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Their Teachers Molested Them

With her feet on its bench, Sarah Leonard perches atop a lunch table on the grounds of the San Diego middle school where she has been teaching eighth-grade language arts for the last year and a half. School let out an hour ago, and her husband of four years, Peter Lund, has arrived and settled cross-legged on the grass. He picks dandelions and flicks them away. Sarah, 33 years old, suddenly shouts greetings to a group of boys passing by, and they laugh in embarrassment, as one of them gives a shy, halfhearted response. She is telling me about her relationships beyond the classroom with her students.

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Shameful Scam

"Cost of Reform" ("City Lights," April 18). Thanks for printing what the largest newspaper in this city prefers to hide. So let's see if the numbers add up: over the next four years, Bersin and his dirty-dozen cronies are going to soak us for over $9 million, laughing all the way to the bank. At the same time, parents are alienated, teachers are leaving (and the word is out across the state about this shameful mess so new teachers are staying away), and young minds are being strangled by the "Blueprint," as test scores remain flat. What a poor, shameful scam is being pulled on the children of San Diego.

Tom Ceglarek
San Diego

Sis Rears Mantises

Great article on bugs and great cover photo ("Everybody's Got a Favorite Bug," April 11). I'm going to send it to my sister in Illinois, who raises mantises!

Dave Congleton

Loved Bugs

Thomas Lux's article "Everybody's Got a Favorite Bug" (April 11) just cracked me up. When I first saw the cover, my reaction was, "Wow, what a beautiful picture, but bugs are not my thing." Sitting down to breakfast, however, I thought I would just read a couple of paragraphs while I ate my cereal and ended up reading the whole thing and enjoying every minute of it. I even learned a thing or two while being entertained.

Your lead stories can always be counted on to be well written, covering a wide range of interesting subjects and a very worthwhile read. And since I am writing, I want to let you know that since moving here a year ago, your publication has been a wonderful guide for me to everything that's going on throughout San Diego. I never fail to pick it up on Friday and check out all the happenings in our area.

Darlene Blozan
Carlsbad

Alas

I thoroughly enjoyed the letter about the accuracy of the *Reader* editorial staff (April 18). Especially when I turned to the classical music concert listings and found that they were missing. I flipped through most of the pages to see if they had been misplaced. Then I noticed a small note after the "Early Is as Early Does" article: "Events that are underlined occur after April 25." To double-check that not a single classical music concert is being given this week, I have come to your website, and alas, here they are after all.

Gary Routh

Crazy Letters

I want to comment on a couple of letters you printed in the April 18 edition. I'm beginning to think there are a bunch of crazy people out there. There was one letter that took you to task because you had titled a couple of articles — one was "Horses and Their Women" and the other article was "Speak English," and for some reason this correspondent objected to them. She claimed they were "derogatory remarks insult[ing] women." Now, why "Horses and Their Women" would be insulting women I have no idea. And the same thing, "Speak English," all about the schools here that teach English and the foreigners that come here to learn English — probably she'd object to my using the word "foreigner," even. That was one crazy letter.

The other crazy letter, which prompted this, is the one right below it, where somebody is raising Cain about a previous letter in the April 11 edition, where someone criticized your lack of proofreading. And that rang a bell with me because I thought I recognized myself there in the April 11 letter. Unfortunately, I missed the April 11 edition, so I had to go to the library just now and check. Sure enough, it was my letter. Well, I have news for the doofus who wrote the letter taking me to task. The reason it was "Name Withheld" is because it was not a written letter; it was a message I left on your telephone, and your answering machine cut me off before I could give my name, and I'm certainly not going to give it now because this guy sounds really vituperative and vicious. He was criticizing my grammar and everything; well, for Pete's sake, the letter was transcribed from a telephone message, and I think the *Reader* did a good job of transcribing it. This guy says he's spent years in the technical-manual writing and publication field. I think he was fired at least a dozen times, anybody that hard to get along with. And also, criticizing my grammar, he uses "they" several times, the third person plural pronoun, when he should have used the third person singular pronoun.

Name Withheld

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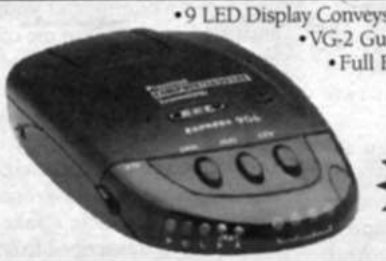

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Gift horse and a golden fleecing Members of the San Diego Unified school board are looking forward to a big week of freebies. "Jack Webb at the *Union-Tribune* would like to invite you and a guest to the **Maya Angelou** performance at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Cox Arena," says a recent memo from boardmember **Sue Braun** to her fellows. "[Webb] has reserved some good seats, near SDSU President **Stephen L. Weber**, trustees of the Copley Foundation, and others. Maya Angelou has a well-known reputation as one of the nation's most well-known authors, although I have heard some controversy about the content of her performances." Then, on May 2, district taxpayers will be forking over $1500 for sponsorship and a table for ten at the San Diego County Taxpayers Association's seventh annual "Golden Watchdog and Golden Fleece Awards," where prizes are handed out for wasteful government spending. Other sponsors of the event include Chevron, Duke Energy, Sempra Energy, and political consultant **Tom Shepard** ... A full-page ad by an outfit called Innovative Cell Technologies in the program for this week's Del Mar National Horse Show spells out the next big biotech breakthrough: "Storing the necessary DNA for future cloning of your horse. We wish to offer our expertise in growing and preserving living cells to caring horse owners that believe there is a possibility in the future of horse cloning." But, they hasten to add, they can't vouch for the practice. "We are not in the business of cloning or in any way affiliated with any company that is in the business of cloning any organism. We are neutral on this issue. However, if a horse owner believes in the future possibilities of cloning and wants to preserve his/her horses' DNA [cells] for this purpose, we can help."



Sue Braun



Stephen Weber



Horse to be cloned?

Murder, he said Qualcomm Stadium general manager **Bill Wilson** has become a key witness in the state's murder case against a man accused of killing racing legend **Mickey Thompson** and his wife in March 1988, reports the *Orange County Register*. **Michael Goodwin**, a former motocross promoter, is charged with slaying the couple after he and Thompson had a falling out over a failed business partnership. At his preliminary hearing in Orange County Superior Court last week, Wilson, reportedly an acquaintance of both men, testified that Goodwin voiced a desire to take revenge on his erstwhile partner two months before the murders. "I'm going to take him out," Wilson quoted Goodwin as saying ... Officials in Las Vegas are complaining that an organization led by San Diego monsignor **"Father Joe" Carroll** failed to maintain a homeless shelter the group recently decided to abandon there. According to the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, a report to the Vegas city council found that "improper maintenance is the cause of some of the deterioration of the building" that was formerly the home of Carroll's "MASH Village." Fixing plumbing, electrical, and other problems could cost up to $250,000, the paper says ... About 300 farmworkers in the Central Valley are finally getting paid for picking they did three years ago for a now-defunct farming operation run by La Jolla's **William Barkett**, reports the *Modesto Bee*. Barkett had obtained 10,000 acres of valley land in 1997 with an $85 million loan. A foreclosure lawsuit followed in 1999, and though it was later resolved, the workers, employed by a contractor, remained unpaid until a settlement freed up $114,000 to make the payroll. Because most were migrants, many of the workers can't be contacted to pick up their checks, the paper says.



Father Joe Carroll

Expense-account city San Diego is number 11 on the list of "Top U.S. City Per Diems, Ranked by Total Daily Cost for Hotels, Car, and Food," according to *The Controller's Report*. Total daily expenses here for the business traveler are $295.56, compared with New York, at the top of the list with $397.46. San Diego meals are particularly costly, averaging $75.49 a day, compared to top-ranking Los Angeles at $82.02 and New York's $81.51 ... Two locals have been named by Veterans Affairs secretary **Tony Principi** to the VA's 12-person Cemetery Advisory Committee: **Robert L. Cardenas**, of San Diego, a retired Air Force brigadier general and test pilot; and **Roland F. Cinciarelli** of Oceanside, a retired Marine brigadier general and Vietnam veteran.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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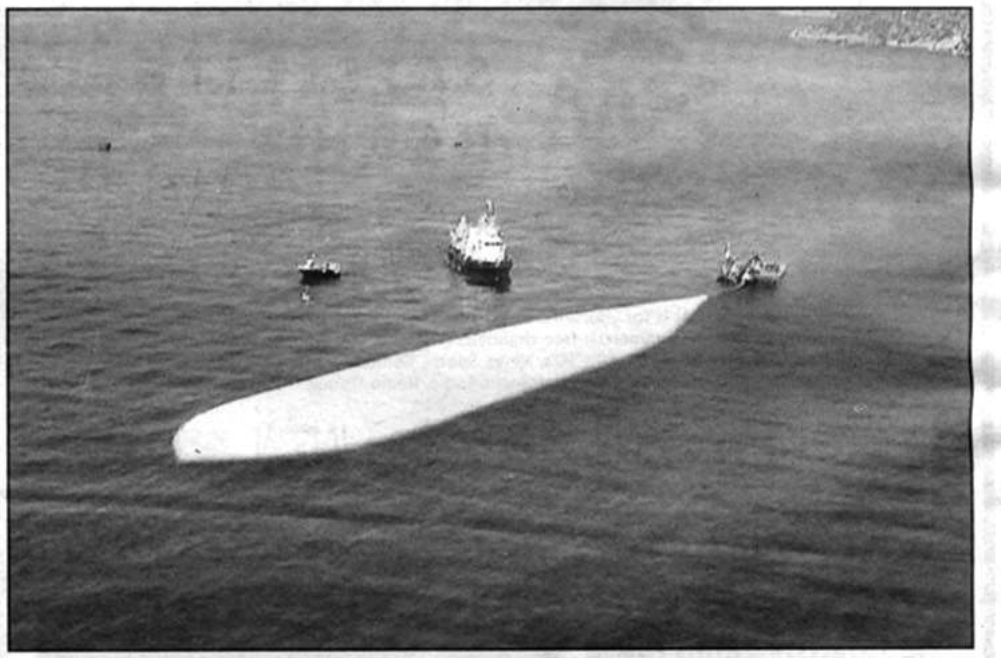
Can Plastic Bags Slake City's Thirst?

By Ernie Grimm

It's very easy to take water for granted. Even here, in arid San Diego, when you turn on the tap, water always issues. But the fact is, only about 5 percent of the water in the tub during your last bath fell to the ground as rain within San Diego County. "We import almost all of our water," says Kurt Kidman, spokesman for the City of San Diego Water Department. "It has been well over 90 percent the last few years."

water that is no longer available. That dire prospect, coupled with an ongoing drought in the early part of the last decade, spurred the water department, in 1994, to issue an open call for solutions to America's finest water conundrum. "We figured it was a good idea to put out a general request — with water and bring them down here. We always listen to these proposals, and we always work with the people up to a certain point because it would be irresponsible for us not to."

But none of those proposals has ever progressed past the idea stage. Now, a new idea has surfaced that shares something in common with all the others Kidman lists: getting the water here via the Pacific Ocean. An international consortium of companies has proposed transporting water from two Northern California Rivers to San Diego in polyfiber bags, 100 feet in diameter and over 800 feet long, towed



Deployed waterbag

About half of the water imported into San Diego comes from the Colorado River. The other half comes from Northern California. But growing demand on both sources from other population centers and federal restrictions on the Colorado River threaten to leave San Diego dependent on



Ric Davidge

in city speak it is called an RFP, which is a request for proposals — for ideas on how to move water into San Diego."

Specifically, the request was for a way to deliver 20,000 acre-feet of water — enough for 40,000 households for a year — by the year 2004, and to do it at a cost to the water department at or lower than $440 per acre-foot, the current rate they pay for water. "Since then, we've had lots of different ideas expressed to us," Kidman says. "We've had desalinization-technology ideas, we've had people who want to lay water lines along the ocean floor, we've had people who want to tow icebergs down here. We've had people who want to take old single-hull oil tankers and fill them behind oceangoing tugboats.

Four large companies compose the consortium known as World Water SA: Muzutech, a Saudi investment firm interested in developing technology; NYK Lines, a Japanese firm with the distinction of being the largest shipping company in the world; Nordic Water Supply, a Norwegian bulk shipping company already using water-transport bags to haul fresh water between Turkey and the island of Cyprus; and Alaska Water Exports. The last was founded by Ric Davidge, a former subcabinet member in the Reagan administration's Department of the Interior. He has also served as director of water and chief of hydrologic survey

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More Treacherous Than Vietnam

By Robert Kumpel

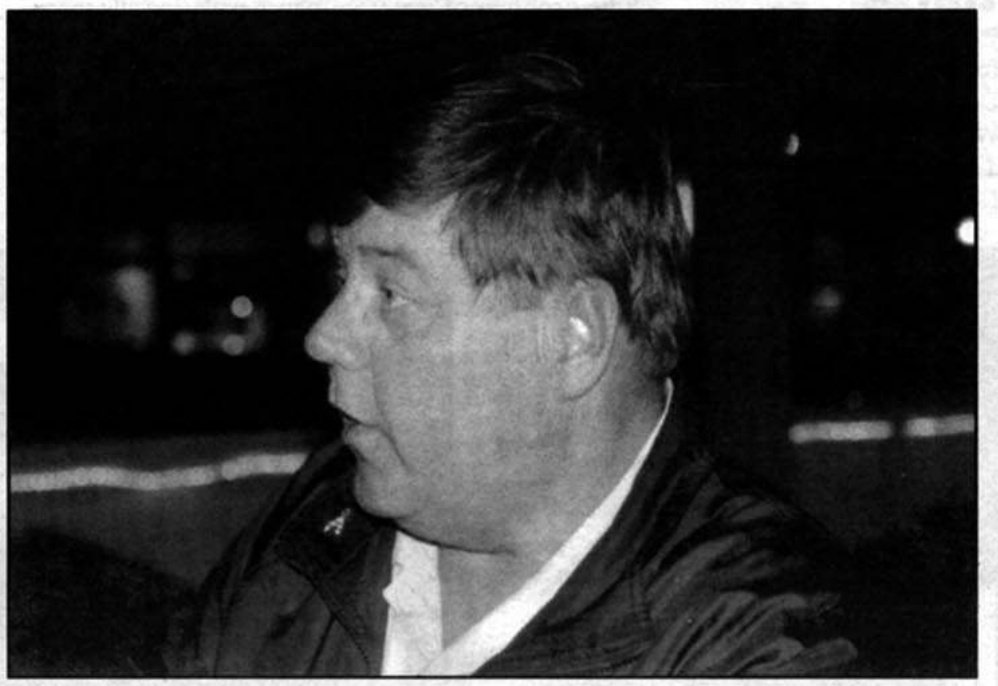
McP's Pub in Coronado, a popular hangout for Navy SEALs, is packed with Marines. With only two women in a bar filled with nearly 70 men, they are having what bartender Tom Latona refers to as a "weenie roast." The Marines are recruiting officers from all the states west of the Mississippi River, visiting San Diego for a recruiter's conference.

Since September 11, Latona has noticed one difference in the mood of the sailors who frequent the pub. "They finally get to go to the party. All they do is practice, and now they're going to the game."

Colonel Bob Kuhlow, a recruiter from San Diego's MCRD and chief of staff for the western recruiting region, says that there has been little change since 9/11. In spite of the current epidemic of flag-waving, Kuhlow measures patriotism by the willingness to put one's life on the line. "It's been pretty stable. The flags are all on the surface. We're looking for commitment. The guys in this establishment are some of the best guys that we have — some of the best majors. We've pulled our best-quality guys out because we believe quality begets quality. We're looking for quality individuals, and that's all we have here. In another year or two, these guys could be in Afghanistan — they could be anywhere. Right now, their primary job is to keep the long-term strength of the Marine Corps strong."

McP's owner, Greg McPartlin, a former Navy SEAL, has spoken with sailors who have been in Afghanistan, including SEALs, and is disappointed with the attitude he sees in the media. "I'm flabbergasted that our country is not doing more to let the world know what kind of people the Taliban and al Qaeda fighters actually are. You're hearing these complaints about the prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, that they don't have two pillows or three squares a day or can't pray with their turban on."

For McPartlin, the alleged woes of al Qaeda prisoners pale in comparison to the dangers American soldiers face in Afghanistan. "Several weeks ago, there was a story about a SEAL that supposedly fell out of a helicopter. His name was Neil Roberts. The helicopter took a few hits. He flipped out of the helicopter. They rolled out, the helicopter had to do an emergency landing, and they didn't know he was gone for a while. He hid himself between the rocks until the emergency rescue team realized he was gone and went in to rescue him. He exposed himself to two machine-gun nests and killed [a lot of] bad guys before he was out of ammo and had to surrender. He knew his rescuers were going to be suckered into an ambush, so that's why he got up and exposed himself. He stood there with his hands up and they captured him." (According to Naval Special Warfare Command's public affairs department, an inquiry into the specific details surrounding Roberts's death is still ongoing.)



Greg McPartlin

Besides what he sees as "media bias," what really miffs McPartlin is the double standard he perceives among the Arab nations and American indiffence. "Have you heard any apology for 9/11? No one from the Muslim world has apologized. All we gotta do is go over there and tell them, 'You now have 30 days to convert to Christianity, because this is now the United States of Saudi Arabia and the United States of Iraq!' Without being facetious like that, why did it take something like 9/11 to wake us up? It takes something like that to make us realize that we are vulnerable. That's the price we pay for living in a free society, right? If these guys are getting visas four months after they're dead, then there's something wrong somewhere!"

What's wrong, according to McPartlin, is what he sees as a flawed view by "liberals in the media" who don't understand the high cost of winning the war against terrorism. "We don't want Big Brother putting little chips in the back of our heads, but we sure as hell don't want the general public to criticize our military because of the tactics they're using to win this war. They recently captured the number-two guy to bin Laden, and they ask [Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld] how he planned to extract information from him. Now, why is that even a matter for discussion?"

As a veteran of three tours in Vietnam, McPartlin says that war's military interrogation techniques were exaggerated, with tales of torture that were untrue. "Remember those stories about throwing Vietcong from helicopters? What they would do is this: You have a wounded Vietcong and a dead Vietcong in the helicopter. You go over to the dead Vietcong and start yelling at him, and when he doesn't answer, you flip him out of the helicopter. Then the other guy is going to talk fast."

When asked about the morale of the men who have been in Afghanistan, McPartlin shows off some of the posters and flyers that adorn his pub's walls. There's a large photo of hundreds of people in the formation of a U.S. flag that reads, "San Diego Unites." Besides the photos of ships and fighter jets, there are political cartoons, many of them mocking men in turbans. There are also patriotic posters and obituaries of men who died in battle.

To McPartlin, this war seems more treacherous than Vietnam. "It's so open out there that you don't use a lot of hand-to-hand combat on the ground. But in Vietnam, they didn't have kamikaze Vietcong. These people don't care if they die. That's the scariest enemy you can ever have, because if he kills you, he gets brownie points, and if you kill him, he goes right to heaven. That's their attitude, and it's very scary. Look what's happened. You can walk into a cave to check things out, and they can have a detonator and boom! They don't care

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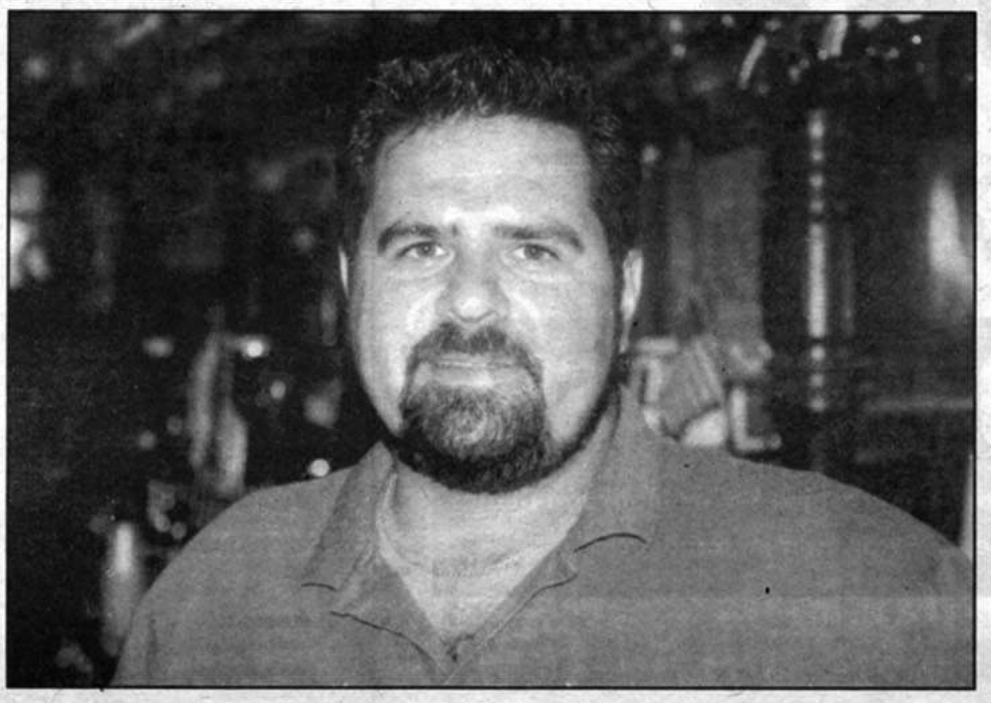

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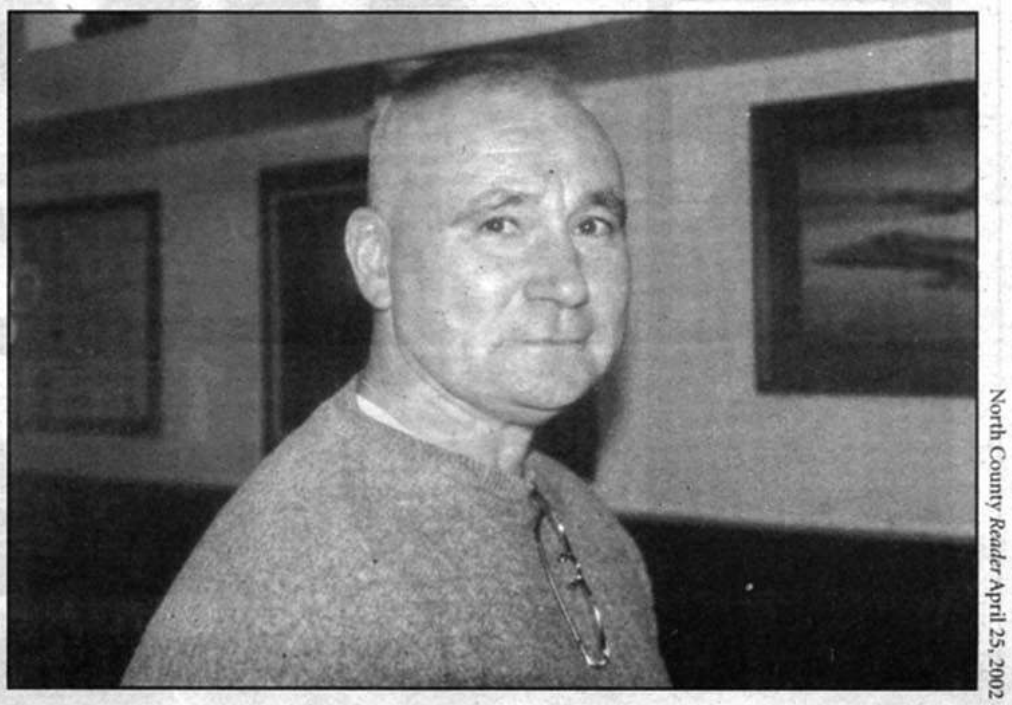

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for the State of Alaska. Davidge is president of World Water SA. "I'm not a Johnny-come-lately to this business," Davidge says. "I've been studying the whole problem of water scarcity and the notion of transoceanic importation of water for well over ten years."

In the early 1990s, while water chief for the State of Alaska, Davidge "wrote a paper exploring all aspects of this industry, including the financial, ecological, international commerce, etc. I put that paper on the Internet, and it became sort of the seed that began a number of industries internationally looking at this concept. After I left the state, I was contacted by a number of companies from around the world to continue to work on this industry. And in 1999, World Water SA was formed, and I was asked to serve as president for the purpose of looking at specific possible projects."

He adds, "San Diego is

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one project I predicted in that paper would be one of the biggest and most important [oceanic water transportation] projects. It's not necessarily because the amount of water would be great (20,000 acre-feet is a lot of water, but in comparison with some other markets it is not) but because of its strategic location. And so when World Water SA was formed, we made a proposal to the City of San Diego saying we believed that we can adapt a bag technology, called water-transport bags, to deliver that amount."

Kidman says, of Davidge's proposal, "This is certainly the most serious attempt by somebody to find an alternate source of water in this way, absolutely. Now, with this technology, this gentleman has certainly created more of a stir and has certainly gotten further along than anybody else. Usually, what happens is we hear from somebody, we talk to him two or three times, and we don't hear from him again. But [Davidge] is making a sincere effort to make something work. He's asked us for materials, he's kept us updated on his process, and so we are working with him to a certain extent; if he needs information or something like that, we try to help him out. But he's got a tremendous amount of work to do on his end, before anything happens."

As with any water project, the first step was to decide where to collect or divert fresh water from its natural path to the Pacific Ocean. "We conducted an extensive study," Davidge explains, "on all the outflows in California, Oregon, and Washington, that we determined were environmentally developable and cost developable. After that we looked at things like upstream contamination with agriculture and industrial uses. We looked at historic flow rates both seasonally and annually. We looked at the cost of engineering to get the water from the little river to the bag offshore. We looked at saltwater intrusion distance; that is, how far upriver does the saltwater go when the tide is high and the [river] water is low, because obviously you can't take the water in that area because of the contamination of the saltwater."

Davidge and his engineers selected 15 sites, then narrowed that pool to five, then to a final two rivers, the Albion and Gualala Rivers, the former in Mendocino County, the latter in both Mendocino County and Sonoma County to the south. Both sites are over 100 miles north of San Francisco.

The next step was to figure out how to collect the water from the rivers. Davidge says his engineers have come up with a simple system that will have a minimum effect on the rivers. "It's not like what anyone else does," he explains. "Usually, when somebody harvests water out of a river, they put a pipeline in the river and they simply pump the water up into a water utility. That means the water

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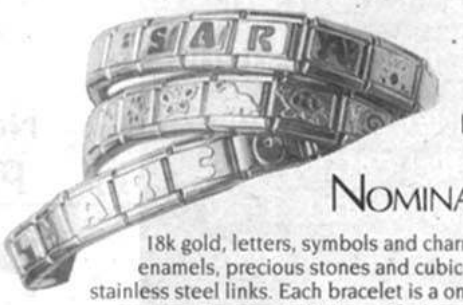

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downstream from that take point is lower as a result of that artificial impoundment or taking. So it clearly does have an effect on the downstream fish and wildlife and recreational uses and aesthetic concerns. What we want to do, what we proposed to the state, is to bury a concrete cistern into what we call the alluvial material, which is the sand and rock underneath the river. And we will run the pipeline within the rivers' hydrologic system. In other words, we don't take any water out of the riverbed, we don't displace any water out of the river, until the river dumps into the ocean. So although we are intercepting — or what we call segregating — the water upstream just above the highest point of saltwater intrusion the water is not being moved from the river's hydrologic system until it enters the ocean. So it has no effect on flow or water depth. And because we put this into the alluvial material, rather than just lay it in the river, we are not interfacing with fish and wildlife. It is aesthetically not visible; you can't see it. So, environmentally, we have designed a way to harvest water from streams that has no measurable downstream effect."

Davidge concedes that the river will be disturbed and the water dirtied during the laying of the pipeline. "So you do it in a single operation," he explains, "in which you dig and lay the pipe at the same time. You get that done quickly and get out of there and clean it up. But what you are doing there, particularly in these Northern California rivers, is nothing more than what happens during a storm surge. The amount of loading [that is, dirtying the water] that takes place in a storm surge, especially when you have significant 50-year [storms], is far more dramatic than what we would be involved with in burying the pipe."

A pump in the under-river cistern will maintain pressure in the line. The giant water-transfer bags in Davidge's plan will not be filled in the river. The pipeline running through the alluvial will continue out the mouth of the river to a buoy far enough out in the ocean to be beyond the surf. "The pipeline goes off into the ocean and runs out a distance to get away from the tidal area," Davidge explains. "We don't want to be interacting with waves and those kind of things. It ends at a buoy where the bag can be hooked up to it, and there is a pumping system underneath the buoy that is not visible from the shore. That pumps the water into the bag."

A similar pipeline and buoy system would need to be constructed here in San Diego to transfer water from the transport bags into our water system. As of yet, no potential site has been selected for that pipeline.

Davidge filed his application with the state in February. The state is now in a six-month period of public response to the proposal. Mendocino County's board of supervisors' response was to pass a resolution against the project. And in the rural towns of Albion and Gualala, near the mouths of the two rivers, there has been plenty of it. Each town has its own group in opposition, each with a catchy acronym of protest for a title. In Albion, it's FLOW (Forget Lifting Our Water) and in Gualala it's SORE (Save Our Rivers and Estuaries). Davidge calls these responses emotional and uninformed and points out a legal misconception imbedded in the very titles of the protest groups. "As the director of the state Water Resources Board told them in a meeting recently, 'It is not your water. That water belongs to the people of California.' " ■

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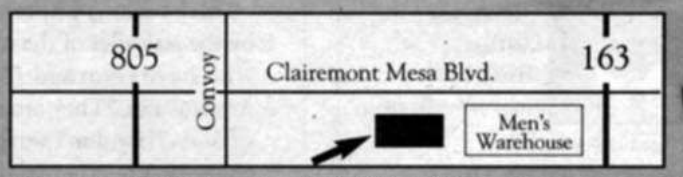

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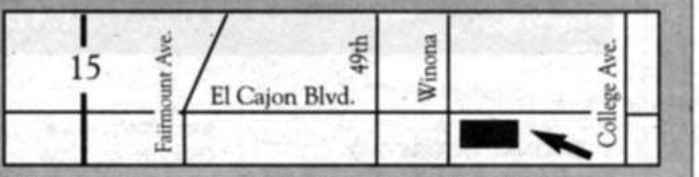

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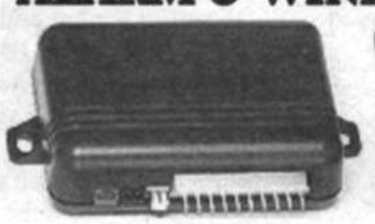

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Worse than Vietnam

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if they get taken out."

McPartlin is impressed by the attitudes of the men who have returned from Afghanistan. "They are real upbeat. They don't want to come back — that is, they don't want to come back until the job is done. This thing is far from over. What would you think if you heard that bin Laden was killed last night? Most people would think it was over. That's the mentality. We made a mistake during Desert Storm. We let the media film the 'Highway of Death,' and everyone got all soft in the gut and we didn't finish the job. I don't think the guys in charge now will make the same mistake."

One of McPartlin's favorite stories about the war in Afghanistan happened around Thanksgiving. "Some SEALs were being interviewed on CNN and were asked where they wanted to be for the holidays. One of them said, 'I hope we're at McP's Irish Pub in Coronado, California.' Friends from the East Coast started calling me and telling me that we're all over the news. So I called the public affairs officer and told him, 'Stop calling attention to my bar. I do not want the al Qaeda and Taliban hanging out here!' He laughs. "She was laughing and told me that she was expecting a call from me.

"I'm very proud of our special forces. You gotta realize that these guys have trained for years and years and years, and now they get to do their job. Now they're on the varsity team and they're in the ball game. They do not need to be second-guessed by armchair quarterbacks. Fortunately, in Vietnam, we didn't have that. We had a lot of cameras but not live video being shown back here. In Vietnam, the soldiers got criticized because we didn't know it was the higher echelon that had us fight with one hand behind our back. You have to understand, our military never lost a battle in Vietnam. The government gave up. Do not criticize our military." ■

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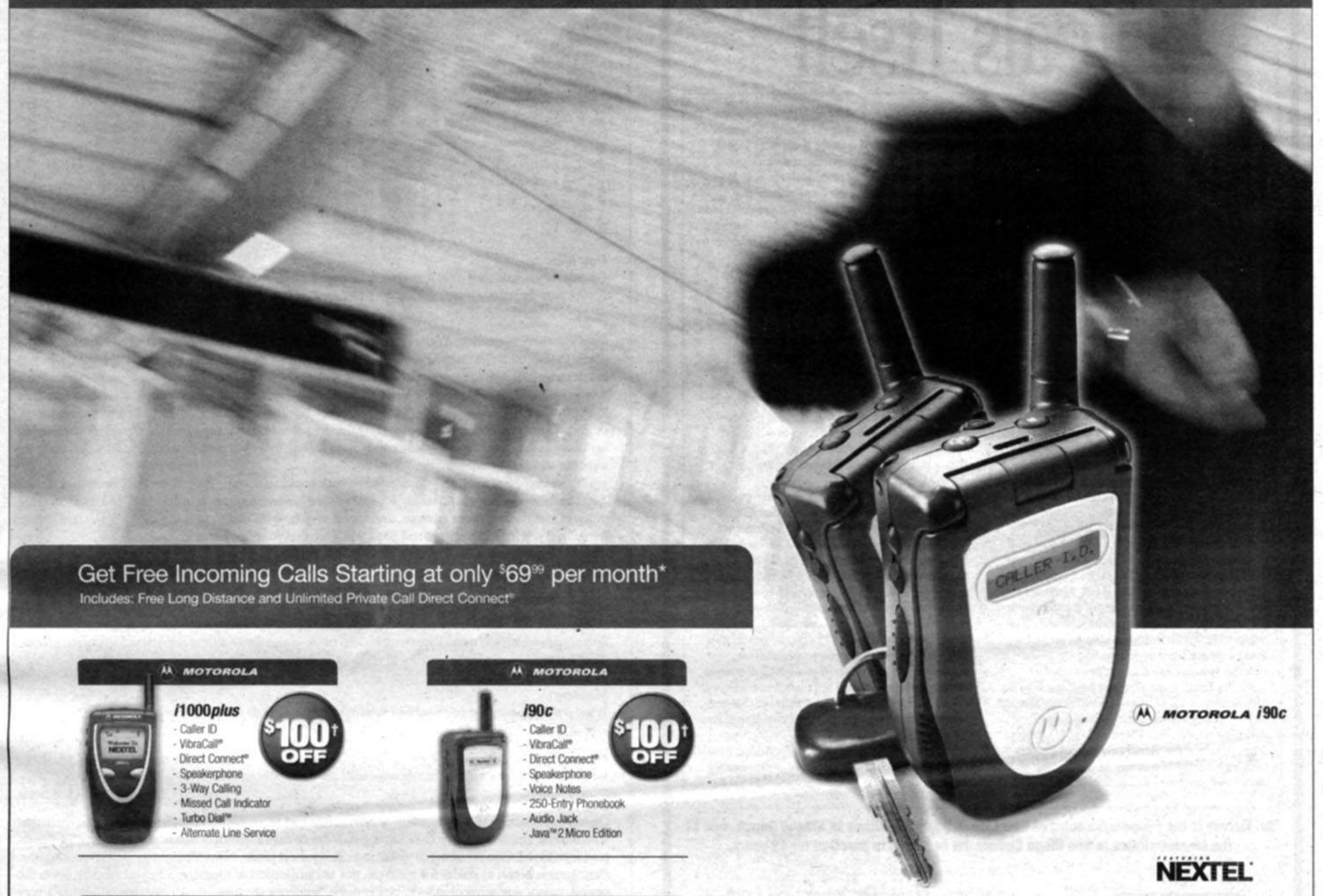

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How Your Body Heals Itself

Q. Dear Dr. Harvey: Could you please explain how chiropractic heals? I know a number of my friends go to chiropractors for all kinds of different conditions. I don't understand how adjusting the spine can cure anything.

A. In order to understand how chiropractic can help a certain condition, it is important to get a better understanding of how the body works. We know that the body's information and communication system is primarily the nervous system.

It is along the nervous system that the body sends messages to each cell regarding normal function, metabolism, reproduction, etc. The body has an intelligence that is far beyond any doctor's understanding at this point. In chiropractic, we call this "innate intelligence." It is your innate intelligence which controls your body's normal functions: heart rate, liver function, etc. It is also your innate intelligence that developed you from two cells to the over four trillion cells you are today.

As an example of how far we are from understanding the intelligence of the body, you could take the greatest minds in science and give them the most advanced lab in the world and they could not make one red blood cell. However, your body will make thousands of them today and it could make them out of a tuna sandwich. This might seem like an unusual example, yet this is how far we are from understanding the body.

