldana, Taryn Manning, Anson Mount, and Dan Aykroyd; directed by Tamra Davis.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

Dragonfly — Supernatural thriller with Kevin Costner, Joe Morton, and Kathy Bates, directed by Tom Shadyac.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/22)

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

Hart's War

Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations. 2001.
★★ (COVE; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Hart's War — Reviewed this issue. With Bruce Willis, Colin Farrell, Terrence Howard, and Marcel Iures; directed by Gregory Hoblit.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Horror of Dracula — The first, and finest, of Christopher Lee's numerous appearances as the Transylvanian bloodsucker for the Hammer film studio. (Let us not speak of his appearance in the unspeakable *Count Dracula* for Jesus Franco in Spain.) This is the movie, too, that deserves recognition for taking the single greatest stride in the sexualization of the vampire (what with his explicitly erectile canines, and the bosom-heaving thralldom in which he holds his mesmerized women). Luckily, Peter Cushing provides equally vigorous opposition in the person of Van Helsing, the vampire hunter. And an authentic strain of British decency, decorum, morality, shockability, etc., makes for some healthy creative tensions which somehow elude later explorers on this path. Directed, briskly, by Terence Fisher. 1957.
★★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 2/26 AND 3/1, 7 P.M.)

I Am Sam — Queasy-making entertainment. And not only, or even largely, because of the jiggly, jostly, zoomy, freeze-frame-y camerawork under director Jessie Nelson. No: Sean Penn's impression of a mental defective, complete with a new whisk-broom haircut to add to his tonsorial portfolio, no doubt offers many rewards, not the least of which is the license to laugh with impunity at the less fortunate. It is somewhat reminiscent, in its levels of observational detail and skill in mimicry, of Mickey Rooney's memorable performance in the made-for-TV *Bill*. But what kept the earlier film from the threshold of queasiness was its lower dramatic pressure, its lighter mood. So perhaps, on second thoughts, it might be more reminiscent of John Malkovich's Lenny in *Of Mice and Men*. The storyline here, as there, is fashioned for nothing other than to torture the character and spectator alike, to wrest pain from the one and pity from the other. The titular Sam is the single dad of a normally bright, abnormally cute little girl who, nearing her eighth birthday, has already caught up with and outdistanced the mental capacity of her father. When a social worker takes an interest in the situation — takes the daughter away from the father — it's not because the movie, too, is interested in the situation, but because it is interested, as mentioned, in torture. The whole brutal business is almost a sort of *Saturday Night Live* gag on a cinematic "heart-tugger" — *They wouldn't let his daughter come out and play with him anymore!* — except that it goes on and on, and no punch line ever arrives. (Small mercy: at least it isn't Robin Williams in the part of the permanent child.) With Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning, Dianne Wiest, Laura Dern. 2002.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

In the Bedroom — A dealing-with-tragedy movie (a summer romantic idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omissions, his obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal details: the family photos in the D.A.'s office, or the jingling of coins in the D.A.'s pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a trifle pedantic: the military action figure given as a birthday present by a hot-tempered father, or the bedtime reading of *The Wyeths* to supplement the Wyeth-esque landscape of the film. (It's set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, was already known as an actor (*Ruby in Paradise, Eyes Wide Shut*, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to carve out human-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her welcome. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she is. 2001.
★★ (GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; OCEANSIDE 16; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Italian for Beginners — Reviewed this issue. With Anders Berthelsen, Anette Stovelbaek, Ann Eleonora Jorgensen, Peter Gantzler, Lars Kaalund, and Sara Indrio Jensen; written and directed by Lone Scherfig.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 2/22)

John Q — Reviewed this issue. With Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall, James Woods, Kimberly Elise, Ray Liotta, and Anne Heche; directed by Nick Cassavetes.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA 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)

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 improbable. 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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Monster's Ball — Swiss-born filmmaker Marc Forster focuses on the middle man (Billy Bob Thornton) in three generations of Georgia corrections officers. The film starts right out throwing haymakers — first-thing-in-the-morning vomit, wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am sodomy, good-ole-boy bigotry, Death Row, the Last Walk, more vomit, a suicide, and a hit-and-run fatality — before it settles down to a hesitant, awkward, muted interracial romance (with Halle Berry, a Death Row widow), and more vomit. By that time, it's all punched out. The electric-chair diaper is a new screen detail, if you're keeping track.

Italian for Beginners

With Peter Boyle, Heath Ledger, Sean Combs. 2001.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Mothman Prophecies — Sort of an elaborated segment of "The Unexplained" on TV's *Unsolved Mysteries*, minus Robert Stack and his trenchcoat. Purportedly based on a factual case *circa* 1967 (here updated), it details some strange doings in anticipation of a major calamity in the small town of Point Pleasant, W. Va. No more should be revealed of those doings other than to say they point to a grand design, however far beyond our comprehension, in the seemingly random tragedies that visit humanity. The design, to the degree that it can be glimpsed, gives a design to the movie as well, and gives to it a corresponding degree of elegance. The degree of factuality, meantime, scarcely matters except insofar as it encourages the filmmakers to keep a lid on, and to let the tension build, till the big finish. The belief of director Mark Pellington in the paranormal rises nowhere near to the level of seriousness of, say, a Carl Dreyer. But his belief — his conviction — rises at least to that of a Terence Fisher or Freddie Francis in their Hammer Horror heyday. Quite sufficient, that is, for a work of imagination. (Of course the drawback to the factuality, or pretense thereof, is that the filmmakers' imagination cannot quite connect all the dots.) The acting tends to be a bit heavy, and the huge closeups make it seem even heavier: make it seem to belong more in a genre piece than in a journalistic or a propaganda one. But that's not altogether a bad thing. The cast of characters features a quorum of requisite figures: a rationalist reporter for the *Washington Post* (Richard

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A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 1:25 (4:20) 7:25, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:20) 7:25, 10:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri. 1:10 (4:15) 7:20, 10:25; Sun. 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:10 (4:15) 7:20, 10:25; **Hart's War** (R) Fri. 1:00 (4:05) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:05) 7:00, 10:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. 1:05 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 1:05, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:05 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri. 1:30 (4:30) 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 1:20 (4:25) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 1:20, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:20 (4:25) 7:30, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00 (4:35) 8:15

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Dragonfly; **Queen of the Damned**; **Crossroads**; **John Q**; **Hart's War**; **Super Troopers**; **Return to Never Land**; **Brotherhood of the Wolf**; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **A Walk to Remember**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **I Am Sam**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **Black Hawk Down**; **Snow Dogs**; **The Royal Tenenbaums**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **A Beautiful Mind**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Collateral Damage (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:55) 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:55) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:35; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:25, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:30) 7:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:50) 7:30; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:15) 7:40; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:05) 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:05) 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 5:00) 7:50

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
What Time Is It There? (Not Rated) Fri. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 4:25, 7:00, 9:35

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Italian for Beginners** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; **Lantana** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; **Storytelling** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 9:55; Wed. (1:35) 4:35, 9:55; Thu. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
They Made Me a Criminal, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Hell on Frisco Bay**, Friday, 8:50 p.m.; **Horror of Dracula**, Tuesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 7 p.m.; **White Zombie**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., and next Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 5:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Journey Into Amazing Caves** (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 7:50, 10:20; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:45) 7:00, 10:25; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 3:30) 6:50, 9:40; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:50) 7:00, 9:40; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 7:05, 10:00; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:20, 10:25; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri. (12:10, 4:10) 7:15, 10:10; Sat. (12:10, 4:10) 9:30; Sun.-Thu. (12:10, 4:10) 7:15, 10:10; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 12:50, 2:25, 4:00, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:20, 4:40) 7:10, 9:45; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45) 7:55; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00); **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:45, 10:35; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:50) 7:20, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 8:00; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (5:05) 10:30

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.-Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:20) 7:15, 10:05; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:40) 7:45, 9:50; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:10, 9:40; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:25, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40, 9:55; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:35, 9:55; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:35, 7:20, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:35) 7:20, 10:05; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:25, 9:50; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:50) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 6:20; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:35) 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 8:30; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 8:40; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:45); **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; Sat. (1:00, 3:50) 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:35) 8:25; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:20, 7:15, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:05, 5:55) 7:45; **Rollerball** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 9:00; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:55) 5:15, 7:30;

Gere), a ploddingly ordinary and overmatched cop (Laura Linney), a God-fearing unimpeachable witness (Will Patton), a winged anthropomorphous creature that fits no known prototype, and an in-the-know occultist (Alan Bates) who can give a name to the thing: Mothman, as translated from the tongue of the Ukraine. When asked the common question of why, if this creature knows so much more than us mere mortals, it doesn't simply come out and share its secrets, the occultist has a good answer: "You're more advanced than a cockroach. Have you ever tried explaining yourself to one of them?" 2002.
★★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Mulholland Drive — David Lynch's *The Straight Story*, we are hereby reassured, was the aberration; the twisted story is the one for him. In this case it's a braided story, besides twisted, of the intertwined fates of two women, one light and one dark, a starry-eyed, starry-sweatered Hollywood hopeful from Deep River, Ontario, and a haunted, hunted amnesiac from who knows where. The filmmaker's freedom from normal plot logic, to put it in the most neutral light, frees him to do pretty much whatever he wants. (Or, in a more jaundiced light, frees him to be the poster boy for self-indulgence.) In the result, the entertainment value is fitfully higher than in the average plodder chained to conventionality. For examples: the abstract swing-dance competition of the opening and the later lip-sync auditions to Girl Rock goldie-oldies; the well-wishing elderly couple at LAX whose mile-wide grins stretch all the way to rictus; the spectator-sport lesbianism tailored for the heterosexual male (the hilly landscape: little-known Naomi Watts, a wholesome Penelope Ann Miller type, and Laura Harring, a former Miss USA, formerly spelled Herring but never mistaken for a fish); the unpredictable casting of supporting parts (ex-hoofer Ann Miller, Lee Grant in a fright wig, one-time pretty boy and now pretty old man Chad Everett); the stiff, ill-fitting costume and dialogue of a shady character known as The Cowboy: "Stop and think for a little second. Can you do that for me?" Such bits and pieces, though they don't add up to a whole, let you know you are watching something out of the ordinary. Other bits and pieces, though they let you know the same thing, arouse less enthusiasm about it. The trade-off for all that freedom from logic is that Lynch is freed, too, from viewer involvement. And when toward the end he makes a concerted effort, zigging and zagging, to leave the viewer behind (dislocated time, swapped roles), most viewers will be just as happy to let him go ahead, if only he'd hurry up about it. The film is a slow two and a half hours, much of it clunkily staged and — the most disheartening deviation from *The Straight Story* — smearily photographed. 2001.
★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Return to Never Land

No Man's Land — The Bosnian conflict in a nutshell, or more like in a foxhole. Two mortal enemies take turns getting the drop

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Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:15) 6:30; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:25, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:10) 6:40, 8:55; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 3:55) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:15) 8:45; **The Mothman Prophecies** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30) 5:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 8:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Queen of the Damned; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Snow Dogs**

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Dragonfly; **Queen of the Damned**; **Monsters, Inc.**; **Gosford Park**; **Crossroads**; **John Q**; **Hart's War**; **Super Troopers**; **Return to Never Land**; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **Brotherhood of the Wolf**; **A Walk to Remember**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **I Am Sam**; **Kung Pow: Enter the Fist**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **The Debut**; **Black Hawk Down**; **Snow Dogs**; **A Beautiful Mind**; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**

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. 7:40, 10:25; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:10; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 3:05) 6:55, 10:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:00) 7:00, 9:40; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:55, 10:20; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:10; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri. (12:35, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45; Sat. (12:35, 3:40) 9:45; Sun.-Thu. (12:35, 3:40) 6:45, 9:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:30, 2:30, 2:55, 5:10, 5:30) 7:30, 8:00, 10:05, 10:30; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15, 9:35; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:40); **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:35, 10:30; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 3:35)

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Behind Enemy Lines (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:30; **Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00; **Orange County** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 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)
Return to Never Land; **Snow Dogs**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:45; Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:45, 5:45) 7:40; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:20) 7:50; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40) 8:00; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:50, 5:55) 8:10; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:10) 7:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:05) 7:35; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:05; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:10; Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:30, 5:25) 7:15; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 4:45, 7:05, 9:20; Sun. (2:30) 4:45, 7:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:30

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Collateral Damage (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 5:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 5:30; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Hart's War** (R) Fri. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 8:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 12:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:25, 10:20; Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:10, 9:55; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:00) 5:10, 7:20, 9:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:50, 7:20, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:35) 7:20, 9:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:30, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:45) 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:45) 8:20; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:25) 7:35, 9:40; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:15) 7:40, 10:00; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sun. (1:25) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:50, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 2:50) 5:35, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:30) 7:25, 10:05; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:45, 10:00; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:15, 5:10) 7:00, 9:00; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (12:20, 3:30) 7:05, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:05, 9:50

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Queen of the Damned** (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; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sat. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. (10:30, 1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. (10:15, 1:15, 4:15) 7:15

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ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
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Big Fat Liar (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 3:00, 6:45, 10:00; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; **Hart's War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 2:05, 5:05, 4:50, 10:30; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:20; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 3:30, 6:50, 10:10

Oceanside 16
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Dragonfly; **Queen of the Damned**; **Crossroads**; **John Q**; **Hart's War**; **Super Troopers**; **Return to Never Land**; **In the Bedroom**; **Collateral Damage**; **Big Fat Liar**; **Rollerball**; **The Count of Monte Cristo**; **The Mothman Prophecies**; **Black Hawk Down**; **A Beautiful Mind**

on each other in a trench in the neutral zone, while one of their wounded comrades lies immobilized on a booby trap. U.N. peacekeepers and international news reporters, speaking in other tongues, roll up for a look-see. Director Danis Tanovic, a native of the region and a veteran combat photographer, comes down on the side of absurdism, and he comes down heavily. Homiletically. The allegorical grip on the situation tends to squeeze the life out of it. Good, clear, vivid color, though. With Branko Djurik, Rene Bitorajac, Filip Sovagovic, Simon Callow, and Katrin Cartlidge. 2001.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 2/21)

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.
★ (VOGUE)

Queen of the Damned — Michael Rymer's treatment of an Anne Rice vampire novel, starring Stuart Townsend and Aaliyah.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 2/22)

Super Troopers

Return to Never Land — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Harriet Owen, Blayne Weaver, Corey Burton, and Jeff Bennett; co-directed by Robin Budd and Donovan Cook.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; 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)

Rollerball — It begins at dawn's first light with a nice quiet distant hilltop silhouette of bikers, a van, a pantomimed conference of some sort. This is the last nice thing in the movie. Even if the ensuing scene of two young daredevils in a luge-on-wheels race down the streets of San Francisco could be seen as a good idea, the heavy-metal accompaniment to it could not also be seen as good — not if the filmmaker wants to retain the status of an observer in preference to that of an all-out accomplice, a panderer to the youth crowd, a Nike-licker. It especially can't be seen as a good idea if the filmmaker entertains pretensions as an above-it-all commentator on the exploitation of violence by crass capitalists. The original *Rollerball* of 1975 was perfectly awful science fiction, although events in the interim might seem to have strengthened its credentials as a crystal ball: one thinks of the TV-driven phenomena of the X Games, the XFL, the WWF, etc., not to mention such contrived "reality" shows as *Survivor* and *Fear Factor*. But then again, the original, despite positing a far-off world without war, was not so much looking to the future as to the contemporary reality of roller derby. (To which, whatever happened?) That connection is now lost, so that John McTiernan's remake seems to concern itself less with an unforeseen future than with a forgotten past. The insignificant fact that the movie identifies with the exploited and manipulated hero (Chris Klein, groomed as a new Keanu Reeves) instead of with the exploitive and manipulative Mr. Money Bags (Jean Reno, a goddam furriner) only shows that Hollywood knows on which side its bread is buttered. The mass audience wants to identify with an action hero, not with an artist in a chair. And at least to the extent of his exploitation and manipulation, the identification is no problem. 2002.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; 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 deters Gene Hackman, as the long-absent head of the clan, from his normal excellence.) Wes Anderson, the director, favors frontal and centered compositions, or frontal and symmetrical ones — the visual equivalent of hammer blows. (Nailing down, if nothing else, the sameness and monotonousness of it all.) And no scene would be complete without a musical selection from the eclectic soundtrack: Ravel to Vivaldi, the Ramones to the Beach Boys, Dylan to Nico. With Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson, Owen Wilson, Danny Glover, Bill Murray. 2001.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20)

