

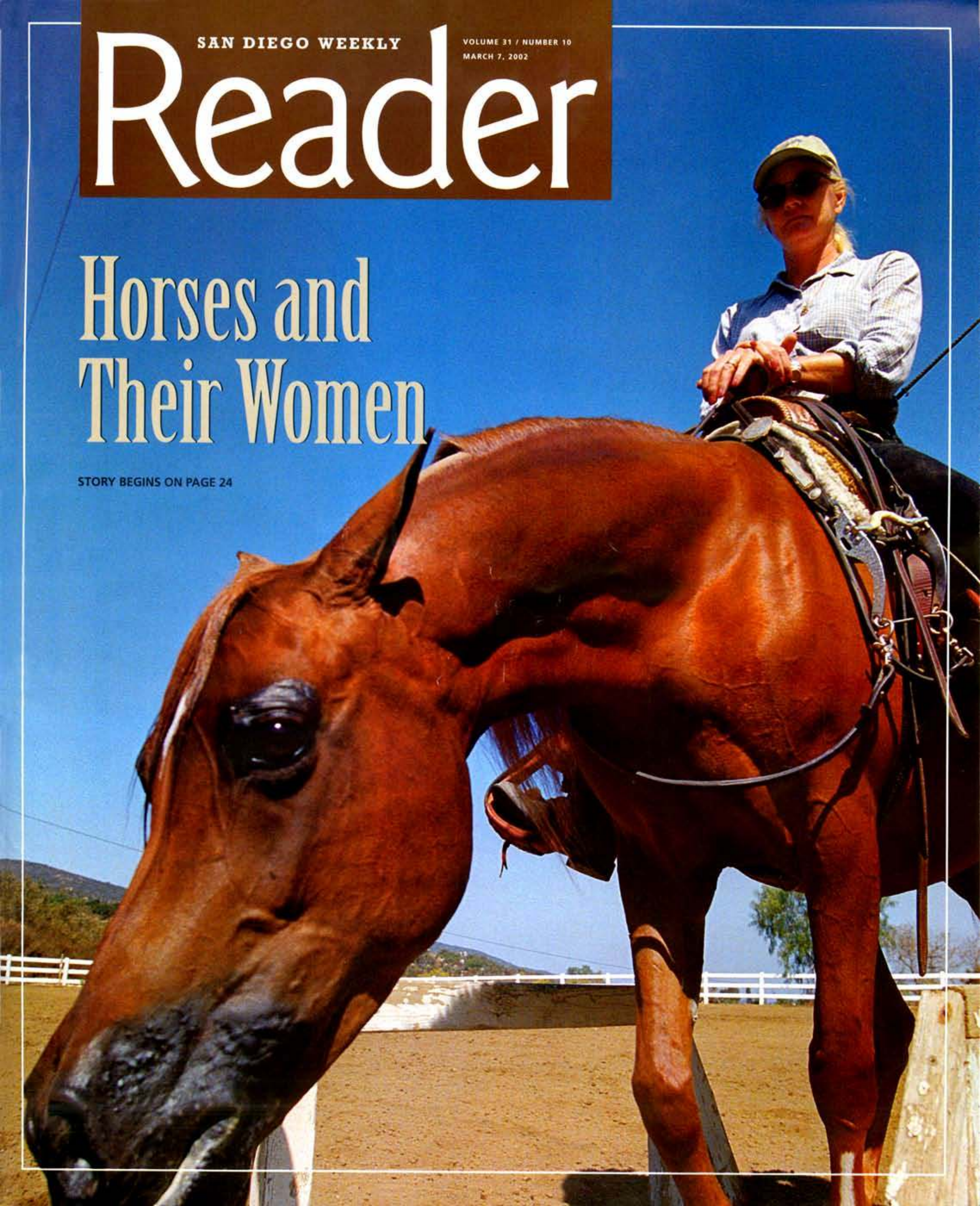
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Interested In The Race?

As a resident of Southeastern San Diego, I found it interesting that you would write an article on the Fourth Council District race ("Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?" February 28). In thinking about this, more and more I wondered why your paper was writing an article about a district that you won't even deliver papers to.

Was your paper paid by someone to write this article? Are you really interested in the race, or are you trying to give support to one of the candidates in the race? I believe that our community would enjoy receiving your paper, but I believe it would enjoy receiving information in a positive form about the community rather than a negative form. In the future, if you are supporting one candidate over another, just say so.

Do you think it is funny that you and the U-T ran the same type of negative article?

Michael K. Wilson

Boycott Threat

Why would the Reader be interested in the Fourth Council District and the 78th Assembly District races ("Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?" February 28)? This editorial was submitted to Virtually Black by Tony Young, San Diego — The Reader refuses to deliver its paper in the Fourth Council District! The paper is free, so why do you think they won't deliver here? Is it because African-Americans, Latinos, Asians, and Pacific Islanders do not read? In my personal opinion, it is because they do not value us as consumers of a product geared toward a white audience. SO TELL ME WHO PUT THEM UP TO WRITING ABOUT TWO PROUD, NON-SENSE, HARD-WORKING AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN? I WILL SHARE MY OWN OPINION, AND TELL ME THAT IT IS NOT PLAUSIBLE!

Gee...ring a bell??? I wrote you people about not having Readers here in my community about last October.

Why don't you stay out of OUR business since you do not live here...do not deliver YOUR white trash paper here!

I am urging everyone here to boycott YOU and YOURS... the Fourth District race is plainly none of YOUR business.

Oh yeah...I know...you'll

forward this to your business manager...a.k.a....the WHITE TRASH can.

Taylor M. Murphy

Reader Misleads

As the chair of the San Diego Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Advertising, I can only shake my head in disbelief as I look over your tabloid piece on billboards ("Will Booze Billboards Buy City Hall?" February 28). The coalition has always supported the city council, city attorney's office, and code enforcement on their tenacity and passion in keeping this billboard ordinance viable. There is a prolific amount of research that definitively concludes the correlation between alcohol ads and youth's perception about when, where, and how often to drink. Your cut-and-paste version of member Dan Tomsy's take is as misleading as your saying you write fair and accurate stories. Please think about making your stories less Enquirer and more newspaper, unless you plan to release photos of Elvis in your next edition.

Jill Galante
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Slaughterfest

I don't know where Duncan Shepherd was in November 1965, but I was an REMF sitting in an air-conditioned office in Saigon reading sitreps and casualty reports from the Ia Drang Valley. His comment (Movie Review, "Death Toll," February 28) that "the battle proper, lacking strategic shape and dramatic rhythm, deteriorates into a mere slaughterfest, and it's often hard to make out who's who or who's where" is a disgusting insult to every veteran that was a part of that campaign. I wasn't there, but I read the reports in real time, and there wasn't any "dramatic rhythm" to that battle, it was "merely a slaughterfest."

Paul E. Nenner

Miucha's Daughter

I can't believe that August Kleinzahler wrote "Brazilian Genes" (Pop Music, February 28) on the assumption that Astrud Gilberto is Bebel's mother! Bebel is the daughter of João Gilberto and Miucha Buarque, an equally good if less known Brazilian singer. A little research wouldn't have hurt.

Michelle

August Kleinzahler responds: Well, shut my mouth. I'm just now back from the Music Emporium, where a scholarly young man with frizzy hair and eyeglasses so thick he looked deranged informed me that, indeed, Astrud Gilberto is the stepmother, not the mother, of Bebel.

Good on the correspondent for catching me out. I want to be very adult about this: It's all my friend Lucy-in-Montreal's fault. Nor is she returning my angry phone calls!

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Korean connection A post-September 11 foreign-spy technology crackdown by federal authorities has netted yet another San Diego company with ties to South Korea. Neopoint, a Rancho Bernardo-based maker of so-called smart cell phones, has been slapped with a \$95,000 civil penalty "to settle allegations that the company exported encryption software to South Korea in violation of U.S. export control laws," according to a news release last week from the Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration. The government charged that between March 1998 and June 1999, "Neopoint exported 128-bit encryption software to two firms in South Korea without the required export licenses. In all but one of these shipments, [the bureau] alleged that Neopoint knew that an export license was required." Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement **Michael J. Garcia** was quoted as saying, "This case demonstrates that the U.S. government can and will enforce its export controls on encryption products." U.S. laws limit the export of sophisticated encryption software on the grounds that foreign enemies could use it to conceal hostile messages. Founded in 1997 by ex-Qualcomm executive **William Y. Son**, Neopoint closed its offices here last May and went dormant after going through at least \$54 million in venture capital raised from some of the world's biggest telecommunications companies, including German-based Siemens and LG Information and Communications of Korea. In a related incident just last month, the federal government's National Counterintelligence executive office, which monitors industrial espionage, warned that a South Korean government plan to open a "BioValley" research lab in North County could jeopardize U.S. trade secrets.

No Cox A brief flurry of speculation about the name of the new downtown baseball stadium set off by a mention in the *Union-Tribune* has been put to rest. In a February 16 story, the paper reported that the team had "recently received an infusion of cash from a new long-term deal with Cox Communications" and "will not have to sell bonds to finance its portion" of the stadium. Since the Padres are supposed to come up with \$146 million, the report spawned immediate conjecture that the cable giant would get naming rights in return for all that cash. But local Cox executive **Dan Novak**, who declined to say how much the company paid for its cable deal with the team, says no naming rights are in the cards. Ever since the demise of the likes of TWA and Enron, who both paid big money for stadium names and later went bankrupt, the naming-rights market has cooled considerably ... San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy** is officially off the hook for accepting two free tickets to the Padres' owner's box at Qualcomm Stadium while he was a Superior Court judge. In a recently released letter dated last year, **Colleen McGee**, a "political reform consultant" for the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, wrote that the "complaint alleged Dick Murphy, San Diego Superior Court Judge, failed to report two tickets to the owner's box at Qualcomm Stadium given to him by Padres owner **John**



Dick Murphy



John Moores

Moores. We have decided not to pursue this matter because Judge Murphy left the office of Superior Court Judge effective December 3, 2000, and the circumstances indicate a lack of public harm, if any, caused by the nondisclosure."

Up to date in Kansas City An ex-quarterback with the Chargers has gone to bat for an old friend in Kansas City. **John Hadl**, a former All-American at the University of Kansas, has written a letter to a federal court judge asking leniency for his fellow alum, **Lynn L. McCarthy**, who pled guilty to a charge of racketeering conspiracy, reports the *Kansas City Star* ... The collapse of Enron is having an impact on San Diego's own TrizecHahn USA Corp. "Enron is our fourth largest tenant," according to a disclosure report filed by the office building owner last month, "occupying 793,000 square feet, primarily at the Allen Center in Houston, Texas." But that may be good news. "Enron's average in-place net rent was approximately \$9.30 per square foot, while estimated market rents for the space were approximately \$15 per square foot. At this time, we expect Enron will reject its leases with us. The impact on our property operating income will depend on how quickly we are able to re-lease this space."

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Atrocious Act

By Jangchup Phelgyal

On Friday morning, December 14, two black Muslims, Abdur-Rahim Hameed and Adib Mahdi, residents of San Diego,

agreed to speak about the local African-American Muslim community and its response to the terrorist attacks of September 11. Hameed is the founder and president of the nonprofit Black Contractors Association located at 61st and Imperial Avenue.

Mahdi, vice president in charge of business development of the Black Contrac-

11. "I want to make that clear," he said.

The Islamic faith, he said, offers the African-American community "an answer to the times." Mahdi recounted how, early in the 1930s, during the Depression, Elijah Muhammad (1896-1975) met Wali Farad, a white man, who established the Temple of Islam in Detroit and is credited with found-

assassinated Malcolm X (1925-1965), took on the leadership of the Nation of Islam and continued to espouse a separatist racial theme. Wallace Deen Mohammed, Elijah Muhammad's son, stepped away from the political arena and urged his followers instead toward the practice of orthodox Islam.

"Recently Minister Farrakhan has shown a change of attitude. He has encouraged his followers to take up the study of Islam," said Mahdi. (Both he and Hameed are followers of Wallace Mohammed.)

On Sunday, February 17, Louis Farrakhan, marking the birth of Elijah Muham-

With the stadium's giant TV screens ablaze with maps, Farrakhan explained how the war on terrorism in Afghanistan, as well as other Middle Eastern and African conflicts, were instigated by the United States' "insatiable appetite for oil."

Suggesting that a Nuremberg-style trial would be convened for American presidents "if the truth were known," Farrakhan went on to criticize the use of "the American soldier, black, brown, and poor white, to fight a war that is unjust and wrong." Farrakhan said that true patriots should speak out against bad policies. He described the Bush administration as "a shadow gov-



Adib Mahdi and Abdur-Rahim Hameed

tors Consortium, the for-profit component, works out of the BCA building. Their remarks came just one day after the White House released a transcribed videotape in which Osama bin Laden recounted events that implicate him in the terrorist attacks.

Mahdi, 41, a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, has been a San Diego resident since 1977. Powerfully built, with an Asian cast to his face that mistakes him for a Nigerian, Mahdi said that nowhere in Mohammed's teachings was there permission to take part in activities that led to the tragic events of September

ing the Nation of Islam, or Muslim faith, among blacks in the United States. In 1934, Farad disappeared and Elijah Muhammad (the name conferred on him by Farad) claimed the role of successor. Elijah Muhammad set forth a program of a separate black self-sufficiency that stood outside the mainstream integrationist position of the Civil Rights movement and defined the course for the first African-American Muslims.

When Elijah Muhammad died, the Nation of Islam underwent a schism. Louis Farrakhan, whose appeal was second only to the

mad with a speech at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, condemned religiously inspired violence. According to the Associated Press, in the long keynote speech the Muslim leader, once famous for inflammatory remarks about Jews and Christians, urged unity. "I'm a Jew, I'm a Christian, and I'm a Muslim," Farrakhan announced to several thousand at the convention, whose theme was "Healing the Wounds to Bring About a Universal Family." He called upon Hispanics, American Indians, and other ethnic groups to unite in destroying racism.

ernment" and said it was preparing to wage war on Iraq.

Earlier, Mahdi had attempted to describe the structure of his religious observance, which made the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon a refutation of Islamic law. Islam, he said, is made up of five pillars. "The first pillar, and central to the faith, is the belief that there is only one God, and that God is Allah." The next pillar, he said, is prayer (*salat*). Prayers are borrowed directly from the Koran and offered five times a day. Charity (*zakat*) and

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\$555,000 Ticket to Nowhere

By Ernie Grimm

For traffic-weary *Tijuanenses*, the happiness of the new year of 2002 ended quickly when they read reports of the city's light-rail project being scrapped. Though ground had never been broken, the *tren ligero* had been in the works for nine years. Running from the border crossing at San Ysidro, through the downtown and out to Cinco y Diez — about four miles south of the border — and back, the overhead-powered trolley promised to ease traffic in the heart of Tijuana. Substations along its route were to act as hubs for buses serving the outlying communities to the east and west of the line.

"The *tren ligero* idea started with Mayor Héctor Osuna Jaime," says Máximo García López, president of the City of Tijuana's economic development commission. "That's when they started doing the feasibility studies for the project. Mayor José Guadalupe Osuna Millán continued the idea and instituted a trust to pursue the light-rail idea. It was a municipal fund in order to pay for studies, for trips to other cities, for salaries."

A week of mild uproar followed the news that the project was being canceled.

Then, a news conference was held at the Tijuana city hall on January 7, at which the city's secretary of economic development, Humberto Inzunza Fonseca, announced the *tren ligero* project was not dead. The trust, however, was to be folded. "In the last three years," García explains, "the trust had cost over five million pesos [\$555,000]. That's why we liquidated it. But the project is still on."

Inzunza endured a barrage of questions from reporters on how the money was spent and, perturbed, responded, "The records are open to anybody who wants to inspect them."

Asked what the city got for the five million pesos, García, a tall, trim, well-dressed man in his early 30s, answers, "Mainly, the feasibility and the route. And they made contact with several possible investors in other countries — France, Germany, China, Brazil, and the United States — to keep on pursuing the light-rail system. They made several missions to different cities to see light-rail systems that are established already, to see the one that would be most con-



Máximo García López

venient for us."

Any candidates for imitation in Tijuana?

"Curitiba in Brazil is a good model, and we have a trip to China pending to see a *tren ligero* system over there. And Vancouver, Canada, is another example of what could be done here."

With the light-rail trust now closed, García's office is in charge of the project. But he's trying to pass the buck. "Now," he explains, "a civilian board has taken over the *tren ligero* project. What we're trying to do is to get the private sector to form a council or a board to push the project. The city will

support them, but not economically. Also, we're trying to get the private sector involved because of the fluctuations we've been having in the different city administrations toward the project, from warm to lukewarm to very hot. There's been no continuity. So we feel that with the private sector there will be more continuity because they have money invested in it. The city will support the project and try to help out with whatever money we can, but it's not a lot. We definitely could not fund the whole project."

Two hundred fifty million dollars was the figure given to the public at the January 7 press conference as the cost of the project. "That figure came from the private companies that are interested in establishing a light rail here," says García. The city lacks that kind of money in its coffers and so has turned to the Tijuana Economic Development Council, which is composed of Tijuana business executives.

José Jorge Ruiz, executive director of the council, says his group is "not married to the idea of a *tren ligero*. A mass-transportation system is what we're looking for, not just a *tren ligero*. When we started this project a long



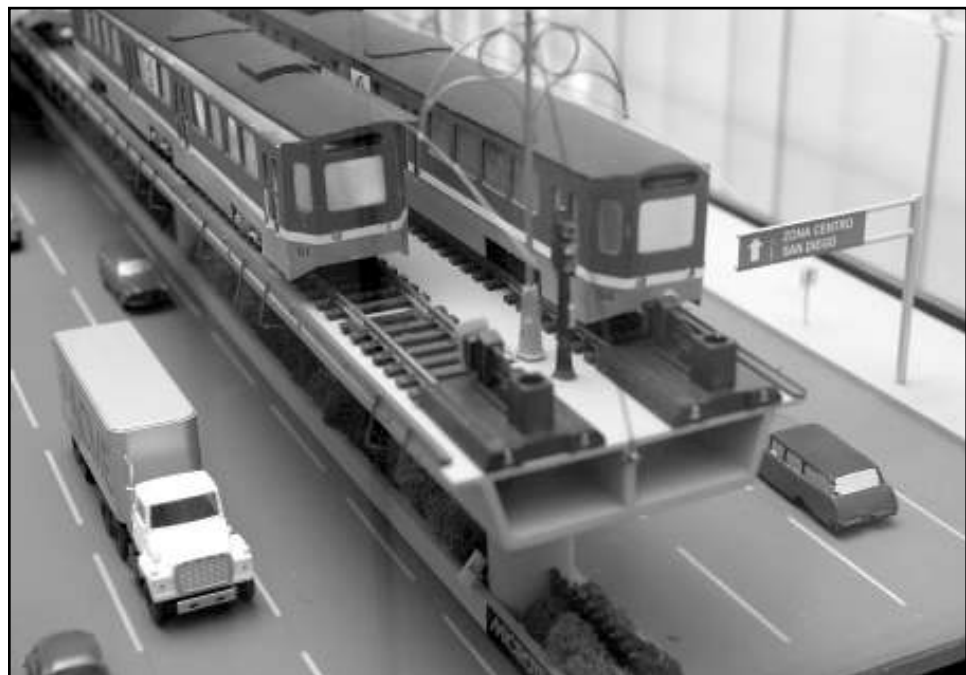
José Jorge Ruiz

time ago, we thought we had one option, which was to build a light-rail system along Agua Caliente. It was to be elevated and electric. But because of the economic conditions of the construction companies, nobody made us a proposal. Now, we're looking at other options as well. It could be some double buses like you have in San Diego or they have in Bogotá, Colombia. A new option we have is to use diesel trains on the existing Tijuana-Tecate-Mexicali line. That would save a lot of money."

The oft-repeated projected cost of \$250 million Ruiz believes needs to be re-examined. A Chinese corporation that has been in negotiations with Tijuana has made a preliminary offer significantly lower. "They say they can make it for half," Ruiz says, though he con-

cedes that negotiations are in their infancy. "The Chinese have invited us there, and we were supposed to go. But, unfortunately, after September 11, we weren't able to go. Another reason we need to go on the trip is to validate if the Chinese trains are trustable, if they're of quality, if they have spare parts. Just imagine, we can't find a wheel for a train and they need to bring them from China, and all the manuals are written in Chinese. So we have to work out all of those problems. But they are very interested in making us a proposal. They are willing to do the research here if we pay for their hotel and food when they come here. Then they will make a proposal."

If it is to build a new transportation system, Tijuana will have to do it on its



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fasting (*zawn*) come next. The last pillar (*hajj*) is a pilgrimage to Mecca that all believers are urged to make at least once in their lives.

“For us,” he said, returning to the terrorist attacks of September 11, “this was an atrocious act! It is written in the Koran that Islam is a religion of peace and that a Muslim is one who submits

his will to the will of the Creator, to Allah. And Allah does not command us to murder women and children, to kill innocent people. No! Submission to the will of Allah means to follow what is natural in life. The birds and the plants, everything in nature follows the will of Allah. The will of Allah enjoins us to live in harmony, like the animals and plants. Because all nature follows the will of Allah, we say that everyone is Muslim.” Mahdi shrugged

off the notion that, especially now, many Americans would not relish being called a Muslim. Taking his cue from Christians who claim the Bible as the true word of God, he said the Koran was written 1400 years ago and was the only one of the world’s major religions to be available today in the same language (*Fuswa*, or classic Arabic) in which it was originally written. “The information is there for all to see.”

The African-American community represents the largest group of Muslims in the U.S. Given their numbers, Mahdi said he was surprised when Oprah Winfrey interviewed Muslims for her show, a program called “Islam 101,” and did not speak with one African-American.

Reflecting on the ill treatment women received at the hands of the Taliban in Afghanistan, Mahdi was eager to quote the Koran. “There, it is written that Paradise belongs at the feet of the woman. A man who has a daughter is promised Paradise. And a man who has two daughters is guaranteed

Paradise.” As for how this perception of women plays out in religious observance and in daily affairs, he admitted that at the mosque, the *Masjid*, women sit behind the men, and in the streets, women are seen to defer to the man. “But they are not behind us. Rather, we are in front of them.” He emphasized that this was not just a case of semantics. “The man’s role is to step forward and guard and protect his wife and family.”

He said that Wallace Deen Mohammed observed some years ago that one can always tell the condition of a society by the state and the treatment of its women. “And our women are the most dignified in American society,” offered Mahdi. “The Muslim woman is taught not to see herself as a sex object, as the society teaches. Allah has given the woman the gift of carrying our children and the man the responsibility of respecting her as our wives.”

Like many others, Mahdi came to Islam through a relationship with a Muslim.

His maternal uncle arrived in Little Rock one summer and spoke with authority about the Nation of Islam. Years later, when Mahdi visited his uncle in San Diego, he took his *shadah*, or declaration of faith. In his family of nine brothers and sisters, six are Muslims.

Mahdi is concerned about the expression of widespread fear of Muslims that has followed the terrorist attacks. “America,” he said, “was always looking for labels and stereotypes on which to pin others.” In a recent Channel 8 newscast, he said, a woman supported claims by the FBI that the Holy Land Foundation, and its executive director, Ghasan Elashi, a local resident, were implicated in funding terrorist activities. The woman admitted having no knowledge of the particulars. “The woman announced that she did not need to see the documents, she didn’t need convincing.” Here, said Mahdi, was a clear example that the press was promoting a negative stereotype of Elashi as well as Muslims, in

general. Mahdi explains that the Islamic faith encourages its followers to read, study, and be responsible citizens. Hameed is a good example of Islam’s transformative powers. Nicknamed “Big Red” for his light skin and red hair, the 47-year-old grew up in the streets of East San Diego. He recalls himself as a frustrated youth, “an angry adolescent with a third-grade reading level and no place to take my feelings or clarify my politics. And with no skills necessary for advancement in the culture, I was heading nowhere.”

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eral District Court judge Napoleon Jones), Hameed eventually earned his contractor's license. In 1982, he laid the groundwork for what was to become the Black Contractors Association, an organization founded so that others would not face the hurdles he had met. Fifteen years later, in 1996 — one year before construction began on the BCA building — he was named among the "50 People to Watch" by *San Diego* magazine. Under Hameed's leadership, the Black Contractors Association, an apprentice center for inner-city youth, was named "Minority Business Advocate of the Year 2001" from the Greater San Diego Business Development Council.

About the terrorist attacks, Hameed says, "They were terrible acts, ones that all Americans must experience with a sense of horror." Incensed that these acts should have been undertaken under the name of Islam, he nevertheless warns against a rush to judgment. About the videotape of Osama bin Laden, he said, "According to Islam, it takes four witnesses plus clear evidence before a person may be found guilty."

Louis Farrakhan struck a different cautionary note at the convention in Los Angeles. Offering a description of "U.S. oil politics," he said that, according to the way the war is prosecuted in Afghanistan, President Bush might "summon the whole Muslim world against the West." ■

Ticket to nowhere

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own. "We have tried to get support from the state and federal governments," García explains, "but it will be our project. There will be no money coming from the state or the federal government."

"When we talked to Fox when he first took office," Ruiz adds, "he said, 'Please don't expect that the government will do it for you. I can't help you with money.' But he said he could help us with things that don't cost

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money, like giving us existing train lines or avoiding taxes. One of the things that would help us is for all the importation taxes on the trains we buy from somewhere in the world to be waived. Fox could do that."

Aside from the companies that run buses and taxis in Tijuana, public sentiment is strongly behind the establishment of a rail system. "One of the requests that we've been hearing from the general populace," García says, "is that the mass-transportation system be reorganized and cleaned up. After public safety, public transportation is the second most important issue among the general public of Tijuana."

The route established by the now-defunct *tren ligero* trust starts at the border and goes through downtown Tijuana, then follows Agua Caliente Boulevard out through La Mesa to Cinco y Diez southeast of downtown. From there, it will return to the border via the Zona Rio using the existing rail system — the old San Diego to Arizona line. "There's been interest expressed on both sides of the border," García says, "in connecting the current system in San Diego and the new system if it establishes itself. Even the idea of having cars not stop at the border but come right through has been discussed. But all of that is in the idea stage."

Asked what percentage of Tijuana's population of two million will be within walking distance of the line, García answers, "We don't have a very technical figure on that. But the project is not just to build a light rail but to reorganize transportation in Tijuana. The light rail will be the heart of the system, and everything else will be connected to it. Part of the program is to build transportation stations along the *tren ligero* that will connect [by bus] to other neighborhoods."

Both García and Ruiz are reluctant to make predictions as to when a transportation system will be up and running. "The project has been going on for nine years," García shakes his head and chuckles. "I wish...I hope that we will be able to at least start building in the next three years." ■

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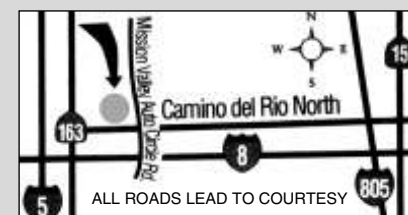
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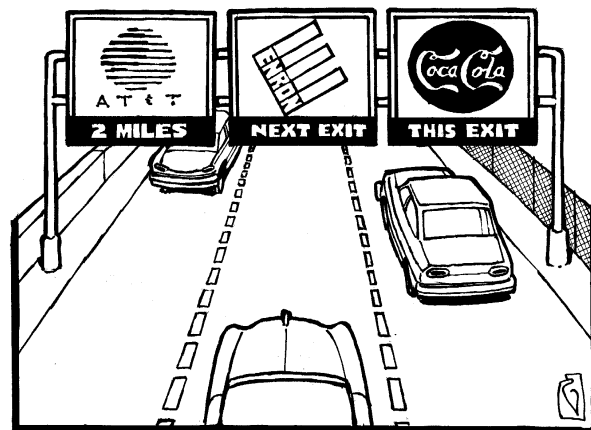
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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What's the deal, Matt:

I was driving up the 805 the other day and I noticed a freeway exit sign that said "Maric College." Right after that was another sign that said "National University." These are private businesses. How do they rate a freeway exit sign? Can I have them put up an exit sign for my restaurant?

— Don't Get It, the net

Dialed up Caltrans and had a nice chat with Peggy the Sign Queen. She had all the answers. According to a special state law, it is legal for any post-secondary school to have its name on a freeway sign. Hmmm. Smell the pork in that barrel? Anyway, say you run the Gorgeous Pretty Beauty Nail Salon and School for Aestheticians. You submit a letter to Caltrans setting forth in detail the reasons your school rates an exit sign, and they'll consider it. Your school must have (and maintain) a very large enrollment, it must be within two miles of the exit in question, and the surrounding jurisdiction (city or county) must be willing to put up additional direction signs to your wisdom emporium. You can't dump people at the top of the ramp with no clue about which way to turn. Finally, you must be willing to pay for all this. No taxpayer dollars were harmed in the making of the Maric sign.

Heymatt:

Which came first, gummy bears the candy or gummy bears the cartoon?

— Carolyn, the net

Add this to your body of critical knowledge. Gummies, the relentless candy, long predate Gummies, the idiotic cartoon. They were born in Germany in 1922. Landed in the U.S. in 1982. According to Disney lore, Michael Eisner's kids were crazy for the sweets. Not one to overlook big profits to be made off small children, Eisner proposed a cartoon show that would star the rubbery beasts. Disney's *Adventures of the Gummi Bears* hit the airwaves in 1985. In a tasteless affront to classic children's literature, the cartoon Gummies merged with the cartoon Winnie the Pooh into one sticky, adorable kids' show in 1989. Gummies are a true international phenomenon. The newest twist? Kosher/alal Gummi Bears (made without pork-based gelatin) for sale to Jews and Muslims. Perhaps there is hope for Mideast peace after all.

Hey, Matt:

What happens when a TV commercial starts and then gets blipped off after only a few seconds of running? Do companies monitor the programming to make sure the commercials they've paid for actually get run? And what happens when they get shortchanged?

— Squeek, in front of the tube

Because commercial time can cost anywhere from \$2000 a second on the low end to, well, whatever the TV station can yank out of an advertiser's wallet, commercials are monitored in various ways. If an ad explodes before it's over, the advertiser gets what's known as a make-good. The station finds another spot in which to rerun the commercial at no charge. So don't worry, Squeek. TV is a letdown in so many ways, but we'll always get our full ration of advertising.

Hey, Matt:

I've lived in Southern California for nine years and have heard many times in traffic reports the term "sig alert." I know that this means you're screwed if you're driving anywhere, but I can't figure out what the heck "sig" stands for.

— Bob Ternansky, on the road

Can't believe we've never answered this one. Lloyd "Sig" Sigmon was a broadcast engineer and eventually co-owner (with Gene Autry) of radio station KMPC in Los Angeles. He developed a system by which LAPD dispatchers could send a signal tone to each local radio station, the tone would activate a special tape recorder, then the police would record a message detailing the problem, and the tape could be replayed on the air. The first sig alert was broadcast on September 5, 1955. Not long after, one of the broadcasts actually caused a traffic jam. It was a call for doctors and nurses to assist at the scene of a train derailment in downtown L.A. Early on, the system also broadcast such announcements as rabid-dog alerts, gas leaks, an impending dam collapse, and a message from a pharmacist who had made a potentially deadly mistake in filling a prescription. The LAPD's Chief Parker actually coined the term "Sig Alert."

Mallomars Captured in Santee!

In response to our nostalgia-snacks/Scooter Pie discussion last week, Rich Hopkins sends an emergency e-mail to say that the new Vons in Santee sells Mallomars right off the shelf...\$4.05 a box. Because the chocolate coating has no wax or stabilizers and is highly meltable, Nabisco doesn't manufacture them in the summer, so get 'em quick before Santee gets scorching.

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 hey matt@cts.com via the Internet. A searchable archive of past columns is available at SanDiegoReader.com.

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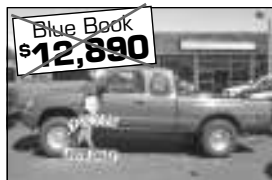
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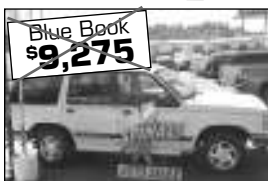
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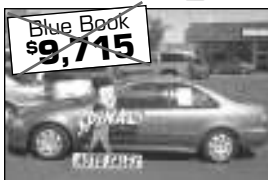
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By Patrick Daugherty

Cool Kids

'Sunday night, after we were closed, some youngsters vandalized the rec center. Four fires were set inside the building."

Speaking is Jacqueline Anderson, 33, assistant center director of what was the San Ysidro Community Activity Center, 179 Diza Road, San Ysidro.

The TV news reported that the center had been "vandalized, burglarized, and set on fire. Today, arson investigators say four teenagers will be charged with the crimes. They say a witness spotted the suspects running from the scene and told firefighters."

It's three o'clock on a sunny Monday afternoon. Anderson and I are standing in the center's parking lot. She asks, "Want to take a tour?"

We walk through glass double-doors, down a hallway, into a black cavern. Anderson shines a flashlight around the space. Ceiling tiles hang like bats from exposed rafters, all the walls are blistered, and the flooring is hidden beneath ash and debris.

Anderson says, "This is our activity room. We have two Ping-Pong tables, two ice hockey, two foosballs, board games, and bumper pool."

I note the present tense. "You've lost *everything*."

"The building's exterior was just repainted. They've been remodeling the whole inside." Anderson leads me into an adjacent room. This one has a TV and two couches. I can't identify the other furnishings. "This is the teen room, just for teenagers."

I picture the room filled with kids. "Teenagers would come in and..."

"They have a TV and games. It's a place, away from home, they can come to relax, and be teenagers. They have field trips, guest speakers, they can get help with their homework or job applications. We just got the room remodeled."

Anderson and I walk back into the big, burned-out room. There is an unpleasant crack-crack-crack underfoot as we step on pieces of glass and bits of burned plastic. Anderson remarks, "We have a lot of adult programs too."

I note the present tense. "What kind of programs?"

"Aerobics, ceramics, sewing, macramé, knitting, cake decoration, folk dancing, tap dancing..."

We move into another hall. On my left is a small room that must have been an office. I see two guitars, an old basketball, the remains of an Ikon copier and a flyer, tacked to a bulletin board, that says, "President's Day Celebration."

Anderson says, "Remodeled last week."

I am led through another office, this one with melted computers, into the weight-training room, then, through another door, into a very small office that has simply been incinerated. By far, the worst damage I've seen. We go past one more doorway and are inside the gym.

It was a fine gym, a full-court basketball gym. I spy what looks to me like a fish net in the far corner. "Is that a soccer net?"

"Yeah, we also have indoor soccer and we run an in-house basketball league."

I turn around to the incinerated room. "What was that?"

"Unfortunately, that was my office."

"Did you lose anything?"

"One valuable thing. My keepsake book."

"All your clips?"

"Everything since 1976, when I was a seven-year-old cheerleader." Anderson sighs. "I went to Memorial Junior High and ran track there. I ran track at Mt. Miguel High School and took a full scholarship to Louisiana State University. I kept records of all my track. I brought it in to show the kids. I coach the girls' basketball team."

"Have you talked to any of your girls since the fire?"

"No, not the kids. All our files are ruined so we have no phone numbers to call the kids." One heartbeat. "We just had a Valentine's dance here Friday. Everything was running so smooth."

"Do you know what's going to happen to you?"

"We're moving to a seniors building at 125 West Park. We're trying to fit in everybody from here. Well, not everybody, but the large groups. We'll type up a letter, put some flyers

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WYOMING	8	118	Air Force
BYU	Pick 'Em	140	San Diego State
UTAH	8 1/2	129	Colorado State
UNLV	5 1/2	148	New Mexico
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USC	2 1/2	148	Stanford
ARIZONA	5 1/2	158	Arizona State
Ucla	1	135	CALIFORNIA

in the schools, and let people know we've relocated."

The gym is midnight-graveyard quiet. "This must break your heart."

"Oh, yes. We just started a mariachi class, which was free to the community. Pretty much everything here is free. We've got people from as far as Chula Vista coming here to use our dance classes. On Saturdays this building was loaded."

I walk outside to my truck and retrieve a camera. When I return, Anderson and a Hispanic boy are on the curb having a conversation. The boy is talking about the arsonists. I break in and ask him, "You know the kids?"

"They were on the basketball team here, the boys' 14-and-under. They were regulars. I know the one with the shiny shoes and the one with the long hair. I don't know the others, I just know the two."

"What kind of kids are they?" *Who* would do this?

"They're *cool* guys." The boy thinks for a moment. "It's shocking to me. Of all the valuable things in here, they stole candy. That's how they got caught: they sold candy at school. All the computers and all the supplies they could have taken and they decide to break into candy machines and got caught selling candy at school."

"They went to school with a *big bag of candy*?"

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: American Baptist Churches USA
Address: 210 E. Jamul Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-422-2778
Year founded: 1959
Senior pastor: Jeff Ruthven
Congregation: 50 members
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 20
Annual budget: \$60,000
Weekly giving: \$1150
Singles program: no
Diversity: white, Hispanic, Filipino
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Last Sunday morning at Bay View Baptist Church, the woman sitting in front of me had a grand mal seizure. No one gawked. No one cried out in alarm. As she collapsed, two women, without fuss, rushed to help her. They arranged her on the pew, put a pillow beneath her head, covered her with a blanket, and sat beside her while everyone else finished singing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

After the hymn, Reverend Jeff Ruthven explained to the congregation that the woman had had a seizure, but would be just fine.

"She's had a difficult morning. One of the homes in the mobile home park where she lives burned down, and I guess there was at least one fatality. She's upset and it's good that she knows that she's surrounded here by people who love and care for her."

I'd gone to Bay View because Deaf Community Services told me that the church had a "very small" program for the deaf. I wanted to see a church with a "very small" deaf program. Most deaf people don't attend deaf churches or large hearing churches with elaborate ministries for the deaf.

I'd thought that bigger would be better, that if I were a deaf Christian, I'd want to attend a large wealthy church with a well-funded deaf ministry. What I hadn't considered was that small churches can accommodate difference in a more personal way.

"I didn't even know anyone at Bay View could sign," Robert Ruiz told me. "I live across the street and just walked into the church one Sunday morning. I met Pastor Jeff, and he knew how to sign, and so did his wife. Their daughter is studying ASL at Mesa College."

Ruiz, who's studying computer networking at Southwestern College, is one of several deaf people who attend Bay View. The church has two volunteer interpreters. A number of other church members, encouraged by Ruiz, have started to take an interest in sign language and last Sunday made a point of trying to sign the old-fashioned hymns the congregation seems to enjoy singing.

Reverend Ruthven, a stalwart gentleman with a bushy white mustache, led us in prayer several times. He admonished us to remember not only the congregation's sick, but also "all the people in the world whose lives are torn apart by the horror of terrorism." As he warmed to his sermon, he encouraged the congregation to say

"Hallelujah" if they felt like it. Flipping between pages of the Old and New Testaments, a copy of the Hebrew *tanach*, and an edition of the Apocrypha, he talked to us about the church of Pergamos as mentioned in Revelation 2:12-17.

"Archaeologists tell us that this church sat in the shadow of a 200-foot tall altar to Zeus, and that it also sat near a temple to the Roman god of healing who was symbolized by a serpent. Does this sound familiar? Don't you think that today there are churches sitting next door to something unclean?"

Reverend Ruthven told us that although Christians must make their way through a difficult world, they don't make the journey alone.

"If God's manna sustained the Children of Israel for 40 years, there's no doubt that Jesus can sustain us all of our lives."

After the service, Robert Ruiz and I went to the pastor's office to talk. Ruiz told me that Reverend Ruthven and his family started to learn sign language after moving next door to a family that had a deaf son.

"One night they heard him pounding with

a hammer on the driveway. He was pounding the driveway because he was so frustrated. His parents didn't sign. He couldn't communicate with them. Pastor Jeff and his wife were touched by his frustration, so they started to learn to sign."

I noticed that Ruiz was wearing what appeared to be a high-tech hearing aid.

"It's a cochlear implant," he said. "I was born profoundly deaf. My mother had German measles while she was carrying me. Two years ago I had the cochlear implant. All in all I think it cost around \$40,000. The difference is amazing. I can hear almost everything. It just takes time to learn how to identify and understand all the new sounds. It's like being a baby. Babies can hear, but it takes them time to learn to speak, to learn how to make sense out of what they're hearing."

"The biggest surprise for me is how noisy

the world is. I can hear my computer hum. I go outside, I hear the birds sing. That was so strange. The first time I heard them singing, I thought, 'My gosh! That noise. *That's how birds talk!*'"

"As my speech and hearing improve, I'll probably move more and more into the hearing world and associate more and more with hearing people. I feel like this church is my family. But I'll always be involved in the deaf community. The Holy Spirit has really moved in my heart to show me that I can be used to minister to deaf people. One of the greatest obstacles they face is English, which is so different from American Sign Language. They can read English, but their comprehension often isn't very good. But when you can read the Bible and understand it for yourself, its message is much stronger. You become more Christ-like."

"I have a deaf friend who I led to the Lord and I've helped her with the Bible. Now she's fascinated with it and reads it all the time. She's even started translating Bible stories for her husband."

— Abe Opincar



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Bay View Baptist Church Chula Vista

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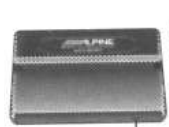
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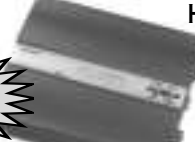
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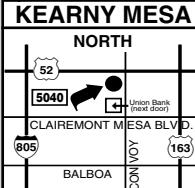
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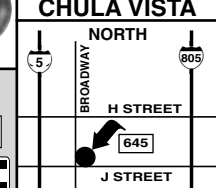
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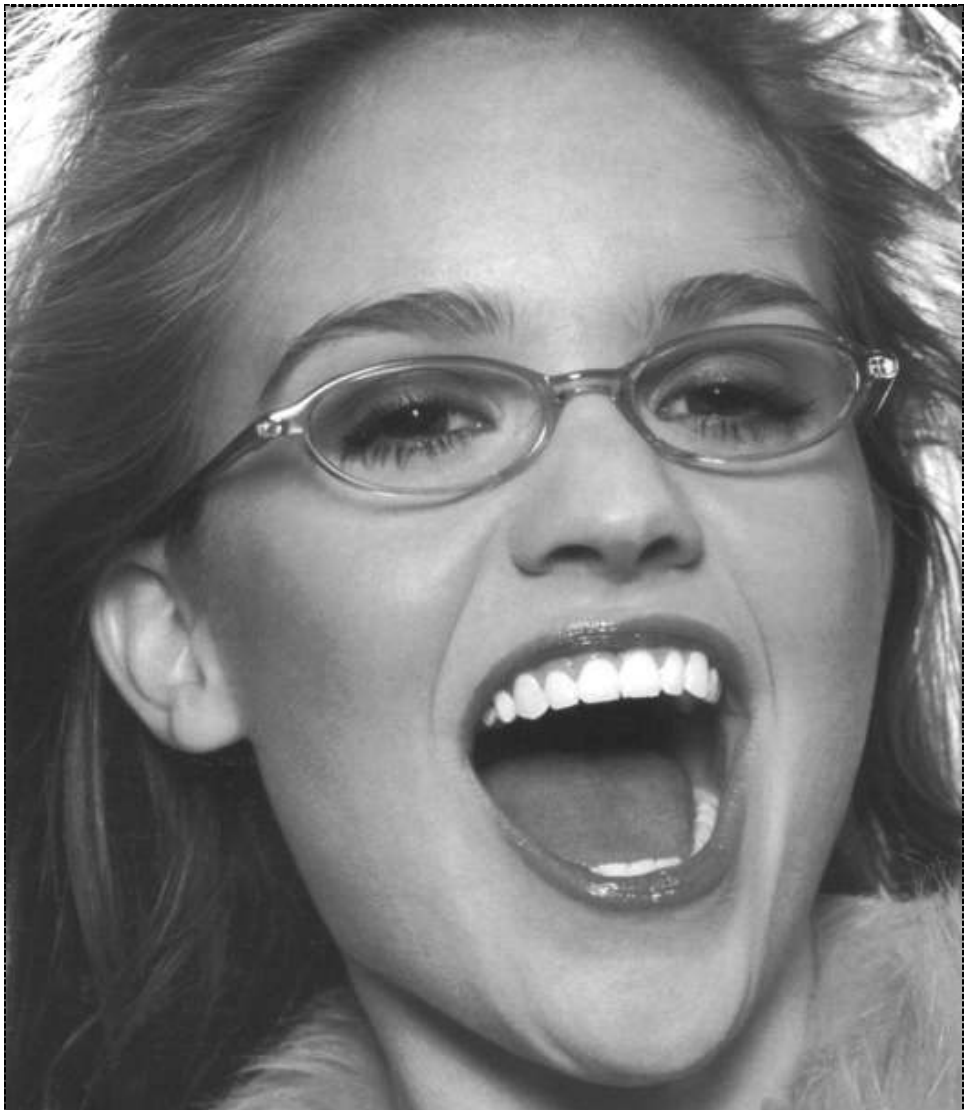
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Let me start by saying that I am no kid. This was not my first marriage, but that's not making this any easier to understand. Please explain how people go on living their lives when a marriage ends, not because of another person but due to drug addiction. My six-year marriage just ended, and I miss my husband so much that I am in physical pain all the time. During the end of our first year of marriage he began to smoke pot every day. I didn't and wasn't interested in it. During the past year, his use of drugs became an issue I couldn't ignore anymore. He would clean up his act for a few weeks and then start using again. He began using crystal meth, and I walked out because I was sure he would come to his senses if I did something drastic. I felt certain he wouldn't let what we had together die. Well, I was wrong. He chose drugs instead of me. I know that it was his decision and that I should be glad to be rid of him, but I love him and can't get past this. I cry every night and think about him every day. He won't call or talk to me. He was never abusive: no hitting, yelling, fighting. We were very happy together except for his drug use, and I know that if he called today I'd take him back, drugs and all. I want him back clean and sober, so I can have the marriage I deserve. Just sitting around "waiting for him to realize what he has lost" is killing me. How can I help him when he doesn't want to be helped?

ALONE AND HURTING IN POWAY

Dear Alone,

What a heart-crushing letter. You articulate the hideous dilemma of those of us who love or have loved substance abusers very well. Please, please call Narcotics Anonymous right away. The San Diego chapter's telephone number is 858-492-8720. They have meetings, counseling, and support services for family members of drug abusers. If you're a computer/online person, the San Diego chapter has a website at www.sdicsona.org. If you have the financial means, sometimes finding a psychotherapist who is experienced in working with family members of drug users can be very helpful and healing. You are not alone, regardless of how terribly alone you feel. It's high time you started getting some help to ease your suffering. Narcotics Anonymous will put you in contact with those who have been right where you are, folks who have found their way out of the kind of misery you're enduring, back to happy lives.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My 13-year-old son loves books. I've read to him regularly since he was an infant, hoping he'd know the joys of literature. He's a talented and adventur-

ous writer. I told him recently about a James Joyce novel written in one long sentence. This idea excited him so much that he wrote an "open" class writing assignment in the same manner: a whole essay in one long sentence. The teacher liked the content of his piece, but gave him a low grade for not breaking it up into individual sentences. I thought this was unfair. My son was disappointed too but didn't dwell on it at all. What should I do?

PROUD KEARNY MESA
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Dear Proud Papa,

Sounds to me like you've got a very intelligent, creative kid on your hands. I gather from your letter you and your son talked this incident over thoroughly. You let him know how proud you are of his high-level creative effort and that you were dismayed the teacher didn't quite understand what he was up to. If your son isn't so upset and doesn't want you to make a big deal out of it, I'd consider taking your cue from him. A boy who's well adjusted doesn't make a federal case out of every misunderstanding, and that he is cerebral and imaginative to boot is almost too good to be true. If you feel it's important, when you have a private parent-teacher conference with your son's instructor, you could good-naturedly and non-threateningly mention what happened, which could help alleviate similar problems in the future. The teacher made an understandable mistake: she may have students in class who are still struggling to understand what a sentence is, while your son is so far ahead he's pushing the limits of how a sentence functions. Your excellent parenting is probably partly responsible for giving him such a strong enough sense of self that he is willing to experiment and doesn't have to sweat the small stuff. This "problem" is a blessing in disguise. It shows both of you, parent and child, in a lovely, honorable light.

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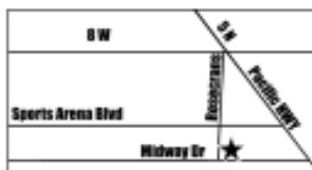
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Horses and Their

PHOTOGRAPH OF
DARLENE HOPKINS
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It's nine o'clock on the day before the last day of Diane Wilson's horse-showing career. Outside her window, the pointy hills of Escondido are wet from the rain. Inside, it's warm because she has just slid her lucky cake into the oven. A rider from Diane's barn won a ribbon after eating a piece of this cake last year, and it's chocolate with chocolate frosting — lucky no matter what.



Sami and Diane Wilson

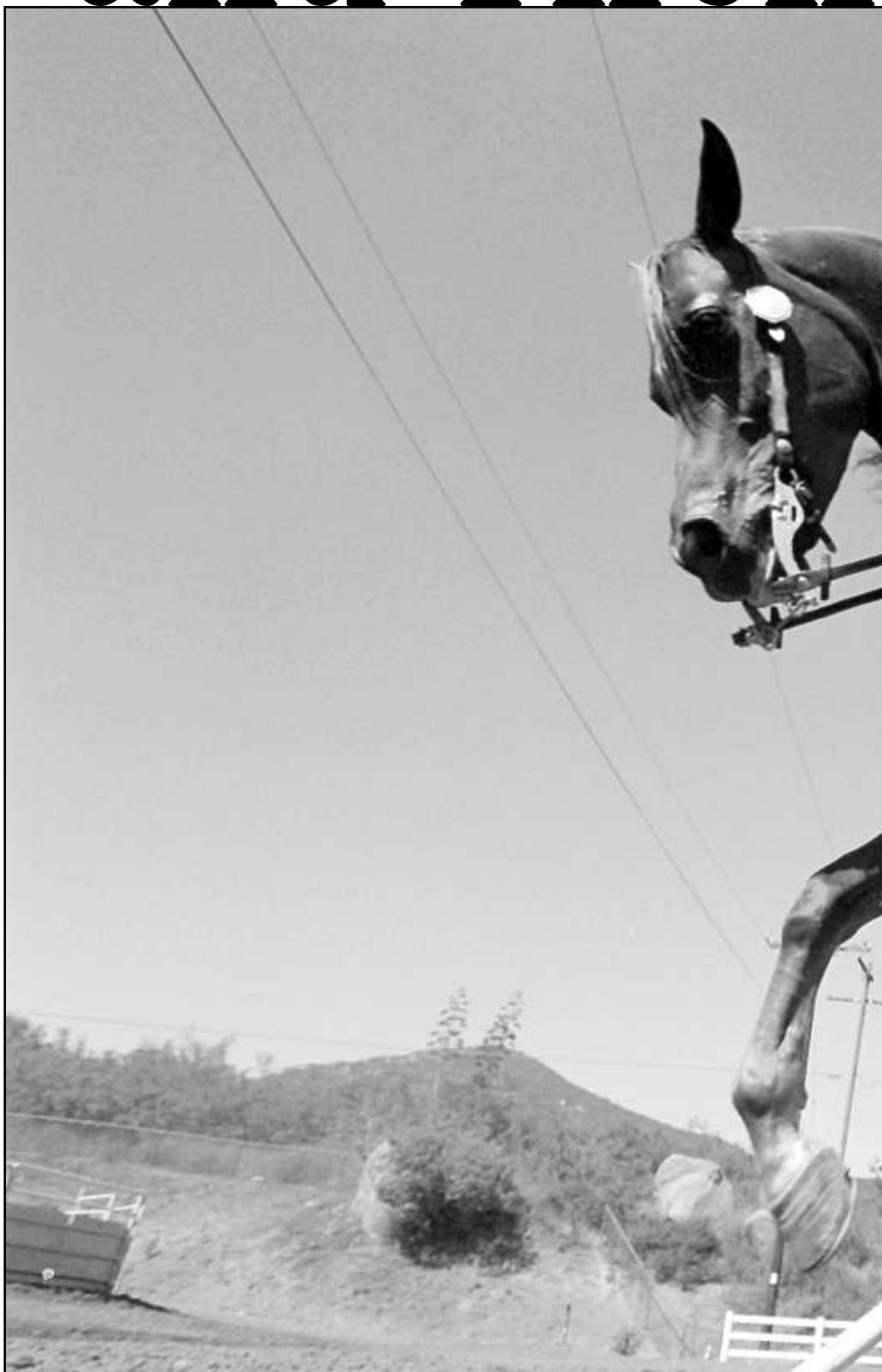
In four hours, Diane will pack the lucky cake, a slow-roasted brisket, her black Stetson, suede chaps, and the silver buckle she won last year on a horse named Lovey and drive 90 miles to Pomona. At the muddy, freezing Pomona Fairplex, where 325 Arabian horses lean their heads over stall doors or stand at the wash racks or canter on the end of longe lines, she'll have a lesson on her horse. Then she'll help her trainer, Darlene Hopkins, who is also her best friend, prepare for a bad night and four tense days competing against national champions at the Whittier Host Lions Club Fortieth Annual Purebred Arabian Horse Show. They'll share a not-bad room at the Red Roof Inn to save money. After dinner at a greasy spoon, Darlene will turn off the lights and go to bed, and Diane will read magazines — not a book, she couldn't concentrate on a book — in the bathroom.