Unfortunately much of the practice of so-called "healing" today does not have much to do with healing at all. It is mostly emergency first aid such as setting broken bones, stitching up cuts, removing tumors, etc. There is also the taking of drugs to kill germs, numb pain or change the body's chemistry in one way or another. In most cases this is not true healing; it is healing symptoms. It is not addressing the cause of the problem. Does removing the tumor change the body that produced it in the first place? Does taking antibiotics improve the resistance or immune system of the person who is sick? Does taking blood pressure medicine change the malfunction that led to high blood pressure? How many people every day are taken to the hospital, get worse or even die because of a bad reaction to a drug they have taken?

Chiropractic philosophy is based on the fact that the innate intelligence that created the body has far more knowledge than any doctor. This wisdom of the body can and does work wonders if it is not interfered with.

There is a condition known as vertebral subluxation. The subluxation will interfere with normal nerve function, which results in decreased ability of the brain to communicate properly with the body, which could eventually result in some sort of condition or symptom. When we suffer from disease, our natural healing ability is lessened, our resistance is lowered and we will get sick.

To answer your question: chiropractors do not heal anything. Your body is the healer! The chiropractor's job is to reduce the interference that is caused by the subluxation. This is done by adjusting the spine to return normal function to the nervous system. You cannot be truly healthy, reach your full potential, or achieve your greatest healing ability if you have pressure on your nervous system.

There are, of course, a number of factors that influence your healing ability: diet, exercise, stress, age, etc. However, if you have a condition or symptom that has not responded to traditional or other forms of treatment, remember that you haven't "tried everything to get better" until you have tried chiropractic.

Keep in mind that the job of any doctor should be to raise the patient's natural or innate healing ability to its highest efficiency.

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BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Dear Matt:
I'm hoping you can settle a bet between my boyfriend and I. I say my lips have gotten pale from the use of lipstick over the years. He says my lips are pale because I have fair skin, that it's all about pigmentation.
— Colleen, the net

Your lips are disappearing? You used to have lips, but now they're leaving your face? Not knowing quite where to start with this one, the elves decided to examine Grandma Alice under a bright light, which is much more difficult than it sounds. She still has plenty of fight in her. Anyway, once we got Grandma's head positioned and wiped off the Maybelline "Fire Engine Red," we were shocked to discover that she's losing her lips too! Other features appeared intact, but there was clear evidence of once full, luscious, pouty perioral protuberances now barely distinguishable from her nose or chin! Grandma retreated to her room in her usual state of boo-hooness, and we had to fix our own dinner that night. But really we were too stunned to eat.

I won't even ask how you decided lipstick could suck color from your skin. Boyfriend is a bit closer to the mark, but still no bullseye. Lips consist of a very, very thin translucent layer of skin covering mucous membrane, nerve endings, and blood vessels, with our mouth muscles sandwiched inside. Actually, if you look in a mirror and pout, you'll see that your lips are an extension of the lining of your mouth. Depending on the darkness of your skin, there is more or less melanin pigmentation in your lips. In the case of most "white" or fair-skinned people, there's virtually no melanin, and lip color comes from the visible blood vessels. So if we understand your situation clearly — if you once definitely had lips but are now approaching liplessness — you're only suffering from a common symptom of aging: reduced blood flow in the mouthal area. You can also expect a loss of collagen and muscle tone in the lipal region, which will make them wrinkly and narrow, and they'll sort of retreat back into your mouth. Glad we could be of service.

Matthew:
What is the best question you have ever been asked? Also, how do you feel about parentheses?
— Jay, University City

Mr. Alice:
When I get to the end of this sentence, why will I use a question mark?
— !, @ home

Onceuponatimealltextlookedlikethis. Someone first had to invent the space between words. Once that was handled, an ancient Greek librarian one slow day devised a system of marks to help lecturers properly read texts aloud. One dot between words indicated a short pause, two a medium pause, three a long one. Punctuation began as guides for speakers, not as clarification of meaning for silent readers. Soon the period, colon, and semicolon were not enough. Someone invented the / (virgule), indicating a very quick pause, which mutated into our comma. In the 12th Century, tired of inventing things, scribes began to borrow from musical notation in Gregorian chants. One mark, a sort of a seven with a dot under it, told a chanter to elevate his intonation at the end of a phrase, as a speaker does when asking a question. So blame the question mark on lazy 12th-century Italian scribes. Parentheses were added in the 1400s; and apparently no one exclaimed before the 1700s. So how do I feel about parentheses? Regular visitors know I'm fascinated by their power and simplicity. A writer can proclaim any nonsense as long as it's encased in parens. And readers know they can skip it. Nothing in parentheses was ever on a final exam. Best question? "Where exactly, Matthew, would you like us to mail your very large check?"

dear matt:
How did a dozen red roses get to be "the one"? What's wrong with seven yellow dandelions?
— matt, the net

Nothing. It's just that the rose industry had a better marketing team than the dandelion industry. Now a dozen red ones is a virtual necessity if you want to be taken seriously. It's gotten to be a tradition. Tradition: the perfect ending to a perfect marketing campaign. Why is a diamond "the one"? No reason. No reason that stands up to examination. Marketing, marketing, marketing. How dare you question it, matt? There's an order to the world of consumerism, and it's heavily based on image. If you start messing with the system, well, who knows where it will end.

Dear MA and the elves:
What causes the quavery "old" sound of some elderly people's voices? And is there anything I can do to prevent it in my voice as I age?
— Toni, the net

Encased in our flexible, tubular larynx are cartilage and muscle that control the opening and closing of our very elastic vocal folds, the things that vibrate to make sound. We worry about our visible sagging, never realizing that our vocal folds get weak and saggy too. Voice muscles lose tone, while cartilage and voice box (larynx) stiffen. It all adds up to increasingly poor vocal control. Weak lung function may contribute too. So the experts say: don't smoke; drink lots of water; don't scream and yell; don't talk incessantly. Good advice for anyone.

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

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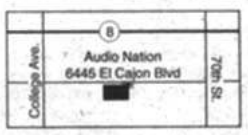

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Twice Is The Charm

'Okay, I got the little bastard turned on. Will you tell me about the Florida combine again?"

I hear a sweet, feminine laugh, which is a relief, since San Diego Spirit defender Amy Sauer and I have already done this interview. We're doing it again, on the phone, because the first interview, the one I liked so much, the one we did at USD's Torero Stadium, was not recorded. The interview was not recorded because I did not push the recorder's *on* button.

Sauer recounts, "Early February, 70 college seniors were invited to play on All-Star teams in Florida. There was an East team, a West team, and two amateur teams made up of girls who were playing in the W-1 League [a women's semi-pro soccer league]."

For the sports-impaired, we're talking about the Women's United Soccer Association, which, according to their media guide, is the "world's most elite women's soccer league." That may well be a fact.

I say to Sauer, "If I was at a combine with 70 people and I knew only a few of us were going to be picked to play under the big top for real money, I imagine lunch and dinnertime would get a bit strange. I'm thinking poisonous food additives."

"I was surprised." Sauer, 22, grew up in Spring, Texas. "It was a lighthearted environment, for the most part. We stayed in the same hotel. It was great catching up with girls I'd played with or against over the years. And the games were very intense; nothing was left on the field."

Ms. Sauer is five feet, five inches tall, has long, curly red hair. When I ask what she would do if soccer didn't work out, she threatens to become a lawyer.

Nevertheless, I march ahead. "Were league executives there sizing everybody up and down?"

"Yeah. They were there for the three or four days of games." Silence. "Quite an experience."

Sweats in the night, cursing in the showers, Tonya Harding lurking in the stairwells. "I see you played with the Boston Renegades in the W-1 League."

"Yeah. The W-1 league is right underneath the WUSA League. Before the WUSA was established, that was a place for women to play. They had a bunch of girls who'd graduated from college, still wanted to play, and were looking for a chance to get seen. I played W-1 in the summer, between my junior and senior years."

"So, playing professionally isn't completely new to you?"

"For the most part it is. When I played with the Boston team I had another job. That's how I got my money."

I've already asked how boys react when they learn she's a professional soccer player. Answer: she doesn't talk about it. I query, "When did you start playing soccer?"

"I was five. My older brother played soccer. I looked up to him when I was young and I still do. He went to Stanford and played soccer. So did I."

"When did you realize you were good?"

"Probably the first time I was selected to a regional ODP team. I was 14."

Look, I *have* to ask this. "What's an ODP team?"

"Olympic Development Program. You play for a soccer club. I played for the Challenge Club in Houston. There's a state level. You try and make your state team. I went to a South Texas state team try-out and was chosen. And then that team goes to a region camp. A region team is picked from all of those state teams. There are four regions. When I made my first region team, it was, like, 'This is great!'"

Put the whiskey bottle back in the cupboard! Follow me. "On the college level, is women's soccer like men's football or basketball — you get a scholarship, but you have to make the team every year in order to keep it?"

"I don't know, technically, about making the team. I reported to preseason and unless you did something ridiculous, you were on the team. We didn't have people cut. In my four years at Stanford we never had people cut."

"All hail, Stanford." One heartbeat, two heartbeats. "What would have to happen by the end of this season for you to say to yourself, 'I've had a good year'?"

"Advancing, not only to the playoffs, which we narrowly missed last year, but getting all the way to the championship game and winning it. On the field, I'd like to get playing time, and if I do, make it worthwhile."

Well, why not? "What have you learned about soccer since you came to San Diego?"

"Not so much anything big…learning how to defend or things like that, but small, intricate things you pick up from watching other players."

The tenth-of-a-second theory. "On the championship level, the differences in skill between athletes is so slight, yet that minute gap is usually the difference between winning and losing. If you can get one percent better…"

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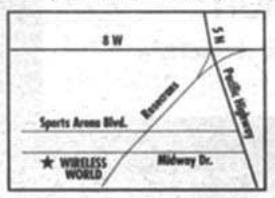

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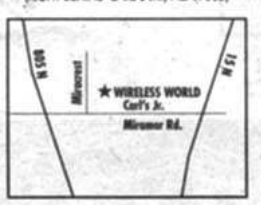

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PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Methodist Church of Samoa Conference
Address: 444 W. Bobier Dr., Vista, 760-941-2956
Year founded: 1959
Senior pastor: Gafa Edie Tea
Congregation: 289
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 69
Annual budget: $150,000
Weekly giving: $2900
Singles program: no
Diversity: Samoan
Dress: dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m.

Last Sunday when the folks at First Samoan Methodist Church began to sing, their voices were so perfect and beautiful that I at first thought I was hearing a recording of a professional choir. I remember the beauty of their voices because it stood in such contrast to what happened later.

First Samoan is a little difficult to find. The church sits behind a parking lot off a busy residential street in Vista.

"We're the largest Samoan church in San Diego," senior pastor Reverend Gafa Edie Tea told me. "We have 289 registered members. I'd guess there are about 50,000 Samoans in San Diego. There are at least ten Samoan churches in North County."

Religion, Reverend Tea explained, is very important in Samoa.

"We're 99 percent Christian. The largest denominations are Roman Catholic, London Missionary Society, and Methodist. The Methodists were the first to arrive — they were Tongans who'd converted. They came in 1827. The Western missionaries didn't arrive until 1832."

I got an idea of religion's importance in Samoa when I walked through First Samoan's front door. Everyone was dressed formally. Men and boys wore white shirt, blazer, and lavalava, the Samoan kilt. All the women wore white dresses that fell below the knee. Most of the women and adolescent girls wore white straw hats. A few people carried fans made from woven grass.

A pastor visiting from Samoa, Reverend Lotofaga Lima, led last Sunday's worship. Almost all the service was in Samoan. Reverend Lima began with a prayer that lasted 15 minutes. Some people knelt during the prayer. Others buried their faces in their arms.

Reverend Lima began his sermon in English before switching to Samoan.

"There was one young master about to graduate from theological college. His professor asked him to write a profile sermon, so he went home and wrote a sermon into which he poured all his biblical scholarship and theology. When the professor read it, he said, 'This is a wonderful sermon, but I give you a D. The content was wonderful, but the title was stupid. Every Sunday a bus full of young people passes by our church, taking them to play basketball at a gym. You need to come up with a title that will get those kids off the bus and have them running to our church instead of playing basketball.' So the young master went home and thought about what the professor said. The next day he turned in his sermon again. Its new title was, 'Hey, Kids! There's a Bomb on Your Bus!'"

Before and after the sermon, the congregation sang for a long while. I counted ten hymns, although some were so brief I wondered if they were full-fledged hymns at all. What made the singing so beautiful was the great clarity and strength of the choir. Also, Samoan seems to be one of those languages, like Italian, which sounds especially pleasing when sung.

After the service, when I was speaking with Reverend Tea, he called my attention to a long wooden staff leaning across the podium and to an object that looked like a horse's tail draped across the podium's top.

"In Samoa, we give those things to the 'talking chief,' the man who expresses the chief's thoughts and wishes to the people. The object that looks like a bundle of long hair is actually made from coconut fiber. The 'talking chief' drapes it across his shoulder when he speaks.

"In our church we have those things at the podium because the pastor is acting like a 'talking chief' for the Big Man Upstairs."

Reverend Tea had some business to attend to and suggested I go to the church social hall where a communal meal was being prepared.

Women darted about the kitchen, preparing platters of chicken, pork, and vegetables. Kids scrambled around. A man was sitting at a large table, counting out the morning's offering. I introduced myself and we talked some about the church. He apologized and said he didn't have time to speak with me.

"You should go talk to that man over there," he said, pointing across the room to a gentleman sitting on a bench.

I walked over and introduced myself.

"I don't like to talk to *outsiders* about our customs and culture," the man on the bench said to me. "I don't even like *talking* to outsiders at all. I like to stay among my own people. I don't like to mix."

"What did I do?" I asked. "Why are you being rude?"

"I didn't say anything that was rude. I was telling you that I don't like mixing with *outsiders*."

"Samoa's very far away," I said. "Why did you come to America if you don't like mixing with outsiders?"

The man paused. He looked sad.

"I don't know," he said.

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND GAFA EDIE TEA

Methodist Church of Samoa Conference
Vista
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Sermon
content/delivery.....(in Samoan)
Liturgy.....★★
Music
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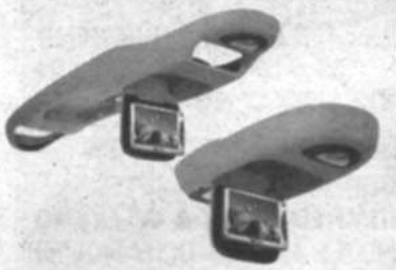

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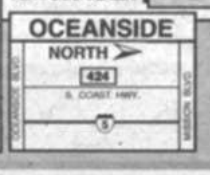

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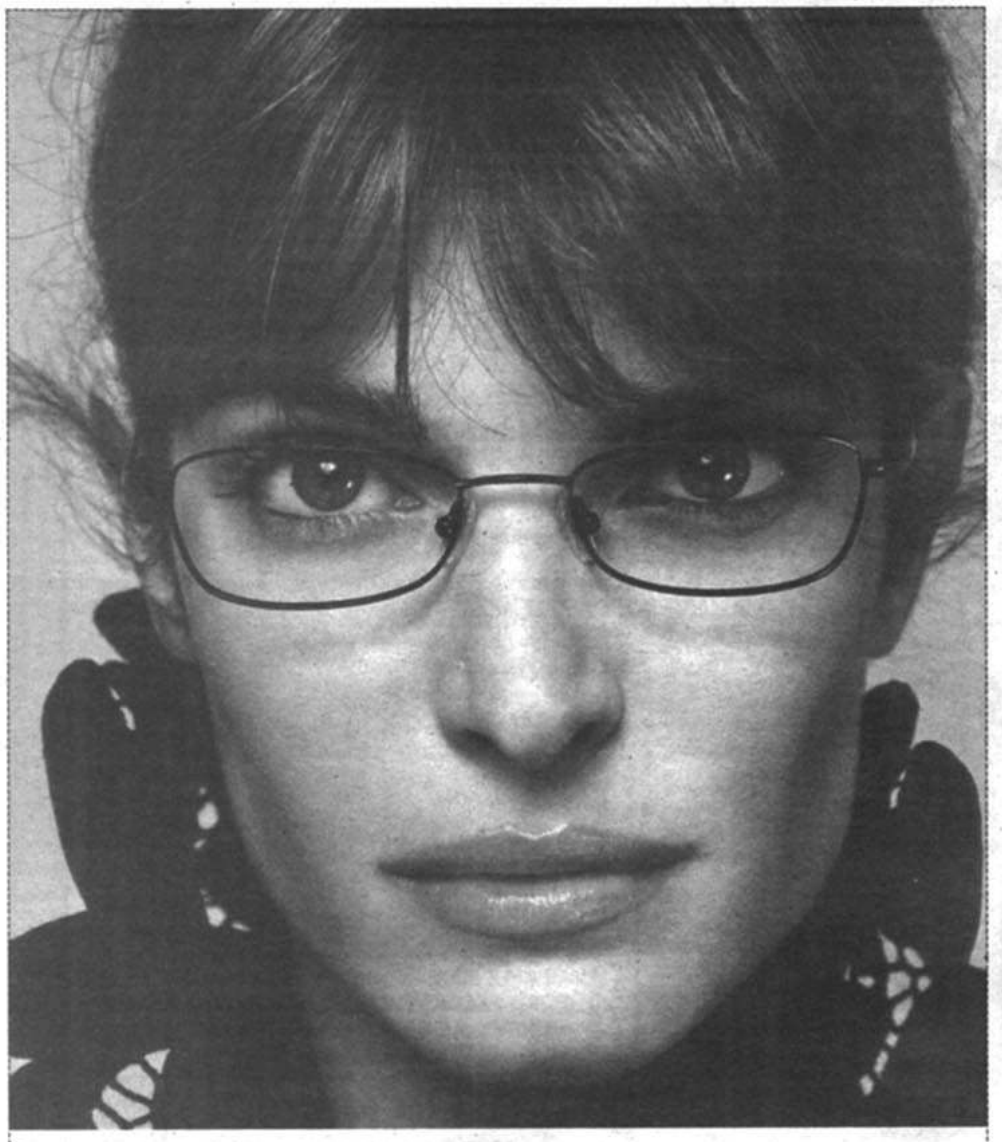

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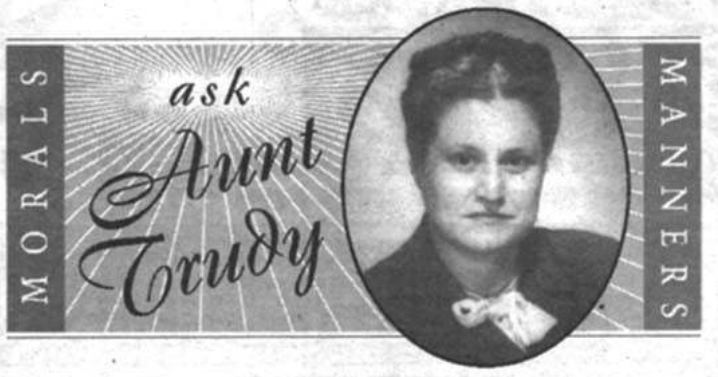

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm 23 years old and totally lost. I've known this young man for about five years. We've been intimate in more ways than one. We met on a phone-chat line. I know I'm in love with him. It's not because he's great looking (he's about a 6). It's not because he has money (he doesn't). I'm spontaneous and adventurous. I love skiing, diving, hang-gliding, bungee-jumping. He is all about being grounded and secure. I just feel this connection with him, this chemistry I don't feel with anyone else. I've told him how I feel, and he says he wants to get his life in order before he starts anything. He said he has feelings for me, too, but I just don't sense that from him. He'll say that he'll call but seldom does. I won't get a call from him for months. If I want to talk, I have to be the one to call. I've never had this problem before. Most guys chase me, not the other way around. I need and care for him. But I don't want to waste more time waiting for a man who has no interest in going anywhere with this. The last time we saw each other was a year and two months ago. I don't understand why he keeps saying he wants to be in better shape financially before he gets serious. Am I crazy for sticking around this long?

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Dear Torch Carrier,

I don't think you're crazy, just obsessed with an unavailable man. He doesn't call after promising he will. You haven't seen him in over a year. He disappears more often than Houdini. Is this really what you want in a mate, boyfriend, consort? Don't you think you deserve a man who's present, eager, involved? You don't sound happy with the status quo, and Mr. Elusive is clearly telling you in every possible way (except sending telegrams or smoke signals) that this game of hide-and-seek is the most you can expect from him for the foreseeable future. Whether or not his modest finances are just an excuse, I can't say. But does it really matter? I say move on and see who else the wide world has to offer. This guy knows where to find you if he has a change of heart. My dear, I know you are besotted with him now, but the world is full of men of all stripes, timbres, and hat sizes. You say you're the adventurous type. Yet you've been mooning over this dude exclusively for the past five years. That means you've been clutching this torch since you were a lass of 18. Isn't your arm getting tired? I'm worried that your pretty hand is going to get burnt.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm 26 and single. Last month, a guy I'd had a huge crush on all through high school, one who all the girls were after and who pretty much wouldn't give me the time of day back then, called up and asked me out. I couldn't believe my luck. Boy, I thought, the saints are really looking out for me. Well, to make a long story short, we went on our date, and I had a rotten time. I was polite and didn't let it show, but he talked the entire time about himself and his past glory days, practically without stopping to take a breath. He complained about how his talent is not properly recognized at his current job. He didn't ask me one question. Where is the guy I was so attracted to at 17, and how did this long-winded, egotistic oaf swallow him up? He keeps calling, saying he had a fantastic time on our date and when can we get together again. I've been putting him off. Should I give him another chance to see if I can discern any trace of my former heartthrob in him, or forget it and tell him nicely to lose my number?

DISAPPOINTED IN HILLCREST

Dear Disappointed,

What a difference a few years makes! Put yourself through another torturous date with the monologist only if you're not 100 percent sure about your first-date perceptions. You don't want to have any doubts or regrets. If you do opt for double jeopardy, you could try asking sweetly at some point in the evening if he'd like to hear a little bit about what's going on with you. But I fear it's an open-and-shut case. Sadly, a dreamboat can mutate into a loutish blowhard. You've become a better judge of character since high school, maturing into a woman who'd be impressed by a grown-up with real soul rather than a bragging boy sporting a football jersey.

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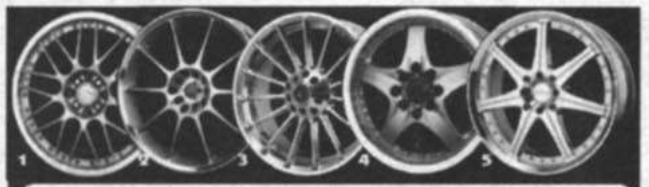

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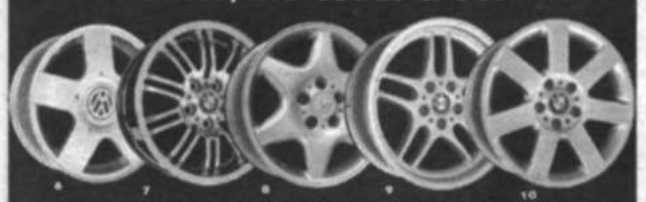

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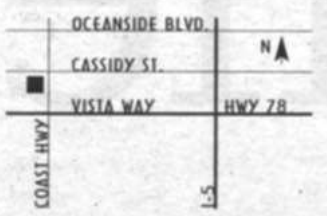

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Their Teachers Molested Them

"The hardest thing for me now," says Sarah, whose jet-black hair shines in the late-afternoon sunshine, "is letting kids make their own mistakes in life. Sometimes I want to save them from themselves. But I have to realize that some of them will do drugs, or make other mistakes, and get hurt. I made lots of mistakes and bad choices too, but here I am in a good, healthy place. I think my role now is to be a confidante, to be someone who can listen and relate to what the kids are going through without trying to control it. Many times, kids come to me with problems that they can't talk to anyone else about, and I am honored by this. Maybe if they have someone who will listen to them, that is enough."

Sarah, who drives to school from Pacific Beach, loves her work in the classroom too. Her enthusiasm today contrasts sharply, however, with the feelings that made her quit teaching for good, she thought, after the year of student teaching that completed her credential program in the state of Georgia. In an Atlanta school eight years ago, her supervisors begged her to stay, offering her a full-time teaching position for the following year. But the year of student teaching induced her to leave education for some of the same reasons she had decided to enter it. "I was hyperaware of how vulnerable children are," she says. "Children always seemed to be in danger, and that feeling became a constant stress when I was teaching."

And Sarah feared that she might do something to the children like her fifth-grade teacher did to her.

In Atlanta, however, Sarah taught seven- and eight-year-olds, not the eighth graders she teaches now in San Diego. "The children were physical with me," she says. "They wanted to play with my hair, especially the girls. They want to know all about you. They want to be you." Sarah says that she has grown in maturity since that time, when she was 25. And her eighth graders seem to her more like regular people, better able to fend for themselves, than the much more vulnerable younger children.

Sarah remembers sitting on her own teacher's lap in fifth grade. She also remembers that, while she sat there, John Winston's hands wandered her body to places it seemed they shouldn't go.

Peter breaks in. "He ruined it for you," he says, "so that you couldn't be close to young human beings without having that crap in the back of your mind, like having a cop car behind you." Also 33, Peter is wiry from racing bicycles, his favorite pastime. He designs them as well, in an attempt to build a business.

"I didn't know if my boundaries were healthy," says Sarah, defending her decision to leave teaching the first time. "I got quite attached to the kids, and leaving my class at the end of the year was devastating. I felt like they were mine. The situation scared me, but not because I believed I would actually do something to them."

"You couldn't separate what your teacher did from yourself," says Peter.

Sarah and Peter (the names of all persons in this story have been changed) are starting on a conversation they appear to have had many times before. What comes to my mind, as I eavesdrop on this slice of their private talk, is a phenomenon that occurs with the fear of heights. "Do you remember what it's like to be near the edge on top of a tall building?" I ask Sarah.

"And you think you're going to run and jump off, yes," she says.

"You know damned well you're safe," I say, "but, still, this feeling comes on that you're going to throw yourself over the edge."

"That's exactly what it was," says Sarah. "Like when you try to get your thoughts off a subject, which makes you think about it more. And I didn't want to push the children away, but, at the same time, when does this become wrong? They sat on my lap during reading hour all the time, or if they were having a hard day or had gotten in a fight."

On Her Teacher's Lap

We get up from the table and walk around the school grounds. As we move in and out of the sunshine until dusk, Sarah unburdens herself of being molested over and over in a class full of other children and of how that has affected her since. Sarah says that teacher John Winston, in a San Francisco Bay Area school, held her daily on his lap at his desk during quiet time in the fifth-grade classroom. It began innocently, as if she were sitting on her father's lap.

"I've told two people in my life the details of this story," says Sarah. "One of them is Peter and the other is a therapist that I saw between '92 and '95. And the worst part of it, every time, is telling the details. They are disgusting to me, even though they don't sound bad from the outside, since it's not that graphic and it's not violent and it's not what some people think is sexual abuse. But it feels like I have this disease living in me. I have never been able to exorcise it, and I don't know if talking about it makes it bigger or smaller. So do you want me to tell you

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more details?" she asks in a tone both reluctant and anticipatory.

I nod.

"I remember him rubbing my breasts, though they weren't breasts, because I was a little girl and didn't have a body back then," she says, chuckling, "but that's what he was doing, trying to get some semblance of them, and that was where he concentrated, mainly. At first, it was on top of my shirt and, after a while, under my shirt and, then, it was always under my shirt."

Sarah thinks Winston didn't have much trouble getting into her clothes. "My shirt was usually out, like it is now," says Sarah, whose red T-shirt sets off her black hair falling onto it. She had already changed into her after-school clothes. "I didn't wear dresses that much. But I have a few memories of him going into my jeans too, though I don't know what he did. I don't think it was anything invasive, because I would have freaked out.

"I don't know how I started sitting on his lap, but I would do math homework there. And it seemed forever, though everything's long when you're a kid." Still, she believes she may have sat on her teacher's lap for as long as an hour during quiet time each day.

"At the time, I needed 100 percent adult attention from somebody, and — this is what I tell myself — I was an affectionate person and I always sat on my dad's lap, not in a weird way, but we were affectionate. So for my teacher to be affectionate with me was bizarre, yet nice, because I needed that. It's what I missed most from my dad."

Right before she began fifth grade, Sarah's father had left the home they had shared with her mother and sister.

"We were learning long division, and I asked for my teacher's help a lot, and,

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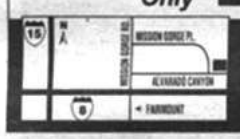
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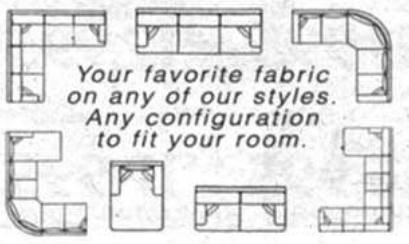
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probably, he asked me to come sit on his lap. I don't think I would have asked him. I was a shy kid. And, of course, because I was missing that part of my life, it seemed okay," Sarah says with a quick, embarrassed laugh. "The adult was always right, that's what I was always told, and, when my teacher started doing this to me, my physical reaction was against it, and everything felt wrong, but my mental reaction was 'He's my teacher, he corrects the papers and gives the grades, it can't be wrong.' So I sat on his lap, but I don't remember how long it took him to start fondling me."

Did Winston try to penetrate her? Sarah doesn't consciously remember anything like that, though she has had dreams in which it happened. We discuss the possibility of her blocking out a disturbing memory. Though I am leery of injecting new content into her memories, I say, "It would seem that, if his hands went into your jeans, he might have gotten around to probing you."

"And I may not have stopped him," says Sarah, "since I was afraid. I've thought about that, because of the dreams about it, nightmares, where I wake up and it's right there. But, then, there are too many people who are inventing these so-called suppressed memories, and I don't want to be one of them either. But you may be right that, if he went down there, he wouldn't have been satisfied fiddling around."

Her teacher also invited Sarah home a couple of times after school, she says, but "I was smart enough to know that that would have been a big mistake." When she was 16, six years after her own molestation, Sarah saw in the *San Francisco Chronicle* that John Winston had been arrested for child molestation at another school several miles from the one she had attended. Sarah recalls the article saying that, in his home, police had found photographs of children naked and in bondage. "He had gotten a lot worse," says Sarah.

Cautious about these and some of her other memories, I went to the police station in downtown San Diego to look at the Megan's Law sex offenders list. Sarah had described her teacher as a big man with light brown hair. With a uniformed officer standing behind me, I plugged Winston's name into the machine, and the color photograph that came up showed a man with light brown hair staring out at me. Penal Code 288: Crimes Against Children / Lewd or Lascivious. County of conviction: Alameda. County of residence: King. Date of birth: 4/12/46. Height: 5'11". Weight: 220 lbs. My escorting officer that day went behind the counter to look up Winston's name on another computer for more details. "I can't give you any of the further information about his criminal record that I'm seeing here," he said, "but I'd recommend to the victim that she pursue the matter for possible prosecution."

> "I kept insisting to her that Carmen and I had this ideal relationship," she says, "that the sex had been a progression of our affection for each other."

When I tell Sarah about it later, she displays little interest in even going down to see the photograph. Maybe it's because her own molestation happened in 1978 and 1979. Also, she still thinks of Winston as a good teacher gone tragically wrong, "the best teacher I had in grammar school," she says.

Sarah doesn't remember when she first wanted to be a teacher too. But after finishing an undergraduate degree at UC Santa Cruz in 1988, she stayed in the community for two years to work with special ed students. Then she completed a master's degree in education at Georgia State University and earned her teaching credential at the same time. She had never worked harder in her life.

But while doing her student teaching in Atlanta, Sarah attended an unsettling event at school. The school counselors held a "No"-feeling, "Yes"-feeling workshop with the kids, "and they never mentioned teachers," says Sarah. "They said that if a family member or a stranger is doing this to you and your body has a 'No' feeling…" She breaks off, tears coming to her eyes, and then goes on with difficulty. "It made me angry. They never said teachers, they never brought that up at all, and I had to leave the room. I could not stand it. I wanted to say, 'Do you know? Do you think this ever happens?' "

I search for something appropriate in the face of Sarah's emotion. "The assumption was that school is a safe place, right?" I say.

Peter helps me out. "Like church is a safe place," he says.

Their Teachers Kissed Them

Thirty years ago, on an eighth-grade graduation excursion to Disneyland, Gloria Stevenson took the Monsanto ride with her middle-school English teacher. She was 13. They strapped themselves into the same car, and, when the ride, at its zenith, took them into a dark tunnel, Mr. Taylor betrayed her and his teacher's trust.

In Taylor's class at the Orange County school, "He had been showing me a lot more attention than usual. I think it had been building up. Then he was one of the escorts for the trip. When we went on the ride together, he took advantage of me," says Gloria, laughing. "You want details?"

I speak with Gloria, who will turn 43 this year, at her apartment in Clairemont, 15 minutes away from the Pacific Bell office where she works. She serves me mint tea, and we sit at her circular dining room table with the sounds of rain outside the window. Her lone daughter, Tara, 14, sings softly as she moves in and out of rooms in the back. Gloria herself, growing up, was a middle child in a family of ten kids. She is a tall woman with thick auburn

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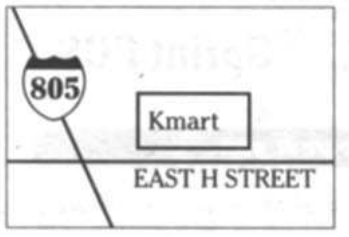



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curls above her lively and expressive eyes. Over the next several hours, I discover that she is quick to laugh and quick to cry about the events I've come to hear described.

"On the old Monsanto — they don't have it at Disneyland anymore — the narrative started," says Gloria, "and you went moving up a ramp, and, at the end of the ramp, you could see a reflection of yourself. I probably thought that it was cool to see myself sitting next to him, feeling close and special, I'm sure, and the minute it got into a darker place, that's when it started. It wasn't much. We kissed, and he fondled my breasts, and that was it."

"Did he try to unbutton you?" I ask.

"No." Gloria laughs. "It was a short ride."

"Did he kiss you on the mouth?"

"Yes. Open mouth. I was kissing him back and I enjoyed it. But I knew it wasn't right. I don't know what led up to it, if there was any conversation or anything. But then the ride came to a part where you could see into the car next to you if you leaned forward. And school friends were in the next car and, of course, leaning forward and looking in."

Mr. Taylor, the middle-school English teacher, kissed Gloria's twin sister, Sherrie, that day too. Sherrie provoked him and planned the whole thing, claims Gloria. "She wanted it to happen. She wanted to have a little thing with him, because he was great-looking, he was fun, he gave us attention. Yeah, everybody had a schoolgirl crush on him. He was popular, in his mid-30s, and had been at the school for quite some time. He had a lot to lose."

When they got back to their campus that evening, both Gloria and her sister confided the incidents to a female teacher, one of the excursion's other chaperons. The following Monday Mr. Taylor left his teaching assignment and the school. The details of his departure remained mysterious. But the situation was not unlike stories some teachers tell of the public school districts they work for hushing up potentially dangerous scandals.

The story of the fired teacher and the twin girls spread like wildfire through the student population, and Gloria Stevenson, if not her more rambunctious sister, Sherrie, became embarrassed over it to the point of withdrawal.

"School had a week or two left," says Gloria, "and it was stupid the way they handled it. The principal called our house, and my mom immediately said, 'What did you girls do now?' The school thought they should send someone over, and Sherrie and I wanted to run away, because we felt we had done something wrong. So the vice principal, or someone, came over — I don't know who it was — and my dad, who had been out of town, had come home that evening. My mother is crying hysterically over what we had 'done now,' and, of course, with that kind of response, we didn't tell her a thing. We didn't say anything.

"At school, there was a lot of scuttlebutt. My sister loved it, because it got so much attention. I hated it. But at least we never had to testify in court."

Gloria seemed to have dodged a more serious bullet than the single brief incident at Disneyland. And another teacher had come to her rescue. She could hardly have guessed the far greater betrayal awaiting her.

> "When I first called her, after starting counseling, my big fear was about her not admitting that it happened."

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Allison Marsh first kissed her physics teacher after a football game in early October ten years ago. She was 16. David Mead, who doubled as a coach at the western San Bernardino County high school, had invited her to watch the game from the sidelines as he worked with the team that night. Allison hates football. She hated it then too. She didn't have her eye on any of the jocks that evening either. Instead, she was watching every move of Mr. Mead, on whom she had a powerful schoolgirl's crush.

When the game ended, Allison and Mead walked away from the field together. The teacher said he had something to fetch from his classroom/lab and asked Allison to come inside to wait for the crowded parking lot to empty. Then, at the moment Allison was leaving, they kissed, she says. Today, she doesn't recall her teacher retrieving anything from his classroom.

After a long embrace, Mead told Allison that they shouldn't do that again. Nevertheless, he kept up a romantic relationship with her over the next four months.