The Shipping News — From the E. Annie Proulx novel about a widower named Quoyle who returns with his daughter Bunny to his Newfoundland roots, and becomes (among other things) the ace reporter on a local rag called *The Gammy Bird*. A tall tale, a dark tale, a droll tale, arch, sardonic, grotesque, gaudy, absurd, odd, occult, unnatural — loaded, in short, with the hallmarks of contemporary Serious Fiction. Kevin Spacey (acting like a half-wit), Cate Blanchett (acting like a cream tart), Judi Dench (acting crusty), and Julianne Moore (acting with an accent) invest it with some of the traits of Serious Cinema as well. Sample: the hero's aunt shows up unannounced on the day of his wife's accidental death, close on the heels of his parents' double suicide, and she pilfers his father's — her own brother's — ashes, replacing them in the urn with ordinary fireplace ashes, so that she can take them home in a plastic bag, dump them down the outhouse potty, and piss on them. (She has her reasons, it turns out. They involve revenge for incest. Lasse Hallstrom, the earthy director, is the one who also made *The Cider House Rules:* a thematic pattern develops.) With Scott Glenn, Pete Postlethwaite, Rhys Ifans. 2001.
● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Storytelling — A diptych by Todd Solondz, composed of one part called "Fiction" and another part called "Nonfiction." (The first revolves around a Creative Writing class, the second around a documentary film: equally fictitious.) Both parts permit Solondz to re-echo some of the accusations — an "ugly" comment in part one, a "glib and facile" comment in part two — thrown at his two previous films, *Happiness* and *Welcome to the Dollhouse*. One only wants to point out that to parrot these accusations is not to answer them. (Unless maybe you're eight years old.) And an awareness of what he is up to, a self-consciousness about it, does not substantially alter it. He *is* drawn to squalid characters, and he *is* condescending to them. Of course it could be said in his defense (inasmuch as he himself hasn't said it on screen) that squalor is as legitimate a subject as, and perhaps intrinsically a less dull subject than, wholesomeness. And condescension is just the other side of the coin from glorification, and no more unpardonable an artistic sin. But while there is something bracing about the presentation of special-interest groups — the African-American, the handicapped, the modern liberated woman, the Jew, the homosexual, the Salvadoran refugee — without the usual cushion of courtesy and deference, without *politesse*, without kid gloves, there is nonetheless something relentless and tactless about the way Solondz goes at it. The over-obvious provocateur runs the risk of becoming an unprovoking provocateur: the prospective provokee, if that's the term, will be over-ready for him. Selma Blair, Robert Wisdom, Mark Webber, Paul Giamatti, John Goodman, Julie Hagerty. 2002.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Super Troopers — Reviewed this issue. With Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter, and Erik Stolhanske; directed by Chandrasekhar.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

A Walk to Remember — Teen weepie. All you really need to know is that it's based on a novel by the author of *Message in a Bottle*, Nicholas Sparks: your guarantee of unintended mirth. Pop singer Mandy Moore (singing two songs in that voguishly warped and wobbly vocal style that sounds as though the Walkman's batteries are running low) and Shane West are the mismatched lovers: the ostracized Goody-Two-Shoes and the hub of the in crowd, respectively. And their grand romance, ill-starred but inspirational, generates about the same warmth and passion as a TV evangelist with his hand out. Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah; directed by Adam Shankman. 2002.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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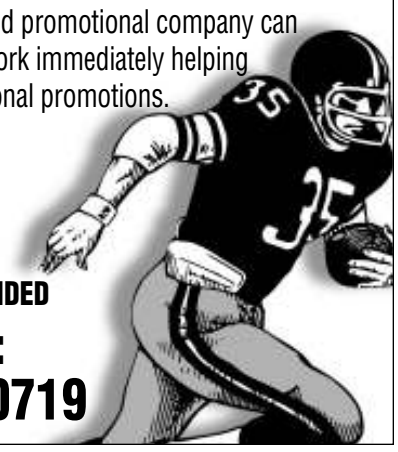

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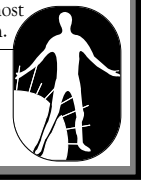

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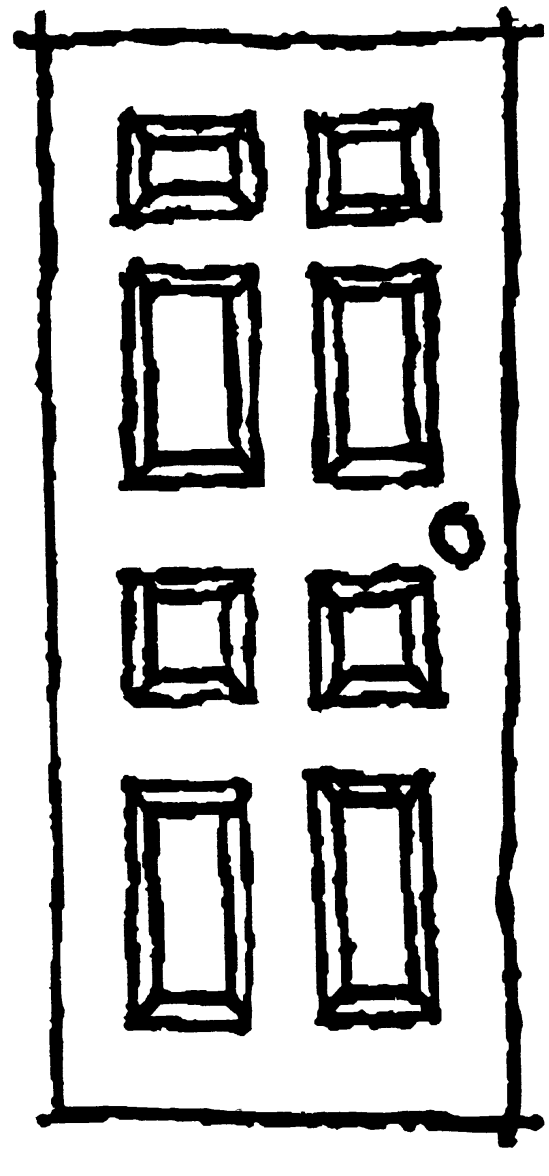

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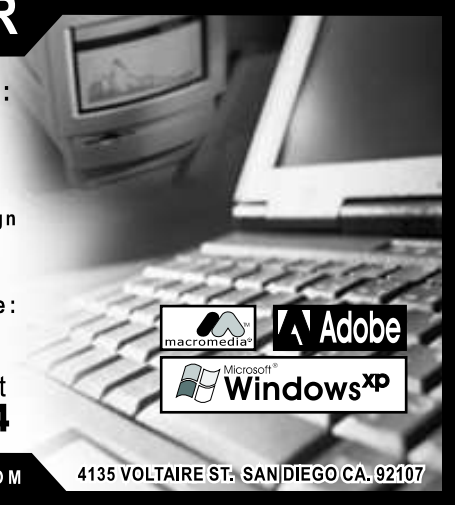

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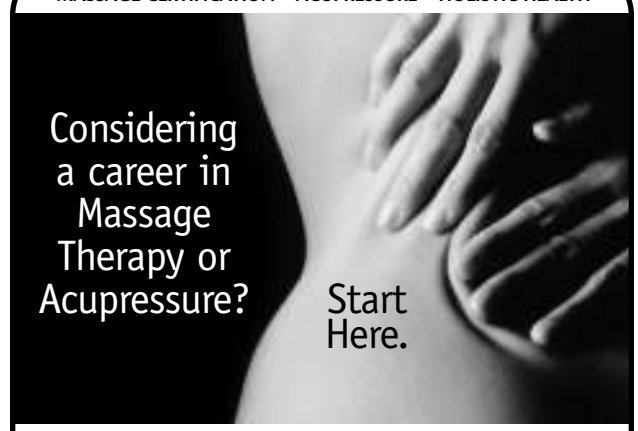

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ABCs ACTING CLASSES! On camera for commercials, television and features. New classes immediately. Day /evening. Casting Director Samuel Warren is teaching a comprehensive on-camera acting program for beginners, intermediate, advanced talent. There are kid, teen, adult classes! Many students from Warren's program have booked national television shows, feature films and commercials. Currently, Mr. Warren is casting commercials and features. Some of Mr. Warren's previous credits include: "Are you Lonesome Tonight," with Jane Seymour, USA cable movie; George Clooney's first feature film, "Return of the Killer Tomatoes," for 20th Century Fox; "Courier," the feature; numerous commercials: SeaWorld, Union Bank, Calloway Golf balls, Legoland, Kellogg's, Kodak and Pontiac, Dodge Caravan. Every area of the on-camera acting business will be covered. You will learn how to work in front of the camera and to market yourself before casting directors, agents, directors, producers for work. Limited space, 619-264-4135.

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ACCESS HOLLYWOOD AGENTS. Hollywood Talent Associates, LLC, is looking for new faces for modeling, movies, television and commercials. Licensed and bonded. Call for interview, 858-456-5770.

ACT AND AUDITION! Actors Workshop Studios. San Diego's number 1 film/TV studio! Professional 3-camera set. Weekly in-house auditions with Hollywood/local casting directors, producers, agents. www.actorsworkshopstudios.com; 858-587-6666.

ACTING CLASSES. Actor's Training Workshop. Ongoing class, intensive training for all levels, acting from the ground up. Call Tim, 619-298-8392.

ACTING WORKSHOP/TV FILM. Kimberly K. Wilson. Film writer, director, www.maggieandannie.com. Cold readings, on camera, scene study. 10 years Los Angeles acting coach. Escondido. 760-741-2181.

ACTING/MODELING HEADSHOTS. North County studio. Male/female/children. All ages. Starting at $60-$135 with makeup. 2-for-1 8x10 special! Mention ad. www.creativephotocarlsbad.com, 760-434-0800.

ACTORS, COMEDIANS, Improvisationalists! Earn money while developing your talent teaching Comedy Traffic School. Earn $10-$12 per hour while entertaining and helping people. 619-464-1324.

AUDITION. Us: Sketch comedy/music TV show in our third season. You: Male actor, age 18-25, funny, professional, easygoing. For details, 619-702-8355.

AUDITIONS for performing improv-sketch comedy group Comedy Under Construction. Los Angeles-trained director looking for experienced performers. 858-551-1169.

AUDITIONS for 2 improv troupes: Comedy Co-Dependents and Late Bloomers. Ages 14-88. Call Summer, 619-647-4958.

AUDITIONS. Strong character actors for stage comedy "Actme & Actme." Cold reads 2/26/02, 6pm. There is pay. 3152 5th Avenue. 619-692-3382.

AUDITIONS. "The Zodiac," feature length film, lead roles: Males early to mid-20s needed. Call to make an appointment, 619-944-2469; Kendog7@aol.com.

AUDITIONS. Actors wanted for SDSU thesis film. Looking for males, 25-35 and 50+. Females 18-25. For audition information, call 619-698-1675.

AUDITIONS. "Pippin," March 2, 2002. Singers, dancers needed for Bob Fosse masterpiece. Show dates are in May at the Spreckles. Information/appointment, 619-333-0057.

AUDITIONS. Gospel musical play due to open in North County the end of May needs gospel singers, experienced soloists and actresses. If you are serious about being part of this ministry of drama and are between the ages of 20-35, e-mail sendme24@aol.com or contact Send Me Gospel Productions, 760-715-8873.

AUDITIONS/VOICE. New York teacher opens San Diego studio. Now accepting students. All levels, styles of singing/acting preparation. Extensive experience with damaged voices, accents. 619-234-7802.

AUDITIONS: "Catch A Rising Star" talent search and showcase, ages 7-77 years, all types of talent. To receive an audition packet, call La Jolla Stage Company, 858-459-7785.

AUDITIONS: Star Wars film. Looking for Liam Neeson type actor to play character in a dramatic Star Wars fan film. Leave your information at 619-896-0123.

CASTING CALL. Union and nonunion OK. 5 Stages of Beer. Dennis, mid-late 20s; Mick, mid-late 20s; Audrey, 20s-30s; Sonny, 50s-60s; Buck, 40s-50s; Staci (female), 25ish; Kate, 20s-30s; Paula, 20s-30s; waiter, age open. Send submissions to David Glanzer, Binary Films, PO Box 712345, San Diego, CA 92171.

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MODELS. Attractive couples needed! Looking to build portfolio. Very artistic photography. Professional pictures in exchange for your time. No nudity. Send picture, donnawphoto@hotmail.com; Donna, 858-273-8878.

MODELS. Free modeling portfolio! Male/female models needed for glamour, headshots, swimsuit/figure shots. Professional pictures in exchange for your time. No nudity. Donna, 858-273-8878.

MODELS. Need quality photos for your portfolio? Photographer will trade for modeling time with qualified females, 18+. Glamour, swimsuit, figure. 858-459-7579.

MODELS. Open casting for print advertisement. Guess-model type, working age 18-29. One-day shoot experience helpful. Call for times: 858-635-1277.

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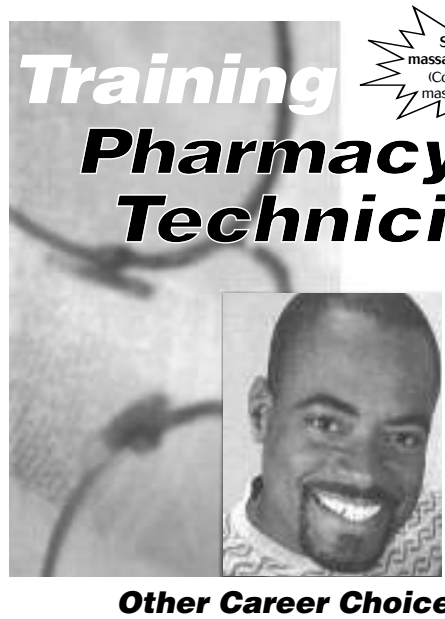

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

AURA HEALINGS. Healing night. Aura healings, chakra balancing. The Church of the Earth and Sky in Vista. 760-631-7900.

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BHAGAVAD-GITA classes by a Vedic scholar, 8:15-9pm, following an international vegetarian feast, Monday-Thursday, Hare Krishna Temple, 1030 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-9389.

BISEXUAL? GAY? LESBIAN? Unsure? Friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, for discussion, support, social interaction. Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. 858-452-2474.

CAN'T STOP EATING? Can't stay on a diet? Food Addicts Anonymous has a solution. No dues or fees for membership. 619-220-1330.

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CHILDREN/TEENAGERS with depression. UCSD study offering nondrug treatment using light therapy. Ages 7-18 with no other medical history. 619-543-7917.

COASTAL SINGLES, a 40+ singles group for coastal and inland North County. Singles, Tuesday Social Hour, February 26, 2002. Information, 760-931-8380; e-mail, Coastals@hotmail.com.

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FREE BODY CULTURE group in the Euro-Asian-Elysian-Hillside-FKK tradition now meets weekly. E-mail, fkkusa@yahoo.com or 760-757-5832.

FREE DEXA SCAN. Are you 65 years or older? Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with breast cancer in the last 4 months? You may be eligible for free body scan. 858-822-1001.

FREE MAMMOGRAMS and clinical breast exams. Low-income, uninsured women over 40 may qualify. Call the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program for information, 800-400-4922.

FREE PSYCHIC READING/healing clinic. March 4, April 1. Mondays, 7:30pm, by students in Vessa's Clairvoyant Program, 4305 Gesner #200. 858-715-9445.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE. The Guardian Angels need volunteers to stop crime and violence in the community. Free martial arts training. 619-507-8753.

MEDITATION. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 7pm; Saturdays, 11:30am. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue, Suite 303, Ocean Beach. 858-616-6308, www.dharmacenter.com.

MENOPAUSAL STUDY for women, ages 50-75. UCSD research study on effects of hormone replacement therapy on mood, sleep, behavior in healthy menopausal women. Nonsmoker, not using hormones. 619-543-7393.

MINORITY WRITERS WANTED. The Academy of Alternative Journalism, supported by alternative papers like this one, seeks experienced minority journalists and students (college seniors and up) for a paid summer writing program at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Chicago. Ten writers will be selected for the 8-week residential program, which is designed to recruit talented minorities into the alternative press and train them in the techniques of magazine-style feature writing. Participants will be paid $3000 plus housing and travel allowances. For information, visit http://medill.northwestern.edu/aaj or write for an application: Academy for Alternative Journalism c/o Lesa Lee, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, 105 W. Adams Street, Suite 200, Chicago IL 60603. (AAN CAN)

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NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS. If you have a family member or loved one with a drug problem, we can help. 12-step fellowship program. 858-492-8720.

NATIONAL ANTI-WAR speaking tour. Thursday, 2/28, 7:30pm, UCSD, Center Hall 115. Featuring David Barsamian, Gerard Ungerman and Sherry Wolf. No charge. Call 619-233-0659.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego. Visit our website www.sdmcdonalds.com or 858-292-7413. Provide your e-mail if available.

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YOU HAVE RED HAIR AND drive older blue VW Jetta. We looked at rock art and ironically parked next to each other at swap meet last Saturday. We even left at the same time. Meet me there again this Saturday, 10am to unravel the mystery?

Matches

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FRIENDSHIP. Upbeat, Englishwoman, 58, would like to meet people with shared interests: music, dancing, nature, walking, travel, current events. Conversation and laughter a priority. (2/27) ☎30086

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 40s, seeking other females, 35 to 50, for tennis, outdoors, movies, dining, conversation, beach and travel. (3/6) ☎30142

FRIENDSHIP. Russian female, 22, North County, looking to meet easygoing females under 30 for movies, clubs, restaurants, shopping, chatting, walking. Open to suggestion! (3/6) ☎30143

FRIENDSHIP. Love Zion as much as reading. Intelligent woman enjoys dancing, films, theatre, music, travelling. Seeking friendship with genuine females and males. All ages. (3/6) ☎30146

HAPPY HOURS, HIKING, CONCERTS, hanging out at beach, dining out. Please reply: Men or women, 30s. Fun female looking for friendships, weekends and Fridays. Smile. (2/27) ☎30048

Let's Go Skiing!