Rain clouds float over the Red Roof Inn, dark arenas, hissing freeways, the white peak of Mount Baldy. At 4:00 a.m., it's time to get dressed, to feed, brush, saddle, and walk horses, to buy a Sausage McMuffin. Darlene won't eat for four hours, to apply, before a cracked mirror in a steel-walled room at the Fairplex, the hair goo, bobby pins, hair nets, mascara, eye shadow, lipstick, and blush. Stetsons, black chaps, spurs. Prize silver buckles the size of saucers to show they're not greenhorns. Then coats because it's ice-cold freezing in, of all places, Los Angeles.

By 7:30, the sky is blue between shifting clouds. Palm trees shiver below Mount Baldy. Horses are everywhere: horse hooves, hoofprints, horse tails, horse dung, the great smooth bottoms of horses and their regal, bobbing heads. The practice arena is full of horses trotting in \$3000 tooled-leather saddles. The tooled leather is tipped with silver. The silver is engraved. The engraved silver is tipped with brass flowers. In each flower rests a gem. Bridles and bits — silver chased and silver tipped — glint in the cold, dark shade of the arena although the program specifically warns that the trail horse will be judged on "performance, way of going, manners, appointments, and neatness (silver not to count)." The breath of the horses is steam. Men in ballcaps and women in chaps ride them stiff-lipped and unsmiling around and around.

Diane carries halters and coffee and bridles and chaps. She looks like someone waiting to hear if her horse will have to be put down. She's 43 and she's ridden in shows off and on since she was 13 years old. She hates this and she loves it. She hates it.

Then it's time, at last, to put her foot in the stirrup and sit down on



Sami's back, to feel, in that motion, the restoration of the world. The announcer will call 372, the number of the horse she's been training for eight long years, and at Diane's cue Sami will step forward into the known and the unknown, over striped poles and around barrels, first trotting, then walking, then loping through the artificial, mad-dening, gorgeous, life-preserving, life-threatening world of horse shows.

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Diane Wilson grew up in Rock Island, Illinois, the daughter of a veterinarian. When she spotted her first pony at the county fair, she approached it ecstatically from behind. The horse kicked her.

"I just consider that 'welcome to the world of horses,' " she says, "because I was still in love with them from that time."

On family trips, Diane would roll down

Women



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**Arabians
have
registered
names
and barn
names.**

Diane Wilson

the window and neigh at the horses they passed, certain they understood her. In second and third grades, when other girls were playing hopscotch and jacks and double Dutch, Diane would coax a friend to hold one end of a jump rope while Diane, holding the other end of the rope in her teeth, would trot, canter, neigh, and gallop.

For years she asked for horses and got horse figurines: 79 of them, which she keeps in a lovely old Victorian bookcase fronted with sliding glass

doors. The horse books are there too — *My Friend Flicka* and *Misty of Chincoteague* and *Black Beauty* and *Charlotte and the White Horse*, the book that started it all for Diane when she was six. They tell the story of all good horse books, a version of “Beauty and the Beast” where the beast doesn’t have to turn into a prince; he’s a prince just the way he is.

When she was 10 or 11, Diane’s parents got her riding lessons. “My mom would drive me

out to the country every Saturday morning, and I would spend an hour in heaven. I lived for that hour.”

She cut a lock of horse hair and attached it to her bulletin board so she could smell it. When her parents asked her, in sixth grade, how she wanted her room in their new house, Diane said, “I want a half-door looking into my room, and I want the stall built right there.” She couldn’t understand why they laughed.

She began to take lessons from Lee and Florence Caldwell, well-known Arabian trainers who had just moved to Illinois, and these trainers, whose own kids were in college, more or less adopted Diane. Instead of just riding once a week, Diane could hang out and watch the whole operation. With the Caldwells, she rode in her first show (“I have real dorky pictures of that”), and her father at last bought her a \$700 gelding named Chalet Valley Zantai.

For an Arabian horse name, Chalet Valley Zantai (Zan-Tie) is short and unpretentious. Arabians have registered names and barn names. A barn name is something you can say while you’re stroking a horse’s nose or teaching him to stand still, and it fits the horse. Fabio is a pretty-boy, Kramer is gangly, and Dennis is a menace. A registered



Diane and Darlene

name, though, is supposed to combine the name of the horse’s sire and dam, hint at the farm where it was bred, or suggest Arabian origins, and you’d be hard-pressed to find worse names anywhere in the world, especially when owners add con-

sonants or vowels in order to use a name that has already — God knows why — been registered. Arabian breeders think nothing of naming a horse Hucksnkisses or Showvinist (son of Showkayce and Mystic Heirloom) or

Jecamoeastrparade or Musk Be Bask (son of Mmusket and Alaluya).

Soon after Diane got Chalet Valley Zantai, whom she called C.V., her beloved trainers received an offer to work in Florida, and they left. In her 14-year-old angst,

Diane would ride her bicycle to the new stable, saddle up C.V., and ride him the way Kirk Douglas rode his horse in *Lonely Are the Brave*. “This was a pretty urban area,” Diane says, but that didn’t stop her. When she wanted to get off the trails, she’d head across Interstate 80 and lead C.V. into the grassy median, where she would, she said, “just ride up and down.”

Having conquered the freeway, Diane tried riding up to the A&W stand, but she got kicked off the property, so she ambled along residential streets instead. “It would take me maybe an hour to get home and put my horse in the garage and eat lunch and saddle up and ride back to the stable.”

She took C.V. with her to the University of Iowa four years later, where her boyfriend ignored her instructions on a ride once,

and C.V. fell, fracturing a hip that wouldn’t heal. “Everyone decided it was best to put him down,” Diane says (the horse, not the boyfriend). A friend offered to have C.V. buried on her property even though, in most cases, dead horses leave the world on a rendering truck. C.V. was buried on a hill, and Diane can almost see him from the interstate when she drives through Illinois.

Diane earned a double major in fine art and English, worked summers as a groom in Texas for her old friends the Caldwells (sleeping in the barn with the horses at last), and in 1986 married a man named Ken, whom she said she would follow to California only if she could bring her horse.

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In the early ’90s, Diane met Darlene Hopkins at the San Diego County chapter of

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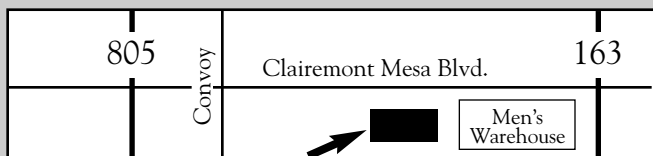
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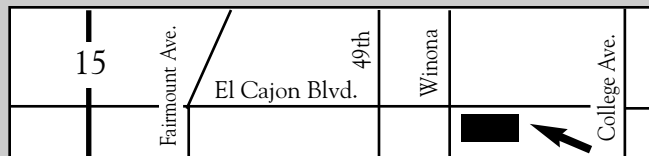
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the Arabian horse club. Like Diane, Darlene started out as a horse-mad girl in the suburbs who at last found herself on the back of a willing horse, in the country, in a trance that seemed to last for years.

That period ended the way the age of horses ended: Darlene bought a car. Then she went to college and spent 16 years pushing a beverage cart up and down the aisles of 747s. Toward the end of her flying days she got addicted to horses again, and with her pilot husband, Mark, she bought an eight-acre parcel of land in the tinder-gold hills of San Marcos. The ranch was bare and steep as a wedding cake. Between flights, she rode up and down it whispering things into the ear of a horse named Zelly. By 1992, she was so tired of dressing up and doing her nails and pulling her suitcase on walkways that took her farther



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and farther away from Zelly that she called her supervisor one afternoon and said she literally could not pack her clothes to come into work.

Her supervisor suggested counseling.

There is, however, no

12-step program for the smell of glossy brown horse backs. In 1994, Darlene quit a three-day-a-week, \$40,000-a-year job with good benefits and a 401(k) to work six days a week, 11 hours a day (not counting the 1 hour and 20 minute com-

mute) as a groom for a Rancho Santa Fe horse trainer named Lou Roper. She raked manure. She saddled horses. She wrapped legs. For a year, she earned \$800 a month, no benefits, and the chance to become, at the not terribly young age of 36, a horse


trainer in a world where, as she puts it, "A young, talented, good-lookin' man will win over an older woman any day of the week."

Darlene Hopkins has long platinum blond hair, nice teeth, blue eyes, and a figure that would qualify her, at 43, to play a horse-woman in a major motion picture about the open range. She is undeniably good-lookin'. But most of the people who buy horses to board and train at the 50-some stables in San Diego County are either horse-smitten girls or grown-up horse-smitten girls. The American Horse Shows Association had 60,000 members in 1994, 81 percent of whom were female. The International Arabian Horse Association was 75 percent female in the same year. According to Mary Midkiff, who gathers statistics at her equestrian workshops nationwide, the typical female rider

is 36 to 45 with "expensible leisure income."

Perhaps some of those women and most of the men believe only a man can make a stubborn horse mind. Perhaps there is something more romantic, more authoritative, about the horse whisperers, who show pictures of themselves on the Internet in barn jackets and boots, gruffly and manfully doing what Robert Redford only mimicked. Or perhaps it has something to do with the history of the West, where men gentled horses, broke horses, shoed horses, bred horses, raced horses, and sold horses. Even now, statistics such as the ownership of quarter horses (the largest association in the U.S. at 300,000 members, only 57 percent of them female) and membership in the jockeys' National Steeplechase & Hunt organization (71 percent male) suggest that for

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men, horses are still a livelihood and for women — at the client level, at least — they are fun.

At the lower levels of Arabian horse competition, Darlene says, “You see a lot of women and not many men, and at the higher levels you see more men. People are more apt, I think, to give a man a better horse and more money than they are a woman.”

Darlene says this without bitterness.

“I know what type of people will come to me and what type of people I want,” she says, “and I try to stay with that.”

All but one of Darlene’s 14 clients are female, women and girls who drive from as far away as San Bernardino

County. Diane has been one of them since Darlene first threw away her airline career and launched the ranch, partly because Darlene is an infectiously daring trainer.

“Being with Darlene,” Diane told me, “has put me in places where I’ve been more scared than I’ve ever been scared in my life.” Instead of training green horses and then letting their owners ride them, Darlene trains horses and riders. Darlene coaxes, cajoles, praises, batters, and criticizes her clients as often as she corrects their mounts. She believes that Diane can do things Diane wants to — but doesn’t quite — believe she can do, and Diane will do almost anything to live up to Darlene’s vision of

her. In five years, Diane has missed only three Saturdays — lesson days — at Rancho Borrego Montana. That, however, is about to change.

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The barn at Rancho Borrego Montana can hold 23 horses. Darlene owns 4 or 5, and she trains between 14 and 20 at any given time. The first show horse to join Darlene’s barn was Diane’s mare Sami, a.k.a. Smoldering, sired by a famous stallion called Le Fire in Escondido in 1993. Most stud ads in Arabian horse magazines offer transported semen or shipped semen for three-figure sums, but Sami was conceived during what’s known in the business as “live cover” — actual horse-

play between Le Fire and Diane’s mare China Doll. The fee for these interludes was a whopping \$2500, but Diane and Darlene both had great plans for Sami. Sami was going to put Rancho Borrego Montana on the map, and Diane, as a skilled rider, was going to win ribbons and custom commemorative buckles on her gorgeous Arabian back.

But Sami may or may not be the ideal show horse.

“To be a show horse is like being a beauty contestant: you have to have a certain look,” Darlene explained to me on my first visit to the ranch. “You have to wear your hair a certain way and wear certain makeup. Like a bodybuilder, you have to have certain muscles. And

you have to be an athlete. The horse has to put himself in a frame a certain way — a low frame or a high frame; he has to move his legs in a certain way for different disciplines.”

That was in November, two months before the first show on the class-A circuit. We were standing on a hill above the arena, and beyond us to the north, the valley opened up to a crescent of clean, watery-blue hills. Joel, Darlene’s groom, stood on the raked dirt with a longe line, and around him ran a palomino half-Arabian named Lucy. He pulled on the rope so that she would keep her head down in the proper frame for a Western pleasure horse. Joel held a whip but

didn’t use it.

Horses, Darlene explained to me, want to run and be silly. A trainer teaches the horse to control that urge, to keep its head down, to turn, to back up, to step sideways, to trot, canter, walk, or stop instantly upon command. Horses who can respond to a touch and a word in this arena, and then in front of three judges in a noisy, strange-smelling ring, will, Darlene says, feel a sense of accomplishment.

“They want to do well, and they show off. The ones that don’t have that... I normally try to sell them as a trail horse. They have to have a certain personality to do this.”

So does the rider. Diane





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Wilson is small, attractive, and studious-looking, neither a cowgirl in Wranglers nor a Ralph Lauren socialite. She has a fourth-grade daughter who doesn't ride, a husband in commercial real estate who golfs. Her career work is indoors, not out: she writes the kind of horse novel she devoured as a girl. In 1998, a book set in 13th-century Mongolia called *I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade* won a California Book Award and made the American Library Association's list of ten best books. Her second book, an Assyrian adventure called *To Ride the Gods' Own Stallion*, came out in the fall of 2000.

In truth, Diane looks more at ease among her

books than in the small photograph of herself wearing a saucer-sized Western belt buckle. The photo is displayed in Darlene's office with a Post-It note that says, "You bet your ass I won this buckle."

Six or eight times a year, though, Diane shows horses. She goes to Pomona, Scottsdale, Santa Barbara, and Del Mar, zips up her chaps, climbs into a \$3500 saddle, and does something that appears to be more or less against her nature.

"I don't like showing," she says. "I don't like being in front of people, to have people look at me like that. I never feel like I'm good enough. When I go to a show, I can't even watch the

other people. If someone says, 'How many were in your class?' I don't know. I refuse to look at the program to see how many horses are in my class."

Why not just ride, then, the way she did when she was 14?

"Being able to work with a horse at home on your comfort level," she says, "and do movements and training aids and all the fixing is not the same as going in a ring in front of a judge who says, 'Okay, show me what you've got. Let's see how well this horse is trained.' If you can't do it there, then you can't really say you've got it done."

The answer also involves something larger: what girls

and women want from horses. In Diane's view, there's some truth to the idea that girls connect to horses because horses are like girls — high-strung, emotional, intuitive — but they have what girls and women lack: physical power. If a woman can control an enormous, strong-willed animal, she's not powerless. To gain that control, however, is not simple.

"I used to think I wanted the horse to mind me out of love," Diane says. But now, after hours and hours on Sami while Darlene watches from the ground, saying, "drop your shoulder," "scoot your hip to the inside," "that was pee-your-pants perfect," or "that

looks like a complete mess," Diane thinks a dog, maybe, pleases you out of love; a horse pleases you because you've made not pleasing you hard — with spurs, the riding crop, a bit called the brain-tickler.

"Horses will give you," Diane says, "about as much as you ask. You're asking them to perform very strenuous, tiring movements, and let's face it, a human performs for a carrot or a stick. For a horse, it's the stick."

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Especially when the horse is smart, like Sami. If Sami were more like Chips A Fire, whose dam was sired by Sami's sire and who now trains at Darlene's barn with

a 17-year-old owner named Tracy, things might be simpler.

Chip is ten years old and handsome, Darlene told me one morning when she was working with him in the arena, but he's not real smart. She says Chip's good looks make up for his dimwittedness, and his dimwittedness, in part, makes him a good show horse.

"The horses that think a lot are trying to outguess you," Darlene said.

Sami thinks a lot, and Diane, consequently, has to think a lot. She also has to be firm and demanding, even when she feels bad about it, as gentle, self-abnegating people tend to feel.



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Still, Diane feels bad when Sami is cranky or tired. She hesitates to force her. "I wear spurs and I will sometimes carry a whip," which is not the long black leather kind but a short, flexible wand tipped with six inches of braided string. The spurs are really just a pair of quarters, which riders nowadays substitute for the spikes that could be raked across the shoulders of an unbroken horse.

"I prefer to use my legs and a click to give the cue, and if she's not immediately responsive, I'll use spurs

three weeks before the Whittier show, and Darlene's in her office, sorting through computer-screened color photos of Arabian and half-Arabian horses. The photos aren't very good because they're stilled clips of home videos made by sellers in places like Illinois and Michigan. Darlene says she has always provided a sort of personal-shopper service to clients, but it's taking an increasing amount of her time. More and more she's sitting at the computer, looking at images of horses, ordering videos, sorting good from bad. She points to one horse she calls a piece of junk. She points to his neck and his back and his tail. Then she points to a horse that's a real beauty but overpriced at \$20,000.

It's sunny, as usual, and Joel the groom is bringing horses one by one to the cross-ties, little parking slots where grooming and saddling takes place. He's like

"You break the rules a little bit, the rule that says you never let a show horse feel she's in charge."

to sharpen her up. I'm asking her to canter, and I mean now — not yawn, three more steps, and then canter. She's supposed to respond immediately after a command."

When Sami doesn't do that, Darlene will say to Diane, "Your horse just said, 'Screw you.' What are you going to say back?"

"So you go," Diane tells me, "Bad horsey, bad horsey" and you go *yank, yank, yank, spur, spur, spur*, and you finish the stupid lesson. You come back another day and ride up into the hills. You break the rules a little bit, the rule that says you never let a show horse feel she's in charge. You let her lead, and when you get down off Sami's back to walk up a steep hill and Sami starts to run, you call her back. Instead of leaving you, she turns around. She actually comes back, like in the horse books.

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It's eight-thirty on January 4,

a horse valet. He swiftly wraps the front legs with stretchy green bandage-like material and tightens the horses' saddles. He's following the chart — a white board — attached to the tack room wall. It lists all the horses and who's working them in preparation for the Whittier show. Six horses, five clients, and Darlene will compete for ribbons, buckles, piddling sums of money, and the possibility of a moment when the horse surrenders his will to yours and together you're a thing of grace. For Darlene, the shows are both heaven and hell.

"A lot of people feel like I do, that it's like a surfer trying to find the perfect wave," Darlene told me once. "You're trying to ride that perfect ride. You're trying to find that connection with the horse, so you go in, and even if you don't win it, you do the best that you can possibly do. Sometimes there's only a moment in a

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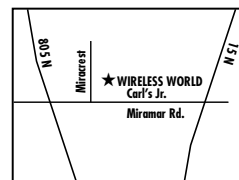
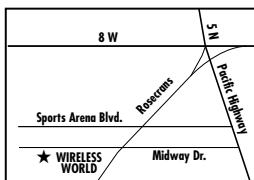
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class that you do it. You go out and you say, 'Yeah, we had a *moment!*' The rest of it was shit.' "

Nice moments aside, you need to win. To be a respected stable, to get good clients, to buy good horses, you need the ribbons. Judges award the ribbons, and judges have whims, biases, inscrutable wills. The shows, as a consequence, are what Darlene calls cutthroat and weird. She frequently competes against a nationally known trainer, Lou Roper, who was her boss and mentor when she was just a groom, who gets flown to Germany to show trail horses, who has trained

more than 20 national champions and who is probably, Darlene says, the best trail rider in the world. She'll compete against him in Whittier in almost every class.

"I thought the best thing, when I first started, would be to win a buckle. If I could win a buckle, that would be it. I have a basket full of buckles now. My long-term fantasy was to make top-ten at the Western Pleasure Futurity. And I did it. I was in there with the boys. So winning for me is not the best thing that happens."

The best thing is the perfect ride, and they are few and far between.

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Two days later it's Lesson Day, Saturday, when the women come out to ride their green or seasoned horses. A good, show-quality Arabian horse costs about \$20,000, though you can pay as little as \$5000 or as much as \$120,000. It costs \$600 per month to have a horse in training here, \$100 a month for the vet and the farrier if nothing goes wrong, and \$200 to \$1500 per show. Then there's silver-chased tack and nice boots and good hats and \$200 suede chaps. Diane feels that if she could just make \$15,000 a year writing, she wouldn't have to feel guilty about

what she calls the horse thing. Some of the women she competes against spend \$70,000 a year.

Two women, Sally LaFleur and Mimi Gaffey, are riding around the arena when I arrive at 9:30. Mimi, who is 64, has short white hair. She lives in Oceanside, where she runs an Internet business with her husband. She's riding a horse named Khemo Raffona, called Khami at the ranch. Khami isn't minding and Mimi looks stiff and tense. Darlene tells both women where to put their arms, their bottoms, their legs, their weight. They try to oblige, shifting and holding themselves in

various positions as they urge the horses in circle after circle.

"That looks like an absolute mess," Darlene says. One of the women complains about her saddle, but Darlene isn't having any of that. She says it's not the saddle, it's the way you sit. Then the woman says she's having to grip with her legs. "If you're gripping with your legs, you're not doin' it right." Darlene suggests whips, and they get whips.

Eventually, though, Darlene has to replace Mimi on Mimi's horse because Mimi's been in Australia for two and a half months visiting

her daughter and you get out of practice, Mimi tells me, when you don't ride. *Swat, swat, swat, swat* is the sound of Darlene riding Mimi's horse. She's taking Khami in hand now, using the whip, the smooth edges of her coin-spurs, and the all-around manner of a woman in charge.

When Darlene rides, she looks as if she was born on horseback. She looks the way you want to look when you're doing anything in front of people, especially riding a half-ton, half-trained animal. That, I imagine, is what people pay her for. Not just knowledge but the awareness of knowledge,

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and the way that abolishes fear.

Mimi Gaffey's been a client for eight years, since the very beginning of Rancho Borrego Montana, and some trainers, Mimi tells me, would have watched how Khami was ignoring Mimi's commands and said, "You can't do it. Get off."

Darlene doesn't put it that way, but she does, as Sally and Mimi put it to the clients who have just arrived, clean Khami's clock and kick her ass. After the ass-kicking and clock-cleaning, Mimi gets back on. She rides Khami over a series of poles that mimic a trail. It goes well. Khami minds her now. But when I watch Mimi and Sally, I don't envy them their Saturdays on horseback. I remember every lesson I ever took to learn something I didn't master: tennis, piano, gymnastics, math. I remember the metronome,

the one who got Kearra started with horses. Kearra lives with Cheryl in Rancho Cucamonga (drive time each way: 1 hour, 15 minutes), and she's been riding since she was five, showing since she was seven. Her grandmother half-jokingly tells me to train my camera on Kearra because Baccarat, being such a young and wild horse, could run away with her. Cheryl also tells me that when Kearra was eight, a horse fell on her. Kearra had surgery on her talus, the long bone in her foot, and was on crutches for a year. The day she got off her crutches, she wanted to ride.

When Kearra rides Baccarat around the arena, Baccarat doesn't buck or run away with her. Baccarat holds his head in the proper frame and obeys Kearra's legs and voice, and Darlene's voice is different. I hear no correction. It's all

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my father's voice, the ball out of bounds, jammed fingers, wrong answers. Awkwardness, tension, correction, and falls in search of ease and beauty.

Then 12-year-old Kearra Markowich arrives like a Madame Alexander doll in paddock boots. Kearra wears slightly flared, beautifully ironed jeans. Smooth arms stick out of white T-shirt sleeves. Her lips are glossy and her hair is curled. She looks nicer than I looked at the prom. Her horse, Baccarat, is nicer than everyone else's horse, a \$20,000 steel-gray Arabian that her grandmother gave her for Christmas.

"When she rides that horse into the ring," Diane tells me, "everyone's going to go, 'What's that Cadillac doing here?'" Normally girls her age don't have horses like this. "She's going to blow them away."

Kearra's grandmother Cheryl, who also rides, is

praise and admiration — "That looks great" and "Beautiful" and "Perfect." Kearra smiles a cheerful, happy smile. And what's not to smile about? She's a thin, pretty 12-year-old girl with a ribbon almost in her grasp.

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There are other ways, of course, to love horses than to pay \$600 a month for board and training and several thousand a year for shows. You could be Dana Pantera, a 62-year-old rider in Vista, or 42-year-old Joanne Portigal, who lives in Rainbow.

Joanne Portigal's hair is the exact color of her stallion's back. She seems unaware of this. Her stallion, Volantis, is a huge dark bay thoroughbred, inky at the ears, feet, and mane and mahogany everywhere else. On the day that I first see him, Volantis has braids in his mane. The braids are supposed to make his mane

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behave so that one day, when he himself behaves, he can be a dressage horse.

"He's gorgeous," Joanne says, "but he's just a pill. An absolute pill."

The word dressage (rhymes with "massage") is derived from the French word for training, and a dressage trainer uses a series

of classical movements and figures to increase a horse's strength, flexibility, and responsiveness. At the local level, a dressage horse would respond to relatively simple commands such as lengthening its stride. At the international level, a dressage horse can do full-canter pirouettes and some-

thing called flying changes every two strides.

Volantis is a former racehorse, and he's more inclined to run headlong at Joanne than he is to pirouette for her. Before Joanne, who saves money by feeding and training her horses at home, started using the techniques of a Native Amer-

ican horse trainer named Ga-Wa-Ni Pony Boy, Volantis nipped her, ran away with her, and charged at her in the ring. A year ago, he threw Joanne off his back.

Joanne didn't blame Volantis for this. Her main concern when she was lying on the ground at the riding park and assuring her

friends that she was going to be able to stand up in just a minute was that no one tell her husband Mike. Even at the hospital she was hoping she could get away with not telling Mike. But she had to call him when the doctor informed her that she had fractured her spine, and Mike Portugal said what

she expected he'd say: that she had to get rid of that horse. If she didn't, he said, he would leave her.

Joanne is not what you'd call a bad girl. She's one of those women who at 40 can go without makeup and still be pretty. She and her husband Mike have two high school boys, and to

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pay for the care of Volantis and a milder chestnut mare named Halley, Joanne works part-time as a veterinary assistant and self-employed horse masseuse.

Rainbow, where they live, is not just North County but the Outer Hebrides of North County. Boulders the size of tanks cobble steep hills. Helicopters search for marijuana groves like the one that once led armed officers to the Portigals' porch, demanding to know why their irrigation lines were watering seven-foot-high pot plants (the brush is so dense in places that Joanne didn't even know the marijuana was there). Other busts in the vicinity have included cockfights, a huge methamphetamine lab, and illegal gatherings of more than 100 people. When the Portigals first bought these four acres 20 years ago, some feuding neighbors were actually shooting at each other.

It isn't, in other words, Rancho Santa Fe, but that's what makes it affordable. The Portigals came here so that Joanne could simultaneously be with her horses and her husband.

"I got married when I was really young," Joanne says. "When I was 19. My husband lived one house down from where I lived."

Mike wanted children right away, but Joanne had wanted a horse since early childhood. Her family lived on a cul-de-sac and her dad always said it was impossible, so six months after the wedding, Mike bought Joanne a gentle Morgan/quarter horse named B.J., and she boarded him at a stable near the Santa Ana River.

"The thing was, I was there so much, Mike kept saying, 'Well, we really need a place in the country because I'm tired of you being gone all the time.'"

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ested in motorcycles than horses), after 15 years with Halley the chestnut mare, after the University of California acquired 4700 acres and the umpteen miles of riding room turned into a closed research environment, Joanne fell in love with Volantis, and rather soon after that, she was at a riding park with friends and Volantis started to buck. "He was basically telling me, 'I hurt. Get off my back.'" Joanne didn't realize that, and she wanted to assert herself, to prove to Volantis that

she could stay on. She could not, and one of her vertebrae broke within itself. That was a year ago. Joanne is fine now, can walk and ride and rake and drive, but she hasn't been on Volantis since. Recently, she's been reading the suggestions of Ga-Wa-Ni Pony Boy, who says that owner and horse are a herd of two, with one passive and one dominant. "He nips me," Joanne says. "He does all these things that a dominant horse would do to the herd to keep them in place."

While she's explaining this, she has to keep Volantis from nipping me. Volantis can see right away that in a herd situation, I'm going to be the nip-ee. "Ho," Joanne keeps telling him, and sternly holding up her hand. "Ho." She has to slap him lightly at one point to keep him from nipping her. The courage to stand up to Volantis and assert herself as leader of the herd "is what saved my life with this horse," she tells me as I keep the fence between myself and Volantis's teeth. "He'd come and actually run after me and challenge me, like, you know, 'I'm gonna come after you and I want to see

if you're gonna back down or if you're gonna stand here.'" So one day he ran toward Joanne, and she stood there. He stopped. "It's just amazing," she says. When I leave, Joanne invites me to come back after the Christmas holidays and watch her attempt to ride Volantis bareback. It will be good, she says, to have someone around when she tries it. Her husband will be glad that I'm there. "I'll call you," she says, "and we'll ride that bad boy."

Dana Pantera is 62 and unmarried. She has blue eyes and thick gray practical hair, neatly cut without being fussy. She grew up in Pennsylvania, where she rode her uncle's workhorses, and Arizona, where she ditched school for a nearby racetrack. Now she lives with her dog in a Vista apartment and works three 12-hour shifts a week as a secretary for an urgent care medical clinic. On the fourth day she helps a woman whose husband has Alzheimer's, but the other days belong to Captain.

Captain is a 27-year-old bay Arabian with shaggy, untrimmed hair all over his body. Amidst Darlene's show horses, whose veins ripple under a glossy skin of hair, Captain looks like a plow-pulling workhorse, but he is, as Dana puts it, a grand

the road from Darlene. Trail riding by yourself in North County would be risky for anyone, and for a 62-year-old woman it's probably on the verge of crazy, but Dana isn't crazy. She's not even very eccentric. She's laconic and brave and sensible. She

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old boy, and he watches over her while Joel saddles up Chips A Fire and Baccarat and Khemo Raffona. Dana doesn't show horses. Never has. Instead she rides Captain on trails through the hills around the stable where she boards Captain, which is just down

says that on her rides in the nearby hills she's seen a bobcat twice, that she's been accompanied by a curious but not menacing coyote. She's faced a rattlesnake and two rottweilers. But the scariest thing that ever followed her was a man in a truck. "It was almost like a

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horror story," she says. "A slow-moving horror story." The man was young and he drove a pickup truck with a rumbling engine. He passed Dana and Captain, and then Dana turned Captain off the road to go up and around a hill east of Rancho Borrego Montana.

The owners of the property had dragged big rocks onto the trail to impede motorists, and Dana thought the truck couldn't possibly get through. But behind her, out of sight, she could still hear this rumbling engine.

"Captain, he sensed my feeling, I think, because he just pulled himself up that hill," she says. At last they reached a place where there's a huge boulder that you couldn't get past in a car.

"You're back up in the hills and you're looking down and everything is really high," Dana says, which is why this particular trail is Dana's favorite. She and Captain pressed on, past the huge boulder, to the top, where she could stop and look down. That's when she saw that the driver had gotten out of his truck and he was staring up at Dana.

Dana looked at the man and the man looked at her. That was the end of it. Nothing happened. But it scared her. Dana says she almost never gets off her horse when she's riding because sometimes, once in a while, you see a person. Usually it's a man or a group of men, and they're riding off-road vehicles or practicing their aim with guns. Usually they just say, "Hi."

But, as Dana puts it, "There may be a guy out there without any intention of anything. Then the opportunity presents itself, you know? And that makes me nervous. I'm uncomfortable with that. I don't get off unless...I really almost never get off."

I assumed, hearing this, that gentle Captain would never buck her off.

"Oh, he would," she says cheerfully. "He has. A couple of times. If I ever fall off, or he throws me, he waits for me. I just get back on. And sometimes there are really steep hills, and I let him go. I get off and I let him go ahead of me. He waits for me at the top."

This is not, Diane Wilson has told me, what you'd normally expect from a

horse. It's more likely that the horse would gallop back home and let you do the same.

But once, Dana says, she and Captain came to a very steep, very long hill, "and I let him go, and he was just chugging along going up that hill, and I wasn't doing as well, and pretty soon he was so far ahead of me I could barely see him, so I called, 'Captain! Captain! Wait for me!'"

Captain, who is standing untied in the cross-ties about ten feet away from us, thinks Dana's calling to him right now and he lifts his head. He starts to walk over, but Dana stops him, telling him gently to back up, back up.

"Anyway," she continues, "he stopped. He swung his head around like that and looked at me, and I said, 'Captain, wait for me,' and he came back to help." Dana told him he had to slow down, and he did, and they ascended side by side.

At 27, Captain is nearing the end of his life. Dana has owned him for 12 years, and she's afraid of what will happen to Captain if she dies before him. "I actually have a small insurance policy," she says, to pay for his care.

Dana has stopped riding bareback on the trails, partly because she doesn't want to fall off beside a rattlesnake and partly because Captain's back has dipped with age and become less comfortable. When she rides, she's enjoying the rocky, scrubby, open air between San Marcos and Fallbrook, but mostly she's enjoying Captain.

"I realized just last year," she says, "that I'm doing what I always wanted to do as a child back in Pennsylvania. We had places to play then — it wasn't like tract homes. We could go out, there was a wood that we could play in, and we used to find all kinds of things to do." When she followed the paths, she used to think about horses, about how nice it would be to ride along on one, high above earth and grass, just you and a swaying animal.

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The trouble is that Sami's manners aren't always nice when she's showing Western Pleasure. Lovey, the three-year-old horse on whom Diane won her buckle and a giant multicolored ribbon last year, has a naturally good work ethic. Lovey's a professional. Lovey doesn't want to mess up. Lovey is as moldable as a piece of clay. Lovey, Lovey, Lovey. She's the good sister, the one who never talks

back. Sami, who is eight years old and should know better, is defiant. She argues, with her back, feet, and head, about every step. Diane has told me before that Sami acts up when she's going in a monotonous Western Pleasure circle because she's smart enough to be bored.

On this particular Wednesday, when even the horses know a show is coming, Diane can only make Sami suck in her stomach and change her gait by spurring her, yanking on the bit, and, in general, making Sami so angry that she says, in effect, "FINE. I'LL JUST DO IT."

This is a problem for three reasons. First, Diane hates to ride that way. "I like my horse," Diane says, "and it's hard for me to be mean to her."

Second, there's the

upcoming show. Should Diane, Kearra, or Darlene ride against national champions on a horse whose manner could make Rancho Borrego Montana — and its riders — look bad?

And third, there's the question of Sami's ultimate future. If Sami is purely a horse on whom to make Diane's reputation and the reputation of Darlene's ranch, she should be sold. She should be a trail horse. As a woman in the business once told Diane, "Don't fall in love with a show horse, because you're always trading up."

For Diane, of course, it's too late. When her old mare, China Doll, gave birth to Sami, Diane was there immediately to do what's called imprinting, to touch every inch of Sami's body: the hooves that would one

day wear shoes, the mouth that would hold a bit, the head that would wear a halter, the mane that would feel a brush. She touched Sami's legs, her flanks, her nose, her ears. When China Doll sickened three days after the birth, she was diagnosed — in the strangest possible coincidence — with the same complication that had nearly killed Diane after the birth of her only daughter: a ruptured uterus. Diane subsequently hand-fed Sami four or five times a day for months.

Like Darlene and the other women I spoke to, Diane talks about horses the way mothers talk about children. You don't sell your child because she does badly in school or because she doesn't mind you or because she's not going to make the Olympic track team.

"She's gonna live 20 more years," Diane says. "What am I going to do? Throw her away?"

"Maybe I'm anthropomorphizing her, but when I pull up in my car, she nickers at me. She recognizes me coming. It has to mean she's excited to see me, that she thinks we're going to do something fun. When we ride on the trails, we have a good time. So what am I going to say, 'You're not class A enough for me'? Physically, it's hard for her to do the kinds of moves we're asking. If I spur her and annoy her with the whip, if I dig dig dig, jerk jerk jerk at every step, she can do it. We have to get really mad at each other to do it. It's like I have to say, 'I'm not going to take any shit from you, bitch!' and I don't like the mastery stuff."

If Diane were rich, she could keep Sami at Darlene's stable and ride another horse in competition, thereby winning ribbons and esteem for her best friend.

"You need to ride Lovey to be competitive," Darlene says.

"I can't afford two horses," Diane says.

Darlene says she doesn't have to. She can just keep Sami at the stable and compete on Darlene's horse, Lovey. "It's worth it to keep you here," Darlene says.

But it's not worth it, Diane thinks. It's too expensive for Darlene.

"Sometimes," Diane tells me, "I just want to be Darlene's groom. Just saddle the horses, groom the horses, take care of them, and not show. I tell Darlene, 'I'll just take care of the horses for you,' and she says, 'I have

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Thursday, January 25. The Fairplex, the horses, the tack, the snow on Mount Baldy. Country music on a bad radio. It's the morning of the first day so no one's tired yet, but they will be. By midafternoon it will seem like we've all been here forever, that the world consists only of horses, riders, trainers, cold air, and scores between 58½ and 72½.

Diane is here, in chaps, in hair goo and mascara, but on new terms. Six days ago, she decided to scratch the Western Pleasure classes that Sami hates (money lost: \$40) and to ride in the trail classes that Sami likes (money risked: \$40) and then, for the foreseeable future, not to show horses anymore.

She wrote the news to Darlene in a letter, and after she wrote it, she went to work on her novel, the one about horses in the great Boston fire, and she felt so good about her decision that she wrote the best chapter she's written in weeks.

When she gave the letter to Darlene the next day, Lesson Day, Darlene accepted it stone-faced. Diane cleaned out the horse trailer for five hours. Then she climbed on Sami and rode around a little bit, while Darlene, busy with other clients, ignored her. Not the best day they ever had, but they got through it.

Now, in the heavy shade of the arena, Diane holds a map of the trail course. It's too early in the morning for a piece of lucky cake. She's had the map just long enough to lip-read it a dozen times, repeating the directions into the middle distance like spelling words.

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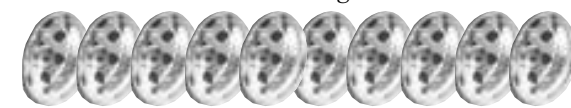
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three-quarter turn left. The judge keeps a brisk pace, telling the riders what she's looking for. *Walk over, walk over, walk over, walk over, and trot.*

Diane isn't a 43-year-old sweater-wearing novelist right now. She's not a vegetarian with a child, a husband, a house, a pool. She

holds the map, keeps up with the judge, and unlike the other riders — seven women and one man — who simply trace the course on their two legs and call out occasional questions, she becomes the horse. She enters the jog house at a trot, jumps over the low fence, lopes out of the box, walks

over the chevrons, and trots to the serpentine. She could be back on the playground, the jump rope in her teeth. She could be eight again, so great is her concentration. *Trot, lope, walk, trot. Trot, lope, walk, trot.*

When it's time for Diane to ride, her lips don't move. She doesn't smile.

She leads Sami into the jog house. The best part has already happened, the part where you put your foot in the stirrup and ease yourself down in the saddle, where you feel, without question, you belong. She leads Sami over the low fence, into the box. Diane remembers the directions,

and Sami, who likes trail courses, follows her cues. But Sami biffs the walkover, nicks it with her hoof, makes a dull ringing sound. A penalty of at least two points. Some racehorses run by the arena just as Sami's trotting to the serpentine, which makes Sami turn to smell and see them.

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in the corrals of the Portigals' ranch, Volantis stands waiting, eating, sniffing, unbridled. Joanne has begun training him again, and though he is still a bad boy in need of clock-cleaning and ass-kicking, when Joanne eased herself onto his back a week ago, he didn't buck. He went forward when she said to go forward and he stopped when she asked him to stop. He's waiting now, among the oaks, for her voice, perhaps, for the creak of leather, for the weight of a person, but there's no audience, no grandstand, nothing but crows in the air overhead.

At the far end of the Fairplex arena, in a narrow place called the chute, Diane and Sami stand momentarily still. Through most of the course, under a high metal roof, the shade is dense. The riders look cold, dejected, almost plodding. But now the light is behind Sami, turning each strand of her tail, which flows to the ground, into filament. The morning sun tips the edges of Diane's hat, her hands on the reins, Sami's delicate, obedient head. They stand still, then back up. In that thin, pale corona of light, they look at ease once more, like something outside of competition, like something that has always been perfect, like beauty on a beast who has no need for transformation.

Epilogue

Darlene Hopkins has a full barn and a waiting list. In the fall of 2001, she won the trail horse futurity championship in Santa Barbara, beating Lou Roper by half a point.

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Kearra Markowich's horse, Baccarat, has suffered a leg injury and will never show again.

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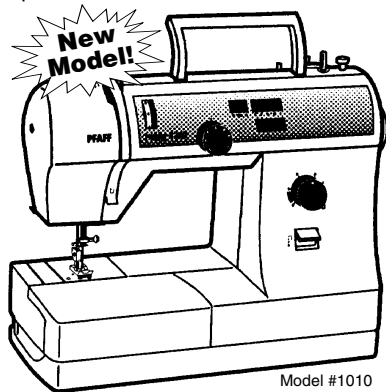
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i Sometimes she tried to tell herself she was not really married — but there was the ring. And after ten days there was a letter from Peter, long and impersonal, explaining about the insurance he had made over to her, about the allotment from his pay that would be sent to her each month, about the lawyer in San Diego she was to see if anything happened to him. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Constance Gorman, and a letter addressed similarly came each week after that, from her husband.

At first he spoke of having her come to Dayton, "when things get squared around a little," but she knew he didn't mean it, and before long he stopped making any references to their seeing each other again. "But why don't you go back there?" Charley asked her, puzzled. "If you love the guy, you ought to go back there, Connie." Not jealous, not judging her or reproaching her, only wanting to know why. She couldn't answer him. She couldn't bear Charley now.

Outwardly her situation was no different from that of other service wives whose husbands were away, and soon it was no different from her mother's, when Charley was drafted. The night Charley left she felt close to her mother for the first time in years. They had a long cry together, and, although she could not bring herself to tell what had happened between her and Peter, she could listen to her mother talking about Charley and sympathize, and pity her, almost enviously. She decided to give up her apartment and move back to her mother's house.

And then, near the end of April, Marya announced that she would be leaving the first of the month to take a job in Phoenix.

"Have to start watching my lungs," she said to Con. "I'd always thought if you took in enough smoke and enough of this La Jolla fog you'd kill off the bugs. But the doc says I'd better head for Arizona." Marya had not been looking well for a long time. The smooth bronze figurine of a woman had become sallowly tan and thin and middle-aged. "Besides," Marya said more seriously, "this is getting to be a real war town. Everybody's doing something for the war effort, but what can an old soak like me do? I get to feeling I'm not good for much. It's true, but I don't like to feel that way."

"You're doing as much as I am," Con said.

"No, honey. You're making a captain happy, and you'll be passing out doughnuts and entertaining ensigns with the Junior League gals after you get settled a little. But no



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captain's going to marry me, and I wouldn't be doing any ensigns a good turn letting them dance with me. I guess I'd better get myself over to Phoenix. You write me once in a while, won't you, honey?" Marya looked at her almost appealingly.

"Of course I'll write," Con said.

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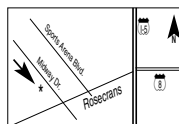
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"No, you won't," Marya said. "Well, you got all you could from me, haven't you, honey? You're young and I'm getting on. You've got most of the thrills ahead, and I've left mine behind. You're getting better at this racket all the time and I'm..."

"Oh, stop it!"

"Sure. Nobody likes to listen to an old beat-up Marya feeling sorry for herself, do they?"

Con smiled at her, hoping that Marya would quit being maudlin and, a little guiltily, that she would hurry up and leave. "I appreciate everything you've done for me," she said lightly.

The lines in Marya's face deepened, like scars. "I didn't do much," she said. "I guess nobody did, so it's not your fault. But if it's a rock now, kid, what's it going to be when you get to be my age?"

"What?"

"Just try to have a heart, honey," Marya whispered. "It never hurt anybody to have one." There were tears in her eyes, the first time Con had ever seen them there.

After that Marya never spoke personally to her again, though they saw each other every day at the shop, where Con was helping now and getting ready to take over Marya's job. At the end of Marya's last day Marya just said, "So long, kid. Good luck," patted Con's hand, and was gone. Con didn't miss her. She had grown very tired of Marya and before long had all but forgotten her. All there was to remind her were two loose-leaf notebooks full of Marya's thin, angular, stylized sketches.

Now she was right back where she had started, working for her mother, living at home, waiting. There seemed nothing palpable to fight against, and now there was the guilty fear that Peter had seen that she did not want him that night in San Francisco — and so the guilt of receiving Peter's allotment check each month. Once she found the courage to write Peter and ask what had happened that night. What had she done? But it was a question he didn't answer, and she realized it was never going to be answered for her.

She had a husband, a wedding ring, money; she had thought that all the old

fears and the old vague compulsions would be destroyed. But they were not destroyed, and guilt had been added, and now she could see no way out.

One noon she met Betty on the street in La Jolla. Betty waved and hurried toward her, carrying an armload of packages; round breasted, round hipped, but still somehow petite in a shabby spring coat and low-heeled brown and white shoes. She colored and talked rapidly about how surprised and happy she and Hickey had been to hear about Con and Peter, and reluctantly Con accompanied her into a bar near her mother's shop.

They seated themselves in a booth, and immediately Betty asked, "When are you going to Dayton, Con?"

"I don't know," Con said. "He doesn't know how long he'll be there." The waiter approached, in a short white jacket; she ordered an Alexander and Betty said she would have one too.

"Con," Betty said when the waiter had gone, "were you mad at me about something? I know I was an awful mess coming back from Yuma. I'm sorry."

Con shook her head. How long ago that trip from Yuma seemed! "Of course not," she said. "I kept meaning to call you, but I was awfully busy after I got back." And she added, "You should have been mad at me."

"Oh no!" Betty protested.

"Betty, how is Joe?"

"We haven't seen much of him. He's got a better job."

"Is he —"

"I don't think he's interested in anyone. Hickey says he's dating lots of different girls." Betty carefully arranged the packages in a pile beside her. "Hickey says he thinks they'll be drafted pretty soon."

"Oh," Con said.

The waiter brought the two Alexanders.

"It tastes just like a chocolate malt!" Betty exclaimed, and Con was struck by her naïveté. But of course Betty was naïve — a San Diego girl, just as she, Con, was a San Diego girl. But Betty was obviously unsophisticated; there was no pretense — or ambition — in her. Betty was sentimental, as Marya had

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been sentimental. She had disliked it in Marya, but now she felt a craving for it, as for candy. She needed Betty's sympathy. "Have a heart, honey," Marya had said to her. "It never hurt anybody to have one," and miserably she remembered that she had never had a heart when Betty had needed her sympathy.

Betty touched her hand, looking directly at her with round liquid eyes. There was a brown line of foam on her upper lip. "Con, are you happy?"

Slowly she shook her head.

"Oh, Con! What's the matter?"

"I don't know. It was just all wrong."

"Is it *that*? Is it when you do *that*?"

"We never did." She paused to take a cigarette from her purse. "He just left," she said, suddenly wanting to tell it all to Betty, even

though Betty could never understand, only sympathize. But she only said, "I know I couldn't have anyway."

"But wasn't it all right with —"

She nodded. "Oh, Con!"

"Bett, don't say anything. To anybody."

"Oh, I wouldn't! Con, why is it? Why does it have to be that way? Then it's better, isn't it, that he's gone, instead of — are you going to get a divorce?"

"I don't know." She was crying, and she got out her handkerchief. "I don't know what to do!" she said. "What can I do? Just stay here and go out of my mind. Just stay here till I — I die or — oh, I don't know." She wiped her eyes. She stubbed out her cigarette and immediately lit another.

"What did Peter's grandmother say?"

"I haven't been to see

her." "Shouldn't you? Oh, Con, you have to!"

Betty's hand touched hers, but she withdrew it. "I know," she said tightly. "I have to, don't I? Damn it, I have to! Oh, damn it!"

ii That night she was let into Mrs. Gorman's house by the maid. Mrs. Gorman was sitting on the couch between the two front windows. On the table beside her was a book and a lamp with a square metal shade that cast yellow light over her lap and folded hands. The shadows of her face shifted as she moved slightly. "Would you like coffee?" Mrs. Gorman asked.

"Yes. Thank you." Con took a step toward her, then hesitated, remembering the face full of hate behind Peter in the doorway. No emotion showed in that face now.

"Won't you take that

chair?" Mrs. Gorman said. Con nodded, dropped her handbag beside the chair, and sat down. The maid wheeled in a tea cart on which was a silver coffee service. Mrs. Gorman bent stiffly to pour. "What lovely coffee things," Con said.

"Will you take sugar and cream?"

"No, thank you. Black." She took the cup and saucer. Mrs. Gorman passed her and settled back in her chair. She drank her coffee. She said, "I'm sorry I didn't come for so long." She paused, then said frankly, "I was afraid. I know you don't like me."

"Do you know you look very much like your sister?" Mrs. Gorman asked.

"Did you — did you know Charlotte?"

"I remember seeing her drive past with different young men."

She made herself meet Mrs. Gorman's cold stare.

"Is Peter well?" Mrs. Gorman said. "He hasn't written me since he sent the telegram."

"Oh," Con whispered. "Oh, I'm sorry."

"Is he still in Ohio?"

"Yes. In Dayton." She looked down at her cup. The dregs of the coffee slopped gently from side to side. "He doesn't know how long he'll be there," she explained. "As soon as things get squared around a little I'm to — go to —" She raised her head again. "I don't know why he hasn't written you. You should be very proud of Peter, Mrs. Gorman."

"Should I? For shooting down German airplanes? Or for having married Constance Robinson?"

"For being a person everyone looks up to."

"He's like his father," Mrs. Gorman said.

Con leaned forward and replaced her cup on the tea cart. "I'm sorry it was this way. We were very foolish to be married in such a hurry, but it seemed — oh, we didn't think!"

The old cold eyes moved away. The hands remained motionless in the black lap.

"Isn't there any way I can make it all right?" Con continued. "I know we've hurt you, but we didn't mean to."

"Where will you live?" Mrs. Gorman asked. "I don't know." "Will you have children?"

"I don't know," Con whispered. "Yes. Of course." "I advise you not to. They only mean unhappiness."

"Oh, please!"

"Are you and Peter happy?"

"Yes! Of course we are! We want you to be happy for us." She could feel the tears starting. "We are!" she cried.

"I'm sure you are."

"Oh," she whispered, "can't you forgive me — us? Don't hate me —" And then she caught herself and said, "Because I won't hate you back. I'll just be sorry."

She rose as Mrs. Gorman did. "You'll have to pardon me," Mrs. Gorman said. She started for the stairs. Con moved to help her, taking an arm that felt so frail and soft that the flesh might have been only a loose padding inside the black sleeve.