Allison and I are having breakfast at the Denny's off 70th Street in the College Area. I listen hard to catch her soft musical voice between the clinking of silverware and coffee cups. Off and on, she flips wisps of blond hair from her eyes. She faces me squarely and speaks with a cheerful no-nonsense directness, determined, it is apparent, to clear the air about a scoundrel from her past.

Allison, who is 26 and lives in La Mesa, teaches second grade in a South Bay school. She received her teaching credential from SDSU four years ago and her master's of education from National University last year.

During the last trimester of her sophomore year in high school, Allison had taken one of Mr. Mead's classes. She sensed then that her teacher was especially fond of her. "But I wasn't sure," she says. "I thought he was only a nice guy or, maybe, he was super friendly." After she got to know Mead better, they agreed that she would be his assistant the following year. Allison did not see Mead over the summer, but at the start of her junior

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year she enrolled as a student in one of his physics classes and took on the role of his assistant in another.

I ask Allison what kind of duties she performed as Mead's assistant.

"What *did* I do?"

"Was it mainly a pretext?"

"No. But looking back, I'm not sure. Whatever he needed me to do, I guess, like organize files or set up science experiments," she says, being certain, at the least, that his job assignments began bringing the two of them together alone.

I wonder whether Allison had attended the fateful football game in the capacity of Mead's assistant. "No," she says, "but students, of course, would sit in the stands, and he had me come with him onto the field. That was pretty cool for a 16-year-old girl."

When they went to his classroom after the game, says Allison, Mead "said, 'If I turn on the lights, I'll have a bunch of kids coming in, and I don't want to deal with that right now. So let's leave them off until people disperse and go home.' And that was true," she says. "He was a popular teacher with both the guys and the girls. So they would surely have come to his classroom that night to talk. Everybody wanted to be in his class. He was young and he was fun to be around and friendly to a lot of students. And he was choosing me out of all those people."

I try to imagine, then, the male teacher and his female student in that darkened classroom, with other students outside laughing and shouting after the football game on campus, and the setting seems so contrived that all I can visualize is a forced, awkward kiss. But no, says Allison, "when I went for the door like I was leaving, he was standing there, and we kissed like any other two people might.

"And afterward, driving home in the car, I felt wonderful, like it had finally happened after all the tension that had been building up since the prior school year and not seeing him all summer and for that first month of school, waiting. Now there was some acknowledgment, some acceptance from him. Yet, I was thinking, too, that he said we shouldn't be doing that. So we won't, and that was it. But it grew from there. Still, he knew the whole time that it wasn't right. Right from the git-go, he knew."

"How soon did you see him again?" I ask.

"We didn't start dating," says Allison. "But, at school, I would play with the back of his hair, which was dark brown and long, or he would rub my shoulders, even during the day, while other students were around. Or I'd be sitting next to him at the front of the classroom, while his students were taking a test or whatever, and, because you couldn't see under the lab tables, which were solid underneath, he would put my hand on his leg, and I would be rubbing his leg while class was going on, and nobody could see."

A supply room that opened off the science classroom/lab soon had obvious advantages. Allison's teaching assistance began to take her into it before and after school. Mead would come in and "we would kiss a little," she says, "unless I went home and came back when he would still be there at five or six in the evening. And then we would make out in there. We had plans to have intercourse, supposedly. But I was a virgin. And he knew that."

"How close did it get?" I ask.

"Once, later, I gave him oral sex in a car. He never did that to me. We mostly used our hands, explored, I guess. But he only came once, the night that I gave him oral sex, and I didn't ever. That was the first time I had ever done anything like that. I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know anything. He kept saying, 'You're going to make me come,' and I'm thinking, 'What does that mean?' And then I figured it out," says Allison, laughing.

Mead never did take Allison to intercourse, despite their conversations. He may have been trying to use restraint with a 16-year-old girl or he was afraid of something else. But Allison knows he could have pushed it further than he did.

"We were supposed to get a hotel room over Christmas break," she says, "and it never happened. I don't know why. But, once, when we were together, he was wearing a pager. This is back however many years ago, when not everybody and his brother had one. I said, 'Why do you have a pager?' and he said, 'Oh, my wife's pregnant and she's going to page me when she goes into labor.' I was so crushed. He didn't wear a wedding ring. He never spoke of her, and come to find out, she is an elementary school teacher right down the road from our school.

"It must have been shortly before Christmas, because I bought him a sweater for Christmas, and he said, 'Wow, this is a nicer sweater than my wife bought me.' 'What are you saying?' I thought. But I was already too head over heels for him to let even that bother me. It was, like, 'Well, I'm not cheating on anybody, he is.' I tried not to think about the situation, though I knew it was wrong. But he would tell me that he loved me and would write me poems and stuff like that."

Finally, Allison confided the affair to a friend, older by two years, who went to another high school. She is certain that her friend never told anyone else about

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it. But, sometime in mid-February, says Allison, "I was staying the night at that friend's house, when, at six o'clock on Sunday morning, her mom wakes me up and says, 'Your mom's on the phone.' "

Allison's relationship with Mead didn't make it to Valentine's Day.

"I knew," she says. "I knew before I even picked up the phone that my mom had found out. Why else would she call at six o'clock in the morning on a Sunday? She must have discovered a note or a letter in my room. I think. But I'm still not sure to this day exactly how she found out.

"My mom was ballistic. On the phone, she was screaming, 'I'm picking you up right now.' After she came, she drove me to a park, and I'm sitting in the front seat frozen in fear, because I know that the wrath of God is about to come down on me. She turned off the car and said, 'What teacher are you fucking?' " says Allison, emphasizing the word. "My mom doesn't swear, so I knew how upset she must have been. She was convinced that we did have sex, and I was trying to convince her that we didn't. I told her who it was and explained the whole situation. I was freaking out, scared for my life. I didn't know what was going to happen.

"The next day we had off from school — it was a teacher in-service day — and she went there, met with him, and talked to him. I wish I could have been a fly on the wall. He convinced her that I was a dreamy high school girl who had made this up, that it was a fantasy of mine, and that it never happened. He said I was a sweet girl, but that was it. At first, I was relieved, because that might mean that we wouldn't be in trouble. But, by Tuesday, it started unraveling.

"The last time I had seen him was the Friday before, and, again, we had made plans to meet at school the next day and to go have sex. We kept planning to have sex and we never did. And I had driven to school that Saturday, but he never showed up. The reason I was at my friend's house Saturday night was because I was upset that it didn't happen. He didn't even show up, and we didn't talk either. No explanations.

He confesses, too, that he liked to seduce the high school girls, when he could, and, then, "throw them away."

"When Tuesday rolled around, I was taken out of his classes. The administration switched my schedule around and placed me in some other classes. My mom had gone straight to the top. Then I had meetings with a counselor and everyone else. I expected that. I had told my Spanish teacher, earlier, about the situation. She was 24, near to my age, and I told her, because when she went to that high school, she had an affair with a teacher there who was still teaching. It ended and they were now colleagues. And his wife taught there and knew about them. So this Spanish teacher understood where I was coming from, and I would talk to her about it. She didn't tell anybody, which she probably should have, looking back.

"I did think there was some overreaction when the police wanted me to call him. They had the phone tapped and were trying to get him to admit something to me over the phone. So I would be sitting in this little office at the police station, with a school psychologist, and ringing his phone at school and home, waiting for him to answer. But he wouldn't answer. He knew better. He knew he was going to be busted.

"I never had another conversation with him. He wouldn't; he'd always have his door shut after school. No kids were allowed to go into his room after school. There was a lot of investigation going on, I guess. But I did try to go back and talk to him a week or two later, when his door was open. I walked into his room and he turned me around and guided me out the door. He said, 'You can't be here.'

"I was devastated," Allison says, "not only about the situation, but I had now lost the trust that my mom and I had had. My friends all found out, everybody at school knew by then, and I was an emotional wreck. I had never felt like that before. I was suicidal. I always told myself that if anybody found out, I would kill myself. It would be too much of a mess to deal with. I thought, 'Everybody will hate me; they'll think it's my fault.' I kept thinking all these things. Before, I kept saying, 'Well, nobody will find out, so it won't ever be a big deal.' Then, when they did, that's when I got close to the edge."

Today, Allison's younger sister and brother go to the same high school that Allison attended. And David Mead still teaches there. He still teaches physics and he still coaches football.

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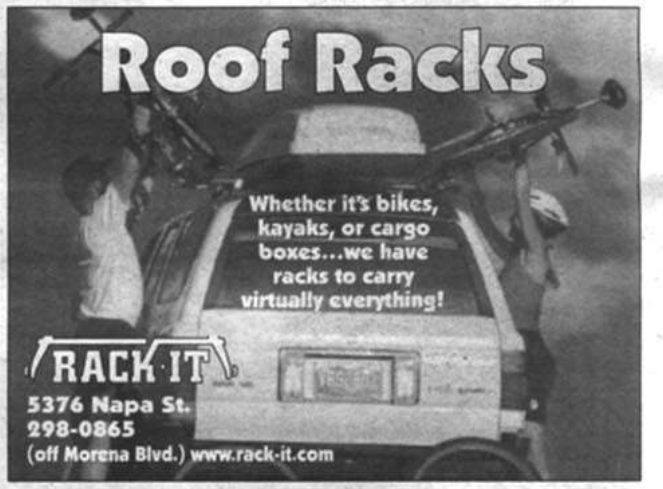

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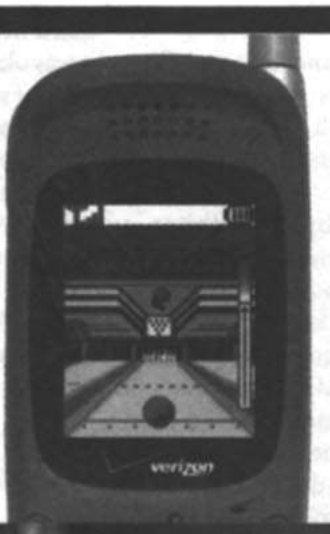

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"It was always the same," says Jim, whose sturdy torso twists as he removes the last of several documents from his desk and places them in a file cabinet. Jim and I are talking in his office at the San Diego insurance company where he works. He is a tall man, with thinning red-blond hair and a fair complexion, who loves, I've already observed, to tease the women in his office with a playful viciousness.

"My mom had a two-bedroom apartment, and when I came on the weekends, I would stay in the second bedroom, and I would be scared, because my parents were getting divorced. I would be lying in the bed, and Sister Priscilla would open the door — I could tell it was her — and she would come and sit on the bed and talk."

"Was she trying to console you about the divorce?" I ask.

"Yes, and trying to tell me that my dad was a bad person and that I was safe at my mom's house, much safer there. And I hated it when I could smell her breath," remarks Jim, who supposes now that the odor was that of Scotch, the favorite liquor, then, of his mother and her friend. Jim's mother has described to him that period in her life as one of desperation, as she tried to cope, through alcohol, with having left her husband, who got custody of their three children. "And, boy, did they get plowed!" Jim says.

"That's how it started," he goes on. "At first, there was no touching. But later, Sister Priscilla began rubbing my chest and going down to my legs and groin. And the whole time she kept reminding me that I was safe and that everything was okay. Believe it or not, I asked her if God thought it was okay. Somehow, she made it seem that it wasn't a bad thing. I remember being uncomfortable and afraid, but she would reassure me. She said that it was our secret and God's secret. And she said, specifically, not to tell my mom. Then it developed further, and she became focused on my penis and that whole part."

"My mom was dealing with her own sexuality at the time that she and Sister Priscilla were friends."

"Did she take your clothes off?"

"She asked me to do it — I slept in a T-shirt and underwear — or she asked me if I would feel better without my underwear. In a way like that," says Jim.

I ask Jim whether he got an erection from her touching his penis.

He answered with obvious embarrassment. "I was trying to think about that not long ago, and I can't remember if I did or didn't," he says.

"Did she take any of her own clothes off?"

"No. The furthest it got was that she tried to have oral sex with me," says Jim. "She would kiss my stomach and then go down. And that scared me. The rubbing had seemed okay, because it always started off the way my parents would rub my back or my stomach when I was sick. Then she would work it into something else. But she never got too aggressive.

"It was a small, typical apartment room, and the bed was right by the doorway. Sister Priscilla kept the lights out and the door open when she came in."

Jim and I speculate that she was listening for the voice or footsteps down the hall of his mother, who could have been out cold in another room.

"I remember her towering over me and then sitting on the bed," Jim says. "It was methodical, every time the same, but it seemed like she would sometimes try to push her limits by trying something new or going a step further. Like when she first tried the oral sex, and I showed resistance, she backed off. But the next time, she would try again, seeing what she could get away with, like she was breaking me into it."

Jim thinks that Sister Priscilla frequented his mother's apartment — and his bedside — during his third and fourth years in school, when he was 8 and 9. Several times, she even accompanied the temporarily regrouped family, including his brother and sister, on vacations to Cape May on the New Jersey shore. She got drunk on one trip, Jim recalls. "I was in the backseat," he says, "and she was riding shotgun and she said to my mom, 'Pull over.' And my mom pulled over on the side of the highway, and Sister Priscilla puked down the embankment. It was creepy to see a nun throwing up."

Chuckling at the incident, he recalls Sister Priscilla as a small woman with a slight build. "She appeared to be in her late 30s to early 40s, and she never wore makeup," he says. "She had big teeth and mousy eyes and a thin pointy nose." Jim knows that she dressed in

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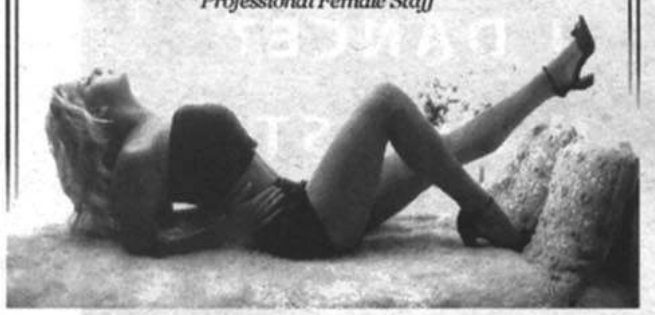

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casual clothes much of the time that she spent at his mother's apartment. However, he pictures her wearing her habit, a brown tunic, in the bedroom in which she molested him, though he knows that that memory may derive from the first impression she made on him as his second-grade teacher.

"But I am sure," he says, "that she had a long, thin silver chain with a cross on the end of it, and it would hit my face and always be around me. That goddamned necklace! If I knew, as a kid, what I know now, I would have grabbed it and stabbed her in the throat with it."

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To twins Gloria and Sherrie, Carmen McGuire was a natural confidante for the information that a fellow teacher had kissed them on the graduation excursion to Disneyland. She had been their journalism teacher for two years and had taught several of their older siblings in the same middle school they were attending. She also acted as a faculty advisor to the newspaper. Says Gloria, "Since I was on the school newspaper, I spent time after school with her. And I asked her to come to a softball game once, begged her, probably, till she couldn't say no. It was Bobby Sox, an outside league, and we played at the school. I don't know how soon afterward she started coaching, but, for a long time, she was also involved with the softball team."

When McGuire got the news about Mr. Taylor, her kissing colleague, she reported him to the principal. The following week, the male teacher mysteriously disappeared. And she began to take Gloria, shell-shocked from the scandal, under her wing.

> "It was always supposed to be our secret," he says. "She would bring God into it."

Being a middle child in a family of ten brothers and sisters, and with both her parents drinking a lot, Gloria took Carmen McGuire to be a godsend. "Carmen and I spent so much time together. She was married, and I became part of her family. She had been trying to have children. She'd take me shopping, I'd get my hair cut, she'd buy me clothes — something they call 'grooming,' I gather — and showered me with attention. I loved her. I loved being with her. She was a parent to me," says Gloria, starting to cry softly.

"My mom wasn't emotionally available at all. We were never close. After a while she became jealous of the relationship that I had with Carmen, and she accused me of being queer. That's how she put it, in an awful way."

McGuire remained at the middle school, while Gloria went on to high school the following year. But they were becoming closer than ever. During the summer, Gloria went on vacation with the McGuires to the Colorado River. They slept alongside each other on the ground under the stars. In the middle of the night, McGuire and Gloria experienced each other sexually.

"Yes, her husband was there, and I don't know who else. But, the next morning, she took me aside and said that she was flattered, but..." Gloria's quavering voice falls off before continuing. "It was 'No' then, and, after that trip, I don't know what made it okay, but the physical relationship started and continued for three years.

"If we went to a game or whatever, I would sleep over at her house. They'd give me dinner, and Bob would go to bed. Then, after I went to bed, Carmen would come into the bedroom and give me a back rub. And one thing led to another. I had never been with anybody physically. I mean, I was 13."

"Did you know what to do?" I ask.

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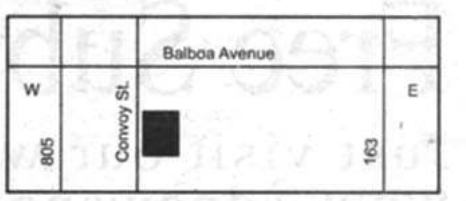

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"No. I don't remember a lot of conversation, but I reciprocated what she did to me. I didn't know how or what. I only did it. And she'd stay in the room for a while and, then, go to bed and her husband."

"Could he have been clueless?" I say.

"He was at the time, though he did know we were fond of each other and that I was from a big family and got a lot of attention from her. It was what any kid would want."

Gloria had a room at the McGuires' house, right down the hall from their bedroom. A low table stood in the room, a detail that a visit to their home only three years ago stimulated in her memory. Because of an inlaid pattern on top of the table, Gloria thought the McGuires had purchased it during a trip to the Orient they had sometimes talked about.

"When I went to their house," she says, "I saw the table, and it brought me shortness of breath. It's not in the bedroom anymore; it's down in the living room. They're in a different house now too. But the table stirred up all kinds of memories. I was sad. I stared at it like it had this life of its own. I remembered it being next to the bed all the time, and it looked so innocent sitting there downstairs with a stereo on it. It was hard seeing it. I don't know how to explain it."

I ask Gloria whether she and Carmen ever got physical in places other than her bedroom in their home.

"It happened anywhere — in the car, for instance. We'd go to the drive-ins and do it there. In fact, when we went to the drive-ins, other people came with us. We'd have blankets. If Bob was driving to the river, I probably told Carmen to come into the backseat with me."

"Did people see you kissing her?" I ask.

"No, there was only a lot of heavy petting — and orgasm. It wasn't anything I was verbal about, however, as though enjoying lovemaking like an adult. But it happened all the time, wherever we were, and whenever I was at the house.

"Usually, there was a routine. I'd go to bed, and she'd take care of Bob." Gloria and I both laugh. "Then she'd come into the room I was in. I understood that she would be there. We'd talk and have a nice time together, and she'd be rubbing my back or my arm, if it was sore, but it didn't matter. I'd have pajamas on, and I'd pull my top up. I'd be lying on my stomach, and she would start giving me a full backrub and go from there. I don't remember having any feelings about it either way. I enjoyed the physical sensations, sure. Emotionally, I don't remember.

"But there would come a point — this is kind of hard — where, after I had an orgasm, she would want to penetrate, and I always stopped her at the same point, every time. I would put my hand on her hand and stop her. And I don't remember the exact words, but she explained to me, one time, that there was more, that it could be better, that it shouldn't stop there. I had no idea what she meant, but it was so automatic to stop her."

McGuire ended the relationship in Gloria's junior year. "I guess I had been crying and showing different emotions to her," says Gloria. "So she told me that it should stop. And I usually get what I want. If I had wanted it, I would have gotten it, whether she wanted to give it or not. And it didn't continue one day after that. So maybe it relieved me that I was off the hook. About then, I had gotten a boyfriend, and Carmen was adopting a child. The adoption, the end of the relationship, and the boyfriend all happened at the same time."

"Did the decision feel good to you?"

"I'm sure it did. I don't remember either way. I remember having the conversation, vaguely, and her suggesting that it was harming me, and I remember telling her, 'No, it's not. Don't worry.' "

"But, deep down, you were relieved?"

"I think so."

"But if you were relieved, then you must have been experiencing some discomfort about the relationship to begin with."

"No, I don't remember, then, ever feeling uncomfortable about it."

Aftermath

Not until much later in her life did Sarah Leonard begin to understand what she had gone through in John Winston's fifth-grade class. It started to dawn on her when, at 16, she read about him in the newspaper. "But I was on a lot of drugs all the way through high school," she says, "so I pretty much ignored it.

"I started doing drugs when I was 13. You name it; I did it. My favorite was crystal meth, because I tend



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to be on the slower side, hardly hyperactive. And I'm not an outgoing person either, so, when I was on crystal meth, I could talk to anybody. I'd be up for three days at a time and I lost a lot of weight. It was great," Sarah says, laughing, "but I was messed up, emotionally.

"I remember the day I picked up the *San Francisco Chronicle* — it was sometime in 1984 — and there was a little column that my teacher had been arrested. They found pictures of little first graders in his desk. And I remember looking at my mom. I said, 'He did this to me.' She said, 'Excuse me,' and I told her all about it, but she wouldn't do anything, and that is weird to me. She couldn't deal with it. She had actually dated him herself. But that was where the conversation stopped. I don't remember ever again talking with her about it. I don't remember her ever asking, 'Do you think you need help, do you need counseling, how has this affected you?' I guess she figured that what happened to me wasn't violent, and he didn't actually rape me."

In an aside, then, Sarah says, "I don't know how adults rape children, physically."

Peter, Sarah's husband, wants to know whether rape is what Winston was arrested for. "The article didn't say that," she says. "But I'm sure he got to that point. If he's tying kids up and taking pictures of them, I'm sure he had raped them and I'm sure that if I'd gone home with him, he would have raped me too."

"Did you follow the trial?" I ask.

"Because my mom didn't treat it like it was a big deal, I didn't pay any more attention to it. I went right back to getting high," says Sarah, laughing. "Didn't want to let anything interrupt me. And I didn't quit until I moved out to my dad's in Michigan, when I was 17. He's much stricter than my mom and wouldn't let me out of his sight. So I had to stop and I wanted to stop. I knew that I was going to kill myself. I'd been in several situations where I should have been dead but wasn't. I don't do anything anymore. But it's amazing how many young kids are doing it, and their parents have no idea. My mom had no idea. I told her many years later, and she asked, 'How did I not know?' And I said, 'You weren't paying attention.' She wasn't."

> "If he's honorable enough and it's in the stars, he would wait until she was 18, or after she was out of high school."

"Were you sexually active at that time too?"

"God, yes. I started having sex when I was 15, and I would have sex with anybody," says Sarah. And then to Peter, "I'm sorry. I'm sure it's the last thing you want to hear."

Peter laughs uncomfortably. "I don't mind," he says.

"At times, I was safe about it," continues Sarah, "but, in 1984, we had only started hearing about AIDS, and I was not afraid of it, because, from what we knew, it was a gay disease. I had enough wherewithal to get a diaphragm, though, so that I never got pregnant. And I never had an STD, I don't know why. I was lucky. The drugs contributed. I don't think I would have

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been having sex with that many people if I weren't either drunk or stoned or on crystal meth. I remember precious little time, then, when I was sober.

"But when I went to my dad's, I got a steady boyfriend, and we had a traditional dating relationship. We went to the movies — something weird for me — and I got to know him well and I got to know his family before I became physical with him, something also new for me. Most of the time, when I was younger, it was," says Sarah, snapping her fingers, "whenever."

I ask Sarah whether she laid down limits with that boy.

"No, he was a nice boy," she says. "He shook my hand on our first date. He was the sweetest person I'd ever met, at the time. I'd never been treated with such respect before, and it was strange."

In 1991, Sarah spent part of the summer in Paris. "My father was teaching there, and he took a group of students with him. I jumped on that group rate, and then I subleased my own cute little apartment in Paris. I wasn't studying, but I wanted to keep up with my language skills. My major had been language studies, I was fluent in French, and I wanted to take that French out into the world.

"Right by my apartment, there was a little open-air market on Wednesdays, and I'd go there and buy my vegetables and bread," says Sarah, pausing with a sigh. "One day, I met a group of young French people, boys and girls; they were a little younger than me, but not much. I was 23. We had some of the same interests, so we would hang out together, and they showed me parts of Paris that I wouldn't have seen otherwise. And I got to practice a lot of French with them and see what it was like to live there. One of them looked like Tom Cruise, quite attractive. He had dark hair and he was a kick boxer, athletic and strong and much bigger than me. We had a sexual tension going, but we never did anything about it. It was more flirtation. We kissed a couple of times and we played, but we never got any further than that. I didn't want it to go any further than that, because I didn't know him.

"Then came Bastille Day, French Independence, July 14, and a lot goes on that day. It's much bigger than July 4 is here, with street dances and craziness all over Paris. The firemen have the biggest street dances; I don't know why. So my new friends invited me to this street dance, but they were waiting for some of their other friends to come meet them and they asked me, 'Can we come up to your apartment, because we don't have anywhere else to wait right now.' I was hesitant, because I didn't know them that well. I told them, 'I don't think that's a good idea,' and they chided me, saying, 'Nothing will happen,' and I gave in.

"So Stefan, the good-looking one, his friend, Laurent — I guess the names aren't important, but I'll never forget them — and two girls came up. Stefan was not only big, but also muscular, because he did martial arts every day. They had a bottle of something with them, and we were sitting on the floor in the living room, where my bed happened to be — it was a studio — and we talked. And they asked, 'Can we have a couple of drinks while we're here?' I said, 'Well, I guess it couldn't hurt.'

"Their other friends were coming from across the city, which took a good half hour. So we waited. I

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didn't drink at the time, but it was a holiday, and I decided to have one drink. That was not a big deal to me. One drink might get me a little loopy, but that's it. So I had one, in a small liqueur glass. And that's the last thing I remember. I can't prove anything, but one drink wouldn't do that to me. What happened after that, one of the girls told me later. Apparently, all these people from across town came into my apartment, had a huge party, set off firecrackers in the elevator, and spilled wine up and down the hall. The police came, though I don't remember this at all, and I went to the door and talked to them. I don't know how I spoke in French when I was drunk, or drugged. Apparently, I made the police go away. The next thing I remember, I was on the floor and I didn't have any clothes on, and Stefan was on top of me. He said, 'You started this; you have to finish it,' and he was acting violent. He didn't hit me, but he was threatening to hurt me. I don't know why I didn't fight back. I don't know why to this day I didn't fight back, but I didn't. I guess I was afraid. And I was drugged. I think I didn't have the strength in my body to fight back. By that time, he was done, and I'm lying there naked. I don't know how I got that way. I suppose he took my clothes off, though I don't know if I took them off myself. I don't remember."

Peter, who has been sitting quietly, asks softly, "Was anyone else there?"

"A bunch of people were in the room," says Sarah. "The apartment was quite small. A little kitchen extended off to the side, but that was it. Some of them were watching, and Laurent was doing something in the bathroom with some girl. I don't think they were having sex in there. She was throwing up. Then he came out into the living room and saw me lying there without my clothes. He told me, 'I'm next,' and, by that time, I was jolted into reality. I said, 'Oh no,' and I had to put my legs up to block him and push him away. Then I got my clothes on and started kicking people out. It must have been three, four o'clock in the morning, and, of course, we hadn't done any of the fun Independence Day stuff.

"Stefan, by this time, had passed out. We couldn't wake him up, so he stayed in my apartment all night, and I sat on a chair and watched him. I kept kicking him to get up and get the hell out, but he was so drunk that he wouldn't wake up. So I waited and kept kicking him, and, finally — it must have been seven or eight in the morning, or later — he woke up and threatened my life. He told me, 'If you tell anybody, or if I see you around here, I'll kill you,' and he was dead serious. I believed him. They have those circular streets in France, where you go around the fountain. I lived on one side of the circle, and he lived on the other. He lived so close to me that he could see me coming up out of the subway, and, after that day, I was afraid to go back.

"It took a huge screaming fight to kick him out that morning. He called me terrible, terrible things, a whore and this and that. The words were horrible. The last thing he said before he went out the door was, 'Oh, by the way, I'm infected with HIV,' and he shut the door. And my whole body started shaking. I got into the hot shower and I scrubbed myself for half an hour, which is archetypal, trying to get the sin off your body. I packed up my backpack, because I wasn't going to come back, though I had several weeks left to go in the apartment. And I called one of the girls. She had gone to high school with him and had known him since he was little. I was more worried about HIV than anything else, because it was exploding in Paris at the time, and I told her, 'You have to tell me if he has AIDS.' She said, 'Oh, he was making that up. He's an asshole.' But I didn't believe her. I didn't believe any of them, because they had all let this happen. My dad and my stepmom were staying in an apartment across town, and I took the train to their place with all my stuff."

> "I had already realized that using that effect on men or boys would get me quite far. I hate to admit it, but in high school I used it a lot with my teachers if I was getting a bad grade."

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In late February, not long after the blowup of her relationship with her high school physics teacher, Allison Marsh decided to "go out and have sex with somebody." That somebody turned out to be a 24-year-old fellow worker in a Burger King, where she had recently started to fill up the time she now had on her hands.

"I did it," says Allison, "because David and I didn't have sex when I was a virgin, like we'd planned. Under normal circumstances, I wouldn't have done it. That was not my character, but I was so emotionally messed up. And I remember thinking, 'If we're not going to have sex, I can.' And I did. But it was only a symbolic act and not a satisfying experience at all. I know it was mistaken, a kind of rebound retaliation. He was older than me too, by about seven years. I didn't care about the guy."

"Did he know of your relationship with the teacher?" I ask.

"Yes. At that point, I would tell anybody who would listen, just to get it out."

By May, Allison had met someone her own age who would become her boyfriend for the next three years. They had sex right away, but "it took me a while to open up emotionally, to trust him," she says. They dated throughout their senior year, and he supported her in recovering

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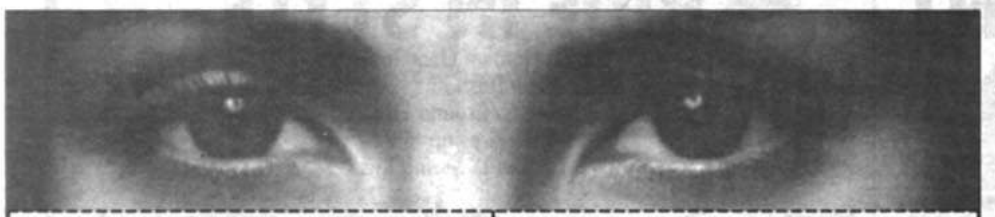

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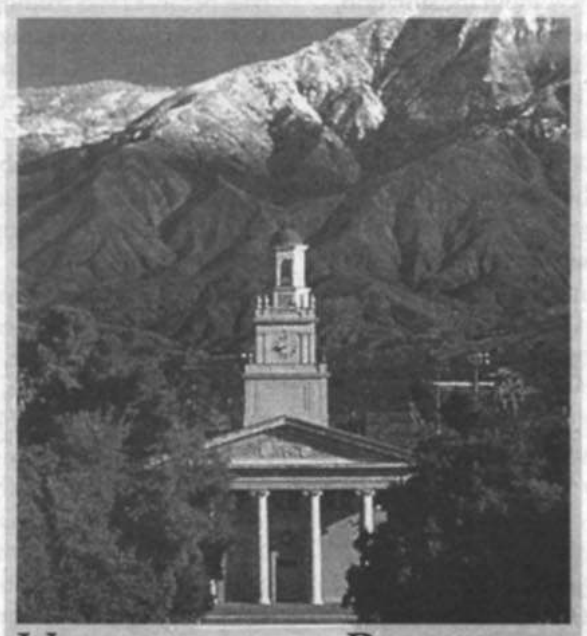

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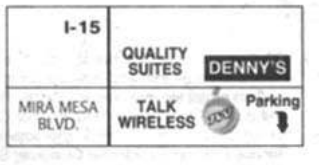

from the trauma of her relationship with Mead. He supported Allison especially through a difficult repercussion of that affair.

Allison took senior biology from Mead's brother-in-law and colleague in the high school's science department. "This teacher knew about the situation," she says. "Everybody in the school seemed to know. So my senior year, he would talk to me about it, and we had a discussion about whether or not David's wife should know about her husband's infidelity. I was reluctant, but he said she was a teacher right down the road, and I thought that, okay, I'd go. It had been six to eight months after David and I ended, so I wasn't still so emotionally wrecked."

"Do you mean that Mead's wife's brother talked you into going to see her?" I ask Allison.

"No. We talked together," she says. "If I wasn't going to go, I wasn't going to go, regardless. But he was a deacon at a church and invited me to go to that church. So I went, and we became friends. I think his motives were pure. He was concerned for his sister. It wasn't an underhanded trick against anybody. Because of the comfort I felt with him, I knew he was being genuine in wanting his sister to know straight from me, whatever rumors were out there. So I agreed."

"Do you think that Mead's wife heard all those rumors?"

"She didn't teach at our high school, so maybe not. But we went to meet her after school one day. We went to an elementary school, and her brother says, 'Wait here; I'll be right back.' And he went into his sister's classroom and came back and got me, and we went into the classroom together. We sat down — I'm sitting across from her — and she says, 'My brother said that you have something to talk to me about. I don't know what it is, but I'm a good listener, and I'm here for you, whatever you need to talk about.' So she seemed to have no clue. I felt bad, because I was coming there to tell her these things about her husband, and she was so welcoming to me. She thought I was some high school girl with a problem who needed a female to talk to. Like she was going to be a counselor.

"Then, her brother says, 'I'm going to leave you two to talk.' He went outside. I told her, 'Last year I was having a relationship with your husband.' And she didn't get hostile. She only said, 'I think you're mistaken.' She was very calm. I explained that I was a student of his, that I knew where they lived, that I had their phone number. And I said, 'I've gone to his softball games, which are on Tuesday nights at seven o'clock, and you were never there, and people would think I was his wife.' She, then, would shake her head and say, 'I know my husband loves me and would never do anything to hurt us' — her family — 'I know he loves us; he would never do anything to hurt us.' And I would tell her more and more, and she would say again, 'I know my husband loves us and would never do anything to hurt us.' She kept repeating that over and over. Whatever I would say, that's what she would say back, 10 or 20 times. I mean, she kept saying it over and over, as if she had to hear it to convince herself that it was true. And I told her what I needed to tell her, and then her brother and I left. It was anticlimactic. Nobody cried; it was no big scene."



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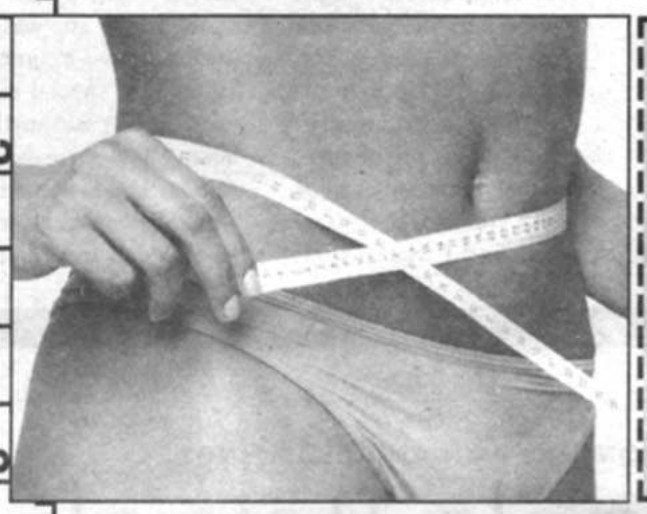

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I ask Allison whether she described any of her own physical intimacy with Mead.

"Some of it," she says. "I didn't think she needed to know much detail, only that we had kissed and made out and that we didn't have sex. I don't know whether or not she believed it. I felt that she needed to be aware enough that if this happened again, and some other girl came to her, she must think, 'Gosh, someone else came to me a year ago; here's another girl,' and she would see a pattern. They've got two daughters, at least, by now."

I remind myself, "The second daughter was the one they were expecting when Mead broke it to you that his wife was pregnant."

"Yes," says Allison, reaching into her purse and pulling a snapshot from her wallet. "That's his first daughter." And she shows me the picture of a smiling towhead, who looks to be two or three.

After Allison finished high school, she went off to UC Santa Barbara to work on her bachelor's degree. She came home as often as she could to keep up the relationship with her boyfriend, who stayed in town to work instead of going to college. The separation, however, undid the relationship, and "we grew apart," says Allison, who found breaking up to be painful again. In compensation, perhaps, she began an eight-month affair with a man 20 years older than herself.

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Gloria Stevenson had learned to prevent teacher Carmen McGuire from penetrating her. She thinks, today, that she learned it all too well. By the time she married her husband Jeff, the response had become automatic.