39-year-old male seeks beginner-to-intermediate skiers for weekend/day trips to Mountain High/Big Bear. Share rides and expenses. (2/27) ☎30083

TRAVEL, boating, cruising, mature male, new to North County, looking for female travel partner, 25-35, available weekends to explore close and far as time allows. (2/27) ☎30060

Matches

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

EAST COUNTY, ATTRACTIVE, nice figure, 5'5", 120lbs., 59, widow seeks Catholic widower, 59-65, financially secure, sense of humor. Honest Latinos welcome. No games. (3/6) ☎23069

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, GORGEOUS, petite. Seeking successful, optimistic, stylish, loyal, trusting, truthful, passionate, monogamous, spiritual, nonreligious man; friendship, sports; no previous kids, 36-48, 5'9"+. No Republicans. (3/6) ☎23087

SUDDENLY 60, SINCERE, savvy, selective, sometimes silly, scampish senior seeks smart, successful, scintillating, stargazing, soulful, sociable sweetheart. (3/6) ☎23037

WITTY, HONEST, PLAYFUL, 42, white female seeking friend/partner for dating. Movies, music, dancing, fine dining, traveling, weekend getaways. Please be outgoing and relatively fit. (3/6) ☎23056

VERY ATTRACTIVE, warmhearted, 5'7", 40-something, optimistic professional seeks well-educated male, 45-58, with intellectual/cultural interests, friends, ethics, humor and a sense of perspective. (2/27) ☎23026

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. Sweet, huggable angel. Likes: Chili, tailgate parties, beaches, arts, swing dance. Seeking one sincere, jeans/tux, professional, nonsmoker/nondrugs hiker. Pluses: Employed. (3/6) ☎23040

PRETTY, PETITE PROFESSIONAL seeking last and best love. We're educated, sophisticated, humorous, classy, active, conservative. Like music, romance, wine tasting, gourmet in/out, golf, tennis. (3/6) ☎23052

YOUNG-LOOKING 47, 150lbs., European lady professional, attractive, classy, outgoing, seeking classy African-American gentleman, intelligent, 40+ with similar interests for friendship, maybe relationship. (2/27) ☎23012

THIS YOUNG LADY WANTS a man who likes an intelligent, funny, passionate, independent black woman with a great smile. (2/27) ☎23001

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MAYBE THE UPCOMING SUMMER will last... with warmth, passion, music. 35, smart, attractive, curious woman searches man who likes bonfires, music and diversity. Race unimportant. (2/27) ☎23031

LOOKING FOR A REAL MAN! No games. Am totally ready to get on with my life with someone that appreciates me as I am. (3/6) ☎23085

GOOD-LOOKING, FUN TO BE WITH gal looking to have some fun. I'm 5'10", dark blonde, brown eyes. Enjoy rock music, pool and football. (3/6) ☎23063

PRETTY, BLUE-EYED BLONDE, tall, slender, easygoing, 50ish, enjoys nature, dancing, travel, movies. Seeking positive, healthy, fun-loving gentleman, similar age, friendship and/or relationship. (3/6) ☎23068

VERY PRETTY LADY, good figure, cheerful personality, seeking 55+, 5'10"+, for friend, playmate and more, to have monogamous relationship with lots of laughs, good times. (3/6) ☎23039

ATTRACTIVE WHITE WOMAN, 46, looking for an attractive white man for a relationship. I enjoy movies, concerts, the park, museums, walks, the ocean and sports. (2/27) ☎23015

COLOMBIAN, 34 YEARS OLD, one child, widow, looking for a man, 36-40, financial secure, white male; serious relationship. (2/27) ☎30039

NICE GUY WANTED: Vegetarian, North County, healthy lifestyle, by pretty, medium, petite blonde, athletic and ready to love. Please be around 50 and available. (2/27) ☎23004

LOVE HORSES? ME TOO! Cute, petite, warm-hearted horsewoman, gentle, earthy, degreed seeks gentleman horse lover, intact values, neat appearance, healthy lifestyle, unencumbered, 40+. (2/27) ☎23011

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. (2/27) ☎23016

TALL, VOLUPTUOUS BLONDE, 40 years, attractive, exciting, humorous, active, mysterious, seeks stable, dark and handsome man for good times. Dinner, movies, mountains, cultural events, etc. (2/27) ☎23029

MILITARY OFFICER PREFERRED, 48+, white male. You desire committed, loving, relationship, sense of humor, fun-loving personality, compassionate spirit, open minded, sensitive. Friends first. (2/27) ☎23017

SASSY VEGAN GIRL, 27, seeks like-minded, passionate, happy, seminormal vegetarian, 25-33, willing to laugh at himself and lead a life of compassion. (3/6) ☎23038

PRETTY, GOOD-NATURED GAL seeking fit, stable, spiritual guy, 40s. Let's talk! (2/27) ☎23003

SEEKING 30-38 MALE. Fit, fun, successful, educated, outgoing, funny, traveling, outdoorsy, water sports, camping for single, 32, female, fit, cute, fun, hairstylist. (3/6) ☎23074

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, successful, humorous, educated, spontaneous, high energy, 50ish lady seeks similar, emotionally available, younger man to share dining, arts, dancing, travel, maybe more. (3/6) ☎23076

TALL, 53 YEARS YOUNG, weight proportionate, strong faith. In search of loving, sensitive, humorous, adventurous lifetime partnership; camping, fishing, picnics, candlelight, home. Call! (2/27) ☎23028

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, great legs, easygoing, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, honest, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (3/6) ☎23072

LITTLE LADY, 5'1", brown/brown. Very active. Looking for fun and love. You: 35 to 45, fit, attractive and like wide variety of activities. (2/27) ☎23024

SEEKING A SPECIAL GUY to add spice to my life and vice versa. I'm 49, fit, attractive, funny, professional, warm and communicative. You? (2/27) ☎90997

EAST COAST CUTIE, sexy, petite, around-the-way type, seeks successful, inner city male. Culturally diverse. Travel, hanging out, conversation, humor, restaurants, Bid Whist, movies. (2/27) ☎23022

SURFING PIKERS, South Coastal blonde, 42, enjoys frolic in the seashore; body of petite mud wrestler, heart of fairy godmother. You: Surf, handsome, honest, interested? (3/6) ☎23071

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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? (3/6) ☎23043

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ENJOY HOUSE MUSIC, but hate hip-hop and khakis? Me too. Beautiful, white, 32, female looking to go dancing at On Broadway with friend or more. Age 28-36. (2/27) ☎23032

FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s, blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal. Chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (2/27) ☎23010

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STUNNING IN BLACK, playful in jeans. Golden blonde, slender, bright, traditional (with edge), seeks coastal professional, 39+, tall, evolved, dad wanna-be. (Parent plus one.)(2/27) ☎23025

IN SEARCH OF: Life partner. Mom of 2, 31, proportionate, tomboy/girly girl. Love sports, outdoors. Successful man, please! 5'1", auburn hair. (3/6) ☎23054

SWEET MARCH? COMPANION, lover, friend needed by big, beautiful, spicy redhead, 41. You are upbeat, healthy, humorous, spontaneous, easygoing, energetic and generous. Life's short. (3/6) ☎23067

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ATTRACTIVE, AFFLUENT, affectionate blonde, 47, seeks gentleman, similar qualities, passionate for CSNY, outdoors, movies, frisky fun, TLC, genuine, sunshine, generous hearts, big smiles, no wimps. (2/27) ☎90998

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. (2/27) ☎90999

BLUE-EYED, CURVY, PRETTY, size 8, brunette, going more country. Like tea, ethnic foods, yoga, nature, smart men, philosophy, holding hands, live music, Midwestern values. (3/6) ☎23051

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WON a chance to meet me. Attractive, 28, 5'5", 130lbs., blonde, blue. You're fit black male, 30-40, time to laugh/love. Call now! (3/6) ☎23044

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ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE GOLFER, Oriental, 5'5", 115lbs., caring, intelligent, the whole package, fun, passionate, seeks 38-48, 5'8"+, intelligent, loving, caring, well educated, handsome, fit, humorous, positive. (3/6) ☎23042

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HOTTIE WANTED! You: Good-looking, nice body, white, 21-32, 5'11"+. Firefighter/police officer plus! Me: Pretty brunette, beautiful legs, sensual, passionate, fun, adventurous. (2/27) ☎23020

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WOLF, ANY WOMEN LEFT YOU haven't swindled or cheated on? Seeking a real cowboy/musician, no lazy, feminine, bald, dirty. Let's kiss, camp, play, laugh. (3/6) ☎23082

GIVE ME A CHANCE, I won't let you down! I'm white, full-figured, single parent, 28, who seeks white male, 28-45, for serious relationship/love. (3/6) ☎23079

CHRISTIAN, PATRIOTIC, active, humorous, alert, red-headed, blue-eyed, young 70ish lady trying to locate same qualities in a gentleman. Chocolate lovers a plus. (3/6) ☎23041

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SENSUOUS, PETITE BLONDE, attractive, witty/quick, 38, 5'7", entertaining, adventurous, sincere, sailor. Seeking unattached, affluent, generous, kind, attractive white male, co-captain, to explore with. (3/6) ☎23048

BLACK PROFESSIONAL interested in meeting black male for weekend fun. Someone who enjoys dining, dancing. Must have sense of humor; honest, sincere; can hold conversation. (2/27) ☎23007

I AM AN ATTRACTIVE, shapely, intelligent woman, professional, seeking a tall, handsome male professional that likes dancing, restaurants, travel, adventure, romance, golf and tennis. (3/6) ☎23045

MY DOG MUST APPROVE. 33, sports minded, attractive, educated, humorous, athletic, classy, secure, emotionally stable, sexy, outgoing, sensuous, compassionate, fun, monogamous, adventuresome. Seeking same. 30-43. (3/6) ☎23050

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A sweetheart and companion. You are a single white male, 50-62, nonsmoker, no drugs/alcohol. I'm 5'2", 54, happy, fit, healthy, active. (3/6) ☎23078

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EAST COUNTY, GOOD-LOOKING, 5'1", fit, employed, looking for white, single, caring, stable, unencumbered, mid-40s-late 50s for monogamous relationship. (3/6) ☎23070

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CHRISTIAN, ATTRACTIVE, 44, seeks Christian gentleman for friendship, laughter and love. Please be nonsmoking, honest, sincere, compassionate and enjoy varied interests. North County area preferred. (2/27) ☎23005

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I'M BRAZILIAN, BLACK, 53, 4'9", 100lbs., very romantic. Want to meet romantic, good lover and companion, guy for serious relationship. Portuguese or Spanish a plus. (3/6) ☎23049

I WANT TO GET MARRIED AND live on the beach. I want to spoil each other rotten and forget the rest of the world exists. (2/27) ☎23006

SEARCHING FOR MR. GOODBAR, nonsmoking, 65-67, good build, nice gentleman; share same interest. If you're the one, let's get together, meet and go from there. (3/6) ☎23034

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN, Christian male desired by healthy, built, white female for fun, passion and sincerity. Be 38 to 48, honest, gentle, relationship minded, responsible. (3/6) ☎23062

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful, homeowner, loves life, arts, people and seeking accomplished gentleman, 40-50, with similar interests. (3/6) ☎23084

GENUINELY BEAUTIFUL, unforgettable, Sagittarius woman with upbeat personality. I'm 50-something. Seeking kind, generous man who loves to laugh and enjoys life. Conversation and companionship. (3/6) ☎23035

GRINGA EVANGELICA PROFESIONAL busca homologo caballeroso. Que tenga 26-34 anos. Sea dulce, honesto, humilde, ambicioso, chistoso, romantico, culto, bilingue, con buenos morales/valores. Dios Primero! (3/6) ☎23075

NO GAMES, JUST GOOD TIMES, laughter, adventure. Good-looking, fit, slim redhead seeks 45-55 gentleman; takes time out for play; enjoys life; spiritual, nonsmoker. (3/6) ☎23061

PETITE BLONDE, ATTRACTIVE, divorced white female, 5'4", 105lbs., mid-40s, intelligent, romantic, adventurous, caring, seeks nonsmoker, healthy, financially secure gentleman, 45-60. Share great life together. (2/27) ☎90995

TAKE A CHANCE! PRETTY, outgoing, divorced French lady, 43, teacher, homeowner, likes sport, nature, travel, looking for honest Asian male for quality time, lasting relationship. (2/27) ☎23014

LOOKING FOR SAM ("Sleepless in Seattle"). Me: Young at heart; love children, music, movies, camping. Professional, witty. You: 40-50. Looking for Magic? (2/27) ☎90981

HIP CITY GIRL, TALL, shapely, 34. Looking for liberal, intelligent, dog lover to share sushi, cinema and brisk evening walks. You're in your 30s, no kids, with a wicked sense of humor. (3/6) ☎23058

DIVERGENT, DIVERSIFIED, warmhearted, redhead, 5'6", 120lbs. Love passionate music, debate, peace. Dance, carpentry, pets, design, Feldenkrais, KPBS. Seeking intelligent man, 40-55, to make me laugh. (2/27) ☎90994

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ATTRACTIVE, ALMOST 55, lively, eclectic, petite lady. East Coast transplant. Seeking a stable, outgoing gentleman to share time with. I'm a nonsmoker/non-drinker. Seeking nonsmoker. (2/27) ☎90988

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, attractive, bright and funny, seeks 44-54-year-old, tall, single white male for activities, dates and possible relationship. (3/6) ☎23055

SILLY, SERIOUS, PRETTY, witty, warm heart, great smile, feminine, fun. Where is my counterpart and soul mate? Intelligent, nice looking, classy, commitment minded, 58+, nonsmoker. (2/27) ☎90969

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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. (3/6) ☎30158

DO YOU LIKE SAILING, theater, gym, movies, riding a bike? 52 years young, 6'1", 195lbs. Want soul mate for walks, talks; no drugs, heavy drinking. (3/6) ☎23077

50, TALL, SLENDER, SINGLE and available. You? (2/27) ☎30028

WHAT'S IMPORTANT? To you? One-woman man. 39, 175lbs., 6'. Fit, healthy, honesty. Value character. Nonsmoking, drinking, drugs. Passionate, professional, humorous, playful, uninhibited, active. Today! (2/27) ☎30089

LA MESA MALE, 51, 5'8", seeks fun female to share fun times together. Home projects, weekend getaways, dining, hiking, camping, bicycle, movies, reading, honest relationship. (2/27) ☎30052

PILOT, ARTIST, JAZZ musician, age 49, loving, kind man, in shape and young at heart, looking for beautiful, in-shape lady for companion, lover. (2/27) ☎30050

CARLSBAD TRIATHLETE, 5'6", 38, blond/blue, seeking petite, athletic, adventurous, North County companion with the right chemistry; dinner, occasional night out, travel an active lifestyle. (2/27) ☎30081

WHERE SHOULD I START? I'm a very giving, affectionate, loving and big-hearted person. I am not afraid of commitment and look forward to it. (2/27) ☎30079

HEART DONOR, EARLY 40s, 6'3", humorous, in shape, entrepreneur, seeking fit, attractive recipient to share candlelight, trail hikes, travel and quality times. (2/27) ☎30053

TALL, HANDSOME, WHITE male, 50ish, Paul McCartney look-alike, divorced father, very sensual, romantic, seeks stylish, slim, attractive, sexy, passionate woman for intimacy, chardonnay, fireplace. (2/27) ☎30056

TEDDY BEAR, STRONG, TALL, handsome, black, very romantic, easygoing, down to earth, huggable, seeking Hispanic or white, full figured, with junk in the trunk. Reply. (2/27) ☎30023

SEEKING FULLER, CURVY WOMAN able to identify with childlike qualities for laughter, friendship, romance. I'm 45, Caucasian, decent looks/values. Dancing, cultural pursuits, some sports. (3/6) ☎30127

TALL, SINGLE DAD, easygoing, happy, financially and emotionally secure, looking for someone slender and knows what she wants... carefree, independent. Let's laugh and have fun. (3/6) ☎30108

DON'T CHASE SKIRTS— It's not for wanting! Divorced dad-dude (8-14-50), moderate vices. Wanting more than I deserve! Wanting freethinker/cool looker... avant-garde style! (3/6) ☎30093

42, 5'10", 160LBS. I have many allergies that compromise my lifestyle. Looking for a woman who has the same or similar lifestyle. Lakeside. (3/6) ☎30098

LONGHAIRED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, city homeowner. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (3/6) ☎30159

BONJOUR LOVE. 49-year French-Canadian from Canada. I'm sexy, romantic, a gentleman, successful, professional, open, honest person; no games. I'm searching for a sweet, sexy white or Canadian lady. Like you to show me around. I'm new in town! I'm here if you needed someone so bad. (3/6) ☎30119

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, affectionate, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 38, 6'1", 210lbs., brown hair, clean-cut, conservative appearance, German-Irish Catholic seeks committed relationship with warmhearted, unencumbered female, 22-34, slender, curvaceous, very pretty, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (2/27) ☎30020

YOU ARE TALL, SLIM, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 45 and 58 birthdays. Me too. (3/6) ☎30129

WOMAN WITH PASSION? Handsome, romantic, nontraditional, affluent, La Jolla entrepreneur seeks sincere, affectionate, slender goddess, 30s, for serious fun, possible relationship. You won't be disappointed. (2/27) ☎30063

CARE BEAR, EDUCATED, FIT, easygoing, down to earth, seeking a nice, full-figured or medium-build Caucasian, 18-40, for a friendship or relationship. (3/6) ☎30095

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR professional, attractive, shapely cosmopolitan lady (30s), to match with successful athletic, educated, entrepreneur for stress-free family life. No previous children please. (2/27) ☎30058

6'2", 195lbs., BLOND, blue, handsome, financial professional. Athletic, humorous, honest, loyal, professional rock lead guitarist by night, seeks 5'7", 125lbs., 30-35, sincere, very attractive lady. (3/6) ☎30132

HOME ALONE DOWNTOWN. Disabled man, 50s, afraid, seeks female volunteer as friend and companion: Slim, uninhibited, student, nurse, dietician; conversation, lunch, dinner, pool. Please call. (3/6) ☎30094