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the banister. Con stood beside the newel post at the bottom, helplessly watching her go.

iii Early in the summer Charley was transferred to Camp Callan, just north of San Diego. He came home on a warm Saturday evening, dashing up the front steps and calling her mother's name; they ran into each other's arms on the porch. Charley swung her mother up off her feet while Con waited behind them in the doorway, watching Charley kissing her mother and laughing, the pressure of his arms pulling up her mother's skirt to reveal the plump backs of her knees. Charley stumbled over his

canvas bag as he hurried to include Con in his embrace. He released her quickly, flushed now under his tan, thinner, looking more like a brother than a stepfather. Con retreated as he turned to hug her mother again. She could see the sweat on his face. She had smelled it when he had kissed her. She stared at the two chevrons on his sleeve, at his matted hair where his cap had rested, at the thick dark hand gripping her mother's shoulder. They were whispering to each other, her mother saying, "They won't send you somewhere else right away, will they? Will they, Charles? They won't send you somewhere else, will they, darling?" Con moved back uncer-

tainly to the living room. She thought she should make Charley a highball and hurried into the kitchen. As she was washing the ice cubes loose from the tray she splashed water in dark spots down the front of her slacks. "Damn it," she whispered. "Damn it, damn it!" She forced herself to return to the living room, where her mother and Charley were sitting on the couch with their arms around each other. Her mother was making a crying-laughing sound, and Charley had lipstick smeared over his mouth. "Thanks," he said as Con handed him his drink. His hand brushed hers and a little of the drink spilled on his knee. "Say, Connie,

you're looking fine," he said. "You're looking like what the dogfaces dream about." He laughed, and squeezed her mother again. "Aren't you proud you've raised a daughter that can make slacks look like they do in store windows?" "I don't know what I would have done without her since you and Marya have been gone," her mother said. "Oh, Charles, are you really home? And a corporal now! Why didn't you write me they'd made you a corporal?" "Just got them," Charley said proudly, patting the stripes. Con sat down in the chair by the radio, bracing one leg up on the wide wooden arm. She prodded

at her calf, which felt hard and knotted, trying not to watch her mother and Charley. "What do you hear from Peter, Connie?" Charley finally asked. "He's going to be a major pretty soon, he thinks." She still didn't look at them. "Did mother write you that I went to see his grandmother?" "No." "We had a lovely time. She told me I looked like Charlotte." She could feel the silence. She kneaded the calf of her leg. Her mother said apologetically, "She's been working awfully hard in the shop. Really, she's been taking

Marya's place. And two nights a week she and the other Junior Leaguers go over to a club they have in Coronado for servicemen." "For officers," Con said. "It's one of those Navy arrangements. They wouldn't allow any of us fragile Junior Leaguers to dance with ordinary sailors." *What was the matter with her?* She had to stop feeling like this. "It's good to have you back, Charley," she said quickly. "We've missed you." "You are back, aren't you?" her mother said. "You really are. Oh, darling, don't let them send you away again!" "I'll be around for a long time," Charley said in the hearty voice. "I'll tell

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you what — let's all go out to dinner tonight. Someplace where there's dancing and a floor show. The three of us."

"Yes, dear, we want you to come," her mother said. "Please do. Wear the new red dress."

"That's a good idea," Con said. "If I wear red I won't feel so much like a widow everybody has to take care of."

She went with them that night, but she knew how they must look — as though she were Charley's

wife and her mother his mother-in-law. She hated sitting alone at the table, watching them dance cheek to cheek, Charley's hand sliding up and down her mother's back. But worse was dancing with Charley herself, when Charley's hand touched her back, when Charley's leg bumped hers, the smell of him that seemed ingrained in his heavy uniform. On the following weekends when he came home and wanted to go out somewhere, she always refused to accompany them.

She began to accept dates with the officers she met at the club in Coronado, firmly telling herself there was no reason why she shouldn't. Not only was it obvious that Peter cared nothing for her, but many of the other Junior Leaguers whose husbands were away had occasional dates. Everyone knew it was perfectly innocent. She assured herself this was true, but she knew it was only shallowly true, and Charley's disapproval came to be almost as her own conscience, which

she must flout and bruise, as though by perversely concentrating on this one small guilt she could evade the other.

And when, in August, Phil Gardener returned to San Diego, she agreed to go dancing at the Hotel del Coronado with him and some friends of his. He was only an ensign, and she had gone out with majors and lieutenant commanders. Although he looked huge in his blues, his face was untanned and his sallowness made his nose seem

too large, his glasses very thick. His friends, two j.g.s and their dates, were uninteresting, talking about Rommel and about the Marines landing on Guadalcanal.

She sat beside Phil at the table on the edge of the dance floor, gazing at the slowly revolving mass of uniforms and bright summer formals, watching each face as it passed. "Well, this is the start of it," one of the j.g.s was saying. "We're moving up now. We've got those little yellow bastards on the run now. Right on up. The

Solomons, New Guinea, the Philippines — what's next?"

"Formosa, I guess," the other said.

"Formosa, then Japan..."

Con could feel Phil's steady gaze. She moved her shoulders uneasily, watching the faces of the dancers. The bandleader had his violin in one hand, the bow in the other, and when he beat time to the music sweaty spots showed under his arms.

"Looking for Joe?" Phil said.

"I'm not looking for



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Robert: I was living in El Cajon and Kim was in Encinitas, so we agreed to meet at UTC, in front of Carlos Murphy's. Neither of us knew that the place had closed down. I got there 20 minutes late and there she was, standing outside a dark restaurant. I ran up to her and hugged her and said, "I'm sorry!"

Kim: We tried to drive to another

restaurant, but his car died again. So we walked over to Sears to get some battery cables. I couldn't believe how easy it was to talk to Robert. There were no awkward silences.

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Robert: On our second date I brought along my two daughters, and one of them got sick and started throwing up in the restaurant. Kim was incredible. She was right there, helping me deal with it.

Kim: We got engaged on July 8, five months after we met. Robert got down on his knee and proposed next to the Whaley House in Old Town. We're getting married next

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anybody.”
“He’s not here. I’ve been watching too.”
Phil asked her to dance, and they began the hemmed-in, bumping progress around the floor. She shrank from the heavy pressure of his arm around her.
“Well,” he said, “I never thought I’d come back to find you married. Where is the good captain?”
“In Dayton. He’s test-flying some new fighter

planes they’re building. It’s very dangerous work.”
“Yes,” Phil said. “More dangerous than opening doors and sharpening pencils for an admiral, you mean. You seem to have mastered the snide remark since I saw you last.” Then he said, “Pretty proud of your husband, are you? Are you very much in love, Connie?”
“Yes,” she said. “Very much in love.”
“It must be quite an experience, being married

to him.”
“Yes.”
“It’s what you might call a situation — a situation that certainly hadn’t occurred to me. You and Peter and Joe Bailey —” Suddenly he laughed. “Although I suppose Joe grew out of it. But if you’re really so much in love with Peter you’d better quit looking for Joe. I already told you he isn’t here.”
She didn’t answer. He was jealous, she thought,

jealous not only of Peter but of Joe. It gave her a comfortable feeling of control, of a kind of reserve strength.
After they left the hotel he asked her to come out to his apartment for a nightcap. He still had the place in La Jolla, he said, and he would like her to see it. She didn’t reply immediately; they were passing Consolidated now, the endless low buildings along the highway brightly lighted and busy. The receiving depart-

ment was in the last building, and she turned her head to watch it as the convertible sped by, the wind whipping at her hair under her scarf. She was surprised to find she wasn’t frightened at the thought of going to Phil’s. She said she would go.
His apartment was the second story of a house perched on the edge of a cliff a half mile or so beyond the La Jolla cove. He followed her up the outside

stairway and into a large room with indirect lighting and paneling of dark wood. Opposite her was a solid, slanting wall of windows, black now, and facing the windows was a massive red couch.
“Do you like Wagner?” Phil asked.
She said she did and sat down on the red couch, tucking her legs under her. She set the drink Phil brought her on the carved Chinese bench that served

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as a coffee table. He put records on the player. The music began quietly.

Her scotch and soda had a pleasant smoky-sour taste. She smiled at Phil as he sat down on one of the yellow chairs that faced her obliquely. She still felt at ease and in control, in spite of Marya's warnings, and it occurred to her that Marya might have had an affair with him, that he might even have been the man with whom Marya had gone to Palm Springs that time. She almost giggled. "Have you ever been to Palm Springs?" she asked, and when he told her he hadn't she felt disappointed. To change the subject she said, "I'm so sorry you couldn't have seen Peter while he was here."

"I seem to be missing quite a few connections," Phil said. "Yes, I'm so sorry

too." The light glinted off his glasses as he stared at her. The silence that followed seemed ominous, the darkness outside the slanting windows oppressive. She rubbed a hand over her bare arm, suddenly measuring the distance between them and then thinking of Joe, thinking of Phil attacking her and Joe defending her. It came to her vividly, the picture of Phil and Joe struggling.

She said to Phil, "You've never forgiven me for late-dating on you that night, have you? But if you hadn't been so sneaky you wouldn't have known."

She held her breath for a moment, but he seemed not to have heard. The music crashed to a climax, a record dropped with a small clatter, the music began again.

At last he said, "I'm sneaky because I like to know

things. Why don't you tell me about yourself? Tell me —"

"Oh, I'd rather be mysterious," she interrupted. "Tell me about you. What is it an admiral's aide does?"

"Tell me about your sister," he said impatiently.

She got a cigarette from the red lacquer box on the bench and slowly tamped and lit it. "I hardly remember her. I wouldn't think you'd be interested in gossip that old."

She caught once more the baleful look he had given her at the housewarming, his lips twisting, his eyes seeming to swell at her from behind his glasses. Then he swiveled around to gaze out the window. "What about the man?" he said. "Did they ever find out? Was it Henry Reeves?"

"I don't know anything about it," she said. "By the

way, there seems to be quite a bit of gossip going around about you too."

"Who was the man, Connie? Did your family ever find out? Was it someone at USC?"

"I'm sure I don't know." "Who was the father?" he whispered.

"I told you I don't know. You're very rude."

"It's just because I want to know things, Connie."

"I don't want to talk about Charlotte," she said. "Because of what she did I couldn't go away to college. I couldn't do anything but stay in San Diego. I had to take all the lectures nobody'd given her. I had to suffer for —"

"Did you suffer terribly, Connie?"

She flushed and quickly rose. She snatched up her coat and hurried out of the apartment ahead of him;

but on the outside stairs she had to stop and swing around to watch the lighted aperture of the doorway. The light went out, and Phil loomed in the opening, dark and huge, with only the V of the front of his shirt and the cover of his cap showing faintly white. She raised her hand to cover her mouth as he came down toward her, but he halted, without touching her, and silently waited until she went down the stairs ahead of him and got into the car.

But when he stopped the car before her mother's house he tried to make love to her, smoothly at first, but as she resisted, more roughly, until she became almost hysterical, fighting him off. He drew back, still holding her wrists. "Goddam you," he said hoarsely. She pulled her wrists free, but her face was caught between his two

hands and jerked close to his face, his heavy hands bruising and twisting the flesh of her cheeks. "You damned little teaser!" he whispered. "You damned little worthless cheat! You're liked your damned bitch cheat teaser of a sister except that you're still an adolescent!"

He cursed her, the words hard and coarse and hurting her like the pain of his fingers twisting her face. She had to scream, she thought, but she didn't scream. She made no sound, not even fighting him any longer. But abruptly she was released.

"Get out!" Phil said, and she jumped out of the car and fled halfway up the steps, turning then, as before, to watch his headlights sweep up the hill and swing around and then come back down, swiftly, the red dots of his tail-

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lights winking out around the corner at the bottom of the hill. She sank down on the cold step, gasping for breath.

What had she done? What was it about her that everyone knew — that Phil knew, that Peter's grandmother had seemed to know, that Charley must know? What was wrong with her? "You're good," Joe had said. He had said it because she had begged him to. Had Joe seen it in her too, whatever it was? Was it the reason Peter had left her, something leprous she could not recognize in herself but that others could, that had also been in Charlotte, whom

she could hardly remember? "What is it?" she whispered, feeling the old horror growing and swelling in her as she sobbed dryly into the cool night air. Joe's car should be coming up the hill now; Joe should be coming to hold her back, to save her, to tell her she was good. She stared, straining her body forward, at the dark street below her, but no headlights appeared. Slowly she turned her head to gaze at the darkness above Point Loma, where the stars were bright and large, and waited — then swung back again. But the lights did not come, and with a sudden, decisive movement she rose

and went into the house, switched on the light above the telephone, and paged through the phone book.

Bailey, Joseph M.; the address was the same, the phone number the same. The receiver felt cold and hard against her ear as she dialed. She held her breath as she listened to the ringing; she sucked it in as there was a click, and Joe's sleepy voice said, "Hello?" She stared into the black curved shape of the mouthpiece. "Hello?" Joe said. She replaced the phone and ran to the front door. She ran down the steps as she had run up them, got into her car, and backed it out into the street with a

sweeping rush.

Driving toward Joe's, she felt calmer; clearly now she saw that she was going to the only chance at happiness she had ever had — slowing at last, turning, and in second gear climbing to the top of the hill, where, around the corner, second house down, Joe was.

She moved carefully down the slanting cement walk in the darkness and knocked on the door. Then she opened it and felt for the light switch. Light filled the room. Joe was sitting up in the bed in a blue pajama top, his hand still fumbling at the lamp beside the bed.

She turned off the ceiling light, still hesitating outside the door, but the lamp had come on, throwing a bright circle over the bed. Joe ran his hand through his hair. "What the hell?" he said.

She stumbled as she stepped across the threshold. Her calmness was gone now, and she knew that her strength was almost gone. "Joe," she pleaded. "Joe, you've got to help me."

He stared at her with his lips slightly parted as she went to him.

iv She lay there in the darkness beside Joe, fascinated at the simplicity of it all.

She moved her foot to touch Joe's ankle, assuring herself of his presence, then reached for the lamp; the switch flipped, the darkness was gone, and everything resumed its reassuringly solid and ordinary shape. "What's the matter?" Joe asked, as she turned off the light again and stretched and lay relaxed beside him, staring up into the darkness she could drive away by the slightest pressure on a switch.

"Joe," she said, "have you ever been to Palm Springs?"

"No, I've never been there."

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"Yes!" She pressed herself against him, her face on his chest, her fingers digging into his arm. "Just go without even thinking about it. I'm tired of thinking about things. Right now."

"I'm tired of thinking about things too!" he burst out. "Do you think I haven't stayed awake half of every night since you and Peter got married, trying to figure it out? And now you come smack me in the eye with it!"

"Don't!" she said and shook her head. She wondered why she had thought of Palm Springs, and why she wanted to go so intensely.

"You have to take me —" she began.

"All right," Joe said in a quiet voice. He sat up, and she held her breath as he fumbled at the lamp. The light came on, making everything bright, and she sighed. He was going to take her. He got up and began to dress, and she was grateful that he did not argue or make her try to explain. When he sat down on the edge of the bed to put on his socks and shoes she leaned her head against his back, feeling the hard shape of his spine beneath his shirt.

"You're sure this is what you want to do?" he said.

"Yes, darling." She put her arms around his waist and drew him back, but he disengaged himself and went to the closet. Hangers rattled together as he sorted through the clothes that hung there.

"It's not enough that you bust in here and rape me," he said, his back to her. "You've got to carry me off

to some unlikely place and make me lose my job and..."

She laughed. She watched him as he pulled on a pair of trousers, the trousers of the suit he had worn the time she had met him at the Hotel del Coronado. It was just like that other time, she told herself. Except that she was married and that they were going to Palm Springs. On a kind of a honeymoon.

"I've never had a honeymoon," she said, sitting up in bed. "I'm a virgin bride." She looked down at her breasts, which slumped roundly, the nipples soft and pink. "Quiet to quick bosoms is a hell," Peter had said to her once.

"There's never been anyone but you, Joe," she said. "I'll tell you all about it when we get to Palm Springs."

She had thought he would be happy at what she'd just said, but he only gave her a sharp questioning look and turned away

again. "You don't have to tell me anything," he said. "I thought we were going to Palm Springs so we wouldn't have to think about it."

"I have to tell somebody," She stretched. As she moved her hand to push back the covers her ring threw off intense rays of blue and white. She wondered if she should remove the ring. But she decided to leave it on, because in the hotel in Palm Springs she would be Mrs. Joseph Bailey.

"I thought you wanted to go right away," Joe said. He brought an old brown suitcase out of the closet.

She got out of bed, stepped into her pantie-girdle, and wiggled it up on her hips. "Haven't you got a better-looking suitcase than that?"

"No. I haven't been going to Palm Springs much lately."

"I didn't mean it like that. Don't be that way, Joe. Please, let's —"

"Sorry," he said. "I guess

I'm not in an exactly peaceful state of mind. I've just cuckolded my friend, and now I'm going off to really do it in style." He swung toward her as she flexed her shoulders to fasten her brassiere; his face was twisted and strained. "You know what I'd do for you," he said. "But how can I do this to Pete?" He stared at her. "But maybe I'm doing this for him too. Maybe that's it. Is that supposed to be it?"

"What?" she asked. "I don't know what — Joe, I'm not really Peter's wife. I'm not really his wife at all."

He didn't reply, moving over to the dresser. He started to pull the drawers open, then halted and leaned forward to gaze at himself in the mirror. She could see his lips moving. Finally he began to run a comb through his tousled hair.

"We can take my car," she said. "If you want to."


"I want to take mine."

As she dressed and Joe packed his suitcase, she

looked around the concrete-walled room. It had not changed much. The same pictures were around the mirror, their edges a little curled now. The old photograph of her still stood on the dresser, the big University of California diploma still hung on the wall. Between the bathroom and closet doors now was a Daurier print of some people sitting in a carriage. There were quite a few more books on the desk: *Madame Bovary*, *Nana*, a thick one with gold lettering — *The Wealth of Nations*. A stack of *Time* magazines hid the other titles; and on the cover of the top one was the face of a bald, smiling, heavy-lidded Japanese against a red background.

Joe was strapping his suitcase closed. His face was flushed as he got to his feet, and suddenly he said, "But what am I supposed to think of myself for doing this, Con? What am I supposed to think of you? What the

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hell are we doing anyway?"

She took a step back and leaned against his desk.

"If I hadn't been a dirty sneaky bastard I wouldn't have even known what was wrong," Joe said. "If I didn't —"

"Stop it!" She didn't understand what he was saying, and she was almost crying, because he was spoiling it. "If you're going to be like this we'd better just — not go. If you're going to spoil it —"

"Spoil it!" Joe raised his hands to his eyes and pulled his fingers down, hard, over his face. She began to cry, and he moved swiftly over to put his arms around her.

"Why did it have to happen to him?" he whispered. "And why did this have to happen to you? How can I make it up to you?" He pulled her close against him. "Take you to Palm Springs. All right. And I won't spoil it, Con."

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

"I know."

"But why won't you listen to me? Why won't you listen to me when I tell you Peter doesn't matter?"

"All right," Joe said quietly. "He doesn't matter. Now let's get going, Con. Maybe it'll be better when we get going."

"Just let me comb my

hair," she said.

He stood silently watching her as she went over to the dresser. She began to comb her hair, grimacing at her white-faced reflection as the comb caught the snarls in her hair that gleamed blue-black in the light from the lamp beside Joe's bed.

Joe waited in his car in front of her mother's house while she went in. She removed her shoes and tiptoed down the hall past her mother's bedroom, glad that Charley had not been able to get away from camp this weekend. In her bedroom she couldn't look at the photographs on her dresser —

at her father staring across at Peter's young emaciated face.

When she finished packing she found a piece of paper and her pen and wrote quickly: "Mother, I phoned Peter tonight. Couldn't stand it any longer. Thinks he can get away and meet me in LA. Maybe there a week or so if he can't get a ride out right away. Leaving right now on plane. Know you'll understand. Love, Constance."

She folded the note that contained the lie that had already shocked her and picked up her bag. She shook with the effort of moving slowly and quietly down the

hall. She laid the note in the middle of the living room rug and then ran down the steps to where Joe was waiting. "Hurry!" she cried as he thrust the gear lever into second and the car picked up speed, gliding down the hill in the darkness. "Hurry!" she said. "Hurry and get me out of San Diego!"

Soon she went to sleep, her head in Joe's lap, lulled by the rocking of the car and the creak of the front fender, broken on the Poway grade, that Joe had never had fixed. When she woke it was already light. They stopped for breakfast, then drove on through Hemet and Beaumont and Ban-

ning and over the San Geronio Pass, where the whole vista of the desert lay before them, purple and bright and breathtakingly flat in the sun, with abrupt shadows from the few clouds lying over the sagebrush, and the flatness extending off into more and more purple distance where purple mountains rose. The road wound along the edge of the foothills, and the air was hot and dry, increasingly hot with the sun glaring in through the windshield, until the metal of the window sill was too hot to touch.

In Palm Springs they stopped at the first hotel they came upon, a long

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Joe commented.

“Yes,” she said. “It’s going to be wonderful, isn’t it?”

Chapter 16

i They had come at the wrong season.

During the middle of the day it was almost unbear-

ably hot, and if they went outside, the dry, still heat almost took their breath away. Their window over-looked the swimming pool, and beyond the brilliant lawns and a row of palms the highway waved and shimmered. Their suite was

decorated in bright Mexican reds, yellows, and greens, but with the shades drawn against the sun it became dim and hushed, and the evenings were cool, the nights almost cold. In bed that first night she told him about Peter. The light was on, and they were both smoking, the ashtray between them on the rose-colored blanket. She could not control the shaking of her voice as she said, “He just walked out. He didn’t come back till the next day. Terribly drunk again and shouting ‘Orders’ and waving a telegram at me. Where had he gotten

it?”

She paused, trying to make herself be calm. “Then for a while he talked about having me come back to Dayton. But he’s stopped now. Now he doesn’t say anything about it.”

The reddish-brown hairs on Joe’s hand glistened as he flicked the ash from his cigarette. He was silent; he had hardly spoken all the time she’d been telling this.

“It was as though something terrible was wrong with me and he’d just found out,” she went on. “Joe, was it my fault? You have to tell me it wasn’t my fault!”

“It wasn’t,” he said. His eyes were looking past her as though Peter were there, on the other side of the bed.

“What is it?” she cried. She was shaking. Joe’s gaze came back, full of pity. He bent his arm that lay under her head, to press her face against his shoulder. “What is it?” she sobbed into his shoulder. “You know what’s wrong with me. What is it?”

“There’s nothing wrong with you. It wasn’t your fault.”

“But you know something. I can tell.”

“All I know is there’s nothing in this rotten world

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wrong with you.” He smoothed his hand over her hair. “I just can’t understand why Pete — why you two...” He stopped.

In the silence she shook her head as though it were incomprehensible — when she had blackjacked Peter into marrying her. She was afraid to tell Joe that, and she was afraid that Joe had come to see it anyway. She sobbed again, and he patted her, his hand making a soft, steady sound on her bare back.

“Do you know something?” she said, “I didn’t want to with him. I didn’t want to at all.”

“Didn’t you, Con?”

She glanced at him out of the corners of her eyes, but he wasn’t looking at her. “Joe, I’ve never really felt attracted that way to anybody but you.”

After a long time he said, “Me too, Con.”

“Oh, you liar,” she said and laughed a little.

“No, in a way it’s true. The basic urge aside, you don’t know all the tremendous, involved things you mean to me. Romantically of course, but socially and economically and —”

“Oh, I’m the romantic one.”

“No,” Joe said. “No, but we’re different kinds of people, do you know that, Con? Maybe we’re too —”

She said, “Are we?” studying his face. He did not go on. “I guess I don’t know you very well,” she said. “But I don’t know myself either.” She giggled suddenly. “Except I know you’re a man and I’m a woman. That difference is a nice one, isn’t it?”

Joe was silent, and she saw that he had put his hand over his eyes.

“What’s the matter, darling?”

“Nothing.”

“Sleepy?”

“Yes,” he said. “Sleepy.”

She couldn’t get him to talk anymore that night, even when she turned off the light and couldn’t sleep and knew he wasn’t sleeping either. She lay awake, thinking about him; this was adultery, in this \$16-a-day hotel room, with the wind a loud, continuous, exciting rattle in the palms outside their window. She turned over and pressed her face into the pillow, thinking that now she could divorce Peter — and think-

ing about marrying Joe.

In the morning she told him she had decided to get an annulment.

“Yes,” he said. “I think you should. He’ll let you have one without any trouble.”

She spent most of that morning writing letter after letter to Peter and tearing them up. She started with the idea that she should tell him she was, and had always been, in love with Joe, but she discarded that, and each letter she attempted was shorter than the last. The one she finally decided would do was the shortest and simplest of all; she said in it that she was going to have their marriage annulled and that she was sure he would understand.

In the mornings she would wake first, and her eyes would be dazzled by the waterfall of yellow light that slanted in the window. She would wake Joe, who would quickly sit up and demand to know the time.

“We decided it didn’t matter what time it was, didn’t we?”

“But is it too late? Is it too hot already?”

And she would laugh and say, “Don’t I always wake you in plenty of time?”

They usually went for a walk after breakfast, through the town, shopping. Joe bought a sport shirt to wear, a white one with black piping like a cowboy shirt, and Con bought two cotton sunback dresses. Late in the afternoons they would lie in the sun by the pool, diving in from time to time to cool off, and sometimes playing bridge with Dick and Norma Coolidge, the only young people they had met. There were not many guests at the hotel, and almost all the others were old couples who played bingo in the game room at night and croquet on the lawn in the late afternoon.

In the evenings they usually went to a bar in the center of town, which was very quiet until around ten o’clock; then more people would appear, very tan, in sport shirts and sunbacks and bare midriff dresses, and already very tight and gay. Joe would get up to go when they began arriving, and although Con wanted to stay and get to know some of them and eventually be included in their parties, he



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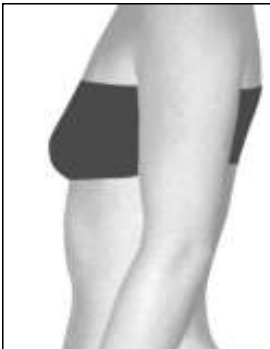


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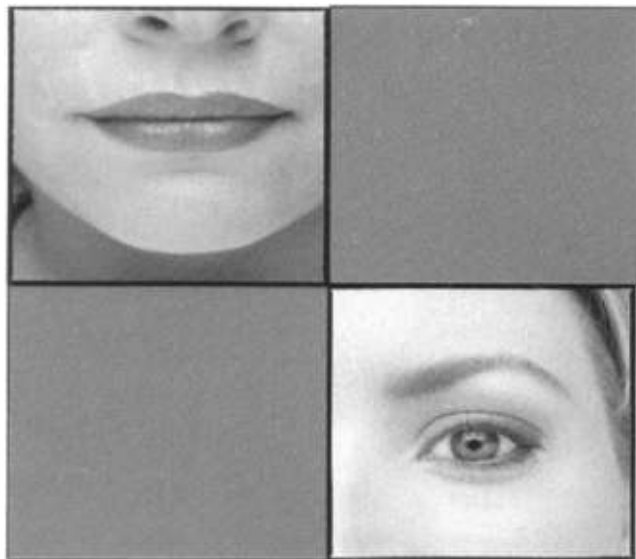
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never would. "I know enough jerks like that down at Consolidated," he said, and, when she protested, he said that these were just jerks with money.

"I don't see why we can't have a good time while we're here," Con said.

"I guess we have different ideas of a good time." They walked slowly away from the bar. But after a time Joe halted. "Well," he said, "we can go back there if you want to. We might as well."

"Let's just go home." She took his hand and pressed it. "I don't really want to know any of those people."

On Wednesday night there was a movie. It was *The Philadelphia Story*, which Con had seen almost a year before, but they went with the Coolidges. It was the first time they had seen Dick Coolidge in his Air Corps uniform. After the movie Norma Coolidge seemed unhappy and Joe was morose and sulky. Back in their room Con said, "Well, we didn't have much fun tonight, did we?"

Joe was hanging up his coat in the closet. He didn't answer.

"What was the matter with you?" she demanded angrily.

"I had the anti-jollies," he said. He sat down in the chair across the room from her.

"I want to have a good time while we're here. I don't want any anti-jollies. What was the matter with Norma?"

"Dick's getting shipped out."

"Oh!" She flushed. "I didn't know that. Did he tell you that?"

"I figured it out."

"Aren't you clever!"

"Probably not. I just happened to think about it and you didn't."

She looked down at her hands in her lap, angry at herself now, but angry at Joe too. She turned her wedding ring on her finger until the diamonds were hidden, then turned it back again. "Joe, what are you going to do? Are you just going to keep on working at Consolidated?"

"I doubt it."

"Wouldn't you like to go somewhere and get a job that was really interesting? Somewhere like —"

"There's not a hell of a lot I can do," Joe said coolly. "Anyway, it's nothing I'm going to need to worry about for a while."

"You're just going to stay in San Diego and plod along, aren't you?" The muscles hardened in his face; she had hurt him but she didn't care, envisioning the slow progression of little raises in pay and a little better jobs, until they were old. "Oh damn it," she said. "You are, aren't you?"

"I suppose so," Joe said.

It hadn't been a fight, but something had been lost. Even when they made up what hadn't been a fight, even when they made love with a kind of frantic effort to redefine something they had had in their first few days at Palm Springs, whatever it was was still lost, and as the days passed she felt it more and more strongly. She tried to hang on to the days, to draw them out and examine them carefully for what was missing now, to find it and recapture it and make the days good and full again. Joe said they had to go back on Sunday, and she could not bring herself to think beyond the end of the days at Palm Springs.

Saturday afternoon she and Joe lay beside the pool in the sun that hovered over the rim of brown mountains to the west; she lay cheek down on her red mat, watching Joe as he sat on his blue one with his knees drawn up, staring down into the blue of the pool. She saw Mr. Obelhauser coming toward them. He was very old, thin, and hunched over in his blazer and white flannels. His cane tapped on the cement. She smiled. He halted, and his yellowed mustache tipped up as he smiled in return. "Well, how are the honeymooners today?"

"Fine, thank you," Con said.

Joe turned. "We're not honeymooners. We've been married a long time."

Mr. Obelhauser tipped his head to one side and gave Joe a suspicious glance. "You look like honeymooners to me."

"We're not really though," Joe said. "I'm being drafted. We came up here to try not to think about it for a week or so."

Con frowned and picked up her dark glasses

and put them on.

Mr. Obelhauser looked embarrassed. "Going out there and get yourself some Japs, are you?"

Joe didn't answer.

Mr. Obelhauser said, "Well, good luck, son," and started on again.

"Thanks," Joe said.

Con listened to the tap of the cane. Joe changed his position, lying face down on his mattress. She rose and moved to sit beside him. Bending over his back, she found a blackhead and pressed at it with her thumbnail. "Damn!" he said, rolling over. "What is it that makes women always have to squeeze blackheads?"

"You ought to scrub your back with a brush," she said. "Joe —"

"What now?"

"Why did you say that to him? He's been awfully nice."

"Hell, it's true. Next week or so." She stared down at his back, which was broad and tanned, with a few hairs glinting goldenly in the hollow above the band of his shorts. "I can't go bouncing away for a week like this," he went on. "If I'm not canned already I will be, and, no more job, no more draft deferment. The draft board's drawing up the papers right now probably."

"Oh," she said. "I'd never thought —"

"I know."

She felt like crying. *Always.* Always it was spoiled for her. "Oh, goddam it!" she said through her teeth.

"The time had come anyway," Joe said. "I'd sat on my duff in that receiving department long enough." He laughed forcedly. "I can see they're not going to win this war without me."

"Damn the war!"

Joe sat up. Gently he pulled her glasses off, and she closed her eyes so he wouldn't see the tears. "Here," he said. "Here!"

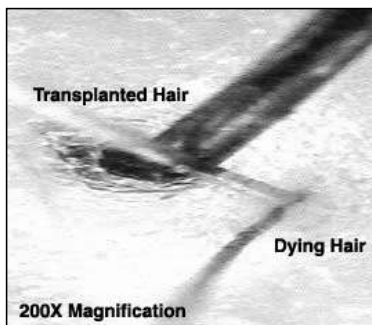
"Oh, Joe, goddam it."

"Here, stop that. Let's go for a swim. Swim, play, go out to dinner and celebrate. No weeping and gnashing."

"I'm a stupid selfish fool!"

He tried to get her to go for a swim with him, but she would not, and when he had dived in she hurried to their room and threw herself on the bed. "How

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can I be so selfish?" she whispered. "How can I be so awful?"

Joe made her go out to dinner, but she felt miserable, and when they returned to the hotel and went to bed she began to talk wildly, as though she had to explain something to herself as well as to Joe. But what she was saying did not even make sense to her, and she knew Joe could not understand. He lay there with his arm under her neck, letting her talk, but finally he said gently, "Con, what is it you want?"

She stared up into the darkness, trying to gather it together in her mind. It infuriated her that what she was able to say should sound so naïve, so like an impossible fairy tale. "All right," she said. "It's this. Like this. Our being here at Palm Springs. Living like this."

"But how long before this would wear awfully thin?"

"All right. Then something else, and after that something else. Really living. Really doing all the wonderful things there are to do."

"Look," Joe said. "Is it that this is Palm Springs where, if you come at the right time of year, there are a lot of big shots around? Living in a suite that costs 16 bucks a day and —"

"Yes." She admitted it, but proudly. "Yes, that's part of it."

"What's the other part?"

"I just don't know how to tell you! Joe, darling, please listen to me. Partly that's why I married Peter. I didn't love Peter and I love you. Can you understand? I know it sounds awful but I couldn't stand to marry you the way things were when we went to Yuma. Or now, Joe, how much do you love me?"

"You know how much."

"Isn't there some way? Couldn't you get out of San Diego? But not just that. More than that, and it seems so terrible when I say it. But if you really love me, you have to be someone. You have to make our life be a wonderful thing, everything it could be, and not — not —" She stopped. She was afraid he might be angry now.

He only said quietly, "You're asking me to be something I can't be."

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"I know! Oh, I know it. But —"

"Con," he interrupted. "You came to my place last Saturday night and you said I had to help you. I guess I don't quite understand all you meant, but you ought to know I'd do about anything for you. But — but I guess I can't do anything."

"You can! You could've. Oh, I don't mean it that way, but you *were* someone, Joe. When you were up at Cal. You could have been from then on. You could have stayed up there, and you must have known all kinds of important people. You could have made —"

"Oh, Jesus. Bill Stra-

ford," Joe muttered.

"But why won't you even try?" she cried.

"Why wouldn't you marry me at Yuma?"

"I told you I couldn't! I —"

"That's it," Joe said; then, after a pause, "Con, are you sure you really know what you want? Are you sure that if you got what you thought you wanted, it wouldn't just turn out to be something else?"

She gritted her teeth. "You can say that," she said with contempt, "because you wouldn't ever try to do anything about getting it except plod along. *You* don't know what you want. Do

you? Tell me if you can."

"Probably I can't," Joe said. "I'll try though." He spoke in the slow, careful manner he had sometimes. "Well — well, here's Joe Bailey, and he's got a certain amount of brains, or ability or capability, or whatever it is. I want to get the most I can out of that, honestly. That sounds pretty self-righteous, I guess; but I want to be the most of what it's possible for me to be. I suppose everybody wants that, though."

He paused. "And I have to have some kind of security. It's always seemed that if I had that, I'd have what I wanted. Like if I had that,

I'd know where I stood. Because I've never quite known. If I could just get to feel safe and set, like here was a good steady place for me to put my feet, then I could go. Then I could be all and do all and realize everything that could be in the cards — oh, hell, I guess I'm not making any sense."

"You're not making any sense at all."

"Well, I'm sorry then." The words sounded very final.

She lay beside him, holding her body tight to keep from shivering. She watched the curtains billowing and falling slack in the breeze through the win-

dow, thinking about the player piano a girl she had known in grammar school had had. You pumped and the music played, but when it was over there was a click, and if you kept it on, the little metal catch at the end of the roll just clicked around and around, senselessly.

She felt very near to hating Joe. Her voice sounded strained. He stirred beside her. "It just can't ever be," she said. To cover the break in her voice she spoke loudly. "You're the way you are and I'm the way I am, and it can't ever be any different. So there's no use."

"I've known it for a long time, Con."

"I thought I did too. But I know it now. I can't ever see you again, Joe."

"You came over to my place that night, don't forget —" He stopped and said quietly, "All right, Con."

"I mean it!"

"All right, Con."

The next day they started back.

ii It was almost dark as they came into San Diego. All afternoon she had felt increasingly depressed, with an uncleanness and an impatience that was like the curse coming on. She watched the streetlamps move in slow progression past; all the familiar places and mark-

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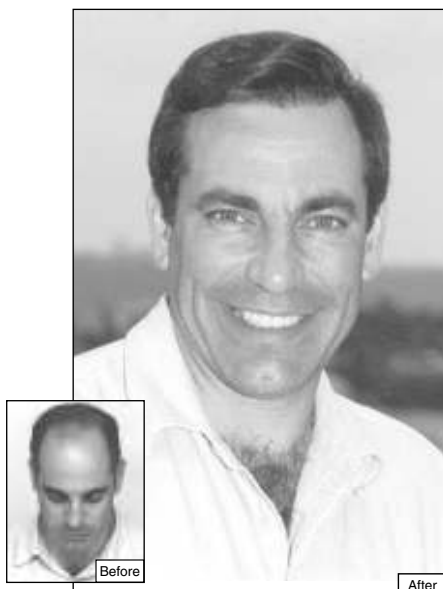
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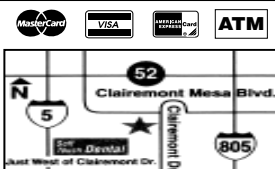
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ers looked strangely unfamiliar, intent and waiting. Joe drove up the hill out of Ocean Beach until she could see the bay, huge and unfamiliar, too, in the failing light. He drove past her mother's house, turned around, and pulled up in front. As she got out of the car she saw that the door of the house was open, and Charley was standing there in his khaki uniform.

"Oh damn," she whispered tiredly. "Why didn't I take a cab home?" She turned toward Joe, who was leaning over the wheel with the sleeves of the white cowboy shirt turned up on his brown arms. "Do you want to come up and witness a nice scene?"

"I guess I have to," he said. He got her bag out of the back. Going up the steps, she grasped his arm and leaned on it heavily. She felt no particular dread, but it seemed very important that Joe be with her. Charley had disappeared inside, but she still gripped Joe's arm when they reached the porch, to keep him from deserting her now. The lights were all on in the living room. Charley was standing in the far corner of the room, her mother sitting motionless on the davenport in her blue robe. No one spoke.

She stopped and closed her eyes, feeling dazed, feeling herself not really here in her mother's house. When she opened her eyes Charley had not moved, and she retreated a little to make sure of Joe, her shoulder touching him before she was aware of his hand, which had never left her arm. She stared at Charley, seeing in his face the crushing look of judgment.

"My poor, darling girl," her mother moaned.

Con shook her head, frowning at the pity, and at Charley's face, where there was not only the judgment but unhappiness and shame. The full brown lips parted to speak.

"Don't, Charles," her mother said. "Isn't it enough? Darling," she said to Con, "he's —"

Con didn't look at her, staring at Charley, trying to comprehend the something more, the something new.

"Darling, he's been killed," her mother said.

Joe's hand tightened cruelly on her wrist.

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"He was killed instantly," her mother said. "He's dead, darling."

"Oh, Christ," Joe whispered.

Her mother meant Peter; the realization came slowly. She gasped. Then she screamed at Charley, "Say it! Say it!"

"The morning after you left," Charley said in a low voice. He paused. "A friend of his called." That was for Joe, as the first had been for her.

Joe's hand left her wrist. She stepped away from him, brushed past her mother. She felt as though she were made of glass and had dropped and shattered, to be instantly annealed into a whole again by a heat furious and instantly gone, as though before she had felt the pain the anodyne had taken effect. And nothing was changed, only this added to it. "Say it!" she screamed at Charley. "Call me a —" She felt her mother's soft hand where Joe's had been. She shook it off.

"No!" her mother whispered. "He doesn't —"

"I know what he means. Go ahead and tell me what I am! What I've done!" She took another step toward him, then shrank back and turned toward Joe. "Aren't you going to hit him?" The white cowboy shirt and the white face settled and became still in her eyes, and he had not advanced toward Charley. "Aren't you going to hit him?" she cried. "You have to!" Then she saw his eyes and knew that he would do nothing, failing and deserting her. "You coward!"

"Darling," her mother said.

"Go away," Con said. "Please go away, Mother." Almost calmly she said to Charley, "You couldn't stand it that I was in Palm Springs with Joe could you? Doing that with Joe. Could you? Because you —"

"Please," her mother moaned. "Oh, please, darling."

"Go away!" Con said.

Her mother was crying. Charley made an abrupt sidewise motion with his head. As she heard the footsteps retreating she almost pitied her mother, whose daughters had both turned out this way. She listened to the footsteps go down the hall. "Could you?" she said to Charley.

"Easy, Connie. I know it's —"

She said viciously, "Don't think I don't know what you're after. What you've always been after." Words seemed to flow out of her like a knotted cord pulled endlessly from a tight ball lodged at the top of her stomach, and something in her head was tottering, slipping from side to side, almost falling. "You want me. I know. You — you filth — you filthy —" She started to shake as she saw his dark-haired hand move toward her. "Charley!" The ball of pain revolved slowly, the thing in her head tottered, righted itself, tottered again. The hand was going to touch her, and she turned to run.

"Con," Joe whispered.

"You coward," she said.

She forced herself to go slowly toward the open door. "You coward!" she said again. Then she was outside, and she ran down in the darkness, down to the driveway where her car was parked. She raced the car down the street. At the corner she barely slowed, swinging out onto the boulevard with the tires screaming.

Dead, he's dead, he's dead. She stared straight ahead as she drove east on Rosecrans, past the darkened, camouflaged buildings of the Naval Training Station. Peter betrayed and dead in the squashed scattered wreckage of a plane. In the light of a streetlamp the ring on her hand that gripped the steering wheel caught fire, threw out tiny blue and white flames, died.

Peter was dead, but no one could ever say it was her fault, what had happened in Dayton, Ohio, over 2000 miles away. She saw the blood on the tangled scraps of metal; she pressed her hand over her open mouth. It had not been her fault. She thought of the letter, carefully folded in her purse, that told Peter she was going to get an annulment. And then she thought of Mrs. Gorman, and her foot stamped down on the brake pedal. She turned off the lights and sat there on the cold leather seat, thinking about Mrs. Gorman. A truck passed with a harsh jarring sound. She lit a cigarette with shaking fingers. Mrs. Gorman must not know.

She smoked with a continuous, jerky, urgent motion, raising the cigarette and sucking in the smoke and exhaling it until the ember burned with an almost pleasant pain between her fingers. She threw it out the window. "I have to tell her," she said, and started the car and drove to the drugstore at the end of Rosecrans, where, in the telephone booth, she dialed the number.

The maid answered. "Does she know?" Con demanded. "Does she know her grandson is dead?" The gasp that came over the wire hurt her ear. "I'll have to come over and tell her," she said. "Can she stand it, do you think?"

"Dear God, I expect she can. I expect she'll have to —" the maid began, but Con hung up.

She found Mrs. Gorman sitting on the couch between the two front windows. One of them was open, and the wind moved the white curtains gently. Except for the moving curtains nothing seemed changed; if she had not watched Mrs. Gorman climb the stairs that last time, Mrs. Gorman might not even have moved, in a kind of complete and iron-willed violation of time. The smile she gave Con was almost imperceptible, and when it had passed Con could not be sure there had been any change in the old face at all. The maid had disappeared.

"My dear," Mrs. Gorman said and inclined her head toward the chair in which Con had sat the last time. Con took it. She felt dirty, her hair greasy; she looked down at her lap where her skirt was wrinkled in long creases. Her face was stiff and brittle with the effort of keeping it blank. Just go ahead and say it, she told herself.

"I'm glad you've come," Mrs. Gorman said.

Con said, "Peter's had an accident." Having said it, she sat with her head bowed, listening to a clock ticking somewhere. It was a slow, dragging sound.

"Is he dead?" Mrs. Gorman asked.

She nodded. Finally she looked up. The light from the lamp made Mrs. Gorman's hair bright silver. She had raised a hand to touch the black velvet band at her

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throat but nothing showed
 in her face.

"What will you do
 now?" Mrs. Gorman asked.

"I'm going back to
 Washington — where my
 father is."

Mrs. Gorman nodded
 slowly, thoughtfully, as
 though she were thinking
 only of Con now, and Peter,
 dead, was gone completely
 from her mind. "There will
 be quite a lot of money."

Con shook her head.
 The sound of the clock hit
 at her brain like small, neat
 hammer blows. "It wasn't
 my fault," she said. "There
 isn't any way anyone could
 say it was my fault."

"Why, of course not,
 child."

Con didn't know
 whether she saw it there, or
 only thought she must see
 it, in the eyes over which
 the wrinkled lids drooped
 suddenly — the accusation,
 the judgment. She thrust
 herself upright. "I didn't kill
 him," she whispered into
 the accusing eyes.

"I'm sure I don't know
 why you should think
 such —" Mrs. Gorman
 began.

But it was too late. She
 could feel herself slowly
 cracking, like an empty box
 asked to support an impos-
 sible weight. She saw what
 they were trying to do to
 her. Make her be Char-
 lotte — make her be like
 Charlotte — and Joe had
 not even tried to stop
 them...Mrs. Gorman say-
 ing, "Do you know you look
 very much like your sis-
 ter?"...Charley and Mrs. Gor-
 man trying to make her be
 like Charlotte...and now she
 was at the library door of the
 old house, only two blocks
 down the street and around
 the corner, shivering in her
 pajamas and bare feet as she
 watched through the crack
 of the door with a ten-year-
 old's fascinated, prurient,
 and guilty pleasure...the
 men crawling over Char-
 lotte on the couch, seeing
 them not singly but as many
 men, dark, sweaty, mascu-
 line, crawling like hairy ani-
 mals over her sister, whose
 skirt was wrinkled up to
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complete submission...and one of the men had been Phil Gardener.

"I'm not like that," she whispered. "You can't make me be. I'm not. What do you mean, saying I'm like that?"

"Child, you're hysterical," Mrs. Gorman said softly. "Won't you —"

"I didn't kill him!" she cried, and she saw an expression of pain cross Mrs. Gorman's face. She said, "If anyone did, you did," trying to speak calmly now. "He told me about you. Don't think he didn't tell me about you, you old witch. Crazy old witch. You ought to die."

Her voice broke, but she caught it in the breaking and by a terrific effort held it level. "I didn't kill him," she said. "You did."

"You did!" she whispered, exulting as she saw the old face begin to break into deep lines and wrinkles, like a pool into which something enormous had been thrown. Then she swung

around slowly, composedly, took up her purse and went to the door, hearing behind her a sound of grief that was like the tearing of a piece of rotten cloth.

Outside, the pepper tree rustled in the darkness. The world seemed very huge and slow. She tried to make herself go slowly to the curb where her car was parked, and as she reached it she made a claw of her hand and scraped her nails down the top, thinking of Charley. But already she knew what to do, and as she got in and slammed the door she was praying that she could find Phil Gardener.

iii From the telephone booth she could see the red neon sign and the curving red arrow that marked the office of the auto court. Down the asphalt areaway between the rows of cottages were lighted windows, and a bare white bulb burned over each door. At the far end the light glistened off the

curved turtleback of her car, parked beside the cottage in which Phil was waiting for her to come back.

She dialed the number. She heard the ring. From the steady high hum of traffic that passed on the highway came a hoarse expiration of air from a truck's brakes. Close in her ear she heard the ring again. Her raised eyes caught the red running light of a plane. She couldn't hear the sound of its engines. As she listened to the ringing her eyes followed the disembodied red dot as it winked out into the darkness. At the other end of the line she heard the phone picked up.

"Hello?" Charley said. "Charley," she said softly. She heard him draw a breath.

"Listen, Connie, your mother's just about out of her mind."

She kept her voice soft. "I have to see you," she said. It was the same thing she had said to Phil. "Charley, I have to see you. Can you come now?"

"Sure, kid." "Hurry," she whispered. "I'm at the auto court at the corner of Pacific and that

road that goes out the valley. The one on the east side with the big red arrow in front. You'll see my car. Will you come, Charley?"

"What's the matter?" he said in a strange voice.

"I just have to see you — oh, hurry, Charley," she whispered. She hung up and stepped lightly out into the areaway; she knew he would come. He would come right away, like a dog smelling sex.

Phil was sitting on the edge of the bed as she had left him. In the light his cropped hair shone blackly. He had taken off his uniform jacket, and his white shirt was tight across his chest, the collar stiff and starched below the brown column of his neck. Con leaned back against the door to close it. "He'll be right here."

Phil stared up at her, but she avoided his eyes. On the metal dresser was a Kewpie doll. It gazed coyly over its shoulder at her, pink and cream, cheap and innocent, holding its plaster arms down over its plaster body in a frozen protection of its innocence that infuriated

her. "I guess this makes a kind of Galahad out of me," Phil said. "Avenging an attempt on your virtue. Is that it?"

"Yes," she said. "I don't know if I like the role."

"You said you'd do it."

"Oh, I'll do it for you."

"He's always been after me," Con said.

"Of course."

"But I can't take this — trying to blackmail me into sleeping with him because..."

"Because the good captain was killed while you were shackled up with Joe Bailey? That's what I call mean, all right."

"Damn you," Con said harshly. "You can just get out if — if you're a coward too."

"I said I'd do it," Phil said. He looked up suddenly. "Too?" he said. Con leaned against the door, staring into his eyes. "You asked Joe first, did you?"

"I shouldn't have. I should have known."

"He wouldn't do it," Phil said in a flat voice. He had taken off his glasses and his eyes looked small and

hard, set too close together and too deep. He put a cigarette between his lips, waited while the match flared, then, with an ugly motion that was like a snake striking, thrust his head forward so that the tip of the cigarette entered the flame. "I just can't understand what you're trying to do," he said mildly. "You're going away. Why don't you just go and forget it? Why this?"

"Because I can't go until I do this! I can't. I can't do anything until I do this." She heard the scrape of footsteps on the asphalt.

"Want to change your mind?" Phil said.

"No!" She faced the door. Her lips pulled back savagely against her teeth, her breath felt hot and dry. On the smooth surface of the door she could see Peter bleeding at the nose and mouth and watching her accusingly with dead eyes. "Come in," she cried before there was a knock. Peter's face dissolved as the door opened.

Charley stood there, his khaki cap cocked to one side, his brown eyes moving quickly from her to Phil.

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"Come in," she ordered, and he stepped in and closed the door.

She heard the bed-springs creak, out of the corners of her eyes saw Phil rise and stand to one side and a little behind her.

"Are you in trouble?" Charley asked.

"I didn't kill him," she whispered. "You can't say I did."

"No one said that, honey."

"You did say it!" Her voice rose, "And I know why you said it!"

"Connie —"

"Yes, now you try to crawl! Oh, you filthy gigolo! You've always been after me. Trying to blackmail me into sleeping with you. Every time I've thought about it I've wanted to vomit. Trying to —"

She saw the pity in his eyes, and she cried, "Hit him now!" She took a step toward Charley. "I didn't! I didn't kill him! You — you —" There was no word.

"Is this what it has to be?" Charley asked.

"Hit him, Phil! Hit him!"

"Does it have to be this way?" Charley said tiredly.

"Phil!" she screamed.

There was no movement behind her, but Charley's hand was rising in a slow, awful, resigned motion. She waited, hardly flinching as Charley's hand flashed toward her face; she felt the sharp pain on her cheek and the propulsion that sent her reeling against the wall. As she caught her balance she still felt nothing but the physical shock, but she sighed, anticipating the other, the satisfaction and fulfillment, because now Phil would not fail her, as Joe had, and she would be intact again. She saw Phil swing his long, white-sleeved arm, hearing and remembering the hollow sound of the blow, sighing again as she saw Charley spin and fall against the dresser. And on the dresser the Kewpie doll toppled over and rolled off the edge, to smash on the floor where Charley had fallen.