Of course, Jeff penetrated her in the physical sense. "But I never let him in, emotionally. Sex wasn't as free as it could have been, as uninhibited. We had no real intimacy. I was always somewhere else. I think it's because I never felt as close to anybody as I did to Carmen. Learning about sex the way I did with her, I became a silent partner all the time," says Gloria, her voice cracking as she begins to sob softly. "So I never got comfortable in actively participating. I would feel victimized all over again. I knew Jeff wasn't victimizing me, and I loved him dearly. But I was only doing what had to be done. Sure, I was there and I was participating, but I was not free to express myself, and I'm certain that it's because I wasn't initially, with Carmen.

"Besides, it was a secret to have sex, and I'm Catholic." She laughs aloud. "That's a good excuse, isn't it? When I had a baby — after six years — the sex didn't stop, exactly. But it became infrequent, let's put it that way."

Gloria's marriage to Jeff ended after 15 years. A year later, Gloria sought counseling. She has been seeing therapist Ann Wilson regularly ever since.

"Supposedly, I went in to talk about my divorce, but that didn't come up for weeks. We talked about Carmen. And I was in total denial about that for eight, nine months. I had always felt that Carmen was this love of my life. She showered me with attention, she inspired me, and she was there when I was struggling with anything. She was a mom to me," says Gloria, starting to cry softly again. She has difficulty going on.

"Carmen was more of a mom to me than my own mom. I loved her and thought that she was this great once-in-a-lifetime love someplace special in my heart. I never said anything about this to anybody until, one day, I told a friend from work. She's an older woman, and her dad, from an early

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age, had sexually molested her. I had her over for dinner, and she kept talking about incest and all this stuff. She claimed later that I kept changing the subject, which I don't remember, and then said, 'Boy, if I've ever seen somebody running from something.' I thought she was nuts but, shortly after that, I confided in her. We were talking about relationships, and I told her that the one perfect relationship I had had was with Carmen, and this woman kept asking about her, especially how Carmen was 17 years older than me. She finally told me, 'Well, that wasn't anything; she was molesting you.' And that was the first time that I'd ever heard the word 'molest' associated with my relationship. I didn't react at all. It didn't scare me, and I wasn't resentful, but it did have a ring of truth to me. Still, I thought the woman was crazy. I still think she is, but for other reasons," says Gloria, laughing. "She kept talking about it. I thought, 'Shit, lady, shut up. I don't want to go there.' But I'm grateful to her. It opened me up."

"Because it led you to seek counseling?" I ask.

"I had been searching for counseling for quite some time but never took the step. I'd make appointments all over town and wouldn't show."

When Gloria did begin weekly therapy sessions with Ann Wilson, she tried as best she could to maintain her denial. "I kept insisting to her that Carmen and I had this ideal relationship," she says, "that the sex had been a progression of our affection for each other, that that's where the affection led, saying, in effect, 'Where else would it go?' But Ann consistently questioned that view. She started drawing conclusions, and I'm sure I was a walking classic symptom to her because of the issues that I was dealing with. I guess it's common, when you hit a catastrophe in your life, to face your issues.

"Anyway, my life started to make some sense. I mean, I abused drugs for most — well, all — of my marriage. Both my husband and I used them. And I never had any direction. I had no boundaries in relationships. I couldn't trust anybody. But once things started to fall into place, everything made sense."

"While you were married, did you think much about Carmen?" I ask.

"On and off," says Gloria. "Her son was in my wedding, and I always knew where she lived. We always kept in touch, with a Christmas card or whatever. But I don't ever remember thinking anything about her, anything negative, anyway. Never."

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were you taking?"

"We did pot and cocaine and, then, we moved to San Bernardino, the crack capital," says Gloria, laughing. "The crystal was also easier to get there than in San Diego. And I realized, once we moved, that it became a secret. I had started using without Jeff's knowledge. I worked late hours in a restaurant, and that whole life was conducive to it. The only reason I stopped was because I got pregnant."

"Did you take it up later?"

"I did. The divorce had played into it. My husband traveled all the time. He was never home, and the marriage wasn't working."

I ask Gloria whether, at the time, she thought she was a drug addict.

"Oh, no. You never think you're a drug addict," she says with a loud laugh. "But I needed to stop, yes. So I sought some help from a human resource person at work. I was scared to death they were going to fire me. I was doing drugs at work. So I quit about four years ago.

"But I even used with Carmen in the house. The first day I had counseling with Ann, I called Carmen. I hadn't talked to her in I don't know how long, but I got the courage to ask her whether there was anything about our relationship that caused her concern. And I invited her to come down to San Diego. We went to a concert together, and she stayed half the night, and we talked about the relationship, and, when she'd be downstairs, I was upstairs doing drugs. Then I told her that I used. She asked, 'Do we need to get you help?' and I blew it off. But if I hadn't said anything, she would never have known otherwise. She's straitlaced."

Gloria's recent encounters with Carmen haven't all been as cordial.

"Every time I get Carmen on the phone now," she says, "I rip her to shreds. What I say and do expresses the anger that I feel. Ann has told me that my anger is due partly to the fact that Carmen has suffered no repercussions. It does vindicate you if some steps are taken to bring justice. When I first called her, after starting counseling, my big fear was about her not admitting that it happened. But she did say it happened, and that validated everything I felt and allowed me to go from there.

"I didn't think I was angry with Carmen," says Gloria with a chuckle, "but, after he found out about everything, I had an affair with her husband, a one-night thing in her house. And I don't believe that otherwise, I, the person that I am, would ever betray somebody in such a way, especially someone I think is a great friend and a mother to me."

I remark that Carmen's husband could have been getting even with her too.

"Absolutely. It's sick," says Gloria. "He initiated it, and in their visitor's bedroom too. It was surreal. That happened only four years ago. I was an adult and aware of everything I was doing. She was gone. Everything about it was so deceitful, and it's disgusting to me."

"A little piece of revenge," I say.

"I didn't see it that way, but I have to accept that that's what it was. I told Carmen, 'He used me for sex, and so did you. You're both the same.' It bugs me, because I have to take full responsibility for it, but he initiated it, and I think he planned it, that we would be in the house alone. Yet I haven't been able to talk to him about it, about where he was coming from and why he needed to do that.

"Carmen never had to tell him what happened. I told him everything. I thought he should know. One of his comments was, 'Don't tell me it happened out at the river. Don't tell me everyone was getting it out there except me.' That made me angry. I felt victimized all over again, because I was telling him about it so that he would see me as suffering from it now, but I think it was voyeuristic for him. I swear, he was probably beating off while I was telling him every night for a week on the phone. Carmen was gone those nights, and, stupid me, I thought I was gaining an ally, while he took it as sex talk. And, while trying to get him to understand and validate everything, I asked, 'What did Carmen tell you?' He said, 'Only that she loved you.'

"When I asked Carmen why she did it, she also said, because she loved me, which is sad, since I know that she loved me and I loved her too. But she was a teacher and she should have known better. It's up to her — the adult — to say, 'Look, it's nice, but we can't do this.' "

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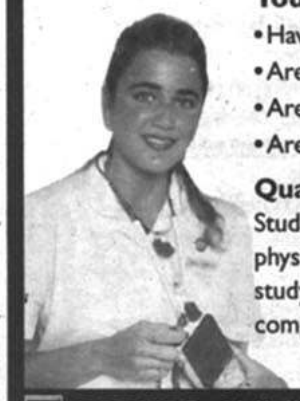

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have to report Carmen to Child Protective Services," I ask, "as soon as you started counseling?"

"Ann had told me, right up front, that if she knew Carmen's last name, she would have to report her. I told her, 'You're not going to know her name.' This is funny, because, growing up, I had always called Carmen by her last name, McGuire, since she was my teacher. But, in counseling, I was referring to her as 'Carmen' the entire time. Well, about seven months into it, I mentioned her last name."

"Accidentally?"

"Ann doesn't think it was an accident," says Gloria, "but it only slipped out in my telling a story. Suddenly, she knew both of Carmen's names and she had to report her. I felt awful, because I never would have gone to counseling, if that's where it was going to lead me. And the eating disorder started then. I didn't know, at first, what caused it. I went through all these tests, because they had to eliminate everything else, of course — a tumor, an ulcer, or reflux. I was missing a lot of work and almost lost my job because of it. I was throwing up violently until I was empty. I could throw up at will. I'd get worked up and, once I realized I could do it and once I was agitated, I was not going to relax until I threw up."

"The agitation was about Carmen getting discovered," I say.

"Yes, because she's still teaching, and she and I were trying to work through this together. She decided she would resign. When I first turned to her and asked her to fill in the memory lapses, and we were saying that we loved each other, blah blah blah, she never admitted to crossing a boundary, or any guilt, nothing, except that she spent years praying for both of us and that she had watched me continue on to college, get married, and seem happy on the outside. She didn't know the havoc I was living every day, with the drugs completely out of control, spending, and everything else. So, now that she understood better, and once her name was revealed, she was going to resign. And I insisted that she not do it.

"But when Ann contacted Child Protective Services," says Gloria, "they told her she would have to go to the police. Now, if Carmen's own children were under 18, they would have taken them from her. What they want is a list of names of children who are in danger every day. Well, she's a substitute teacher now. She's with a different group of kids every day. No names could be given, and her kids are out of the house, which meant no danger to her, but she didn't know that. So she wanted to meet Ann, who agreed to hear Carmen out. The day after they talked, Ann called me and said she had to report Carmen, and it was awful not knowing where it would go from there.

"But Carmen did not resign, and the only people who learned about it were Child Protective Services.

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I don't even know if they took a report, since Ann couldn't give specific names. I even called the 800 number. Ann called in Orange County, and I called down here, because I wanted to know what would happen if action were taken. I got this woman on the phone. So I'm telling her the story, and she said, 'You need to go to the police.' I said, 'Oh, no.' 'Do you still talk to this person?' she asked. I told her, 'Yes, she's like a mom.' And I pictured her putting her hand over the receiver and yelling out to the old ladies, 'Hey, I've got a live one here,' " says Gloria, laughing loudly. "Then she wanted to keep me on the line and get involved, but I said, 'Okay, thanks.' She didn't know *what* she had.

"So who knows about Carmen? I told my sister and her husband," Gloria says. "But nobody else in Carmen's world knows. She's suffered no repercussions, other than her guilt."

I ask Gloria whether she thinks Carmen has suffered over what she did.

"Yes," she says. "Now she's holier than thou, very religious, though I'd rather not say which one."

"Did she turn to religion after molesting you?"

"She studied her religion before that, but not to the depths she's into it now. At one of my support groups, they laughed, because I guess molestation is common among religious fanatics and extremists.

"But what I'm most resentful about is that the relationship has wreaked havoc on me, and I have to spend the rest of my life cleaning it up, whereas, for this person, it was a done deal. When it stopped, it was over for her, and, if I hadn't reached out to her, it would have never been discussed.

"In the second meeting with my therapist, I announced, 'Hey, I called Carmen.' I'm sure Ann would have discouraged it because of what Carmen might say. In fact, when we went out the first time several years ago, I asked Carmen about the orgasms, and she almost crashed her car," says Gloria with a loud laugh, "like she'd never heard the word. I got upset about it, because here I was trying to confirm what I remembered happening, and she's acting like she didn't know what the word meant. So, for a moment, I thought, 'My God, have I never had one in my life and didn't know it?' I'm sure that that's what I had experienced with her. But she would not validate what I was trying to get from her."

"Did she deny having an orgasm herself?" I ask.

"She didn't out and out deny it; she only acted like it had never happened between us. Then, one time, she came around, and we talked about it. After that, we never spoke the big O-word again. But I dropped a lot of things. I knew how to talk to her and what I shouldn't bring up, always a game of words. Saying the words had a lot of shock value. I wanted to see her reaction. I'll do things to

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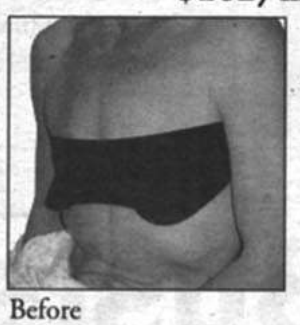
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get a reaction from her. She's different than me, and her kids are different. She's reserved and exudes this sense of decorum.

"She looks like your basic librarian/teacher. She wears glasses and she's small. A friend of mine referred to her as a tomboy. She's athletic, but not how some teachers are, where you think, 'Oh yeah, she's a dike.' None of that. Although she does have a sister that's a lesbian. In fact, her husband said he worried he was married to a lesbian himself. I refrained from telling him, 'No, only a child molester,' " laughs Gloria. "But, to me, she looks like a church lady."

* * *

Jim Hampton played high school football in North Carolina — his father had moved the family from Pennsylvania several years earlier — and, during his senior year, he started drinking and experimenting with drugs. He confesses, too, that he liked to seduce the high school girls, when he could, and then "throw them away." But he already knew that he was gay.

At 19, he sought psychotherapy for "a culmination" of issues from his childhood, primarily his parents' divorce and his own sexuality. "The weird thing," Jim says, "is that I had completely forgotten about Sister Priscilla. I had pushed it way back.

"My sexuality was the straw that broke the camel's back. I realized that I needed to deal with that, and, then, once I started, we had to start peeling layers away. In that process, Sister Priscilla came out."

"You were living in the home state of Jesse Helms," I say. "Were you thinking, 'I'm gay; I need to be cured'?"

"I knew that wasn't going to happen. The question was how to deal with it and how do I still get the approval from my parents that I want. That was the main thing."

"Did your psychotherapist try to make a connection between your being gay and what Sister Priscilla did to you?"

"Yes, we had some discussion about that," Jim says, "but it was tangled up with a lot of intricacies. My mom was dealing with her own sexuality at the time that she and Sister Priscilla were friends. I still haven't asked my mom if any kind of relationship was going on between the two of them. I suspect there was, but, because of what happened to me and her guilt feelings about it, anything related to Sister Priscilla is such a sensitive issue with my mom that I've never asked."

Jim's mother has been living in a relationship with another woman for the last ten years.

"Sister Priscilla came up when the therapist straight-out asked whether I was ever sexually abused, and initially I denied it. Then I got to this point where I trusted her so much. I knew that I had to talk about it, because she insisted on dealing with everything, not leaving anything unopened. That's when it surfaced. She did an incredible job of getting me to talk about it. She was an awesome therapist.

"And getting it all out was sad," says Jim, "not a hysterical rage. I remember starting to talk about it comfortably, then crying, but without my voice cracking. Tears were running down my face, and I told the whole story. I was numb to everything else around me, and when I came to, my therapist was even crying.

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"I associate that time, the time of the therapy, and that age in my life, with being sad and scared, though I wasn't able to express much then. The anger came, but not until I talked about the molestation to my mom, who knew nothing of it at the time that it happened. Then, seeing my mom's guilt feelings over not having stopped it and her anger at Sister Priscilla, I got pissed off about it too."

In his early and mid-20s, Jim increased for a while his use of alcohol and drugs, especially cocaine. Also, he indulged occasionally in bursts of unprotected sexual activity. He describes to me going on a weeklong "binge" during a vacation in Hawaii some years ago. Over the course of the week, he went through five sexual partners.

I ask Jim what ever became of Sister Priscilla.

"The last I heard was that she had kicked the habit, so to speak, left the church, and went to Philadelphia a couple of years after my experience with her. In the meantime, my mom graduated from a Ph.D. program. She got a good job and moved on in her life. I never heard anything more about Sister Priscilla. My mom had lost contact with her. I guess they parted their own ways."

"Did you ever want to track the nun down and confront her?" I ask.

"Oh, definitely! When I told my mom, she asked my permission to find her in case we wanted to press charges. But we agreed, at last, that it would be less painful if we dealt with it by talking together, rather than by rehashing the whole thing with Sister Priscilla. That would have been too much. I knew that my life would go on and I would be okay with it. The hardest part of the whole thing was telling my mom and seeing her go through those emotions. That was tough."

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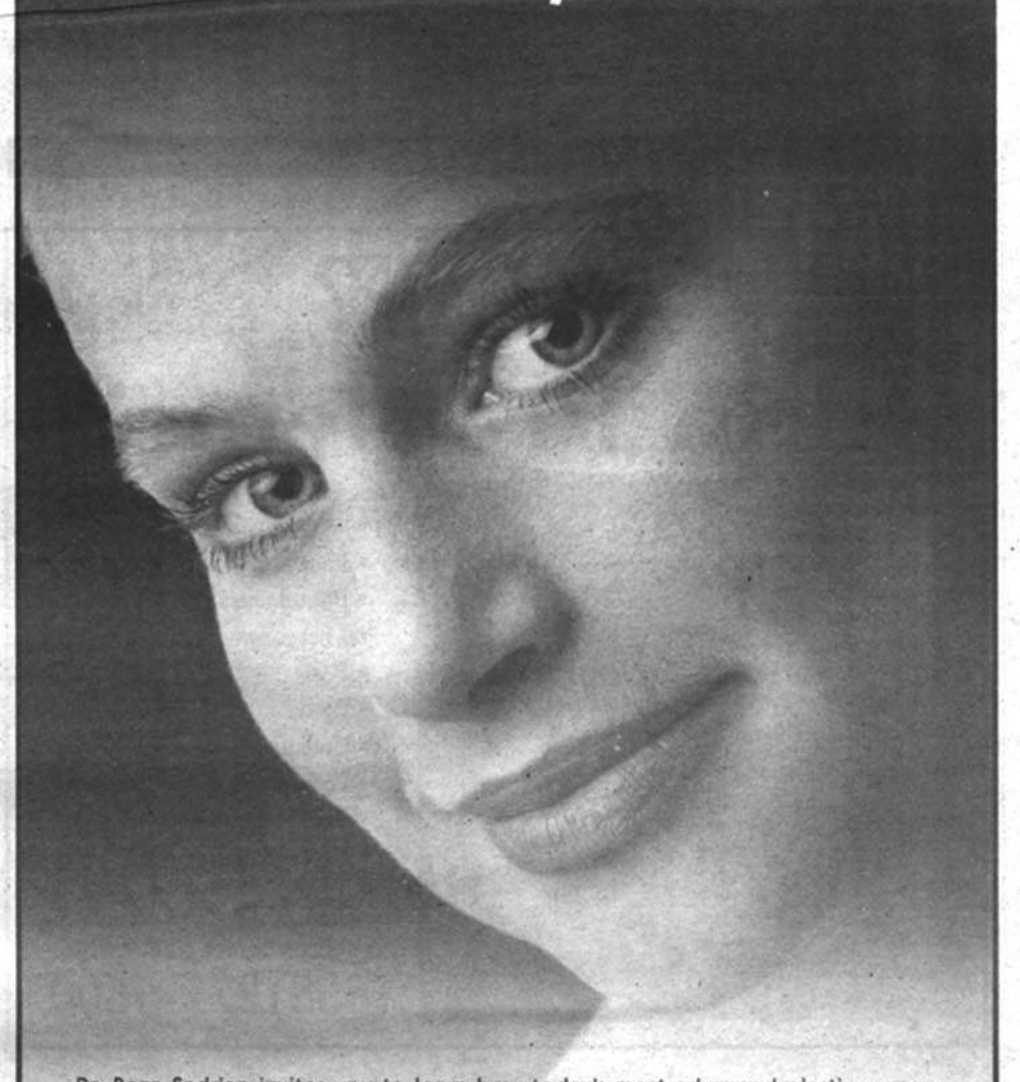

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life," she says. "Everything was a secret — stupid, ridiculous things — and Carmen was the beginning. That secret was especially taboo. You run a big risk if you tell somebody. It's implied that, if anybody knows, we can't have this special relationship. Am I not going to see my special friend? Are they going to take her away? So you'd never want to tell. Although Carmen never threatened me or suggested that I keep anything a secret, it was understood.

"I trusted Carmen more than I trusted anybody, and she betrayed that. She could have been so positive in my life, but the sex tainted it. Trust and boundaries have been big issues for me. Though I've always been talkative, everything's a joke. Bring up something serious? I would make comments. And, for a long time, my humor was always sexual innuendo. In the last three years, I've made a concerted effort to change that. Now I know where it all came from."

The boundary issues that Gloria mentioned make me wonder whether, at times, she became promiscuous. Not in her case, she says. In group work she has learned, however, that victims of molestation can go either way.

"In your case, then," I say, "the boundary has been fortified to keep people out."

"Yes, but believing that I trusted them, that I was letting them in, and later realizing that nobody was close, that nobody knew me. I had tons of friends, but never any to the soul, because I was afraid that, if I let them know who I was and what I was about," says Gloria, starting now into a soft sob, "they would judge me and not want to be my friends.

"I've been in this support group for ten weeks now, and I thought that I'd bonded with these women, right? Everyone talked, but, one day, I decided I was going to quit, that it would be the last group I was going to participate in. Then, I happened to tell, for the first time, the story about the little fling I had with Carmen's husband, and someone said, 'Wow, the onion's becoming unpeeled.' So I stayed, and they told me at the next meeting, 'Here you've been sitting for ten weeks, with this grin on your face, acting like everything's peachy keen, and you had built this wall around you.' That was a message to me. I truly felt I had been a part of this group, but I realized, then, that I wasn't, and my work had only begun. So I knew that I had to continue."

Jim Hampton, too, reflects on a possible connection, in his own life, between trust and a secrecy Sister Priscilla imposed on him. "It was always supposed to be our secret," he says. "She would bring God into it. It was our secret and God's secret. And she told me, specifically, not to tell my mom.

"And one thing I know about myself as a child, because I heard it forever. My mom and my sister and friends and aunts and uncles have always told me that I was such a trusting kid: I have often wondered, 'Why me, and not my brother and my sister?' I think that it was probably because I was so trusting.

"But in my intimate relationships, today," Jim says, "trust is an issue. I don't know if that's because Sister Priscilla had tried her hardest to get me to trust her, and I realized, as I got older, that that was messed up."

Jim broke up with his lover of three years, Jerry, not long ago. He started seeing another man, but that is beginning to look shaky too.

"I often like to think that, in my relationship with Jerry, he was the one that gave me reason not to trust him. However, I think it was a catch-22, because I probably looked a little too hard to blame him for the trust problems, especially in intimacy and sex. For example, he set the scenario by not wanting to have sex. Then I had a hard time trusting him when he was actu-

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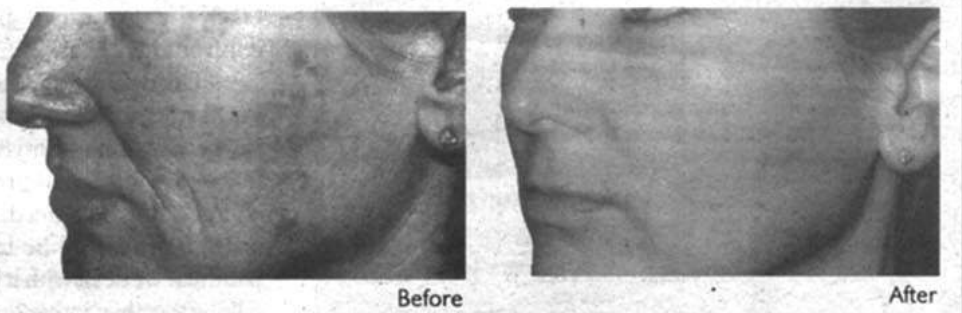

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ally willing to have sex. Does that make sense?"

"When he was willing, then you weren't," I say.

"I was standoffish," says Jim. "What I'd say to him was, 'You didn't want to do anything for so long, why should I now be comfortable with this; why should I allow this to happen?' Did he give me sufficient reason not to trust? I'm not sure that's the truth. I think that my own trust issue there was what blocked us."

Still, Jim is bitter about the "meanness" with which Jerry treated him. The reason, however, that his new relationship is on the rocks, he says, is that his partner is even meaner to him than Jerry was.

Could it be, also, that an inability to trust prevented Sarah Leonard from disclosing to her father and stepmother a terrible burden? On the day following her rape in Paris, she took the train across town and "told them part of it. Do you know what they kept saying? 'It could have been worse; you could have been raped.' That's what they kept saying to me, over and over and over again. I can't count the times my stepmom said that to me." To this day, they don't know the truth, because Sarah could not bring herself to tell them. "I spent several days at their apartment, sleeping on the floor, and I couldn't eat, I couldn't sleep, and I couldn't think of anything else."

"What are better than secrets?" asks Allison, as we talk about the one she kept with physics teacher David Mead. "None of my friends knew. That was part of the attraction; the relationship was so secretive." Yet, that secrecy came close to destroying the trust between Allison and her mother. "I had to lie to my mom all the time to tell her where I was going," she says. "I couldn't say, 'Oh, I'm going back to school to meet him.' I would tell her I was going to a friend's house or the library or whatever I could think of."

Then came the affair she had with a man 20 years her senior after breaking up with the boyfriend of her college years. "Nobody could know," Allison says, "so it was like David and me, rehashed in different form."

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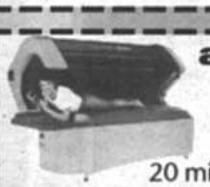

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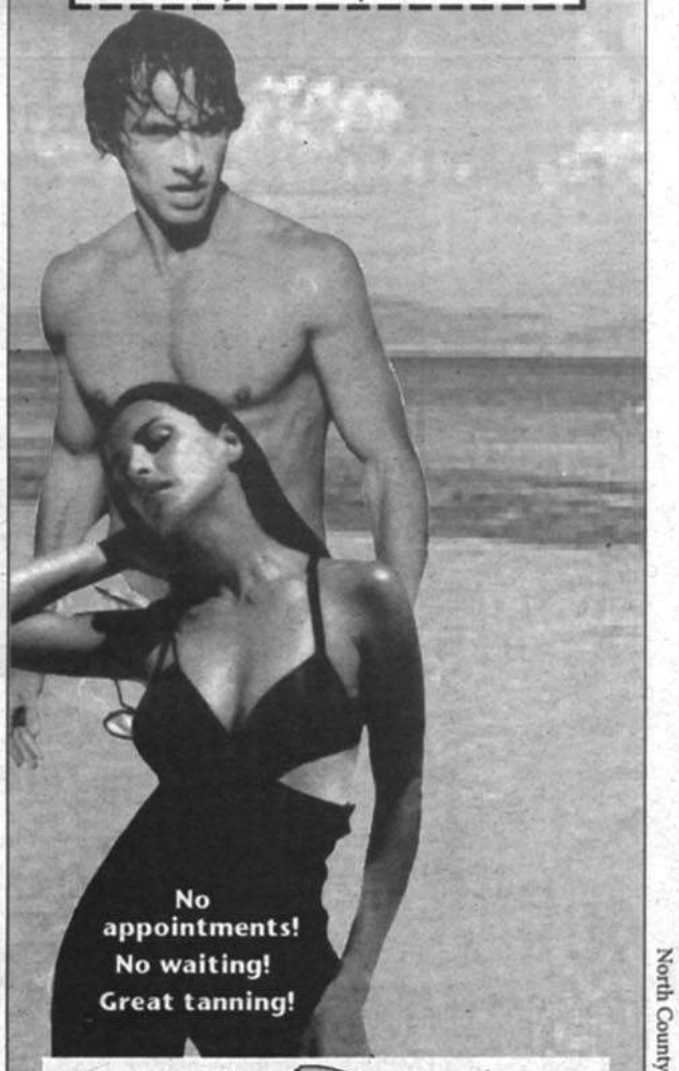

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We have been talking about the teacher affair, and I say, "When, in your current life, you have a difficulty, any difficulty, do you ever say to yourself that it's the result of what happened in that episode back then?"

"Sort of like karma?" asks Allison, breaking into a laugh. "Well, losing my virginity with the coworker from Burger King traces back to the teacher. And the guy I dated when I was 20, who was twice my age. I thought that might have some correlation. It was less like dating than another secretive situation."

Still ignorant about the man's identity, I ask Allison what he did for a living.

"He's an electrician," she says.

"So, this time, the job he had wasn't a problem," I say, "like being your teacher or some other authority in your life. Nevertheless, you kept it secret from other people. Did you do that only because he was older?"

"No," a coy Allison says. "The boyfriend I went with for three years in college, it was his father. So we didn't want him to find out, or his mother and stepfather." Allison visited the electrician, who lived by himself, for eight months on visits back home from college in Santa Barbara. "At first, I would go talk to him about breaking up with his son. Then it sort of evolved into something else."

Today, she goes with an older man too. He is a minister and has a church in Orange County, where Allison drives from San Diego on the weekends. He recently separated from his wife, and Allison is hopeful that, one day soon, they will marry.

Allison and I return to her affair with Mead. "It wasn't a forced situation or against my will," she says. "But looking back, I know that he was abusing his power. At the time, I didn't feel that way at all. I felt that it was a mutual thing, that he was my boyfriend, which was my fantasy, partly. I suppose I didn't separate what I wanted from what was actually happening. But being a teacher now has made me realize a lot more about the situation than I thought of at the time."

I ask Allison what she would do if a high school girl came to her today and confided being in a similar situation, as she had done with her Spanish teacher at the time of her affair with Mead. "Let's imagine also," I say, "that the girl says, 'But I'm in love with him,' the way you were in love with Mead."

"First, I would report it to somebody," she says. "It sounds so cliché, but I would. And I'd say, looking at all the damage that it did me when I was in high school, that no good can come out of it. If he's honorable enough and it's in

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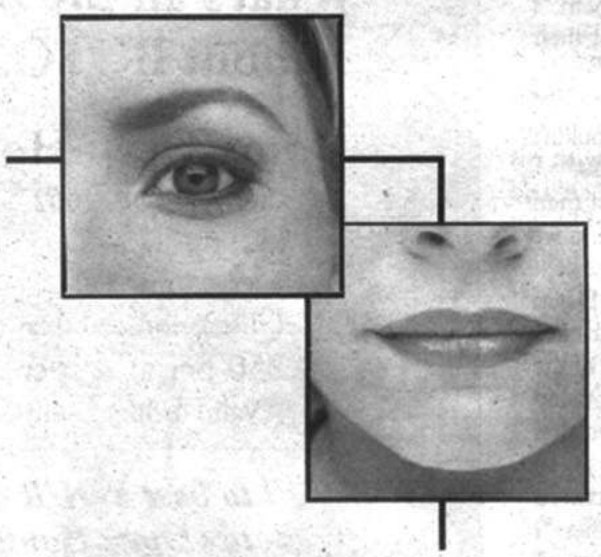

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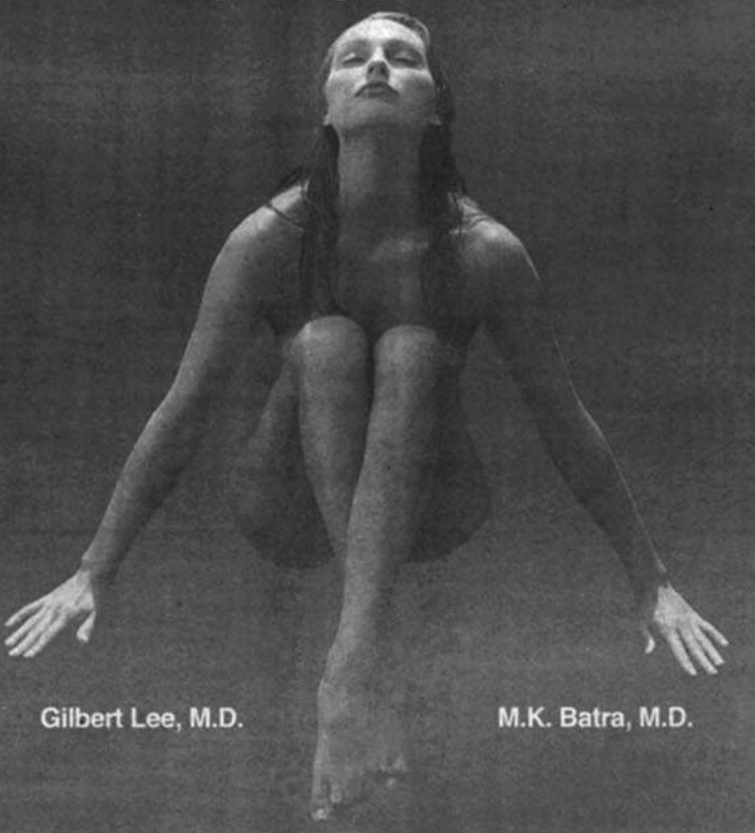

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the stars, he would wait until she was 18, or after she was out of high school, when she was not in his class anymore.

"David's biggest disservice to me was that he stole the innocence I had as a high school student. In all the things that I learned about the physical aspect, I had no idea what was happening. When he put his fingers inside of me, I didn't know what it was about. I didn't know anything, and it was so new. I was too young to be learning those things. And then, once I did, it was like a license. 'Oh, I already know about that; I already did it, no big deal.' And that was unfortunate. I should have waited, at least until I was 18, and learned from someone in a committed relationship, with somebody that I loved, with my boyfriend that I met in May of that year. Then I wouldn't have had someone who had been there, done that, and was teaching me. That's something we could have done together."

Still, "The situation with David will always stick out in my mind," says Allison. "It's not something that everybody goes through. What I wouldn't give to have an hourlong conversation with him. What actually happened? And what about those conversations that he had with my mom? What happened with his wife? Did he tell her? Did they fight about it? I want to know why he did what he did. I would never get honest answers, but I'd like to know if I was one of many or, if it was just me, then why me? What was it about me?"

Allison knows that what seduced her into the high school romance with Mead was the attention he showered on her. She was the oldest child in her family. Her dad, though he fathered her younger brother and sister, had moved away from the family when Allison was an infant. Though she remembers nothing, she suspects he was an alcoholic. She and her mother have never talked much about him.

Sarah Leonard, too, talks about how her father's departure from her family, in the months prior to her molestation, must have left her vulnerable to entice-

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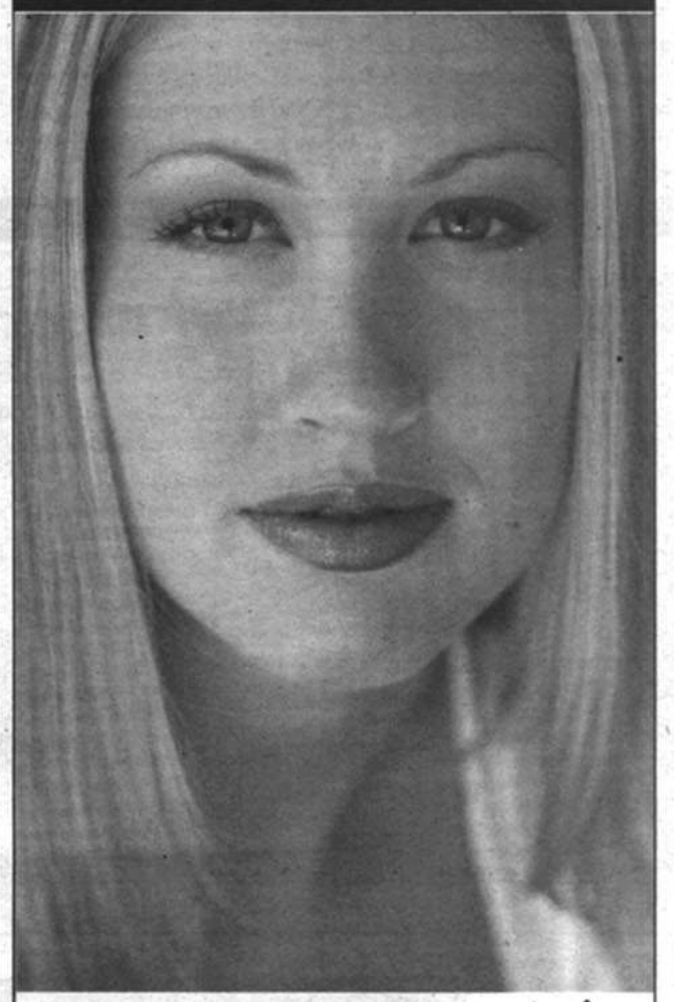

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ments from her fifth-grade teacher to sit on his lap. The teacher then became the one who gave her the attention that she had become accustomed to receiving from her dad, while sitting on his lap, and that, in his absence, she missed. She even blames, in part, the rape she suffered in her early 20s on that quest for attention. She connects it to her having been sexualized by her teacher already in the fifth grade as well.

"Wasn't the rape," I ask, "only an unlucky event that could have happened to any woman?"

"The connection is that I was aware, yet not aware, of my sexuality, of my effect on men," says Sarah. "I was flirtatious and I played with sexual energy a lot."

"Were you doing it with Stefan the evening of the rape?"

"Not that evening, but I had during the earlier time we had spent together. We flirted and we held hands, and I didn't acknowledge how powerful that can be, and how dangerous," says Sarah, laughing softly. "I had already realized that using that effect on men or boys would get me quite far. I hate to admit it, but in high school I used it a lot with my teachers if I was getting a bad grade. Especially with the men, it worked easy," says Sarah, snapping her fingers to show how easy. "I'd wear a miniskirt. I'd say, 'My paper's late,' " she says in an affected seductive voice. " 'I'm sorry.' And they'd say, 'That's okay; turn it in tomorrow.' I was amazed at how easy it was.