OVER THE RAINBOW. Work full time. Let's make a plan to be happy as we are. 38-65. Smoker/drinker considered. Just be lustful, passionate, happy. (3/6) ☎30156

HAPPY BUT LONELY, not desperate, 52-year-young nice guy searching for 46-52-year-young woman to share happy, honest, trusting, monogamous relationship together! (3/6) ☎30139

CARLSBAD AREA. 60s, WIDOWER, secure, fit, nice-looking homeowner, 5'11", 185lbs., blue/brown, many interests, happy personality, searching for long-term relationship with nearby lady. (2/27) ☎30038

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS are blue, the grass is green, what I really mean is that I want to meet you! (2/27) ☎30036

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL. Single white male, 42, 6'1", 230lbs., dark hair, green eyes, responsible, witty, caring. Seeking white female, 33-44, for relationship. (619) area! (2/27) ☎30090

TALL, SUCCESSFUL GERMAN, 36, seeking sweet, stable life partner. Traveling, dogs, sports, rock music, childless, nonsmoker, commitment minded, employed— all pluses. Let's celebrate Valentine's 2003. (3/6) ☎30150

ATTRACTIVE SPIRITUAL MALE, 47, 5'11", career professional and pianist, physically/emotionally healthy, happy, nondrinker, nonsmoker, tennis player, seeks healthy, attractive woman to share wonderful life. (2/27) ☎30032

60+, MATURE LADY WANTED by 58-year-old white male for walks, friendship, trips, casinos, fun; nonsmoker; romance, dining out. (3/6) ☎30099

EDUCATED, BLUE-EYED romantic, 49, seeks friendly, smiling, kind, educated woman, 40-50, to enjoy movies, concerts, dinners and enchanting conversation. Open to chemistry, but let's be friends first. I'm 5'10", medium build, with fine sense of humor. (2/27) ☎30042

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. (2/27) ☎30022

REFORMED BAD BOY, 28, 5'11", 175lbs., dark hair/eyes. Looking for some to share good times with. Must be fun and open. Age/race open. (2/27) ☎30034

GREG SEEKS DHARMA. I'm conservative and professional on the outside, but feel wilder inside. Your wicked past would be a plus. Let's live it up. (2/27) ☎30030

ASIAN FEMALE DESIRED. Attractive, white, 45, professional, well built, athletic, seeks very attractive female, 34-42, professional, fit, athletic, jazz music, for quality relationship, North County. (2/27) ☎30059

WELL-PRESERVED, LOOKS 35, really 51, fit, 5'10", 170lbs., easygoing, sincere, passionate, humorous gentleman. You: Similar, 35-50s, nonsmoker, physically fit; trim body, soul and mind. (2/27) ☎30041

ENGAGING GUY; ENTERPRISING, independent, aesthetic, varied enthusiasms and perceptions, innate curiosity, funny, balanced world view, seeks a keen, attractive, conversant, ethical equal, 45-50. (3/6) ☎30160

CAPABLE, STRONG, handsome Spaniard, 43, 5'8", honorable, relaxed, financially secure. Enjoy dancing, outdoors, travel. Seeking unpretentious, uncomplicated, slim, nonsmoking beauty to share life/start family. (3/6) ☎30154

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive. 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive blonde female, 33-41. (2/27) ☎30024

30, DOWN TO EARTH. Native Californian. Fluent Spanish. Looking for the hip girl-next-door; no hard drugs. Deeply romantic friends essential. Will return call. (3/6) ☎30096

YOUNG 60, 5'8", PILOT, web designer, seeks trim, happy lady to share life's great adventure with a guy who'll treat you like a lady. (2/27) ☎30062

SEEKING HIGH IQ. Ethnicity, age, appearances, etc., unimportant, of course. (2/27) ☎30065

HARD BODY AND BLUE EYES, single white male, 5'10", 160lbs., 45 years old, nonsmoker, no children, secure, trustworthy, seeks Asian sweetheart for friendship and dating. (2/27) ☎30075

STILL OPTIMISTIC 55. Versatile, growing and discovering yet empathetic and easygoing. Want to meet, have some fun and see where it takes us? (2/27) ☎30049

BURGER KING SEEKING DAIRY Queen or Taco Belle. No supersize orders, just good shakes ready to go. I'm 39, no miniburgers, East County kingdom. (2/27) ☎30046

GOOD-LOOKING HARLEY GUY, fit, fun, very diverse, sense of humor, long blond, blue, 5'9", 155lbs., mid-40s, seeks one attractive chick, 30-45. Let's roll! (3/6) ☎30149

GORGEOUS, FIT, SENSUAL, sexy, good-natured rooster desires, 45, under, trim, cute, fun-loving queen of the roost. Fun, laughter, sharing adventures, long-term relationship? (3/6) ☎30131

DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY. We have a bundle and earned it. We balance work and play. Funny, fit, kind, handsome, dependable, youthful 45 seeks equal. (2/27) ☎30074

GOOD-NATURED GUY, FIT, slim, 5'8", college graduate, homeowner, many interest. Seeking plain, average woman, childless, 20-35, to be my best friend and soul mate. (2/27) ☎30026

LOST! Howie Mandel look-alike, 45, 5'10", fit, Jewish, funny, attractive, homeowner, nonsmoker, romantic, sensitive, needs a good home with caring female, 30-42. Please claim. (3/6) ☎30135

I HAVE ALL MY OWN TEETH. A job, a son, some of my own hair, a sense of humor. Tall, fit white male, 44, open minded, balanced, honest, down to earth, romantic, active. Would like to hear from/meet fit white female of similar qualities. (2/27) ☎30016

LOVE MUSIC? ARTS? Financially secure, advanced degree, fit, semiretired, excellent health, handsome, affectionate, sensual, passionate, seeking trim, passionate, touching, feeling, affectionate 47+ female. Very selective. (3/6) ☎30134

CREATIVE, CONSCIOUS, CARING committed, chemistry. 44, 6'2", 165., down-to-earth, passionate, responsible, evolving. Like outdoors, hikes, cooking, travel, foreign languages, old houses, kissing, kids. (3/6) ☎30117

LET ME BE YOUR VALENTINE'S. Jewish male, 32, enjoys having good conversations and just having fun. Seeking nonsmoking, stable woman, 25-35, for possible relationship. (2/27) ☎30055

ADDICTED TO IDEAS. Into biking, sailing, tennis, good music, theater, good food, good wine, picnics for two, sunset walks along secluded beaches. (3/6) ☎30140

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 51, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (3/6) ☎30100

NICE JEWISH DOCTOR, 38, very attractive, tall, slim, blue eyes, plays guitar, piano; enjoys music, creative accomplishments; seeks sensitive, introspective, honest, intelligent, relationship-oriented female. (3/6) ☎30152

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. (3/6) ☎30101

TALL, VERY GOOD LOOKING, fun, easygoing, kind, romantic, sincere, 48, seeks trim, attractive, loving, active, 37-46. Dancing, dining, sailing, moonlight strolls, outdoor activities, kisses/hugs. (3/6) ☎30111

AAA APPROVED. Professional Latino, 35, searching for 24-38 lady who is fun, adventurous, active, creative, humorous, outgoing, interesting, for a possible relationship or just friendship. (3/6) ☎30141

PROFESSIONAL, 42, JEWISH, kind, good communicator, book lover, enjoys outdoors and arts; seeks intelligent, honest, sensitive lady, 25-40, for long-term relationship. (3/6) ☎30137

SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, blue eyes, 6', bookish; dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (2/27) ☎30021

WHITE MALE, 39, LOOK 30, 5'8", 138lbs., green/brown, honest, caring, sensitive, educated, funny, seeks soul mate in 18-45, height/weight proportionate, nonsmoking, childless female. (3/6) ☎30103

MALE, SEMIRETIRED ENGINEER, North County, white, no baggage, financially emotionally secure, seeking serious relationship with sensuous, sexy, soul mate, nonsmoker, nonreligious. (2/27) ☎30054

LONESOME POET SEEKING my muse. Young-looking 38, 5'7", 140lbs., attractive, caring, creative, faithful, funny. You: Thin, pretty; love to laugh, explore. Age? Race? Kids OK. (2/27) ☎30091

BRAWNY, WHITE, TATTOOED gentleman, long brown hair/eyes, artist, craftsman, traveler, romancer, searching for honest, curvy, receptive, voluptuous, white vixen, 30ish, that handles it. (2/27) ☎30037

ACTIVE, 65, 5'10", 160LBS., advanced degree, in search of independent, well-proportioned woman, college graduate, a conversationalist for companionship and travel. Age 55+. (2/27) ☎30082

VERY SUCCESSFUL GENTLEMAN, 46, seeks adventurous female for long-term relationship. You are thin or petite figure, attractive and enjoy being treated like a princess. (3/6) ☎30121

MAJOR BEATLES FAN. 41, fit, attractive, loves romance, music, riding my Harley. Seeking fit, attractive 18-45. I want to hold your hand! Call! (3/6) ☎30122

CUTE, WITTY, PROFESSIONAL, single dad looking for nice woman to share time with. I enjoy sports, movies, romantic dinners and good conversation. (3/6) ☎30112

WANTED: A GOOD-HEARTED woman who desires soul mate to share caring, loving, committed life with Christian family life full of dancing, family, friends, etc. (2/27) ☎30076

RENTER, OVEREDUCATED, creative, passionate, thoughtful, philosophical, silly, romantic, radical, agnostic, loyal, open minded, caring, utopian, experienced, empathetic, principled, visionary, Downtown, 5'9", 150lbs., 34. (2/27) ☎30047

LOVELY LOVING LADY SOUGHT by Latino-Caucasian single father for passionate committed long-term. 44, fit, financially/emotionally stable, sense of humor. Devoted family man. (2/27) ☎30066

TWINKLE-EYES, brains-noggin, love-heart, laughs-tum, adventure-soul. Looking for same to share outdoors, arts. Attractive, 56 years, 5'10", 175lbs. (3/6) ☎30147

CAN I HAVE THIS DANCE? Could I be your dream boat, more than two ships that pass in the night. Let's find out together! (3/6) ☎30138

WEALTHY? NURTURING? PLAYFUL? Seeking partner, soul mate, 40+, for ethical, attractive, emotionally/physically fit professional, 54. Must possess understanding, communication skills, sensitivity, compassion, sensuality, humor. (3/6) ☎30109

LOOKING FOR A PETITE white female, 50-60, who is sincere, warm and loving, by affectionate, nice-looking white male, 5'7", 145lbs., semiretired. (3/6) ☎30148

CLEAR MIND, TOLERANT (with opinions), independent, prosperous, sculpted physique like Tarzan's, face no worse than his friend Cheetah (the chimpanzee), 5'10", 170lbs., brown/blue, 49, short hair, glasses. Seeking a compatible lass who's comfortable with her feminine nature. If the fates have made you gentle, approximately proportionate, not fanatical about your gym or religion, then meeting over coffee or wine may be right. (2/27) ☎30088

Music Of The Heart

Handsome film composer, 5'11", youthful 55, financially secure, excellent dancer, quick wit, easy smile, enjoys music, film, mature, stimulating conversation; seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (2/27) ☎30071

ASIAN LADY, 28-38, enjoy dancing, dining, live music, exploring. Myself: Asian gentleman, educated, secure, loves travelling. Looks like Chow-Yun Fat. The Valentine King! (2/27) ☎30051

TENNIS COURT OWNER LOVES tennis, humor, biking, hiking, camping, traveling, views, real estate, beach walks; seeks similar, fit, nonsmoking, unpretentious female under 38. (3/6) ☎30133

SPARKLING BROWN EYES, 41, tall, professional, handsome, friendly, witty, easygoing guy seeks younger woman who's pretty, fit, intelligent and giggles a lot. (3/6) ☎30153

ROMANTIC CHEMISTRY! Tall, handsome, successful healthy professional, 43, passionate communicative, humorous, 6'1", 182lbs., even, spiritual, caring, fit. Seeking long-term relationship with openhearted 30-45 woman. (2/27) ☎30057

SUPERMAN SEEKS WONDER woman. Very tall, mid-30s, rugged adventurer, educated, loves dogs; likes traveling; doesn't want children. Emotionally/financially stable. Power action belt not required. (2/27) ☎30070

BIG, TALL, 42-YEAR-OLD white male, 6'3". Loyal, perceptive and conscientious, interested in attractive, fit woman for possible long-term relationship. (2/27) ☎30043

WOMAN OF COLOR DESIRED. Professional, educated, white, beach boy, 62, attractive, open minded, trim, romantic, seeks attractive, sexy, fun lover. Possible relationship. Age, race unimportant. (3/6) ☎30151

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. (2/27) ☎30067

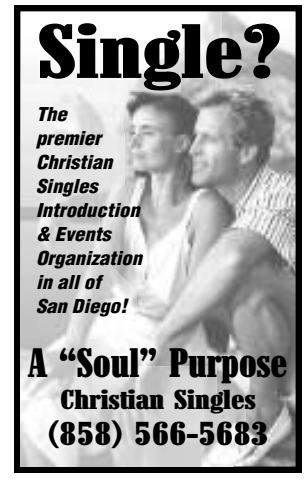
ASIAN WOMAN PREFERRED. I am 39, white, 6'2", 185lbs., very attractive. Interested in Asian woman, 25 to 35, for dating. Harley rides and possible relationship. (2/27) ☎30061

INDIE/FOREIGN FILM lover. Also enjoy the arts in general and alternative music. 30. Tall, dark hair, slim/fit, attractive. Educated, sense of humor, homeowner. (3/6) ☎30157

ADVENTUROUS AND PLAYFUL spirit sought by attractive physician, 40, seeking special partner to share love for travel as well as simple pleasures in life. (3/6) ☎30114

UNPRETENTIOUS, HANDSOME executive, 36, outgoing, athletic, secure, successful, seeks beautiful, classy, warm, intelligent 22-34, slender, caring, honest, fun-loving, cheerful; theater, music, travel, beaches, sharing. (2/27) ☎30073

HANDSOME VOCABULARIAN, 48, trim, fun-loving, truth seeker, no baggage, seeks attractive, word-loving goddess



possessing pluperfect articulation to trip the lexical light fantastic. (2/27) ☎30072

PARIS NEXT CHRISTMAS. Lawyer/consultant, 40, 6', handsome, truest romantic. Seeking life mate. Let's share grand adventures, live the romantic life. Sail kayak, bike, travel. (2/27) ☎30080

UNDER YOUR THUMB. 6'1", 190lbs., 46; strikingly handsome, emotionally/financially secure. Seeking strict, sublime woman to love, honor, respect and do what you say. (2/27) ☎30018

SCULPTURED BODY, SUCCESSFUL, 6'3", dark, handsome, fun, intelligent, romantic, beach house, surfer, 30s. Searching for love with beautiful, thin, kind woman, 25-35. No kids/addictions. (2/27) ☎30033

BE MY ONLY BAD HABIT. Are you healthy and fun as I am? Then connect with me to find new ways to spoil each other. (3/6) ☎30107

YOUNG, SEXY PRINCESS wanted. You're slender, attractive, ready to be spoiled, mutually rewarding. By nice Italian guy for shopping, dinners, trips, romantic times. (2/27) ☎30078

HEADED TOWARD GREATNESS. 31, single white male, corporate director. Seeking single white female, 25-30. Are you confident in who you are? If so, let's chat. (2/27) ☎30035

Movie Critic

Well, almost. Attractive white male just turned 50 in October, 5'11", brown hair, green eyes. Down to earth, stable, romantic, affectionate, good sense of humor, nonsmoker, no drugs, no baggage, dog lover. Searching for that special lady who still believes life and love can be like it is the movies: Age and race are open. Long-term relationship and/or marriage possible. (2/27) ☎30092

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES? Very attractive, tall, fit, blond, blue, in 40s, seeks great-looking, classy, fit professional in their 30s to spoil. Want the best? (3/6) ☎30106

MISSED VALENTINE'S DAY, but still looking for the dream. Hope we can find it together. 49-year-old male seeks partner. (3/6) ☎30128

PLUS-SIZE, FULL-FIGURED, shapely mature lady. Must be open-minded, fun to be with. Honest, mature male seeks you for casual dating. 60-70. (2/27) ☎30069

38, FREETHINKING professional, 5'7", 140lbs., open, fun loving. Travel, outdoors, yoga, movies/theatre. Seeking secure, communicative, fit college graduate. Appreciation of simple things a plus! (2/27) ☎30087

UPBEAT, EAST COAST, divorced, 59, 6'2", health conscious, nonsmoker, reformed bad boy, musician, engineer looking to meet energetic, in-shape, North County female; serious relationship. (2/27) ☎30031

GUARANTEED GOOD TIME WITH this ticket. This late bloomer is still young. Rescue me from playing too much ice hockey. Very athletic, 7% body fat. (3/6) ☎30116

NORTH COUNTY LATIN SURFER, 43, handsome, tan, fit, stable, loyal, well-traveled camper, her water girl, cute, sweet, great smile/personality, funny, educated, fit, Latina. (3/6) ☎30125

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP, companionship and more! Caucasian, 57, looks younger, 5'6", trim, independent, unpretentious, earthy, nonjudgmental. Film, videos, walks. Emotionally available, monogamous. Any race, sincere! (3/6) ☎30118

SENSUOUS, CREATIVE, CARING, craving, single black male seeks bold and fearless Amazon for reality bending, mindless, meaningful, tantalizing, mind-altering adventures; fit! Plus sizes welcome. (3/6) ☎30126