The ritual completed, she moved to stand beside Phil. Charley lay between the end of the bed and the dresser, amid the scattered fragments of pink and cream plaster, one leg slightly drawn up. After a moment he put up a hand to grasp the end

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of the bed. He pulled himself to his feet. She stood there with Phil, trying to feel what she needed to feel.

Charley put his hand to his cheek. His cap had fallen off. "Was it what you wanted?" he asked.

"Yes," she whispered. Yes, she told herself. She watched Charley look down at the broken Kewpie doll. He pushed a fragment with his foot. It made a scraping sound on the floor.

She snatched up her purse. "Let's get out of here," she said. But she stopped at the door and looked back at Phil and Charley, already dazedly aware that somehow she had been wrong, mixed up. Yet she was almost lucid now, as, seated in her car, she watched Phil coming out the door of the cabin, the light snowy white on the cover of his cap. He had put on his jacket and the buttons gleamed at her like red eyes.

He got behind the wheel and started the car, but she still watched the doorway. Charley appeared in it, but she could not cry out to him now. Phil accelerated and turned out of the auto court into the traffic of Pacific Boulevard, grinning at her. He laid a heavy warm hand on her thigh. "There's another one just up the block, Connie," he said.

iv She lay staring into the semidarkness, terrified that Phil would wake again. Cautiously she turned her head. She could see him only dimly; the skin of his bare chest looked tight, as though too much flesh were packed beneath it, and one arm was thrown up over his head, revealing the dark clotted hair of his armpit. She could smell the reek of sweat. She listened to the sound of his breath, gazing past him at the letter, faintly white, on the table beside the bed.

Charlotte — she almost whispered it aloud, brushing it sibilantly over her lips. She froze as Phil's mouth closed, then opened again, with a damp sucking sound. But he did not move.

"You're not as good a lay as your sister was," he had said. "Even if she did look like a bunch of bamboo sticks. The whore — the whore — the whore..." It had not even shocked her when he had said it, but then his fingers had gripped

her arm, tearing into the flesh. "Do you know who got the suicide note?" he had said. "I did. I did." He shook her and released her and with a sudden violent motion was out of bed and getting something from the wallet in the pocket of his trousers.

The lamp was turned on. He unfolded an envelope and held it before her face. His eyes glittered. "Look!" he commanded. As a seal over the flap of the envelope were two faded red smudges, arched like copulating slugs. His fingers shook as he opened the envelope and drew out a sheet of dirty blue notepaper, on which handwriting showed faintly over a grid of brown creases. The paper was patched in a cross with transparent tape. "Read it!" he commanded.

"I don't want to." "Read it!" He slapped her hands away and forced the letter down to her face.

She shut her eyes. "I don't want to read it."

His fingers caught her nipple, pinching and twisting until she cried out. "Read it! I want you to read it." She tried to take the letter from him but he snatched it back.

" 'Wednesday the eleventh, I think,' " she read. " 'Phil darling,' "

"Louder!"

" 'Phil darling,' " she read. " 'Greetings and sal and news for you, darling. I'm going to have a child. Isn't that nice! Somebody knocked me up with off-brand contraception and long enough ago so it shows when I don't suck it in. The second three months it began to swell, parley-voo. Maybe you did it. Was it you, Phil? I wish I knew, don't you? Just don't think can face Momma, and, oh God, Poppa! Isn't any water in the LA river right now, but suppose there are many ways. Know any good ways? Have to come to SD Fri for little sisser's birfday (Friday the 13, she ought to be lucky too, shouldn't she) Evening train. Lotta Love, Lotte.' "

"I was there," he whispered. "I was there at the train. But she was dead already. And the fish or the fertilized egg or the embryo or whatever it was was dead." He stopped and rubbed the back of his other hand hard across his mouth. "So she

won," he said.

He paused again. "So she won, the bitch," he went on. "Maybe she saved me killing her. You'd think she might have let me win since she was going to kill herself, wouldn't you? But not that — not Lotte. Because I'd have won if it was my kid, you see? I would have had that on her at the end, after what she'd done to me. But whose kid was it? Was it mine?"

She moaned as his fingers twisted her arm.

"Shut up. Was it? Was it mine? Was it Henry Reeves? Was it mine she killed with her?"

"I don't know!"

"Does your mother know? Did she ever —"

"No. I don't know. Please!"

He dipped his face toward her. "So, I'll never know, will I? I'll never know if it was mine she killed. It might have been mine, but I'll never know. So she won, goddam her to hell!"

"Please!"

He released her arm. His face drew back. He was going to kill her; she felt nothing at the thought.

"But then I got the little sister, didn't I?" he said. "I got that, didn't I?" He cursed, slowly and steadily, but she could no longer feel any shock. "Cheated even then," he said. "Kill herself and leave her sister for me to think I was going to get something. Oh, goddam her, they can't do to me what she did. I got her, I kissed her off. She cried too, when I kissed her off, the bitch. But then she won in the end — because I'll never know if it was mine, will I? Will I?" he whispered. "Dear God, it could have been anybody's!"

His huge shoulders hunched forward, his head bent down, he tenderly folded the letter and replaced it in the envelope with the two red slugs on the back. He put the envelope on the night table. Then he swung around, knelt beside her on the bed and threw the covers back.

"No!" she whispered. "No, I can't. Phil!" She pushed at him feebly, twisting and turning her body. "No! Please, please, please. Please! No, Phil, you have to use something." But nothing did any good, tears or rage or threats or strength or pleading or reasoning,

nothing she knew to do. At least it was over quickly this time.

Now she was sure he had been asleep for hours. She had been lying awake beside him, afraid to move for fear of waking him. Slowly she edged away. Once he stirred, and she almost screamed, clapping her hand to her mouth, and she waited a long time before she dared move again.

At last she was out. Carefully, hardly breathing, she gathered up her clothes. Holding her shoes and purse in one hand and clutching her clothing against her side with the other, she crept toward the bathroom door. Inside, with the lock snapped and the light on, her breathing broke loose and she whimpered. "Oh, Joe! Why didn't you stop me, Joe? I got it all mixed up. I was out of my mind." Why hadn't he stopped her? Why hadn't Charley? Maybe none of it was real, maybe it was only a part of the old, old half-real nightmare. But she knew it was real, and it could never be undone.

She looked at the shower, wondering if the sound of it would wake Phil. Suddenly he didn't seem to matter anymore. She got into the shower, turned the water on hot, and soaped herself. Once she strained her ears to hear if Phil was stirring; but then she wet her hair and soaped that too, forcing her mind to what she had to do now — sell her car, get her money from the bank, make a plane reservation, send her father a telegram to tell him she was coming — trying to envision herself performing each of these acts. Over and over again she soaped herself and scrubbed at the flesh with the peach-colored washcloth until she felt raw and tender, scrubbing and digging into her skin with the washcloth, the water beating down on her head and drumming like thunder on the metal walls of the shower. At last she stopped and just stood helplessly with her head bent beneath the weight of the water, which coursed around her neck and down between her breasts, weeping. ■

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Sweet Is at the Tip of Your Tongue

Tea Tasting and Presentation

When he is asked to name the weirdest tea that he has ever drunk, Michael Figgins says, “I don’t really think of them as weird, but, yeah, chai tea with yak butter is pretty far out there. Yak butter is what it’s traditionally cut with. Chai was never meant to be a cream-and-sugar kind of thing.”

The 29-year-old tea specialist is talking strictly loose tea. Rather than stuffing it into a tea ball, try spooning it into the bottom of a pot, he suggests, preferably one made of clay or porcelain. (Tea *bags* aren’t even in this discussion, as you probably guessed.)

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Tea balls are made of metal, and the tea takes on their unpleasant taste. They also prevent the tea from going through its “agonizing.”

“The agony of the leaves,” says Figgins, occurs when they open up completely, allowing “those nice chemical reactions” to happen.

He is urged to speak some other phrases of his trade, which includes blending teas, and he becomes as acronymic as a bureaucrat. “Broken Orange Pekoe” or B.O.P. is one classification of black tea. “It has short, broken pieces of leaves. You steep it just two or three minutes.” Without knowing it, most of us drink B.O.P. It’s at the bottom of the price range. At the apex is “F.T.G.F.O.P.” — short for “Fancy Tip Golden Flower Orange Pekoe.” He’s able to say those letters very quickly.

A tea called China Jasmine Phoenix Dragon Pearl is up there in price, too. “It’s a top pick, the bud of the plant, the first three leaves,” says

Figgins. “It goes through a process, then it’s tightly hand-rolled into little pearl shapes. You drop three pearls into a very small pot, one that holds maybe only four ounces, and steep them six minutes or a little longer. The tea takes a long time to get its really green color.”

Some other high-priced teas, from China and Japan, should be steeped all day, says Figgins. “The longer, the better.” Then you reheat them.

As a tea broker, Figgins buys tea for the market. What’s the most expensive tea he has bought for his own personal use? “It was a Chinese oolong for \$4000 a pound,” he says. “It was also the best tea I’ve ever had in my collection.” What did it taste like? “It tasted like a real —, a sweet —, a floral —, almost like a —” He struggles. “It tasted better as it went.” He struggles some more, then gives up. “It was very tightly rolled.”

About 23 cups came out of that pound. “I had some with my wife and my cousin. I cut it up and distributed it around the family,” says Figgins, who grew up in Chula Vista. “It was a one-shot deal, a championship tea.” Meaning? “Every year China crowns a tea. The last one was crowned a couple of months ago. It’s usually from a family tea estate that grows its champion garden.”

Even \$5- or \$6-a-pound tea shouldn’t be chugged. “You suck in the tea and take some oxygen into your mouth at the same time.” So you volatize the esters, just as you do at a wine tasting? “Yeah, exactly. And traditionally you spit it out, then lick the roof of your mouth, while you go through the points of gustation.” Which are? “Sweet is at the tip of your tongue, sour is in the middle, bitter is at the back.”

Figgins drinks five or six cups of tea a day. What kinds? “I go through my phases.” What phase is he in now? “I am drinking one that came to me from China, an oolong that’s been aged in a pomelo, which is like a giant grapefruit. They cut the insides out, pack it with tea, tie it up, and let the tea age in there. It takes on the citrus taste.” What about caffeine and its



Michael Figgins

effects? Figgins, who also drinks his share of coffee, says he has discovered some decent-tasting decaffeinated teas. They’re the water-processed, organic kind. The other types he finds “a little funky.” Otherwise, the caffeine content in tea varies from some to a little to none, depending on whether the tea is black, green, or white. White? Yes, and he will tell you more about it and other teas on Saturday, when he prepares four different ones at the tasting in Balboa Park.

Figgins can’t think of a tea so strange that he’d never want to drink it a second time. “At least not if it was *Camellia sinensis*” — the botanical name for the tea plant. “But as far as herbs go, tea made from cherry bark is

definitely not very tasty. Neither is licorice root tea, unless it’s been roasted. And I’ve had plenty of tea at places where it wasn’t prepared correctly. I would never drink tea at those places again.” ■

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“Obras Completas de Shakespeare (Abreviadas),” this abbreviated version of the complete works of William Shakespeare may be enjoyed

when presented by Jesús Ochoa, Rodrigo Murray, and Diego Luna at the Tijuana Cultural Center today, Thursday, March 7. Performances begin at 7 and 9 p.m. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Tickets are \$20 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Mozart’s “Piano Quartet in E-Flat” may be heard when the Boston Chamber Music Society Piano Quartet performs for the Mainly Mozart Spotlight Series today, Thursday, March 7, at 8 p.m., at Restaurante Jardín del CECUT (on Paseo de los Héroes Street in the Zona Río). The program includes Ravel’s “Duo for Violin and Cello” and the “Piano Quartet in C Minor” by Fauré. Tickets are \$16. For reservations, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

“Women and Artistic Matters” provide the subject when Carlos Gutiérrez speaks today, Thursday, March 7, at 9 p.m., at CESUN (Boulevard Cuauhtémoc #2800, Fraccioanmiento América). Free. For further information, call 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

“Women Today,” get the skinny when Minerva Barragán, Yolanda Camisey, Marissa Muñoz, and Karina Paredes speak in the Café Foro Galería at the Casa de la Cultura today, Thursday, March 7, at 9 p.m. Find the Casa at Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

More Girl Talk! Lourdes Huerta, Sonia Flores, Nina Moreno, and Guadalupe Rivémar focus on “Women in the Arts” during a talk

today, Thursday, March 7, at 9 p.m., at the Casa de la Cultura Playas (Avenida del Agua #777). Call 011-52-664-630-1825 for information. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Entertainer Tony Flores performs today, Thursday, March 7, at 10 p.m., at the Tangeloo Club, found on Boulevard Agua Caliente. Tickets are \$20 U.S. For reservations and information, call 011-52-664-681-8091. (TIJUANA)

Singer Enrique Guzman performs on Saturday, March 9, at 10 p.m., at Saló Alba Roja (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Call 011-52-664-681-0963 for reservations. (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

A Dry Rainfall Season this year on top of less-than-normal precipitation for the past several years is resulting in ever-lower water levels in the county’s reservoirs. Some now hold less than ten percent of capacity. The water in Lake Hodges has withdrawn to a point west of the I-15 bridge in Escondido, while Lake Morena is shrinking to what looks like a puddle. Some fishermen seem happy though. In some of the reservoirs less water

means more fish in a smaller pond, and that makes for easier catches.

Warm Spells that interrupted a generally chilly February were enough to trigger the emergence of bright green leaves on sycamore, liquidamber, and other decorative deciduous trees around San Diego. Cruise down 163 through Balboa Park to appreciate the vernal splendor of the sycamores growing in the landscaped center divider. Or walk across the El Prado bridge and look down upon the same.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other “stone-fruit” trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus *Prunus*. Several native *Prunus* species contribute to San Diego County’s natural vegetation as well — among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot.

The Anza-Borrego Desert customarily flowers best in March, with a first wave of blossoms in low-lying, warm areas like Borrego Valley, the Borrego Badlands, Coyote Canyon, and along Highway S-2 in the south end of the park. The paucity of winter rain so far, however, may render this year’s bloom one of the poorest ever. Among the many annually appearing wildflowers you’d normally find in the low-lying areas are desert sunflower, dune primrose, lupine, desert chicory, sand verbena, and desert lily. On slightly higher ground and up along the hillsides, you’d normally spot blooming brittlebush, chuparosa, ocotillo, apricot mallow, and more. Later this month several

varieties of cactus may muster enough energy to unfold brilliant blossoms. For a current update on this season’s bloom (or bust), call Anza-Borrego Desert State Park’s special hotline, 760-767-4684, to hear a recorded message.

Gaze at Heavenly Bodies when the San Diego Astronomers Association sets up telescopes to observe the night sky on Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, at the Vallecito Stage Station (near Agua Caliente County Park, 39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). Free. For information, call 858-694-3049. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

Go Birding Along the Sweetwater River with Claude Edwards and the Audubon Society on Saturday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to noon. To reach the trailhead, take I-805 to the Bonita River exit in the Chula Vista area; take Bonita Road east a short distance, and then turn left on Plaza Bonita Road. Drive a short distance, and park in the far northwest corner of Plaza Bonita’s parking lot. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring drinking water. Free. 619-692-3246. (CHULA VISTA)

Plants and Scat, there’s a lot of ground being covered in the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve this weekend. Naturalist Kathy Reading leads a walk focusing on “Medicinal Plants” on Saturday, March 9; naturalist David Kiser examines “Tracks and Scat” on Sunday, March 10. Both adventures begin at 9 a.m.

Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. For reservations and information, call 858-694-3049. (POWAY)

Get Outside, the Anza-Borrego Foundation is hosting hikes on each

weekend in March. The destinations are Whale Peak on Saturday, March 9, and La Puerta Real de San Carlos (a former Cahuilla Indian village) on Sunday, March 10. Future weekends promise treks to 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. For space availability and more information, call 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Walk Back in Time, rediscover Escondido during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Saturday, March 9. The outing, which includes a steep two-block-long sidewalk, 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)

You’re Invited to a Party, a work party, that is, to tend California natives, weed native plant gardens, and remove invasive plants with the Friends of Famosa Slough around the treatment ponds at this urban wetland on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes, and bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Sky Hunters, Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to Lake Jennings Park at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9. She’ll address their methods of nesting, hunting, and eating. Find the park at 10108 Bass Road. Call

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Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, March 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junépero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Open House Outside, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve hosts an open house on Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. City and county park rangers will provide information on activities at the preserve, nature walks, ranch house tours, children's activities, raptor demonstrations, and a ranger-led walk on the newest section of the Trans-County Trail. Find the ranch house at 12020 Black Mountain Road. Free. For information, call 858-484-7504. (MIRA MESA)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on March 9. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Pass 100 Years of Architectural Changes and cross two historic bridges when Urban Safaris leads a walking tour of Bankers Hill on Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$10 per person. For reservations and departure point, call 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

How Does Weather Affect the Terrain of our area? Preserve docents Linda and Jim lead a geology hike to answer this and other questions on Volcan Mountain on Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hikers may stop at the midsummit area or continue on to Volcan Summit, resulting in either a 2.5- or 3.5-mile round trip.

To reach the trailhead, drive to Julian, and then take Farmer Road 2.2 miles; turn right on Wynola Road and drive 100 yards. Turn left, back onto the continuation of Farmer Road; proceed 100 yards and park on the shoulder of the paved road by the preserve sign on the right. 858-694-3049. Free. (JULIAN)

Explore Old Mining Trails by delving into the geology of the Painted Gorge area of the Anza-Borrego desert during an outing sponsored by the San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants will look at the famous earth carvings of the Yuha Desert. The outing — on Saturday, March 9, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — is suitable for experienced hikers who

can hike up to four hours. The fee is \$69. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

We'll All Scream? The "revival of the ice cream walk" is planned by Walk-about perambulators on Saturday, March 9. Expect to visit four to six ice cream establishments in the University City area; possibilities include Baskin-Robbins, Ben and Jerry's, and Cold Stone. This 2.5-hour walk at a moderate pace starts at 1 p.m. at the Baskin-Robbins found in the Vons shopping center at Genesee and Governor Drive. Bring money! 619-231-7463. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Find Sea Stars, Octopus, lobsters, and other animals when a naturalist from the Birch Aquarium-Museum leads a tidepooling adventure at Swami's on Saturday, March 9, 12:30 to 2:30 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. (ENCINITAS)

Seed Collection, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, and revegetation — all are tasks the Environmental Trust needs help with at the Calavera Mountain Nature Preserve. The group gathers at Calavera Recreation Center (2997 Glasgow Drive) on Sunday, March 10, for work from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear sturdy shoes, pants, and bring work gloves, water, and snack. To reserve a spot, call 619-461-8333 x14. (CARLSBAD)

Hike under Live Oaks and Twisted Sycamores along Hell Creek — a spot named for the "hell of a time"

early settlers had getting their wagons across more than 100 years ago — with the Canyoneers on Sunday, March 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the four- to five-mile adventure in Hellhole Canyon, participants will see many different plants and birds. Free. Find the canyon at 19324 Santee Lane; 619-956-4707. For directions and information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (VALLEY CENTER)

What's the "Current Rainfall Picture"? What's the normal rainfall for the Escondido? Join naturalist and geologist Jack for a moderately strenuous four- to five-mile hike along Daley Ranch's Crest Trail on Sunday,

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March 10, to discuss how rain (and the lack thereof) affects the Daley Ranch. The free hike starts at 8:30 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Bring water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

"Dance and Trance" to live West African world-beat music when Damaru appears today, Thursday, March 7, at 8 p.m., at Dizzy's Place (344 Seventh Avenue). Damaru incorporates traditional and modern arrangements, including belly dance. Admission is \$8. Call 858-270-7467 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Mount Miguel's Instrumental Music Department Benefits from the

Swing Time Dance planned by the jazz bands of Mount Miguel, Grossmont College, and Jazz Express on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at Mount Miguel High School (1800 Sweetwater Road). Tickets are \$7.50 general, \$5 for students with ID. For information, call 619-303-6178. (SPRING VALLEY)

Drift to Dance, JoAnn Koppany calls and the Continental Drifters make the tunes for the contradance planned on Friday, March 8, 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)

Bordering the World between Dream and Reality, the California Ballet Company presents Maxine Mahon's staging of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on March 9 and 10 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The ballet centers on the fortunes and misfortunes of a group of mortals and immortals.

Performances begin at 2:30 p.m. both days, with an 8 p.m. performance on Saturday. Elf parties follow the matinees, when audience members may partake of refreshments and meet cast members. Tickets range from \$25 to \$39. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). For reservations, call 858-560-6741 or 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Préludes and Poetry," enjoy "the union of dance with words and music" when the San Diego Ballet performs on Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$26. For reservations, call 619-294-7378. (LA JOLLA)

Expect Terrific Music when Kevin Naquin and the Ossun Playboys make their first San Diego appearance during an event hosted by the Bon Temps Social Club and the Cajun and Creole French Music Association. The party in the Recital Hall is set for Saturday, March 9; doors open at 6 p.m., beginning and intermediate dance instruction starts at 6:20, and the dancing continues from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. For

more information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Funky, dance to West Coast swing to funk, hip-hop, disco, and rhythm and blues on Saturday, March 9, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard). Beginners' and advanced lessons are offered. All ages are welcome. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-287-9036. (SAN DIEGO)

Neither Experience nor Partners Are Necessary for the Latin dance partner workshops planned on Sundays through April 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m., by Sarita Streng at Eight Elements West (6830 La Jolla Boulevard #201). The topic is rumba and L.A.-style salsa on March 10. The fee is \$15 per class. To reserve a space, dial 858-459-0899. (LA JOLLA)

A Spring Ballroom Dance is planned on Sunday, March 10, at 6:45 p.m., in the Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Beginners are welcome and partners are not required. Admission is free to this UCSD Ballroom Dance Club event. Call 858-693-4931 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Swing Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts dancing on

Sunday, March 10, 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)

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. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, at 8 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. 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)

Beginning Square Dance Classes are being offered by the Single Spinners Square Dance Club on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:15 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (4011 Ohio Street). Singles, couples, and youths (13+) are welcome. The fee is \$3 per person per week. For information, call 619-465-9205. Open enrollment continues through March 19. (NORTH PARK)

The Celtic Wave hits San Diego when the Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grill celebrates its one-year anniversary on Wednesday, March 13, with the debut of the Irish Dance Cabaret, directed and choreographed by Liam Harney. The dinner show takes place every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. For prices and information, call 619-239-5818. Find the pub at 554 Fourth Avenue. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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 Campaña 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 Es-

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The Russians Are Coming! A Prokofiev Ballet Festival is promised when the Tchaikovsky Perm Ballet Theatre performs at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). The program includes *Romeo and Juliet*, a ballet in three acts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 30; and *Cinderella*, also in three acts, set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 31. The 125-member company dances with a full symphony orchestra. Tickets range from \$30 to \$50, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

“Cinema Paradiso,” the 1989 film of a friendship evolving between a warm-hearted projectionist and a little boy who loves movies, will be shown for the International Film Series on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (at One Barnard Drive). Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Up for “Scathing Political Commentary on the emotional impact of social change and the downside of family dreams”? See the gritty morality fable *Human Resources* when this 1999 film by Laurent Cantet rolls for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Lemon Grove Incident” screens for the “Cesar Chávez: A Film Festival Celebrating the Legacy” series on Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). For more information, call 619-641-6100. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Chiedimi se sono Felice,” screens on Thursday, March 14, 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)

Is Seeing Believing? How does a blind skeptic learn to trust and love? Find out when the Australian film *Proof* screens for SpeakOut 2002, focusing this year on “Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity.” Jocelyn Moorhouse directs Hugo Weaving, Genevieve Picot, and Russell Crowe in this 1991 film.

The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in room P-32 on the Palomar College campus (1140 West Mission Road). Free. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

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 Mamá También*, *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)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life — that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and often without our notice — is told in *The Human Body*, opening on Friday, March 8. The film takes the audience on a fantastic voyage with great detail and sound through the summer.

Bears is a close-up look at the

black bear, brown “grizzly” bear, and polar bear. You’ll follow the complexity of their social lives, their importance in the ecosystem, and their ancient mythological and spiritual significance. Environmental factors are threatening the survival of North America’s bears. The IMAX film was shot in Montana, Idaho, and in Alaska’s Katmai Preserve. It screens through Friday, May 31.

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

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

LECTURES

In Search of a Good Death, Linda Stratton from San Diego Hospice plans a talk entitled “Hospice: The Choice People Would Make If They Understood It” for the Retirement Living Class on Friday, March 8, at 1 p.m., at ElderHelp (4069 30th Street). Free. 619-284-9281. (NORTH PARK)

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.”



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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)

Get to Know the Tijuana River National Wildlife Refuge when the South Bay Sierra Club hosts a program at the visitors’ center on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. The event begins with a reception for local elected officials at 6 p.m. Irvin Fernandez will talk about the work being done in the South Bay area and threats to natural places. There will be a tour of the facility as well.

Find the center at 301 Caspian Way. For information, call 619-575-2704. Free. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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poses. Using slides and video footage, Edwards will discuss the significance of this archive to our understanding both the past and future of Afghanistan. Edwards is a scholar of Afghanistan, with books to his credit including the forthcoming *Before Taliban: Genealogies of the Afghan Jihad*. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Admission is \$7. Call 858-454-3541 more information. (LA JOLLA)

“The Coming Synergism between Science and the Humanities” is the subject when Edward O. Wilson speaks on Wednesday, April 3. Wilson is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and research professor at Harvard, described as “one of the pre-eminent biological and sociological theorists of the late 20th Century” and as a champion of the “blurring of traditional lines that separate the great branches of learning.”

Admission is free. The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. For more information, call 858-534-1024. (LA JOLLA)

Get Outside, it’s where you’ll be inspired to go after the San Diego Home Gardening Seminar, offered by the San Diego Master Gardeners. This year’s event takes place on Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Marina Village Conference Center (1945 Quivira Way). New and experienced gardeners are invited to the selection of 40 classes on all facets of gardening. The cost of admission to four-class sessions is \$33 for reservations made by March 26. For information and registration form, call 858-694-2860. (MISSION BAY)

IN PERSON

Sociology Professor Paul Sargent signs his book *Real Men or Real*

Teachers? Contradictions in the Lives of Men Elementary School Teachers today, Thursday, March 7, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. For information, call 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Sizing Up the New Century is the task for muckraker Michael Moore, the provocateur behind *Roger and Me* and the book *Downsize This*. Moore presents “Stupid White Men...and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation” on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Marston Middle School (3799 Clairemont Drive). Free. 619-230-1500. (CLAIREMONT)

Celebrate Dia de la Mujer Internacional (International Women’s Day) when Calaca Press hosts an artistic celebration of women on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Academy Auditorium. You’ll hear poetry by Sandra Muñoz, Pay Payne, Sara Durán, Gladys Bautista, and Leonor Bautista. There will be music by soprano Patrica Wells Solorzano and Merlinda Espinoza, plus DJ music, dance, and youth theater.

Find the auditorium at 2850 Logan Avenue. Admission is *gratis*. For further information, dial 619-231-9210. (BARRIO LOGAN)

You’ll “Sweat Laughter” when the Honking Geese sketch comedy troupe performs March 8-10 (and March 15-17), at the La Jolla Stage Company (5661 La Jolla Boulevard). Performances begin at 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7. Call 858-571-1770 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

The Underground Activities for whom illegal animal rescues are a moral imperative are illuminated in Ingrid Newkirk’s *Free the Animals*. Newkirk, executive director of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), will sign and discuss her work on Friday, March 8, at

7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for details. (DEL MAR)

A Coffeehouse Play Reading of *An Old Wives’ Tale* (A Romance) is planned on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf (5657 Balboa Avenue, near Genesee). Admission is free; copies of the play are available for \$5. 858-496-3979. (CLAIREMONT)

Former San Diego News Anchor and poet Rolland G. Smith reads from his new book, *Encore: The Poetry of Nature*, on Friday, March 8, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-456-1800 for information. (LA JOLLA)

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)

“Amazing Woman — Amazing World Day 2002,” this “nationwide movement of inspiration” hits Borders Books and Music on Saturday, March 9. Organizers promise appearances by authors, life coaches, and “well-being experts.” Participants include Carol Toone (11 a.m.), David Dibble (noon), Mary Marc-

dante (1 p.m.), Bettie Youngs and Jennifer Youngs (2 p.m.), and others. Find the store at 1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

From the Mouths of Babes...children’s author Thoma-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

From the Mouths of Babes...children’s author Thomas Baldrick will sign and discuss his new book, *Kids Rule* on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Parents and children are invited to attend the event where activities are planned for all. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Electric Guitar and Gaelic Vocal Harmonies are blended when the Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh present a concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, March 9. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$11. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

Tour of Light, promoting global awareness of the AIDS crisis in Uganda, the Children of Uganda perform African dance and music with commanding skill. The group is made up of 18 orphans ranging in age from 6 to 17 and raises funds through their appearances for fellow orphans in their homeland. Enjoy a performance by the troupe on Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium.

Tickets are \$22 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Times, Kay Etheridge and Friends — including jazz guitarist

Peter Sprague, William Skeen (cello), and Jay Easton (clarinet) — plan a concert in French Parlor on Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m. Find the parlor in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. Tickets are \$8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

If You’re Squeamish, Stay Home! Expect “strong language and adult content” when the Fault Line Theatre presents “Dirty Shorts 2,” politically incorrect improv and sketch comedy on Saturday, March 9, at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). Performances begin at 8 and 10:30 p.m. For information, dial 619-692-3382. Admission is \$7. (HILLCREST)

Fresh Sound, bassist, composer, and improviser Lisle Ellis and pianist, composer, improviser Paul Plimley perform improvisation in a duo concert for this Spruce Street Forum concert on Saturday, March 9, at 8 p.m. The two musicians have performed together for 20 years and recorded ten CDs together. Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street; 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$20 general. (HILLCREST)

There’s Always Tomorrow! Over 90 local children are presenting *Annie* with the J*Company Youth Theatre March 9-17, at the Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.

Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on March 9, 14, and 16; at 1 and 4 p.m. on March 10; and at 1 p.m. on March 17. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

“Eclectic Entertainment” is promised when Gutz Productions hosts “Live at the 101 Artists’ Colony” on Saturday, March 9. The

program includes poetry in English and Spanish by Taller Del Mar poet Teresa Gonzalez-Lee, the folk music trio known as the New Lost Melody Boys, and Irish folk singer Jerry McClean. Doors open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Find the colony at 25 East E Street. Admission is \$5, which includes refreshments. For information, call 760-293-3179. (ENCINITAS)

Salvadoran-American Poet Leticia Hernández-Linares reads selections from her new book, *Razor Edges of My Tongue* on Saturday, March 9, at Voz Alta. She’ll be joined by Tomás Riley of the Taco Shop Poets. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with the reading at 8 p.m. Admission is a \$5 donation. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). 619-231-9210. (DOWNTOWN)

A “Salute to New York” is planned by the Melodiers chorus on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the SDCC West City Center (3249 Fordham Street). The chorus is led by Eunice Williams. Free. 619-221-6973. (POINT LOMA)

There Will Be No Sitting Passively in the audience when Strange Woods presents Irish, Scottish, English, American, and original works along with traditional jigs, reels, polkas, and hornpipes in concert on Saturday, March 9. This San Diego group includes Theresa Rochelle, Pat Espinosa, Rachel Amov, and Jim Hinton. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10, \$5 for kids under 18. Questions? Call 760-723-7255 for answers. (FALLBROOK)

“Sundays at Seven,” up for some Irish entertainment? Wanda Law and Ensemble perform for this San Dieguito Performing Arts Association series on March 10. Expect Irish singers, musicians, and dancers, with

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LOCAL EVENTS

Barbara McDonald Magone, Kevin Carr, and Brian Baynes, with dancers from the Carrickethan School of Irish Dance.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for those 18 years and under. Dial 760-752-5078 for information. (CARLSBAD)

The (Grand)Kids Are All Right, the three young musicians known as the Mammals — Tao Rodriguez-Seeger, Ruth Ungar, and Michael Merenda — join with Sarah Lee Guthrie and the folk trio RIG to perform for San Diego Folk Heritage on Sunday, March 10. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$15. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

There's an Open Reading hosted by poets performance on Sunday, March 10, 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

"Meeting Jesus Again" is the theme for the 39th annual religious art festival hosted by St. Mark's Methodist Church. Poets included in the show, which was judged by Jack Webb, will read from their work on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Bring two or three of your own poems to share if you wish. Find St. Mark's at 3502 Clairemont Drive; 858-273-1480. (CLAIREMONT)

Park Ranger Anna Pigeon finds a murdered body in an old inn in Mississippi in Nevada Barr's book *Hunting Season*. Barr will discuss and sign her book at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at Mysterious Galaxy Books. This is a ticketed event; tickets are available with the purchase of a copy of the book from Mysterious Galaxy. Find the shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Mystery Author K.J. Erickson will sign and discuss *The Dead Survivors* on Monday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

Meet Underwater Archaeologist Daniel Lenihan when he discusses his book *Submerged: Adventures of America's Most Elite Archaeology Team* on Monday, March 11, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Lenihan is the found and head of the Submerged Cultural Resource Unit of the U.S. National Park Service. Call 619-295-2201 for information. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 10 p.m., on Monday, March 11, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Sign-ups start at 7:30 p.m. Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Folk Music from Europe and America may be heard during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

Swedish-Born Engineer Erik Jonsson has spent a lifetime exploring navigation over every terrain, from the crowded cities of Europe to the emptiness of the desert. Written for the nonscientist, *Inner Navigation: How We Get Lost in the World and How We Find Our Way* explains the array of physical and psychological cues the brain uses to situate us in space and build its cognitive maps.

Jonsson reads from and discusses his book at Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Busy on the 12th? Jonsson will also read from and sign his book at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (MISSION VALLEY, LA JOLLA)

Success Is a Stranger to the person who lacks effective communication skills, according to Thomas Leech, who has written *Say It Like Shakespeare*. Leech will sign and discuss his book on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Meet the Masters, head to the San Diego Museum of Art when actress Beverly Jackson presents two very different artists in poignant dramatic presentations on Tuesday, March 12. For the morning presentation, Hale will portray Mary Cassatt, greeting the audience in her country chateau outside of Paris; in the evening, expect a portrayal of artist and humanitarian Käthe Kollwitz, who spoke against oppression and war through her art.

Lectures begin at 11 a.m. (\$18 for nonmembers, or \$36 with lunch) and at 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for nonmembers). For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Noted Explorer, Historian, and photographer Harry Crosby will read from and discuss his new novel *Portrait of Paloma* on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. For further information, call 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Busy on Wednesday? Crosby will also sign his book, described as "a complex moral and psychological odyssey" at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Call 760-943-6400 for information. Free. (ENCINITAS)

A Poetry Reading is planned by Thomas L. Gayton, hosted by the Magee Park Poets, on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Bride to Be? Head to Barnes and Noble Bookstore when Marlene Hollo way signs and discusses *The Wedding Workbook* on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Known for the Song "The Unicorn," the Irish Rovers perform on Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The group has been presenting Celtic-flavored, traditional, folk, and popular music for over 30 years. Tickets range from \$18 to \$36. The center is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

A Class Concert is planned by Jimmy Cheatham's students on Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Tradition! The Coronado School of the Arts theater department is presenting *Fiddler on the Roof*, with book by Joseph Stein and music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, March 14-17. See the play at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue. Tickets range from \$6 to \$10. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

Celtic Fiddlers Kevin Burke, Johnny Cunningham, and Christian Lemaitre present a "Celtic Fiddle Festival" on Thursday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$16, \$21, and \$26, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Shakespeare's Magical Comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is being presented by the tyros of the University City High School's Performing Arts Department March 14-16. Performances begin at 2:20 p.m. on Thursday and at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Find the school at 6949 Genesee Avenue. Tickets are \$8 general. For information, call 858-457-3040 x255. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Embrace the Best of the Human Spirit when Adam Abraham, assisted by partner Katherine France, reads from *A Freed Man: An Emancipation Proclamation* and "leads an engaging discussion about freedom's true meaning" on Thursdays, March 14 and 21, at 7 p.m. both nights, at the Holiday

Inn (3805 Murphy Canyon Road). Discussions follow the readings. Free. 619-204-0999. (MISSION VILLAGE)

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)

Curioser and Curioser, four historical musical instruments will be featured when the spring 2002 concert series at the First Unitarian Univer-

salist Church continues with a performance by Dennis James on Saturday, March 16. For "Musica Curiosa," James will offer a musical potpourri, demonstrating the wonders of instruments including Benjamin Franklin's 1761 mechanized glass armonica, the theremin, and the 1954 crystal Baschet sonic sculpture. Organist Robert Thompson will accompany James on keyboard, and guest Robert Korda will play the phonoviolin.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Faith and Begorra! The 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day open reading of Irish poetry and prose is slated for Sunday, March 17, at 8 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). You're encouraged to read favorite passages from James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, and others. Messrs. Guinness and Harp will officiate the proceedings. Free. Dial 858-456-1800 for additional information. (LA JOLLA)

There Was a Time...We Had a Hero, the Carlsbad Playreaders present the locally created *Bambino: A Musical* on Monday, March 18. The play, with music by John Musser and book and lyrics by Andy Rowe, will be presented with a full singing cast. The performance begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Admission is a \$5 donation. For further information, call 760-729-3383. (LA COSTA)

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 March 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.

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Artists on the Cutting Edge X, the “Cross Fertilizations” literary and music series at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla led by artistic director Quincy Troupe runs April 4 through May 2. This year’s participants include Kamau Braithwaite, (Pulitzer Prize-winner) Robert Olen Butler, Fred Ho, Paule Marshall, Alan Cheuse, Lucille Clifton, Aless D. Pate, Marie Howe, and many others.

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Five-night series tickets for non-members are \$65; nonmembers pay \$15 per individual event. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. Call 858-454-3541 x444 for information. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Take Me Out to Spring Training, the San Diego Padres have spring training games every day at 1:05 p.m. (with a 7:05 p.m. game on March 8) March 7-14. For additional details, dial 619-280-INFO. Games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130) Mondays through Fridays and on KOGO on Saturdays and Sundays.

Ice Hockey, the San Diego Gulls host the Long Beach Ice Dogs on Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9, at the San Diego Sports Arena. The Idaho Steelheads arrive for a game on Wednesday, March 13. All of the games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$5 to \$17.50, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

Around the Bay, bicycle up to the foot of Broadway to catch the 10 a.m. ferry over to Coronado with the Knickerbikers on Saturday, March 9. From there, participants will circumnavigate San Diego Bay counterclockwise, stopping for lunch at Zorba’s in Chula Vista. The 35-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9:30 a.m. on the Embarcadero (at Harbor Drive and Grape Street). Bring money for food. Call 619-279-9863 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Tennis, Everyone? The Mountain View Tennis Club hosts a community tennis day on Saturday, March 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You’re

invited to play some tennis and “meet some new friends” during the round-robin play. Admission is free; catered lunch is \$7. Find the club in Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, at 6401 Skyline Drive; 858-759-3219. (ENCANTO)

Kayak-Itty-Yak, take a relaxed kayak paddle on the calm waters of Mission Bay during an event hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$55. (MISSION BAY)

The group offers its final whale-watching kayak tour of the season on Sunday, March 10, at 9 a.m. Participants will paddle out in search of these magnificent mammals. The guided tour is approximately three hours long. The \$75 fee includes kayak rental, wetsuit, and booties. For reservations, call 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA)

What Are Australia’s Rules? Find out when the San Diego Lions Australian rules football team practices on Sundays at 10 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). The team is looking for new recruits to join these Metro League competitors. Free. Call 858-344-3572 for information. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Fallbrook Hills are the destination for San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders on Sunday, March 10. This hilly 90-mile ride begins at 8:45 a.m. in the upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (found at the western end of Encinitas Boulevard). 619-583-8547. (ENCINITAS)

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

“The Bungalow: Seeking a San Diego Style” is the theme for SOHO’s fifth Arts and Crafts weekend, running March 8-10. The preview reception begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, with wine and hors d’oeuvres

offered along with a sneak preview of the exhibition and sale featuring Arts and Crafts artists and vendors from around the U.S.A. Tickets are \$35 for nonmembers.

More than 20 exhibitors from across the country will offer a selection of antique and revival furnishings and decorative arts including furniture, metalwork, pottery, textiles, and books during the exhibition and sale, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$5.

Lectures throughout Saturday include “In the Land of the Bungalow,” “Bungalow Baths,” “The Art of Stained Glass,” “Bungalow Living: The Architecture, Interiors, and Gardens,” and more. Admission is \$20 per talk. “The Arts and Crafts Garden,” “Window Restoration,” “Bungalow Kitchens,” and “Stenciling for the Home” provide the fodder for workshops planned on Saturday. The nonmember fee is \$25 per workshop.

The Craftsman Home Tour takes place on Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The self-guided driving tour boasts five distinctive period homes in the South Park and North Park areas. Docents will be on hand to explain the history and architectural interpretation of the “craftsman ideals” at each home. No heels, no photography. \$35.

Most events take place at the Silvergate Masonic Temple, 3795 Utah Street. To make the recommended reservations, call 619-297-7511. (NORTH PARK)

One Long Pose is held for three hours by draped, costumed, semi-draped, and nude models for life drawing and painting on Thursdays (9 a.m. to noon), and Fridays (noon to 3 p.m.), at the North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). One three-hour pose is offered per session. The fee is \$5 for three hours. 858-621-0850. (NORTH PARK)

Sitting Atop the Highest Shield Volcano in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the Mauna Kea Observatories offer great views of our solar system. Among the 12 large telescopes at the Mauna Kea Observatories are the two Keck telescopes, designed to work as together as the “largest light-gathering instrument in the world.” Learn why the spot is such an ideal observing site during planetarium shows at Palomar College on March 8.

Shows begin at 7 p.m. Call 760-744-1150 x2833 for the recommended reservations. Admission is

\$3 for adults, \$2 for children 5-12 and Palomar students. The campus is found at 1140 West Mission Road; the planetarium is located in room ES-1 on the west side of the science quad on the campus. (SAN MARCOS)

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.

Shows are scheduled at 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and at 1:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Find the theater at 4061 Adams Avenue. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$19.50 general, \$11.50 to \$13.50 for children (with discounts for seniors and military). For reservations, call 866-468-3399. (KENSINGTON)

All That Glitters...the Del Mar Fairgrounds are the site for a gem fair March 8-10, with precious and semi-precious gems, jewelry, beads, mineral specimens, lapidary tools, and more. Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For information, dial 760-747-9215. General admission is \$5. (DEL MAR)

Sheet Music, Books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals are among the items on offer during the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library’s quarterly book sale, set for Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

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)

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)

How Sweet It Is, head to La Jolla Village Square when over 100 cakes created by amateurs and professionals are on exhibit for Confections on Parade on March 9 and 10. The event promises hourly “sugarcraft demonstrations” and a cupcake and cake corner, where guests create works of art or purchase cakes. Admission is free. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 858-492-9792. (LA JOLLA)

“La Feria de la Mujer — A Fair for the Hispanic Women of San Diego” takes place on Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). There will be health and beauty information, a kids’ zone, musical performances, and ballet folklórico. Admission is free. For information, dial 619-744-4336. (DOWNTOWN)

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.

On event days, 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. For information, call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

“Building ID,” a temporary video and still installation on the nature of being in service, may be seen on Saturday, March 9, from 6 to 9 p.m., at hybrid (3813 Ray Street). 619-297-8726. (NORTH PARK)

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Fig-gins 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)

Whaddaya Know About World History, geography, different cultures, and current events? Test your knowledge when the WorldQuest 2002 International Trivia Competition takes place on Sunday, March 10, at the Mission Bay Hilton Resort (1775 East Mission Bay Drive). Organizers promise prizes! Registration begins at noon. The \$37.50 fee includes lunch and benefits the San Diego World Affairs Council. Dial 619-325-8200 for information. (MISSION BAY)

“Moonlight Sonata: A Tribute to Italo Scanga” is on exhibit through the year at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden. The show includes seven Scanga pieces, including the very last piece he finished before his death, *Moonlight Sonata*. The artist’s sculptures combine found and salvaged objects, telling tales “of the human existence.”

Find the garden behind the Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to the Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free. (CARLSBAD)

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

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READING

The Shape of a Pocket and John Berger: Selected Essays



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FROM THE BOOK COVER for *The Shape of a Pocket*:

The pocket in question is a small pocket of resistance. A pocket is formed when two or more people come together in agreement. The resistance is against the inhumanity of the new world economic order. The people coming together are the reader, me, and those the essays are about — Rembrandt, Paleolithic cave painters, a Romanian peasant, ancient Egyptians, an expert in the loneliness of certain hotel bedrooms, dogs at dusk, a man in a radio station. And unexpectedly, our exchanges strengthen each of us in our conviction that what is happening to the world today is wrong, and that what is so often said about it is a lie. I've never written a book with a greater sense of urgency.

FROM THE BOOK COVER for *John Berger: Selected Essays*:

On the occasion of Berger's 75th birthday, Geoff Dyer has selected essays that originally appeared in *Permanent Red*, *The Moment of Cubism*, *The Look of Things*, *The Sense of Sight*, and *Keeping a Rendezvous*. Apparent throughout these essays are the central concerns that have informed all of Berger's writing: the enduring mystery of great art and the experiences of the oppressed.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The Washington Post: Now, in honor of Berger's 75th birthday, more than 100 of his essays, spanning four decades of art criticism, cultural history, and literary reportage, finally have been collected in one place. Perhaps with *Selected Essays*, chosen by British writer Geoff Dyer, and *The Shape of a Pocket*, 24 newer essays, Berger's influence might reach beyond cultural studies departments. At the least, this double publication gives an important, not-to-be-missed chance to luxuriate in Berger's incomparable sagacity and visual sense.

The Buffalo News: Berger, we are always aware, is not kidding. Empty rhetoric is for others. So are the uneasy obfuscations of the insecure. His prose style, especially in his later years, is aggressively simple. None of the jargon infestations of much modern criticism have ever found their way into his work. And yet he can sometimes be fiercely difficult. He isn't afraid of theory and when, for instance, he writes in *The Shape of a Pocket* about Paleolithic cave paintings that lie dormant in the rock itself, you are reading the utterly immersed and mystic voice of the art practitioner, who is, in every professional instant, finding the work commanded as much by the materials as the Eye. The linguistic simplicity doesn't make the mysticism any the less knotty.

What Berger's life — which is omnipresent in his essays but never sloppy or confessional — underscores at every instant is what we always know: that he is that rarity of rarities, a man every bit as good as his words (or, at least, one who is intended to be). He doesn't just admire and study French peasant life; he

has, for decades now, lived in a small village in the French Alps to be close to it.

Who else could find a whole essay in his yearly mucking out of the outhouse, a task that has him muttering in anger but also meditating. "What makes shit such a universal joke is that it's an unmistakable reminder of our duality, of our soiled nature and our will to glory. It's the ultimate in *lèse-majesté*.... Evil hates everything that has been physically created. The first act of this hatred is to separate the order of words from the order of what they denote."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: John Berger was born in north London in 1926 to a businessman father and a housewife mother. He was sent away to a country boarding school when he was 6. At 16, he fled St. Edward's, his Oxford school, and enrolled in the Central School of Art in London. When he turned 18, he was called up and served in the army in Ireland. Demobilized, then-21-year-old Berger returned to art school. From 1948 to 1955 he taught drawing at the Workers' Educational Association. In 1952 he began what would be a ten-year stint as art critic for *The New Statesman*. "Berger," Gerald Marzorati wrote in the *New York Times*, "was disappointed with most of the contemporary art he saw and wrote about for *The New Statesman*.... He believed that the fragmentation and pure abstraction he found in so many paintings of the time were signs that the artist had either become hopelessly isolated from history and the role he had to play in it (Berger placed Jackson Pollock in this category), or that he was merely content to manufacture handsome pictures of existential despair for wealthy collectors. Berger expected, and at times demanded, that artists express 'the range and depth of human hopes.' "

In 1958, Mr. Berger's first novel, *A Painter of Our Time* — its primary character a Hungarian expatriate painter — was published (and in part, through the machinations of Stephen Spender, was blacklisted for its apparent sympathies with the Communist East). Mr. Spender, who could be more than a bit of a jerk, went on to vociferate against Mr. Berger as "a foghorn in a fog." Geoff Dyer, in his 1987 critical biography of Mr. Berger, *Ways of Telling*,

FOR KIDS

"Puppets! Puppets! Puppets!" will be presented by Tom Jensen's Puppets through Sunday, March 10, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: the Irish folktale *The Gobbaleen* performed by the Puppet Playhouse Players March 13-17.

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)

Change the Sheets and Head to the Theater when the San Diego Junior Theater presents *Come Back, Amelia Bedelia*. The show — about the charming but literal-minded housekeeper's travels — is directed by Lois J. Miller.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through March 17 in the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! The San Diego County South Christian Youth Theater presents *The Wizard of Oz* March 8 and 9. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, in Mayan Hall at Southwestern College. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children. For reservations, dial 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (CHULA VISTA)

Young Golfers develop and showcase their competitive skills during the International Junior Golf Tour Baja California Junior Championship, running March 8-10 at the Double-

tree Golf Resort (14455 Peñasquitos Drive). Tee times are 8 to 10 a.m. each morning, and spectators are invited to watch the competition for free. Boys in the 16-19 age division and girls in the 15-19 division will be competing. For information, call 843-785-2444. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

You've Gotta Love Max, the star of the delightful Rosemary Wells books. He'll be on hand for the story time planned on Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m., at Borders Books and Music hosts (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. Call 619-593-5119 for details. (EL CAJON)

Celebrate St. Pat's when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents "Children's Classics" on Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes Irish step dancing by dancers from the Thornton Academy, *Daniel O'Rourke*, *Beauty and the Beast Part*

3, Irish poetry and songs. 858-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Dinos to Rhinos, explore the adaptations and body shapes of animals and how they help animals to survive during this children's program for those in grades one to three on Saturday, March 9, 1 to 3 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. (BALBOA PARK)

Jiggling Jellyfish, preschoolers and their parents will explore the beauty and mystery of marine jellies, learning how these creatures survive in the ocean when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts this class on Saturday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. The \$20 fee (adult admitted free) includes "role-playing" and a take-home craft. Find the aquarium 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

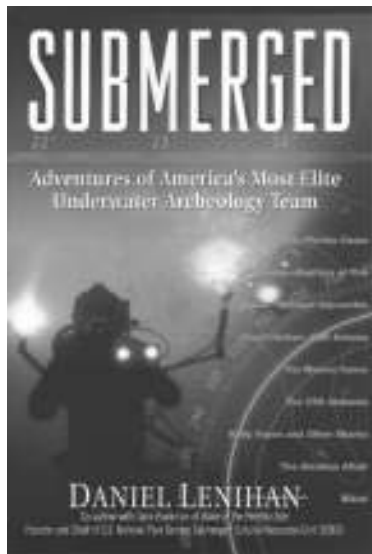
"By Kids for Kids," the ninth annual multicultural arts festival, runs March 9-16 at locations throughout Carlsbad. The fun begins on Saturday, March 9, when the Patnaik Sisters perform the ancient classical dance forms of East India at 1 p.m. Capoeiro Besouro Negro presents African-Brazilian stick-fighting dancers at 2 p.m. Both programs take place in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane).

Native American storyteller Abel Silvas performs as Running Grunion on Monday, March 11, at 10 a.m., at the Carlsbad Community Cultural Arts Center (3557 Monroe Street).

The Puppetree Players present an interactive puppet show entitled "Ronrico's Rainforest Rescue" on Tuesday, March 12, at 3:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). The Thornton Irish Dance Academy Irish step dancers take the

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a book that, sadly, is out of print, notes that Mr. Berger wrote thanking Mr. Spender for the compliment. “What,” Mr. Berger opined, “could be more useful in a fog than a foghorn?”