"And, because I hadn't been hurt, physically, in the past, I was stupid enough to think that I could play with that and let those guys into my apartment in Paris. The attention was gratifying to me. I hadn't had a boyfriend for a long time, and it was nice to get the attention. They were all fascinated with me as an American and wanted to know all about me, and that made me feel good about myself, because I've never had a good body image and I've never thought that I was worth anything. The biggest things I learned from it were that it's dangerous to play with sexual energy and that, especially in another country, you don't let anybody into your apartment that you don't know well. Of course, I couldn't have known that they were going to drug me and rape me, but, looking back, I say, 'My God, what was I thinking?' But we were only going to stay for a few minutes, and then we were going to go to this fireman's dance to have fun, something completely innocent on my part. At the same time, I blame myself for having flirted with this guy and putting myself there at all."

"Of course, I didn't see you flirting with him," I say, "but it doesn't strike me as in any way your fault."

"Yes, but that attention was so important to me at the time," Sarah says. "I remember being so aware of my physical appearance. Right after I was molested, when I was ten, I started taking diet pills because, at around ten years old, things

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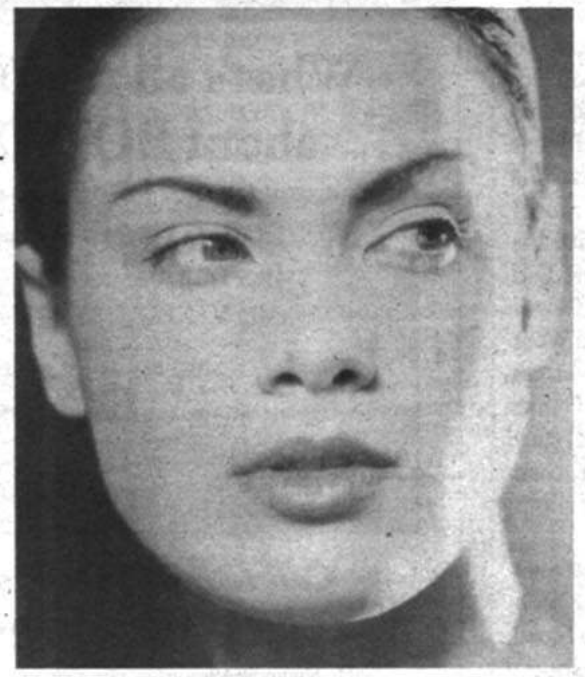

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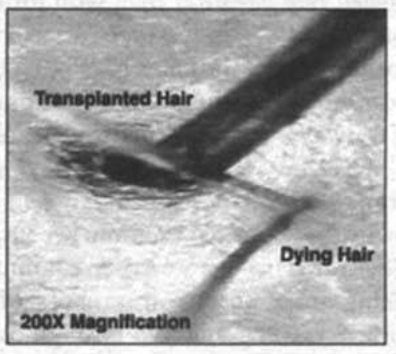

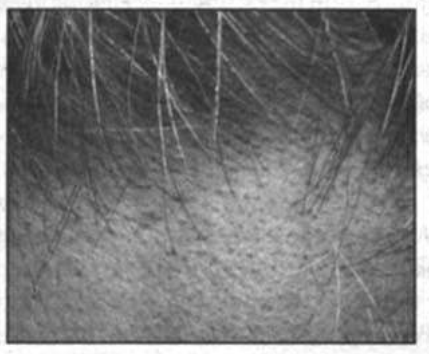

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were already changing in my body. I'd always been small and I was growing, and that scared me. I started taking diet pills because I thought I needed to be smaller. I've had such a messed-up relationship with my body — everything from my neck down — so I think that the energy that I got from male attention was important to make me feel like I was okay, and that was part of it.

"I've always looked exactly the same. But I feel big and I didn't want to be big. I have this dual desire to be noticed and not to be noticed. Even now, there are only certain times when I'll wear revealing or tight clothes, because that attention makes me acutely uncomfortable. It makes me feel violent. I want to hit people who look at me that way. I do. I feel defensive about it, and then suddenly it's okay. But sometimes I want to scream, 'Don't look at me like that and don't have those thoughts,' because I know what thoughts that they're having.

"But despite all these things, I don't have anger toward my fifth-grade teacher. I feel sorry for him, because he was such a good teacher and because he loved children. I think that that love didn't have a boundary, and that's why he did what he did, which is not to say that he wasn't sick too. My anger is directed more toward the adults in my life who didn't have any idea of what was going on. Conversations between parents and children hardly ever involve 'What if somebody touches you in this way and your body says no?' They should say, 'Then get out of that situation and tell somebody.' Nobody ever told me that. I was a cute kid, apparently, and people were always coming up to me, wanting to hug me and squeeze me and pinch my cheeks, and I hated it. I didn't want them to touch me, but parents always say, 'Go hug so-and-so, go and give so-and-so a kiss.' I think that's wrong. If your kid says, 'No, I don't want to hug Aunt Sally,' don't make them touch someone they don't want to touch. I want people to start giving their kids permission to say no to adults, because I did not have that permission. 'Be

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nice to Grandpa, even if Grandpa is fondling you,' " says Sarah, laughing.

I ask Sarah if she remembers her parents fighting much before their divorce.

"They had yelling fights," says Sarah with a chuckle, as though remembering something significant she had long suppressed. "My dad had an explosive temper. And he still does. But he controls it now, because his current wife forces him to. But I remember once, when we were living at Mills college, my mom and dad got in a big fight. I don't know what it was about, but we had a big mirror on the back of my and my sister's bedroom door. Mom had locked the three of us in there because she was afraid of him. And because we had locked the door, it made him even madder, and he hit the door from the outside and broke the mirror. My sister and I were frozen in fear. I remember thinking, 'Who is this person on the other side of the door?' I was seven or eight.

"But he's a good guy. He had a horrifying childhood himself. He was born in France, and then his mother was taken to Auschwitz. He didn't meet her until he was five. He lived with a Catholic family out in the French countryside. Both sides of my family are Jewish, and every grandparent that I have on my dad's side — with his stepparents, there were four — were sent out of France to German concentration camps. So that's a huge part of my relationship with my dad, that pain that he's holding on to and trying to let go of too.

"They all survived and were reunited after the war. His parents got divorced and they both remarried, and his mother and stepfather brought him here when he was 14. He grew up in Baldwin Park, poor, and his stepfather beat him. Emotionally, he was not in control of himself. He's together now. But I think some things he'll never work through," says Sarah.

Like Sarah, Jim Hampton suffered molestation during the time that his parents were divorcing. That time marked the beginning of Sister Priscilla's visits to the Hampton family home and, later, to his mother's separate apartment. I speculate that the nun must have had access to his brother and sister too.

"My sister, Alice, does recall one interesting incident, the only one she can remember," says Jim. His mother was driving the kids down to a beach house in Cape May on the New Jersey shore. Sister Priscilla came along and sat in the front seat. When Alice made a remark she doesn't remember today, the nun turned toward her in the back "screaming hysterically," says Jim, " 'You're a liar; you're a lying little girl.' And it upset my sister a lot, because she was proud that she didn't lie."

"What about your brother?" I ask.

"There were a lot of times when Steve was around Sister Priscilla. I don't know. It's possible. He's in such a bad situation now that who knows what happened then."

The bad situation that Jim mentions is that Steve is serving a term in a North Carolina prison for hitting a woman over the head with a pipe. And that is not Steve's first offense against a female. He was jailed earlier for molesting a 13-year-old girl.

A place that Sister Priscilla could have molested Steve was in the Hamptons' old Pennsylvania family home. Being older and angrier with their mother for leaving them, neither Steve nor his sister Alice would visit her new apartment. But Mrs. Hampton had already started bringing the nun around before she moved. Jim's father didn't like it that the two women were seeing each other. Though his wife was drinking, he was no saint himself. A chain smoker and an excessive drinker too, he often beat her and abused her verbally. Jim describes his father, now in his third marriage, as a salesman persuasive to the point of con-artistry, and emotionally barren. After two heart attacks and a tumor in his lungs that doctors removed in time, Mr. Hampton has softened. But earlier, he had worked hard to rise to the position of CEO of a health-care organization and always preached to his sons the values of hard-driving business competition. Jim disappointed him with his interests in writing and social services. But Steve graduated with a degree in business from the University of North Carolina. Afterward, he worked for his father for several years.

"One of the questions that the therapist asked me," Jim says, "was whether I had ever thought about molesting someone, and, honestly, not that I recollect. But I can't say that if I didn't get help for myself, it would be different. My brother never has seen a therapist in his life. He would completely deny that anything ever happened."

"Your brother's a little more like your dad."

"Extremely. See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil."

Though he has seriously hurt several people, I can't deny my sympathy for a man who probably hides a terrible shame in his lonely inner being. Could therapy, early enough in his life, have prevented the tragic way Steve's life developed?

Well into her 30s, Gloria Stevenson continued to abuse drugs until she finally followed through on getting the therapy she had known for a long time that she needed. She says that the relationship with Carmen isolated her "and brought me a shame that I've worked hard to shake, finally, for the past couple of years. I realized that it should not be my shame, but, the relationship having to be a secret, you integrate it and say, 'It must be so bad.' Yet, in high school, I was going over to Carmen's. I fought my parents hard to go over there every time I wanted to, regardless of what was going to happen. You do what you have to in exchange for what you need."

"And you needed a mother," I say.

"Still do," she laughs. "But the shame was awful. Am I going to tell friends that I'm having sex with this woman? Maybe now, people might accept it a little bit more, as gays are becoming accepted, but absolutely not, then. At school, we had a PE teacher that everybody knew was gay. The girls freaked out at changing in front of her — so silly — but it made me feel different."

Of late, Gloria has been working up the courage to talk to her parents about what happened between her and Carmen. But from the time that Carmen rescued her from the first teacher who molested her, conditions have never seemed right for it. "The way the situation was handled with the male teacher created a 'don't tell' environment," she says. "To this day, my parents don't know about Carmen. If they did know, I feel they would blame me, and I can't handle that. I want them to know so badly," says Gloria, her voice breaking. ■

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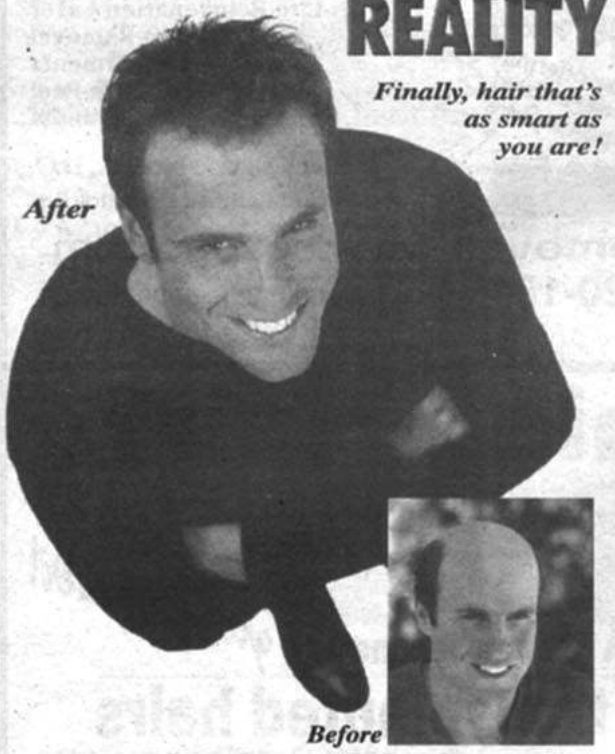

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Dead bear, shot east of Ramona

"He had a little bit of carrion in him. He looked like he had run across a dead deer because he had some deer hair and flesh, and I found the deer hoof in his stomach."

Bears are coming to San Diego County — coming back, rather. For over a century, our mountains have been free of the omnivorous mammals. But prior to 1866, grizzlies roamed the backcountry of San Diego County. The last of the local grizzlies — a 2200-pounder, the heaviest ever recorded in California — was killed that year in Valley Center. In 1992, the last grizzly killed in the state was slain in Central California's Tulare County.

Now, bears are starting to return to San Diego — not grizzly bears but their smaller cousins, American black bears. Over the past century, in the absence of the twice-as-big grizzlies, black bears have expanded their range from the Sierra Nevadas into most of California's smaller mountain ranges. And experts say it's only a matter of time before they take up residence here.

Many believe that our mountains are void of bears because the habitat won't support them. Not true, says Jim Burke, park superintendent of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. "Our mountains would make suitable habitat for bears. There's enough food and water for them to live on here. It's just a matter of them getting here."

Randy Botta, a wildlife biologist for the State of California's Department of Fish and Game, says, "Typically, prime bear habitat would be your mixed hardwood/conifer forest, where you have a mix of oak and pine trees with meadow openings and kind of a dense understory — a lot of the shrubs that produce berries and acorns."

Our local mountains fit that description. And our chaparral-covered hill ranges could support bears as well. Botta explains, "We have bears in Los Angeles County and Ventura County that largely use chaparral in some of the lower foothill country. So they can adapt."

The word must be out in the bear community because they are starting to show up in San Diego more frequently than anyone can remember. "I know there was one or two bears sighted during some fires in the '80s on Palomar Mountain and actually the back side of Palomar Mountain," Botta says. " The first bear that I recorded in the county was in 1986. It was hit by a car on Highway 76, about seven miles west of Lake Henshaw. And then after that there wasn't any reports or any sightings until the spring of 2000. I had calls about bears from the Forest Service starting around March of that year, because some equestrians who were riding on Pacific Crest Trail out by Warner Springs saw two bears. Over the next couple of months I had quite a few sightings of those two bears. They ended up on Palomar Mountain. Then around May is when I had the first report of the bear in the Cuyamaca area. It was around some cabins, and there were some pictures taken of it. And then around the Fourth of July, it was hanging out for four or five nights at William Heise County Park in Pine Hills [about five miles south of Julian]. Then after that period of four or five days, it moved around a bit, a little bit into Julian but mostly in Pine Hills and the surrounding areas there."

On May 15, 2000, David Benson shot and killed a black bear 35 yards from the front door of his ranch house in Ballena Valley, nine miles east of Ramona. Benson's wife Nancy spotted the bear ambling across the yard toward some sheep and pigs. The couple went out on their porch and tried to scare the bear away. But when it turned, reared up on its hind legs, and started walking toward them, Benson shot it in the head with a .306 hunting rifle. "I picked up the bear and did a necropsy," Botta says. "I think it was about three years old, a male, and it was 298 pounds. That's excellent condition for a three-year-old male black bear."

The necropsy proved that the bear was thriving in San Diego County. "We took the stomach contents," Botta says, "and he had well over 80 percent vegetation, grasses and leaves, woody plant material. He had a little bit of carrion in him. He looked like he had run across a dead deer because he had some deer hair and flesh, and I found the deer hoof in his stomach. A pretty varied diet. It was a healthy bear in excellent condition."

To get to San Diego County, the bears have to trek from their nearest known area of residence, the San Jacinto Mountains in northern Riverside County. Just to the county line, that's a 25- to 35-mile trip as the crow flies, more than that as the bear ambles. "There's a lot of

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desert country between here and there," Burke says, "which would be hard for them to cross — not much food or water for them."

Botta agrees that the country between Mount San Jacinto and the county line is mainly high desert habitat, though not completely uninhabitable for bears. "I do a lot of flying, checking on radio-collared animals" — none of which are bears — "so I am pretty familiar with the area. Around Anza, you do get into the scrub and the grassland components, which bears are probably not going to stick in. But you also have a lot of slopes of chaparral with oak woodland areas and some drainages, something that a bear is going to easily move through. There's a swath of habitat at least from the San Jacinto Mountains into northeastern San Diego County, or north-central San Diego, that's all pretty good habitat that a bear could move through and forage along the way."



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Randy Botta

Fish and Game biologists are almost certain that a small number of bears live year-round in the San Jacinto Mountains. But they're almost as certain that bears are not breeding in that range, though there have been rumors of it. "It's hearsay twice removed," chuckles Kevin Brennan, a Fish and Game biologist operating in the Riverside County area. "Someone said they saw a cow and cubs, but they never contacted me about it. What happened was, a local newspaper up here got wind of a cub spotting and called the Forest Service and was trying to find out about it. The Forest Service didn't know anything about it, so they referred them to Fish and Game. We told them we hadn't seen anything. So, if somebody did see a cow and cubs, it wasn't a Forest Service person or Fish and Game."

Brennan "won't hazard a guess" at how many bears are in full-time residence in the San Jacinto Mountains. He believes most of the bears spotted in the San Jacintos aren't locals but young males who have wandered out of the San Bernardino Mountains to the north, where bears have lived and bred for decades. "It usually happens in the spring," Brennan explains. "In Southern California, we've learned that bears don't always den up for the winter. They usually do den, however, and females give birth to their young while they are in their dens. When they come out in spring, they are a little on the ornery side; they don't want any of the other bears around. So if there are yearling or juvenile bears around, they are going to get bumped. And also, the big male bears come out, and they are real ornery too. So you get a lot of shuffling and movement of bears when they first come out of their dens. The second thing that happens, usually later in the spring around May and June, is a lot of the males breed. And then when they do, they are not very tolerant of yearlings. So that will be the next time that we tend to see a lot of activity, and that tends to be in June. That's usually when I find lots of young males down here with their faces and rumps all scratched up, from territorial fighting."

In years when the bear population surges, more young male bears will strike out. Jim Davis of Fish and Game's San Bernardino field office says, "Bear-range expansion kind of comes and goes on a normal basis. We are seeing a little bit of an increase on the southern end of the San Bernardinos. From there, it wouldn't take much for them to follow a stream [south] down out of the mountains and continuing on into the San Jacintos."

To get from the San Bernardino Mountains into the San Jacintos, the bears have to cross through Banning Pass, which runs east and west from San Bernardino to Palm Springs between 11,502-foot Mount San Gorgonio and 10,804-foot Mount San Jacinto. In its natural

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state, the pass would be unwelcoming to bears. It's a desertous land with little in the way of food, possible 100-degree temperatures from midspring until fall, and water in its washes only during wet seasons. On top of that is a manmade obstruction that runs through the entire pass. "Probably the biggest barrier to bears heading south," Botta says, "is Interstate 10."

But as the sighting of bears as far south as Lake Cuyamaca would indicate, Interstate 10 is not an insurmountable barrier. "There are some washes and culverts which bears are known to run through," Brennan says, "around Cabazon, Banning, and Beaumont, and also, we get bears down here at that time of year too. We have had bear sightings between the 10 and 60 freeways in pretty populated areas. A few years ago, we had a bear in Moreno Valley, which was a real surprise, and then the following year we had a bear in Perris along the 215 freeway. We went out there, and we were just going to dart it and get it out of harm's way, because he was out there in a neighborhood, not far from a school, an airport, and the freeway. When we got out there and we were looking at it, we all said, 'Where did he come from?' Because, if you look on the map, the San Jacintos are way off east and the San Bernardinos are way up to the north."

Provided southbound black bears don't end up in the urban centers of Riverside County and instead make it into the San Jacinto Mountains, Davis says, "From there, it is pretty much a case of wandering around until they find something that suits them. In this case, it is not unusual for a large mammal like that to wander around all the way down into San Diego County. It is unusual in that it hasn't been recorded in the past, but it certainly is not unusual in terms of typical bear behavior. And once that wandering occurs, once bears find a suitable habitat such as Palomar, or some of the areas that they are occurring in San Diego, they will set up residence and essentially occupy that habitat. So we are assuming that that is what's happening with the bears that have been spotted in San Diego."



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Stuffed bear

Asked to make a prediction on when bears may start living and breeding in San Diego, Botta demurs. "Bears," he says, "at least in Southern California, are not a species that we are actively surveying on an annual basis and doing studies and such, like we're doing with bighorn sheep or deer. So it would be really hard to predict when bears become established. It could be that we won't see any other bears move into San Diego for another ten years. The sign will be once we confirm a breeding population in the San Jacintos."

To that end, Davis says, Fish and Game "will be putting out some bait stations probably in April or May of this year to try to determine a little bit better the bear distribution in the San Jacinto Mountains. And we hope to expand that into San Diego County next year. So we'll be able to hopefully give a little bit more information on distribution and areas that are occupied full-time in the San Jacinto Mountains next year, after that work is done."

Should those studies show that American black bears are breeding in the San Jacintos, Botta says, "It is only going to be a matter of a few years before we start on a regular basis seeing bears in San Diego County." ■

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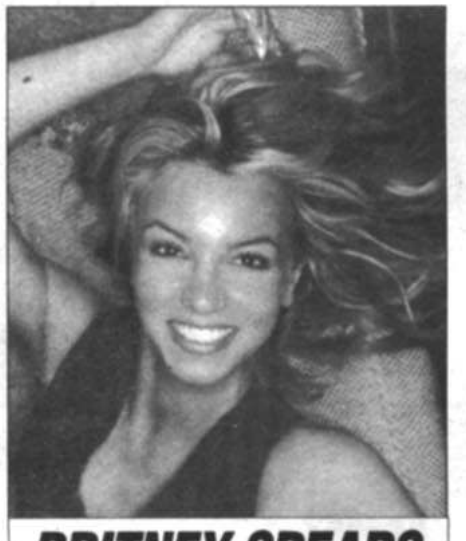

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Fourth Annual SongFest



Yukon Jack

LOCAL EVENTS

The come-on seems straightforward enough. "Performers Receive FREE FOOD, DRINKS & FREE CAMPSITE," says the flyer for the Fourth Annual SongFest at the Rancho Corrido RV Resort & Campground in Pauma Valley. But "Yukon Jack" Lohman, the event's cofounder and its emcee, hedges when asked what exactly the free food will be.

"It'll be something like pizza — something easy to get in there."

"There" is described by Yukon Jack as "a beautiful place for music."

Encircled by mountains, it's "a natural, acoustic bowl." The SongFest public address system "carries the music through the whole valley," he claims. "You feel like you're in the Rocky Mountains in this place, and you're only 60 miles from downtown San Diego."

Since it's an overnight, is breakfast part of the deal?

"Well, no. We'll feed them one meal only, not the whole tribe for the weekend. They can come up and camp free on Friday night, then eat and play on Saturday. One campsite, one night. If they want to stay longer, they have to pay."

It's interesting that performers are enticed by such meager rewards — if, in fact, they are enticed...?

Literally, yes, the rewards are meager, Yukon Jack agrees, but potentially, there's something bigger at stake. "If she likes you, you'll get paid when you play there on Saturday nights in the summer."

"She" is Linda Birch, owner of the 31-acre campsite and cofounder with Yukon Jack of what, perhaps, might be called a contest...?

Yukon Jack doesn't like the characterization. "It's not a contest. It's a musicians' party, with people showing up to support the music and enjoy the day, and a chance for performers to audition at the same time."



Rancho Corrido

As of last week, the list of performers who had committed themselves to the event so far numbered ten. It's an eclectic mix, including the Fabulous Dan Band, which plays Irish music; the Full Deck, a bluegrass band; the Funny Farmers, who play folk that ranges from contemporary to traditional; and husband-wife team Ron and Julia, who play classic pop songs as well as oldies, accompanying themselves on keyboard, banjo, guitar, and bass. At least one group is expected to play ridge music, says Yukon Jack. "That's *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*–type stuff."

Tony Taravella, former president of the San Diego Songwriters Guild, says the draw to SongFest for him is not the "free hotdogs and sodas," nor the "nice scenic drive" to a campsite he cannot use. He shows up because Rancho Corrido is "a place that books music." Taravella, who will play jazz guitar at SongFest this year, has been booked for summer evenings by Birch in past years.

First-timer Linda Hummer, a soloist who performs original material with her acoustic, open-tuned guitar, was encouraged by Taravella to try SongFest, where she hopes to be chosen for a later, paying gig. "There aren't a lot of venues close to home," says Hummer, who lives in Julian. She appreciates the campsite offer but won't be staying over, either, because she performs at Wynola Pizza in Julian that evening.

Birch, for her part, says that what she looks for is "family-oriented music" for her 24 summer slots. "We have a lot of tent campers up here during the season and Boy Scout troops and church groups. So it has to be clean and in good taste — and something that can entertain both the young and the old."

Some groups, apparently, don't need to sing for their supper — nor for a shot at a booking. "We've invited the Shamrockers, which is a big, popular group in town, but they haven't responded," says Yukon Jack. "They're pretty well booked."

Do any rank amateurs ever perform at SongFest, hoping to be discovered?

"I don't recall anybody ever showing up that hasn't had any experience playing," says Yukon Jack, who is himself a performer with a CD out called *Acoustic Grass*. "But if they want to play, I'll put 'em up onstage. They should know, though, that I don't have the capability for a lot of electrified music. If they have an electric guitar, they have to bring their own amp."

One other thing is required of performers: they must get there by 2:00 — an hour before the music begins. "That's when the schedule gets set."

And how long does each performer play? "The way it works is, depending on how many people show up, I'll divide the time. It's a purely mathematical process. We'll give everybody as much time as we can."

The show goes on, rain or shine. In case of bad weather, SongFest moves from its outdoor stage into the campground's large barn, which Yukon Jack describes as "acoustically great," just like the surrounding mountains.

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"Luna Creciente" will be signed and discussed by author Heriberto Yépez on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Free. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by Diana Reyes at midnight on Thursday, April 25, at Las Pulgas (on Avenida Revolución). For reservations and other information, call 011-52-664-685-9594. (TIJUANA)

Off-Roading at Its Best is expected when the Estero International Off-Road Race takes place at the Gerardo Novelo racetrack at the Estero Beach Hotel April 26-28. Racing begins each day at 10 a.m. Tickets are $7 in advance, or $10 at the gate per day. Call 011-52-646-176-6225 for information. (ENSENADA)

Begun in 1948 for Sailors who wanted to get back into racing after World War II, the Newport Beach-Ensenada International Yacht Race is touted as "the world's largest international yacht race," with approximately 600 sailboats competing. The 55th annual regatta starts in Newport Beach on Friday, April 26, and competitors arrive in Ensenada on Saturday, April 27, at around 6 a.m. For information, call 949-664-1023. (NEWPORT BEACH, ENSENADA)

The "Code San Felipe 200 Off-Road" race for modified cars runs Friday through Sunday, April 26-28. Call 011-52-665-553-4087 for routes and other information. (MEXICALI)

Music in the Bullring, Marco Antonio Solis presents a concert on Friday, April 26. The music starts at 9 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. Tickets range from $17 to $39. For further information, call 011-52-664-684-1691. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Straight from Cuba, Alejandro "Virulo" García performs his comedy on Friday, April 26, at 9 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). For more information, call 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

The Big Paella, head to the Ensenada Marina on Saturday, April 27, for the cooking of a "giant paella." Proceeds from the annual Giant Paella Festival event benefit the Cancer Association of Baja California. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door, and include a plate of paella, bread, and two beverages. Find the Ensenada Marina on Boulevard Costero (the main road into Ensenada). For reservations and information, call 011-52-646-176-1901 x169. (ENSENADA)

A Children's Athletic Festival for those up to 12 years old is planned on Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m., at TV Azteca Studios on Mesa de Otay. Questions? Dial 011-52-664-683-3237 for answers. (TIJUANA)

More Fun at the Bullring, there's a concert by Christian Castro slated for Saturday, April 27, at 9 p.m., at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. 011-52-664-686-3007. Tickets are $14. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

"Dances for Public Sites" may be enjoyed when San Diego State University's School of Music and Dance and Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater perform for the binational dance festival on Sunday, April 28, at the Tijuana Cultural Center. The festival features site-specific choreography by Manuel Ballesteros, Monica Bill Barnes, Isaacs, Jorge Dominguez, and George Willis.

Performances begin at 2 and 4 p.m. For information, call 619-594-6824, or 011-52-664-687-9600. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. (TIJUANA)

What's "Cri-Cri Music"? Find out when the Orchestra of Baja California presents a concert "dedicated to children of all ages" on Sunday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m., in Parque Morelos (Boulevard Insurgentes). Soloists include soprano Florencia Tinoco and pianists Francisco García Burgos and David Rodriguez. Free. Dial 011-52-664-686-3280 for more details. (TIJUANA)

Renaissance Music may be enjoyed when Ars Antiqua presents a concert on Wednesday, May 1, at 8 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets are $22 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Glimpse Baja California's Dwindling Russian Community when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a field trip to the spot. Therese Muranaka, an expert on Baja's Russian presence, presents the slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.

The field trip on Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., includes bus travel to Ensenada, stops at two local museums highlighting the area's native peoples, and a visit to a museum in Guadalupe Valley to learn about the Russians' flight from religious persecution. The trip includes a traditional Russian meal in the home of one of the founding families. The fee for nonmembers is $79. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (ENSENADA)

OUTDOORS

Blue-Blossoming Jacaranda Trees have already produced a first wave of color along the streets of San Diego. By early or mid-May, warm weather permitting, this Brazilian import could put on a dazzling show. The larger jacarandas, which in full bloom are leafless, or nearly so, display myriad delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms — a lavender haze as seen from afar. Jacarandas are commonly used as landscaping in parks and on most college campuses. A nice row of jacarandas graces Ash Street downtown.

Desert Agaves, or century plants, are sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks on rocky hillsides throughout the Anza-Borrego Desert, though only in places where enough runoff from the past season's spotty storms has collected. After the stalk reaches a height of 10 to 20 feet, clusters of waxy, yellow flowers appear, ready for pollination by bees and other insects. After blooming, the fleshy, dagger-like leaves at the base of the plant die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century), and the stalk, bearing a crop of seeds, dries up as well.

Five Planets — the only five visible to the naked eye — are located in the lower western sky as evening darkness gathers this week and through mid-May. From brightest to faintest they are Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury, and Mars. Since all the major planets of the solar system orbit in nearly the same plane, they line up along a narrow band in the sky known as the zodiac. Currently the zodiac leans up and to the left relative to the west horizon. Check out the changing day-to-day or week-to-week positions of the planets in that part of the sky during the next several weeks.

The Rising of the Full Moon Friday night, April 26, coincides with the time of sunset. Try a walk at sunset along the sidewalk on Harbor Island. From that vantage, the springtime full moon comes up right over San Diego's downtown skyline, just as the lights of the city come on.

April's Lowest Tides, dropping to less than one foot below mean low tide, are for early risers only. There's a -1.3 foot tide at 4:18 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th, and a -1.4 foot tide at 5:05 a.m. on Sunday, the 28th. Highest tide for the month (+6.5 feet) happens at 10:18 p.m. Saturday morning. This month's tidal extremes nearly coincide with the moon's full phase.

Lichen and Moss are highlighted when naturalist Charles leads an outing in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, April 27. Naturalist David reveals "Hidden Treasures of Blue Sky" on Sunday, April 28. Both talks start at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Call 858-694-3049 for information. Free. (POWAY)

Sprawling Arbors of Wild Grapes drape the trees along coastal live oak-lined Wildcat Creek in Stelzer County Park. It's the site for Canyoneer hikes on Saturday, April 27, starting at 10 a.m. The short hike concludes at 11:30 a.m.; a longer hike heads for the canyon ridge trail, gradually climbing to grassy slopes to view wildflowers, finishing at 12:30 p.m. Bring a lunch and water for the longer route. Find Stelzer Park at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (LAKESIDE)

Friends of East County Arts present their seventh annual garden tour on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to tour all five gardens in the East County and Jamul is $12 general, free for kids under 12. For locations, tickets, and other information, call 619-442-8515. (EAST COUNTY)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Nature Hike focusing on local Native American tribes, with a stop at grinding holes, with a park ranger on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m., at Felicita Park (742 Clarence Lane). Free. Call 760-745-4379 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Every Day Is Earth Day, join volunteers to remove litter and help restore the natural beauty at five sites along

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Hunker Down around the Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater on Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m. Find the campground at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

What Exactly Is Ethnobotany? Find out when Mike leads a four-mile hike in San Dieguito River Park and talks about how ethnobotany applies to the past and present on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You're invited to bring a lunch. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Arboretum Beautification Day is slated for Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Palomar College. Bring a rake, shovel, and gloves to help clean up the area. The adjacent cactus garden will be open from noon to 2 p.m., with a tour at 1 p.m. led by Richard Henderson, manager of the Palomar Cactus and Succulent Society. Free. To reserve a spot, call 760-744-1150 x2812. Meet the group at the arboretum entrance off Comet Drive just northeast of the college library. The campus is located at 1140 West Mission Road. (SAN MARCOS)

For the Birds, head out to Tecolote Canyon Open-Space Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, including April 27, for an easy bird walk starting at 9 a.m. at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring water and binoculars and wear comfortable shoes. Commonly seen species: red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, and common yellow-throats. Free. For information, call 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Otay Sweetwater National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, April 27, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

South Park — The Neighborhood, Not the TV Show! Explore this quiet residential neighborhood, replete with 20th-Century Craftsman architecture, on an Urban Safaris walking tour slated for Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is $10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (SOUTH PARK)

Where Is a Secret Public Staircase in Del Mar? The secret will be revealed when Walkabout walkers head out for "Del Marvelous Discoveries" on Saturday, April 27. Expect a moderately paced, two-hour meander over "mixed up and down terrain." The walk starts at 9 a.m. at the northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive. Free. Call 619-231-7463 for information. (DEL MAR)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volunteers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and at the Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. Free. Call 619-921-6044 for information. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Sing Around the Campfire during the family campfire planned at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, April 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. Organizers promise songs, a demonstration by the Canine Search and Rescue Team, stories, hot chocolate, and marshmallows to roast.

To reserve a spot, call 858-679-5469. There's an easy one-mile walk to the campground; find Blue Sky on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. A $1 donation is requested. (POWAY)

Take a Dusk Frog Hike through Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, April 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. Learn about the frogs and toads of the county and why they're important to the overall ecological scheme of things. Bring a flashlight, shoes that can get wet, and warm clothes to the parking area at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard (one-half mile east of the intersection with Vista Sorrento). Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Look for Edible and Medicinal Plants when naturalist and herbalist Irene O'Neill leads a moderate three-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Sunday, April 28. The walk starts at 10 a.m. in the Cougar Pass parking lot. To reach

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Outdoor Enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary. Silverwood offers ten miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature walk, an observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

Silverwood is open to the public on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided nature walks conducted at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-443-2998. The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKESIDE)

Go Birding, a docent-led bird walk is offered at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve on Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m., at the visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). For reservations, call 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

On Certain Spring Nights, hundreds of the small silvery fish known as grunion wash up onto the shores of our beaches to spawn. Observe the nocturnal habits of marine life on the beaches of La Jolla when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts grunion run activities on Sunday, April 28, from 10 to midnight. The evening begins with a presentation featuring bioluminescence and the lifestyle of various beach-dwelling marine animals, including grunion, and then moves down to the beach to search out the residents.

Prepare for cool, wet conditions, and bring a flashlight. The fee is $9 for adults, $5 for children 7-13. Bring a flashlight. Call 858-534-7336 for reservations and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Senior Trail Days Hike, Barbara Moore leads this 2.5-mile hike along the Trans-County Trail in Oakoasis Preserve on Monday, April 29, at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and water. Find the park at 12620 Wildcat Canyon Road (just past mile marker four on Wildcat Canyon Road). 619-561-0580. Free. (LAKESIDE)

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including May 1. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors' information center, located in Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

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Argentine Tango, dance to an extensive collection of tangos, *milongas, vals cruzados,* and *candombes* from the early 20th Century to the present every Thursday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Dance Connection Studio (2710 Garnet Avenue). Admission is $8 and includes light refreshments. For information, call 858-695-9138. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"My Hands Are Dirty" is described as "a humorous yet profound exploration of living as a conservationist in a consumer society." This Lower Left production runs April 25-28 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Directed by Nina Martin and choreographed in collaboration with the six members of Lower Left, the piece uses text, video, film, and dance to investigate "the notion that all of us are engaged in destruction simply by the unavoidable act of living."

Tickets are $15 general. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Find Sushi Performance and Visual Art in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

There's All Kinds of Dancing planned at Absolutely Dance Sport this week. Enjoy salsa practice today, Thursday, April 25; swing dancing on Friday, April 26; and ballroom dancing on Saturday, April 27. Music is provided by a DJ from 8 p.m. until midnight, and singles and couples are welcome. Admission is $5 on Thursday and Saturday, $6 on Friday. Find the fun at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. Call 619-531-1700 for details. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Dances for Public Sites" may be enjoyed when San Diego State University's school of music and dance and Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater perform on Saturday, April 27. The festival features site-specific choreography by Manuel Ballesteros, Monica Bill Barnes, Isaacs, Jorge Dominguez, and George Willis.