CONFIDENT, SENSUOUS, SEXY, woman desired for Italian artist, 50s. Love art, sports, travel, movies, sailing, anything that is outdoors; into exercise and enjoying life. (3/6) ☎30115

I'M READY IF YOU'RE STEADY, let's go. Fit Brit with quick wit seeks mellow female fellow in fine fettle. 6'1", 190lbs., curly brown and blue. (2/27) ☎30064

HELLO. ARE YOU LOOKING for someone special that's funny, loves to cuddle, have lots of fun? 29-50. Call me and meet for coffee, drinks, shake. (3/6) ☎30136

SPIRITUAL, METAPHYSICAL, black vegetarian male wants to meet female, 26-36, who can be in a loving relationship, free of past experiences and future expectations. (3/6) ☎30120

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 42, 6', 195lbs., blond, hazel, wants to date intelligent, responsible, independent single female. Friends first and possible long-term relationship. (3/6) ☎30110

I'M 24, WORK IN MUTUAL funds and live Ocean Beach. Looking for low-maintenance girl who knows what she wants! (3/6) ☎30113

BLACK, 38, EXCELLENT shape, 6', 220lbs., cinnamon color skin, very laid-back and gentle personality, seeks sexy, easygoing, affectionate lady. (3/6) ☎30102

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. I'm here. Where are you? I'm 75 years young, active physically and mentally, would like to meet someone special and enjoy life. (2/27) ☎30044

MULTITALENTED VIRGO carpenter, surfer, skier, fit, 52, brown/brown, seeks petite Pisces or Taurus for romance, adventure, Baja seafood, etc. Unencumbered, 35-50, North Coastal. (2/27) ☎30017

SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR, no children, 5'10", 49, good listener, sense of humor, affectionate, secure. Seeking 40s, slender, intelligent, easygoing, fun-loving partner. Music, barbecues, hiking, movies. (3/6) ☎30161

HUMOROUS, AFFECTIONATE, educated, 5'8", athletically-built, gentleman searching: Nonsmoker, drinker, slim-to-medium build, 49-50s, Caucasian female for conversation, outings, music, home. Love? (3/6) ☎30104

KINDHEARTED, CARING white gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner, enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (3/6) ☎30155

PREPARE FOR FOUR WINDS TOUR. Phil and Friends in San Francisco, 3-29-02 and 3-30-02. I'm going. Are you? Deadhead roadie. Financially secure. Good transportation. (3/6) ☎30123

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 40, educated, spiritual, passionate, enjoys kayaking, Baja camping, good conversation and the ocean. Seeks an attractive, open minded, adventurous, nonsmoking woman. (2/27) ☎30045

AFFECTIONATE, ATTENTIVE ears, handsome, 40ish, fun man. Love the sun and moon. Seeking a lady. You be a lady with a smile like a girl. (2/27) ☎30027

OFF THE CUFF by Sue Greenberg What TV show are you reluctant to admit you watch?

Matthew Yancy
Student
Carlsbad

That would have to be *Rugrats*. I watched it when I was a little kid; it just kind of stuck with me because it's a really funny show. And I can still get into it.

Garret Cash
Student/Albertson's clerk
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CLAIREMONT. $500. Share 3 bedroom house. Master bedroom with bath. Washer/dryer, near Tecolote Golf Course. 858-560-4656.

CLAIREMONT. $450, 1/4 utilities, deposit. No smoking, drugs, pets. Renting 2 rooms, share bathroom. Quiet neighborhood. Near Balboa and Genesee. Available immediately. 858-565-1325.

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CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. $475. Furnished large master bedroom, private bath. Near beaches/bay. Quiet. No kitchen. Male only. Nonsmoker. Short term possible. Available immediately. First/last rent. 858-272-1992; 858-270-9038.

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CLAIREMONT. $525, includes utilities, $400 deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer, cable, office, Internet. No pets. Independent phones. Smoking outside. 858-576-7119.

CLAIREMONT MESA. $600, 1/3 bills, deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Yard, jacuzzi, double garage. Furnished except bedroom. Great neighborhood. Have 2 dogs, no more. 619-665-4333.

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COLLEGE AREA. $495/month plus deposit. Master bedroom with bath. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, balconies, fireplace, air conditioning. Available now. Call 760-500-9714; 619-235-2415, x16372.

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COLLEGE AREA. $597.50. Charming, spacious house to share with female. Separate bedroom, bathroom, office. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, garage, yard. Female preferred. 619-286-9378.

COLLEGE AREA. $475 plus deposit. Cute cottage-style home. Wood floors, new appliances. Have dog. 619-697-7074.

COLLEGE AREA. $500/month, $600 deposit. Garage converted into loft apartment. Private entrance, private bathroom, pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer. Available now! 619-709-0470.

COLLEGE AREA. $550/month plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with heated pool, sauna and tennis courts. Available immediately. Call 619-287-1989.

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COLLEGE AREA. $480/month, 1/2 utilities, $300 deposit. 1 bedroom, own bath apartment. Water paid. Laundry facility. Nonsmoker preferred. Available immediately. 619-582-2571.

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COLLEGE AREA. $600 includes cable/utilities. Solar house, walk-in closet, 2 bathrooms, hardwood floors, skylights, dishwasher, laundry, garage, flower garden. Female only. Nonsmoking/pets. 619-235-2415, x27161.

COLLEGE AREA. $500/month. Nice neighborhood. Large bedroom. Ceiling fan, microwave, refrigerator, cable, phone, inside the room in house. Laundry, jacuzzi. No pets. 619-287-9906; 858-678-4509.

COLLEGE AREA. $587/month. Roommate wanted for own room in 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Call Josh or Matt, 619-583-8059.

COLLEGE AREA. $550/month, $550 deposit. Available 3/1. Own bedroom and bath. Spacious, clean. I have a dog. 619-287-5760.

COLLEGE AREA. $450, 1/3 utilities, $300 deposit. Private bedroom, share bathroom. No pets. Laundry, pool, freeway and bus access. No smoking. Call Ryan, 619-269-5004.

COLLEGE AREA. $425. Room for rent. Awesome 3000-square-foot house, large yard, jacuzzi, nice neighborhood. 619-583-2890.

CORONADO. $550. Roommate needed for 2 bedroom apartment. High ceilings, close to beach/shops. Private office negotiable. Nonsmoking/pets. Female preferred. 619-435-5180, e-mail: spb@hnc.com.

DEL CERRO/COLLEGE AREA. $495, utilities, deposit. Nice room available now. Near lake and mountains. Fast Internet. No smoking, no pets. Tad, 619-286-4507.

DEL MAR, EAST. $775/month. Middle master, full closet. Garage, pool, jacuzzi, small gym. 5 minutes from beach. Available 2/15. Leave message, Nancy, 858-794-0883; 619-235-2415, x22200.

DEL MAR, EAST/Carmel Valley. $750. Second master with great sun, private bath. Share awesome house, beautifully furnished. No smoke/drugs. 619-733-2274.

DEL MAR, EAST. $640 including utilities plus deposit. Furnished room, private bath, washer/dryer. All amenities. Have cat. Seeking female. Nonsmoking/drugs. 858-755-6793; 858-350-9919.

DEL MAR, EAST. $600, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Room with private baths in large house. Furnished or not. Extra room for office and garage available for additional cost. Quiet. No drinking, drugs, dogs. 858-755-7693.

DEL MAR, EAST. $675 plus deposit. Private bedroom/bath in private home. 1/3 SDG&E. Nonsmoker, no drugs/drinking. Laundry/kitchen facilities. Evenings, 858-449-7499.

DEL MAR, WEST. $725, includes utilities/cable Roadrunner. Bedroom, private bath in 2 bedroom apartment. No pets, drugs or smoking. Prefer male. Dell, 858-793-1675.

DEL MAR, WEST. $500/month plus deposit. Female nonsmoker, no drugs or pets. Private home, nice neighborhood. Laundry, kitchen, cable. Share bath. Utilities included. 619-235-2415, x28722.

DEL MAR, WEST. $525+. Furnished room with view and shared bath. Clean, quiet, sunny, nonsmoking home. Cable, laundry, kitchen, fireplace, housekeeper, own phone line. 858-481-5312; 619-235-2415, x27477.

DEL MAR, WEST. Live at the beach! $550, 1/2 utilities. Room for rent in 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer, parking. No pets. 858-509-0514; 760-500-9694.

DEL MAR. $675 plus utilities. Beach house. Female wanted for master bedroom with attached bath. Fireplace, washer/dryer. No pets. Steps to the beach. 619-235-2415, x32646.

DEL MAR. $650, utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Beach 1 mile. Gated, pool, laundry, parking. Have medium dog. Nonsmoking/drugs. Available 2/15/02. 619-203-4234.

DEL MAR. $475, 1/4 utilities. 3-1/2 bath. West of I-5. No smoking, no pets. Male or female. Washer/dryer, cable. Great house, ocean view. 858-481-4299.

DEL MAR. $800 plus utilities. Large master bedroom, bathroom, walk-in closet, large living room, kitchen, yard, close to beach, very quiet neighborhood. Male only. Call Cole, 858-755-3422.

DEL MAR. $620-$700. Room available in 3 bedroom condo. Maple flooring, tiled kitchen/bath, dishwasher, pool/spa. 858-481-4345.

DEL MAR. Beach condo. $800, 1/2 electric, free laundry. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large windows overlook ocean. Modern, spacious, clean. Great community, shops, cafes. 858-682-6211.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. $975. Share highly-upgraded, new, trilevel 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Fireplace, 2-car garage, all amenities. Must see! Available 3/1. 619-235-2415, x20972.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. $550, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Seeking female. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. All amenities, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. Nonsmoker/pets. daa@ecgnet.com; 858-259-5216; 619-235-2415, x14269.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. $595 plus utilities, deposit. Room in large, new luxury home. Minutes to beach/freeway. Quiet cul-de-sac location. No smoking or pets. 619-235-2415, x31082.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. $550. Share 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome with 2 females. Across from track/beach. Clean, quiet, great location, parking, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool. Nonsmoking. No more pets. 858-481-6997.

DOWNTOWN. $575. Room in clean 3 bedroom house in Little Italy. Laundry, garage, driveway, huge basement. Walk to Gaslamp, Seaport Village, bay, trolley. Available 3/1/02. 619-235-2415, x16090.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. $650 includes all utilities, cable and phone. Share huge, beautiful, quiet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Panoramic city views. Laundry, air, private balcony. Furnished or unfurnished. Low $300 deposit. Female preferred. Jerry, 619-595-0506.

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EL CAJON. $85/week. Room in private home. Clean, nicely furnished, near all. Nonsmoker, drinker or drugs. Prefer male. 619-444-5309.

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EL CAJON/SANTEE. $400/month, all utilities included, $200 deposit. Furnished 2 bedroom apartment. Pools, air conditioning, laundry. Beautiful, safe apartments, tropical setting. 619-447-3321; 619-925-1431; 619-235-2415, x21951.

ENCINITAS. $800. Very large master bedroom, bath. Million dollar house on 1.5 acres. Laundry, water filter. No smoking, drugs/pets. Vegetarian kitchen. 1972 Crest Drive. 619-804-8377; 760-929-4068.

ENCINITAS. $595 plus utilities. Master bedroom in 5 bedroom home on 1/2 acre property. No pets or smoking. 760-436-9921.

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ENCINITAS. $600, deposit, utilities. Secluded 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. 1 acre. 2 fireplaces, cable, satellite, laundry, huge patio, yard. Available immediately. 760-436-5439; 760-436-6872; 760-492-4082.

ENCINITAS. $675, utilities, deposit. Share huge 2 bedroom duplex with male. Large enclosed yard, nice safe neighborhood, near beach. Have dogs, pets considered. Steve, 760-943-8478; 619-235-2415, x32472.

ENCINITAS. $400/month plus 1/2 utilities. Seeking roommate for room with bath. Quiet neighborhood. Prefer female, with references. Clubhouse, pool, jacuzzi, golf course. 760-942-7483; 619-235-2415, x29251.

ENCINITAS. $470 plus electricity/phone. Large room. 2 bedroom apartment, available 3/1. Great location, west of Pacific Coast Highway, ocean 1 block. Females only. 760-753-4143; 619-235-2415, x10748.

ENCINITAS. $400 plus utilities. Females only. Live-in community. Share meals, chores, cats. Large, old house, ocean view, sundecks, private entries, DSL Airport. Call 760-944-8888; 619-235-2415, x20780.

ENCINITAS. $550, 1/3 SDG&E plus deposit. Male preferred. 4 bedroom home. Great location. Laundry, cable, hardwood floors. Close to all. Have cat. Nonsmoker. 760-436-7015.

ENCINITAS. $713/month. Master bedroom, full bath, large closet space. Indoor laundry. Garage space available. Bright and sunny condo. Cable hookup. Nonsmoker/drugs. 760-753-0722.

ENCINITAS. $525 includes utilities, $300 deposit. Female only, share quiet 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Private bath and phone, cable, pool, tennis, washer/dryer. 760-632-8986; 619-235-2415, x20677.

ENCINITAS. $595 plus deposit, includes utilities. Large bedroom, new paint/carpet. Private phone line/cable. Furnished/unfurnished. Washer/dryer. Near amenities. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. 760-634-1637; 619-235-2415, x29348.

ENCINITAS. $435/month, $400 deposit. Quiet. Person to share 3 bedroom condo. Garage, washer/dryer. No pets. 760-942-2752; 619-235-2415, x20568.

ENCINITAS. $675, 1/2 utilities, $350 deposit. Roommate wanted, share quiet 4 bedroom home. Private room/bath, phone line, washer/dryer, satellite TV. No smoking, drugs, pets. Available 4/1 or sooner. Sheri, 760-635-1554; 760-402-8312.

ESCONDIDO. $525 plus 1/3 utilities. Master bedroom with private bath available now. Share beautiful home with fireplace, hot tub, citrus trees and many other amenities. 619-235-2415, x18099.

FASHION HILLS. $500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82, 858-565-7294.

FASHION VALLEY. $700/month plus 1/2 utilities. Available 3/1. Room with private bath and laundry. No smokers. Prefer female. Leave message, 619-224-0971.

GOLDEN HILL. $245, 1/3 utilities. House seeks female roommate to share large house. Great location, 1 block from park/shops. First/last, $100 deposit. 619-239-8052.

GRANITE HILLS/EL CAJON. $595 includes utilities, cable. Male roommate for large, attractive, 2-story home. Bedroom plus extra room (den, office?). Smoking OK. 619-516-4400.

HILLCREST, Marston Hills. $650/month, $500 deposit. Room in charming Craftsman home. Hardwood floors, walk-in closet, private bathroom. Quiet, nice neighborhood. No smoking/pets. 619-255-0662.

HILLCREST. $795. Male seeking nonsmoking roommate to share 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Private bathroom, washer/dryer, fireplace, cable, DSL, parking, pool. Available 3/1. 619-542-0523.

HILLCREST. $465/month plus deposit, includes gas and water. Female only. Laundry on site, neat, clean. No smoking, drugs or pets. Available now. 619-291-3155.

HILLCREST. $725. Unique offering for house sitter/tenant. Mostly furnished 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled bungalow. New appliances, deck, fireplace, hardwood floors, Berber carpet. Utilities included. Nonsmoking. No pets. Deposit. E-mail: anesdave@aol.com or toll free, 866-491-2060.

HILLCREST. $450 plus utilities. Quiet, nice area. Small complex. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Laundry facilities, dishwasher, parking available. Seeking nonsmoking roommate. 619-235-2415, x13709.

HILLCREST. $650, 1/2 utilities. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Minutes from Downtown, great view, dishwasher, washer/dryer, deposit. Female preferred. Available 3/1. 619-520-1615.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. $450/month, 1/2 utilities, $450 deposit. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, gated entry. 3976 Iowa Street. 858-488-3087; 619-235-2415, x10613.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $500, 1/2 utilities, $475 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, sunny, clean, quiet place with balcony, washer/dryer. Upstairs, central location. Nonsmoking/pets. 619-235-2415, x24310.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $700, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Sunny 3 bedroom, 2-bath house. Centrally located to freeways/shopping. Garden, deck, garage, washer/dryer. Nonsmoking. 619-299-1131; 619-235-2415, x12252.

KENSINGTON. $500/month, 1/2 utilities. Share cute 3 bedroom house with female. Wood floors, laundry, fireplace. No smoking/drugs. Smallish dog considered. 619-281-5005; 619-235-2415, x22092.

LA COSTA. $535/month, 1/3 utilities. Female nonsmoker, share 3 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, backyard, garage storage. Near shopping/freeways. No pets, no drugs. 760-632-6345.

LA COSTA. $700 includes utilities/cable. Private apartment in home with bath, bedroom, living room, entrance. Kitchen/laundry privileges. Female. No pets. 760-944-6294.

LA COSTA. $585, 1/2 utilities, $300 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Underground parking, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, own bath. Room is 14x11. Nonsmoker. Andy, 760-942-8910; 619-235-2415, x29637.

LA COSTA. Townhouse. $675, 1/2 utilities. Private bedroom/bath. Washer/dryer, 2 patios, barbecue, housekeeper, pool, very pretty view, gated parking, very clean condo in quiet/safe neighborhood. Sorry, no pets. 760-931-8183.

LA COSTA. $650 plus deposit. 2000-square-foot, 2-floor condo, 2 bedrooms, 3 baths. Fireplace, washer/dryer, pool. 14-1/2x12 master bedroom, bath, deck. 760-438-2151.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. $525/month, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Beach 1 block away. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with female. No pets. Available 3/1. 858-459-6803; 619-235-2415, x22149.