In the 1960s, Mr. Berger became involved in independent television production, an involvement that led to his BBC-TV series, *Ways of Seeing*, described by Nicholas Wroe in *The Guardian* as “a Marxist riposte to Kenneth Clark’s patrician *Civilisation*.” Wroe went on to write that *Ways of Seeing* was described “by one art academic of the time as

‘being like Mao’s little red book for a generation of art historians.’ The series and accompanying book developed the ideas of Walter Benjamin’s essay, *The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction*, and opened up areas of cultural study to a mass audience that had previously been confined to the academy. It addressed how unique works of art are transformed into reproducible commodities, the sexist tradition of the nude, the celebration of private possessions in art, and the links between high art and advertising.” The book, *Ways of Seeing*, published in 1973, became a cult classic, both abroad and in the United States.

Mr. Berger’s novel *G* in 1972 won the prestigious Booker Prize. The money award at that time was £5000. Mr. Berger horrified the more conservative book-reading public by accepting the prize but giving away half of the money to a London branch of the Black Panthers and noting that he would use the other half to begin research for a book about immigrant laborers in Europe. (*A Seventh Man* was the book that came out of the studies financed in part with the Booker funds.) The acceptance speech that Mr. Berger gave is included in *Selected Essays*. In the text of this speech a reader learns, about the source of the Booker Prize money, that

“Booker McConnell has had extensive trading interests in the Caribbean for over 130 years. The modern poverty of the Caribbean is the direct result of this and similar exploitation. One of the consequences of this Caribbean poverty is that hundreds of thousands of West Indians have been forced to come to Britain as migrant workers.”

From the 1960s on, Mr. Berger, who is father to one daughter and two sons, has lived outside England. For the last three decades, give or take a few years, he has made his home in a village in the French Alps, the setting for his trilogy, *Into Their Labours*. He has continued his work as a critic, an essayist, a novelist, and a screenwriter. His most recent novel, *King*, was published in 1998.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: In the days before I dialed up Mr. Berger in his home in the French Alps, I had been reading Geoff Dyer’s selection of Berger essays and in the book of new essays, *The Shape of a Pocket*. I also was reading, for the very first time and with great interest, Mr. Berger’s first novel, *A Painter of Our Time*. Mr. Berger uses a quotation from Maxim Gorky at the beginning of the novel:

Life will always be bad enough
for the desire for something better
not to be extinguished in men.

I thought, as I read one after another Berger essay, how well the Gorky statement fit all that Mr. Berger has written and, no doubt, will write. I thought that indeed this Gorky statement might be almost a credo for Mr. Berger, a statement of his artistic purpose (although he would never write or say a phrase as metaphysically ostentatious as “artistic purpose”).

Also, in the days before I dialed into Mr. Berger’s writing room, I had gotten out the first Berger book I’d owned — *About Looking*, published in the United States in 1980. A bookseller friend in the then-new Elliott Bay Book Company in Seattle had handed the book to me and said he thought I’d like it. In 1980 I had only

begun to think of trying to turn myself into a writer. But I was afraid. All through my copy of *About Looking* I see that I have underlined sentences. In the margins my little cries of pleasure found their way to ink — “Yes, yes,” I wrote, next to this in the now-famous 1977 Berger essay, “Why Look at Animals?”: “What man has to do in order to transcend the animal, to transcend the mechanical within himself, and what his unique spirituality leads to, is often anguish.” As I recently reread essays in *About Looking*, I saw how my writing, like that of many other writers, had been inspired by what Mr. Berger wrestled down onto paper. He wrote (and still writes) what I imagine is not quite what proper grownups would say or write. For instance, in “Rouault and the Suburbs of Paris,” he describes Rouault’s face as “thinner skinned and both more receptive and more malicious than those of his painted clowns. It was a nocturnal, solitary face. One might have rashly concluded from his photograph that he was an aberrant entomologist obsessed by moths.” Mr. Berger was and is a magnificent, wildly inventive oddball of a writer. He is also *serious*.

With all that and more in my mind I pecked out the number that would make the telephone ring in Mr. Berger’s house. I could envision the walls (and recall the odors of smoked and salted pork) of that room from reading this, in *The Shape of a Pocket*:

“The ceiling of the bedroom is painted a faded sky blue. There are two large rusty hooks screwed into the beams and from these, long ago, the farmer hung his smoked sausages and hams. This is the room in which I’m writing. Outside the window are old plum trees, the fruit now turning raven blue, and beyond them the nearest hill which forms the first step to the mountains.”

The young John Berger looks up from the front cover of *Selected Essays*. Turn the book over, back cover facing up, and there’s John Berger at 75 (see page 72). I had that face tucked next to me when Mr. Berger, in a deep voice and an English-accented English, answered his telephone.

I explained that when I read the title — *The Shape of a Pocket* — in the publisher’s catalog that I had imagined this pocket

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stage at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Schulman Auditorium.

The Eric Runningpath International intertribal Native American youth dance troupe entertains on Wednesday, March 13, at 10 a.m., at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center. Also on Wednesday, Eric Runningpath International performs at 4 p.m. at the Centro de Información (3333 Harding Street). How about some Scottish traditional dancing? The Academy of Highland Dancers perform the traditional dances of Scotland at 4 p.m. at Schulman Auditorium.

A musical revue entitled “The Magical Rainbow,” starring local North County residents, starts at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, in Schulman Auditorium (tickets are free but required, available at any Carlsbad library children’s reference desk).

The Thornton Irish Dance

Academy returns to perform on Friday, March 15, at 9 a.m., as does Capoeiro Besouro Negro at 10 a.m., at the Harding Community Center (3096 Harding Street).

Finally, “The Magical Rainbow” repeats on Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at Schulman Auditorium (tickets are free but required). Admission to all events is free. For more information, call 619-434-2920. (CARLSBAD)

Who’s Your Favorite Aardvark? Meet Arthur, the star of Marc Brown’s well-loved books, when he visits the story time planned on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Learn About the Critters living at Seaside Beach when the Birch Aquarium hosts Tidepooling for Tots on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. The fee

is \$12 per adult, \$8 per child (four through kindergarten). To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (CARDIFF)

Voices of Discovery, the Smithsonian Associates are offering this lecture series. Patricia Jacobberger Jellison, geologist and former chief of the Collections Information Services at the National Air and Space Museum, examines “African Environments” on Wednesday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street).

The illustrated lecture for those in grades four through six “travels” across Africa’s diverse landscapes and habitats and introduces some of the creatures who live there. Free. To reserve a spot, call 619-236-5838. (DOWNTOWN)

The Ancient Japanese Art of folding small, colorful pieces of paper to create

different objects is known as origami. Mitsuyo Fukuda leads an origami class for those 12-18 on Wednesday, March 13, at 3:45 p.m., at the University Community Library (4155 Governor Drive). Reservations are required. 858-552-1655. (UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY)

“Come Along, Daisy” by Jane Simmons is on tap for the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Thursday, March 14, at 10 a.m. The store is located at 10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Children’s Museum of San Diego, see “Grasshopper,” a collection of works by local artist James Watts created in collaboration with students from Freese Elementary School and the VeVe 6 to 6 after-school program. The exhibit includes folk toys, puppets, and clay sculptures, and

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was going to be a Gustave Bachelard–like pocket, with a banal exterior and a warm, secret, even perhaps erotic interior. I said I had thought I would be reading about a pocket’s inside and outside, with an emphasis on the pleasurable hiddenness of the pocket’s interior. Then, when I read the statement printed on the back of the book, I saw that there was far more to this title than I’d imagined.

“Yes, but I think that, in a way,” Mr. Berger explained, “the title is playing a game. I think it’s quite right that you felt that.”

“Can you explain what you mean by a pocket of resistance?”

“Well, you know, there was this huge social forum [the World Social Forum] taking place at Porto Alegre in Brazil, yes? To question what is happening on the Davos conference, yes? [The WSF was founded last year as an alternative to the annual gathering of the top 1000 corporations, world leaders, and opinion-makers who usually meet in Davos, Switzerland, but this year met in New York City.] But it seems to me that that is an assembly of pockets of resistance. One should say ‘pockets’ of resistance because it isn’t a uniform political organization or party. It is people who are resisting what is happening to our world at this moment. Maybe each group in its own way, nevertheless, finds something in common to come together, to protest together.”

“It seems too,” I said, “that you are playing with the idea of a pocket of resistance hidden in the emperor’s new clothes.”

“I think I agree with that. I hadn’t thought of that. But I think that’s completely in the spirit. Yes, yes, yes. I follow and agree with you.”

I laughed. “That’s what a writer does for readers. You get readers thinking things like that by writing what you wrote.”

“It is true that when I’m writing essays, I am very conscious of the reader. And I’m not very conscious of the reader as somebody simply listening, but of the reader as an interlocutor, of somebody who can question what I’m writing, and I’m all the time trying to encourage the reader to think for themselves. I don’t necessarily mean that I achieve that. But ideally that’s what I would like to do.”

“That space between writer and reader seems incredibly intimate.”

“Yes, in a way, it is more intimate it seems to me than any other art because the book as object falls away, as it were. A painting can’t fall away. And when one is listening to music there is a space between you and the music, unless one is listening with ear-phones. But, anyway, the point about words read is that those words are read deep within the mind.”

“And,” I said, “also, it seems to me, that when you’re looking at a painting there may be somebody else there, like the friend with whom you’re visiting the museum or a museum guard.”

“Yes, indeed. Indeed. And when you’re reading, you’re holding the book and you’re all alone in that holding of the book. And the writer was alone when she wrote it. There are two solitudes communicating.”

“Which is very sexy.”

“I agree with you. And it seems to me that, really, when a piece of writing has really achieved that — I am now not thinking about my own but anybody’s writing — it has an attentiveness to the reader and that attentiveness is very much to do with tenderness or consolation or gentleness. Even if what is being written about is quite violent.”

“So that when you read a text to which that attentiveness has been brought, when I read you, for instance, I feel that the wound- edness in my mind is being attended to by a great nurse.”

“That’s a very great compliment.”

“Well, I shall have to call you, ‘Mr. Big Nurse.’ ”

We laughed a bit and then became serious. Mr. Berger suggested, “Also what perhaps comes into that is...how to describe this? It seems to me that we are born, not just today, but always, always, since man and woman — mankind — women and men were born, *into a broken world*. And the whole human imagination, not only in making art, but in relating to people and so on, is in a way an attempt to repair the world. And therefore that connects with what you say about a nurse or a healer. Although no writer can claim that for themselves because it would be extremely preten-

tious to do so. But I can say that about some other writers. Borges, for example.”

“And Rilke.”

“Rilke is a supreme example of this, exactly.”

“And poor, crazy, and unhappy Kafka. And who else? Shakespeare. Although, even to say ‘Shakespeare’ is to be pretentious.”

“That’s only because of our schooling, I think. Shakespeare, yes.”

“And to use your word, in what I think is the way you use it, or that Simone Weil used it, Shakespeare was ‘attentive.’ ”

We talked for a while, then, about Simone Weil. Mr. Berger, who has written about Weil, said that he had done drawings of

her, from “photographs, all of them, or copies of photographs. And quite often with words, her words, incorporated into the drawings.”

“Because,” I said, “you want to be with her more?”

“Yes, and as a way of trying to know her face. What an extraordinary face she had. And changing so much all the time, changing so much.”

I was curious, I said to Mr. Berger, as to how sketching is or is not like writing. “Or, are

they even comparable,” I asked, “writing and sketching?”

“They’re comparable in the sense that they both demand an incredible concentration and intention. So that when you’re doing it, maybe you really forget your body, and you hardly move, and your legs, after a little while, or after a long while, begin to get pins and needles because of that kind of a concentration. Well, that’s something that they have in common.”

“Does your hand, the hand that holds the pen or pencil, feel the same when you are sketching and when you are writing?”

continues through March.

Explore exercises in theater and self-expression during the “Theatre Expressions” classes taught by local artists Kim Hagan and Ian Gunn on Tuesdays in March from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$5 per class.

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)

Where in the World Will You Find Goblins? The Japanese fairytale *The Long-Nosed Goblin* tells how silly and jealous goblins can be when they desire the things of the world of people. Kids can hear this tale of two nosy goblins during the Momotaro preschool story time on Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m., in the Japanese Friendship Garden. Children under six are free when accompanied by an adult (\$3 general). To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum

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

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 of the Americas Museum,

more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 AD) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China,” on view through May. From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life.

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



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The Shape of a Pocket John Berger



"No, no, no. Absolutely not. Because drawing is a much, much more physical activity which begins with the hand. *But*, from the hand it goes up to the shoulder and it goes up finally to the whole torso and head and neck and even down to the hips. Whereas, the act of writing does not involve the same physical involvement."

I explained that I was interested in Mr. Berger's experience as what nowadays we call a "visual artist," because it seemed to me that this experience greatly enhanced his writing about visual art and

artists. "So many people," I said, "who write about painting haven't ever drawn anything but stick figures and a rough map that shows how to get from the highway to their house."

"I'm sure that it makes a difference. And after all, from the age of 16 to the age of nearly 30, although I occasionally wrote stories and poems and things, I was not only drawing, but I was painting and I was a painter. So that, undoubtedly, was extremely formative. Yes?"

"My thought was that because you drew and you painted, you had a greater feeling for what it is for which a painter is looking. Or is that a crazy notion on my part?"

"No, I don't think so. And like I say, in one of those essays, it's not only what the painter is looking for, but what in looking that he sometimes receives. But those are two activities. I mean, if we just go back to comparing these two activities, drawing and writing. For me, the pleasure that I have from drawing, from the act of drawing, is a much more immediate pleasure than the act of writing ever can give me."

"And," I said, "when a person is drawing, what emerges on the paper looks so pretty compared to simple handwriting."

"Yes. And when I was a journalist, quite naturally I had to write copy quite quickly, and I would always type only with two fingers, but I became reasonably fast. But since I stopped being a journalist, I mean, all my writing is done by hand. This manual activity and the pen I use and the color of the ink, not out of any aesthetic preciousness, nevertheless counts a lot for me."

"When you're writing, by hand, the pen is one's friend."

"Yes, a friend. Yes, yes, yes. It is exactly that, a friend in that solitude."

We gossiped about pens, what we used, what we liked, what inks we preferred. Mr. Berger said that he used a Sheaffer fitted out with a "quite large" nib. I said that I wrote with pens fitted with "EF" or "Extra Fine" nibs. Mr. Berger noted that he corrected his work with a pen with an Extra Fine nib. (Mr. Berger told the interviewer for a San Francisco paper that the reason he used the Sheaffer was that they made a "jet black ink, the most marvelous black ink in the world, because it has other colors in it. Diluted enough it turns blue. It has a slight purple in it, too, that you can bring out by mixing in a little salt.")

Mr. Berger never attended university. Since he left England in the 1960s, he has farmed and studied and drawn and written. He has not been in the regular hire of any teaching institution. I said I thought it helpful to writers to remain outside academia.

Mr. Berger agreed. "Yes, I think that was very fortunate. I didn't know why I refused that. But instinctively and very strongly I did. Because I'm not now boasting, but you know, when I was at school, I had a kind of talent for doing exams. Therefore, I did quite well. And they're absolutely meaningless, these exams, but then they led to my actually getting a scholarship to a university, just without my really wishing it. I was a kid, you know; I was about 16 or 17. And then something in me said, 'No, I don't want this.' Now I can see why, but then it was simply a kind of...well, my demon was helping. Some demon was helping."

In his 1989 essay, "A Kind of Sharing," about Jackson Pollock, Mr. Berger writes:

"Painting throughout its history has served many different

purposes, has been flat and has used perspective, has been framed and has been left borderless, has been explicit and has been mysterious. But one act of faith has remained a constant from Paleolithic times to cubism, from Tintoretto (who also loved comets) to Rothko. The act of faith consisted of believing that the visible contained hidden secrets, that to study the visible was to learn something more than could be seen in a glance. Thus paintings were there to reveal a presence *behind* an appearance — be it that of a Madonna, a tree or, simply, the light that soaks through a red."

This essay concludes by noting that Pollock "was driven by a despair which was partly his and partly that of the times which nourished him, to refuse this act of faith: to insist, with all his brilliance as a painter, that there was nothing behind, that there was only *that which was done to the canvas on the side facing us.*"

I asked Mr. Berger, "What would you tell someone if they asked you, 'How does a painting help us love nature or help us help nature or help us see nature, with a big "N"?' Or, does such a question interest you?"

"Oh, it does interest me. It does interest me. I have searched for the answer, and it seems to me one has to look at that historically, because from the Paleolithic age until the 18th Century, people of all kinds, from peasants to philosophers, were all the time reading nature, on one hand, practically and materially, in order to survive, but also as an incredible complex of signs. From the end of the 18th Century until maybe the 19th Century, after the first period of the Enlightenment, when a kind of mechanical, so-called, but actually false scientific view took over, that kind of reading of nature ended. Before that, nature was seen as a mostly undecipherable but occasionally revealing language. But both malevolent and benevolent. Now it seems that paintings of nature, whether they are figurative, like a Van Gogh, if you wish, or they are so-called abstract, like a Rothko, these paintings are also reading the visible as being part of a language. And so that's my answer to your question how paintings perhaps restore us to nature and restore nature to us."

— Judith Moore

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

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 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 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" include Lewis's oils, pen-and-ink drawings, and other work from his daughters' private collections. See the show through Tuesday, April 2.

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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

Roam-O-Rama

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

Scenic Red Rock Canyon hides amid the scruffy slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains, not far from the San Fernando Valley communities of Woodland Hills and Calabasas. Slabs of cavernous sandstone and cobbly conglomerate tilted sharply upward in the canyon tell a geologic story of deposition by gentle currents and massive floods, later faulting and folding of the resulting sedimentary rock layers, and ongoing weathering and erosion. The beige and purplish red colors of the rock strata contrast nicely with the greens and grays of oaks, sycamores, and chaparral — altogether making the canyon reminiscent of the cinematic Wild West. Herein I'll describe an approach to Red Rock Canyon from its top (west) side, ideal for a weekend stroll or mountain-bike

ride of four miles, round trip. In addition, hikers (no dogs or bikes allowed) may want to try a side trip up the slope north of the canyon using the narrow Red Rock Canyon Trail.

From Woodland Hills or Calabasas, take Mulholland Highway southwest approximately five miles to Stunt Road on the left. Drive one mile on Stunt Road Park to a large turnout at mile marker 1.0. After parking there, cross the pavement and pick up the fire road that cuts across a hillside to the north. When you reach a junction in a saddle at 0.7 mile, you're at the head (top end) of Red Rock Canyon. Turn right on the crooked road descending into the canyon, enjoying the scenery, which becomes more interesting as the canyon becomes narrower and deeper.

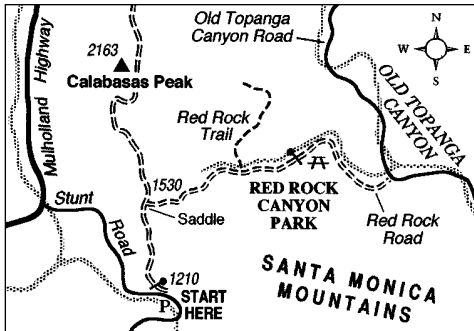
At 1.5 mile, on the left, the one-mile-long Red Rock Canyon Trail crosses the canyon's seasonal stream, heads abruptly upward along a ridge, and climbs circuitously to the north rim of the canyon. The side trip is worth it if the weath-



Cavernous sandstone, Red Rock Canyon

er's clear and cool, otherwise probably not. After another 0.5 mile on the canyon road, you come to a picnic site on the grounds of an old Boy Scout camp, and water for drinking. Keep going on the road just a bit farther and you'll discover a spectacular little gorge.

The gorge and picnic site are accessible from the east by car, which pretty much negates the fun of traveling to them on your own power. If you wish to get to the canyon this way, however, take Old Topanga Road four miles south from Mulholland Highway, or two miles northwest from Topanga Canyon Boulevard, to Red Rock Road. Turn west and drive 0.8 mile to the gorge and a vehicle gate just beyond it.



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 recipi-

ent, 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 memo-

rabilia 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 rail-roading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model rail-roading. 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 or innocence 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 Different Kind of Royalty

Carolyn Sampson's voice resembles that of a boy soprano.

The King's Consort" is a perfect name for a British group specializing in Baroque music. It sounds royal right off the bat. The pun on "consort" (which means both "spouse" and "a band or orchestra") already tells you that witty people are involved, and wit is an essential Baroque feature. It is also delightful to realize that the King of the title is not (God forbid!) Charles I but plain Robert King, conductor, keyboard player, and founder of the organization. When you listen to their recent reconstruction of the Coronation of George II (of which the principal music is Handel's Coronation Anthems), the equivocation acquires an added fillip: could not "the King's Consort" actually refer to the astute Queen Caroline? (It doesn't.)

Robert King brought his name, his well-deserved reputation, and a sampling of his consort with him to St. James by-the-Sea, for a splendid concert in the San Diego Early Music Society's series. By sampling I mean not only that the program included several of the eminent Baroque composers in the group's repertoire (Purcell, Telemann, Vivaldi, Bach, Handel), but also that the performing forces constituted only an abbreviated version of the King's Consort at its full strength. Completely staffed (king-size, as it were), the orchestra with chorus has numbered up to 40. At St. James, there were only nine instrumentalists (including the conductor at the harpsichord) plus a single soprano soloist.

The size of Baroque orchestral performances can legitimately vary. The most important factor is the quality of the playing, and every one of the musicians here was — as expected — a master of his or her instrument. The instruments, all of which reproduced authentic sounds of the 17th and 18th Centuries, included the valveless Baroque trumpet, the Baroque oboe, the Baroque transverse flute, the theorbo (a giant lute), and a quintet of strings played in impeccable Baroque style, with minimal *vibrato* and light bow pressure. One could not have asked for greater clarity of texture

or pungency of sound. Still, even in the resonant acoustics of the hall, the lack of body in the string sound deprived several of the works of some of their sensual and visceral impact. Just two violins or cellos on a part would have made a significant difference.

On the other hand, such restricted forces provide an appropriate framework for the inevitably feeble sonorities of the transverse flute, which in live performance has a hard time being heard over a large body of strings (on recordings, of course, the problem can be eliminated). There were two major flute works on the program — a D Major Concerto by Telemann and J.S. Bach's Second Orchestral Suite — and it was a pleasure to hear the flawless balances that could be achieved by this combination of instruments, notably in the interplay in the Telemann between the flute and the first violin, and throughout in the lucidity of the flute's gentle, woody, watery tone (except that, as always happens, some of the lower notes — the instrument's weakest range — virtually disappeared).

The artful soloist, Rachel Brown, is an exemplary exponent of this difficult predecessor of the modern flute, and a vigorous, sensitive musician. She made the listener appreciate the special charms of the older instrument; one could almost forget the very different gratifications that the stronger, more incisive, and more brilliant sounds of the modern flute can bring to this music. Similarly, the conviction Robert King brings to his reconstruction of authentic Baroque style could almost — *almost* — make one forget what a rich and grand effect the opening movement of the Bach Suite can make when it is played at a moderate pace, instead of in the (admittedly vivid) hurry-scurry fashion that has become the norm these days.

The even more difficult Baroque trumpet, played with incredible technical command by Crispian Steele-Perkins, has an easier time making a claim for itself as the right instrument for Baroque trumpet music. Its more narrowly fo-

cused sound, the sweetness that takes the place of the later instrument's brazen sonority, the relative roughness of its articulations, and its glorious change of timbre in a loud climax (a device Steele-Perkins managed with superb musicianship) — these characteristics suit Baroque music-with-trumpet so idiomatically that, in comparison, performances on a modern trumpet tend to seem at once gross and flabby, even when the trumpeter understands Baroque style thoroughly. Steele-Perkins (who offers several post-Baroque 18th-century trumpet concertos in a fine recent CD under Robert King) was a dominant presence in the concert, playing sensationally in a couple of movements familiar from Handel's *Water Music*, in some even more familiar trumpet music by Jeremiah Clarke, in excerpts from Purcell's *The Indian Queen*, and as an *obbligato* instrument in the soprano aria "Let the bright seraphim" from Handel's oratorio, *Samson*.

The soprano in the last work was Carolyn Sampson, whose technical command was on a level with that of the trumpeter: the interplay of the two treble "voices" constitutes Baroque display at its most spectacular, and these members of the King's Consort performed the aria with irresistible panache. Sampson has an impeccable command of *fioritura* and a voice of dazzling limpidity and purity, utterly smooth and unified in color from top to bottom. Its sound resembles that of a boy soprano, vital yet impersonal — in short, instrumental, which is certainly one of the traits required of a Baroque singer. This aspect of her voice made it ideal for "Let the bright seraphim" (an aria of celebration sung by an anonymous "Israelitish woman"), and for the Vivaldi motet, "*Nulla in pax sincera*" (a work of didactic religious piety about the temptations of sin and how they can be resisted through love of Jesus). If you want to hear how wonderful Sampson is at this kind of music, listen to her ravishing performance of "*Laudate pueri*" in volume seven of the King's Consort's ongoing CD series of Vivaldi's sacred music. No one, in my experience, has sung it more beautifully.

Sampson sang just as beautifully in another Handel aria on the program, "*Lascia ch'io pianga*" from the opera *Rinaldo*. Here, however, beauty of voice and perfection of technique are not re-

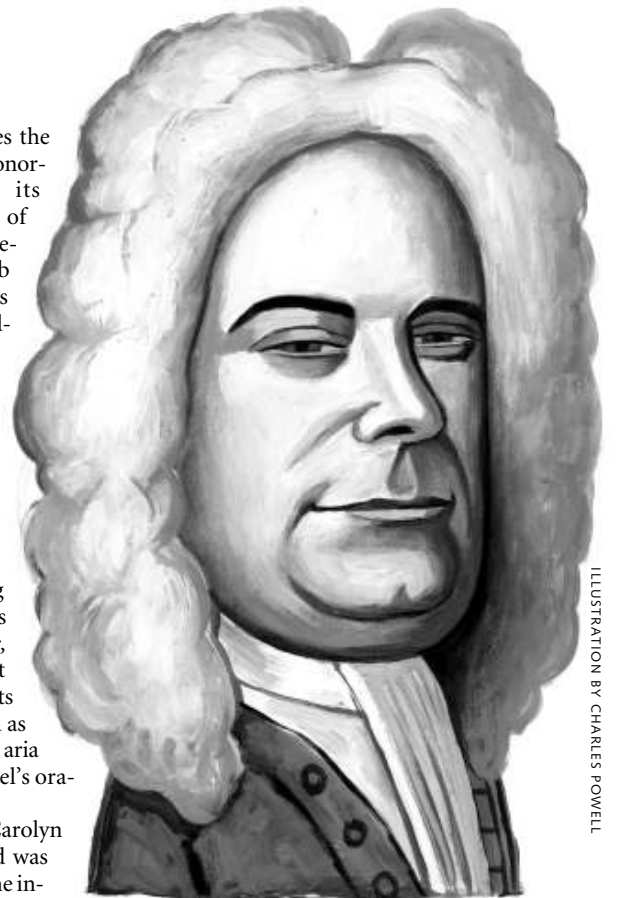


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Handel

The King's Consort St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society)

Instrumental and vocal music by Purcell, Clarke, Vivaldi, Handel, Bach

ally enough. This is opera; the singer is not an anonymous voice but a living character; and the music arises out of a specific dramatic situation (the pathetic heroine has been abducted from her lover and imprisoned by a cruel sorceress). Sampson was aware of the emotional content of the aria, as witnessed by her gestures and facial expressions; but her singing, lovely as it was, remained impersonal and aloof. Cecilia Bartoli has some annoying mannerisms, and her vocal technique (while formidable) is not the equal of Sampson's, but when Bartoli cries "Let me bewep my cruel fate" she breaks your heart, while Sampson only pleased the ear.

In a nice bit of programming, King began the evening (it was actually the second movement of the opening work) with an exquisite instrumental sarabande that is one of Handel's earlier

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versions of “*Lascia ch’io pi-
anga*.” The strings of the little
group at St. James played it with
touching delicacy. The addi-
tion of text and a human voice
should have intensified the ex-
pressiveness, raising the music
to another dimension. Yet
when Sampson sang the same
tune, the affective experience
of the music was very much the
same as it had been two hours
earlier. Baroque opera, let us
remember, is not only a show-
case for spectacular technique;
it is also consummately the-
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powerful feelings. ■

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The group repeats the program
on Saturday, March 9, at the Neuro-
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cert are \$35. Both concerts begin at
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The Boston Chamber Music So-
ciety, joined by cellist Ronald
Thomas, also plans a concert on Fri-
day, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the East
County Performing Arts Center (210
East Main Street). Tickets are \$12,
\$17, and \$22. For tickets, call
619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Undergraduate Chamber
Singers directed by Phillip Larson
plan a recital today, Thursday,
March 7, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall
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mission is \$5 general. Call 858-534-
4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Violin Prodigy Hilary Hahn joins
conductor Jung-Ho Pak and the San
Diego Symphony for performances
on March 8 and 9. The program fea-
tures Arvo Pärt’s “Cantus (In Mem-
ory of Benjamin Britten),” the “Sym-
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way when the group Raw Fish per-
forms 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 Build-
ing, 320 11th Avenue). Tickets are
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formation and reservations, call
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Two Winners of the Music Teach-
ers of America’s Concerto Competi-
tion will be performing with the New
City Sinfonia in concert on Friday,
March 8. Pianist Johanna Hsieh will
perform the first movement from
Mozart’s “Piano Concerto No. 20 in
D Minor”; flutist Kevin Leu will pre-
sent the first movement of Mozart’s
“Flute Concerto No. 2 in D Major.”
Also on the program are the orches-
tral suite “Songs of the British Isles”
by Leslie Pearson, and Schubert’s
“Symphony No. 1.”

The concert commences at
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for details. (LA JOLLA)

The “Saint Paul Oratorio” by Felix
Mendelssohn will be performed by
the 100 voices of MiraCosta College’s
North Coast Chorale and San Elijo
Chorale on March 9 and 10. Soloists
include soprano Sarah Agler, bass
Mark Boros, and tenor Stephen
Sturk. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on
Saturday and at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday
at St. James Catholic Church (625
South Nardo Avenue). Tickets are \$7
general. For information, call
760-795-6815. (SOLANA BEACH)

Extraordinary Pianists perform for
the piano series hosted by the La Jolla
Chamber Music Society. The series
concludes for the season when
Richard Goode performs on Satur-
day, March 9. The program includes
works by Mozart, Beethoven, De-
bussy, and Schubert.

The concert starts at 8 p.m., fol-
lowing a pre-concert lecture for
ticket holders at 7 p.m. Find the mu-
seum at 700 Prospect Street. Tickets
range from \$30 to \$60. For reserva-
tions, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

A Range of Music may be heard
when the Wheaton College Sym-
phonic Orchestra performs on Sat-
urday, March 9, at 7 p.m., at College
Avenue Baptist Church (4747 Col-
lege Avenue). An offering will be re-
ceived. Call 619-582-7222 for more
information. (COLLEGE GROVE)

“Romantic Music for the Piano” is
promised when Karen Follingstad
performs on Sunday, March 10, at
7 p.m., for the Clairemont Lutheran
Vesper Concert Series. Expect to hear
“Preludes” by Chopin and selections
by Debussy. Find the church at 4271
Clairemont Mesa Boulevard;
858-273-7423. Nursery care is avail-
able. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

An Evening of Gospel Singing is
promised when the Martin Luther
King Jr. Community Choir performs
on Sunday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m.
The program includes several origi-
nal songs by local composers. Find
the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at
East H Street); 619-656-2525. An of-
fering will be received. (CHULA VISTA)

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tions** of Handel’s “Messiah” may be
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(OCEANSIDE)

Old Masters in Music and Art, the
series continues with a concert of
early music performed on baroque
violoncello on Sunday, March 10, at
2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of
Art. The concert is included in regu-
lar museum admission. 619-696-
1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Music by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Bar-
ber, Lemare, Jongen, and others on
Sunday, March 10, at 7 p.m., at the
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\$10. Child care is available by reser-
vation. Dial 619-297-4366 for addi-
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Young Award Winners of the Mu-
sical Merit Foundation competition
perform on Sunday, March 10, at
4 p.m., at the Rancho Bernardo Pres-
byterian Community Church (17010
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soloist Bryan Verhoye, violinist
Cheryl Norman, and soprano soloist
Monica Abrego-Caballos. The pro-
gram features a performance of
Mozart’s “L’amero Saro Costante,”
a trio for piano, violin, and soprano.
Admission is free. Call 858-487-0811
for information. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Works by Scarlatti, Brahms, Ligeti,
Boulez, and Lindberg may be heard
when students from Aleck Karis’s
classes present a piano recital on
Sunday, March 10, at 8 p.m., in the
UCSD Recital Hall. Free. For infor-
mation, call 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

How’s the Organ? Civic organist Carol
Williams presents a concert on Sun-
day, March 10, at 2 p.m., in the Spreck-
els Organ Pavilion. Dial 619-702-8138
for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

**Symphonic Sounds in Sacred
Spaces**, the series continues when the
San Diego Young Artists Symphony
Orchestra presents concerts on
March 10, 16, and 17. What’s on tap?
Listen for Górecki’s “Symphony
No. 3” with soprano Mary Jaeb, El-
gar’s “Sospiri,” and “Agnus Dei”
from Verdi’s “Requiem.”

The concert on Sunday, March 10,
starts at 3:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the
Great Catholic Church (11451 Blue
Cypress Drive). Head to Holy Trinity
Catholic Church (405 Ballard Street)
for the concert on Saturday, March 16,
7:30 p.m., with the group performing
on Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., at St.
Mary Magdalene (1945 Illion Street).
Offerings will be received. For more
information, call 619-445-5284.
(SCRIPPS RANCH, EL CAJON, MORENA)

Are Piano Trios Your Cup of Tea?
Emma Rubinstein (violin), Thomas
Stauffer (violoncello), and Cynthia
Darby (piano) perform for the San
Diego Library concert series on Sun-
day, March 10. The program boasts
Beethoven’s “Trio in B-Flat Major
No. 97 (The Archduke),” the “Trio
for Violin, Cello, and Piano” by
modern composer Bernhard Heiden,

and Clara Schumann’s “Romanze”
from her “Piano Trio in G Minor.”

The recital begins at 2:30 p.m. in
the third-floor auditorium; find the
library at 820 E Street. Dial 619-236-
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mission is free. (DOWNTOWN)

Eight Scaled Violins of the violin
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The program includes Mozart’s “C
Fantasia,” the “Suite for Strings” by
Janáček, Gershwin’s “Summertime,”
and Stan Kenton’s “Intermission
Riff.”

Admission is free. The music
lasts approximately 50 minutes —
bring your lunch! For more details,
call 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Sitar Students of Kartik Seshadri plan
a recital of classical Indian music on
Monday, March 11, at 8 p.m., in Er-
ickson Hall (B-210) of the Mandeville
Center for the Arts at UCSD. Tabla
students of Arup Chattopadhyay will
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**“Music in the Land of Three
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vations and information. (LA JOLLA)

Meanwhile, Chamber Ensembles
led by János Négyesy perform in con-
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Faculty Recital, John Flood per-
forms percussion for the concert
starting at noon on Wednesday,
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(SDSU)

Catch a Classical Rising Star, pi-
anist Lang Lang appears in recital
performing Schubert’s “Fantasy in
C Major (Wanderer Fantasy)” and
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day, March 14, at 8 p.m., at the Cal-
ifornia Center for the Arts, Escondido.
The program also includes
Haydn’s “Sonata in E,”
Mendelssohn’s “Fantasies or
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A-Flat Major No. 1” and “Nocturne
in D-Flat Major No. 2.”

Tickets are \$30. Find the center at
340 North Escondido Boulevard (at
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for and reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

English Renaissance Music Stars
when Pacific Camerata presents “Re-
naissance Music and Image” on
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1966. (BALBOA PARK)

**“Ricericare: A Search for the Voice
of the Violoncello”** is the theme
when William Skeen performs J.S.
Bach’s “Suite in E-Flat for Solo
Cello” and “Two Fantasies” by
D. Gabrieli. The concert is slated for
Thursday, March 14, in the French
Parlor of Founders Hall at the Uni-
versity of San Diego.

A pre-concert lecture starts at
11:30 a.m., with the concert starting
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Underwater Monsters

The Kogi, who occupy a ridge above the coast of northern Colombia, regard the sea as the mother from whose womb the cosmos issued.

I grew up in a river town, Philadelphia, whose two main waterways, the Delaware and Schuylkill, were long ago contaminated by the refineries and industrial sites they served. Yet it still gives me a rush to watch them flow, dull and sluggish though they be. When sculls groove across the Schuylkill's surface, they look lazily tolerated by the power of the waters. Over the years I've come to regard them as great entities poisoned by lesser beings who killed them in order to make a killing, but I don't pretend to myself that they are deities.

The religions of early peoples living in coastal areas or along rivers were usually powered, so to speak, by power. The Kogi, who occupy a ridge above the coast of northern Colombia, regard the sea as the mother from whose womb the cosmos issued. Before that there existed an inchoate, undifferentiated sea of energy they believe to be the mind of the Great Mother. Before Her, nothing existed. The sea *thought* things into existence. Kogi shamans dip beads into water to divine what the Great Mother is thinking.

The one time I saw a pod of dolphins, off Venice Beach while Rollerbladers shimmied past, I felt a tingle of awe and happiness that such creatures exist, leaving afterimage arcs in the

air as they lope in and out of the water. A dolphin's ocarina shape is a primal form in our psyche, but while these creatures induce wonder (or a self-serving sappiness in those who believe dolphins *belong* to our psyches), they aren't woven into mythic consciousness as they are among indigenous peoples. The terracotta vessel of a dolphin from Colombia on view at the Mingei

International Museum's jewel-box of an exhibition, *Pre-Columbian Art: Marine Animal Forms*, has a primeval perfection of design. Its top and bottom halves look riveted together like a seagoing ironclad, its tiny bottleneck charmingly out of proportion to the body. It has a sweetness of nature we don't find in a tuna effigy from the Chorrera culture of coastal Ecuador dating back 2500 years, whose sleek caliper jaws and tail fin give it the look of a fierce fighter.

Some of the figures painted on ceramics in the show are so gestural that they're nearly abstract, like a code or notation. Others present specific images, such as a bowl with a softly modeled crawfish lying at its bottom waiting for prey, or emulate the thing itself, like fish-shaped graters used to shred manioc in southwest Colombia. Not being a seagoing guy and so a little obtuse about such things, I never

realized how musical the fish form is until I saw the conches on exhibition and remembered that the contemporary trombonist Steve Turre sometimes plays a conch shell (and really swings). Early peoples made ocarinas in the form of round fish and whistles in the form of flat fish or crustaceans. The whistles are quite small, no larger than netsukes, those exquisite jade or pearl squares used by Japanese to cinch kimonos.

Pre-Columbian Art: Marine Animal Forms provides much information. The earth is 70 percent water. Every second, 100,000 tons of water evaporate from the Mediterranean. The underwater mountain chain called the Mid-Ocean Ridge stretches around the globe some 47,000 miles. The Marian Trench off Guam runs 36,000 feet deep, large enough to contain earth's tallest mountain. It also recalls the ocean's power over the imagination. I remember from childhood the otherworldly menace of jellyfish; for city kids they were monsters from the deep. But they were half-pints compared to what archaeologists just recently found in a Wisconsin quarry: thousands of fossils of jellyfish stranded in a small la-



Terra-cotta dolphin effigy vessel, Sinu Region, Colombia



Terra-cotta tuna effigy vessel, Chorrera culture, coastal Ecuador 1400-500 B.C.

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goon some 510 million years ago, many up to one *meter* in diameter. The ocean's phenomena have a grandiose specificity. As many as 100,000 rock lobsters, scavenging bottom-walkers that sometimes live 100 years, migrate annually on nine-mile-a-day treks for as long as five days, split into platoons of 60 spiny-armored grunts marching single-file.

An emergency-room physician I know, who has seen some pretty awful things, cringed from a Mesoamerican statuary group showing a shaman transforming himself into a jaguar, and I have a friend who even in middle age can't bear to watch Lon Chaney Jr. change into a werewolf. For indigenous cultures, the shaman was a vessel of terror and awe, a "power person" whose soul could leave the body and shape-shift. He was custodian of his culture's religious health and its intermediary with the spirit world. One motif in art produced in central Panama around 900 A.D. is a snaky fish with a "tail" flowing from a spade-shaped head, which decorates the interior of pedestal bowls. Looking down at the image, we seem to be looking at the deep sea creature up from under. The pricey but helpful exhibition catalog speculates that these are shamans transformed into



Terra-cotta plate, Conte style, central Panama, 600–800 A.D.

fish, a notion based on a splendid terra-cotta plate from central Panama showing a composite figure with a sawfish snout, human arms ending in claws, and a body studded with barbs. This is a typical shaman-in-transformation composite, though like much of what's on display, anthropological evidence is so scant and fragmented that experts can only hypothesize about their meaning.

The shaman was expected to assure the proliferation of marine creatures that formed the tribe's diet. A marvelous stirrup vessel (so-called because of the shape of its handle) from the Moche cul-

ture of coastal northern Peru shows a robustly painted fanged shaman wearing a seal-effigy headdress and braced on a rock, a large ray caught at the end of his fishing line. The detailing is superb: a shell-shaped lure bellies on the line a short distance from the hook; dark waves are marked by high-relief sine curves; near the hooked ray swim a shark and another ray to indicate the available abundance of sea life.

Moche iconography includes a ferocious thing called the *Strombus galeatus* monster — dog- or catlike head, clawed feet, fangs, reptilian tongue — housed in a conch



Terra-cotta stirrup vessel, Moche culture, coastal northern Peru, 100 B.C.–700 A.D.

shell, whose species gives the monster its name. One vessel shows the monster lurking underwater, fish swimming nearby. Experts think it's a shaman, because of the human arm and sharp knife in its hand. In this manifestation, the *Strombus galeatus* monster is in the process of shape-shifting and may be related to a shamanic avatar called the "decapitator," always shown with a knife, though as in so many instances, this is as far as anyone can go in determining its meaning. In any case, intellectual probing gives way to the shiver of terror one feels in such a presence. ■

Events that are underlined occur after March 14.

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LISTING: Contributions must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week prior to publication for consideration. Do not phone. Send a complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to **READER ART**, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at www.SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

GALLERIES

"Plays Well with Others: Playful Experiments in Modular Social Space," a collaborative installation by Katy Chang and Kim Manchester, is on exhibit at UCSD's Herbert Marcuse Gallery. "Rather than following the conventional rules of look-don't-touch," the two graduate students in the MFA program encourage and insist on viewer interaction and intervention. There's a closing reception slated for Friday, March 8, 7 to 10 p.m.

Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information and directions, call 619-299-9996. (LA JOLLA)

"Girllila Art" — an exhibit featuring work by ten female San Diego artists — opens in Simayspace at the Arts College International with a reception on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m., in conjunction with Center City East's Art Night festivities. The participating artists were asked to present work that "has had little chance to be seen in this town...experiment is the operational word."

Find Simayspace upstairs in the 838 G Building (entrance through Arts College International, 840 G

Street, at Ninth Avenue). Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Two for One, Nancy Wostrel presents "Some of My Favorite Things" in watercolor and Ruth Swisher works in oil on "San Diego Landscapes and Seascapes" for the show opening with a reception on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at the Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue). See the exhibit from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through March. Call 858-459-5844 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Obscura Camera," this exhibition of unconventional photography at the Flux Gallery opens with a reception for the ten featured artists on Friday, March 8, 5:30 p.m. View artwork incorporating photography and/or the photographic processes in the creation of the work through Saturday, April 20. Find Flux at 655 Tenth Avenue (at G Street). For gallery hours, call 619-234-FLUX. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Spaces: Breaking Through to the Other Side" features work by 22 artists. The Broker's Building Gallery hosts a reception for the artists on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m., in conjunction with Art Night. Canvas, glass, oil, metal, and many other materials are featured in the works on display. Find the gallery at 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue). For information and viewing hours, call 619-656-0549. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"GLBT" — what does this cryptic abbreviation mean? Find out when the COVA Gallery hosts a group exhibition of multimedia works created by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender artists working in a variety of media continuing through April. You're invited to the opening reception planned on Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m.

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“Polar-Fish” — this exhibit of black-and-white fish-eye photographs of historic London sites and color Polaroid transfers of “eclectic imagery” by photographer Brett Ullman opens with a reception for the artist on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m., at Chet Wooding Graphics. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery is found at 1733 University Avenue; 619-295-5993. (HILLCREST)

“From My Eyes,” an exhibit including work by eight African-American artists in celebration of black history, is on view through Friday, March 29, at Falcon Street Arts (3103 Falcon Street). Meet the participants during a reception on Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. For viewing hours and other information, call 619-527-2508. (MISSION HILLS)

Paintings by Nicholas Kilmer — including a group of recent oils celebrating the “structure of the human figure and of the human figure in the landscape” — go on exhibit at the Galerie D’Art International with a reception for the artist on Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. The show continues through Tuesday, April 23.

Kilmer presents an artist’s lecture at the gallery on Saturday, March 9, at 3:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 592 Carlsbad Village Drive. Regular gallery hours are noon to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and by appointment. 760-434-2282. (CARLSBAD)

The Life of the Russian Orthodox Church revolved around its icons, images painstakingly created by anonymous artists. Priests and bishops in the church and people in private homes lit candles near these detailed panel paintings, the smoke ascending heavenward carrying prayers and petitions of devotion. “Petitions of Devotion: Russian Icons from the Timken Museum Collection” — opening in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library with a reception on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m. — features 27 intricate icons dating from the 18th and 19th Centuries.

See the exhibition through Sunday, April 28. Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. For information and viewing hours, call 760-602-2021. (CARLSBAD)

Second Saturday Escondido events are planned on March 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., along Grand Avenue. These happenings are monthly self-guided tours through Escondido’s expanding cultural district. Visitors may visit open galleries and studios and watch demonstrations. Maps and brochures are available at the Escondido Municipal Gallery, 142 West Grand Avenue; 760-480-4101. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Talented Newcomers Donna McGill and Maria Massey have work on exhibit at the Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery through March. Meet the painters at the reception on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p.m. Find the gallery at 845 Main Street. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Call 760-789-0095 for information. (RAMONA)

A Celebration of the Senses is promised during the arts and culture festivities known as “Ray at Night,” slated this month for Saturday, March 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Events take place in the 12 galleries on one block of Ray Street, at University Avenue (off 30th Street). Free. For more information, call 619-295-7346. (NORTH PARK)

A 63rd Birthday Party is being planned for French artist Jean-Pierre Rousseau in conjunction with the opening of an exhibition of his work on Wednesday, March 13, at 6 p.m.,

at Galleria Jan (7863 Girard Avenue, suite 201). The show includes all original works including acrylics on canvas and paper as well as watercolors. The exhibit closes on Monday, April 1. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. 858-551-2053. (LA JOLLA)

“Masks With Meaning: The Mask Project Exhibition 2002” goes on view in the Southwestern College Art Gallery with a reception on Thursday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. Ruth Dorn leads the Mask Project at the Wellness Community for people with cancer to express their creativity and tell their stories, and this exhibit highlights their work. See the show through Wednesday, April 17.

Find Southwestern College at 900 Otay Lakes Road. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, with hours extended from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 619-482-6404 or 619-482-6367. (CHULA VISTA)

“Adult Supervision Advised” — this group show features works borrowing “themes and even real objects from popular or ubiquitous culture,” and it opens at Sushi Performance and Visual Art with a reception on Thursday, March 14, at 5 p.m. Featured artists include Richard Gleaves, Martha Susan Harris, Matthew Ofenbacher, and Melissa Inez Walker.

See the show through Sunday, May 5. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue; 619-235-8468. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, site-specific installations by an international group of artists whose creative material is light are currently on view. “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, Mexican, British, and American scholars who have made a special study of 20th-Century Mexican art and of the artistic and cultural relations between the United States and Mexico

were brought together in the development of “José Clemente Orozco in the United States, 1927-1934,” opening on Saturday, March 9. It’s the first major exhibition of Orozco in the U.S. in more than 40 years, featuring over 120 paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors, and preparatory studies for murals. All of the pieces showcase Orozco’s “revolutionary artistic vision.” The works in the show demonstrate the significant impact that living in the U.S. had on Orozco’s art; he continued to focus on the intellectual and social issues that had long been his central concerns, but he no longer treated them exclusively in terms of Mexican subject matter. The exhibition concludes on Sunday, May 19.

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.

The third rotation of Indian miniature paintings, gathered in “The Way of Rama: A Prince in Exile,” follows the twists and turns of the Indian epic *The Ramayana* from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings. The exhibit focuses on the adventures of the Hindu god Rama who, like Krishna, is an incarnation of the great god Vishnu, born as a mortal to bring divine powers into the course of events on Earth. Rama’s legendary honor and nobility are witnessed in images made at various courts on the subcontinent between the 15th and 19th Centuries. See the images through Sunday, July 14.

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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Back-Burner Intrigue

Jeff swears he was “worn out, the minute I was born.”

For his second novel, *The High Window*, Raymond Chandler broke the mold of his short stories and *The Big Sleep*. He wanted a book told by, and devoted to, style. Descriptions would reveal mood and clues to character. Anger and confrontation — his staples — would remain offstage. The book (“no action, no likable characters, no nothing”) didn’t bomb but made a brusque thud. And Chandler learned a lesson. “*The High Window* was not [a] striking and original work... I hope the next will be livelier and better and faster, because, as you know very well, it is the pace that counts, not the logic or the plausibility or the style.”

Lobby Hero is Kenneth Lonergan’s *High Window*. He’s written screenplays for *You Can Count on Me*, *Analyze This*, and Martin Scorsese’s *Gangs of New York*. His plays include the gritty, satiric comedy *This Is Our Youth*, which merits a local staging soon. He’s street-funny and excels with young, contemporary voices on the cusp of change. None go gently toward the next step, like the gregarious Jessica in *Youth*. Because change is inevitable, and “everything will be different,” she rationalizes, “it just makes your whole self at any given point in your life seem so completely dismissible. So it’s, like, what is the point?”

For *Lobby Hero*, Lonergan went to his strength, sharply crafted dialogue, and built an entire play

on it: no action, little plot, and limited use of the stage: in other words, no drama. Even his locale, the lobby of a “middle-income high-rise apartment building in Manhattan,” pares away theatrical possibilities. The play takes place during the graveyard shift, from midnight to 8 a.m. And the arrival of visitors, local beat cops or the boss, verges on cause for celebration.

And Lonergan’s “hero”? Well, you wouldn’t follow Jeff into battle. He’s one of the apartment complex’s four security officers (the other three are “crackheads and degenerates”). Don’t call Jeff a “doorkeeper”; it reminds him that he may end up “in a lobby where everyone calls him ‘pops.’” An inveterate slacker (his forte is “losing money”), Jeff’s actually on a roll. He’s had this job for nine months and, at age 27, is looking for his first apartment, which should please his landlord parents.

Jeff swears he was “worn out, the minute I was born.” Unlike Jessica in *Youth*, however, he no longer wants to be “dismissible.” Jeff wants dignity, even seeks occasions to show courage. He admires people who get everything they want — like Bill the cop, who visits the woman in 22J — but can’t stand Bill’s brutish demeanor. Jeff wonders if his ideal — to be “self-assured and not be a total scumbag” — is attainable.

As written, and as performed by Kevin Corrigan for the South Coast Rep, Jeff fascinates.

Because he’s so isolated, Jeff really listens to people. And he’s drawn to conversations the way other people stand before a fire, to keep warm. Corrigan creates a precise nexus of New York speech habits and gestures. Usually with both hands and tilted forward with maximum earnestness, Corrigan sculpts, bastes, and serrates the air like a musical conductor of his words. If he wasn’t so committed to changing his life, Jeff’d be a comic buffoon. But how to change escapes him.

Jeff can’t defend the country by himself, but, he surmises, he could defend the building. And the lobby becomes the site for back-burner intrigue. Dawn, a police officer three months from the academy, loses respect for her partner, the “genius cop” Bill. And Jeff’s by-the-numbers boss William has a brother who may or may not be a felon. When he hears information that would let him express his “reformed” character, Jeff gets caught in a moral dilemma: he has a civic duty to snitch on his boss but a personal obligation to keep mum.