Tickets are $10 general. Performances begin at 2, 4, and 6 p.m., in and around the Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. For information, call 619-594-6824. The concert will be repeated at the Tijuana Cultural Center on Sunday, April 28. (SDSU)

"Opening Up — To the Light and Divine and Love" during the Sufi dancing event led by Toni Michael on Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Spiritualist Church (3777 42nd Street, at Wightman). The requested donation is $5. Call 619-692-9542 for information. (CITY HEIGHTS)

World Music Dance Jam, dance music from around the planet may be enjoyed when the San Diego Center for Moving Arts and "ethno-grooveologist" William Bloomhuff hosts this evening of music, dance, and projected visuals on Saturday, April 27, 8 p.m. Admission ranges from $5 to $7. Find the center at 3255 Fifth Avenue; 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Contradance, Graham Hempel calls for the contradance on Saturday, April 27, to music by the Continental Drifters, 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)

New and Experienced Dancers are invited to enjoy a dance party hosted by the North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m., at Dance North County Studio (in North Coast Business Park, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). This month's dance party begins with a lesson taught by Mary Manzella; during a break in the dancing, Manzella and Lowell Gosser will perform an Argentine tango. Admission is $9 for nonmembers. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

"Coppelia: The Girl with Enamel Eyes" is being presented by the Southern California Youth Ballet on Sunday, April 28, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). It's a storybook ballet about a doll who seems to come to life, a curious young girl, her flirtatious suitor, and a mysterious toy maker. Performances begin at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $12, $16, and $20. Call 858-748-0505 for reservations. (POWAY)

A Zydeco Dance is planned on Tuesday, April 30 (and every Tuesday), at Tio Lio's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is $5. Dial 619-857-8409 for details. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

The End Is Near, animated short films from around the world are showcased in Spike and Mike's 2002 Classic Festival of Animation, offered in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla. Each screening offers a variety of animation styles and techniques; the roster includes *Your Face, Balance, The Toy, Bob's Birthday, Bambi Meets Godzilla, Creature Comforts, For the Birds,* and others. All 16 films are shown at each screening.

Screenings begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, concluding with shows at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. The festival is suitable for all ages. Tickets are $9 (available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-0267. (LA JOLLA)

"The Train of Life," a 1998 film from France, screens for the International Film Series on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (at One Barnard Drive). Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Reunion," a 1989 film in which a German Jewish survivor recalls his friendship with a German Christian boy in the early 1930s, screens for the "Stars and Crosses: The Cinema of Christian-Jewish Relations" film series on Sunday, April 28. The film, boasting a screenplay by Harold Pinter — may be seen in the library at Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Drive. SDSU professor Lawrence Baron leads the discussion following the film. Tickets for nonmembers are $6.50. For information or reservations, call 619-286-2555. (GRANTVILLE)

Up for a "Tender Portrait of Spiritual Malaise"? Head to the San Diego Public Library when *Every Other Weekend,* starring Nathalie Baye, is screened for the Film Forum series on Monday, April 29. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In French with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

"Japanese Military Sex Slavery in Transnational Feminist Perspective: Film and Discussion" — head to the Women's Center at UCSD for this program on Monday, April 29, 3 to 6:30 p.m. The film *Breaking the History of Silence: The Women's International War Crimes Tribunal for the Trial of Japanese Military Sexual Slavery* will be shown, and a panel of professors will discuss the film and the subject. Free. Call 858-534-7324 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Customs, Traditions, and Celebration: The Human Drive for Community" provides the theme for a film series at MiraCosta College. See *The Shawshank Redemption* on Wednesday, May 1, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus (at One Barnard Drive). For more information, call 760-795-6612. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

"Novecento Atto Primo," directed by Bernardo Bertolucci, screens for the Italian film series without English subtitles on Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is $2 for nonmembers. (LITTLE ITALY)

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.* 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

"Alternative Mothering: Getting from Here to There" is the topic when Billie Delawie, author of *Home Is Where You Are,* speaks on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30). Free. Call 760-943-7875 for details. (ENCINITAS)

Geographies of Desire, this lecture series features José Esteban Muñoz examining "Queer Futurity" today, Thursday, April 25, at 4 p.m., in the Michel de Certeau Room, 3155 Literature Building at UCSD. Muñoz is an associate professor of performance studies at NYU and author of *Disidentifications: Queers of Color and the Performance of Politics.* Free. 858-534-8699. (LA JOLLA)

"Hands Across the Ocean! The Music of the Americas" is being explored by Jacquelyne Silver in her new series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. Silver will unite "our place in the world as Americans through the music and literature of our country, while exhibiting the continuing and changing relationship between the Old and New Worlds."

The series begins today, Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., with a look at the beginnings of the blues, gospel, bluegrass, and Cajun; the music being performed in Europe at the same time will be featured as well. Music from South America, Central America, and Mexico will be featured on Thursday, May 2.

The fee is $45 for all three lectures, or $17 per talk. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street; call 858-454-5872 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

What Are the Alternatives? The San Diego Action Network hosts a forum with representatives of the alternative media on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Participants include John Rippo (the *Espresso*), Rocky Neptun (*Street Light*), Jim Carter (San Diego Independent Media Center), and Mark Gabrish Conlan (*Zenger's Newsmagazine*). Free. 619-688-1886. (HILLCREST)

Get an Update on Captive Bird Breeding and bird conservation when Bill Toone speaks for the Audubon Society on Friday, April 26. Toone is director of the Applied Conservation Programs for the Zoological Society of San Diego and for-

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mer curator of ornithology at the Wild Animal Park. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. (following socializing at 7 p.m.) at the Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. 619-275-0557. (CLAIREMONT)

"Stress Management and Myths About Depression" will be dispelled when Shawna Beck from the UCSD Senior Behavioral Health Program speaks for the retirement living class on Friday, April 26, at 1 p.m., at ElderHelp (4069 30th Street). Free. 619-284-9281. (NORTH PARK)

"Women in the German Expressionist Movement" provide the subject when San Diego State University art history professor Ida Rigby speaks for the Docent Guest Lecture Series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m. Admission is $10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Talk, Israeli photographer Adi Nes talks about his work and techniques in conjunction with a new exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown (1001 Kettner Boulevard). The talk starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, and is included in regular museum admission. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

"Experiences beyond the Earth" provide the subject when Joe Allen, selected by NASA as a scientist-astronaut in the Apollo era, speaks on Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m., at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Allen flew on the first operational shuttle mission, *Columbia STS-5*, in 1982 and in 1984 made daring free-flying space walks from *Discovery STS-51A* to retrieve two malfunctioning satellites and return them to Earth. He currently works with the Challenger Learning Centers. The talk is included in regular museum admission. Call 619-238-1233 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Canine Healing Touch, this class on Saturday, April 27, focuses on "The Animal Energy Field and Energy Centers." The introductory class starts at 9 a.m., while level two commences at 11:30 a.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). The fee for either class is $25. To register, dial 619-299-7012 x0. (LINDA VISTA)

There's a Teach-In focusing on "Fighting Domestic Repression" planned on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Tubman-Chavez Center (415 Euclid Avenue, at Market). Presentations are planned on political prisoners, women prisoners, immigrant workers, dissent, police brutality, and more. For information, call 619-692-4422 or 619-475-8227. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Do You Know "How to Arrange and Hang Your Art Collection"? The local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers answers this and other interior design questions during seminars in conjunction with ArtWalk on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. Talks begin at 12:30, 2, and 3:30 p.m. in the Villa Maria Community Room, at 1528 India Street. Free. 858-646-9896. (LITTLE ITALY)

Wine Appreciation 202, Belle Marie Winery hosts this class focusing on how to identify the quality differences between pure varietals versus blends of varietals. Just how are "the most approachable and exotic wines" made? The class meets from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 27; find the winery at 26312 Mesa Rock Road. The $20 fee includes wine. To reserve a spot, dial 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

"Global Justice or Perpetual War," the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice sponsors a teach-in with many speakers examining issues from the "war on terrorism" on Sunday, April 28, at the Educational Cultural Complex (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). For information, call 619-263-9301. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Ask the Expert, this series hosted by the Bahá'i Community starts with a panel of medical doctors answering questions on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Unity Center (7090 Miramar Road). Free. Dial 858-537-0999 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Comic Book Journalist Joe Sacco shares travels of his travels and details of his art and writing during a lecture on Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Sacco, who lives in New York, is the author of *Palestine* and *Safe Area Gorazde.* He'll answer questions and sign books. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2971. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

Ideas and Concepts of Public Art in Southern California are up for discussion when Jerry Allen, director of the Office of Cultural Affairs for the City of San Jose, California, sheds light on the ways that public art can be an expression of community values. The talk, hosted by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture, is set for Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Museum of Photographic Arts (1649 El Prado). Free. 619-533-3440. (BALBOA PARK)

"Resurrecting the Art Movie: Almodovar's Blue Period" provides the topic when Cambridge University professor of Hispanic studies Paul Julian Smith gives a lecture on Monday, April 29. Smith's books include *Laws of Desire: Questions of Homosexuality in Spanish Writing and Film, 1960-1990* and *Desire Unlimited: The Cinema of Pedro Almodovar.* The free talk starts at 4 p.m. in the Michel de Certeau Room, 3155 of the literature building, at UCSD. 858-534-4618. (LA JOLLA)

"The Women and Men of World War II" — or a few of them, at least — will discuss their experiences in the war, both at home and abroad, on Monday, April 29, at 1 p.m., in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). World War II veterans and their spouses will participate in the program. Free. Call 760-744-1150 x2420 for information. (SAN MARCOS)

What a Career! Pulitzer Prize winner William Safire was a senior speechwriter in the Nixon White House; wrote the novel *Full Disclosure* and a history of the pre-Watergate White House entitled *Before the Fall;* as a PR man, arranged the "kitchen conference" in Moscow between Nixon and Khrushchev; and began writing his twice-weekly political column for the *New York Times* 20 years ago.

Safire divulges "What's Going to Happen in Washington" on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m., in the concert hall at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Tickets are $10 general. For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Discover New Ways to Listen and understand how classical music is created when Eric Bromberger presents an "Introduction to the Symphony" with special guest Sarah Tuck (flute). They'll provide insights on Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun" and "The Rite of Spring" by Stravinsky on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). The fee is $17. Call 858-454-5872 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

"Celebrating Women in the Military: Past and Present" is the topic when Kay Khrone of the Khrone Connection examines the changes in the roles of women in the armed services on Tuesday, April 30. The lecture begins at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Manchester Conference Center at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free, but call 619-260-4815 for the required reservations. (LINDA VISTA)

"Architecture for Advanced Technology" provides the fodder when architect Ken Baldwin speaks on Wednesday, May 1, at the New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). The talk begins at 7 p.m. (following a reception at 6:30 p.m.). For information, call 619-235-4100. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is $6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

"Object/Concept" is a cross-media series exploring the works of 16 faculty artists in the department of visual arts at UCSD, dedicated to the memory of artist and professor Italo Scanga. In conjunction with the exhibition, participating artists Louis Hock and Adriene Jenik present a lecture on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 p.m., in the University Art Gallery at UCSD.

The lecture is free; to make the suggested reservations, call 858-534-2107. On-campus parking permits are required; they can be purchased at the information pavilions at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus. (LA JOLLA)

Artists from *The Flying Dutchman* will participate in the Artists' Roundtable — an informal question-and-answer session — hosted by the San Diego Opera on Thursday,

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LOCAL EVENTS

May 2, at 5:30 p.m., in the Beverly Sills Salon of the Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Admission is $5. For information, call 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Steinbeck Authority Jackson Benson will speak as part of the Steinbeck Centennial Project on Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Professor Benson has authored three previous books about the celebrated writer, and he'll speak about his new book, *John Steinbeck*, a collection of previously unpublished travel writings, war-front dispatches, political essays, and manuscripts. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

"Art Should Make You Feel Good and give your spirit a lift," according to local artist Sally Murphy. Learn "How to Fix the Painting You Thought Was a Dog" when Murphy presents a demonstration for the Foothills Art Association meeting. The group gathers on Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., in the Lamplighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

History Alive! This series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Society continues when Karen Huff speaks on Thursday, May 2. Huff spearheaded the drive to save the historic "blacks only" Clement Coast Hotel from demolition (for the new ballpark); the building is now the home of the Gaslamp Black Historical Society. The talk starts at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Free. 619-466-5270. (LEMON GROVE)

"A Bouquet from the Met" will be delivered by Chris Giftos on Thursday, May 2, at 10 a.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with "Art Alive" festivities. Giftos is floral designer and manager of special events at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he has worked since 1970. For more information, call 619-696-1935. Tickets are $35. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Scum of the Earth: The Good, Bad, and Ugly of the Algae" is the topic when biologist Robert Sheath speaks on Thursday, May 2, at 5 p.m., in ACD 102 at CSU San Marcos. Sheath has studied aquatic systems throughout North America and Europe, and he'll focus on the importance of the algae. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road; 760-750-4366. Free. (SAN MARCOS)

"Light/Words: Conversations with Poet Jorie Graham and Photographer Larry Fink" is slated for Saturday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m., at the Museum of Photographic Arts. This dual experience, moderated by MoPA director Arthur Ollman, is offered in conjunction with the museum's current show, "Photographers, Writers, and the American Scene," an exhibit bringing together 35 photographers and 15 writers. Tickets are $15 general. For information, call 619-238-7559 x230. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

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 continues. Today, Thursday, April 25, the series features journalist Alan Cheuse (you may recognize his voice from NPR), poet Lucille Clifton, and bass clarinetist Bennie Maupin. The series concludes with performances by author Alexs D. Pate (*Amistad: A Novel*), poet Marie Howe, and keyboardist Adam Holzman on Thursday, May 2.

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. 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)

"An Evening with the Muses" is promised when faculty, alumni, and students at CSU San Marcos unite today, Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Expect to hear poets, authors, performers, and songwriters give short readings from their own work as well as share the passages and words that have inspired (or haunted) them. Books and CDs will be available for signing.

The requested donation is $5, benefiting the Literature and Writing Student and Alumni Fund. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Dial 760-750-4366 for more information. (SAN MARCOS)

America's Longest Held Prisoner of War, Jim Thompson, has his Vietnam-tale told in *Glory Denied.* Author Tom Philpott will discuss his new book today, Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Traditional Music and Dance of the Ewe, Ashanti, Ga, Frafra, and Dagomba people of west Ghana, Africa, is showcased when the 14-member Abaa Koma ensemble performs on Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Led by John Flood and Akayaa Atule, the group will be joined by the Zadonu African Music and Dance Company. Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-7452 for further information. (SDSU)

"Catch a Rising Star 2002," time for the 11th annual talent competition showcase hosted by the La Jolla Stage Company. Semi-finalists will perform at one of four competitive shows: 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. Tickets are $15 general. The performances take place at the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. For reservations, call 858-459-7773. Finalists compete on May 18. (DOWNTOWN)

Concerts in the Garden — Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden, that is — begin with a performance by guitarist and vocalist Suzanne Shae on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Expect to hear pop standards from Patsy Cline to Linda Ronstadt. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Free. Find the garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West; 619-660-0614. Free. (EL CAJON)

Best-Selling Author Michael Connelly will sign and discuss his well-received *City of Bones* at Warwick's Bookstore on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Fresh Sound, What We Live — featuring Larry Ochs (saxophone), Lisle Ellis (bass), and Don Robinson (drums) — performs for the series at Spruce Street Forum on Friday, April 26, 8 p.m. The trio "investigates concepts central to the tradition of jazz-based improvisation." Find the Forum at 301 Spruce Street; 619-295-0301. Tickets are $20 general. (HILLCREST)

New York in the 1950s is the setting for *The Season of Lillian Dawes,* the second book by Katherine Mosby, who also wrote *Private Altars.* Mosby visits Esmeralda Books and Coffee to sign and discuss her work on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar and by calling 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Native Tongues, this poetry reading hosted by Adrian Arancibia of the Taco Shop Poets is slated for Friday, April 26, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). This evening, enjoy performances by Linda Torres, DJ Tuberc, and others. The requested donation is $5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., readings begin at 8 p.m. Call 619-230-1869 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

The Featured Poet is Gael M. Cummings when Poetry Unlimited Art and Music convenes on Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). An open reading follows. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

She Was a Winner, Terry Ryan will discuss and sign *Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio,* a tale of how her mother raised her 11 children by winning contests for everything from food to vacations, on Friday, April 26. The signing starts at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center, 5500 Grossmont Center Drive. 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"North of the Merge," this Friday night reading jam is set to begin at 8 p.m. on April 26 at Earth Song Bookstore, with performances by Hal Jaffe, Scott Tinley, and JoAnne Meschery. Free. Find the shop at 1440 Camino Del Mar; 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

Bringing All 22 of Their Singing Crystal Bowls and "noisy toys," Elivia Melodey and Gaye Unverferth celebrate the release of their new CD, *Journey to Wholeness,* with a party and concert on Friday, April 26, 8 p.m., at Well Within (555 Second Street). Bring drums and music makers, a beverage or snack to share, and a pillow if you want to sit. 760-918-6688. (ENCINITAS)

Warning: Adult Language and Situations are promised when the Fault Line Players present sketch and improv in "Dirty Shorts: Wedgie," on Saturday, April 27, 8 p.m., at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce); $7. The performance begins at 8 p.m. 619-692-3382. (HILLCREST)

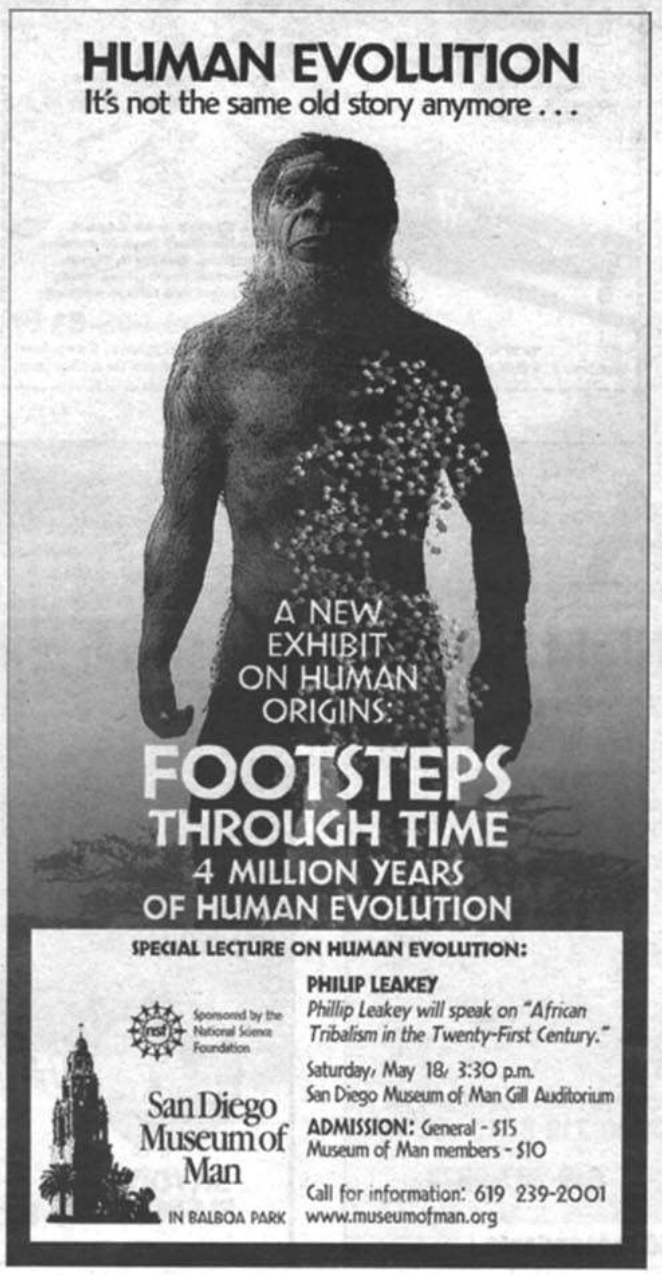
Based in Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, Fil Campbell, accompanied by partner and percussionist Tom McFarland, presents a concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, April 27. Their music is said to blend acoustic pop, jazz, folk, and traditional songs. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are $11. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Aztec Stories" by Michael Heralda may be heard when this writer takes you into the "wondrous world of the Mexica/Aztecs" through ballads, oral tradition stories, and ancient poetry on Saturday, April 27. The performance begins at 8 p.m. at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission: $5. Call 619-231-1869 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

Musical Storytellers and Political Satirists Charlie King and Karen Brandow perform with the Prince Myshkins for the Peace and Democracy Task Force and Activist San Diego on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m., in the meeting hall at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). The requested donation is $10. Call 619-692-3541 for information. (HILLCREST)

"Peace beyond a Season for Nonviolence," this talent show and silent auction is slated for Saturday, April 27, at 7 p.m., at the Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). The camp-style talent







show promises poetry, music, comedy, and skits by "youth from around the Southwest." Tickets are $10 general, $7 for children 8-12, free for those 7 and younger. For information, call 760-943-9209. (CARDIFF)

Raising Funds for Arts Education, "Rites of Spring 2002: Cruising into Spring with Christine Ebersole in Concert" takes place on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m., at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Ebersole is the Tony-winning star of Broadway's *42nd Street.* Tickets are $35. For reservations, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

The Fallbrook Americana Music Series continues when Dave Stamey performs on Saturday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). The Colorado duo of Liz Masterson and Sean Blackburn, known for their singing, yodeling, and comedy, is part of the evening's entertainment. Tickets are $10 general, $5 for kids. Call 760-723-7255 for information. (FALLBROOK)

A "Celebration of Poets and Poetry" is planned at the Oceanside Public Library on Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m. Local poets Charlene Baldridge and Merle Fischlowitz will participate, and high schoolers are invited to bring a poem to share (either one they've written or a favorite by someone else). Free. Find the library at 330 North Coast Highway. Call 760-435-5586 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

"An Evening of Comedy" benefiting the Escondido Humane Society is planned by Troupe Therapy on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are $10. For tickets, dial 619-237-8627. (CARLSBAD)

A Spring Choral Concert is planned by the 65 voices of the SDSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers on Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Listen for Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Daniel Greenbush (pianist), Elena Mashkotseva (harp), John Flood (percussion), and countertenor Keith Rarick. The program includes works by Brahms as well as solos, folk songs, spirituals, and performances by guests Mariachi Azteca. Tickets are $8 general. Call 619-594-1696 for information. (SDSU)

You're Invited to "Spring into Scientific Gospel" when Dr. Stephen Baird and the Opossums of Truth perform on Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Listen for spring "songs about renewal, reproduction, and other basic elements of life in our universe." Baird is professor of pathology at UCSD's School of Medicine. Tickets are $10 general, $8 for students, $5 for kids under 12. For reservations, dial 858-481-0765. (LA COSTA)

"Creative Concepts: The Adult Scholar and the Arts" is a celebration of the performing and visual arts being presented for the 12th year by the teachers and students of classes at the Continuing Education Center of the San Diego Community College District. The festival returns to the Casa del Prado on Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult students will present choral and orchestral performances, big-band and mandolin groups, and art exhibits and demonstrations. Admission is free. For information, dial 858-488-1128. (BALBOA PARK)

Beatfest 2002 hits town for performances on April 28 and 29. Poetry slam pioneer Gary Mex Glazner and the jazz trio Vibes perform on Sunday at 5 p.m. at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201.

The show moves to the 101 Artists' Colony for an event hosted by the Full Moon Poets on Monday at 7 p.m. Find the colony at 25 East E Street; 760-944-6027. The requested donation is $3. (MISSION VALLEY, ENCINITAS)

Derailed, this art series at the Whistle Stop Bar features local artists performing music, spoken word, poetry, and prose; organizers boast that "artists are given a venue to perform without rules or restraints." The show on Sunday, April 28, 8 p.m., features writers Michael Klam and Kimberly Dark, and musicians Marcia Forman and Josh Wachtel. Find the Stop at 2236 Fern Street (at 30th and Juniper). Free. 619-284-6784. (SOUTH PARK)

An Afternoon of Praise through Song featuring Sister Elizabeth Winn is planned on Sunday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church (719 Cesar E. Chávez Parkway). Donation. Call 619-233-6487 for information. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

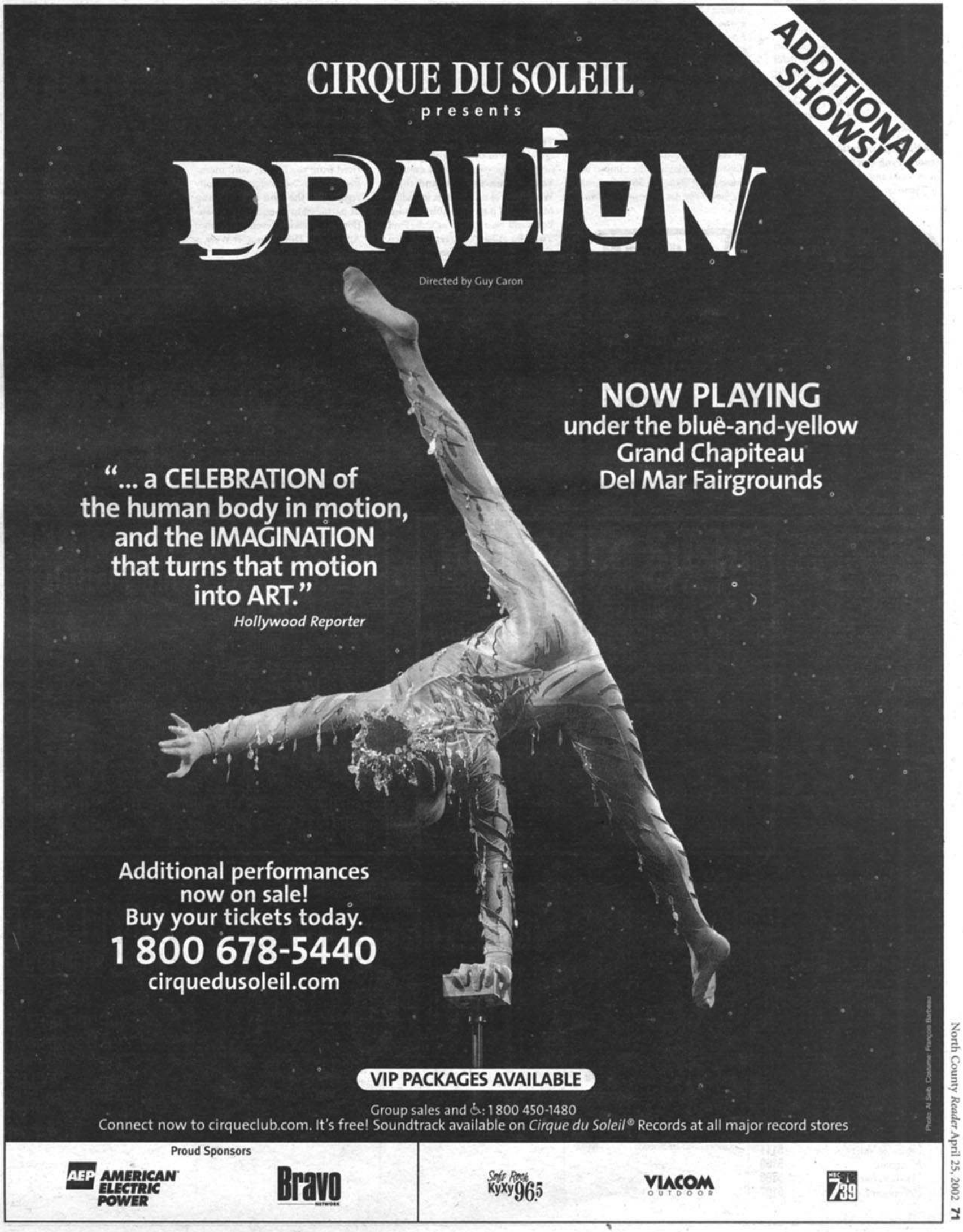
Sunday Slammin', the first round is open to the first 18 people in line (at 7 p.m.) for the Last Sunday Poetry Slam on April 28, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Slam, judge, or just watch the action. Slamming begins at 7:30 p.m. 619-294-2920. The requested donation is $2. (HILLCREST)

A "Home Concert" is planned by MiraCosta College's 27-member Chamber Chorale, concluding a five-day tour of California with a performance on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m., at Carlsbad Community Church (3175n Harding Street). The program boasts folk music, vocal jazz, and classical selections including works by Gabriel Poulenc and Robert Young. Admission is $7 general. 760-795-6815. (CARLSBAD)

B.Y.O.P. You're invited to read from your own work or bring some by your favorite authors for the Poetsperformance open reading on Sunday, April 28, 4 to 6 p.m., in the Red Room at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Free. 619-523-5543. (POINT LOMA)

Attila the Pun, local wordsmith Richard Lederer presents a look at "Language and Laughter" on Monday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. For information, call 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

She Was an Oprah Author before the talk-show host abandoned her book club, and on Monday, April 29, Anita Shreve will sign and discuss her latest book, *Sea Glass,* at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Shreve's books include *The Pilot's Wife* and *Fortune's Rock.* Call



858-454-0347 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

An Evening Full of Words is expected when Lizzie Wann performs for the Grossmont College Literary Arts Festival on Monday, April 29. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Griffin Gate; find the campus at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. For more information, call 619-644-7000. (EL CAJON)

Author Jan Goldstein signs and discusses his book *Life Can Be This Good: Awakening to the Miracles Around Us* on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. Questions? Call 858-755-4254 for answers. (DEL MAR)

Public Administration and Urban Studies Professor Lawrence Herzog signs books and presents a slide show on Tuesday, April 30, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Herzog is author of *From Aztec to High Tech: Architecture and Landscape Across the Mexico-United States Border*. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Explore the Mysteries of Sri Lanka and the Michael Ondatjee books *Running in the Family* and *Anil's Ghost* when the Book Works hosts an informal discussion group on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Find the shop in the Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle. Free. To reserve a spot, dial 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

Meet Master Storyteller Luis Rodriguez when he's honored with an author's reception on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). His new book is *The Republic of East L.A.: Stories*, "full of heartfelt stories." Free. For information, call 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Calling Writers (and All Others!), head to San Diego State University on Wednesday, May 1, when author Vivian Gornick visits the campus to discuss and sign *The Situation and the Story: The Art of Personal Narrative*. She'll appear at 2 p.m. in the SDSU Bookstore and at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library. Free. For information, call 619-594-7528 or 619-594-6711. (SDSU)

Exotic Destination: Escondido! Musicians, singers, and dancers of the Salsa Steel Drum Band present "hot, pulsating music" outdoors at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Wednesday, May 1, at 4 p.m. Prepare to dance. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Admission is free. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Congressional Staffers-Turned-Comedians keep you laughing when they unite as the Capitol Steps on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are $17, $24, and $31. For reservations, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

"The Lingo," Tomás Riley and Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets host this open-mike poetry event at Voz Alta on the first and third Wednesday of each month, including May 1, at 8 p.m. The Able-Minded Poets will be on hand as well. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-231-1869. Admission is free. (DOWNTOWN)

Boasting a Three-Octave Range and "an exceptional ear for music," Lila Downs will perform Mayan, Zapotec, Mixtec, and Oaxacan songs on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Downs was born near the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico. Tickets are $17 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

Before gracing the stage at UCSD, Downs will help raise funds for Bienestar's Mujeres Program for women and children impacted by HIV/AIDS on Tuesday, April 30. Meet Downs at a VIP reception planned at Bienestar's offices (3020 North Park Way) from 6 to 6:45 p.m.; admission is $40. Then she's off to sign CDs and meet fans at 7 p.m. at the Centro Cultural de la Raza (2004 Park Boulevard, in the Pepper Grove area, north of Presidents Way); admission is $10. For reservations and information, call 619-295-2192 or 619-235-6135. (NORTH PARK, BALBOA PARK)

Sous le Grand Chapiteau, 55 artists from ten countries perform a variety of high-caliber acts created specially for Cirque du Soleil's newest show, *Dralion*. Ancient Chinese acrobatic tradition is fused with the avant-garde in Cirque shows, which feature teeterboard, double trapeze, hoop diving, bamboo poles, single hand-balancing, clowns, and more.

Dralion continues through Sunday, May 12, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Tickets range from $45 to $65 for adults, $5.50 to $31.50 for children. For specific showtimes and reservations, call 800-678-5440. (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

Del Mar National Horse Show, the 57th annual three-week show of competitions, instruction, and displays continues through May 5. Derived from the French word meaning "to train," dressage is generally regarded as the most intricate form of partnership in equine competition. The dressage events run from April 25-28; Hunter Jumper Week is slated for April 30-May 5.

An "Evening of Musical Freestyle" is planned on Saturday, April 27, and the $25,000 Surfside Grand Prix is slated for Thursday, May 2. Tickets for these events begin at $10.

All events are held at the Del Mar Arena on the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. Weekday admission from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. is free. For more details on tickets or event schedules, call 858-792-4252. (DEL MAR)

Road Trip! The San Diego Padres finish their series against the Phillies in Philadelphia with a game at 12:05 p.m. today, Thursday, April 25. Next stop: Pittsburgh, for games against the Pirates April 26-28, beginning at 4:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday.

Back home at Qualcomm Stadium, the Pads meet up with the Chicago Cubs April 30-May 2, at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 2:05 p.m. on Thursday.

Tickets range from $6 to $28. For additional details, call 888-MY PADRES. All games are broadcast in English on KOGO (600 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM). (MISSION VALLEY)

Cowboy Up, the 2002 Lakeside Rodeo runs April 26-28; with calf roping, bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc, wild horse racing, steer wrestling, and more! Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets on Friday are $5 per person, or $20 for the "family pack"; on Saturday and Sunday, general admission is $8, children under 13 pay $3, and reserved seats are available for $10 and $12. Find the grounds at Highway 67 and Mapleview Street. For information and advance ticket outlets, call 619-561-4331. (LAKESIDE)

Factory Stock Cars and pony stocks compete at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, April 27, along with sportsman, street, and bomber division racing. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

The 3/8-mile track is located next to Gillespie Field. Take I-8 to Highway 67, and use the Bradley exit. Drive left for two blocks to Wing Street, then right one block to the track entrance. Adult admission: $10 (west side) and $12 (east side); $5 for those 6 to 12; free for kids under 6 with an adult. For information, call 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

The Newest Professional Soccer Club in town plays a home game on Saturday, April 27, when the San Diego Gauchos meet up with the Arizona Sahuaros. The game begins at 10 a.m. in Titan Stadium at EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). Admission is $6 for adults, $3 for those 14 and younger. For information, call 619-336-9861. (CHULA VISTA)

The Pal Surf Contest is slated for Saturday, April 27, from 6 a.m. to sunset, on the south side of the Oceanside Pier. Free for spectators. Call 760-435-4548 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Whaddaya Know About Cricket? Get the skinny when the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its first home games on April 27 and 28. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association.

The first team plays against the International Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team meets up with the Casuals on Sunday. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. (bring a lunch!) at UCSD's Warren Field. Admission is free. For information, call 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

Spring Fitness Fling 2002, a minimarathon, weight-lifting contests, and master classes (pilates, ball, cycle/spinning, Latin/swing dance, aerobics) are promised when Pure Fitness hosts a fundraiser for the San Diego Padres' Cindy Matters Fund for Pediatric Oncology Research at UCSD. Events take place on Saturday, April 27, at the Bonita Athletic Club (690 Otay Lakes Road) and Valley Athletic Club. For more details, call 619-656-1000 or 619-934-5976. (BONITA)

Surf's Up? The NSSA hosts a surfing competition on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, from 6:30 a.m. to sunset each day, on the south side of the Oceanside Pier (301 North the Strand). For details, dial 714-536-0445. (OCEANSIDE)

The Rolling Hills of EastLake provide the backdrop for Cycle EastLake 2002, a recreational bicycling event set for Sunday, April 28. The tours — a 50-miler starting 7:30 a.m., 25-mile ride at 8 a.m., 12-mile ride beginning at 8:30 a.m., and 5-mile family fun roll and stroll at 9 a.m. — start and end at Chula Vista Community Park, next to EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). For registration, call 619-421-3111. (CHULA VISTA)

Foothill Frolic, join the Knickerbikers for a 30-mile bicycle ride for intermediates around local foothills on Sunday, April 28. The outing starts at 9 a.m. at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Bring money for lunch (optional). 619-287-4019. (MISSION GORGE)

Something for Everyone, the 21st annual La Jolla Half Marathon, La Jolla Shores 5k, and Windansea Five-Mile Stride all take place on Sunday, April 28, starting at 7:30 a.m. For details on all of the events, call 858-454-1262. (LA JOLLA)

A "New Secret Route" Is Revealed when the Sierra Club bicyclists head out for the Mission Bay Express Ride on Sunday, April 28. Expect to ride from Santee around Cowles Mountain to Friars Village for lunch at Einstein Bagels, as well as three-quarters of a mile of hard-pack riding (no gravel, suitable for road tires). The 42-mile ride starts at 8:30 a.m. at De Anza Cove. Bring money for food. Call 619-582-3334 for more details. (MISSION BAY)

Get Ready for Summer when ocean kayak instructor Mark Olson hosts kayak lessons and demonstrations on Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Allen's Kayaks (819 San Fernando Place). Free. For information, call 858-488-5599. (SOUTH MISSION BEACH)

Athletes and Actors Mingle when the Stan Humphries Celebrity Classic golf tournament runs May 1-5 at the Morgan Run Resort (5690 Cancha de Golf). Tickets are $10 for spectators, good for all days of the tournament. For information, dial 858-966-5959. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

SPECIAL

"Artist's Books on a Japanese Theme" are being exhibited by members of San Diego Book Arts through Sunday, April 28, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. According to organizers, "The works in this exhibit reflect a plurality of contemporary methods and attitudes towards the art of the book." Garden admission is

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$3 general, $2 for students, children 6 and under free. For more details, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"A Bridge to the Future: The Meditation Festivals of Spring 2002" are planned "during the heightened atmosphere of the spring full moons." Each full moon is a festival of light based on a powerful relationship between the earth and the sun. At each gathering, a speaker sets the tone and the group holds the keynote with a period of silence, invocation, and music.