LA JOLLA. $1000 plus utilities. 1 bedroom available in 3 bedroom house. Great view, great location. Pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer. Available mid-March. 858-454-7178.

LA JOLLA. $425, $425 deposit. Female roommate, share room in large 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer, tennis, pool, sauna. Available 3/1, sooner. 858-457-8014; 619-235-2415, x18721.

LA JOLLA. $835. Great house! Large yard, ocean view, near downtown La Jolla. Share with 2 females. Pets OK. Nonsmoking. 858-459-2893 or 303-444-2315.

LA JOLLA. $450. Small room, steps to beach. No pets, no smoking. Female preferred. Available 3/1. 858-454-4648.

LA JOLLA. $685 to $750. Near UCSD and shopping. Share 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, garage, pool, spa. Available March. 619-235-2415, x24759.

LA JOLLA. $1200. Share beautiful house with panoramic ocean view, 1 bedroom plus office and bath available. Walk to village. 619-405-1186.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $773. Female only to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with washer/dryer, gym, sauna, on-site coffeehouse. Cable included. 858-597-0250.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $550/$550. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Pool, jacuzzi, laundry, cable, fast Internet, patio canyon view, full kitchen, clean. Hope to fill by early March. Jason, 858-638-0540.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $675 plus utilities, $250 deposit. Private room, private bath, very spacious, washer/dryer in unit, gated, underground parking. Michele, 619-218-3817.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $687. Villas of Renaissance. Female wanted, share master 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, jacuzzi, gym, secure parking. Have cat. 858-457-8397.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. $675/month, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Top floor, private, pools, laundry, reserved parking. Available immediately. Nonsmoker, no pets. 619-235-2415, x20506.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $765. Large master bedroom, private bath, balcony, large closet, in clean, charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Fireplace, garage, laundry, storage, amenities. Diane, 858-354-4054.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $707. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dual master at Costa Verde. All amenities, gym, pool, jacuzzi, garage, laundry in unit. 858-243-0035.

LA MESA, WEST/SDSU. $550. Share amazing house with view. Private bedroom, garage, laundry, fireplace, home theater, jacuzzi, air conditioning, garden and more. Available now. 619-235-2415, x31465.

LA MESA. $600 includes utilities. Bedroom. Spacious 2 bedroom townhome. Own bath, washer/dryer, new carpet. Near all. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets, alcohol. Female preferred. 619-644-0064; 619-235-2415, x19041.

LA MESA. $460/month includes utilities. Furnished, quiet room. Seeking female to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New carpet, big closets. Laundry facilities. 619-741-7474; 619-235-2415, x20975.

LA MESA. $575/month, 1/2 utilities plus deposit. 1 bedroom available 4/1 in beautiful house. Near SDSU. Washer/dryer, all amenities. Have dogs. No drugs. 619-235-2415, x11167.

LA MESA. $330/month. Large room with large closet in older home. Quiet home on quiet street. Some pets OK. Storage also available for $40. 619-235-2415, x28008.

LA MESA. $500. 2 large, semifurnished rooms, private bath, large closets, 3000-square-foot house, yard, laundry room. No pets, no smoking. Female. 619-464-6733; 619-235-2415, x22498.

LA MESA/SDSU AREA. $600 and $800, respectively. Quiet neighborhood. 2 rooms available. 1 bedroom, 1 renovated garage with extra small room attached with private entrance. Small yard. Karolyn, 619-944-0604.

LAKESIDE. $625, 1/2 utilities and cable. Near shopping and public transportation. Nice, quiet neighborhood. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer. 619-520-4494.

LEMON GROVE. $450 plus deposit. Quiet home. Large master bedroom with private bath. Ocean view cul-de-sac. Kitchen privileges. Nonsmoking female preferred. No drugs/pets. 619-583-1629.

LEUCADIA/CARLSBAD. $620, 1/3 utilities, deposit. 2-story, new house, ocean view, ocean 1/8 mile, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, basketball, volleyball, tennis, fireplace, barbecue. 619-843-1417; 619-235-2415, x30843.

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OCEAN BEACH. $600, 1/3 utilities. 1 bedroom with bath, beautiful home with view, 2 blocks from beach. No drugs, no pets. Small deposit. 619-972-8728.

OCEAN BEACH. $550 includes utilities, $300 deposit. Female preferred. Bedroom/private bath. Sunsets, ocean view, sea breezes, on park. Excellent location. Prorate available. David, 619-226-6591.

OCEAN BEACH. $650/$575. 2 rooms in beautiful 3 bedroom condo. Ocean view, sundeck, laundry. Beach 3 blocks. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs, excessive drinking. 619-246-8560; 619-235-2415, x26489.

OCEAN BEACH. $500 includes utilities plus phone. Share 3 bedroom house. Only $200 deposit. Blocks to beach. Close to park, freeways. 619-223-9205.

OCEAN BEACH. $600/month. Large bedroom with walk-in closet in spacious house with parking, fireplace and yard. Close to beach and freeway. 860-922-6991.

OCEAN BEACH. $775 with balcony; other room, $725. 2 roommates to share 3 bedroom townhouse. Washer/dryer. Ocean and strip 2 blocks. Available 3/15. 619-813-8420.

OCEANSIDE. $575. Short term. On the beach. February, 20-June 1. 2 story, private beach with firepit. Million dollar house. Private balconies, laundry room. 760-525-3470.

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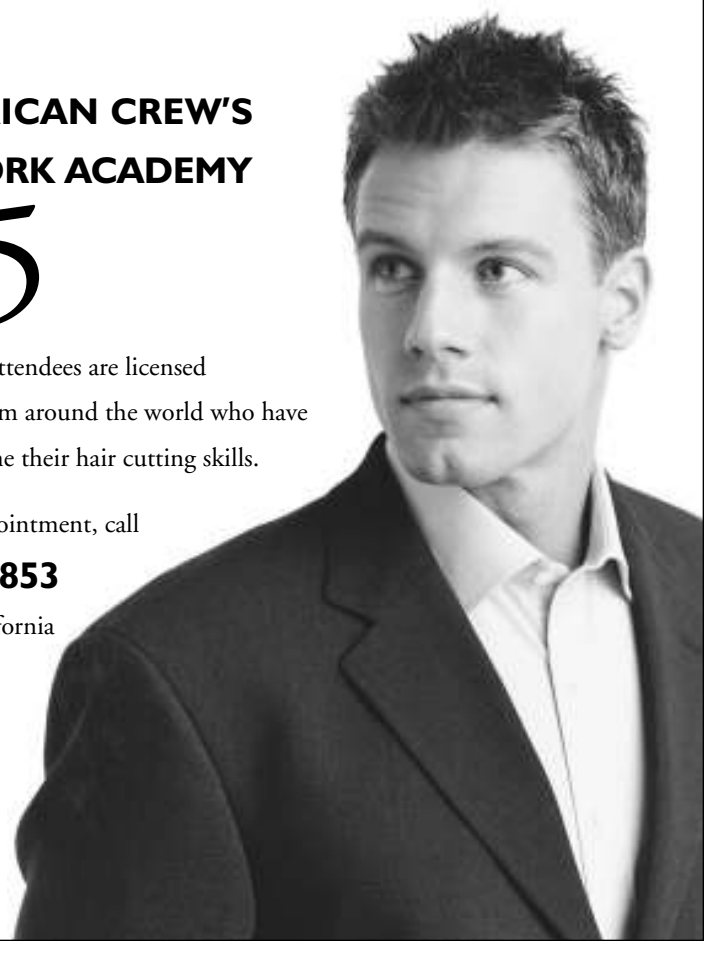

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PACIFIC BEACH. $400. 1875 Oliver Avenue. 5 bedroom, 2 bath house. Seeking roommate to occupy upstairs bedroom, share bath with 1. Laundry facilities. Terri, 858-581-5775; 619-235-2415, x28794.

PACIFIC BEACH. $650, 1/2 utilities, $325 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment, Riviera Drive. Bay 1/2 block, huge deck, barbecue, parking. 3/1/02. Jeff, 858-349-7516; 858-272-8205; 619-235-2415, x19692.

PACIFIC BEACH. $825, 1/2 utilities, $400 deposit. Tourmaline surf park 1 block. Private bedroom/bath. 1100-square-foot condo, ocean view. Secure building, laundry on site. Share with male. Available 4/1. 858-490-1091.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $500. Female, share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, clean, quiet. Beach 10 blocks, ample parking. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. Washer/dryer, big refrigerator/backyard. 619-235-2415, x24876.

PACIFIC BEACH. $700, 1/2 electricity. Master bedroom/bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath, modern condo. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, fitness, tennis, parking. Nonsmoking, pets, drugs. 619-235-2415, x14394.

PACIFIC BEACH. $650, 1/3 utilities, $500 deposit. Room for rent. Very nice 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. All amenities. Nonsmoking/pets. Available 3/1. Rob, 858-273-4263; 619-235-2415, x32150.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $600, 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, beautiful 2-story townhouse. Beach 7 blocks. Huge kitchen/living room, fireplace, laundry, new carpets. 619-235-2415, x11524.

PACIFIC BEACH. $765/month. Room for rent in new 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 3-story townhouse. Private. Fireplace, vaulted ceiling. Immaculate. 1533 Hornblend Street. 619-850-2088.

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $625, 1/2 utilities, $625 deposit. Bay 1/2 block. Room in 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Great location! Garage, laundry. Scott, 858-483-1314; 619-235-2415, x28224.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $600. Large room in house one block from beach. Maid service, cable modem, cable TV, large yard. No pets, no drugs. 619-300-5224.

PACIFIC BEACH. $900/utilities. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Master bedroom, ocean view, private bath. Secure building. Beach 2 blocks. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. 858-270-6854.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $650. Furnished, includes utilities, except phone. First/last required. Clean comfortable cottage with fireplace, hardwood floors. Nonsmoking/no pets. 858-581-6386.

PACIFIC BEACH. $550/month, $550 deposit. Charming 2 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors, fireplace, cathedral ceilings, laundry, cable computer connection. No pets/smokers. Credit check required. 619-235-2415, x21203.

PACIFIC BEACH. $800/month, $500 deposit. 1 or 2 to share large master bedroom with bathroom. Share with 2 females. Open house Thursday, 2/21, 6-8pm and Tuesday, 2/26, 6-8pm. 4685 Jewell Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. $750, includes utilities except phone. Room available in clean, sunny townhouse near bay. Private bath, fireplace, laundry. Call Tiffany, 858-272-0982.

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SERRA MESA. $500, 1/3 utilities, $250 deposit. Share large 4 bedroom, 3 bath, canyon home. Own bedroom/bath. Washer/dryer, storage. Male/female, nonsmoker/pets. 858-864-8706.

SOLANA BEACH. $800/month. Share 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, beach condo. Washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis. No pets, no smoking. Available 3/2. 858-792-5802; 619-235-2415, x25713.

SOLANA BEACH. $580, 1/3 utilities, deposit. Room with balcony. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer, patio, fireplace. Walk to beach. Nonsmoking, no pets. Available now. 858-481-8376.

SOLANA BEACH. $700, 1/2 utilities. Share nice 2 bedroom townhome, private bath, garage storage. Near I-5, racetrack, beach. Quiet complex, pool, jacuzzi. 858-349-8953.

SOLANA BEACH. $550/month. Own room in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, across from racetrack. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Great deal! Available immediately. 858-720-0668.

SOLANA BEACH/DEL MAR. $650 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Washer/dryer. Ocean view. Large yard, 2 decks. Available 3/24. 858-523-9493.

SOUTH BAY TERRACES. $350, 1/3 utilities. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. No smoking/pets. Laundry, street parking. Male/female. 619-470-4824; 619-261-2061.

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TIERRASANTA. $375 includes utilities, cable, Internet. 4 bedroom house. Vegetarian kitchen, own phone line, pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Absolutely no drugs, smoking, pets. 858-277-7120.

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TIERRASANTA. $600, 1/2 utilities. Share with female. Beautiful nicely furnished townhouse. Fireplace, view, large master bedroom, walk-in closet, private garage, washer/dryer, pool, spa. Female only. No smoking, drugs, pets. Julie, 858-541-7135.

UCSD. $480. Share 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath with 2 other roommates. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, convenient, close to transit. 858-558-1384.

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VISTA/SAN MARCOS. $500/month (negotiable), includes utilities. Near Palomar College. Female preferred, share nice house. Bedroom, bath, washer/dryer. Nice neighborhood. 760-310-9440.

WANTED: $500 or under. Female seeking large room and bath in apartment or house. Have 1 small indoor cat. Have some furniture to help furnish apartment or house. Angela, 858-874-7636.

WANTED: Female nonsmoker seeking home or condo (own bath) to share with 1 other. Preferably in Del Mar or La Jolla. 858-793-7799.

WANTED: Female and male looking to rent 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom in quiet, clean, nice, nonsmoking home. Central San Diego/La Mesa. References. 619-286-4420.

WANTED: Female seeking room and bath in $350-$450 range, including utilities. No smoking, drinking, drugs, pets. Prefer Rancho Penasquitos, Rancho Bernardo, other areas OK. 858-618-5568.

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BAY PARK. $1275. 3 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs unit. Recently renovated. Washer and dryer inside unit. Off-street parking. Small complex. Great location. Available now. 5603 Mildred Street. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

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CARMEL VALLEY. $2550. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 2-car garage. No pets. 3555 Santoro Way. Available 3/12. Agent, 858-755-1139.

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CITY HEIGHTS. $595. Huge studio with large kitchen and full bath. Gated building. Off-street parking. Dishwasher. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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CLAIREMONT, NORTH. $2100. Newly remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. 2-car garage, RV parking. 2 fireplaces. Beautiful patio landscape. Near shopping, schools. Available March. Lease. 858-274-0117.

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CLAIREMONT, NORTH. $700, includes utilities. Studio. No pets. Nonsmoking. Close to bus. Available now. Call 858-270-5695.

CLAIREMONT. $1500. Deposit $1500. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. 4780 Andalusia. Cul-de-sac, canyon view. Gardener. Garage. New paint, carpet. Washer, dryer. No Section 8. Nonsmoking. Pet with extra deposit. Agent, 619-220-4840 x250.

CLAIREMONT. $1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, fireplace, pool/spa. Fantastic view. Great location. No smoking. No pets. Available 3/9. 619-364-6928.

CLAIREMONT. $1200 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Fireplace, washer/dryer, new floor, garage, lots of storage. Balcony, pool, jacuzzi. Gated. 858-453-5820.

CLAIREMONT. $1400. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, secluded in greenery, custom kitchen, freshly painted. Washer/dryer hookup. Fee. www.pchrent.com; 858-581-1290.

CLAIREMONT. $795-$1050. 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Short drive to the beach. Great area. Bring your pet. Also, a few houses available. Dishwasher, laundry, privacy, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

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CLAIREMONT. $800. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Patio. Blinds. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. 7322 Mesa College Drive. 858-279-6299.

CLAIREMONT AREA. Above Mission Bay. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Picture windows and upgraded kitchens. Olympic-size lap pool, tennis, gym room. Easy access to I-5 and popular shopping centers. Pets 50 pounds and under are welcome! Coral Bay Office, 619-275-4303. For photos and floor plans, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1031.

CLAIREMONT. $1125. Plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Extra large. Fireplace. Laundry room. Balcony. Off-street parking. Cat OK. New carpet. Dishwasher. Limited access. 858-569-8607.

CLAIREMONT. $1295. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, washer/dryer in unit. Great location. No smoking. Pool, jacuzzi. 619-977-6018.

CLAIREMONT. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Completely remodeled including kitchen/baths. Enclosed patio. All appliances including washer/dryer. New carpet/paint. Fireplace. $1850. 4880 Lehrer Street. 619-276-1009.