Through his desire to be honorable, Jeff dominoes the lives of his boss, now exposed as a liar, and the two beat cops, who have a grave falling out. But here Lonergan’s slowly evolving play becomes schematic: to shape a moral dilemma, he shoves his characters into molds. But he’s written them in three dimensions, and they don’t fit, which raises aesthetic questions. Why, for example, does the tough cop waste two seconds on Jeff? Why doesn’t he — or Jeff’s boss — nuke Jeff when discovered? And how, in just a few days, can Dawn change from a young,



T.E. Russell, Kevin Corrigan in *Lobby Hero*

Lobby Hero, by Kenneth Lonergan

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assertive up-and-comer to a docile doormat submitting to Jeff's newfound (and, frankly, questionable) assertiveness?

As with Chandler's *High Window*, *Lobby Hero* stresses "logic, plausibility, and style" over speed, drama, and life. The play has an almost morbid fear of melodrama and action. Each scene's just a long dialogue (when two people get together, you know they'll talk for at least ten minutes). Lonergan's such a good writer, he almost pulls it off. The play's funny, and Jeff's a complex, seriocomical figure. But the aversion to drama, combined with lengthy speeches and the plausibility required of moral dilemmas, dilute its effectiveness.

Lobby Hero was a hit back East, which suggests that the South Coast Rep's production may have questionable choices. The show's got a glorious set — Tony Fanning's lobby, which juts into the audience, looks as sleek as a bank — and precise costumes (everyone's in uniform). But except for Corrigan's NYC rich voice, the other actors are pseudo-Manhattan, at best, and lack gruff, Bronx accents that could give the dialogue much-needed lift.

An old adage has it that "when the writing is under, the acting will be over." Lonergan's script's deliberately "under," and director Olivia Honegger keeps the acting that way throughout. Here's a rare instance where the combination tones down a show too much. ■



Beehive

THEATER LISTINGS

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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 things 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.

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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



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Harlem Duets

What if, prior to meeting the "fair" (-skinned) Desdemona, Othello were married to a black woman? What happened to her? Djanet Sears' multi-layered, poetic drama "explores the space where race and sex intersect." Sears splits the stage: two African-American couples, one from the 19th the other from the 20th century, divorce. In both cases, like Othello, the man opts for a white woman. Why? Sears uses the question as an analytical tool, uncovering ingrained fissures, and internal prejudices. The San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre opened its new season with the kind of tough, unsparing theater it promised years ago. Di-

rected by Jackie Roberts, the opening night performance, though shakey, got solid work from Rhys Green (as a Columbia prof/Othello figure), Reggie Willis (an absent father come home), Kimberly King (off-the-cuff comedian), and June Rogers as the abandoned Billie (though, for someone having a nervous breakdown, she's a mite too even-tempered). The design work, especially Andy Lowe's subtle lighting, enhances. And the props include a white handkerchief, with a strawberry design, that recalls the "ocular proof" that convinced Othello his wife was unfaithful. In Sears' version, though balanced, the Othellos become suspect.

Worth a try.

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Heartbreak House

The Globe Theatres/University of San Diego Professional Actor Training Program present George Bernard Shaw's wry comedy about "life on the edge of disaster." Sean Murray directed.

STUDIO THEATRE, SACRED HEART HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, THROUGH MARCH 16; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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The sketch comedy group Honking Geese performs late-night at the La Jolla Stage Company.

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Kiss or Make Up
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EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Lobby Hero
Reviewed this issue.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 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.

The Loud Red Patrick
PATH Theatre Company presents John Boruff's comedy about an Irish-American widower faced with bringing up four daughters. Billie Padgett directed.
PATH AT THE MILL POND, 360 NORTH MIDWAY AVENUE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MARCH 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-480-7595.



The Sunshine Boys

A Majority of One
Vanguard Productions present Leonard Spigelglass's two-character comedy that "charms your senses

and warms your heart." Mikel Taxer directed.
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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 in-

dicates 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 Merchant of Venice
The San Diego Repertory Theatre presents Shakespeare's controversial comedy, which director Sam Woodhouse has reset in a "jazz-infused contemporary Venice."
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tin’s “mind-boggling melodrama about survival and how human ex-cesses determine the quality of life.” Jennie Hamilton directed. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 10; FRIDAY AND SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Murder Most Romantic
Murder Mystery Players, Inc., pre-sents 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) re-main 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 Terri-ble Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Com-edey Theatre, an offshoot of John-stone’s TheatreSports (artistic di-rector 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 Ac-troTurf. 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 audi-ence, they played “Emotional Sym-pathy,” “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 fail-ure, 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



Stones in His Pockets

7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFOR-MATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Never the Sinner
Diversionsary’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 Ni-etzschean *ubermensch* superiority, the teenagers murdered 14-year-old Bobby Franks. Clarence Dar-row 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 conse-quences. The script and Diversion-ary’s terrific production avoid the facile sociology often attached to “thrill killings.” Director Sean Murray explores rather than ex-plains. Young actors Jon Levenson (Leopold) and David Stanbra (Loeb) fuse into a symbiotic pair-ing, each incomplete without the other. The design work on Diver-sionsary’s small, triangular stage is tops, especially Mike Durst’s bright lights and bigger shadows. At first only George Ye’s background mu-sic seems out of joint. It’s contem-porary, 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* be-comes as current as your next breath. **Critic’s pick.**
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MARCH 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR- DAY AT 8:00 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. ACTOR’S ASYLUM THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MARCH 10; THURS- DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMA- TION CALL 619-465-3742.

Pageant
North Coast Repertory Theatre presents the San Diego premiere of this “musical comedy beauty con- test,” in which six contestants (each played by a man, with a new winner chosen every night) vie for the title of “Miss Glamouresse.” Russell Garrett directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN- DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of explo-ration. 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 perti-nent, and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appre- ciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: *Oedipus the King* or *Ajax*, by Sophocles.

Worth a try.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH APRIL 28. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-698-2659.

Showboat
The Lawrence Welk Resort The-atre, 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.

The Sopranos’ Last Supper
Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Bari-tone family: “gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.” CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Stones in His Pockets
When Hollywood comes to west Ireland’s County Kerry, Jake and Charlie work as extras, looking “dispossessed” for 40 quid a day. When the crew leaves, taking away the villagers’ dreams, Jake and Charlie plan their own movie, in which the “stars become extras and the extras become stars.” They’ll call it *Stones in His Pockets*, and it will expose the havoc Hollywood creates in a small, rural commu-nity. If *Stones* had an actor for each role, the big canvas would blur its subtheme. But Marie Jones made a smart choice. She has two actors playing all 15 parts. This thread-

bare, intrepid approach — espe- cially with Bronson Pinchot and Christopher Burns as the actors — enables the lowly “extras” to tell the whole story with versatility and talent that would humble the Hol-lywood intruders. *Stones*, with two drably dressed blokes speaking thick accents, takes time to make its world. By evening’s end, though, the performances become tour de force. Pinchot and Burns do so well they almost cover up glitches in the writing, which al- most bludgeons the audience with significance. By Act two, the writ- ing’s as forced as the performances are fluid. **Worth a try.**
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. MATI- NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Sunshine Boys
For one evening only, the Poway Center for the Performing Arts hosts a touring production of Neil Simon’s comedy, starring Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin as aging vaudeville performers reunited for a TV appearance. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-748-0505.

Teach Me How to Cry
The Full Circle Theatre Company opens its 2002 season with Paricia Joudry’s drama, a youthful ro-mance and the “small-minded, small-town mores” that threaten it. Andy Boutelle directed. FULL CIRCLE THEATRE COMPANY, PARKER AUDITORIUM, LA JOLLA HIGH SCHOOL, 750 NAUTILUS STREET, LA JOLLA, THROUGH MARCH 17; THURS- DAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, MARCH 17, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-454-3081.

Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add com-petitive scenemaking, with the au-dience awarding points to the win-ning 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

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The Sopranos' Last Supper

had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five “directors” invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit.” Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to black-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) 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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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

Thanks to some of director Kirsten Brandt’s best work ever, Sledgehammer could almost tell of the Hartford Circus fire (1944) without words. Choreographed movements, combined with striking design images, evoke the horror of a fire that killed 167 people, many animals, and scarred thousands of others. In one section, where the living try to identify the dead, the piece resonates with emotion. But the story’s told in words and more words and endless words. It’s narrated, in fact, by the whole company, which means that everything we hear already happened, and we’re distanced from immediate action. In other words, this show is told, not shown, and the voices speak in a tedious sameness that counteracts Brandt’s brisk physi-

cality. Most of the speakers are ciphers; they either express clichéd hometown values or give pedantic, pseudo-intellectual explanations of the event (don’t ply us with “contingent behavior” or “mob psychology”; show us how it *feels!*). Tim West’s script has some strong descriptive passages, but the whole thing’s a talky sprawl that wants to be a history of circuses, brim with *Cabaret*-like decadence (including a Joel Grey MC), detour to sideshows, and dabble in sociology. Thus in spite of Brandt’s work, and a game cast, the piece is a lengthy rough draft in need of a jag-eyed, cold-blooded editor.

SLEDGEHAMMER THEATRE, SATURDAY, THROUGH MARCH 17; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MARCH 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Visiting Mr. Green

OnStage Playhouse stages Jeff Baron’s two-character comedy about an 86-year-old widower and “a smart, up-and-coming 29-year-old” executive in New York City. Anisa Shamis Cox directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, THROUGH APRIL 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Wake of Matty O’Malley

The traditional Irish wake gets spoofed in this interactive dinner-theater show, which includes an Irish band.

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"The days of wine and roses," says local celeb Steve Poltz, "are going to be reduced to the days of hot dogs and Ripple."

supervisor. Now the UC Irvine economics professor is a regular contributor to KNX radio in L.A. Last week he was describing the inevitability of a major music business slump.

"Last year, for the first time ever, more blank CDs were sold than CDs with content. Every new computer

perfect digital copy in five seconds... When I'm riding in a friend's car and he has a book of CDs, I'd say a third to a half of his CDs are CDs they burned themselves. They have 'Beatles' or 'Dave Matthews Band' written on them with a Sharpie."

Because of this archival phenomena, where anyone can create a CD of someone else's songs, Navarro concludes that record companies, facing a diminishing return, will sign fewer new acts. But he also says that diminishing return will also make singer/songwriters like Poltz want to create less music.

"Artists are driven by the same motivation as most people. For the people who literally sing for their dinner, this has to discourage productivity."

Poltz admits the digital revolution has hit home.

"When I play on the road, people will come up to me and ask me to sign a CD of

my music they got off the Internet. I can't get mad. They are sweet about it. I say, 'Next time, maybe you can buy it from me.'"

Poltz sells his CDs at his live shows and says, "I can't police the whole world."

But Poltz says audio



STEVE POLTZ SAYS CHILL THE RIPPLE

pirates will never take away his need to rock.

"No matter what, I'll always want to put something out there. It's like giving birth to a new kid. That need will never stop."

Poltz agrees that major labels may not be part of that birthing process.

"My last CD I had to bootleg myself—behind my label's back." Poltz was previously signed to Mercury

but had a self-release of *Live at Largo*. Poltz was released from Mercury last year.

Besides painting a pessimistic future for record companies, Navarro won't predict how the music industry will evolve. "We need a different business model."

I note to Navarro that he has never been known as a music industry specialist.

"My father was a professional musician in a big band. I played guitar in a band in the Peace Corps. When I was in the Peace Corps in '74, you could walk into any music store in Bangkok and get the complete collection of the Beatles on cassette for \$3. Now you can do the same thing on CD. Now we can be do-it-yourself pirates."

Steve Poltz appears March 14 at the Belly Up Tavern.

—Ken Leighton

"Yes, the money was very good," said Ramón Bostich. His song "Polaris" is used in a Volvo commercial. The ads run in the U.S., Europe, and Canada.

Though well known as one of the creators of Nortec, Bostich still wants to keep his

day job as a Tijuana orthodontist.

"I love my career. To me the music is what I do for fun."

Bostich is a name he lifted from an American-made



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stapler (though he spells it differently). Nortec is the high-tech, big-beat music that borrows from samples of norteño, banda, and other traditional Mexican music. His one-man electronica band, also called Bostich, inspired other Tijuana artists like Fussible and Panóptica, which formed the loosely organized Nortec Collective. Their Nortec compilation CD drew the attention of the ad

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Sales of recorded music dropped 10.3 percent in 2001, the worst slump in a decade. The Recording Industry Association of America said CD burning and online piracy was a major contributor to the decline.

Even Peter Navarro, San Diego's most famous political also-ran, is predicting big trouble for Big Music. Navarro came in second at the polls, running for the offices of San Diego mayor, city councilman, and county

they sell has CD-ROM writers. The album is no longer the optimal purchase. People just don't want to buy their music anymore. The Napster revolution kicked that off. What it really did is teach people they could create their own stuff."

Poltz remembers saving music to tapes long ago. "When I was a kid, we'd tape the new Boston album on an eight-track or we'd tape a song off the radio on cassette. I don't think that hurt much. But now you can burn a

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agency that created the Volvo TV campaign. They wanted to use the sampled tuba honks on "Polaris" to sell expensive Swedish motorcars.

"In November they had me come up to a studio in Hollywood," said Bostich. "They asked me to help them put the music to the images."

Bostich, who has been featured in *Time* magazine because of Nortec, said his clients are finally recognizing him as an internationally famous electronica artist.

"In the beginning, most of my patients didn't know [about Nortec]. Most of my patients are from the U.S. Now they know I am a musician."

Remarkably, Bostich says the banda musicians who created the original music he sampled in "Polaris" are oblivious to the fact that their tuba music and polka rhythms are part of a sexy, upscale international TV ad campaign.

"I have tried to tell them, but I don't think they understand. They live in a very different world. I think

they are happy to always just work [play music] in a restaurant. They don't seem to realize what Nortec has done even when we tell them."

Bostich said he has also been commissioned to make music for Playstation and for *El Coyote*, a PBS documentary on Tijuana street life.

Bostich and other Nortec artists from the Nortec Collective appear at an annual all-night Nortec rave called "Nortec Life at Las Pulgas," Wednesday, March 20, at the Jai Alai Palace on Revolución Avenue in Tijuana. Admission is \$15.

"I still like to go to raves," said Bostich, 39. "Although not as much as I did ten years ago."

For more info on the Las Pulgas rave: www.donloope.com.

— Ken Leighton

Losing Balance won a seven-band battle of the bands contest in January at Club Xanth. The contest was organized by L.A. promoter John Michalek of Sugarlight Productions. Losing Balance was supposed to have won \$500 and 20 hours of recording time.

"The promoter didn't even show up," said singer Brad Kavonius. The promoter's representative told them they would soon hear from Michalek about the

prize money and the studio time. Kavonius said two weeks went by and his band heard nothing, which prompted an irate call by Kavonius.

"He called back the next day and left a message saying we had to now play a show in L.A. in March. That was three



EASY TO LOSE BALANCE WHEN HANGING FROM CEILING

weeks ago. I haven't heard from him since. That was the first time we ever heard about playing another show. It sucks because now I can't get a hold of anybody to see what's going on."

To participate in the contest, each band turned in ticket money to Michalek's representative before the show. "We sold 25 tickets at \$8 each. Four other bands sold more tickets than we did."

Calls on different days to Michalek last week were not returned.

The Club Xanth contest is just the latest frustration for Losing Balance, who moved here from Oregon three years ago.

"Last Friday I called, like, four places to play, and I got denied all four times. [Bars] won't let us in because they think we're too rowdy." He

says the story of one live show last year — at the Kraken in Cardiff — is haunting the band. Kavonius is known for his wild stage antics, including hanging from rafters by his legs. Kavonius was performing in his boxers at his last Kraken gig.

"My wiener fell out. We got kicked out."

Now he said Losing Balance struggles to get bookings in spite of the fact that his band and its fans are nondestructive punkers.

"We always pack every

place we play, and nothing gets broken. But [bar owners] start talking amongst themselves — and the next thing I know we can't play in North County. Yet bands like Mower get to come back to Martini Ranch [in Encinitas], and they are just as loud and rowdy as we are. [Local website] sandiegopunk.com reviewed our album, and they said we kicked ass. They gave us ten stars out of ten. Bad Religion was the closest. They got nine. Even Rancid, Unwritten Law, and NOFX got eight."

— Ken Leighton

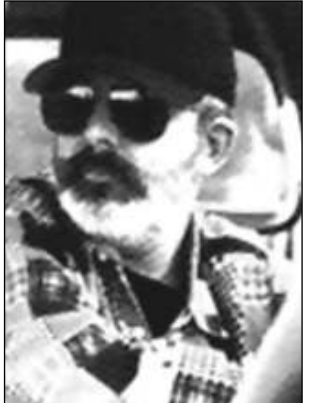
"When *People* magazine called, I told them I couldn't comment."

Songwriter Jack Tempchin says his attorney forbids him to go into detail about his lawsuit against music publishers Warner/Chappell. Tempchin says he filed the suit following a multiyear investigation of the company's accounting books — which he paid for. He said he uncovered a serious conflict of interest that cost him and two other songwriters (Jackson Browne and J.D. Souther) millions of dollars in royalties.

It all has to do with four songs that appeared on the 1975 album *The Eagles: Their Greatest Hits 1971–1974*. Of those four, Tempchin wrote "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and cowrote "Already Gone."

At issue is the licensing fee that Warner/Chappell negotiated for Tempchin, Browne, and Souther with the Eagles' label, Elektra/Asylum. Their royalty on that fee is two cents per song, but it should have been more, according to Tempchin's lawsuit.

"They gave the record company a tremendously good deal at my expense." The big problem, he says, is that the publishing and the record companies are co-owned.



TEMPCHIN LOSES PEACEFUL, EASY FEELING

Court papers claim that the Eagles' "Best Of" collection sold 26 million copies. "It's the best-selling record of all time."

Tempchin said he remains friends with the Eagles and is even working on writing new material with them. "This has nothing to do with the Eagles."

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"They [Warner/Chappell] forced me to do this," he said. "When I brought this to their attention, they just blew me off."

Tempchin, who has lived in Encinitas for 25 years, also wrote "Slow Dancing" for Johnny Rivers. He said he has also sold songs to Trisha Yearwood and Patty Loveless in recent years.

Is there any lesson to be learned by other songwriters?

"Just be careful and read up on legal things. Sometimes it benefits to own your own publishing."

Tempchin appears with his band Rocket Science at the Calypso in Leucadia 7 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of each month. There is no cover charge.

— Ken Leighton

URL watching — Trummerflora

<http://www.trummerflora.com>

Trummerflora is "a musician's collective dedicated to the performance, distribution, and promotion of improvised

and experimental music."

The emphasis on improvisation is supposedly reflected in the group's German name, "trummerflora — a special phenomenon unique to heavily bombed urban areas. The bomb acts as a plow, mixing rubble fragments with the earth, which often contain seeds dormant for a century or more. These seeds come to light, and those that can live in this new and special earth grow and flourish."

The noise emerging from this rubble is performed at "sympathetic venues" listed on the "SD Scene" page. Galoka on La Jolla Boulevard is an Indian restaurant specializing in what it calls "Indo-Fusion Food for Thought." A link leads to a 15 percent discount coupon.

Spruce Street Forum stages concerts like February's "Whisper Chipper," a collaborative performance by Marcelo Radulovich and Marcos Fernandes built from pre-made tapes of wood chippers and shedder machines filtered through effects devices and equalized in real time "to create shifting delay loops."

Both Radulovich and Fernandes are founding members of Trummerflora's cacophonic collective. Radulovich is a multi-instrumentalist with four

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CDs to his credit, the most recent being *(Case of the Missing) Thumb*.

Marcos Fernandes was born in Yokohama, Japan, and drums for the band Wormhole Effect (with whom Radulovich plays bass). From 1993 to 1996 he was co-owner of the Wikiup Café and Intersection Gallery.

Hans Fjellestad and Damon Holzborn, members of Donkey, are also first-wave soldiers in Trummerflora's assault on aural aesthetics. Pianist Fjellestad studied composition and improvisation with George Lewis at UCSD and has directed and edited video projects for John Lydon (a.k.a. Johnny Rotten) and the Monkees.

Holzborn played guitar with the San Diego Art Ensemble and is the co-creator, with Fjellestad, of zucasa.com, which the British magazine the *Wire* recently named as one of the top 25 essential online music resources.

Others in the collective include saxophonist, flutist, and clarinetist Jason Robinson, who currently teaches jazz theory at UCSD, and Kristy Cheadleis, a percussionist and spiritual yogi whose work "explores movement and the body, everyday percussion instruments, varying states of (musical) consciousness, and astral travel [as well as] self-parodying gender play."

(Those with or who know

of sites created in San Diego or which focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

The Paladins, *Palvoline No. 7*, Ruf Records RUF 1065

Well, I dunno, this just feels, all in all, a little less hard-edged and basically LESS MENACING than previous Paladins albs.

It would seem the *one thing* you want from rockabilly, original or revivaloid, is menace, and it doesn't make a lot of sense to reduce it.

"How Long You Gonna Tease Me" has some decent menace, some danger at least in simulation; "You Make It,

They Take It" is edgy and semi-okay, but then you get this *very* tepid run-through of Brook Benton's "Just a Matter of Time" — yikes — and a sort of generic surf instrumental called "Powershake," and and and and and...and it just feels kinda slick and unhappening.

— Richard Meltzer

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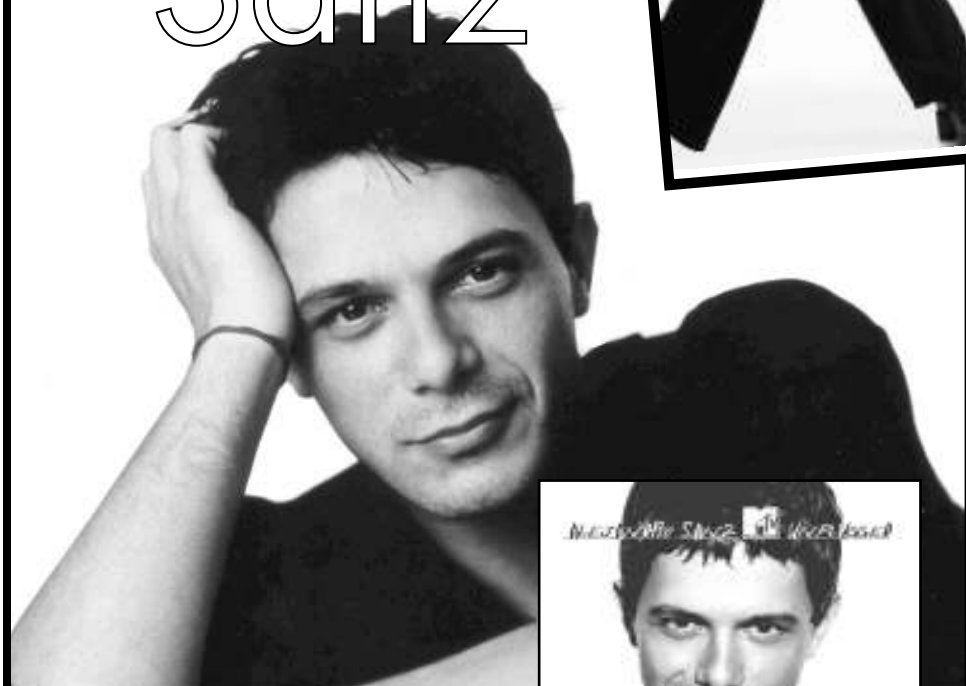



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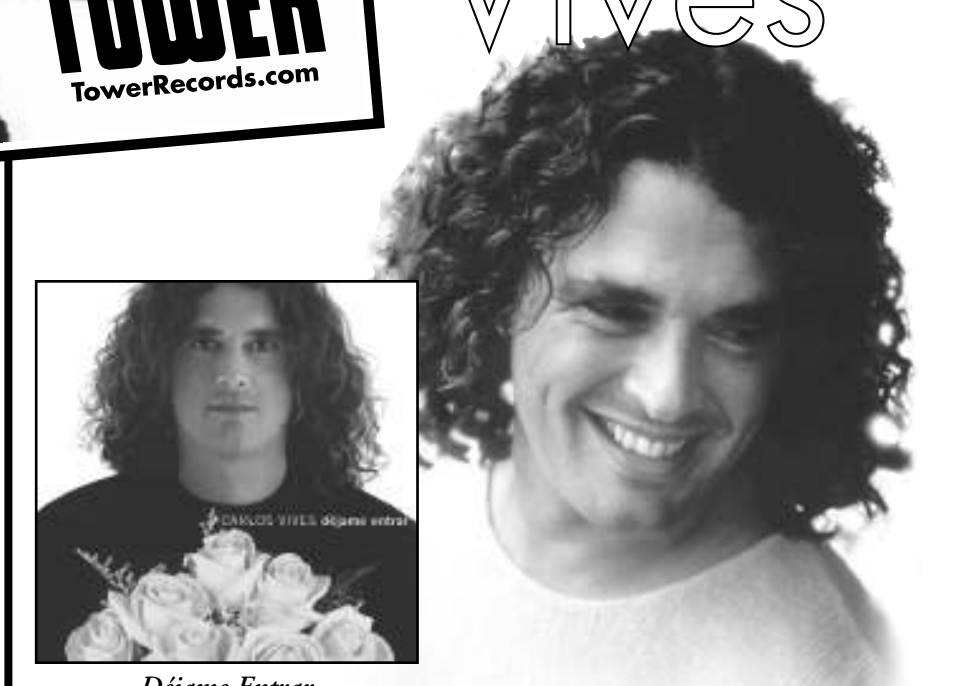




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I have a lot of time for Annie. She's been putting up with my grumpiness for years and years.

My friend Annie dragged me out to catch some *fado* music the other night. I must confess to you that it's not easy to get me off my perch to go listen to live music. In fact, I'm back not an hour from a disappointing adventure of giving live music another chance. I'm not speaking of classical music, which I can enjoy in smaller venues. But popular forms of music, like *fado* and jazz, for instance, are meant to be enjoyed in smallish clubs with drink on hand, not big auditoriums for \$25 and a worshipful crowd, as if they were listening to Wagner's *Ring* cycle instead of a tenor sax and rhythm section improvise on the chord changes of "I Got Rhythm."

But I have a lot of time for Annie. She's been putting up with my grumpiness for years and years. Annie is a single mom and an interesting visual artist. Hard to categorize what she does because she's an inveterate genre wanderer, but she favors biomorphic forms, what I sometimes kiddingly call "sexual tubers," in anything from papier-mâché to bronze to acrylics. Anyhow, Annie knew it wouldn't be easy to blast me off my rear end, and she also probably knew that *fado*, even in a dreary auditorium full of stiff, would be the music to do it.

My goodness, but I loved Lisboa when I visited there 30 years ago. I can't even call it Lisbon. I still hear it *Liszh-boa*. It's the most romantic place I've ever been. Bear in mind, I'm from northern New Jersey and haven't been a lot of places. But it's pretty romantic. Maybe I was in the romantic mode when I was there, but I've been in the romantic mode in other towns, like Paris, and I'll take Lisboa any day or night.

Portugal is a poor country, by western European standards. Its industries, traditionally, have been wine, olive oil, cork, and fish, chiefly cod. With its long coast, a dry interior, and Spain at its back on the Iberian peninsula, Portugal's destiny has been the sea: its great Age of Exploration included the heroic journeys of navigators like Magellan, Vasco da Gama, Bartholomeu Diaz, Henry the Navigator, and an ad-

venturous bloke named Vasco Núñez de Balboa, who discovered the Pacific Ocean, for all the good it did him, managing to get himself executed in 1519 after a squabble with the new governor of Panama. Among them they helped create one of Europe's great empires.



Antonio Chainho

The cod fisheries were another affair and a good deal less likely to make it into the history books. But they involved every bit as much courage and navigational wiles and endured long after the massive seagoing empire dissolved. The cuisine of Portugal, among my favorites, includes more ways of preparing codfish than the Eskimos have names for snow. It is the brave, often tragic exploits of the codfishermen, plying their trade far offshore in the forbidding Grand Banks, off of Newfoundland, with its severe fogs

and unpredictable icebergs, that are the basis for the timeless Portuguese folk form, *fado*.

The word *fado* means, approximately, *fate* in Portuguese. The effect, the essence, of the music is always linked with another word, *saudade*, that has no real English equivalent

but loosely means yearning or wistfulness. Some would aver that its literary equivalent would be some of the works of the Celtic Twilight,

encompassing writers like early Yeats, Lady Gregory, Synge, George Russell, O'Casey, and others who tried to capture a sort of dreamy nostalgia for the past.

The music was born in the 19th Century in Lisbon's oldest district, the Alfama, among the mixed-race immigrants from its overseas empire, especially those of African and Brazilian descent. *Fado* is probably a blend of two dances common among the immigrants, the *fofa* and *lundum*, both of them sexually expressive and in their lyrics involving extreme insult and tropes of desire, quite a long way from the Celtic Twilight. Also magnificent in *fado*'s evolution is the Portuguese poetic tradition with its quatrain of rhyming couplets and its *modhina* or bal-

lad tradition.

Fado began as low music, performed by questionable characters and developed, over time, into a popular, treasured, urban café genre, compared by musicologists with the Greek *rembatika*, the original tango, and even American blues. There are, basically, two main styles, Lisboa *fado* and Coimbra (the university town in the country's interior) *fado*, the former a bit gloomier and more soulful.

The Portuguese soul, if one can generalize about such things, could not be more different than that of its Iberian neighbor or of its enormous former Latin American colony, Brazil. The Spaniard is dramatic, melodramatic! in his expressiveness, personally and through the arts. The Brazilian is intoxicated with display, especially sexual display. The Portuguese is more modest by nature and more interior, rather melancholic; if not the prisoner to misfortune, then under house arrest. *Fado* has its affinities with flamenco and as flamenco succeeds in its avocation of *duende*, so *fado*'s success is measured by how well the music conveys *saudade*.

Fado is music for guitar and voice. The show Annie and I saw featured the modern master (or at least so-billed) of Portuguese guitar, Antonio Chainho. He was accompanied by guitarist José Elmiro (on



Padro Caldeira Cabral

six-string guitar) and the singer Marta Dias. The room was packed but an unappealing, sterile venue. The acoustics, however, were superb, which was fortunate because Chainho and Elmiro were playing about as much guitar, and as much guitar together, as I've ever heard. Senhora Dias sang marvelously and with great feeling, *muita saudade*. It wasn't like hearing it in a smoky club among the alleys and narrow, winding, cobbled streets of Lisboa's Bairro Alto district with a bottle of Dao tinto in front of you, but it sounded great, nevertheless.

Let me quote from one American travel writer who stumbled upon the Soare Del Alegria, near the Praca de Alegria:

There are footsteps on the stair. Enter a jovial young man with a Spanish guitar that has extra bass strings; followed by a slender, keen-faced companion who

carries the most fascinating instrument I ever laid my eyes on. They bow and sit down at the table next to ours, so that, while they smoke and chat, I am given the opportunity to study the looks of this curiosity. It is a Portuguese guitar, about three-fifths the size of the Spanish or Italian kind used in

America. The shallow, pear-shaped body is but slightly modified from that of the medieval lute, but there are 12 (strings) instead of 8; and the 'tuners,' instead of being thumb screws at the back, are upright metal rods bristling out at the top in fan-formation, like the feathers of a turkey's tail.

Our travel-writer friend has seen, for the first time, the Portuguese guitar or *guitarra portuguesa*, an 18th-century descendant of the *cittern*, *chitarra*, or zither. With its metal strings and narrow body, it has a brighter, very different sound from the ordinary guitar. The visitor from America goes on to describe it:

Suddenly, at a signal from the musicians, the lights are dimmed to a shadowy blue. In an atmosphere of rapt listening the guitars begin: very softly at first, like the tap-dancing of pixies; then swelling into a coruscating brilliance. Listeners lean forward to watch the agile fingers of Armandhino, who makes his guitar sound as though it were an ensemble of several instruments; singing *sostenutos* and *glissandos*, overlaid with a dazzling complexity of embellishments; purling tones offset by spirited staccato and lightning-like runs; and, at times, the cool ethereal quality of an Aeolian harp. The accompanying guitar contributes depth, fullness, and accent.

Let me also say something about Portuguese as a language for song. It is a Romance language, nothing exotic about that, but it has an unusual amount of nasalization and diphthongization in its vowels. There is also a fair amount of the *shhoosh* sound and buzzing in the sibilant. Were I a linguist, perhaps I could characterize it better. Regardless, it is the most sensuous language for song imaginable, and if you doubt me, go pick up a disc by the great Brazilian singer João Gilberto (Astrud's husband and Bebel's pa) entitled *Voz e Violão*. And if you're still not convinced, well, humph! ■

Antonio Chainho, *A Guitarra e outras mulhere* (Movieplay 30.398)

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Keller Williams /879/: Belly Up Tavern, today, Thursday, March 7, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Le Tigre /164/, **Tribe 8**, and **Antiquark**: The Scene, today, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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.

Slightly Stoopid /352/, **d.fRost /389/**, **Pepper**, and **Crucial**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, March 8, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Susan Werner /405/: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, March 8, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SATURDAY

Lisle Ellis and **Paul Plimley**: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

SUNDAY

NSYNC /615/: San Diego Sports Arena, Sunday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

"Sibling Revelry" with the **Willies** and the **Alison Pipitone Band**: La Paloma Theatre, Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m., 471 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-0280.

TUESDAY

Wilco /538/: 4th & B, Tuesday, March 12, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Melissa Ferrick /278/ and **Mary Dolan /859/**: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 13, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

John Scofield /658/: The Casbah, Wednesday, March 13, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

MARCH

Steve Poltz /815/ and **Bug Guts /868/**: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, March 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"Punks vs. Psychos" with **Tiger Army**, the **Distillers**, **Nekromantix**, and **44 Double D**: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Cat Power, **Califone**, and **Mighty Flashlight**: The Casbah, Thursday, March 14, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Celtic Fiddle Festival" with **Kevin Burke /857/**, **Johnny Cunningham**, and **Christian Lemaire**: East County Performing Arts Center, Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Zombie /987/, the **Damned /502/**, and **Sinisstar**: Cox Arena, Friday, March 15, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Little Feat /435/ and **Government Worn /426/**: Cannibal Bar, Friday, March 15, Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-539-8650.

John Gorka and **Alice Peacock**: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Friday, March 15, 8 p.m., 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

The Radiators /244/: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, March 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Burt Bacharach /603/: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Flogging Molly /316/ and the **Slackers**: 4th & B, Sunday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring **Marilyn Crispell**, **Gary Peacock**, and the **Paul Motian Trio**: Wednesday, March 20, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Alejandra Guzman and **Mikel Erentxun**: Open Air Theatre, Saturday,

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Pinback /398/ and the **Black Heart Procession /179/**: The Casbah, Saturday, March 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Group: Spreckels Theatre, Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

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The Moody Blues /537/: California Center for the Arts, Wednesday, March 27, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James /934/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, March 27, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Bad Religion /151/, **Less Than Jake /132/**, and **Hot Water Music:** Cox Arena, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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.

Omara Portuondo: California Center for the Arts, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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.

APRIL

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.

Lucinda Williams: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 2, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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.

Los Fabulosos Cadillacs: Caliente Racetrack, Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m., Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana. 011-52-664-683-2938 or 619-220-8497.

Spiritualized: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, April 6, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean



Lisle Ellis, March 9, Spruce Street Forum

Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 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.

Imperial Teen: The Casbah, Thursday, April 11, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner

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311 /355/: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, April 14, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Dark Star Orchestra: 4th & B, Tuesday, April 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

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Incubus /194/ and **Hoobastank:** Cox Arena, Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Keely Smith: East County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Sizzla /744/: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, April 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

NOFX /109/ and **Rancid /163/:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Cracker /400/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, April 24, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Afterblack: Brick By Brick
Agent 51: Dream Street
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 289.....**Alien Crime Syndicate:** The Casbah
Alien Strange: Dream Street

181.....**The Anniversary:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Antiquark: The Scene
Bane: The Scene
Being With: Dream Street
The Betty Ford Allstars: The Kensington Club
The Big Provider: The Playhouse
Bullfrog: The Casbah
Call Me Alice: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
Cannobliss: Dream Street, Winstons
Center of Five: Club Xanth
Clusterfunk: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
Crawl Space: The Playhouse
 389.....**d.Rost:** Club Xanth, 'Canes Bar and Grill
D.I.: Brick By Brick
Dama: Winstons
Dashboard Confessional: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Deathray Davies: The Casbah
Deep Eynde: Club Xanth
The Dempsey Project: Brick By Brick
The Dirty Angels: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Down Machine: Dream Street
Dressy Bessy: The Casbah
Drivepin: Dream Street
EXP: Brick By Brick
Edify: Brick By Brick

El Domino: Dream Street
Elevator One: Epicentre
Evil-E: Dream Street
Explicit: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
5 Star Degenerate: Winstons
Face: Tio Leo's (Mission Valley)
Fallen Out: Dream Street
 278.....**Melissa Ferrick:** Belly Up Tavern
Fidel: Brick By Brick
Fifth: Dream Street
Fireball Ministry: Brick By Brick
Flood of Fury: The Casbah
Fu Manchu: Brick By Brick
FZ13: Chico Club
Gunfighter: The Casbah
HR: Brick By Brick
Headfirst: Epicentre
Heidi: Dream Street
Hide & Go Freak: Club Xanth
Scott Huckabay: Belly Up Tavern
Ilya: The Casbah
Imbecils: Dream Street
Inciting Riots: The Playhouse
 200.....**Jason & Jane:** Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley), Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Kaotic Kreatures: Brick By Brick
Kid Koala: The Casbah
King Dub: Dream Street
 171.....**Kramer's Rule:** Epicentre

Ben Kweller: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Larger Than Life: The Scene
 164.....**Le Tigre:** The Scene
Lighter: Surf N'Saddle
Limit Point: The Scene
Loop Drop: The Casbah
The Lories: The Kensington Club
Louden Swain: Dream Street
MFH: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
Malachi Crunch: Brick By Brick
 139.....**Maquiladora:** The Casbah
Meatwagon: The Playhouse
Mercy House: Tio Leo's (Mission Valley)
Middle Finger: Dream Street
The Millionaires: Tio Leo's (Mission Valley)
 190.....**The Mix Mob:** Club Xanth
Muzzel: The Playhouse
Neon King Kong: The Casbah
1924: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
No Valence: The Playhouse
Notice: Dream Street
Off by One: The Scene
One Step Further: The Scene
The Pattern: The Casbah
Pity the Fool: Brick By Brick
The Plug Uglies: Epicentre
Point of Recognition: The Scene
Poison the Well: The Scene
Pound Dog: Sham Rocks Shack
Product: Dream Street
Quinto Sol: Brick By Brick

Red Eye Gravy: Blind Melons
Road Noise: Dream Street
Rotator: The Casbah
The Shooters: Jolt'n Joe's (Escondido)
 352.....**Slightly Stoopid:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Smooth Move: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
Solis: The Playhouse
Sub Factor: Dream Street
Swillbelly: Dream Street
Ten Pound Brown: Blind Melons
That 1 Guy: The Casbah
Three Foot: Blind Melons
Three Last Words: Dream Street
Transit: The Casbah
The Travel Agents: The Kraken
 300.....**Tribe 8:** The Scene
Tristeza: The Casbah
U.S.A.: Club Xanth
VUE: The Casbah
The Voice of Reason: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
W3G: Brick By Brick
What Feed the Fire: The Scene
Wick: Brick By Brick
 128.....**Wide Open:** The Playhouse, Brick By Brick
Wither: Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)
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Yer Mom: Brick By Brick
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Animal 32: Blind Melons
 476.....**Anyone:** Brick By Brick
Avalanche: On The Rocks
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Believe: The Scene
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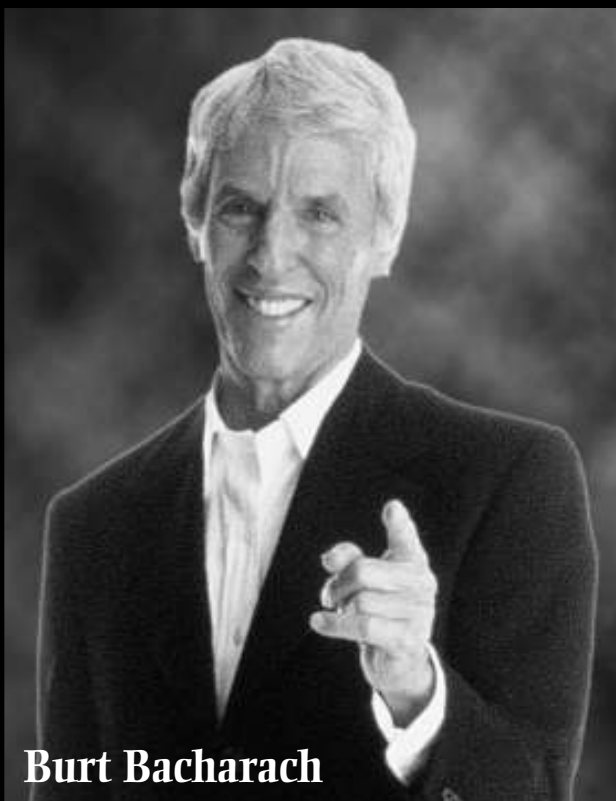
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446 **Hatebreed:** The Scene

461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort

547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's (Mission Valley)

490 **Hydroplane:** Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

498 **The Joey Bowen Band:** Buffalo Joe's

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Last: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Late Late Show: Coyote Bar and Grill

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Lodus: The Scene

449 **Los Lobos:** Viejas Casino

544 **The Lost Disciples:** Jolt'n Joe's (La Mesa)

The Mixx: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Moonshot: Blind Melons

Mortuus Terror: The Scene

Nemisis: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Network Electric: Winstons

465 **Nineball:** Dream Street

Nitehawk: Carvers

Pink Floyd: Blind Melons

Powerhouse: The Alley

489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort

Pure Flow: Second Wind (Escondido)

543 **Queztal:** Belly Up Tavern

Rain of Kings: Etta's Place

Release the Hounds: Etta's Place

The Janet Ricci Band: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

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410 **Eve Selis:** Humphrey's

Serial Carpens: Blind Melons

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Seven Nation: Buffalo Joe's

Si Se: Belly Up Tavern

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437 **That Fat Frog:** Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

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Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill

The Rhythmakers: Viejas Casino

622 **Robbrecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th

Slapp City: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ/ BIG BAND

Christopher Adler Trio: Galoka

Howard Alden: 4th & B

Justo Almario: 4th & B

649 **The B-Side Players:** Belly Up Tavern

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino

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Blue Largo: Coyote Bar and Grill, Patrick's II

The Boogie Woogie Duo: Juke Joint Cafe

The John Butler Trio: Belly Up Tavern

703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado

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Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

667 **Gilbert Castellanos:** Lilo's

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638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar

Forward Funk: Galoka

644 **Hollis Gentry:** Croce's Jazz Bar

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747 **Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House

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873 **Bruce Dale Betz:** Borders

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860 **The Boxty Band:** The Field

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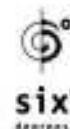


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932.....**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** Chateau Orleans
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912.....**Fuzzy & the Bluesmen:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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939.....**Candy Kane:** The Calypso Cafe

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977.....**Lady Star & the Bustin Loose Blues Band:** Etta's Place
930.....**Lafayette and the Leasebreakers:** Blind Melons
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947.....**The Bill Magee Blues Band:** The Kraken
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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Woody Guthrie's legacy nearly stopped in its tracks a few years ago. Foretold to carry on the family folksinging tradition, granddaughter **Sarah Lee Guthrie** wasn't interested. As the daughter of Arlo Guthrie (recall Vietnam-era protest song "Alice's Restaurant" and the dooper's delight "Coming into Los Angeles"), she had grown up on the road, sleeping in empty guitar cases as a baby. Sarah Lee's siblings each had interests in music, but they didn't hold with the family tradition. By the time she moved away to attend school in L.A., Sarah Lee was ready for something new. Punk seemed okay.

Woody Guthrie is the taproot of American folk music. He and Pete Seeger brought sophisticated images of Oklahoma's Dust Bowl and the working class to audiences and inspired Kerouac, Dylan, and Springsteen. A

hard-core activist in his own time (his guitar bore the inscription "This Machine Kills Fascists"), Woody was born in 1912 and is said to have written 1000 songs between 1936 and 1954.

Sarah Lee rediscovered her roots while in college. She heard some bluegrass and fingerpicking from a fellow student and Durham transplant named Johnny Irion. It was his appreciation of her grandfather's music that convinced her to pick up a guitar. She eventually went on the road with Arlo, and she married Irion.

Aside from the odd Hammond organ-spiced shuffle, Sarah Lee's music is as homespun as a plowshare. It is country-folk, tinged with rock and bluegrass, and given extra gloss from autoharps and banjos. In rough approximations, it smacks of Gram Parsons, Emmylou Harris, Woody and Cisco, and the Louvin Brothers. Her voice is shy and articulate. Recently, Irion and Guthrie moved back to South Carolina.



SARAH LEE GUTHRIE

Unlike Grandpa Woody, they found the big city to be unreceptive. "In the South, it's cheaper," Guthrie told an interviewer. "You get paid for playing. That, and people like you. They don't like you in L.A."

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Fresh: Mondays, weekly residents Chad Fortin, Eric Diaz, and Jared Joseph. No cover before 10 p.m. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2233.

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.

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Ice House Young Adult Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJs Battle and Shakes spin trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, March 28 and April 4, spring break jam 2002. All ages; high school ID required for admittance. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown. 619-294-9590. www.clubmontage.com.

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Luminal: Tuesdays, industrial and gothic; 21 and up. Kickers (inside Hamburger Mary's), 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-491-0400.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The thing people forget about the riot grll movement (if they remember it at all) is how much "girl" was in that "grrr."

Years ago, I went to see Bikini Kill. Expecting to see three raging furies (plus a boy guitarist), I was surprised to see singer **Kathleen Hanna** smiling and cartwheeling across the stage. Part of this girliness was a political statement ("subverting cheerleader moves," as sister rioters Bratmobile described it), and part of it was the spirit of the early '90s, when twentysomethings read the preteen magazine *Sassy* and listened to Shonen Knife sing about candy. Either way, acting like a kid can only get you so far when you're an adult.

Bikini Kill's most famous slogan was

"revolution girl-style now!" but after a solo album recorded under the name Julie Ruin, Hanna formed a new band, **Le Tigre**, and she seemed to realize that the revolution wasn't going to happen just because she screamed for it. "Hot Topic," the best song on Le Tigre's deservedly popular debut album, is one big shout-out to female and gay artists who have found revolution in their life's work. And "Hot Topic" makes that sound like more fun than shouting slogans. But with last year's *Feminist Sweepstakes*, Le Tigre's second full-length, the politics were back in the forefront. And it's not just a coincidence that the fun quotient was way down.

I suspect that, as radical activists, Hanna, **Johanna Fateman**, and **J.D. Samson** probably distrust their own popularity. That's too bad. The kids are already on Le Tigre's side. I say, give 'em something to



LE TIGRE

dance to. Maybe that's why Le Tigre's latest release is a collection of dance remixes.

Tribe 8 and **Antiquark** open.

(To hear a sample of **Le Tigre**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4164.)

LE TIGRE, The Scene, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497. \$12.

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The Room: Thursdays, *Club 909* with resident DJ Dove Paris mixing the best of global grooves; guest-list only event (call or e-mail). Fridays, *Real Simple*, a lounge for the mature lover of house music with residents Duane and Jonny Knight. Saturdays, *Ibiza* heats up La Jolla with Euro-Latin rhythms. Il Forno Bistrot, 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-459-5010.
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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.

Shay's Lounge: Fridays, 5 p.m. to midnight, and Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Open turntables, DJs wanted. 740 Broadway, downtown. Information: 619-501-5313.

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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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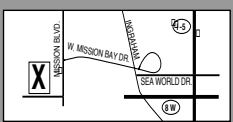
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When you go to Amici, it's really like going to dinner at someone's house. The dining room is small and colorful, seating 16 comfortably (20 at a squeeze), with coral-painted walls, brown tile floors, small tables covered with colorful fabrics, and South American craft objects hanging on the walls. The atmosphere is personal and cordial, with the host and hostess circulating constantly among the guests (even if they never do sit down to eat with them).

While the youthful owners are a professional team, they remain amateur restaurateurs — in the best sense of the word “amateur.” In the original French, amateur literally means “someone who does something for love.” And that's exactly the sense you get from Amici. The restaurant's name — which means “friends” in Italian — tells the other half of the story. At the closely spaced tables, you may easily find yourself chatting with the people at the next tables, as we did.

There's also one aspect of the restaurant that's amateurish in the more common sense: The community has so welcomed Amici that numerous readers urged me to review Amici — but I kept arriving in Encinitas to find the restaurant closed for vacations, family business, whatever. It took five tries to eat two dinners there. Make a note: The next vacation is scheduled for May 19–June 1, when the owners expect to go home to Cuzco, Peru, to celebrate their grandfather's birthday.

Amici is a collaboration of a brother-sister team, Monica and Michael Szepeszy (a Hungarian name properly pronounced “Sheppish”). Michael has been tracing family history and has discovered an illustrious Old Country ancestor: Vladimir Szepeszy Draculich, better known to us as “Dracula.” Their father was in the U.S. Foreign Service, and their mother (of Spanish and Italian ancestry) is from Cuzco, where most of her family still lives. Monica, 29, was born in Bolivia; Michael, 23, was born in Chile. They've also lived in Honduras, Jamaica, and Pakistan and have visited some 40 countries. The dishes



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they serve globetrot, too, but cleave most closely to the cuisines of Italy and Latin America — I do mean, a *lot* of Latin America, from Honduras to Patagonia. Monica is the chef, with one assistant; Michael bakes breads, makes the beverages, and hosts the front of the house. They're young and striking — she with a long, thick plait of dark hair, he with the last six inches of his beard pharaohically wrapped to a narrow coil, with a goatish tuft at the tip that waggles when he talks.

Michael acts as waiter as well as maitre d' and, ever-nurturing, he begins by asking, “Are you vegetarian, allergic to any foods, or have any other dietary restrictions?” There's no written menu at all; the choices consist of whatever Monica's been inspired to cook that evening, a list that Michael recites eloquently and in detail. He's happy to discuss the background of each dish and answer any questions, and if you do have food taboos, he'll suggest which selections can be adapted to accommodate you. Typically, there are five appetizers (including one pasta), five entrées (one

beef, one poultry, one fish, one vegetarian, and one up for grabs), plus three vegetable side dishes, and four or five desserts.

Behind the scenes, Michael makes the house-made beverages, which are available hot or cold. The specifics vary nightly, but the hearty perennial is *chicha morada*, “purple cider” made from Peruvian purple corn, cinnamon, cloves, and a little turbinado sugar. The price includes unlimited refills, and even if you've brought wine or beer, don't miss it. The flavor seems to enchant the taste buds — a disappointing sauvignon blanc I'd brought suddenly tasted like manna after a sip of the magical *chicha*.

Monica is a card-carrying member of the “slow food” movement, which started in Italy but now boasts a San Diego chapter. Slow food is more than just a rebuke to fast food, but a movement in which eating well is a political, ecologically positive act — your pleasure can help save the planet. In place of foods from factories and “factory farms,” slow foods are naturally raised on

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binder to showcase the flavors. After a bite, the sweet-faced blonde at the table to my left eyed her bread-basket as wistfully as I was eyeing mine. "My mother always took home bread from restaurants," I said. "Mine, too," she answered. "I was so embarrassed I swore I'd never do that," I continued, and she nodded vigorously. Glancing about to see if anybody else was watching, I swiftly swept the extra breads into my purse, and we laughed conspiratorially. That's one way that Amici creates new *amici*.