This year the festivals celebrate the potentials of "Awakening Humanity." The gathering on Friday, April 26, convenes for the festival of Taurus with "A Call to Purpose." The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 7380 Eads Avenue. For information, call 619-296-1373. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. (LA JOLLA)

Listen for Opera Stars Warming Up their voices for *Don Pasquale* when the San Diego Opera hosts backstage tours at the Civic Theatre on April 26 and 28. What does it take to put a massive opera production together? Find out at 6:30 p.m. on Friday or at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, but reservations are required; 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn About Organic Wines when John Gelber at Whole Foods Market pours six wines — all sulfite-free — on Friday, April 26, 7:30 to 9 p.m. What is organic wine, and why might you choose to drink it? Find out at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive. Call 858-642-6700 to reserve a spot. The cover is $10. (LA JOLLA)

Traditional and Old-Time Music, head to Normal Heights for the 29th annual Adams Avenue Roots Festival on April 27 and 28. The festival — found on Adams Avenue between 34th and 35th Streets — promises ongoing entertainment by many musical acts, along with the requisite food and libations, arts and crafts, kids' activities, and dancing.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Call 619-282-7329 for information. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Celebrate the Visual and Performing Artists of San Diego during ArtWalk 2002. The 18th annual installment of ArtWalk is slated for Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, from noon to 6 p.m. The event is centered in Little Italy, with musical performances, children's activities, and artists displaying their talents. Admission is free; you'll pay $2 for ArtWalk guides with maps and schedules. For information, call 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Brokers Building, 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue), hosts ArtWalk festivities on both Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m. Workspaces in the building will be open to the public, and the third-floor gallery will display work by ten emerging local artists. For information, call 619-656-0549. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Whaddaya Know of the Rich Heritage and longstanding cultural traditions of the native peoples of the San Diego area? According to organizers of the "California Native People/Native Plants" event at Quail Botanical Gardens, San Diego County is home to more bands of Native Americans than any other county in the U.S.

The program — slated for Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — includes a replica Kumeyaay home site and demonstrations of how Native Americans utilized native plants for food, medicine, shelter, clothing, and musical instruments. Presenters include Abel Silvas, Luiseño Richard Bugbee, Juaneno Jacque Nuñez, and Martin Espinso.

The program is included in regular museum admission; $5 general, with discounts for seniors and children. Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Call 760-436-3036 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Hanamatsuri (Japan's Festival of the Flowers) combines a celebration of spring with a commemoration of the birth of Buddha. Japanese food, lectures on Buddhism, art, kids' games, *taiko* drumming, and music are promised when the Vista Buddhist Temple and Japanese Cultural Center host Hanamatsuri festivities from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. Admission is free. Find the temple at 150 Cedar Road; 760-941-8800. (VISTA)

No Sacred Items Will Be Sold or Displayed, but Guatemalan masks, Southwestern kachinas, Plains Indian textiles, and Pacific Northwest carvings are among the items on display at the Del Mar American Indian Art Show, slated for April 27 and 28, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Knowledgeable antique Indian art dealers will be on hand to answer questions. During the show, Native American musician Xavier Quijas Yxayotl will perform.

Tickets are $6 for adults, free for those under 16. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Call 858-755-1161 for information. (DEL MAR)

Bonsai in Spring, the San Diego Bonsai Club's 37th annual spring bonsai show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. Admission is free, and organizers promise bonsai demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and bonsai trees and accessories for sale. 619-699-8776. Admission is free. (BALBOA PARK)

The Streets Are Alive when the 17th annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair and Parade takes place on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival is held at 6900 Linda Vista Road (between Comstock and Ulrich Streets), boasting international folk art, three stages with an array of music and performances, arts and crafts, activities, and demonstrations. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free. For details, dial 858-560-0871. (LINDA VISTA)

Will Joshua Bean Be Elected? Join the last-minute campaign to elect the first American mayor of the newly incorporated city of San Diego (1850) when Old Town San Diego State Historic Park hosts a living history event on Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors can vote on historical ballots. 619-220-5422. Free. (OLD TOWN)

Picnic in the Park during the San Diego à la Carte festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way in Balboa Park. Guests may sample specialties from 25 local restaurants, enjoy a wine and beer tasting, take in chef demonstrations, and enjoy live entertainment by performers including Eve Selis, the Royal Crown Revue, Orquesta Zona Nueva, Jefferson Starship, and others.

Admission is $8 general, $6 for seniors, free for those under 12; food samples range from $1 to $5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. (BALBOA PARK)

Drum Circle, bring your drums, flutes, shaker, or other native rhythm instruments. A "brief skill-building lesson" will be offered by John Clouder. Meet at Hilltop Center, 331 East Elder Street, on Saturday, April 27, noon to 3:30 p.m. It's organized by Tom Rondeau of Rainbow Designs. The requested donation is $1. 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

"Celebrating Unity in a Changing World" is the theme for the 13th annual International Friendship Festival at Alliant University on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The students from the more than 80 countries who attend the school will host food and craft booths, and there will be family activities and live entertainment. Bring lawn chairs. Alliant University (the former USIU) is located at 10455 Pomerado Road. Admission is free. 858-635-4607. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Hey There, a Psychic Fair! Head to the First Spiritualist Church for psychic fun on Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trained psychics and healers will offer a sample of their services including tarot, rune stones, and psychic readings. Animal communicator Jerri Carroll will help you "tune in to your pet." Admission is a $15 donation. Find the church at 3777 42nd Street (at Wightman). 619-284-4646. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Sing Out Loud when the fourth annual SongFest takes place on Saturday, April 27, 3 to 9 p.m., at Rancho Corrido RV Resort and Campground (14715 Highway 76, 10.8 miles east of Highway 15). For prices and other details, call 760-742-3755. (PALA)

A "Rootin' Tootin' Chili Cook-Off" is planned on Sunday, April 28, at the Bonita Village Shopping Center (4180 Bonita Road). Guests will find live musical entertainment, food vendors, kids' activities, and more. Chili judging begins at 1 p.m. Admission is $7 general, $4 for children three to ten years old. For chili-team entry and further information, call 619-472-8520. (BONITA)

Hate Hurts, the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture, in collaboration with over 30 community agencies, presents a day dedicated to increasing the community's awareness of prejudice and how it impacts our lives. "Any Way You Look at It, Hate Hurts" runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, for students in 5th through 12th grades and their parents or guardians.

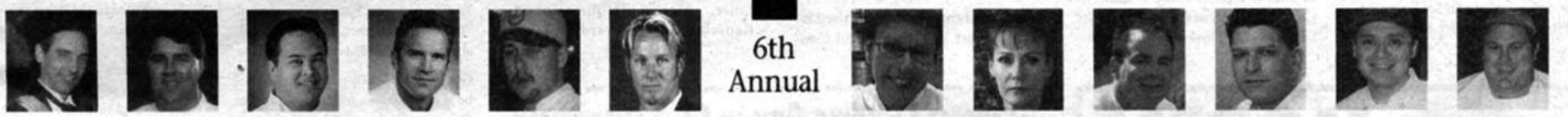
The program is centered on the book *Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice* by Caryl Stern-La Rossa and Ellen Hofheimer Bettmann. Events open with a theater performance by Culture Clash, and there will be workshops, lunch and speaker, and a closing concert with performances by Anasazi (Thee Ancient Ones), the Asian Story Theater, Cambodian Dancers of San Diego, Herederos de la Frontera, the J*Company Youth Theater, Malaika Kidogas, and the UCSD Gospel Choir.

The $7 fee includes breakfast and lunch. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. To register, call 858-362-1344. (LA JOLLA)

"Wear to Be Seen," this exhibit at the Chinese Historical Society and Museum celebrates the colorful traditions of China's ethnic groups. The show opens with a reception on Sunday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. "Wear to Be Seen" includes costumes of the Han, Manchu, Mongolian, Uygur, Tibetan, Miao, Yao, and Chaoxiang people. See this show through the end of July. 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Camaros and Chevelles star during the San Diego Stadium Auto Swap on Sunday, April 28, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Qualcomm Stadium. A large assortment of street rods, mini-trucks, trucks, antique, classic, and specialty vehicles are expected as well. View vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission is $5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (MISSION VALLEY)

Bowling for the Animals, raise funds for the San Diego Animal Advocates, Pet Assistance, Project



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Celebration of San Diego Chefs

May 2-30 • This year's events will take place in 8 restaurants throughout San Diego!

Celebration of San Diego Chefs is an association of local chefs whose purpose is to showcase the San Diego culinary scene and support San Diego chefs of tomorrow by providing scholarship aid for mid-level cooks who wish to further their culinary education. This year we have joined forces with our local growers and farmers to highlight this year's theme of "home grown".

The price for dinners is $60 per person plus tax and gratuity. $20 from each dinner goes to the scholarship fund.
For reservations, please call the individual restaurant. For further information, contact Ed Moore or Shirley Johnson at 619-224-2884. For full event menus, please visit www.theebungalow.com.

Thursday, May 2
THEE BUNGALOW
4996 West Point Loma Boulevard
619-224-2884
Victor Jimenez, Thee Bungalow; Terryl Gavre, Café 222; Ken Irvine, Chez Loma French Bistro; Amiko Gubbins, Parallel 33°; Carlton Greenwalt, 150 Grand Café.

Monday, May 6
NINE TEN RESTAURANT
910 Prospect Street, La Jolla
858-964-5400
Michael Stebner, Nine Ten Restaurant; Trey Foshee, George's at the Cove; Jean-Michel Diot, Tapenade; Jack Fisher, Nine Ten Restaurant; Carl Schroeder, Arterra; Margaret Barre, Chef Consultant.

Tuesday, May 7
PAMPLEMOUSE GRILLE
514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach
858-792-9090
Jeffrey Strauss, Pamplemouse Grille; Derek Ridgeway, 3rd Corner; Tom Atkins, J. Taylor's Del Mar; Chris Idso, Pacifica Del Mar; Beryl Ann Byrd, Just Fabulous Pastries; Steve McGee, MCRD.

Thursday, May 9
3RD CORNER
2265 Bacon Street
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Juan Flores, 3rd Corner; John Malcolm, Azul La Jolla; Jim Phillips, Bernardo's; Steve Black, Sheraton Harbor Island; Michael Quigley, Prince of Wales at Hotel Del; Jenna Lipska, Hilton Torrey Pines.

Tuesday, May 14
MIXX
3671 5th Avenue, San Diego
619-299-6499
Josh McGinnis, Prego; Zhee Zhee Aguirre, Mixx; Chris Walsh, Café W; Jeff Burt, Scalini; Andy Johnson, Pacific Coast Grill; Danielle Helm, Mixx.

Thursday, May 16
TERRA
1270 Cleveland Avenue, San Diego
619-293-7088
Jeff Rossman, Terra; Riko Bartolome, Madieras Country Club; Steve Pickell, Café Champagne; Jeff Thurston, The Prado; Sara Polczynski, San Diego Culinary Institute; Armando Morales, San Diego Zoo.

Tuesday, May 21
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Brian Johnston, Anthony's Seafood Group; Hanis Cavin, Dakota's; Fabrice Poigin, Bertrand's at Mr. A's; Scott Diehl, Wine Sellar & Brasserie; Jeff Jackson, Lodge at Torrey Pines; Denise Roa, Hilton Torrey Pines.

Thursday, May 23
3RD CORNER
2265 Bacon Street, San Diego
619-223-2700
Randy Gruber, Americana Restaurant; Don Coulon, Retired Chef; Ron Tolle, Azzura Point, Loews Coronado Bay Resort; Michel Stroot, Golden Door; Michelle Coulon, Dessertier La Jolla.

Tuesday, May 28
TRATTORIA ACQUA
1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla
858-454-0709
Damaso Lee, Trattoria Acqua; Bernard Guillas, Marine Room; Pascal Vignau, Four Seasons Aviara; Tom Dowling, Rancho Bernardo Inn; Christopher Vessaire, Le Fontainebleau, Westgate Hotel; Brian Freerksen, Baleen; Hugo Lee, Trattoria Acqua.

Thursday, May 30
THEE BUNGALOW
4996 West Point Loma Boulevard
619-224-2884
Deborah Schneider, Hilton Torrey Pines; Susan Sbicca, Sbicca Bistro; Stephen Window, Roppongi; Michael Almos, Fat Concepts, Inc.; Max Elfman, Dobson's; Ngoc al Van, Torreyana Grille; Christopher Blauw, Hilton Torrey Pines.



Wildlife, and the Feral Cat Coalition by bowling on Sunday, April 28, at noon, at Sunset Bowl (3093 Clairemont Drive). Participants have sponsors pledge money per pin or make flat pledges. For information, call 760-942-3365. (CLAIREMONT)

Support Your Local Mountain Rescue Team when the group holds its annual Shop and Swap on Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the north parking lot at the San Diego County Administration Building (1600 Pacific Coast Highway). The sale is for "outdoor recreational related items only." Admission is $3 for adults, free for kids 10 and younger. Questions? Call 619-284-4878 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

"When Normal Things Feel Better" is the theme for the inaugural Salon de San Diego, a one-day art exhibit benefiting Mama's Kitchen on Sunday, April 28. The show promises 68 pieces of artwork by amateur and professional artists from around Southern California. Admission is free. Events run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cadman Park (4280 Avati Drive). Call 858-531-1308 for more information. (CLAIREMONT)

Not Planning a Trip to Japan Soon? Celebrate the Japanese Spring Festival scheduled on Wednesday, May 1, in the MiraCosta College Theatre (at One Barnard Drive). The Tayama Koto Ensemble performs at 1 p.m. The 12-member ensemble performs on koto, a 13- or 17-stringed instrument that originated in the Seventh Century; two taiko drummers and two performers of the *shamisen* (a three-string, banjo-type instrument) will join the group.

Taiko drummers of the Vista Buddhist Temple will perform at 2 p.m. Soko Fosket and Soi Fujimoto explain the philosophy behind the tea ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Free. For further information, call 760-795-6612. (OCEANSIDE)

"Visions of Carrillo Ranch: A Fourth-Grade Perspective" is on offer on Wednesday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the William D. Cannon Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The show features 220 colorful oil pastel paintings by fourth-grade students from 13 elementary schools in Carlsbad. Classes have been participating in the California History and Art program. For more information, call 760-438-1666. (LA COSTA)

Covet a Manny Farber for the Living Room? The Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla hosts its third triennial art auction on Wednesday, May 1. The works on offer have been selected by MCA's director and curators, with pieces by artists including John Baldessari, Einar and Jamex de la Torre, Roman de Salvo, Jean Lowe, Martin Mull, Robert Rauschenberg, Edward Ruscha, William Wegman, and *many* others.

Admission for nonmembers is $75. A curatorial tour and silent auction with refreshments takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with auctioneer Andrea Fiuczynski (president of Christie's Los Angeles) beginning the auction at 8 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. For space availability, call 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Get in Line! Scoops of ice cream will be given away — for free! — at participating Baskin-Robbins ice cream stores on Wednesday, May 1, from 6 to 10 p.m. Baskin-Robbins will donate money for every scoop served to First Book. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Flower Power, the 21st annual Art Alive! runs May 2-5 at the San Diego Museum of Art. More than 130 amateur and professional floral designers will be participating. Artworks from the museum's galleries are complemented by unique floral arrangements created by professional floral designers and amateur exhibitors.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. General admission is $10. For information, call 619-696-1934. (BALBOA PARK)

A Half-Price Book Sale is slated for Thursday through Saturday, May 2-4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Rancho Santa Fe Book Cellar (17040 Avenida de Acacias, at La Granada). For more information, call 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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

Wings over Gillespie, over 60 World War II warbirds and vintage aircraft are being displayed at the seventh annual "Wings over Gillespie" static air show, Friday through Sunday, May 3-5, at Gillespie Field. Expect a "Salute to American Air Power," with the show dedicated to the history of the Douglas A-26 Invader. Planes take off and land regularly throughout the weekend, and rides are available (for a fee) in some of the planes.

The entrance to the show is at the Gillespie Field Administration Building (1960 Joe Crosson Drive). Gates are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $10 general, free for children 9 and under. For information, call 619-448-4505 or 888-215-7000. (EL CAJON)

Family, Food, Flowers, the annual Mother's Day weekend festivities are planned by Quail Botanical Gardens and the San Dieguito Art Guild. Events begin with a British "high tea" in the floral setting of Quail Botanical Gardens on Saturday, May 11; tours of the garden, food, and music are included in the ticket price of $20. North County artists will display art and present demonstrations.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, promises a self-guided tour of artists' studios and gardens, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are $15. For information and reservations, call 760-436-3036 x203. (ENCINITAS)

FOR KIDS

Fantasy, Fun, and Fractured Nursery Rhymes are promised when Tom Jensen's Puppets present *Hickory Dickory Dock* through Sunday, April 28, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Kate's Bloomin' Dream,* focusing on the roots of Balboa Park, will be performed by the Puppet Theater Players May 1-5.

Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

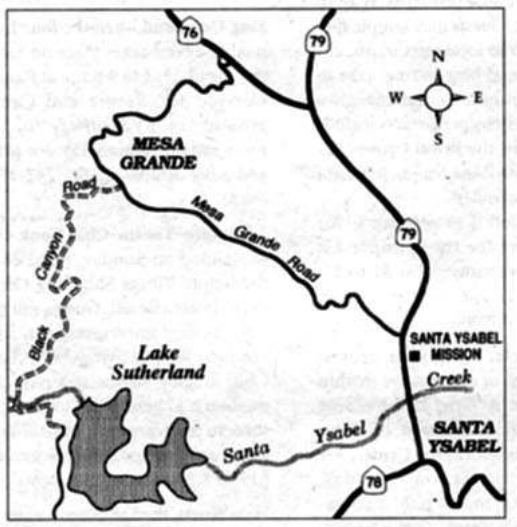
Roam-O-Rama

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

At an elevation of over 3000 feet, the rolling upland known as Mesa Grande is more reminiscent of Central California's coast ranges than San Diego County's typical rock-ribbed foothills. Through the heart of Mesa Grande runs a meandering country road serving only the light traffic of local residents and a few tourists off the beaten path. By any standard, it's one of Southern California's finest paved roads for bicycle touring.

The tiny but growing crossroads community of Santa Ysabel — long known for its popular Dudley's Bakery — is a good starting point for the 22-mile loop route (up Highway 79 and back through Mesa Grande) described here. The traffic of backcountry residents and tourists has increased somewhat in recent years, so an early-morning start will help you elude as much as possible some fast-moving cars on Highway 79.

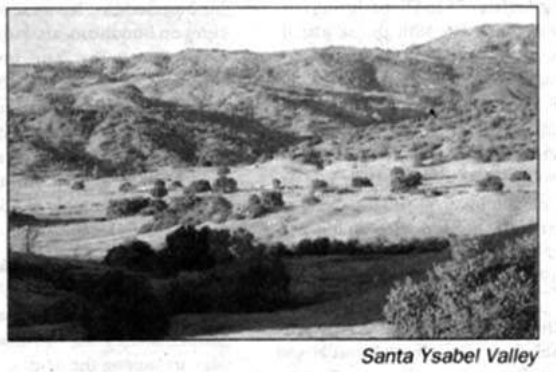
Start by heading north on Highway 79 for 7 miles, up to a gentle summit halfway, and down the other side. On the long, downhill run, Lake Henshaw and the Palomar Observatory's 200-inch telescope dome come into view ahead. A blanket of morning fog often covers the lake until an hour or so after sunrise.



At the bottom of the grade, turn left on Highway 76. After another 2 miles, go left at Mesa Grande Road. You now leave virtually all traffic behind and begin to tackle a wickedly steep uphill grade. Only the strongest riders will remain on the pedals during the next 1.5 curvy miles. There's no shame in walking your bike up the steepest parts. Glance back at the immense sunken plain behind you, with the currently contracted Lake Henshaw at its west end. The plain, known as Valle de San Jose, owes its depressed elevation to earth movements along the Elsinore Fault.

After topping out, Mesa Grande Road rolls generally southward over oak woods and grassy vales. You pass hillsides where gem-quality tourmaline, beryl, garnet, and topaz have been mined for more than a century. You cross Indian reservation lands, with nary a car in sight, and finally pitch downward to an intersection with Highway 79. The Santa Ysabel Mission, a restored version of the original *asistencia,* or submission, established here in 1818 by the San Diego mission, lies across the road.

Use Highway 79 to return to Santa Ysabel. Upon arrival, indulge your appetite for breakfast, fresh-baked bread, or apple pie at one of the eating establishments there.



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Good Man, Part I, the Coronado School of the Arts theater department presents Clark Gesner and Andrew Lippa's Broadway hit *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* April 26 through May 4. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, April 27. Find the school on the campus of Coronado High School, 650 D Avenue. Tickets are $6 and $7. Call 619-522-8969 for reservations. (CORONADO)

Celebrate National Poetry Month when Barnes and Noble Bookstore hosts students from El Camino Creek Elementary School reading from their work on Friday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real and by calling 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Good Grief! Spend a day in the life of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and friends when the San Diego Junior Theater presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.* Book, music, and lyrics are by Clark Gesner, with direction by Jasper Grant.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday through May 5 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)

Selections from Shel Silverstein's *Where the Sidewalk Ends* may be heard at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Saturday, April 27, at 11:30 a.m. Visitors will also write some poetry. Find the shop at 10775 Westview Parkway. Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Put Ten Candles on the Cake when the San Diego Actors Theatre celebrates its tenth anniversary with performances of "Children's Classics" including *Rapunzel, Three Little Pigs, The Big Brag,* and poetry and songs. The party starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Call 858-268-4494 for information. Admission is $4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are conducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including April 27, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m., and reservations are required. The fee is $10. Dial 858-268-4494 for registration. (DEL MAR)

Bring an Apron when Mindy Goldis leads a healthy cooking workshop for parents and their children on Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the School for Healing Arts (1001 Garnet Avenue #200; enter on Garnet next to Buffalo Exchange). The fee is $50. To reserve a spot, call 858-581-9429. (PACIFIC BEACH)

One of the Few Reptiles Residing in Saltwater, sea turtles have survived since prehistoric times and continue to interest us with their extraordinary behaviors. Some sea turtles eat jellyfish, and some swim hundreds of miles to nest on the beach where they were born. True turtle tales will be heard when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts "Turtle Tales" for those in grades one through three on Saturday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m.

The aquarium is found at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). The fee is $20. To make the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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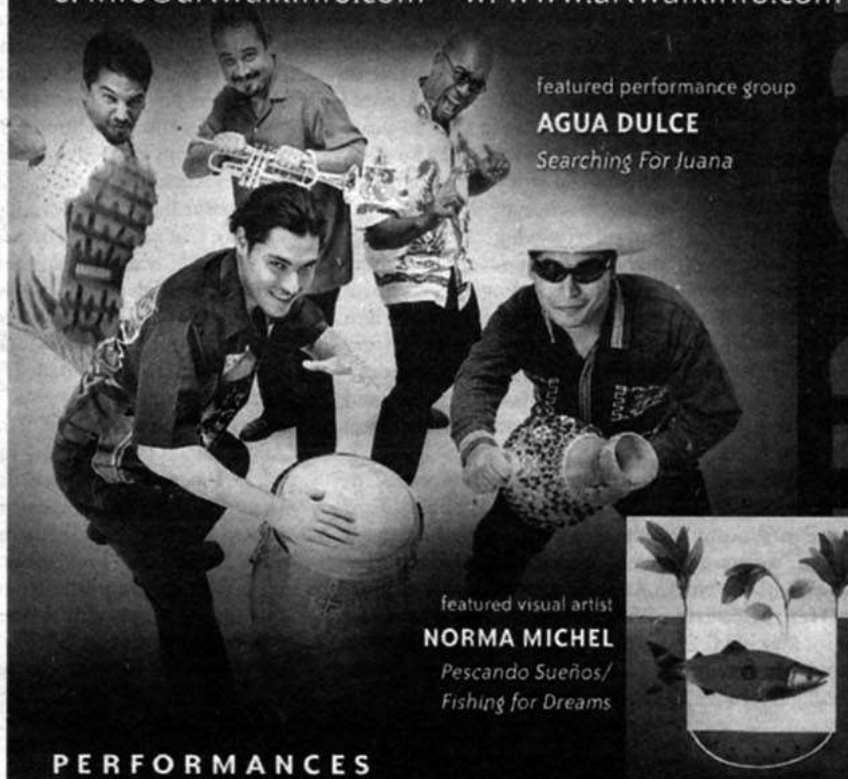

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Saturday, April 27

Main Stage (Date & India)
1:30 - 3:30pm: *Agua Dulce*
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Beech & India
1:00 - 5:00pm: *Kathi Burg Band*

Indigo Grill (Cedar & India)
1:00 - 6:00pm: *Agent 22*

Fir St. Cottages (Fir & India)
1:00 - 3:00pm: *Glissando*
3:00 - 6:00pm: *Facing West*

Sunday, April 28

Main Stage (Date & India)
12:00 - 1:30pm: *Miss Julia*
1:30 - 3:30pm: *Agua Dulce*
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READING

Thirty Days: On Retreat with the Exercises of St. Ignatius



Paul Mariani

Viking Compass, 2002; 285 pages; $23.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Paul Mariani's memoir, *Thirty Days*, framed by the Jesuit practice of guided prayer and reflection, introduces the reader to the 500-year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This is the story of a husband, father, teacher, poet, biographer, and pilgrim who leaves home in midwinter in hopes of confronting his past and finding his life's direction. From the day Paul Mariani arrives at Eastern Point Retreat House, after getting lost en route, he realizes that his expectations and assumptions about who he is, what he knows, and what he believes have nothing to do with the truth that will reveal itself over the next 30 days.

***Thirty Days* (the first book to follow an individual retreatant through the entire arc of the Long Retreat) blends a brief life of St. Ignatius and meditations on the life of Jesus with the day-to-day unfolding of 30 days of silence at the retreat house facing the ice-capped waves of the North Atlantic near Gloucester, Massachusetts. Over the course of four weeks, Mariani takes an unflinching look at his failings and wounded self; reveals his relationship with God; comes to a new understanding of Jesus and his radical gift of love to His followers; and rediscovers a sense of renewal in order to return to the world with a sense of what it truly means to put others before ourselves.**

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Paul Mariani, on the morning that we talked, told me that he was born on a leap year, February 29, 1940, in New York City.

I asked what he did about his birthday.

"It gets depressing because I only get one every four years. Every four years I do celebrate it. I celebrate it in some way every year, but it is weird to go from February 28 to March 1."

"Do you feel forgotten?"

"Yes. In a weird existential or metaphysical way. I've got my family, which is terrific, but it feels so strange, this anomaly that there's one date in the year that doesn't appear every year."

Mr. Mariani was his parents' oldest child, the oldest of seven children, 17 years older than the youngest. His parents were working class and not college educated. I asked how it happened that he acquired a formal education.

"Education was important for my mother, and I was always a very curious kid. I loved books from the time I could read. And there was also the sense that it was, if you will, a way out of the blue-collar background. I did not want to be a mechanic all my life. Not that I have anything against mechanics. I need them. But I knew that I wanted to do something else. So my mother insisted that I finish high school, and when I finished high school that I at least have a year of college, and we went from there. I kept wanting more education. I was lucky and I got it.

"I went to Chaminade High School, a boys' high school run by the Marianists in Mineola. When I was a senior there, 16 years old, one of the priests said, 'I think that you may have a vocation.' And I said, 'Okay, Father.' So I went off to Beacon, New York, where I spent a year in something like a pre-seminary, if you will. I loved it. I learned how to really read and how to study, I learned how to love literature. I remember especially a little German priest who taught Latin. I loved the orderliness of the school and that ideas were very important there. And so I continued. But I knew that the life of the celibate priesthood was not for me. I wanted a family. So I came out. But the only thing is, I did say that if I did come out that I would use teaching as my vocation. I promised God that I would be a teacher. I have really tried to remain faithful to that. And making that promise seems like it happened yesterday, you know. Although it's many, many years ago."

Mr. Mariani's first book was *A Commentary on the Complete Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins*. "How," I asked, "did you discover Hopkins?"

"When I was a senior at Manhattan College in early 1962, the professor gave out assignments of poets. He said, 'Okay, this is the course for seniors in poetry,' you know, early modern and modern poetry. I was given Yeats, and my friend and fraternity brother Jim Blake was given Hopkins. Jim wanted Yeats and I wanted Hopkins, so we shifted. I started reading Hopkins. I read 'The Wreck of the Deutschland,' and I don't say I understood it, but I knew this was terrific. I said to myself, 'Whoa, this is good stuff.' For me, that Hopkins was a Catholic and that he was intelligent was important. At a time when some of the guys who were going to Manhattan College had lost their faith, this was important to me. Hopkins was an intelligent man, and his poetry was extraordinary. So that began a lifelong love for me of Hopkins."

I said that Mr. Mariani as a young man seemed such a contrast to Hopkins. "You," I went on to say, "were a rather happy, even hearty collegian. And Father Hopkins seems so dark and broken and troubled and lonely."

"As an undergraduate I had that melancholy too," Mr. Mariani said, "but, in Hopkins, there's also, don't forget, the poems of celebration. And you can feel in Hopkins's language this sensuousness, this explosiveness. That's what I loved about his poems then."

"So that Hopkins, in a way, was your Dylan Thomas?"

"It's funny, because the year before I discovered Hopkins, I had taken my now wife, Eileen — but at the time, my girlfriend — to see Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*. It was in a little theater in the round, in the city, in New York. I was absolutely spellbound by the language. So I got it backwards. I discovered Dylan Thomas first, and then Hopkins the following year. So on top of the language, there was also that whole theological element, that fundamental element which meant so much to me. But that's how it worked. In 1961 it was Dylan Thomas and then in 1962 it was Hopkins. I loved that language. Now, what's funny is that besides that language, there's also the plain speech of New Jersey."

"Which," I said, "shows up in your interest in William Car-

Children's Museum of San Diego, the National Day of Puppetry is being celebrated with events on Sunday, April 28. Visitors can make a puppet, learn circus skills, and join a parade. Puppet shows start at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. There will be stiltwalkers, giant parade puppets, aerial and circus acts, storytelling, music, and more.

Exhibiting artist Doug Snider leads a ceramic sculpture workshop on the creation of "Doug Bugs" on Tuesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. "These small, colorful, round sculptures serve as puzzle pieces in Snider's larger works, and as stand-alone sculptures." To register, call the museum.

"The Art of Skateboarding" is on display through April. The exhibit explores the history and evolution of skateboarding, including a board-making station, fingerboard courses, and film screenings. Colorful 3-D ceramic wall sculptures by local artist Doug Snider are gathered in "Ceramic Puzzles," also on view through April. The museum's month-long celebration of theater arts entitled "Puppetry, Circus, and Storytelling" features Pam McIntire's puppet exhibit, highlighting four decades of puppet magic. The exhibition includes more than 100 unique puppets, props, script samples, backdrops, sets, photographs, and a working stage and continues through May.

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)

"Grand Mistress Storyteller" Sylvia McConico performs for the story time planned at Malcolm X Library on Sunday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m. Free. Find the library at 5148 Market Street (at Euclid). Call 619-422-7053 for additional information. (ENCANTO)

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 Sunday, April 28, 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)

Probers of the Mudflat, what adaptations do shorebirds have that help them in their habitat? Find out when the Junior Rangers meet on Thursday, May 2, at 3:15 p.m., at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"No, David!" This book by author and illustrator David Shannon is one of the best-loved books on many library shelves. Shannon — who also created *The Rain Came Down, A Bad Case of Stripes*, and the new *Duck on a Bike* — visits White Rabbit Children's Books on Wednesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. He'll give a brief presentation and then answer questions and sign books. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, an exhibit of Chinese ethnic costumes celebrating the colorful tra-



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Join us as the San Diego Public Library hosts a book discussion with author Jackson Benson as part of the Steinbeck Centennial Project.

Benson, who as authored three other books about Steinbeck, will be discussing his newest book, *America and Americans and Selected Nonfiction*.

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los Williams." (*William Carlos Williams: The Poet and His Critics* was Mr. Mariani's second book and was followed by Mr. Mariani's first biography, *William Carlos Williams: A New World Naked.*)

"Yes. I wanted to marry the two, to get the American idiom but also to enrich it in a way that Williams had not often allowed himself."

In the fall of 1962, after graduation from Manhattan College, Mr. Mariani enrolled at Colgate University. He explained, "My first full-time teaching load was at Colgate. I was there as a preceptor to get my master's degree. It was a three-year program, and after one year, they said, 'We're phasing out the preceptor program, but for those who are in the program, we'd like to offer a teaching assignment.' So what happened the second year was that they gave me an assignment of teaching four classes of freshman English. They were small classes of ten students each. That's what I did. I loved it and made a few thousand dollars doing it. From there I went on to Hunter College and taught police officers, and taught undergraduates, and taught secretaries uptown, the whole bit, and at the same time, we had three kids."

Mr. Mariani graduated from Colgate in 1964 with an M.A. in English and in 1968 from CUNY with a Ph.D. in English. "In 1968 I went to the University of Massachusetts. I was 28 and had finished my dissertation on Hopkins, and Eileen and I, who had married in 1963, by then had the three babies — three years old, two years old, and a few months old, all boys. I didn't want them to live in New York City. I couldn't afford it, and besides, I wanted the country for them. So UMass was hiring. I always loved western Massachusetts. It was like an ideal pastoral landscape."

During the next 30 years Mr. Mariani published five books of poetry, three books of criticism, and four biographies. In addition to William Carlos Williams, Mr. Mariani was the biographer of poets John Berryman, Robert Lowell, and Hart Crane. He also writes regularly for scholarly, general, and Roman Catholic publications, including, among the latter, the Jesuits' magazine, *America*, for whom he serves as poetry editor.

In the fall of 2000, Mr. Mariani began teaching at Boston College, a Jesuit institution. Why, I asked, did he leave a good job and upcoming retirement at UMass to do this?

That Boston College is a Jesuit institution, Mr. Mariani said, is why he went there. "That's exactly why. I have a son who will be ordained in June in California, in San Francisco, one of five Jesuits this year. I don't know how else to say it...it was a calling, is really what it was, that I went to Boston College. I had been on a retreat when the calling came to go to BC. It was weird. I put it away. I said, 'This is crazy.' But it kept coming back. So I finally wrote a letter to the president of the college and said, 'Listen, you're a priest, and I want to tell you what happened, I was on a retreat, and I had this message kind of thing that said go to BC,' and I said, 'I'm only four years away from retirement, so I don't need this. Just tell me that I'm crazy, and we'll forget about it.'

"But he said, 'No, I'm intrigued. Come on over and see me.' So I went to see the president. Then, of course, I had to see the dean, and I had to see the chairman, and I had to go through the hoops, in fact, of an incoming freshman teacher, even though I had all these years under my belt. But that's where I am. I still live in western Massachusetts, so the hard part is the travel, but there I am."

"Why did you choose the Jesuits for your retreat?"

"Well, I'd always had an admiration for the Jesuits. It started with James Joyce. From *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, where Stephen Dedalus's father tells him that if you're going to join an order, join the Jesuits, because they're the cream of the crop, the intellectual cadre."

"And," I said, "they're manly."

"Yes, they're very much so. And that meant a lot to me. They were soldiers. They were soldiers for Christ. That image had stayed with me. I used to make retreats with my father-in-law over in Staten Island. Jesuit retreats. It would be a three-day retreat. He'd go out and play the horses or at least he'd go out to find out how the horses had done. He'd sneak back into the retreat. I love the fact that he did that. So there was that. And then my son had looked at a lot of orders. He had gone to Harvard. He thought he was going to be a doctor, because he had studied with Robert Coles, the psychologist, and he loved Coles, he loved what Coles was teaching. So he majored in medicine. But it didn't turn out. Medicine wasn't what he was looking for. He joined the Navy and got through basic but realized that that wasn't what he was looking for. Then he went to Taiwan by himself, taught English so that he could make some money, and then stopped talking English altogether. He lived with a Chinese family in Taipei and learned the language. Learned it fluently.