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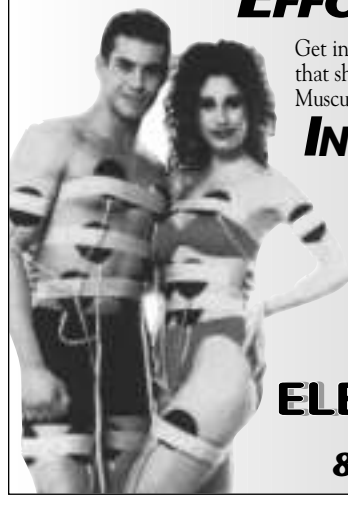

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by David Levinson Wilk

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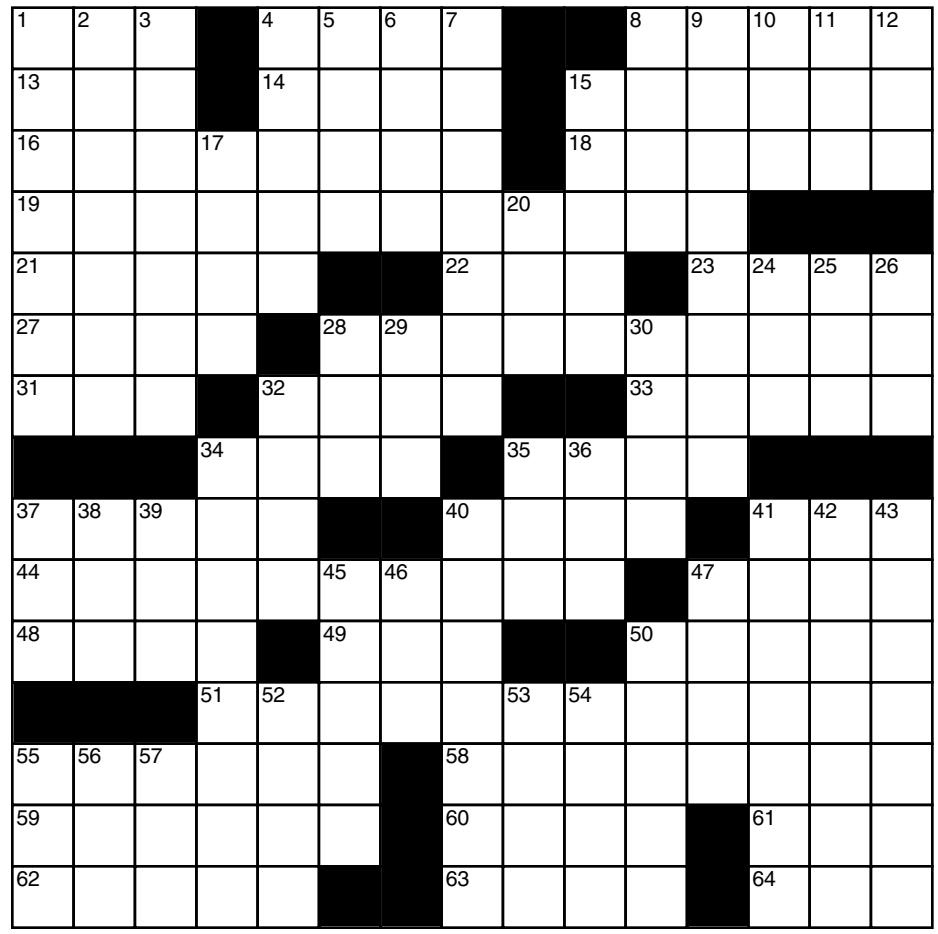
1. Navy ship inits.
4. Former frosh
8. Slender blades
13. Ultimate in degree
14. "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
15. "Swan Lake," for one
16. Some of Miles Davis' bands
18. How pills are taken
19. Like Archie Bunker, to George Jefferson
21. French ____ soup
22. Prefix meaning above or after
23. Shots, for short
27. Suffix with nine, but not ten
28. Art school purchase
31. Suffer a "brain cramp"
32. Usurer's offering
33. Actor Edward James ____
34. Like pie?
35. Where an arrangement might be made
37. Computer programs have them
40. Delta deposit
41. Chem. containment
44. Some Thanksgiving dinner remains
47. "____ Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001 movie)
48. Actress Ward
49. Mentalist Geller
50. Come to a point
51. Hardly an aquarium
55. On the Underground Railroad, say
58. The Beatles, e.g.
59. PBS dinosaur
60. Grease job
61. Mention
62. Horseshoe-shaped letter
63. To be, in old Rome
64. Coast Guard officer: Abbr.

Down

1. End of the line?
2. Unexpected event
3. More glistening
4. Arrive, as darkness
5. Designer Cassini
6. Plant stem's backbone
7. Norma Desmond, notably
8. Countess' husband
9. Like a ground ball hit in fair territory
10. Right-angled extension
11. Fish of the genus Electrophorus
12. What a mess!
15. Kind of acid
17. Broadway luminary?
20. Choose
24. Tattoo favorite
25. Cow's call
26. Green-lights
28. "Help, quick!"
29. Katharine Graham, to friends
30. Parasite's pal
32. Place for mascara
34. Holding rapt
35. Go for the gold
36. Capp and Green
37. For what ____ worth
38. Leader in a beret
39. Squeaky wheel's need
40. Sign of a cold, perhaps
41. Infant
42. Navy ship member
43. Cereal grasses
45. Protruding
46. Run-of-the-mill: Abbr.
47. Certain retrievers, for short
50. When many schools let out
52. Eligible for service
53. Debt reminders
54. Underwater travelers
55. It's trying to "channel" you in this puzzle
56. Cole Porter's "____ Loved"
57. "The Chronic" rapper Dr. ____



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/14/02.

Of the 36 entrants, 32 were correct. The winners are:

1. Robert Rapista, *San Diego*
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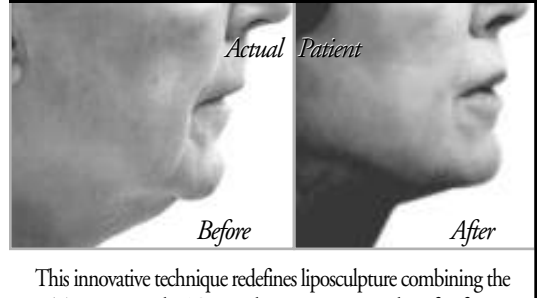

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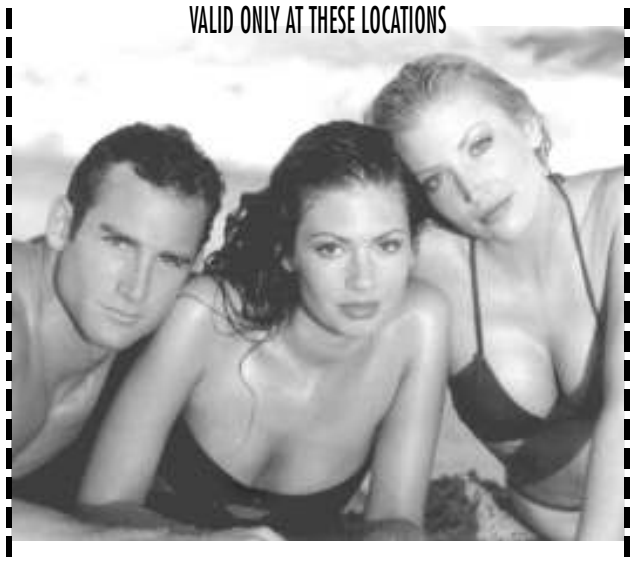

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $1800. 1000-square-foot 2 bedroom, 2 bath, second floor, northwest corner condo. Ocean view, laundry, parking, pool, spa, appliances, new upgrades throughout. No pets. 6455 La Jolla Blvd. 619-203-9643.

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LA MESA. $800/month. Unique furnished kitchenette on full lot with fruit trees and garage. 949-348-1845.

LA MESA. $800. Charming 2 bedroom unit, close to parks and shopping. Also, a few cottages available. Utilities included, dishwasher, pool, gated, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

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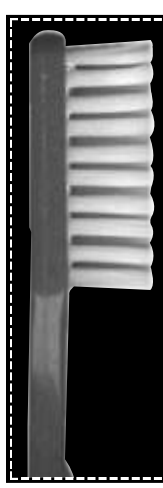

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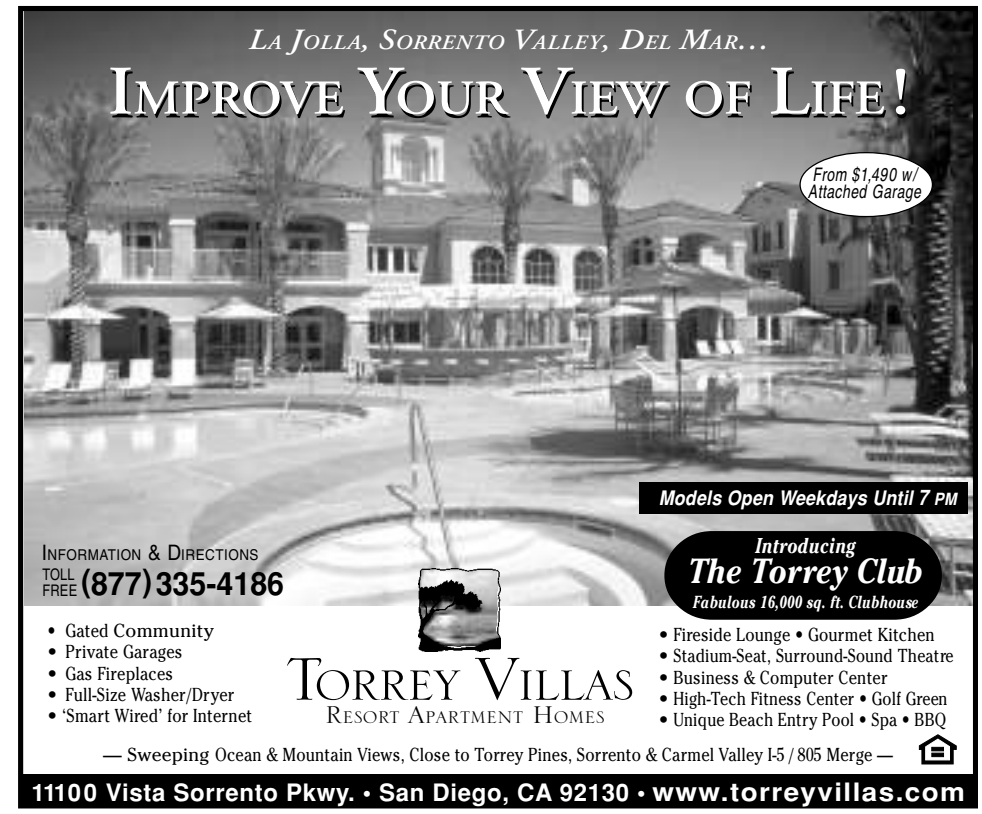

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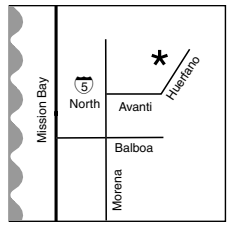

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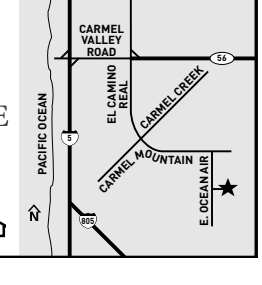

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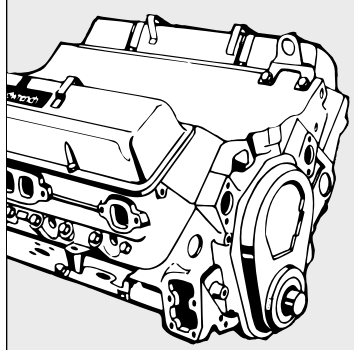

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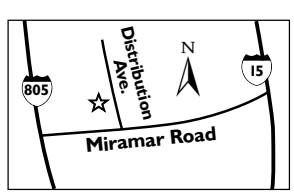

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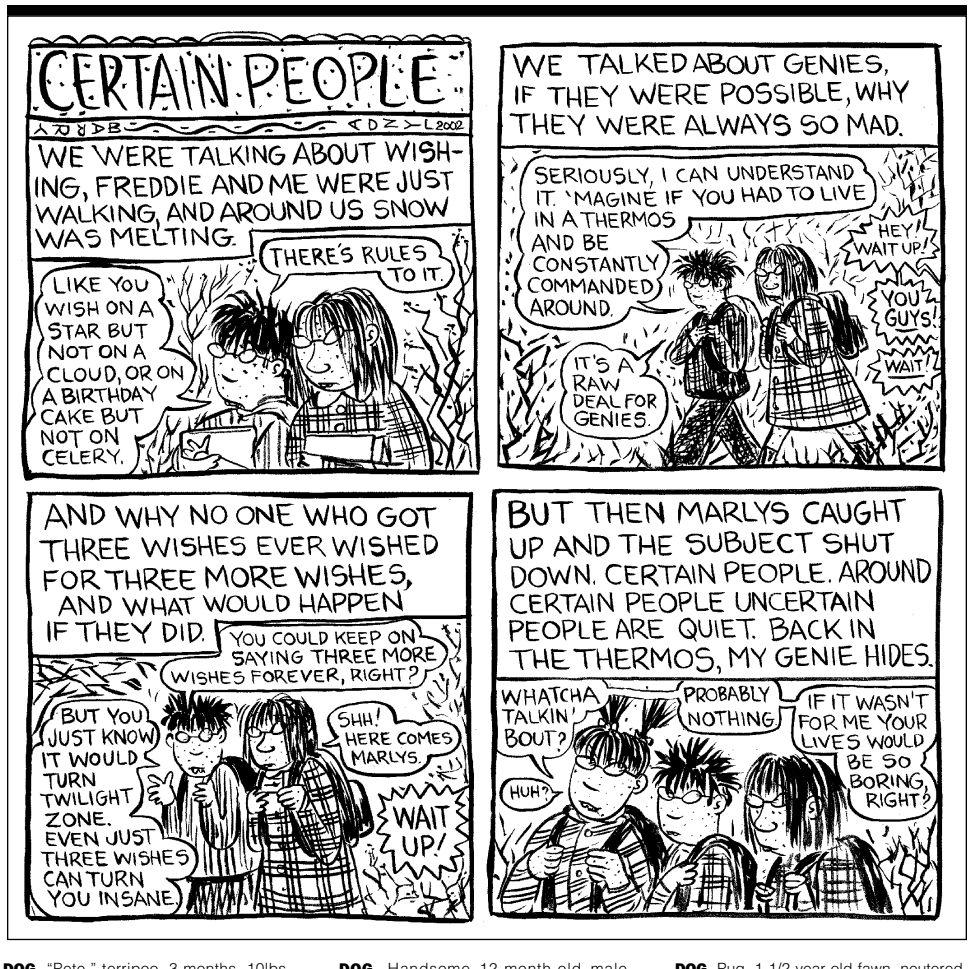

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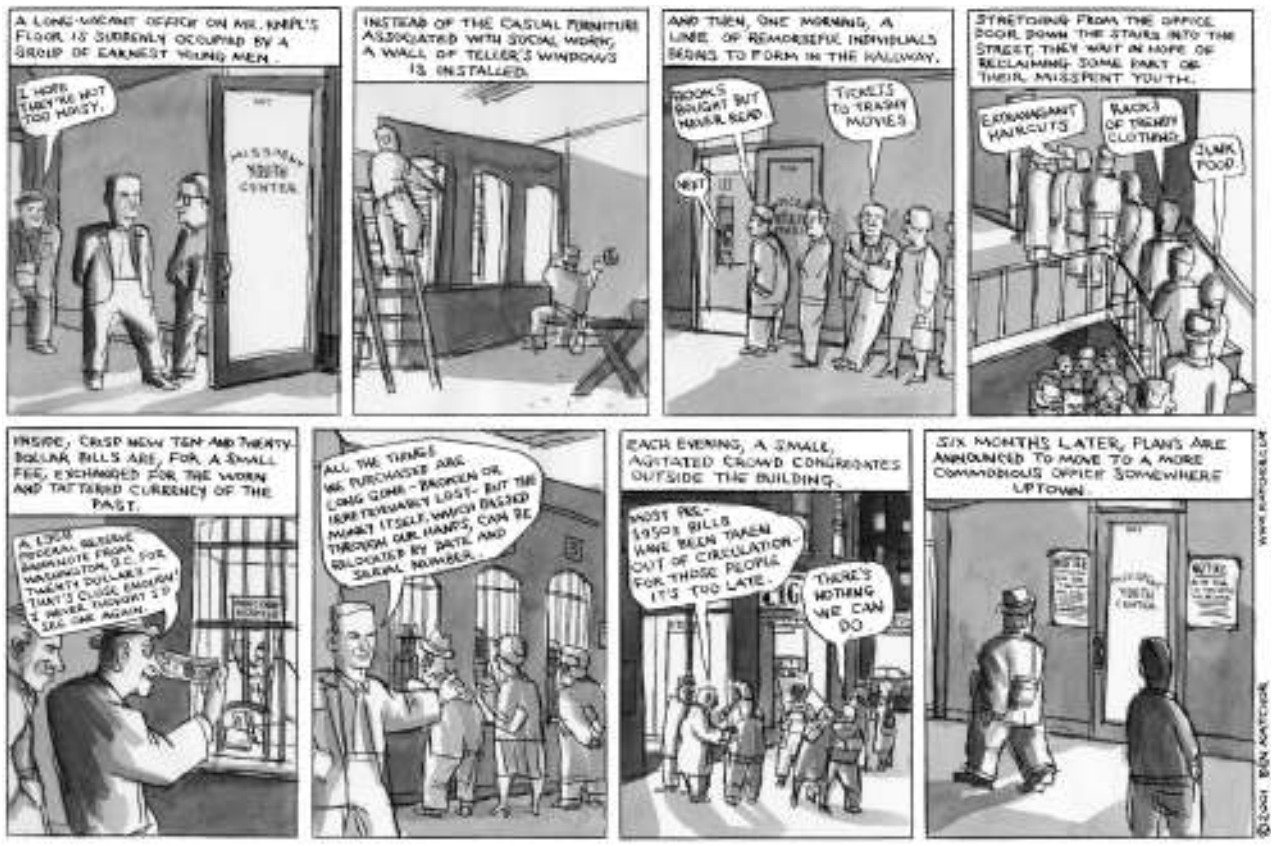

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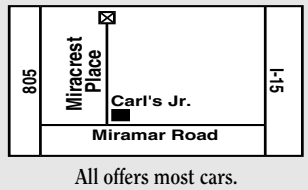

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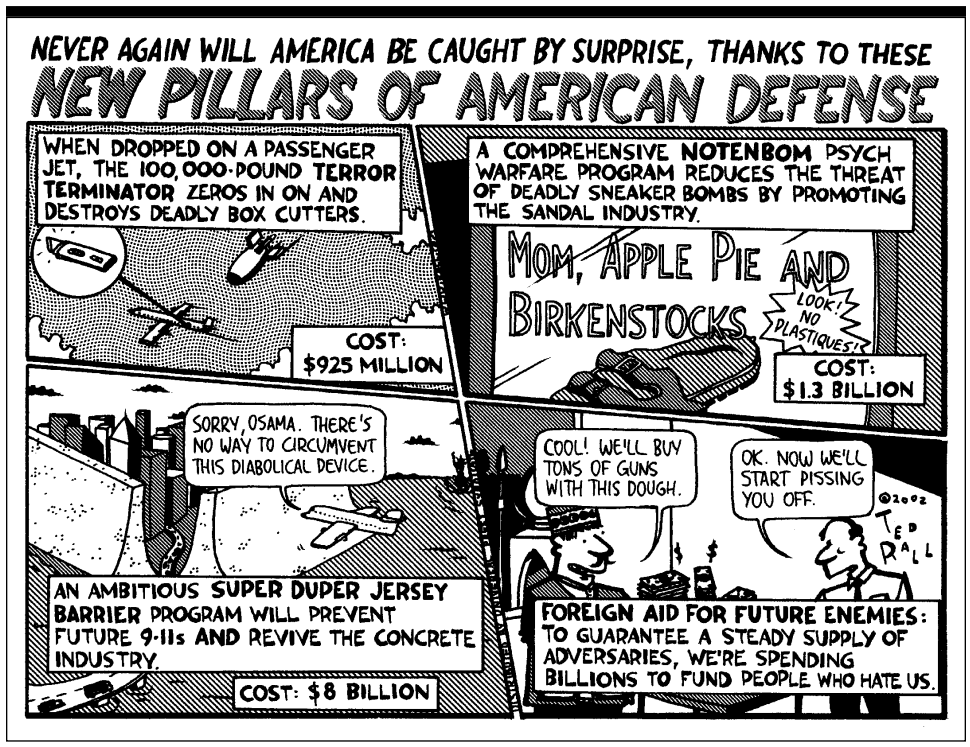

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I am restraining myself from shouting, "Turn it up! Crank, Dudes!"