Appetizers and desserts are the more elaborate courses, sandwiching the generally sim-

pler entrées in between. At our most recent meal, the most popular appetizer was torteloni. How did this plate get to be voted "Miss Congeniality?" Well, I listened to the apparent regulars at the table to my right purring over it, so I ordered it. Then I started purring, and my new friend to my left ordered it. The shells contained a sprightly filling of ricotta cheese spiked with minty leaves of fresh marjoram. In the center was a mound of diced fresh tomato conserve with intensely concentrated sweet and tangy flavors. "How did you find such great tomatoes in midwinter?" I asked Michael as he dropped by. They came, he said, from a produce stand on Via de la Valle and were hydroponically grown. "Still, for tomatoes," he added apologetically, "there's no substitute for sun." The same

tomatoes were a salad for the table at the right. "Oh, look," I said to my conspirator at the next table, "they're regular slicing tomatoes, not those pulpy Roma paste tomatoes." She, too, turned out to be a gardener; tasting this dish, we both regretted giving away so many of our ripe-all-at-once tomatoes last summer. "This year, the neighbors can fend for themselves, I'm going to try to make batches of this sauce," I said. "We just cook the tomatoes lightly with olive oil and fresh English thyme. Yes, it could probably be frozen with no harm," said Monica, overhearing us from the table behind us. Another pleasant appetizer that night consisted of simple grilled in-shell prawns basted with oil, butter, coarse salt, and pepper, served over large-cut rectangles of fried yucca in a light

garlic-oil sauce, surrounding a ramekin of a red onion and cilantro relish. The onion's clean, tearless flavor was a sure clue that it had been properly civilized (following Peruvian custom) by an hour's soak in an ice-water bath.

Groups of three or more can order an appetizer sampler plate followed by an entrée sampler. It's a great idea, but even better to arrive as a foursome if you want to leave some room for the sweets (and you do, you do!). The highlights of one of these Rabelaisian assortments included Bolivian and Chilean empanaditas (the Chileans use a sweeter dough), miniature shrimp omelets, a light leek quiche, potatoes in peanut sauce, balls of deep-fried mashed potatoes stuffed with seasoned ground beef, marinated mushrooms, marinated beets, and

plantain patties stuffed with black beans, which were a little too heavy to handle, given that other courses would be coming.

"Our food is really *la comida casera* — the kind of food that's served in people's homes," said Monica. "It's not fancy — well, actually, some of the Peruvian recipes are very elaborate, but not fancy." One example of the latter that Monica cooks frequently is *aji de gallina*, chicken in a sauce of evaporated milk, chopped walnuts, and mildly hot dried golden chiles (*aji amarillo*) from the Andes. The recipe is one that her mother often made for dinner parties; this version diverges considerably from the one that you're likely to encounter in cookbooks and Cuzco's restaurants. Here, it's creamy and mild, resembling a gently cur-

ried chicken à la king, while the more customary version is polenta-thick with breadcrumbs and fiercely spicy, with a jolt of potent rocoto chiles along with the yellow peppers. (I actually prefer this standard spicy version, but I'm probably in the minority.)

One evening, a pork rib chop was roasted a little dry but sported delightful accompaniments: It was surrounded by *canchitos*, a popular Peruvian snack of roasted large corn kernels, smoky and crunchy like popcorn that's cooked but not popped. A ramekin held a vibrant sauce of *aji amarillo*, lime juice, garlic, and cumin. "That's Grandpa's recipe," said Michael. "Peruvians always use lime with pork — they feel the lime tenderizes it." Fish entrées at Amici were rather plain both times I ate dinner there — one

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evening it was simple baked Alaskan halibut with thyme butter, another night it was a very soft, bland fillet of Pacific flounder sprinkled with fresh thyme, accompanied by Canadian bacon and baby artichokes.

Amici's signature dessert is a Honduran tres leches cake. And it's a lulu, all sweetness and light — but not too sweet. A tall wedge of fluffy sponge cake is soaked in a syrup made of “three milks” (condensed, evaporated, and whole milk or half-and-half). Miraculously, the syrup, too, seems light. Airy whipped cream on top evaporates in the mouth, leaving only flavor. Perfection.

At the end of the evening, we exchanged cordial good nights with our new *amici* — Monica, Michael, and our tomato-gardener friend from the next table. But one thing (besides paying the bill) clearly separates Amici from a dinner party. You don't have to bring flowers for the hostess or send a thank-you card the next day — unless it tickles you to do so.

ABOUT THE CHEF

“It's almost like our living room,” says Monica Szepeszy of Amici. “If it were a full-fledged 50-seater, I don't know if I'd have the courage to take it all on. This way it's very manageable, and we're very much in contact with our customers and get their feedback.

“I think I wanted to become a chef because of eating good food when I was growing up. A lot of it is nostalgia. We relive our memories through different things that we eat. We grew up in a dozen countries and traveled a lot, but Cuzco is our home. It's the one constant in our lives, and we try to go back every year or two. In college, I would cook for myself and my friends a lot. It wasn't just the food itself; the whole social gathering has always meant a lot to me. When we go to visit our family in Cuzco, everything centers around the kitchen — peeling potatoes, making tamales. That's what I like. That's why we make this place intimate, so that people will sit and breathe and eat and relax.

“Our menu isn't strictly Peruvian or strictly Italian, we just have really good food that we've tried on trips, or I've

learned traveling through Italy — the things we do are recipes that people have taught me along the way, or that I've tried at some little place and really liked. Knowing the language and talking to people, you say, “Hey, what do you make for your granddaughter's birthday?” or such. It's always learning.

“Sometimes the product itself inspires me. We have people who bring us things — ‘Can you do something with these great apples, these peppers, these tomatoes, these artichokes?’ And of course I incorporate that into my menu. A lot of people are happy that they don't have to look at a menu. They come and just say, ‘Take care of me!’ And this way I don't get bored cooking the same thing all the time. I usually have one menu during the week, but on the weekend — you know, some days you wake up and you want to make soup, some days you want a fresh salad. That's very much how I cook here. I can do that because it's so small.”

Monica decided to become a chef when she was a junior in college. “On a whim,” she says, she moved to Seattle to get some professional experience, working first for a caterer and then at several Italian restaurants. “But I realized I really wanted to be able to do it for myself and to work at my own pace, without someone over my shoulder yelling at me.” She continued her culinary education by traveling all over Italy for two six-month stints, which included taking classes from two of Marcella Hazan's personal assistants who opened up their own cooking school in Bologna after Hazan departed for the U.S. They emphasized making everything by hand — even making pasta with just a rolling pin. “But I've stayed clear of formal cooking schools,” she adds. “I think I would have learned too much about what *not* to do, which might have made me feel very restricted.”

She's finally found someone to train and help her in her own kitchen. “My right arm is Mikaela, a high school student who's an aspiring chef. She's been here four nights a week since October, learning from the roots. I have her doing prep

stuff and helping me on the line. I have a couple of other people part-time. The way we operate, I didn't really want a traditional prep cook or line cook or sous chef; I really needed people who are flexible and are willing to do a little bit of everything. That's given me a chance to plan my menus out in advance, even if it's just a few days or a week. Up until now

it's been very much a daily thing. This allows me to do some of those things I've really wanted to do that are a little more labor-intensive.

“We're going to start doing lunches again soon. My father's in Yugoslavia as a consultant, but my mother will be coming back from there this month — she got bored — and she's going to run lunches for me. It will be

nice to be able to be open more and get our lunch crowd back. We do a different style during the day and at night. And that way we won't fight in the kitchen. She'll have her shift, I'll have mine. She's great, I learned a lot of things from her, but if I do them a little differently... I'm very happy doing just dinners. With my son, who's nine months old, I spend enough

time here as it is...

“Now people are starting to call us a week in advance. I like that. If I know a certain person is coming, I might prioritize making a certain dish. I feel like I'm cooking for someone coming over for dinner, not just generically by the numbers. The community here is very supportive; it's a great location for us.” ■

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Just got in from Mars. Don't believe me? Check out my spaceship here at Brookes and Fifth. It's in the canyon. Go into Brookes Street — all 20 yards of it — roll down the drive into the canyon on the left, and abracadabra! Thar she blows, green with the purple oval portholes and steps that fold up into the fuselage.

It's actually a kind of '60s future-habitat place. And it just reinforces the notion that I landed on the wrong planet this morning. Hank wanted to meet at a hangout he knows called the Crest Café on Robinson. Very important business breakfast. So I hopped on the 3A bus at Fifth and Broadway downtown and started checking off the alphabet of streets we climbed past, from Ash to Quince, where I pulled the bell. "R" is next, right? Get off. Except the "R" street is Redwood, damn! "Robinson? Eight more blocks, buddy," says this old geezer. "Heh heh. Everybody does it."

That's when I start wandering, muttering to myself, and end up at the flying saucer. But then I make a second discovery.

"Chez Odette. Belgian Café. Since 1985."

It's across the road. Well, well! All's not lost. I have a soft spot for French grub. And Belgian, if it comes to that. Before I can say *vive la France*,

I'm across the road, standing at a pink counter ordering a coffee (\$1.25) and croissant (\$1.50). Just till the next bus comes along, you understand. "You Odette?" I ask the gal. "Margarita," she says. "That's Odette." A bouncy, happy-looking blonde woman comes out of the kitchen with a huge platter of apple strudel-like things, except they have spinach in them.

I say hi and sit down. It's a little place, with white walls, bunch of framed French posters — St. Tropez, *Fromages de France*, that sort of thing — and about a dozen

small wooden tables. But the thing you can't help noticing is the ceiling. Silver rails that roll in a curling wave from back to front. Very continental-looking, somehow. The sun streams in under the maroon canopy outside and through the lace window curtains — hey, maybe they're Belgian lace. They have windmills stitched into them. It's the kind of place you'd choose to meet your ex at. Or your best friend's ex. Or your wife, just to kick up the dust of your relationship a little. Or your controller from Moscow. Whatever, it just feels like a little piece of Europe.

Margarita brings my croissant. All right! It's piping hot, and when you add a spot of butter and dip it in your coffee, paradise. Except in three

chomps it's gone. So now I'm looking at the counter menu. Hot croissants with ham or turkey and melted cheddar or Swiss, \$4.95. French toast, \$5.95. Or omelets, from the \$4.95 plain to the \$6.50 smoked salmon, all with roasted potatoes and toast and jam.

Before I know it, I'm ordering the Provençal omelet (\$5.95). Margarita says it's full of vegetables. "What kind of bread would you like? Sourdough, rye, French? We're out of wheat."

Dang. I usually go for wheat. I take the French.

Lucky choice! When the omelet comes, on an oval polystyrene plate with a side plate for the bread, I hack into the eggs, and they're good. Plenty of 'shrooms, peppers, onions, crunchies like that. I add Tabasco. But the real thrill comes from the bread. It's crisp outside and tender inside. Best I've had since the last trip to Tijuana. And the roasted potatoes. Oh, man. Sautéed just right, with a perfect tang of garlic. You don't usually get that. I'd come back just for the bread and potatoes.

"I have cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, Linda Ronstadt, and Marilyn Monroe's psychiatrist," says Odette, when she comes out with another tray of strudels. "When I was a girl in Belgium, I always dreamed of going to new countries. But the fact is, when you come here and don't speak English well, you have to prove to

yourself what you are. You have to work harder than everybody else. But I had a strong cooking background. One of my aunts cooked for Baron Rothschild."

Odette says she cooked in Montreal and then in L.A. for the rich family who knew all those celebs. Then she married Herman, a German pastry chef also working in L.A., and they came down to start their own business, right here. Seventeen years ago. Herman's the guy popping in and out with more trays. "We're doing a party tonight," he says. "L.A. Water Authority. Two hundred fifty people."

"Seventy percent of our business is catering," says Odette. "It means lots of 12-, 14-hour days for me, Herman, Kenny my assistant..."

I can't help noticing that while Odette's talking, Kenny — he's Hawaiian — is hauling one steaming dish after another out to the counter. "Lunch," says Odette, "\$5.75 to \$8.75." Oh, mama. Roasted chicken (with salad), \$6.75; poached salmon, \$7.95; stuffed turkey with spinach, \$7.75; stuffed pork with apples in port wine, \$8.50; seafood pasta with mussels, shrimp, and salmon, \$7.95. I can smell that one from here.

Then I remember Hank. I scramble to find his cell-phone number. "Hank? Change of plan. We'll have lunch, okay? Uh, here. Odette's. Where? Well, it's on Fifth, near a flying saucer." ■

The Place: *Chez Odette, 3614 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest (619-299-1000)*

Type of Food: *French*

Prices: *Provençal breakfast omelet (with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, roasted potatoes, and toast), \$5.95; hot croissant with ham or turkey, melted cheddar or Swiss, \$4.95; quiche Lorraine, \$2.25 per slice; half roast beef sandwich, \$3.95; whole, \$5.75; Salad Niçoise (with tuna, anchovies, olive, potato) \$6.50; half a roasted chicken (cold, with salad), \$6.95; carbonnade à la flamande (hot, cooked in beer), \$8.50; stuffed pork with apple, cooked in port wine, \$8.50*

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Art Kinberg came to San Diego from Los Angeles to retire, but it didn't take. "My wife thought I needed something to do," he says with a half-smile. So Kinberg, a wine collector for 25 years, started looking into wine storage — giving people a place to age their wines under ideal conditions of temperature and humidity. "It appeared that, outside of Orange County, there wasn't anybody doing storage on a large-scale basis," at least not anybody with a lot of vacant space. Like Samantha Treadwell at the Cabernet, Kinberg saw an opportunity: "You've got a population that is definitely wine savvy, and there's a density of population that fit the demographic" of typical cellar-dwellers.

"Large-scale" is an integral part of his selling point; to explain why, he cites his personal collecting history: "My wife is a superb gourmet chef. When you have gourmet food, what better way to enhance the food than with wine?" Friends in the restaurant business started introducing them to the grape's varied pleasures, and "slowly but surely, we started buying more wine, just to have in the house. I bought the little 50-bottle storage unit and outgrew that right away. Then I went up to a bigger unit, then a 200-bottle unit, then a 400-bottle unit.... Once you get into enjoying wine, then you get into the dilemma of 'maybe I should have some wines to enjoy now and some wines to store and see what happens.' You start to get a mix between the two, and it doesn't take long to fill up a cellar." Even if you are part of the great trend toward drinking wines younger and younger, if you buy enough at a time, "You're going to need someplace to store it." He estimates his own cellar at around 2100 bottles.

Kinberg's story is not unique; when you have the means, wine collecting has a way of snowballing.

Consider just one region among the many, say, Burgundy. Numerous vintners may buy grapes from a given vineyard. How interesting to see how the same grape behaved in different hands. But wait — a given vintner may have made wine from numerous

regions within Burgundy. Again, how interesting to see how that vintner's hand influenced those various grapes. And then, how interesting to see how that vintner has weathered the weather year after year, vintage after vintage. Finally, the serious student will want to track each wine over time, necessitating the

purchase of at least three bottles: one for drinking after a year, one at five to eight years, and one toward the end of the wine's expected life.

So much for Burgundy; on to Bordeaux, the Rhone, Germany, Spain, Italy, Australia, California, etc. The result, says Kinberg, is that "I've found in my research that if you have an 8-case locker and you start with only one or two 12-bottle cases, it's so easy to grow into 6 more cases." When the locker is full, "Now you have to move up. My feeling is, even if you start with only one case, at the pricing structure of \$38 a month" — the rate for a 24-case locker — "you have 24 cases' worth of space you can fill. You have a facility that you can grow into as you're growing into your hobby." And if you exceed even your allotted 24, you may expand into a 36-case space. From there, you graduate to a 200-plus-case walk-in.

He found his spot in a Carlsbad strip mall not far from the La Costa and Aviara resorts. At 9000 square feet, the former post office provided more space than he was looking for, but it certainly allowed for largeness of scale. Kinberg got to work on his facility, Vintage Storage. He consulted with SDG&E on cooling-system requirements. He lined the walls and ceiling of the warehouse-sized space with solid-core insulation, leaving the silver foil

of the insulation's exterior exposed. He hung retro-industrial lamps to light the corridors between the towering rows of steel lockers. For added protection, he installed motion-sensitive security cameras and a keycard-activated lock on the cellar door. The result fits the neighborhood. While North Park's Cabernet offers a cozy-arty feel through its brick-and-wood decor and gallery displays, Kinberg's Vintage Storage stretches out in vast, shining grandeur: an immaculate, impregnable silver-gray backdrop for the treasures kept within.

The visual effect was not lost on him. He refinished the foyer with an eye toward making it an attractive spot for customers to gather and taste — slate floors, granite counters, a substantial dining table — "but always with the backdrop of the cellar," which may be seen through three arched glass expanses.

Kinberg is especially proud of the lockers themselves, in particular, for what they may promise. "I decided to develop a [business] concept that could be used anywhere. It's all steel — there's no maintenance, and you can have total seismic control in any part of the country. Every bank of lockers is configured for a 24-24-36 or a walk-in. How it works is, there is a face frame that fits right into the steel superstructure. It textures right in, which allows us to texture it right out. It's completely modular — I can increase it, decrease it, expand it in height or width." The promise lies in the possibility of expansion. "If somebody wants to build a storage facility that's 3000 square feet, I just put it into the computer and it designs the whole thing. I know exactly how many uprights they need, how many load beams, how many face frames. Every single thing can be cookie-cuttered out."

For now, he's working on filling his considerable capacity. Besides advertising in local magazines and overhauling his website (www.vintagestorage.com), Kinberg has obtained a license



Interior of Vintage Storage

to store wine in bulk for wineries. "Marshall Stuart of Stuart Winery in Temecula came and talked to me — they had a shortage of space." Now, "They're shipping us their wine that they want to relax and sit down for a year." Also, "I am in the process of talking to some restaurateurs and figuring out how we can get their wine stored with us and have them feel comfortable that we can get it to them with some sort of delivery. There's no question that restaurants have a need — not too many have temperature-controlled storage, and space is always important. They need tables to serve people; they don't need space to be absorbed by boxes of wine."

Finally, "I thought that if I could team up with a local wine shop to represent the product, that would be an ideal situation. When I came down to Wine Street in Carlsbad, they simply asked if I wanted to buy the store." Kinberg bought the store, refurbished it with wooden display racks, spruced up the tasting bar, and started calling friends. "Being a collector for 25 years, I've got a lot of contacts in the industry. I was able to utilize those and expand the selection." Now, "If you store with us and buy wine in our shop, we will take your wine and put it in our storage locker at no charge, until you come and move it to your own locker." ■

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with

the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — *E.W.*

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — *E.W.*

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — *N.W. (5/01)*

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

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

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative, with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays; call about lunch (suspended during road construction). Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

BUBBY'S GELATO Lumberyard, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly

well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

CALIFORNIA BISTRO Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for \$25 (beverage not included), half price for kids. It's more Californian cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's

version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding "Kailua pig," zesty, smoky shreds of Imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

LA BONNE BOUFFE Town and Country Shopping Center, 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via dela Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-916. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It's just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o' beans — savory black beans, Cuba's staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There's no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The "Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe," rightly subtitled "a meal in itself," is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don't miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and

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PAUL’S PLACE 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the most friendly eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you’re a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day’s freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you’ve consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don’t feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar,” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on

tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love “continental breakfast,” this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and

traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences, so generous portions are second nature. And weekends after 4:00 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA) 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, 16 pastas; wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials; excellent lamb. Very loving management. A treasure. Same menu lunch and dinner. Call for hours and directions. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (6/98)*

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don’t overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chieu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining

rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They’re beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* (“raise the dead”) seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as “North County’s Finest Steak House.” It also seems to be the area’s community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, pool-room, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and

seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck *à l’orange*, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn’t it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don’t miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Reservations strongly advised. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. If you’ve been searching for Hawaiian and South Pacific food, you’ll love the cooking here. Best bets: Kalua pig, Kahuna shrimp, mahi,

mahi, lumpia. Open daily for lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LUNGREN BROTHER’S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. This way-out-in-the-tulies Italian restaurant is a great place to sing karaoke because 1) nobody knows you and 2) this is country. Just suck up your spaghetti and relax with the locals. Check out the Bay of Naples *trompe l’oeil*, which owner Bob painted from a picture on a place mat. It’s all so cozy you don’t care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house’s gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VALENTINO’S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino’s has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO’S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is *carne asada*, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, *chiles rellenos*, *sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Von's), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133, www.diningsandiego.com/cyber67.htm. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori seabass (and a rich, slightly-sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Service is competent and cordial. Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — N.W. (6/01)

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambience carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to

see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. Shabu shabu is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of shabu shabu entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialties, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

THE BEST LITTLE RIB HOUSE 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Diane/Ross Center), Clairemont, 858-581-9444. It's small, modest, and lost in a meandering mall, but this lit-

tle rib house delivers on taste. You get nine basic rib choices of chicken, beef ribs, pork ribs, or different combos. They also do pulled meat, taken off the bone, on the plate or in sandwiches. First time, take the number 7 sampler: beef rib, pork rib, and chicken, along with cornbread and two sides such as wedge country fries or macaroni salad. The standout is the pork. Some customers swear by Good-Time Charlie's sauce — a BBQ elixir that Gail's pappy Charlie Coyle perfected 65 years ago. The chipotle, molasses, and mustard seeds will kick your taste buds awake. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

BISTRO YANG 4705-G Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Town Square, Clairemont, 619-483-6893. A sister restaurant to Fortune Cookie, this elegant bistro will charm gourmet Chinese food lovers with its curried salmon, sea bass, Yang's chicken, spicy spring rolls, and other delights. Standard dishes also available. Outstanding gourmet preparations. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — E.W.

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — M.N. (8/99)

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. If it hasn't already, the "apple pancake," which is really an enormous, puffy soufflé prepared with cinnamon sugar and apples, should win a prize. Its ability to satisfy all that is soft, sweet, and wonderful can't be duplicated anywhere. The recipes for the apple pancake, the Swedish pancakes, and the flapjacks are from the original restaurant in Oregon. Omelets that cover the entire plate are accompanied by pancakes, coffee is served with whipping cream, and you'll need someone to help you out the door if you let your instincts go wild. Dream breakfast food includes fresh seasonal fruit with cream. Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good

service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Closed Sunday. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (8/00)

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous, go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — M.N. (12/99)

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

THE BEACHES

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing

desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

FRONTEIRA BRAZILIAN BBQ 3778 Ingraham (at La Playa), Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. Live large at this pleasantly plain-looking Brazilian *rodizio*, addressing a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, even shrimp. (Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade.) The gargantuan spread also includes a U-shaped buffet with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as beef with okra or oxtails with plantains, with exotic but oddly homey flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce from the ledge above the salad buffet). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Arrive relatively early for dinner (some buffet items run out by 8 p.m.). Call for weekend reservations or to request a vegetarian meal. Open daily. Low moderate, a steal for the quantity and quality. — N.W. (8/01)

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard at San Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus:

Zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

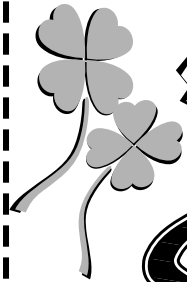
TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414, www.thetinfish.net. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twigg's Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

BLUE FIN GRILL 3770 Hancock Street (near Kurtz), Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. This blue and white cinder-block place hides out near the parking lot of the Sports Arena. It's crowded on Swap Meet weekends,

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serves — submariners. Here is where
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rine memorabilia. Subs’ banners, bells,
lighters, even the deepest flush toilet in
the world (it belonged to the USS *Dolphin*). The sub-like interior is dark,
with walls painted camouflage blue-black. Snacks include mozzarella sticks,
fried mushrooms, onion rings, chicken
nuggets, and wings. If you’re hungry,
the flop-over-the-edge steaks and burgers
with fries are generous. Not that it
matters. What you’re really digesting
is the atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive
to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hot

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too.

PHO HOACALI 4126 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises “all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients.” Everything is prepared under the supervision of the “Va’ad Harabbonim of San Diego” — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include “Lefafel, California Style,” balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza;

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT
10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee,
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breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and
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of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's de-
licious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't
go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa
Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork
tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato
salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa
Beefers" (seasoned ground beef sim-
mered in chicken broth, piled into a
burger bun). Open three meals, seven
days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate with skins-on breakfast potatoes doing the in-filling. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the

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CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajji*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s

American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffets should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311, www.theabbeycafe.com. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood

rooms with (working) fireplace, church pew, metal chalices, black iron scones, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Seven days. Expect a line on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever, has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (5/99)*

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual sus-

pects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

THE GATHERING 902 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who enjoys entertaining his diners. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable and the oblong bar at the center of the room seems straight out of *Cheers*. For Sunday brunch, it's a toss-up between the "Mission Hills Omelet" (snow crab sautéed in butter, sherry, and tarragon, with dilled-hollandaise sauce) and the "Goldfinch Omelet" (Canadian bacon with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and hollandaise sauce). Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GULF COAST GRILL 4130 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-2244. www.gulfcoastgrill.com. Like its food — "Sassy southern and southwest cuisine" — the place has a brassy, planky, bollardy, pelicany, ropey, cozy, jokey Jimmy Buffet feel. And you can either eat rich ("Mississippi mustard catfish," "New-Orleans style BBQ shrimp," "Cajun Strip") or poor — if you hit the place during Happy Hour. Baja clam chowder, grilled vegetable quesadilla, cornmeal crusted brie cheese, fried oysters, and the BBQ baby back ribs are all great sunset bargains. Best Happy Hour seats: patio or bar. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red

hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles, like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. Dinners (slightly more expensive) are also generous. Try chilled gazpacho, then pork chops, baked potatoes, and a dessert of mince pie with mock brandy topping, all part of the deal. Also good: Sunday's roast leg of lamb. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, www.kemosabesandiego.com. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde ban-

quetry, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking: touristy Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

ONOO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, thinks with her mouth. — *M.N. (10/99)*

TERRA 3900 Vermont (Uptown Center), Hillcrest, 619-293-7088, www.terrasd.com. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. Sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty Italian food but also for loving atmosphere. Sixteen pasta dishes; many salads and entrées. A treat. Try seabass, salmon, any pasta. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (5/99)*

THE VEGETARIAN ZONE 2949 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-7302. The V-Zone's motto is "in harmony with the earth." So, sorry — no meat, no bleached white flour, white or brown sugar, or iceberg lettuce. On the other hand, you can be sure what you do eat is "free from chemical preservatives or dyes." Spinach mushroom lasagna and sesame mock chicken are — surprise! — great. Even desserts can be yummy, including a three-layer carrot cake and a cocomint pudding. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bay view terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack

or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Street), Gaslamp District, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice as good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here: Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "*la nueva cocina Mexicana*," a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilacoche* ("corn fungus," but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole*

sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mus-sels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

GEN LAI SEN HAKKA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The "chef recommend sizzle plates," the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially "house special rice noodles"), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast/lunch weekdays, breakfast only weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

JUKE JOINT CAFE 327 Fourth Avenue (across from Cost Plus), Gaslamp District, 619-323-7685, www.jukejoint-cafe.com. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood (but the Gaslamp is lots safer). They call their cooking "West Coast Soul Food," but it's still mighty South Coast, too, including a just-about perfect filé gumbo, thick and rich, flavored with genuine Louisiana sausage. Good jambalaya, fried foods (try fried pickles and gizzards for a down-home treat), huge steaks, and live music for a hip crowd make this a tasty scene. Full bar. Reservations strongly advised. No cover charge with dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (corner of 13th and C), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue and

white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come here to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas, or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). — *E.B. (11/00)*

LEE'S CAFE 738 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-1621. This beautiful place is a thorn between two roses. Located mid-Gaslamp with luxury Euro-*ristorantes* on either side — heh heh — here a big plate of baked chicken, or chicken-fried steak, or baked ham, with gravy, potatoes, veggies, rice, salad, bread and butter — and macaroni and egg flower soup go for almost nothing. Breakfast is a bargain too, offering sausages, eggs, hash browns, and all the coffee you want. "Uncle Lee started 40 years ago," says Lily, who runs it. God bless Uncle Lee. Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals, and the food is very, very good. I suggest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

REDFISH 731 Fifth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp District, 619-234-7226, www.redfishamerica.com/sandiego.html. At this sprawling New Orleans-style restaurant/nightclub (one of a small national chain), the varied music playing over the speakers before showtime is consistently tasty. Alas, one can't say the same for the cooking, so order with care. Best dishes include a rich, smoky crawfish etouffée, interesting okra gumbo, and mainly-decent salads and appetizers. But authenticity and taste go blazing in a tomatoey jambalaya with the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-a-lug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*



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TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715
Fourth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp
District, 619-232-4440. The owners of
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WILDSIDE CAFE & REBEL JUICE
 619-1048 Seventh Avenue, downtown, 619-9696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites, "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday. Hours vary seasonally. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900, www.baybeachcafe.com. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar—from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

CHEZ LOMA 1132 Loma Avenue (at Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-0661. The historic aura of this cute period bungalow remains seductive, but the "French" menu is mired in the more recent past, circa 1970. Some appetizers are sprightly, but entrées are inconsistent and can be indifferently executed with subpar ingredients, e.g., a cassoulet de mer may pair undercooked white beans with overcooked seafood of questionable quality. Some best bets are Irvine's signature dishes of salmon with a mild barbecue sauce and roast duck with a trio of sauces. Veggie accompaniments (swampy reheated-tasting rice, limp carrots, soggy sugar-snapes) bear an eerie resemblance to Lean Cuisine. Early bird bargain-priced dinners. Reservations advised. Fairly expensive but not dressy. — N.W. (6/01)

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PANCAKES 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is fa-

mous for its “Grandma’s” buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. —E.B. (1/10/00)

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-from-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

L'ESCALE Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. This is the casual dining room that faces the pool at this first-rate hotel. Menus are constantly changing, so call to discover what type of cuisine is available. Jazz night on Friday and Saturday evening, with dinner specials. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E. W.

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in tzatziki sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

STRETCH'S CAFE 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that—and he wants you to, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's bar next door. Inexpensive. —E.B. (11/00)

TIJUANA

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CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución, between Calle 3 and Calle 4, Tijuana, 685-6654. Robust tacos, enchiladas, *chiles rellenos*, tamales, egg dishes, and steak have been prepared at this unpretentious but good café for decades. La Especial is a favorite for families who want to eat at low cost. The stairway leading down to the dining room opens on Revolución, and the covered bazaar that extends beyond is a prime tourist attraction. Open Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to

10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday,
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E.W.

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — E.W.

LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana. 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E. W.

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and its wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it

bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado... it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

ABC CAFETERIA 246 Autonomous University of Baja California cafeteria, 2580 Tecnológico Avenue, Tijuana, 607-1047 (for Tortas y Burritos Tonka). This cafeteria on the new campus near Tijuana's airport is always *abuzz* — the students set it alight. The difference from, say, SDSU? Everyone's well-dressed, with lots of ties and careful make-up (not on the same person, of course). Several concessions, including Tortas y Burritos Tonka, Armando's, and Panadería Diego deliver cheap, standard Amero-Mexican. But come for the sound of 600 people like you, all chatting like crazy (in Spanish). Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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Sometimes months go by, even years, when I neglect to notice the full fare for a movie ticket. Press screenings, promotional screenings, courtesy cards insulate me from the harsh reality. The latest awakening came late last year, when — or just after — I sat through *The Business of Strangers* in the company of a couple of dozen paying customers. Three characters. All talk. Eighty minutes. Eight dollars.

So now I've started to notice again. Eight-fifty (you don't need me to tell you) appears to be the new standard. Seven seventy-five in some places, eight seventy-five in others. Is this, one is compelled to wonder, why we see so many two-and-a-half-hour movies chockablock with special effects? Not out of aesthetic considerations, that is, but out of economic ones — a sense of fair exchange, value for value, money spent for money spent. Which is not to say I cannot feel sorry for someone who plunked down eight smackers for *The Lord of the Rings*, or rather for one-third of *The Lord of*

the Rings.

For better or worse, my personal sense of values in this area was imprinted on me at an early age — as values so often are — when the cost of a first-run movie ticket in Manhattan jumped from two-fifty to three dollars, somewhere near the end of my undergraduate days. That was about the most that seemed reasonable to gamble on a movie if you went to as many of them, as indiscriminately, as improvidently, as I did. A twenty-five-cent slice of pizza, thirty for "Sicilian-style," would do just fine for dinner as long as I had the price of admission to *Tristana* in my pocket. I had my priorities.

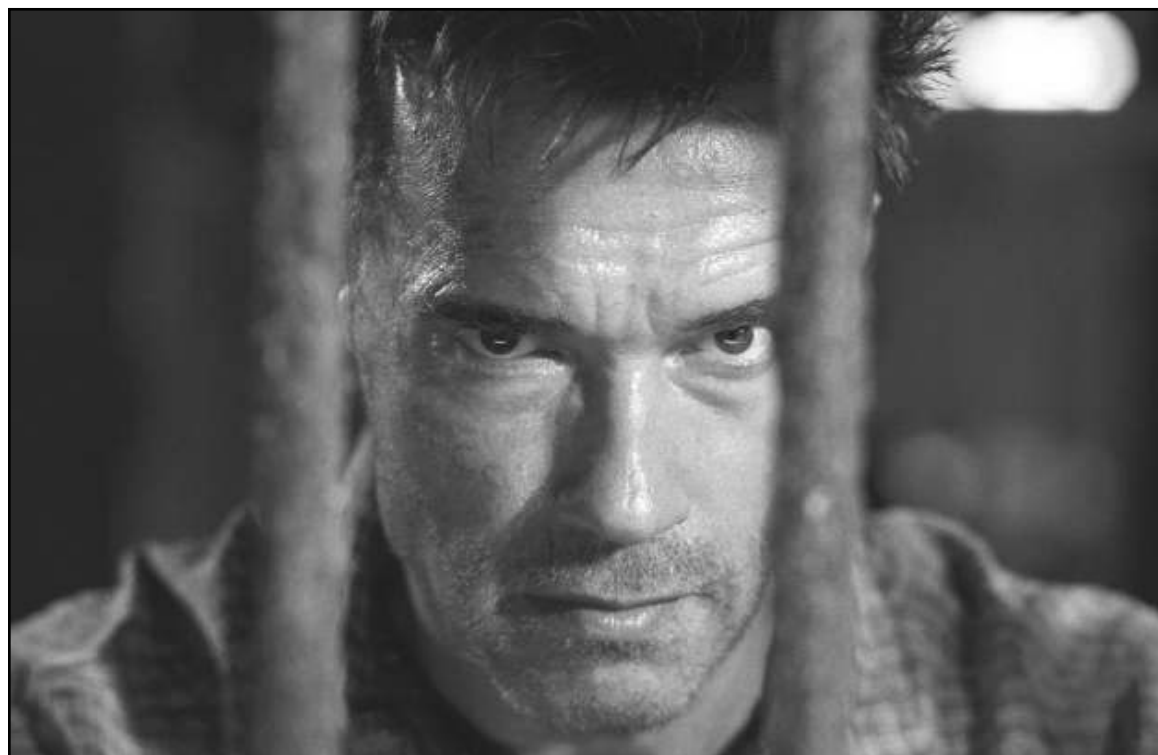
Of course movies have changed since then, along with their admission prices and my priorities. (And the smell of pizza now makes me faintly nauseous.) Perhaps in part *because* they have changed, or more precisely because of *how* they have changed, three dollars still seems to me the reasonable amount to gamble. (Curiously, the gen-

eral vicinity of a video rental today: small wonder so many people choose to wait.) But I realize that values differ, and that the very same person who would think nothing of forking over twenty bucks or so for a fifth of J&B would think twice about that amount for a CD of Tchaikovsky's Fifth. Money is funny. Or people are.

With a mind, therefore, to making myself feel better about the current asking price of a movie — or failing that, at least increasing my empathy for the paying customer — I set out to get a clearer fix on what eight-fifty is worth these days. To that end, I aimed for Target ("Prices So Low You Don't Have to Hold Back") and roamed the

aisles looking for price tags in the ballpark of a movie ticket. Out of respect for differing values, I editorialize no further. You decide. Guns or butter. *Collateral Damage* or....

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All about the Benjamins — Caper comedy with Ice Cube and Mike Epps, directed by Kevin Bray. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; 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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/8)

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; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)



40 Days and 40 Nights

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; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; 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. ★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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

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rational, albeit incomprehensible, “explanation.” Samuel Le Bihan, Mark Dacascos, Vincent Cassel, Emilie Dequenne, Monica Bellucci; directed by Christophe Gans. 2001.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Casablanca — The City of Intrigue is converted into a large Camp ground, as Bogart feigns broken-heartedness and moral rehabilitation in this feminized thriller. Directed by Michael Curtiz, lushly. 1942.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/8, 1:30 AND 8:50 P.M.)

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 3/7)

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 your 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.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Crossroads — Dramatic acting debut of Britney Spears, that Pied Piper of Girl

Power. It definitely gives 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 tawnniness 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. With Zoë Saldana, Taryn Manning, Anson Mount, Dan Aykroyd. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

Dragonfly — Communication-from-beyond-the-grave chiller. Kevin Costner

loses his wife in a Venezuelan bus mishap, searches the river in vain for her body, attends her memorial service, and performs a C-section that same day on a deceased mother in the ER, all before the end of the opening credits. A total nonbeliever (“When you never wake up again,” he counsels a would-be suicide, “don’t say I didn’t warn you”), he nonetheless starts to doubt his own mind, even his sanity, when a series of funny happenings (funny-strange, not funny-haha) suggests his wife is trying to get in touch with him. Director Tom Shadyac, far removed from *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* and *The Nutty Professor*, seems intent to demonstrate that *Patch Adams* revealed his true self: a pig for mush. (Even visually, the movie has something of the pignen about it: the muddy dullness.) Costner, meanwhile, gets to add another portrait to his gallery of droopy, doleful heroes. (Not that he hadn’t already done a withdrawn widower: *Message in a Bottle*.) His perpetual boyishness — the cracking voice, the evasive gaze, the aw-shucks awkwardness — transforms the effect, though, into an unattractive and overdramatic case of the sulks, such that the Costner *oeuvre* emerges as one of the most reliable remedies yet discovered for sufferers from self-pity. Just pop a Costner tape into the VCR and embarrass them into bucking up. Kathy Bates, Linda Hunt, Joe

Morton, Ron Rifkin. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; 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)

Escaflowne — Japanese animated fantasy “created” by Shoji Kawamori and directed by Kazuki Akane.

(HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 3/8)

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● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA

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Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, Rachael Blake. 2002.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Last Orders — Fred Schepisi’s screen version of the decades-spanning novel by Graham Swift, starring Michael Caine, Bob Hoskins, Tom Courtenay, and Helen Mirren.
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★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Monsoon Wedding — Mira Nair’s chronicle of an arranged marriage in contemporary Delhi, with Naseeruddin Shah and Lillete Dubey.
(COVE, FROM 3/8)

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. With Peter Boyle, Heath Ledger, Sean Combs. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Mothman Prophecies — Sort of an elaborated segment of “The Unexplained” on TV’s *Unsolved Mysteries*, minus Robert



Iris

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 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.
★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Ocean’s Eleven — Superdeluxe remake of a Rat Pack lark of 1960: a happy-go-lucky, jolly-good-fellows, high-tech, clean-as-a-whistle casino heist, with a star-studded cast (Clooney, Pitt, Damon, Julia Roberts, Andy Garcia, Carl Reiner, Elliott Gould, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Casey Affleck, Scott Caan). There are sellouts, to be sure, and then there are sellouts, and Steven Soderbergh’s philosophy apparently holds that if you’re going to be one, you might as well be a big one. Bigger than he

was in *Erin Brockovich*, bigger than in *Traffic*. The biggest. (The original was directed by the man who had made *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Of Mice and Men*, so there’s an immediate precedent.) Maybe the stigmatization of a Vegas fat cat — “This guy is as smart as he is ruthless” — makes it easier for Soderbergh to look at himself in the mirror, but it doesn’t make it easier to look at the screen. Fat cats are plentiful there. 2001.
● (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

Queen of the Damned — Michael Rymer’s turgid and narration-heavy adaptation of Anne Rice’s *The Vampire Chronicles* picks up the story of Lestat (*sans* Tom Cruise) after the bored bloodsucker awakens from a hundred-year hibernation to an exciting new sound in the world: rock-and-roll. The notion of a vampiric pop star — all lipstick and no bite — seems feasible only as a spoof (“Like everyone else,” remarks a young vampirologist, “I assumed Lestat was a joke”), and it doesn’t help that Stuart Townsend gives the impression of a garage-band dilettante trying to look and sound as depraved and jaded as he always imagined Ozzy Osbourne. Nor is a take-me-I’m-yours groupie what we want in the way of a vampire hunter (the gamine Marguerite Moreau). But after all, this is Anne Rice and not Bram Stoker: Viva Los Vampires. Under the circumstances, the unapologetic campiness of the late R&B singer Aaliyah, as a slinky queen from Ancient Egypt in a strapless backless gold bra (“Dey believed in *notting*,” surveying her kingdom of corpses. “Now dey *are* notting”), constitutes the highlight. To say so, though, is to run up a white flag. Vincent Perez, Lena Olin. 2002.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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the lyricism is dull-minded: the use of slow-motion to heighten the impact of the pulverizing and overamplified punches in the ring, or to heighten the sex appeal of La Motta’s blonde-bombshell wife as she kicks her feet in a glimmering outdoor swimming pool or as she moves across a nightclub dance floor — this sort of thing is straight out of TV commercials, the sexiest woman in the Herman Joseph’s ad being the one who moves the slowest. The whole-hog (so to speak) commitment to realism is best exemplified by Robert De Niro’s much publicized, sixty-pound weight gain to portray the older La Motta. But equally raw and unimaginative realism is everywhere apparent in the refusal to impose any moral or intellectual attitude, or even any narrative nicety, onto this formless scrapbook biography, so that at the end you have to pretend that the acquisition of sixty pounds qualifies as a dramatic climax. Directed by Martin Scorsese. 1980. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 3/13, 7 P.M.)



Queen of the Damned

Return to Never Land — This 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 voila*: “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. With the voices of Harriet Owen, Blayne Weaver, Corey Burton, Jeff Bennett; co-directed by Robin Budd and Donovan Cook. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR

DRIVE IN; 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; 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

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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CENTRAL

CLAIREMONT

Town Square 14
4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:40) 7:55, 10:05; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 7:05, 9:55; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 9:50; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:20); **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:20, 10:20; Sun. 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 7:10, 10:05; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 4:55, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (2:15) 4:55, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:55) 7:40, 10:00; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00) 8:30; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:40, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:25, 10:00; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (2:10) 5:00, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:50, 10:05; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:35; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:20) 7:30; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 4:05, 6:15; Mon.-Thu. (4:05) 6:15; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55) 4:35, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 4:35) 8:20; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 2:00, 3:10) 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:50, 2:00, 3:10) 4:30, 5:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:00, 3:10, 4:30, 5:35) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 1:30, 3:55) 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15; Sun. (12:55, 1:30, 3:55) 4:45, 7:15, 8:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 1:30, 3:55, 4:45) 7:15, 8:15, 10:05

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 1:50, 3:30) 5:45, 7:20, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 1:50, 3:30, 5:45) 7:20, 8:00, 10:20; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 2:20, 3:15) 4:25, 5:20, 7:40, 8:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:20, 3:15, 4:25, 5:20) 7:40, 8:30, 9:40; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 9:55; **Ocean’s Eleven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:20, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:20) 7:05, 9:25; **Super**

Troopers (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (4:25) 10:15; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:00) 8:30; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 2:05, 3:00, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 8:10, 9:00, 10:25; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:15) 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15) 7:15, 8:15, 10:10

Horton Plaza 14
475 Horton Plaza (619-234-8602)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 3:15, 6:15, 9:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:20, 7:15; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 12:55, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 4:00, 7:25, 10:35; **Brotherhood of the Wolf** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:50, 3:00, 6:10, 9:35; **Collateral Damage** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Escaflowne** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25; **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:50, 2:00, 5:15, 8:30; **Hart’s War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:55, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Iris** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40; **Kung Pow: Enter The Fist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 5:00, 9:45; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:10

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
Monsoon Wedding (R) Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Time Machine: All about the Ben-jamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; Queen of the Damned; John Q; Hart’s War; The Count of Monte Cristo; I Am Sam; Black Hawk Down; A Beautiful Mind

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Amelié (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Tue. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Wed. (1:25) 4:10, 9:50; Thu. (1:25) 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; **Gos-ford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 5:05, 8:00; **Iris** (R) Fri. (1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 1:55, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:10) 7:50, 10:20; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:35, 3:45, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:30 (5:15) 8:20; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri. 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:35) 7:20, 9:40; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (5:25) 7:35; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:25, 3:50, 7:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:20) 8:25; **Cross-roads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 3:40, 6:00, 8:25, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (5:25) 7:40, 10:05; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:00) 7:35, 10:05; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 12:55, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:20 (5:35) 8:30; **Iris** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:30) 7:45, 10:00; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10, 12:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:35, 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50; **Mon-ster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:40 (4:50) 7:20, 9:55; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:05) 7:30, 9:50; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:10) 7:05; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (4:40) 7:00, 9:25; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:20) 7:10, 10:10; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 6:50, 10:30; Sat. 11:10, 3:00, 6:50, 10:30; Sun. 1:00, 4:50, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:55) 8:35; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:15, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:00) 7:25, 9:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 12:40 (4:10) 7:10, 9:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:15) 7:15, 10:15

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri. 12:45 (4:15) 7:15, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20; Mon.-Wed. 12:45 (4:15) 7:15, 10:20; **Cross-roads** (PG-13) Fri. 12:35, 2:55 (5:15) 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:35, 2:55 (5:15) 7:35, 10:05; **Gos-ford Park** (R) Fri. 12:40 (4:10) 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:40, 4:10, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:40 (4:10) 7:10, 10:15; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Wed. 10:30; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00 (4:20) 7:20; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:20, 7:20; Mon.-Wed. 1:00 (4:20) 7:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fel-lowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30 (4:05) 7:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 4:05, 7:45; Mon.-Wed. 12:30 (4:05) 7:45; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:50 (5:10) 7:30, 10:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 12:50 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:50, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:50 (4:00) 7:05, 10:10

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

The Time Machine; All about the Ben-jamins; Big Fat Liar; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; Queen of the Damned; Crossroads; John Q; Hart’s War; Super Troopers; Return to Never Land; Collateral Damage; The Count of Monte Cristo; I Am Sam; The Mothman Prophe-cies; Black Hawk Down; Snow Dogs; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring; A Beautiful Mind

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:25, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:40; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55, 10:05; Sun. (1:20, 3:45) 5:50, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:40) 7:50; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:45) 7:10; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:15) 7:30; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 7:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Sordid Lives, Thursday; **The Sound of Music (Sing-A-Long)** Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelié (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Mon. (1:25) 4:25, 7:25, 10:10; Tue. (1:25) 4:25, 10:10; Wed.-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. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Tue. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; Wed. (1:05) 4:05, 9:55; Thu. (1:05) 4:05, 7:05, 9:55; **Last Orders** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Left Hand of God, Friday, 7 p.m.; **Casablanca**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 8:50 p.m.; **Raging Bull**, Wednesday, 7 p.m., next Friday, 1:30 p.m., and next Saturday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Amazing Journeys Sat.-Sun. 12:00; Mon. 11:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Hu-man Body** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sat. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:15, 10:20; **A Walk to Remember** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:55); **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:15; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:30; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 9:50; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:50) 7:00, 9:40; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:30, 10:25; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:20) 7:10, 10:05; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:05) 7:45, 10:15; **Re-turn to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:20, 4:40) 7:35, 9:45; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:00); **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:10) 7:50, 10:35; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:35; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fel-lowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:15) 8:00; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 4:55, 5:25) 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:25; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 1:10, 3:45, 4:15) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 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)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:00; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:45, 10:00; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:25, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20, 5:25) 7:25, 9:35; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:25; Sun. (1:00) 4:40, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:40) 7:35, 10:10; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:00, 9:40; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10) 4:25, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:10) 4:25, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:25) 7:20, 10:10; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 9:50; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:05) 4:10, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:10) 7:10, 10:05

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
A Walk to Remember (PG) Fri.-Sun. 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 9:00; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Sun. 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 6:10, 9:05;

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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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; HORTON PLAZA 14)

The Sound of Music — The reprise of. If you have resisted seeing it all this time, there is no compelling reason to knuckle under now, although you might be surprised how well Robert Wise’s restrained and graceful direction compensates for all the kids and the Oscar Hammerstein optimism. Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. 1965.