By John Brizzolara

"A Night in Vienna" is the theme, genteel is the atmosphere, and youth is the essence. One half of San Diego's Youth Symphony is performing on this Friday night in January at the Balboa Park Club for a "Gala Ball." Some 50 or so musicians, mostly teenagers (anyone 12 or 20 didn't look it), run through Strauss's "Blue Danube Waltz" after a lively rendition of "Radetzky March" by I know not whom.

Susan Rumley, executive director of the Youth Symphony since 1995, is overseeing the proceedings at this night's fund-raiser. She is no doubt gratified that the customers, at $40 a head, outnumber the players. "We're in the black," she says. "Of course we're very cautious how we utilize our funds. We've got a strong board of trustees." While the students in the symphony pay tuition, Rumley says it only accounts for "maybe a quarter or 30 percent of the cost. So we do have to fund-raise. We get money from the city (Commission of Arts and Culture) and from the county of San Diego and the California Arts Council. We also generate funds with our ticket prices." One would hope so at $40 a pop. Rumley says, "I think it's a pretty good price for four hours of dancing to a live orchestra." With the booty, the symphony may buy a contrabassoon. "It's on our wish list. That instrument is in so many orchestral pieces." A good contrabassoon will run "in excess of $10,000," she adds.

And indeed there are dancers. Parading in a waving line, doing a kind of stately pavane in formal clothes, many from a former era, and one, as far as I can tell, is dressed like a cossack, though I have no idea why.

Concertmaster Alex Fortes is 16 years old and a junior at La Jolla High School. "I've been playing for 12 years," he tells me before the program begins. "I just woke up one day and decided I wanted to play the violin, but I'm not sure I want to go into music professionally. It's a lot of fun and will always be a part of me and I'll enjoy it." Right now Fortes is looking forward to next semester when the repertoire will include Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony. "One of my favorite pieces." Another interest of Fortes, "right up there with music," is politics. "I went to a thing in Washington last summer, a leadership conference, where we got to meet our senators and congresswoman. I'm really interested in that sort of thing as well." Fortes descends from musicians, including an uncle, also a violinist, in the Irish National Orchestra, and he says he has a great uncle who is a musician in Turkey.

Jeff Edmons is the artistic director in his sixth year with the Youth Orchestra. "It's the best job anyone could ever ask for. We work every week to produce beautiful music. Aside from that, it's great for the kids because they learn how to set goals and how to enjoy the comraderie of other students who come from all around San Diego County and beyond — as far as El Centro. One unique thing about working with students is that they're very excited about discovering new things in the music. Each rehearsal brings something new to them. It might be something technical that they weren't able to do before; another week it might be a new door that's been unlocked, musically, that teaches them not only about that piece but how to overcome challenges with repertoire in the future. Also there's a really wonderful chemistry working with students because they're sitting next to their friends. Students develop unique relationships. One may be from El Cajon, one from Poway or Chula Vista, but they do the same things as each other. It's the relationships and the sense of discovery."

The "Blue Danube" has gone over swimmingly, and the tuneful youngsters are on to "Artist's Life Waltz" then "On the Hunt Polka" and "Emperor Waltzes." It is striking how good they are, how accurate. Many of the musicians seem to have a tentative attack, however, almost apologetic, and I wonder if this is intended by Fortes or Edmons. The result: I am restraining myself from shouting, "Turn it up! Crank, Dudes!" I am so sure there is a reservoir of brash, youthful energy beneath the civilized veneer of what is, really, let's face it, a bunch of social savages. I resolve on the spot to come back and see what they do with the whacked-out Tchaikovsky. Yes, promising. Once freed from the shackles of Austrian bourgeoise convention, their inner anarchists can be fed, and Tchaikovsky is a good first step. I will go so far as to suggest one of every two rehearsals might be held in a suburban garage to lend street verisimilitude to the music. Mr. Edmons need not thank me for this suggestion — I do what I can.

Sophie Zeno and David Hines

A final observation on the evening must include the extraordinary dancing couple of Sophie Zeno and David Hines. Not catching their exact ages, I think I can safely assume they are under ten. Hines bowing from the waist, Zeno curtseying with impeccable grace. Both of them with a confident and sober maturity I myself hope to obtain eventually. Remarkable dancers, not as flamboyant as Fred and Ginger, maybe, but skilled, and it is evident they find the activity gratifying. Their turn on the floor during "Voices of Spring Waltz" served to remind me of how far some of us have yet to go for a natural maturity and dignity — to say nothing of coordination and personal grooming.

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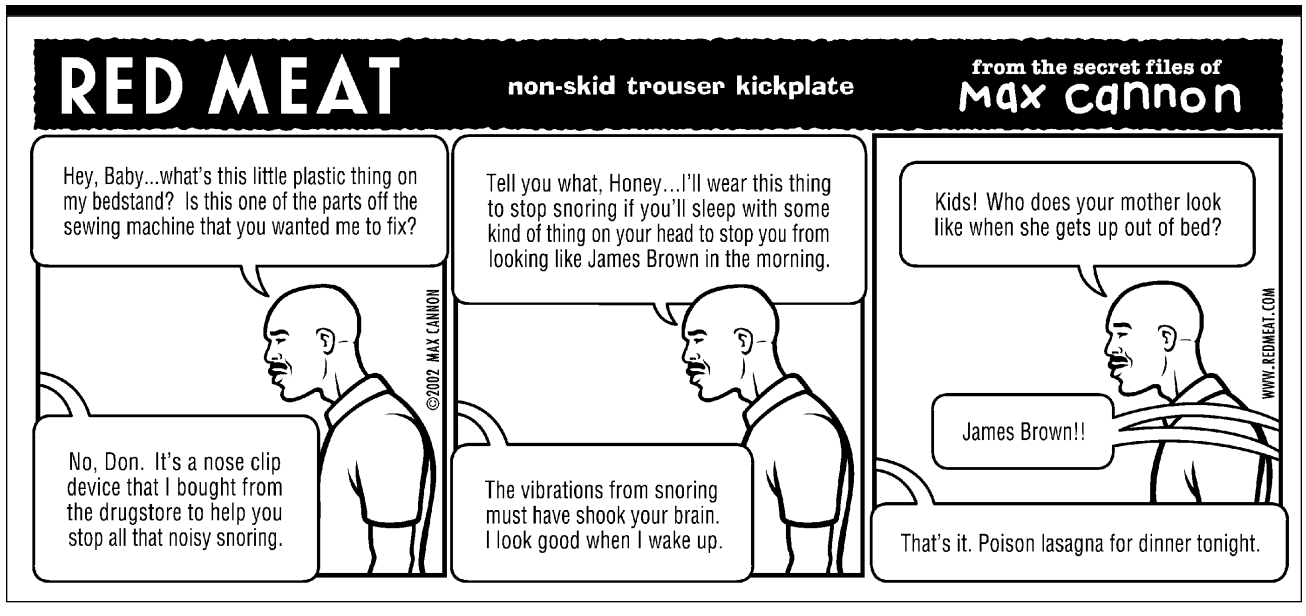

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Piano was my instrument. Every night after dinner, I would immerse myself in Chopin. Dinner dishes, chatter, and television would go unnoticed as I entered the world of music. A year into my marriage, my husband Patrick and I bought our first piano, a spinet. Many an evening was spent, me at the piano with Patrick at my side, belting out Irish ballads. I had dreams of teaching my children to play the piano, but my oldest child, five-year-old Thomas, had different thoughts. The violin caught his fancy and of late he thinks of little else. So I decided to figure out if we could rent a violin and sign Thomas up for lessons.

I called up McCrea Music Company in La Mesa and spoke with owner John McCrea. "The violin is the easiest instrument to play because there is no mechanical obstacle," explained McCrea. "Young children are too little to play the flutes, clarinets, or trumpets until about eight years old. Before that the instrument is too big for them. The violin is an active instrument, the bow is going back and forth and for articulation you go 'doodlydoodlydoodlydoo' with your hand, shaking it back and forth, and your fingers are going down on the finger board. It is hard to find the pitch, but with the Suzuki method it is recommended to put down certain lines to guide them so that they can get used to hearing the right pitch. They can start as early as age three. And they play up a storm, playing Bach Minuets very well."

What is the Suzuki method?

"For articulation you go 'doodlydoodlydoodlydoo' with your hand."

"Suzuki is undoubtedly one of the most revolutionary things that has happened in music education in the last century. He said that if a child three years old could learn a complicated language like English or Japanese, they could learn the violin. Part of the magic is a certain sequence of things that each one, in the form of songs, emphasizes different technical development, and also learning by ear and by imitation. As a result of the Suzuki program, there are hundreds of thousands of young people playing the violin. If you want to see a well-taught Suzuki method, at San Diego State University they have a group session every Monday night starting at 6:30 in the music building."

Are there different size violins?

"Yes, the smallest size violin is 1/16 size and it is generally for a three-year-old, possibly a four-year-old. The next size is 1/10 size, which is for a four-year-old or a five-year-old, and then it goes to 1/8, which is generally for a five- or six-year-old, sometimes a seven-year-old. The next size up is a 1/4, and you are getting into a larger seven-year-old or an average eight-year-old size. Then the 1/2 violin is for an eight- and nine-year-old. The 10- and 11-year-olds use 3/4 size. Then just about everyone is ready for full size at 11 and 12."

What is the violin size measuring?

"The size is for the arm length because the left arm, when you hold the violin properly, should form a right angle. Obviously it doesn't need to be perfect, but when that starts stretching out and becoming an open angle instead of 90 degrees, then it is hard for the fingers to reach it, and by the time you start putting the fingers down and reaching farther with the bow, you are running into a fatigue problem, particularly with a beginner. It can be discouraging, and I tell people that you don't want somebody to stop simply for that reason."

McCrea says that once someone has played for a year or two they can fudge a little and creep up to the next size. "The student is stronger in the sense of using muscles that are used in playing the violin plus he has momentum going, he is motivated. He can extend it a little past that right angle. That is not bad, it is actually better than going the other way" — less than a right angle — "because the violin will be too little."

McCrea taught for 31 years in the music department in the San Diego school system. "Everybody has plenty of talent, unless there is a physical impairment to do well in an instrument. Everyone does. We have faculties that don't do anything else but musical functions. It isn't a matter of looking for talent. I found that out early in my teaching career. You can't make a judgment about someone that is going very fast the first year, or a guy that is having a terrible time every step of the way. It doesn't indicate that one is going to be better than the other. I found that out over years and years of teaching the same kids all the way through high school. Mainly it involves the desire of somebody wanting to do something. We feel as teachers that everybody should have full benefit and are really meant to have music in their lives."

What do you charge for lessons?

"We charge **$65** for a monthly tuition for half-hour lessons once a week. Sometimes you get an extra lesson in there; if there are five weeks in the month, you get five lessons. We have 20 professional teachers on staff. Everybody has their degrees in music, bachelors or masters, and they are all advanced professional musicians. We teach about 300 students and we are seeing more and more adults starting out. I would guess about 20 percent of our students are adults."

You can rent a violin from McCrea's for **$14** to **$15** a month. They also offer five free lessons with the rental. "And in our rental practice here," McCrea says, "we have a purchase-option combination where people can save a great deal of money, and when they are ready for the next size violin, we buy that instrument, we give credit for that instrument in a certain formula that we have."

Other prices on violin lessons around town: Alan's Music Center in La Mesa has lessons for **$10** for a half-hour lesson. They rent violins for **$40** the first month and **$20** every month after that. SQ Music Training in the College Area charges **$12** for a half-hour class and **$24** for an hour class. The Violin Studio of James Zagami in Coronado charges **$30** for a half-hour lesson.

At La Jolla Music, they offer violin lessons starting at **$20** a half hour. Rentals cost **$19.25** a month.

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BY ANNE ALBRIGHT

Flying Across the Ice

A few weeks ago, I took my two older daughters ice-skating. Rebecca, nine, and Angela, seven, attend a small Catholic academy near our home in San Marcos. The first Friday of every month the school has a minimum day. The first Friday in February, one of the moms organized a skating party at the Escondido Iceoplex.

At noon on Friday, I left my three younger children at home with a babysitter. When I picked Rebecca and Angela up at school, they bounced around the back seat like a pair of oversized beach balls. "Will a lot of your friends be there?" I hollered over the general commotion.

"Brittany's coming," Rebecca replied. "And Megan and Kari."

"How about you, Angela?" I asked.

"I don't know," Angela said. She paused and grew pensive. "Is ice-skating hard?"

"It's a little bit hard," I answered. "But you've gotten so good on your Rollerblades. I think you'll do fine."

"Have you ever ice-skated, Mom?" Rebecca asked.

"A long time ago," I told her. When I was in junior high, my family lived in Mammoth Lakes in California's Eastern High Sierra. The first two winters we lived in Mammoth were drought years. Far into February and March, very little snow fell. The lake in front of the lodge my parents managed froze over sometime in December. I remember sliding across the lake's wavy surface. You could look down through the ice and see green and gold rocks on the lake's bottom and plants waving in the supercooled water.

When we got to the Iceoplex, I rented skates for the girls and we walked to the benches at the end of the rink. I pulled my sweater closer around me. "It's cold," Angela said.

"You're right," I answered.

Rebecca tittered with her friends while I laced up her battered brown rental skates. Angela complained that her toes hurt, so I got a size larger.

I held Angela's hand as we walked over to the gate that opened onto the ice. Angela's huge brown eyes looked up at me. Her lower lip trembled. "I'm scared, Mommy," she whimpered.

"Oh, sweetie," I told her and gave her shoulders a hug. "You'll have fun."

At that moment, one of Angela's first-grade friends appeared at the edge of the ice. "Come on," the friend said. "I'll take you to the other side."

Angela stepped out onto the ice. She clung to the rail and followed her friend. Just before Angela disappeared from sight, she looked back at me and smiled. I smiled and gave her the double thumbs up.

As I took my seat in the hockey penalty box with a group of other moms, I searched the ice for Rebecca. I couldn't find her among the younger kids inching their way around the rink clinging to the rail. When I was about to stand up and go look for her, I caught sight of her sailing across the center of the ice. She held hands with Megan. She looked so grown up.

I turned to Megan's mom, who sat beside me. "When did they get so big?" I asked.

"You've got me," she answered. We talked about the amazing preadolescent transformation that happens in fourth grade — the growing maturity and judgment, the physical changes, the crazy mood swings.

"I don't know if I'm ready for adolescence," I told Megan's mom.

As we looked back out at our girls in their jeans and long-sleeved T-shirts, a little girl dressed in a skating dress, tights, headscarf, and shiny white skates stepped onto the ice. She looked about six years old. Her mother took a seat close up against the rail and watched as the little girl warmed up. The little girl skated a few quick turns around the rink. She twirled. She jumped. She glanced back at her mom. Mom stood up and held her hands out straight like a ballerina's. The next time the little girl twirled, she held her hands the way her mom had.

I turned to Megan's mom. "I'm going to be 40 next month," I told her. "And there are some things I'm just now beginning to accept. Like the fact that I'm never going to be an Olympic figure-skater."

Megan's mom laughed.

"It's not like it was a big goal of mine," I said and laughed along with her. "I only skated for a short time when I was in junior high. But every four years you watch the winter Olympics and you think, 'I could do that if I really worked hard at it.' But at 40, I'm realizing that'll never happen. The skaters now are only a little bit older than Rebecca.

"And I'm never going to be Miss America," I continued. "Same thing. The oldest you can be to compete in Miss America is 25. The deadline passed 15 years ago. But every year I watch the pageant, and I think, 'I'm as smart as those girls. If I got the right coach and wore a bunch of makeup and worked out, I could be Miss America.' " I paused. "Never going to happen."

Megan's mom and I chuckled. I looked out across the ice to see Rebecca take Angela's hand and help her skate out away from the rail. I thanked God for smaller victories.

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