★ (KEN, FROM 3/8)

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 *Tunnelvizion*. 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 Bergen, Lynda Carter. With Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter, and Erik Stolhanske; directed by Chandrasekhar. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Time Machine — Guy Pearce stars in a remake of the H.G. Wells time-travel classic, directed by the novelist’s great-grandson, Simon Wells. (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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 3/8)

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.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

We Were Soldiers — The post-*Private Ryan* fashion in war films now reaches the treacherous terrain of the Vietnam War. Call it the all-guts-all-glory look: the stomach-turning level of mayhem commonly associated with the anti-war film, and yet a crispness of salute more typical of the wartime flag-waver. Writer-director Randall Wallace, who wrote but did not direct *Pearl Harbor* and *Braveheart*, has plowed some fertile new ground — what came to be known as the Valley of Death, site of the first major battle between

U.S. troops and Vietnamese in November of 1965 — and he has harvested from that soil the provocative afterthought that the real tragedy of the event was not the number of Americans who lost their lives there (the maxim of the Viet Cong commander: “Kill all they send, and they will stop coming”), but rather the possibility that the outcome could be viewed as an American victory: i.e., encouragement to press on until 58,000 had lost their lives. Somehow, though, Wallace remains impervious to his own irony. Nothing will wilt the crispness of his salute. The big drawback, even for that purpose, is that the film enters the tribute mode so early, and with such unwavering resolve, that it leaves itself no room for emotional development. Everything is prefigured, predigested, telegraphed, heavy-handed. With Mel Gibson, Chris Klein, Greg Kinnear, Sam Elliott, Barry Pepper, Madeleine Stowe, Keri Russell. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Collateral Damage (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:10) 5:10, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 8:10; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:05, 9:15; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:40) 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:45) 8:55; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:25); **In the Bedroom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:35) 8:35; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 5:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 7:00; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:30, 5:20) 7:10; **Snow Dogs** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:00); **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. (2:55) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 9:10

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The Time Machine; We Were Soldiers; Queen of the Damned; Crossroads

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

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40 Days and 40 Nights (R) 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; **All about the Ben-jamins** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 4:45, 7:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Re-turn to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Super Troopers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 9:15; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
The Time Machine; All about the Ben-jamins; We Were Soldiers; 40 Days and 40 Nights; Dragonfly; Queen of the Damned; Gosford Park; Crossroads; John Q; Super Troopers; Return to Never Land; Collateral Damage; Big Fat Liar; Rollerball; The Count of Monte Cristo; I Am Sam; The Mothman Prophecies; Black Hawk Down; Snow Dogs; A Beautiful Mind; The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

Rancho Del Rey 16
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40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:35) 7:30, 9:50; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:20; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:55,

2:15, 5:10) 7:40, 10:30; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Sat.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:25) 7:50, 10:10; **Black Hawk Down** (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:50, 3:05) 6:55, 9:55; **Collateral Damage** (R) Sat.-Thu. 7:05, 9:40; **Crossroads** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (11:40, 2:00, 4:30) 7:55, 10:25; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **In the Bedroom** (R) Sat.-Thu. (12:35, 3:35); **John Q** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:40, 3:30) 7:00, 9:45; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Sat.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 5:10) 7:40, 10:05; **Return to Never Land** (G) Sat.-Thu. (12:00, 2:05, 4:25) 7:15, 9:35; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:45, 4:10) 7:35, 10:30; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:55, 4:40, 5:15) 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:10; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Sat.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 3:40, 4:15) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 10:20

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12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **I Am Sam** (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

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11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
40 Days and 40 Nights (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:40) 7:45, 9:50; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25) 7:15, 10:00; **All about the Benjamins** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:30, 9:35; **Big Fat Liar** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 4:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10); **Black Hawk Down** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 9:55; **Dragonfly** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:55, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (1:45) 4:55, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:55) 7:10, 9:30; **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:10; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 9:55; Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **Monster’s Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:20) 7:35, 10:05; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:45) 4:45, 7:05, 8:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 2:45, 4:45) 7:05, 8:55; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:30, 7:25, 10:30; Sun. (1:40) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:05, 10:05

POWAY

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2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:15

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John Q (PG-13) Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 8:00; **Queen of the Damned** (R) Fri.-Sun. 6:30, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:30; **Return to Never Land** (G) Fri. 4:20; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:10, 4:20; Mon.-Thu. 5:10; **The Time Machine** (PG-13) Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:40; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:50

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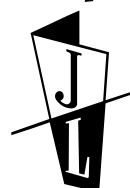
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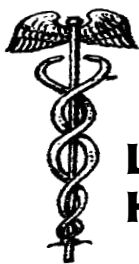
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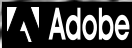
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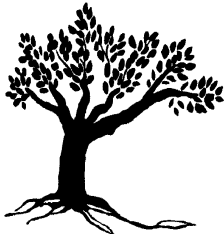
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FRIENDSHIP. Male, 38, active, outdoor lover, seeks male, 25-40, open minded,

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LANGUAGE EXCHANGE. Male student, 20, interested in Japan. Seeking Japanese female, 18-23, for exchange of culture, language. Also movies, restaurants, fun. (3/13) **30216**

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FUN, VIVACIOUS, GOOD SENSE of humor, gorgeous eyes, great skin, pretty, 40s, blonde seeks 40s-early 50s pal. Chatting, dining, dancing, adventure, great times. (3/13) **323118**

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EBONY LADY, 59, professional, cute, youthful, honest, caring, happy, healthy, peaceful, humorous, intelligent, affectionate. Seeking gentleman, 55+, nonsmoker, any race, for harmonious, long-term relationship. (3/13) **323102**

PRETTY, PETITE, 40-year-old looking for braveheart, true blue, chivalrous, honorable man. Prefer attractive, spiritual, well-built, happy, financially, emotionally, mentally secure man. Forever. (3/20) **323177**

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SEXY, EXOTIC VIXEN, energetic, 25, graduate student, cultured, spontaneous. Seeking affluent, generous, adventurous, educated, classy older gentleman who can spoil me plus share intellectual conversations. (3/20) **323190**

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BROWN-EYED BEAUTY, 46 years, professional, North County, Hispanic, 5'3", 125lbs., athletic; movies, beach, sense of humor; seeks tall 45+, financially secure; long-term relationship. (3/20) **323153**

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HAPPY, 34, 5'5", FIT, Christian, Asian looking for long-term relationship. Want sincere, outgoing, playful, educated, romantic guy for dining, hiking, beach, outdoor adventure. (3/20) **323149**

ATTRACTIVE FILIPINA, 59, sexy, elegant, secure, homeowner. Enjoy dancing, tavel, dining, cuddling. Will kiss away your lonely nights. Seeking tall, financially secure white gentleman. (3/13) **323119**

SENSUAL, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, 53, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy, seeks honest, confident, degreed, successful, over 5'8", selective, special man for our best relationship ever! (3/20) **323181**

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
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
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
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I'M A WARM, CARING, fit, intelligent, shapely woman with traditional values. I'm looking for an educated, single, Caucasian man, 40-55, to share life's adventures. (3/13)  23133

ASIAN, FULL-FIGURED CURVES in the right places, loves movies, travel, cozy dinners, dancing, walks on the beach. You: Caucasian, 30-40 years, with same interests. (3/13)  23121

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 44. You are white male, 5'7"+, looking for that right one; it's already taken too long. What are you waiting for, me! (3/13)  23129

ATHLETIC, INTELLIGENT, woman seeking the same in a man. 24, blonde hair, green eyes, 5'6" and 145lbs.; Looking for friends and possibly something more... (3/20)  23183


AN 8 WITH A 10 PERSONALITY looking for a 7 with an 11 personality. We're attractive, educated professionals (30s, childless, nonsmokers), moderately athletic, fun; love adventure, the outdoors and life! (3/13)  23107

PROFESSIONAL, EBONY looking for professional ivory, 47-56, 5'10"+; loves life and knows how to live it. Cultural minded. I'm 51, 5'8", 160lbs.; love workout session. (3/13)  23131


ATTRACTIVE BLONDE PROFESSIONAL, 5'8", 125lbs., 52. Seeking to click with a great guy of course! You: 45-55, tall, educated, nice looking. Single dads great too. (3/20)  23180

FAR FROM PERFECT but still need love. Single, black, professional, big beautiful woman, 6'1", seeks marriage-minded man for eternal love. Serious replies only. (3/20)  23166


NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (3/20)  23136

PETITE, ATTRACTIVE, affectionate, professional horsewoman, 44, seeking fun-loving, humorous, passionate, nonsmoking white man to share movies, beach, walks and who knows? 45+-. (3/20)  23139


ROMANCE, FRIENDSHIP, photography. 57, 5'4", fun, interesting. Want to share common interest in photography. Let's see what develops. Nonsmoker/non-drinker. Laugh, photo, cuddle, mutual respect. (3/13)  23098

TOP GOES DOWN on my new convertible, but seat next to me is empty. 39, warm, bright, sexy, smart, 5'9", fun, honest, ready. (3/20)  23194


ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, sexy, 125lbs., 5'6", 52, educated, European lady wishes to meet nice gentleman, 62-higher, financially secure; travel, dining out, culture, romance, sunset. (3/20)  23172


DO YOU DARE TO DREAM of meeting your heart's longing? Will you risk looking like a fool for love, for the adventure of being alive? (3/13)  23100

Long Hair, Big Eyes Attractive, Petite Sophisticate


Latina princess seeks tall, educated, travelled, ambitious, romantic, financially secure, muscular, generous Prince Charming ready to love and be loved. Me: 40. You: 40-48. (3/20)  23197

SEXY, PETITE BLONDE with great sense of humor. Love music, movies, books, travel. Looking for passionate, financially and emotionally stable, fun-loving, adventurous man. (3/20)  23157


IF YOU ARE 55+ MALE, financially secure, honest, easygoing, enjoy good food and conversation, let's meet. I'm 55+, outgoing, fun lady. (3/13)  23088

91X CHICK: 36, 5'3", 105lbs., Inland North County, seeks male version: 5'7"+, attractive, hip, healthy, smart, nonconventional, creative, sensual rocker with a cool life! 35-43. (3/20)  23152

THEY SAY THAT FALLING in love is wonderful. Likes: Wine, Sinatra, slow dancing, cooking, beaches, movies. Seeking someone with time for conversation and jazz downtown. (3/20)  23189


WARM, KIND, INTELLIGENT 53 seeks reflective, gentle soul who loves literacy and visual arts for a friends-first relationship. Monet, Nabokou, Chagall, Moore, Oates, Rodin. (3/20)  23174


Back To My Roots

Once I was Jewish and trim. Now I'm just Jewish. I'm active, love the outdoors, animals. You 35-45, funny, employed, old-fashioned values. Let's talk. (3/20)  23150


WILD AND CRAZY, spontaneous, adventurous, white female, 18, 5'3", brown/blue eyes, in search of sexy, dependable, caring man, 18-30, for fun times. (3/20)  23168

THIS PRETTY, UNIQUE female enjoys bicycling, kayaking, blading, movies, fine dining, good company, with handsome, humorous, fit, nonsmoking, playful professional, 45ish. San Diego. No flakes. (3/20)  23195

BLACK, ADORABLE, SWEET female, educated, 5'4", 123lbs., resides North County, from Midwest, 49, artistic; seeks confident male, 45-60 years, educated, giving, secure, kind. Any race. (3/20)  23192


HOTTIE WANTED! You: Good-looking, white, 21-33, 5'11"+, no kids. Me: Caucasian, pretty brunette, 5'8", sexy legs, sensual, sweet, passionate, fun and adventurous. (3/13)  23123

BEAUTIFUL ON THE inside! 30, cute brunette with pretty green eyes, still believes in love. Seeking someone special for friendship, laughter, romance. 31-37. (3/13)  23132

LET'S HAVE FUN. 5'1", very active, professional. Looking for love and fun. You: 35 to 45, fit, attractive, like a wide variety of activities. (3/13)  23130


ATTRACTIVE, FUN, POSITIVE, fit, 40, 5'8", brunette, enjoys anything outdoors, gym, smiling and bringing good into life; stable; seeks honest, fit, handsome, happy man, 37-45. (3/20)  23158


FULL-FIGURED ATTRACTIVE female, 48, looking for a romantic male who likes to


enjoy life. Please be educated and have a great sense of humor. (3/13)  23117

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. (3/20)  23148

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, authentic communication, friends, community, nature, fun, endless possibilities! Share life with me. Friend/life partner. (3/13)  23122

SEXY AND FUN, 25, FIT, brown, brown eyes. Looking for a friend, and perhaps it can grow into something special. (3/20)  23164


ADVENTUROUS WORLD traveler, 5'9", slim, educated, secure, fun, attractive, with sense of humor, in search of great guy, 60-67, to share the good life. (3/13)  23096

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE, HONEST, sexy, sensuous, kind, successful, educated, funny, 45, size 8, healthy, in shape. Seeking nonsmoker, 40-50, 5'10"+, athletic build, successful, available, wine roses. (3/32)  23141

WHERE ARE YOU? 37 years young, 5'5", 120lbs., mom, fun, self-employed. You: Confident, mature, attractive, funny, intelligent, responsible, romantic, loyal, affectionate. (3/20)  23163


CLASSY BUT NOT STUFFY! I'm attractive, fit, slender and smart enough to be 49 without too many life disasters. Where are you? (3/20)  23176


ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, 49, 5'1", 125lbs., English major, typist/psychology, ecologist, pacifist, semivegetarian, likes hike, snorkel, paddle, cross-ski, folk, jazz, classical, comedy, nieces. Clairmont. (3/20)  23187


TWO EAST COAST TRANSPLANTS seeking East Coast gents. Want to have fun? Hang out in the sun? Call if ready to run. You: 40-55 years. (3/20)  23146

FIT, ATTRACTIVE, EASYGOING, very likeable blonde, 40s, seeks funny, attractive man, emotionally/financially secure, for occasional evenings out and maybe more. (3/13)  23106


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115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white, professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and more. (3/13)  23116


NOT DESPERATE, just tired of the bar scene. 5'5", 125lbs., blonde, blue, educated. Seeking handsome brunet, 35-40, 5'10"+, 180lbs.+, educated, easygoing, sincere, hiking, movies. (3/13)  23095

TALL EUROPEAN, attractive, secure, seeking tall man for a movie or dinner now and then. Open to chemistry. Be sincere, well educated, humorous, mid-40s-50s. (3/20)  23191


SEEKING SMART LATIN MAN; someone truly interesting, loving and emotionally reliable, for a real friendship and great life with slim, smart blonde, 41, 5'6", 120lbs. (3/20)  23167


REDHEAD, PASSIONATE, PLAYFUL, pretty, petite woman seeks growth-oriented man, 46-58, to laugh, love, hike, dance, communicate, share intimacy. Long-term relationship possibility. (3/20)  23175

WANTED: THOUGHTFUL gentleman to spoil. Still hoping. AAA approved, 60s to 70s, kindhearted, adventurous, happy. I live life each day. Your dreams may come true. (3/20)  23138


WE ROCK/BLUES; are 44-54, hip, classy, fit, trim, jokesters, educated, attractive, sober, drug free, childfree, truthful, 5'6"-6'2", jeans to formal, arts, nature, dancing, dining. (3/20)  23159

FOREIGNER, VERY ATTRACTIVE, 46, petite, green eyes, shapely, educated, professional, seeks gentleman, white, nonsmoker, handsome, fit, educated, professional, 5'9" up, 45-50, monogamous relationship. (3/20)  23137


ME: 5', HAPPY, SPUNKY, physically/mentally fit. You: Fit, funny, nice guy; no smokers; enjoy life; want friendship then? (3/13)  23114


ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s, outgoing adventurous. Movies, dining, sports, weekend getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking tall, outgoing, professional, secure, romantic, fun-loving man for friendship/endless possibilities. (3/20)  23188

THE BEST FOR THE BEST! Exotic beauty queen with brains and talent, morals, integrity, never married, seeks quality, fit,

handsome, intelligent, never married gentleman, 37-51. (3/13)  23091


BEAUTIFUL, SWEET ASIAN woman, 38, looking for gentleman who careful, responsible, honest, intelligent, have good sense of humor, successful in career, to start a relationship. (3/13)  23126

BLONDE, FIT, FUN LADY, 45, 5'7", seeks educated, honest, confident, funny man who looks good, 44 to 50, to enjoy San Diego and more. (3/13)  23110

IMPISHLY FUN FEMALE. 19, 5'8", brunette, Rubenesque, sweet, intelligent college student who seeks to have fun with humorous, intelligent, open-minded gentleman. (3/13)  23113


SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN educated, gorgeous petite, seeking successful, stylish, loyal, trusting, truthful, monogamous, passionate, compassionate, spiritual/nonreligious, friendship. No previous kids, 36-48, 5'9"+. No Republicans. (3/20)  23185


DEGREED, TALL, sexy, voluptuous, intelligent, down-to-earth black beauty seeking intelligent, down-to-earth, attractive male, 6'3" or taller; age 32-41. Race unimportant. (3/13)  23089

POST-VALENTINE'S DAY BLUES? Feel the need to send flowers? Are you romantic, humorous, down to earth? I am 53-year-young professional. Race open. (3/20)  23156

PROUD, WHITE SINGLE female in Alpine, down to earth, loves mountains, ocean and motorcycles; pool and darts. (3/20)  23169

BLACK MALE WANTED: 35-45, sincere, honest, spontaneous, good man, who's romantic, enjoys jazz, coffeehouses, movies, sporting evenings, dining and quality time with good Hispanic woman. (3/20)  23165

HONOR, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY. Polynesian beauty queen, artist, dancer, gourmet cook, educated, never married, seeks handsome, athletic, never married, classy, quality gentleman. Military background plus. 38-53. (3/20)  23182

SPICY REDHEAD WHO'S pretty, petite, professional, physically fit. Bike, hike, dance, romance. Seeking white professional, 45-55, educated, executive, sincere, secure, athletic, adventurous, handsome, healthy, happy. (3/13)  23094

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SEARCHING FOR MR. RIGHT: Good sense of humor, easygoing, down-to-earth gentleman, 67+, to share same interest. If you're the one, please respond. Nonsmoking. (3/20) ☎23140

INTUITIVE, INTROSPECTIVE, vibrant, 44. Seeking mountain man, 38-50, into music. Accomplished, fun-loving adventurer. Healthy nonsmoker for spirited conversations and spontaneous outdoor explorations. (3/20) ☎23161

WARMHEARTED WOMAN seeking good-natured man. Single, 40, seeks nice guy with sense of humor, nonsmoker, who likes movies, hiking, dining out. (3/20) ☎23155

CLIMBED A MOUNTAIN LATELY? Research scientist seeks educated, adventurous, spirited partner (40s) for rock and mountain climbing training. Know something more interesting? Fill me in! (3/20) ☎23171

DANCE WITH ME. 54, young, vivacious, attractive, fit blonde seeks 48 to 58, professional, intelligent, adventurous, playful partner to dance through life with me. (3/20) ☎23186

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE professional, slender, 47. I am goal oriented and seek the same in a mate. Interests are real estate, golfing, health and fitness. (3/13) ☎23103

SASSY BUT CLASSY MEXICAN cutie, 35, 5'9", proportionate, degreed, professional, values, principles, fun loving. Seeking Caucasian life mate, 35-40, 6+, strong built, romantic, supportive, integrity. (3/20) ☎23178

ARE YOU READY FOR FUN? 48-year-old, divorced, seeks warm, tall, attractive, affectionate, single white male for casual dating, possible relationship. (3/20) ☎23162

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive blonde female, 33-41. (3/13) ☎30192

INTO NATURE? SIMPLY HEALTHY lifestyle. Age 45. Like long hikes, acoustic music, children, native plants, animals, old stuff that works and howling at the moon! (3/13) ☎30212

SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, blue eyes, 6', bookish, dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (3/13) ☎30188

PASSIONATE, MATURE, WHITE, vigorous, law enforcement, outdoorsman, 50s, 5'11", 180lbs., boat/homeowner, skis, surfs, cooks; movies, dining; seeks intelligent, committed, slender lady. Race unimportant. 35+. (3/13) ☎30223

AH OUI, BONJOUR LOVE. I'm searching for a beautiful, romantic, very sexy, nice body, open, honest, no games; that wants a long-term relationship, woman like you. So let me put some sweet love, romance, in your life. I'm from Canada. I'm new in town. Show me around. I'm 47, no kids. (3/20) ☎30324

GOOD-LOOKING JEWISH male, 40, educated, passionate, sense of humor, loves the outdoors. Seeking an intelligent, open minded, sensuous female for fun and romance. Nonsmoking. (3/20) ☎30275

LOOKING FOR THE DREAM. Hope you are the one and that I am the one for you. Shall we learn more? (3/20) ☎30299

WOMAN WITH PASSION? Handsome, romantic, nontraditional, affluent, La Jolla entrepreneur seeks sincere, affectionate, slender goddess, 30s, for serious fun,

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possible relationship. You won't be disappointed. (3/20) ☎30313

COLLEGE STUDENT, 26, 6', 200lbs., brown/brown, clean shaven, very handsome, athletic, nonsmoker, never married, no kids. Seeking relationship with someone who doesn't have kids. (3/13) ☎30195

FREE-SPIRITED GENTLEMAN seeking adventurous woman. I'm 6'2", 190lbs., emotionally and financially secure. You are ready for a new and cool love. Interested? Call! (3/20) ☎30283

PAPA BEAR, 40; girl bear, nine. Cave owner seeking mama bear; cubs of your own OK. Camping, fishing, beach, stars, Rock hound, gardening, dune buggies. (3/20) ☎30279

LOOKS LIKE HOWIE MANDEL — with hair! Jewish nonsmoker, 45, 5'10", fit, attractive, funny, romantic, sensitive, mature, homeowner. Pursuing permanent relationship with caring female, 30-42, (3/20) ☎30292

I STILL HAVE A FLAT stomach. 48, bright, eclectic tastes; sharing fun. I still want to have children. (3/20) ☎30308

EAST COUNTY WIDOWER: Youthful, financially secure, generous, cheerful, handsome, trustworthy, reliable, adventurous, 57, 5'10", seeking attractive, sincere, adventurous, slender companion. Travel, theatre, affection, fishing, Baja. (3/20) ☎30287

50, TALL, SLENDER, NEVER married (no baggage, no kids, no alimony); once lived monkish, hermit existence; now would like to connect. If you relate, call. (3/13) ☎30215

WHITE MALE, 44, IS SEEKING Mexican or black female or mix. 27-50, for movies, music, moonlight walks on beach, sports. Let's get together and chat. (3/20) ☎30255

38, FREETHINKING professional, 5'7", 140lbs., open, fun-loving. Travel, outdoors, yoga, movies/theatre. Seeking secure, communicative, fit college graduate. Good sense of humor definite plus! (3/13) ☎30240

27, FUN-LOVING BARTENDER looking for 24-30, nice girl for good times. I'm 5'10", white, normal build, hoping for an attractive white girl. (3/13) ☎30184

OLDER WOMAN FOR ME. I'm 29, 5'9", fit, blue eyes, clean cut, surfer, great hands, great kisser. Call me. You just never know. Thank you. (3/13) ☎30165

6', HANDSOME LATINO, semi-old fashion romantic, passionate, very affectionate, bilingual gentleman. Loves to hug, kiss, pamper. Tall, sexy, sensuous. 42-50 beauty, South Bay resident. (3/20) ☎30250

BOYISH GOOD LOOKS. 6'2", eyes blue, slim, athletic. College-educated professional enjoys surfing, sailing, travel, conversation, family, friends, music, kids. Seeking slim 30+; friends first. (3/13) ☎30208

LITHUANIAN/ITALIAN, 6'3", 215lbs., devilishly handsome: running, Diane Krall, airline industry, Bukowski, lifelong student of the art of kissing. Safety, magic, partnership top three words. (3/20) ☎30260

GREAT LOOKS, GREAT BODY, humorous personality, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., waterfront homeowner, loves fitness, travel, the beach, cooking, swimming and pool. Seeking slim beauty, 30-40. (3/20) ☎30249

WORKOUT PARTNER. Bike rides, gym, outdoor; excellent shape, sharp mind; handsome, cheerful, outgoing. Female with similar interest, 30-40; stability and intellectually challenged are plus. (3/13) ☎30228

STOP! LOOK NO FURTHER. Black male, professional, good looking, warm personality, likes to laugh, good listener, respects women, master's degree, open-minded racially. Please inquire! (3/20) ☎30258

LONGHAIRED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, city homeowner. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, creative, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (3/20) ☎30320

REALLY NICE, FIT, STABLE, humorous, active guy, 44, is searching for cute, active, honest and sincere woman. Are you the one? (3/13) ☎30180

SURFS UP! 35-year-old, sincere, athletic. Love to surf, movies, ethnic restaurants, theatre, family, North County Coastal. You are athletic, open minded, good communicator. (3/13) ☎30239

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE. I'm 42, looking to share fun and sun. Like to rock climb, softball, mountain bike, hot tubs and cooking great food! (3/20) ☎30297

FIREMAN, 56, 185LBS., generous, financially secure, college degree, seeking passionate female, 35-49, loves adventure; no excess baggage, no smokers, no hang-ups. (3/13) ☎30178

JEWISH, FIT, KIND, fun loving, enjoys outdoors, jogging, walking, nature, energetic, diverse interests. In search of intelligent, attractive lady, 20-30s for friendship and beyond. (3/13) ☎30207

LONELY, TALL, HANDSOME white, father, young 50s, gentle, kind, sexy, romantic, seeks slim, stylish, sexy, romantic woman for intimate, passionate dates; enjoys kissing, chardonnay, me. (3/13) ☎30237

BRAZILIAN WOMEN ONLY! Two fun guys want two lively girls. Brazilians. 30s. Have home with party for you! Love, music, dance. Enjoy San Diego together! (3/20) ☎30290

CHEERFUL, 49, 6'2", 165lbs., Ocean Beach. Enjoy reading, gardening, the beach. Seeking upbeat, fit woman, slim preferred, for shared interests and occasional, dressy social functions. (3/13) ☎30232

GOOD LIAR WANTED to explain how we met. Successful entrepreneur, 44, 5'8", 145lbs., intuitive, metaphysical, risk taker, confident, reliable, adventurous, no children, seeks similar. (3/13) ☎30172

AGGRESSIVE WOMAN, SENSUOUS, romantic, demanding, loving, desired by handsome, sweet, monogamous, relationship-minded, respectful, playful, attentive man, 43, to do what you say. Age open. (3/20) ☎30319

ATTORNEY, 50, NONSMOKER, seeks white female, 40-48, playful, warm. Talks, walks, bikes, hikes, road trips, explore world, selves, music, movies, food, Padres, Chargers, you, us. (3/20) ☎30304

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. (3/13) ☎30166

ENJOY COOKING! Try my recipe. Combine humor, honesty, monogamy. Add a San Diego spring. Mix well. Serve with champagne and smiles. North County homeowner, 50s. (3/13) ☎30182

CLASS ACT Jewish male, 32, enjoys good conversation, movies, hiking and just having fun. Seeking nonsmoking, stable woman, 25-35, for friendship and possible relationship. (3/13) ☎30193

YOUNG AND FUN! ATTRACTIVE, fit, successful, Hispanic professional, 34. Searching for an attractive lady, 24-35, to romance. I'll light up your Friday nights! Race unimportant. (3/20) ☎30296

WHITE MALE, 63, seeking white lady, late 40-50, to share dating, friendship, intimate moments, conversations, walks, drives and good times. Nonsmoker. (3/13) ☎30191

FUN GUY, FIT, ACTIVE, enjoys laughter, wine, music, good kisses, good friends. Seeking similar fun gal, outgoing, pretty, proportionate, sensuous, nonsmoker, age 53-63. (3/20) ☎30264

LOTS TO OFFER; professional, balanced, unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 51, homeowner, spontaneous, Midwest values, educated. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportionated, outgoing woman. (3/20) ☎30256

A SPECIAL MEXICAN LADY is needed by a special American gentleman. I'm 45, 5'10", 160lbs. Honest, handsome, secure and lonesome. Let's talk. (3/13) ☎30224

POET SEEKING POETESS. Active and fit, 66-year-old runner seeks friend for long walks, runs in the park and happy times together. (3/13) ☎30214

HANDSOME, CHARMING, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, romantic, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit lady, professional, 35-55. (3/13) ☎30241

EASY TO LOOK AT, successful, funny, fit, Caucasian dad, 40s. Enjoy conversation, life and meeting you: Attractive, fit, girl-next-door. (3/20) ☎30293

DEL MAR. YOU: 48-55, slender, attractive, authentic, financially secure, exerciser. Me: Compassionate, communicative, educated, sensual, financially free, nurturing, good-looking, physically fit, 5'10", 178lbs., 59. (3/20) ☎30254

I AM VERY GIVING, affectionate, loving and big-hearted person. I am not afraid of commitment and look forward to it. (3/13) ☎30200

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 4 years, 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing thin woman. (3/13) ☎30205

ADVENTUROUS, SUCCESSFUL M.D., new to town, seeks sexy, successful, professional/entrepreneur babe, 35-45, for

serious fun/profit and possible relationship. Operators are standing by. (3/13) ☎30233

GOD-LOVING, DEEP KISSES, soft skin, good food, warm beaches, life-loving, outdoor/indoor, real, genuine male, 43, pray hard, work hard, play hard, handsome. (3/13) ☎30186

BLACK FEMALE, 30-40, smart, warm-hearted, feminine, sought by single black male, attractive inside/outside, financially secure, a good catch. Ain't nothing better. (3/20) ☎30280

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. (3/20) ☎30288

STOP HERE! No children, 5'10", 49, good listener, sense of humor, affectionate, secure. Seeking 40s, slender, intelligent, easygoing, fun loving partner. Music, barbecues, hiking, movies. (3/20) ☎30317

PART-TIME HAPPY DAD practices full-time caring, hugs, humor. Brown/blue, 5'10", 185lbs., mustache, would like mutual friendship, laughter, monogamy, sharing; attractive female, 32-50. (3/13) ☎30171

CHRISTIAN ROMANTIC, 52, 6'2", nice-looking executive, nonsmoker, kind, gentle spirit, sensuous, personality a plus, provider, protector, fashionable. Seeking very attractive, single white female, 28-45, who enjoys being spoiled. Be sweet, monogamous, sensuous, fashionably exciting, kind and caring. Wants a leader, and friend to grow to love. I'm a caring spirit, give a mature gentleman a date. I'm a sweetheart. (3/20) ☎30325

VOLUPTUOUS BLACK WOMAN WANTED, 30-50, by handsome, 52-year-old Italian; romantic, loving, great kisser. Looking for same. (3/13) ☎30203

FAMILY-ORIENTED professional, Christian, 34, 5'10", handsome, high self-esteem, financially secure, seeking attractive, slim, none co-dependent, strong-minded woman for fun, travel and? (3/13) ☎30231

I AM TIRED OF BEING SINGLE. Are there any honest women out there? I'm 37, 5'11", honest man who knows how to treat a lady. (3/20) ☎30294

CUTE ENGLISHMAN, young-looking 43, 5'6", 150lbs., nonsmoker, social drinker, into jazz, humor, good conversation. Seeking slim lady, prefer nonwhite, for good times, love, romance. (3/13) ☎30174

ASSERTIVE SOUL WITH integrity desires white or Latina woman with time to give. I'm 45, Italian-American; dining, dancing, hiking, movies to relaxing at home. (3/20) ☎30277

WALKS? BEACH? OUTDOORS? Relationship? Libra, 38, attractive, talkative, white, loves full-figured, intelligent, active, older or younger woman for romance. Have Baja home; will travel. (3/20) ☎30268

EDUCATED, TRAVELLED ART lover seeks creative, smart, slender Asian, 28-38, for gallery hopping, day trips, intellectual conversation, laughter and romance. Me: Caucasian, kind and sincere. (3/13) ☎30177

ARTIST, PILOT, JAZZ musician, age 49, wants beautiful, petite, sexy Latino or Asian lady with mild temper for companion, lover. (3/20) ☎30315

SEEKING WRITER WITH interests in personal growth, spirituality, metaphysics, holistic healing, for friendship/relationship and co-authoring books/movies. Peace-

ful, sensitive, introspective Aries, slim, 5'5". Destiny. (3/13) ☎30227

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. (3/13) ☎30211

SATISFY YOUR WILDEST dreams! I'm 6'3", dark-haired, blue-eyed, 26-year-old that is full of intellect/fun and looking for pleasure. (3/20) ☎30286

ELECTRIC WORLD, ROMANTIC sunsets, universal values. Independent, intelligent, humorous, creative, adventurous, athletic. Seeking 36-45, petite brunette into the arts, classic rock, tennis, bikes, travel. Nonsmoker. (3/13) ☎30235

BLACK, MYSTIC professional, successful in business, explorer inner life. Meditation, yoga, healer, massage, holistic practitioner. Seeking spiritual adventurer. Merge mind, body and soul. (3/20) ☎30281

28, SINGLE IN SAN DIEGO. Looking for that special someone. I own/operate several companies in San Diego. I enjoy traveling, going out, fine dining. (3/20) ☎30285

WHERE'S THE BEEF? 6', teddy bear seeks a hot goddess. You're large; into slow, passionate kissing and intelligent conversation; wanting a future. Please no losers. (3/13) ☎30229

TALL CAUCASIAN, 40, nonsmoker/non-drinker, drugs, physically fit, educated, entrepreneur, traveler, Catholic, childless. Seeking single, childless, financially secure nonsmoker/nonrinker, no drugs, for relationship. (3/13) ☎30163

FUN FRIEND WANTED. Thin, 25, 5'10", music-loving fun guy seeks friend to start, with interests in art, music, dance and romance. (3/20) ☎30321

MEDICAL DOCTOR, 39, FIT, affectionate, humorous, likes ballroom dancing, painting, playing piano. Looking for petite, cute, sweet woman, 25-35, for long-term relationship. (3/20) ☎30257

LUTHERAN WIFE WANTED: Blonde, choir director, church organist, 21 through 40, to date church organist, songwriter; marriage-minded relationship. Faithful, sincere, no drugs, no children. (3/13) ☎30169

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OFF THE CUFF by Sue Greenberg



Lance Van Buren

Carpenter

Coronado

It was third grade, and I was a lbus in a play. No lines. Last time. That gave me enough stage fright. Now I'm just on the scaffolding — which is really a stage of its own.



Henry Harvey

Sheet-Metal Worker

College Area

The last time I was onstage it was 4th and B for a battle of the bands. I play bass. It was 1996. The name of the band was Out of Hand. Hell, I'd like to get back on that stage.



Jessica Reeves

Cashier

Downtown

A year ago I did karaoke in Coto Ade Caza clubhouse in Orange County. I sang "Sweet Dreams Are Made of This." Nobody was there, thank God. But when people walked in, they said I sang good.



Gene Doss

Retired Accountant

Diamond Bar

About seven years ago when I was Adown at the coliseum in Los Angeles. I was part of an elite group — less than 100 runners — who had done the first ten L.A. marathons. So we were singled out and given special awards onstage, with all the support groups and support teams and the mayor and the whole deal.



Develyn Glover

Personal Banking Officer

Skyline

At my church. We were playing *The Weakest Link*, because it was Black History Month, and we were trying to answer the questions about our heritage and black history.

house privileges. Separate phone. 760-943-8136; 619-235-2415, x20820.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$550 plus \$750 deposit, 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom apartment, 1 bath 2 blocks from bay. Parking space, washer/dryer, available immediately. Reference, credit check. 858-254-9281.

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- Diplomatic agreements
- “If only things had turned out different!”
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- Covered walk in ancient Greece
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- Going downhill, perhaps
- Sir Newton
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- Path of a football pass
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 2/28/02.

Of the 50 entrants, 48 were correct. The winners are:

- Ann Koufman, *El Cajon*
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DOWNTOWN. 1 bedroom condo for rent in downtown's newest building. Conveniently located with great views of convention center. Available now. \$1600. Call agent, 800-677-5124.

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DOWNTOWN. \$2000. Brand-new 2-story condo. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2 underground parking spaces. 1228 square feet. Stainless steel appliances, washer/dryer. 1501 India Street. John, 858-565-9100.

DOWNTOWN. Little Italy area/Gaslamp. 1 and 2 bedroom lofts ranging \$1250-\$1650. Great locations! Some with wood floors. Some with bay views! Some with cathedral ceilings. European kitchens. Bosch appliances. Washer/dryer in unit. Pets OK. Very urban. Wendy, 619-733-9181 or Kandace, 619-750-9642. www.sdreader.com/rent/1082.

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DOWNTOWN. \$725/month plus deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet building, new paint, very clean. Nonsmoking. Cats are welcome. 830 12th Avenue. Call Richard, 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN. \$650. Studio, private bathroom, shower. Refrigerator, microwave. Includes utilities. Cute building. 742 Market Street. Andrea, 858-831-1665.

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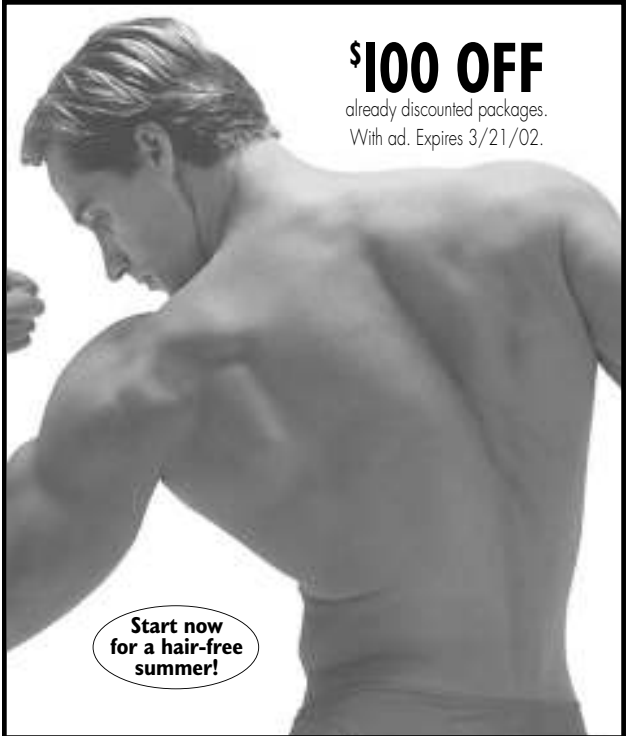
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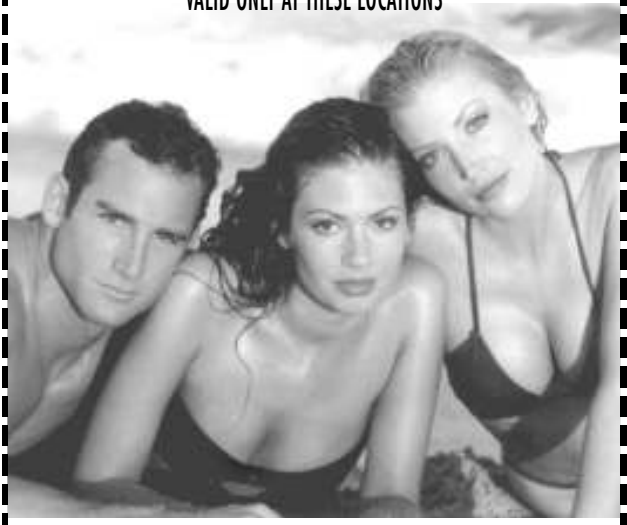


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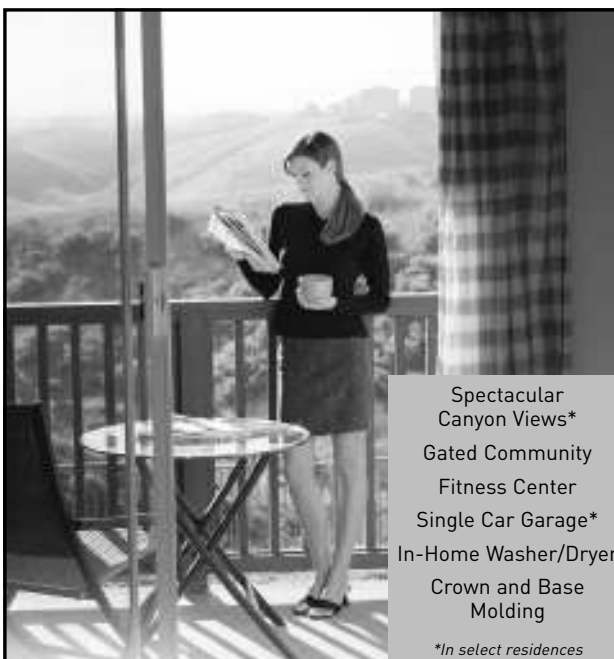
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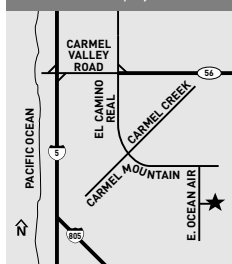
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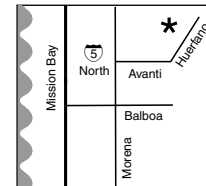


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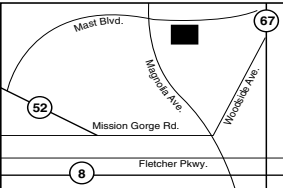
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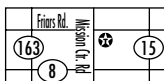
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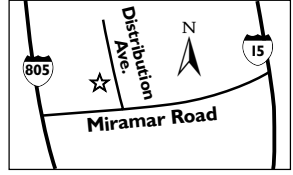
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By John Brizzolara

Sit-ups out of the question? Get nauseous at the prospect? Can't touch your toes without bending your knees? Or this one: someone behind you calls your name in a movie theater just before the lights dim, you turn to see who it is and wrench your neck into an unnatural and painful angle, making it necessary to wear a neck brace for a week, during which time you will be one with the stench of Ben Gay? I've been there. But I am now on the road to fitness, mental clarity, increased sexual stamina, and the bum of an adolescent boy.

After my first session with Ann Williams at the East West Yoga and Health Center, I anticipate with rippling pleasure the chiseled Adonis I will undoubtedly become — and with surprisingly little sweat.

On Friday nights, Williams hosts 90 minutes of Iyengar Yoga, named for Mr. B.K.S. Iyengar, it's pioneer, at her Pacific Beach studio on Garnet Avenue. Not really knowing what to expect, I arrived on a Friday evening at 7:00, in time to sit cross-legged on a plastic mat and chant "Om." The last time I had done such a thing was in 1969, on top of Mount Tamalpais in Marin County. I was humoring a perky brunette love child named Sierra Chablis Rainbow, known intimately by local rock musicians as "Dirty Linda."

It was either before or after the Om on this recent Friday — I can't remember which — that we chanted Sanskrit responses phonetically, imitating Williams's pronunciations. No idea what she was talking about, of

course, but I will say there was something oddly familiar about the phrases, as if it were something I had forgotten and was relearning. At any rate, very relaxing.

If one is expecting to confront an indigestible program of New Age and Eastern mumbo jumbo, there is surprisingly little of it in Williams's class. What you'll find is a series of fairly demanding positions, stretching and working neglected ligaments and tendons, one after the other. Williams pays close attention to individuals (her classes are roughly 10 to 15 people) and pretty much demands participation. I had asked to simply "watch" a class, having no intention of standing on my head or contorting myself into a human pretzel. Williams wasn't having it; she invited me most insistently, almost peremptorily, to take part in things. She was right, of course. One must viscerally experience the ecstatic discomfort, the blissful rending of muscle tissue, one must *be the burn*.

If I have made the yoga experience sound uncomfortable, I only mean it in the dictionary sense. An hour and a half of this and one is rewarded with a real exhilaration, not exhaustion. One might say it is merely like beating your head against a wall and stopping — the sense of relief can be almost euphoric, and that might be true, but add a double espresso to your newfound sense of well-being and you'd be closer to the Iyengar buzz.

Williams is a good instructor; her manner is business-like and knowledgeable, her instructions in her Midlands British vowels seem somehow more authoritative than it might if delivered with a lazy Southern California accent.

The Friday-night class focuses on your back, and at one point myself and the others had been carefully guided into a position one would never find oneself in under any conditions other than, possibly, a coal mine collapse. The thighs are pressed to the mat, knees pointing ahead of you and both your calves slightly under you and to the left side. Left hand on right thigh, right arm bent at the elbow, which rests on the thigh near the left hand. Inhale, and on exhaling, lower your head, turning it slightly sideways, the way it wants to go, and rest the old cranium in the crook of your arm. Once in this position, I sensed a reprieve of the lower back pain so constant I had long ago accepted it as normal. This seems to be exactly the curative position called for with this common malady, though how Mr. Iyengar arrived at it is beyond me.

The various positions Williams guides you through have descriptive terms for them like "Mountain position," or others I can't recall at the moment, but vaguely reminiscent of "crouching tiger, hidden dragon."

Toward the end of the session, we are to each take a white canvas belt and configure it around our waist and ankles, making a diamond shape of our lower bodies resting on the floor while the head, torso, and arms recline in a relaxed position. This is all very fine for about two minutes. It is between



Ann Williams

minute three and minute seven that I experienced a need to confess, to tell someone, anyone, anything they wanted to know: "The gold is in the..." or "The attack will be at dawn." With nothing to confess, I simply writhed my way out of the belt between sobs and tried to move my legs, which did not, at first, respond, the pain in my inner thighs dominating the general numbness below the belt. The soreness lingered for days, but it was a good kind of soreness, you know what I mean? It was as if a certain pride accompanied the twisted cartilage and hemorrhaging muscle tissue. So I couldn't walk. Well, if that made me a cripple, then I guess I'll be a cripple, but I can now touch my toes for the first time in 15 years.

I have come to a new appreciation and awareness of hamstrings, kidneys, and dorsal muscle. With about as much perspiration as I would expend chasing a bus for half a block, I felt more agile and physically fit than I dared expect. Had I spent the time at Bally's Fitness Center, say, I'd be back in the neck brace and emanating Eau de Ben Gay.

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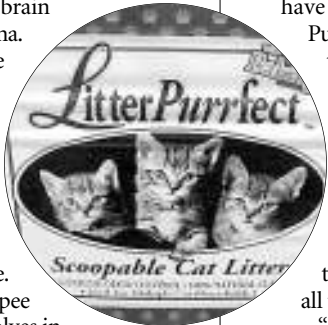
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I know nothing about cats so I thought I better pick the brain of my cat-loving friend Anna. “I have seven cats in the house and five litter boxes, which I keep clean at all times,” began Anna. “The best litter is scoopable, clump litter. I have a client that does not use it and I took care of his cat for a week and it was a joke. The litter is like sand, the pee goes all into it and it dissolves in the entire thing and so you have to change the whole box of litter. But with scoop litter, the pee forms into a golf ball size of litter and you just scoop it right up. The most important thing is you are not wasting the litter. People buy the cheap stuff, 20 pounds for a couple of dollars, but they end up throwing it all out each time the cat uses it. It works out cheaper to use the scoopable litter.”



Cats are very clean, meticulous little beasts.

Does the box itself need cleaning? “If you keep your litter box clean all the time by scooping it up, then what I do, once a month, I just take all the litter, even the clean litter that is left in the box, and toss it out. Then I clean the litter box with vinegar. You can’t use ammonia because cats like the smell of ammonia. They relate it to urine so they will spray. You can’t use bleach either. I use vinegar, which disinfects and cleans.”

Anna continued to gush. “I have tried all types of scoops. I use Litter Purrfect, which I get at Costco. It is the cheapest around and the best ever. As a matter of fact, that is why I joined Costco. The cat litter is \$7.59 for 40 pounds. The grocery store charges about that much for 20 pounds of litter.

“Also, none of my cats have a problem using Litter Purrfect. Some cats don’t like certain litters, so they won’t go in them, but I have never had a problem with any one of my cats using this litter.

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Anna’s cat wisdom continued: “A helpful hint for cats that spray; sometimes cats miss the box or they like to go in the box and spray

as if they are spraying the wall. Put plastic behind the box; tape it to the wall. I use a strip of vinyl wallpaper and I tape it up against the wall. Our cats like to go up against the wall and pee. The wallpaper hangs into the box, so the pee runs into the box. They like to do it because they like to hear the noise; they are males. So instead of them peeing on your furniture they can do that.”

For more feline facts, I phoned a few pet-supply shops. “Basically, if you can think of it, they have already made it,” explained Laurie from San Diego Pet Supply. “We sell an all-purpose clay litter which is ground-up clay; all it does is absorb. We sell clay litters with odor absorbers, and clay litters that actually clump and you can scoop them. We carry all-natural litters, which are basically the same thing as rabbit pellets and alfalfa pellets. We sell a ground-up wheat cat litter and a recycled-paper cat litter. Depending on what you can live with smell wise, some of them are better than others with the smell and some of them clump and some don’t clump.”

Anne Ancibor, manager at Pet Kingdom prefers the clumping litter also. “It is easier to clean up, it lasts a lot longer. It also is an environmental issue, you are not dumping it back into the environment because it is technically a litter that you don’t throw away; you top it off periodically. It is good with the odor, depending on its quality. There are different grades of the clumping litter available. The grocery-store grades have a lot of scented additives that don’t work as effectively and then there are the better-quality ones that we sell in the pet stores.”

Do certain breeds of cats like certain litters? “No it is more just how a cat has been raised. Like humans, cats can be somewhat sensitive to smell, and if they smell any kind of odd particular odor, they may resent using the cat box and start doing their business outside of the box. Most of the time, a cat has a problem with a litter box because it is dirty. Nine times

out of ten, people are just not paying close enough attention and cleaning it often enough. Cats are very clean, meticulous little beasts and they like their areas clean. I would try to make a point of cleaning it once a day just for their nose and for your own nose. If you have more than, say, two cats, clean it at least twice a day.”

Is there a trackless litter? “One of the biggest problems in the industry is tracking. I have yet to find any litter that is perfect in that regard. They all get tracked in one form or fashion. Also, a lot of cats like to play in their litter box, especially kittens, so if they don’t track it out, a lot of times they will knock it out while playing with it.

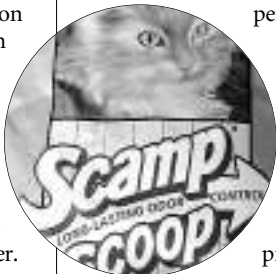
Do they sell an automatic litter box? “There is the ultimate litter box for the person who probably has everything else under the sun and wants to pay \$200 for a litter box, but it only goes to a certain point. It rakes the litter automatically when the cat does its business, but you still have to get in there and empty the container, the feces, so it is not perfect.”

Ancibor added this warning to pregnant women cleaning cat feces. “Cats carry a particular type of bacteria called toxoplasmosis and that particular bacteria can be harmful to pregnant women. Unfortunately, it also is the type of bacteria that is found in our soil, so they recommend pregnant women not to dig around in the garden area if it has been frequently visited by cats.”

Highlighted cat litters at some pet-supply stores around town: San Diego Pet Supply’s best seller is Scamp Scooping Litter, costing \$6.85 for 25 pounds.

Petsmart sells Exquisicat Extra Strength Scoop Premium Clumping Litter for \$7.99 for 28 pounds. They also carry Arm & Hammer Super Scoop for \$5.99 at 21 pounds.

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Sunday, our kids were really good at Mass. Sitting in the pew on the second Sunday of Lent, three-year-old Johnny looked at a *Busytown* book. Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, aged nine, seven, and five, respectively, whispered to each other or prayed aloud with the Mass responses. Ben, who is 17 months old, fell asleep in Jack’s arms.

After the final prayer, an older couple sitting behind us leaned over the pew. “You have such a beautiful family,” the woman told me. “And they’re so good.”

“We’re very blessed,” I answered.

As we walked out of the cool church into bright February sunlight, Jack smiled at the kids. “You guys were great today,” he said. “Let’s go someplace fun this

afternoon.”
“Legoland,” Rebecca suggested.
“Too expensive,” I explained.
“The beach,” Angela offered.
“Too cold,” I said.
“What about the place with the carousel near the ocean,” Lucy said.
“Seaport Village?” Jack asked.
“Yeah,” the kids all said together.
Late in the afternoon, after driving home, eating lunch, straightening up the house, and mowing the lawn, we drove south from our home in San Marcos. When we arrived at Seaport Village, Rebecca pointed to the silent, empty carousel building. “What’s wrong?” Angela asked.
“Carousel under renovation,” Rebecca read from the sign posted near the entrance. “Reopening Easter 2002.”
Lucy whimpered. Angela’s eyes filled with tears. Jack and I looked at each other. “Belmont Park?” Jack suggested.
“I guess so,” I said.

We piled back into the van. Fifteen minutes later, we drove toward the sunset over the bridge that arcs into Mission Beach. “I see the ocean,” Lucy called from the far backseat.
“I see the roller coaster,” Rebecca said. “Can I please ride the roller coaster?” she asked. “Pleeeeze?”

“We’ll have to see how things go,” Jack answered. “If you’re the only one big enough to ride, we may have to do it another time.”
In the growing dusk, I parked in front of a surf shop south of the roller coaster. Two teenaged girls wearing identical neon yellow

T-shirts smiled at the kids as they piled out of the van. One girl wore mirrored sunglasses that made her eyes look like a space alien’s. Her blond hair rose in spikes across the top of her head. Johnny stared at her as though we’d just landed on Mars to find unexpected inhabitants.
“You guys goin’ to Pirate’s Cove?” the blonde asked. Pirate’s Cove is a pirate-themed Chuck E. Cheese–type restaurant popular for kids’ birthday parties.
“Nope,” Jack answered. “Just to ride the rides.”

“Well, if you need tickets for the rides, you can get ’em at Pirate’s Cove,” the girl explained.
“Thanks,” Jack told her. Johnny hadn’t moved. “Come on, buddy.” Jack took Johnny’s hand. “Let’s go.”

The girls ran ahead. As we walked toward the carousel, crowds of people pushed past us: Teenagers with tight, low-slung jeans and bare midriffs; a large group of Muslim women and girls wearing long, flowing dresses and head scarves; an athletic team of some kind all wearing identical blue sweatpants and red pullovers. A deeply tanned man wearing only blue jeans and sandals walked past with a large snake wrapped around his neck.

Angela gasped. “That man has a snake around his neck,” she told me.

“I know,” I answered. “He must be brave.”
The girls shivered in the breeze blowing off the ocean. Jack got in line for tickets while I ran back to the van for our sweaters. When I returned, Jack held a squirming Ben and counted the tickets in his hand. “Okay, guys,”

he explained to the kids. “We have enough tickets for everyone to go on three rides.”

“Can I go on the roller coaster?” Rebecca asked again.
“No, sweetie,” Jack said. “It’s too expensive. If you went on the roller coaster, we wouldn’t have enough tickets for everyone to go on the same number of rides.”

Rebecca looked dejected for a moment. Then she looked up. “Let’s go on that one first,” she said and ran toward a ride next to the ticket booth. After handing in their tickets, the kids clamored into seats and pulled shoulder bars down over themselves. When the operator hit a button, the ride lifted the seats up to a height of about 25 feet, then dropped them rapidly down, like an elevator in free fall. They rose up and dropped down over and over again. The kids screamed with delight.

For 45 minutes, we chased Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and John around Belmont Park. After the falling-elevator ride, they rode the carousel and the Baja Bugs. Whenever we set Ben down, he tried to run away into the crowd. When we held him, he squirmed and screamed. By the time we got back into the van, the sky was dark. Everyone except Rebecca was crying.

“Want to get some dinner at Der Wiener-schnitzel?” Jack asked.

Everyone except Ben stopped crying.
Twenty minutes later, we sat at an outdoor table at the Der Wiener-schnitzel on Grand Avenue. Ten feet from our table, people in the drive-through line stared at us as we laughed and wolfed down hot dogs and fries. It was our turn to be from Mars.

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