"And then he was in China, on the mainland, and he was on a train, third class, and he was going to Beijing, and he looked out the window, and he heard a voice say to him, 'What are you waiting for?' He returned to the States and joined the Jesuits. Each Jesuit province is connected to certain mission lands; the California province is connected to Asia. My son joined the Jesuits in California so that he could work with Chinese."

"So you felt close to the Jesuits."

"Very much so. My first book, as you know, was on Hopkins, so I'd spent time in England at Campion Hall [at Oxford University], and I'd spent time in Dublin, following in Hopkins's tracks. I felt this increasingly deep affinity for the Jesuits. And then I started going on eight-day retreats with the Jesuits. And then I began to consider doing a 30-day retreat. It turned out that I was on leave from UMass in January 2000, and Viking wanted a book from me, from a layman's perspective. Actually, they first wanted a laywoman's perspective, but they couldn't find the woman that they wanted. And so my agent said, 'Well, I've got a guy who can do it.'

"I had been on a retreat when the calling came to go to Boston College. It was weird. I put it away. I said, 'This is crazy.' But it kept coming back."

"So they gave me a contract. I knew I was going to be writing a book. Of course, what happened, very quickly, is the experience of the 30 days took precedence over everything. In fact, at one point, I was willing to abandon the contract, if my spiritual director felt that what I was doing was counterproductive. He said to me, 'Well, is it helping you to write a book?' And I said, 'Yeah, it is, it is helping me.' He said, 'Then, continue.'

"Once I started writing this, I realized that there was no way that I could fake this one. I had to keep following where the 30 days was taking me. I wanted to see where this thing was going to take me. I really had no idea. I had read the *Exercises*, and I thought I understood where it was going to go, but believe me, from about

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ditions of China's ethnic groups opens on Sunday, April 28. "Wear to Be Seen" includes costumes of the Han, Manchu, Mongolian, Uygur, Tibetan, Miao, Yao, and Chaoxiang people. See this show through July.

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the

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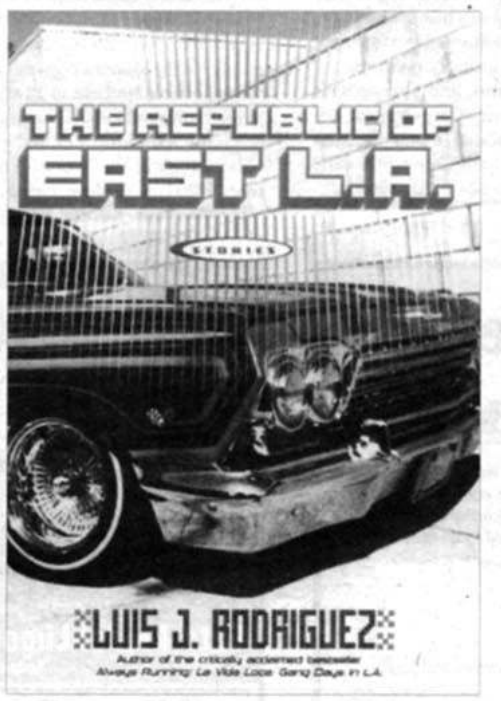

Capturing vivid snapshots of life in East Los Angeles, acclaimed writer Luis J. Rodriguez poignantly shows what life is like in this famed Latino neighborhood with a collection of stories in *The Republic of East L.A.*

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the first day that I got there, it was quite different.

"What happened was, I also was going as a writer. I was going as someone who had published 12 books, who was a poet, who was very much interested in the way the human imagination works. I realized that there were certain points where the human imagination needed a lift. I mean, if it was going to reach into the sacred, that the sacred was larger than my human imagination, and I would have to follow the promptings of that. And so there were constant surprises for me. And what I tried to do is to keep the reader guessing, also, where this might go. Because if you look at it, every day it's the same thing, right? You're getting three squares a day, right?"

Mr. Mariani laughed and said, "You know, it is funny, because *Publishers Weekly*, I think, had a young woman review the book. That's my guess. But what the *PW* reviewer writes about my book is, essentially, 'Nothing happens in the 30 days, but the meals change.' And I thought, 'Oh come on, there's more to the book than that.' But it may be a person who did not care much for the spiritual elements who wrote the review. But my point was to say, 'Look in our daily lives; we can be touched there by grace. And you don't have to be on this 30-day retreat; you could be in your own house and this kind of thing might happen to you.' So that's what I was trying to do also."

I said that it seemed to me that retreats like that on which Mr. Mariani went encouraged participants to be in conversation with God. Was that how Mr. Mariani saw the retreat?

"Absolutely. I agree with that. But you can't orchestrate it. You, of course, can set yourself up. It's sort of like preparing to write a poem. You can have the blank sheet of paper before you, but then there's going to be the inspiration, and things are going to happen that you had not expected to happen. And that's what happened on the 30-day retreat.

"I guess what else I'm saying is, you could be busy in your life, and the same kind of thing might happen; you will be touched by grace. But that's all I'm saying. Obviously, if you're sitting every day, trying to write a poem, the chances are much greater because you've prepared yourself than if you simply expect that what we call those 'moments of inspiration' that come out of the blue will show up.

"So, the same thing here with the retreat. You're going there to talk to God. You're cutting back on everything. You're making your sacrifice. You're fasting in many different ways. I don't mean just food, you're fasting from newspapers, from radio, from all those things that give you comfort every day. I was fasting from Eileen, for crying out loud. So you're preparing yourself and you're paying attention and you're at attention. So things will happen — and they do happen, and they begin to happen at greater and greater frequencies."

I said that having read other work by Mr. Mariani, his biographies of poets, for instance, and some of his articles in *America*, that I noted that in this latest book, the language was far less glittery than in his earlier work. "The language in this book is very simple and spare," I said, adding that Mr. Mariani had seemed to strip himself of his usual on-the-page charm and divested himself of his verbal hijinks and tricks.

"That's exactly what happened. You strip yourself. You say, 'All right, language not only reveals, but it often conceals.' And if I'm using tricks then I may be concealing something that I need to say. So I would go back and I'd strip that, and I'd say, 'Okay, what am I really trying to say here?' And that seemed to be what I had to do if I was to remain as honest as I could be. There's always deflections, okay? But I tried to be as honest as I possibly could. This book is in some ways the book I've always wanted to write, okay? Because what it did is that it merged the literary with the poetic with the scholarly, and it allowed both sides of the brain, the right and the left, to become involved with the process.

"Part of me really did want to reach as many people as I could. One of the wonderful things that's happened is that people who are not literary people are reading this. I've got a book of essays coming out later this summer. I realize that people might read those and say, 'Oh, you're smart,' but they're not going to follow what I have written. Whereas here I was saying, 'I want to reach you, I want to touch you too, okay?' That means I'm going to have to strip away to become as simple as I can. So that's definitely there."

We talked then about Robert Lowell and John Berryman. Lowell, in his 20s, in late 1941, converted to Roman Catholicism. (Mr. Mariani writes in his biography of Lowell, "The descendant of Puritan and Unitarian and Episcopalian clergy, the descendant of Jonathan Edwards, the man who had once told Taylor that Catholicism was the religion of Irish servant girls, was about to become a Catholic himself.") By his 30s, Lowell had left the church. "Why," I asked Mr. Mariani, "do you think that Lowell wasn't able to stay in the Church?"

"I think what happened was that he demanded too much of himself. Berryman [also a convert to Catholicism] also did this. There's the sense in which you think that you can read about a saint, say, or you read about someone like Hopkins and you think, 'Well, I can do that, I can will myself to do that.' But the strain of that pitch, it cannot be sustained indefinitely. Because you're faking it. And at a certain point you drop away. I think that's what happened with Lowell. Finally, he dropped away. It was easier. And then, of course, he suffered from manic depression, bipolar disorder, and the medications made life difficult for him."

"I wonder," I said, "if coming from one of the Boston Brahmin families, as Lowell did, if the class aspect of Catholicism might not have come to bother him. Catholicism's association with the Irish immigrants surely would have troubled his family."

"I do think that was part of it. In other words," Mr. Mariani said, "because he'd been raised an Anglo kid, and here he is coming into the faith. But I don't think he cared what his family thought. But certainly it was a little bit embarrassing, you know, in the literary world, for him perhaps to sustain that kind of Catholicism."

As a young man, Lowell had turned to poet and critic Allen Tate as something of a mentor. I asked Mr. Mariani if part of Lowell's attraction to Allen Tate and his wife Caroline Gordon had to do with their Catholicism.

"No," Mr. Mariani said. "Tate had a profound impact on Lowell but Tate was not a Catholic at the point when Lowell first knew him, but he would become a Catholic [in, I later learned, 1950]. Caroline Gordon was a convert. But she wasn't a practicing Catholic. Tate did become a practicing Catholic. But you know, Tate was also a strange bird because, you know, he's a convert, but he's still sleeping around a good deal."

I asked Mr. Mariani if he recalled Tate's wonderful Christmas sonnet that opens with:

This is the day His hour of life draws near,
Let me get ready from head to foot for it

museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Play Ball! The Story of the Lemon Grove Little League" is charted in the exhibit closing on Saturday, July 27. Uniforms, trophies, photographs, and documents "reveal a story of small-town determination not only to provide top-notch baseball training and fun for kids but to secure their own ballfield." Girls didn't enter the league until the '70s, but Mary Moore, a pitching "virtuosa" of the 1940s from Lemon Grove, joined the Rockford Peaches, whose exploits were the basis for the movie *A League of Their Own.*

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

"Our Agriculture Roots" provides a look at the "sea of lemon trees" that once dominated the town's landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church.

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "ExploraZone 2," the newest round of exhibits from the Exploratorium in San Francisco, boasts more than 30 exhibits designed to make science, math, and technology engaging and fun. These interactive exhibits involve learning about hearing, speaking, seeing color, electricity, and magnetism and continue on display through Tuesday, June 4.

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

San Diego Automotive Museum, surround yourself with the fantasy of exotic sports cars, luxury convertibles, limousines, and other expensive dream cars when viewing "Champagne Wishes, Caviar Cars." The exhibit — featuring vehicles of the Lamborghini, Delahaye, and Rolls-Royce variety — continues through Monday, May 27.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, Danish-born Olaf Wieghorst's (1899-1988) artistic talent and his love of horses combined from a young age to make him one of the most successful painters of the American West. The self-taught artist created a picture of the West on canvas that "fired the imaginations of poets and presidents." Celebrate the El Cajon artist and his Western art in "Olaf Wieghorst: Painter of the American West," on exhibit from Wednesday, May 1, through Monday, September 2.

Created in 1905 when an irrigation project backfired, the Salton Sea has had a "boom and bust" history. Developers in the 1950s and 1960s dubbed this desert area "California's New Mediterranean," envisioning a tourist haven. The sea's salinity levels have increased dramatically in recent years, driving away many of the tourists and boaters. "In Search of El Dorado: The Salton Sea" features black-and-white photographs by Christopher Landis, digitally reproduced by Nash Editions. See these haunting works through Sunday, May 5.

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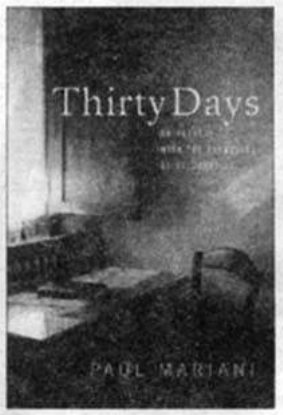

He did. "There's a deep moral sense in Tate, an almost Calvinist moral side to him. But it's that sustaining of it that's so difficult. And that's where I think they all keep looking back to Hopkins with a kind of envy."

"Perhaps," I suggested, "Lowell and Tate and Berryman, all of them converts to Catholicism, were not really equipped for the mundanity and dailiness of regular religious practice."

"Exactly. They weren't. In a way that, say, Flannery O'Connor was. I agree with you that these men were not equipped for the dailiness of it, the boredom of it, the long slogging out. As long as it was literary and it was romantic, however, they liked it.

"It's funny. In my biography of Lowell, I point out that Lowell said, toward the end of his life, that he felt that even though he'd left the Church, he had become much more serious about the religious questions. But by that time, Elizabeth Hardwick [Lowell's second wife, with whom he spent a summer before he died] didn't want to hear about it. His friends, most of them, didn't want to hear. He told his friend William Alfred, 'I'd like to baptize my son.' And Alfred told me the story himself, ten years ago, and he was embarrassed to tell it, because he didn't want the word to get back to Caroline Blackwell [Lowell's third and last wife and mother of that son]. But clearly Lowell was still thinking along those lines. And then you've got those late poems in which he talks to the blessed Virgin. 'We were friends once,' he says, 'we were divorced.' So there's still something there. And Lowell spotted it in Berryman at the end too, you know. 'Very subtle poems,' he said, 'in the tradition of Corbiere, sly and tricky.' So there's still something in Lowell that keeps going back to it." (In the footnotes to his biography of Lowell, Mariani writes that in 1970 Lowell wrote to Berryman, in what would turn out to be Lowell's last letter to his old friend, about Berryman's "Eleven Addresses to the Lord," that, while "cunning in its skepticism," the sequence felt "like a Catholic prayer to a personal God. I like the humorous, anguished admission of faults, somewhat like Corbiere to whom your book is appealingly dedicated.")

Mr. Mariani said that he remained fond of Berryman's "Dream Songs." "I teach seminars on them. Although, as I get older, there's a bit of sameness about them. One of the things I'm trying to do is convert students, you know, to say, 'Look at this stuff.' Usually by the end of it, most of them have come over. They love Henry [the speaker of many of the "Dream Songs"]. There's a breakthrough in the late poems in which he uses that kind of Emily Dickinson quatrain, in 'The Eleven Addresses to the Lord.' In those poems, you see Berryman making a further jump. But, again, he made mistakes. At one point, reading Hopkins, Berryman said, 'I'm ready to be crucified. In fact, I hope I am crucified.' "

I asked Mr. Mariani if he thought that Lowell and Berryman, because they were converts to Catholicism, were perhaps more easily carried away by emotional aspects of the faith.

"I think," he answered, "that's true to a degree. Hopkins, don't forget, was also a convert. He was a convert from Anglicanism. In fact, he almost lost his family. His closest friend was Robert Bridges, and Bridges was an Anglican but pretty much had become an agnostic and hated Catholics and hated Jesuits. And here's his closest friend becoming both. One of the sad things is to watch that play itself out as Hopkins finds he's more and more restricted in what he can say to Bridges, who would later become poet laureate of England. But Hopkins learned the dailiness of it through the Jesuits."

Mr. Mariani is a poet and has written about poets. I asked him if he thought that prayer and writing and reading poetry all take place in a similar atmosphere.

He responded, saying, "Prayer, did you say, and writing poetry and reading poetry? Absolutely. I've said that, in fact, a number of times. Prayer is poetry and poetry prayer. And I think there's a lot of truth to that. Obviously not for everybody. For myself, there is always a kind of spiritual dimension. To tell you the truth, if a poet doesn't have that, or clearly works against that, well ... although Larkin, for instance, Philip Larkin, I find him interesting. Because even though he's pooh-poohing it, you can see that he's also hungry for it. And that tension I find fascinating. What I find more difficult is a kind of confessional poem or an autobiographical piece in which there is no spiritual dimension. Some language poetry, for example, in which there seems to be no soul. Of course, there's a whole brand of poetry in which what they've done is they've essentially killed the author off, so what you have is almost a kind of automatic writing on the page."

I interrupted Mr. Mariani to suggest that perhaps it was a matter of age that kept us from liking certain poets. "Just as," I said, "we may not be able to hear or listen to music that is popular now among young people."

Mr. Mariani protested. "That may be true. But, the thing is, I have tried to listen to it, to hear it. I keep looking for it, but there is poetry that is not interested in these issues, this spiritual dimension. And if it's really not interested in it, well... Even John Ashbery, who apparently seems to be just a kind of talking head at times — nevertheless, in his poems there can be these extraordinary moments that are funny or poignant. At least he's given you those. He's allowed you to see them before he's moved on."

I said that my impression when reading Ashbery is that he was extremely serious about what he did.

"A man that writes as much as that is quite serious, of course. But, again, there are certain tastes, and certain people appeal to one more than others do, you know."

We returned, then, to Mr. Mariani's newest book, about which he said that this book was, in a way, the most important single book he'd ever written. "For deep spiritual reasons. Whoever I am, I think that that book comes closest to revealing it. I know that we're multiple selves. I know that. But in terms of who I would like to be, that's the self that I feel most comfortable with. And it's funny because my friend introduced me the other night, and he's an agnostic. And it was very funny what he said, about the book. He said, 'Don't read any of the blubbery passages.' That was his way of protecting himself. From strong emotion."

"Men are sometimes embarrassed by seeing or hearing about another man's weeping."

"Absolutely."

"During your 30-day retreat, you became somewhat friendly with the Kleenex box."

"I certainly did. When I was younger I had a hard time crying. As Henry says [in John Berryman's "Dream Song 76 — Henry's Confession"], 'life is a handkerchief sandwich.' "

— Judith Moore

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When a Harpsichord Is Suitable and When It Isn't

Classical keyboard works cannot do without shadings of loud and soft.

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

As part of the Baroque music festival organized by Marianne Pfau of the University of San Diego music department, harpsichordist Natsuke Uemura gave a delectable recital — part Baroque, part modern — called "The Harpsichord Then and Now." Playing a handsome, resonant, two-manual Flemish instrument (1984) in the charmingly appointed French Parlor of USD's Founders Hall, Uemura began, appropriately, with two French compositions, from two centuries. First, there was a G Minor Suite by the composer who, more than any other, established the traditions of French Baroque keyboard music, Louis Couperin. Couperin, who died in 1661, brought to an early perfection the metrically free *Prélude;* the movements based on aristocratic dances (*Allemande, Sarabande,* and so on) but refined to a high level of pure, abstract music; the inventive variations on a continually repeated bass line or chordal progression (*Chaconne* or *Passacaglia*); and the French harpsichord style in general, with its beauty of line, its extraordinary embellishments (at once decorative and infinitely expressive), and the rich sensuality of its harmonies and textures.

Among these accomplishments, he apparently did not number the establishment of the suite as the form that would dominate the work of his great successors in French harpsichord music (including his nephew, François Couperin *"Le Grand"*). The several manuscripts of Louis's works simply group his individual compositions according to their key, never implying that they should be considered movements in a larger, more-or-less integrated work. Consequently, the "Suite in G Minor" that Uemura played at USD was necessarily a tasteful construction of her own, assembled from various Couperin pieces in that key. The order was that of the later French suite, but (making use of her freedom to choose what she wanted) she included not one but two G Minor *Passacaglias* — a fine idea, since both are masterpieces, and since both magisterially demonstrated her own virtues of power, discipline, and subtlety. These characteristics of her playing enabled her to delineate with great vividness the distinctive musical personality of the composer: the noble seriousness, the somber introspection, the austere aristocratic idealism.

The greatest French composer for the harpsichord in the 18th Century, Jean-Philippe Rameau, built on the foundations of Louis Couperin's music but expanded them according to his own splendid talents and according to the tastes of his age: the earlier composer's brief career coincided with the first years of Louis XIV's reign, while Rameau's music entertained the pleasure-loving court of Louis XV, a monarch of a profoundly different character. The Suite in E Minor Uemura played, which Rameau published in 1724, combines superbly crafted examples of the older style (the opening *Allemande* and *Courante*) with picturesque genre pieces in the more modern manner (the imitation of twittering birds in *"Le Rappel des oiseaux"* and the evocation of pastoral life — seen from a courtly perspective, of course — in the *Musette en rondeau*). The *Tambourin,* with which Uemura concluded the suite (she omitted *"La Villageoise,"* as well as the earlier *Rigaudons*) is, typically, a popular rather than a courtly dance, and Uemura underlined its rather wild exuberance with special zest. Indeed, her playing of the Rameau Suite had an altogether different flavor from that of the Louis Couperin, discreetly but incisively bringing out the radical change in the two composers' attitudes toward music.

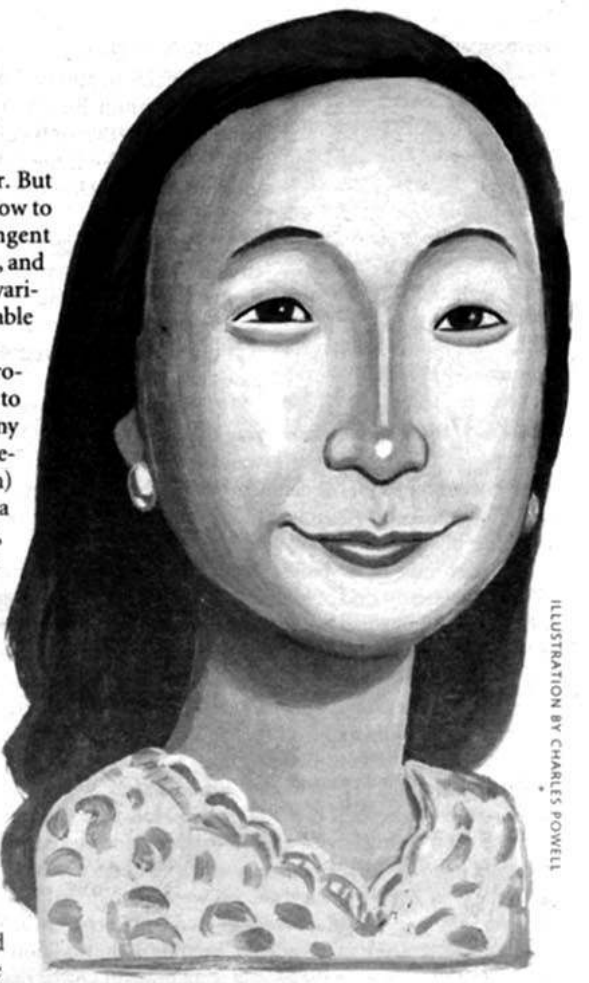
Rameau orchestrated the *Tambourin* in his opera-ballet, *Les Fêtes d'Hébé* of 1739, where its popular character is underlined by the inventive instrumentation. Uemura's performance at the keyboard was naturally less varied in color. But here, as throughout her recital, she knew how to make the most of the harpsichord's pungent sonorities, employing rhythm, articulation, and phrasing to create the illusion of a wider variety of timbres than the instrument is capable of.

The work that followed in Uemura's program, a keyboard sonata by Haydn, seemed to me less successful — not because there was any falling-off in the quality of her playing, but because the music is not (at least in my opinion) really suitable to the harpsichord. The Sonata No. 32 in G Minor, Hob. XVI/44 (not XIV, as in the printed program) probably dates from the early 1770s, when such a work could have been played on a variety of instruments: the harpsichord, the clavichord, or the early *fortepiano.* The question of which instrument Haydn intended cannot be settled historically, but the internal evidence of the music itself strikes me as unequivocal: this is not harpsichord music.

Numerous passages in the score depend for their effect on the ability of the instrument to make shadings of loudness, something a harpsichord cannot do, while a clavichord and a *fortepiano* can. On a harpsichord, a number of notes sounded simultaneously will be louder than a single note, and on an elaborate instrument stops can be adjusted to alter the timbre (and usually the volume) of all subsequent notes; but no fine, moment-by-moment changes are possible. In this G Minor Sonata, there are rising sequences that call for a gradual *crescendo,* passages whose inner life demands an expressive *descrescendo,* dynamic contrasts that need a much wider range than the harpsichord can manage, repeated notes that lose their dramatic function if they cannot get louder and softer, phrases whose structure implies a rise and fall of volume — in short, all the features of the early Classical keyboard style, in which shadings of loud and soft are as pertinent to musical expression as are melody, harmony, and rhythm.

A good pianist could add this expressive vocabulary to the Suites of Louis Couperin or Rameau, but they do not need it, and might indeed be deformed by its presence. Classical keyboard works, in contrast, cannot do without it. Imagine the loss — in the very meaning of the music — if a Beethoven piano sonata were to be played on a harpsichord! Well, this Haydn sonata suffered in the same way.

That is not to say that Uemura's performance gave no pleasure. An artist of this caliber always has something to give the listener, and in this case all the other aspects of the score were firmly and delightfully in evidence. But the overall impression was of a *small* work (I am not talking about length but about depth), whereas this two-movement "chamber" sonata is in fact strikingly passionate, introspective, and dramatic, exploiting to the full the new expressive sense of minor tonality that was beginning to appear in the 1760s and '70s — this was, in fact, only the second keyboard sonata in a minor key that Haydn had composed up to that point. It was interesting to hear it on a harpsichord, especially when so sensitively and intelligently played, but because of the instrument Uemura's performance could not do



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Natsuko Uemura

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the music full justice.

Harpsichordists do have their legitimate repertoire, and it is a wide one, covering all of the 16th and 17th Centuries and a good part of the 18th. Still, it is only natural for them to want to branch out into other periods, and fortunately a number of 20th-century composers have taken an interest in this "archaic" instrument and have composed first-rate music for it. For many of them, one of the attractions of the harpsichord is precisely its unresponsiveness to the nuances of the performer's touch — a deficit ideally in conformity with the yearning of a certain kind of modernism for the impersonal, the unsentimental, the objective.

That is certainly the effect produced by Toru Takemitsu's harpsichord piece *Rain Dreaming,* which Uemura played toward the end of her program. Takemitsu was one of the great composers of the 20th Century, less known than Stravinsky, Bartók, Varèse, Berg, or Messiaen, but in every other way their equal. His music, which owes little to these eminent modernists and which derives instead directly from Debussy, is of striking originality — its most remarkable feature (for *avant-garde* music) being that virtually every one of Takemitsu's compositions grows out of concrete sensory images, viewed or imagined. The poetic titles of his works (for example, *A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden,* or *From Far Beyond Chrysanthemums and November Fog*) call up the world of nature one encounters in Japanese landscape painting.

Like these painters (and like his musical forebears, the Impressionists), Takemitsu had a particular fondness for water imagery — *Riverrun, Toward the Sea, Water-Ways, Rain Coming, Rain Spell, Rain Tree Sketch, Between Tides* — with its musical equivalents of continuity, free form, metamorphosis, and *liquidity.* For similar aesthetic reasons, he was preoccupied with the visionary landscapes of dreaming and of the hypnagogic state, composing works with names like *Dreamtime, Dream/Window, Quotations of Dream,* and *To the Edge of Dream.* At times, dream and water — so similar in the composer's imagination — came together, as in *I Hear the Water Dreaming,* or the harpsichord piece Uemura played so exquisitely.

In the music's continually transformed pattering and clustering of raindrops, now desultory, now torrential, with all the emotional suggestiveness of melancholy and oppressiveness yet also the renewal and quickening of life, composer and performer made an irresistible case for the harpsichord as the perfect voice for representing these aspects of nature and of human experience: the rain that comes upon us impersonally and relentlessly from without, the dream that comes upon us impersonally and relentlessly from within. Two short, brilliant, virtuosic pieces by American composer Robert Muczynski similarly validated the instrument: its homeland may be the Renaissance and the Baroque, but as a guest in the world of modernity it can speak our alien language with eloquence.

Uemura's recital was a relatively short one (a couple of pieces more, and she would have had to retune the harpsichord!), but it was rich in interest, vitality, and beauty. ■

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The concert starts at 8 p.m. at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Tickets to "The King's Viols" are $18 general. Dial 619-291-8246 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

J.S. Bach's "Art of the Fugue" may be enjoyed when the renowned Julliard String Quartet performs on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are $25 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

There's No Fool Like an Old Fool, as the old miser Don Pasquale proves when he decides to take a young wife. Gaetano Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* has been set in the American Wild West in the next production by the San Diego Opera. Performers include Italian bass-baritone Bruno Praticó as Don Pasquale, Chinese soprano Ying Huang as Norina, and American tenor Matthew Polenzani as Ernesto. The opera is performed in Italian with text projected in English above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Edoardo Müller and directed by David Gately — at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28. Tickets range from $33 to $107. See the opera at the San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

The USD Symphony Goes All-American in concerts slated for April 26 and 28. These fundraising recitals feature works by American composers from the last century including Ruth Crawford, Gershwin, Copland, Bernstein, and Julia Smith.

Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Shiley Theatre at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Tickets are $8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

Snobbery in All Grades of Society is satirized in *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan, first produced at the Savoy Theatre in 1889. America's only touring Gilbert and Sullivan company, known as Opera a la Carte, presents *The Gondoliers* on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets range from $25 to $49. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway) and by dialing 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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The concert is set for Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $10 to $55. Find Copley Symphony Hall at 750 B Street. For reservations and other information, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall on the San Diego State University campus. Tickets are $10 general. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations; dial 619-594-6042 for information. (SDSU)

"I Love Opera," hosted by the Small Opera of San Diego, takes place on Sunday, April 28, at 7 p.m., at the Academy of Sound and Music (3554 Kettner Boulevard). Singers of all ages perform opera arias, art songs, and Broadway favorites, and a professional accompanist is provided. The suggested donation is $5. For an audition appointment and information, call 619-725-0777. (MIDDLETOWN)

Described as "Diverse and Dynamic," the California Quartet plans a recital on Sunday, April 28, at 7 p.m., at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). An offering will be received. For information, dial 858-454-0713 x321. (LA JOLLA)

Noise at the Library, the series — highlighting 20th-Century classical music — continues when Anne La Berge and the United Noise Toys perform at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Sunday, April 28. La Berge is an American flutist, improviser, and composer currently living and working in Amsterdam; the toys in question include flute, piano, percussion, and electronics performed by Dutch musicians Gert Jan Prins and Cor Fuhler.

A pre-concert talk begins at 7 p.m., with music starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. For reservations, dial 858-454-5872. Tickets are $15 for nonmembers. (LA JOLLA)

Fueled by a Passion for New Music, David Ryther presents a D.M.A. violin recital on Sunday, April 28. The program includes selections by Sciarrino, Burkhardt, Wannamaker, Biber, Ives, and Messiaen. The music begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. For further information, dial 858-534-4830. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Expect to Hear "Some of the Finest Piano Music ever composed" when pianist Bryan Verhoye performs for the San Carlos United Methodist Church music on Sunday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. Find the church at 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard (at Navajo). For further information, call 619-464-4331. An offering will be received, and child care is available. (SAN CARLOS)

The Spotlight Series concludes for the season when Opus One performs for this Mainly Mozart series on Sunday, April 28, at 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Ensemble members include pianist Anne-Marie McDermott, violinist Ida Kavafian, violist Steven Tenenbom, and cellist Peter Wiley, who will perform Ned Rorem's "Autumn Music for Violin and Piano," the "Piano Quartet in G Minor" by Mozart, and the "Piano Quartet in G Minor" by Brahms. Tickets for the available "auxiliary seats" are $30. For reservations, call 619-440-2277. (LA JOLLA)

Music to Please All Interests is promised when the Sanctuary Choir, St. Nicholas Children's Choir, soloists, and handbell choir perform on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m., at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). Listen for Bach's "Cantata No. 115 (Mache dich, mein geist bereit)" with chamber orchestra, a piece by P.D.Q. Bach, plus arias from famous operas with soloists Laurie Romero (soprano) and Susan Lutz (mezzo-soprano). 760-729-8901. An offering will be received. (CARLSBAD)

Organ and Winds, the Mount Carmel Wind Ensemble joins civic organist Carol Williams for a concert on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Call 619-702-8138 for details. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Tchaikovsky's "Trio in A Minor" for piano, violin, and cello is on the program when Ron Morebello and the Kensington Trio take the stage for the mini-concert planned at noon on Monday, April 29, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). For information, call 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Sonatas by Vivaldi, Mendelssohn, and Franck may be heard when violinist Eun-Sun Lee and pianist Fabio Parrini present a concert in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, students, military. Find the campus at 3900 Lomaland Drive; call 619-849-2325 for tickets. (POINT LOMA)

Chamber Music Ensembles led by Angela Yeung at the University of San Diego plan a recital on Tuesday, April 30. The concert commences at 8 p.m. in the French Parlor, located in Founders Hall at the University of San Diego. Tickets are $8 general. The campus is located at 5998 Alcalá Park; 619-260-2280. (LINDA VISTA)

Works by Boulez, Mâche, Messiaen, Murail, and Heininen may be heard when Andrew Infanti presents his D.M.A. piano recital on Tuesday, April 30, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Admission is free. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

¡Zarzuela! Spanish baroque opera excerpts and *villancicos* are on tap when the USD Choral Scholars are joined by members of San Diego Baroque, La Monica, and the San Diego Opera for a concert on Thursday, May 2. The event includes a pre-concert lecture at 11:30 a.m. and the concert at 12:15 p.m., all in the French Parlor, Founders Hall, at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Admission is $8 general. Call 619-260-2280 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

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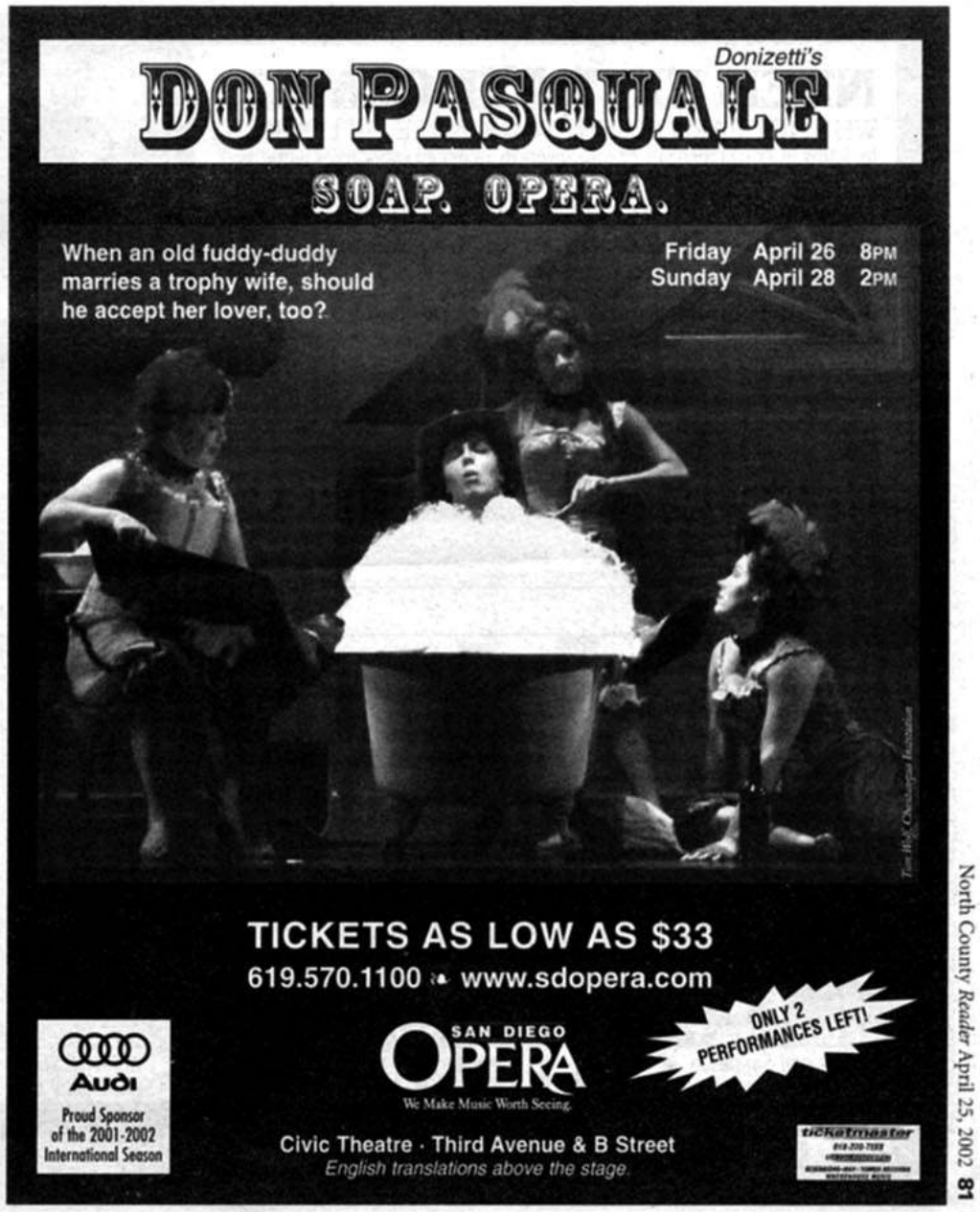

Calendar

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GALLERIES

"Oodles of High-Art Doodles" by students of Mesa College may be seen through Thursday, May 16, at the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery. The 80 specially selected works "reflect the array of talent found in the local community" and illuminate "contemporary issues and controversial themes." Meet the artists during a reception slated for Thursday, April 25, at 5 p.m., which includes bluegrass music by the Lemon Grove Trio and a student art sale (4 to 7 p.m.).

Find the campus at 7250 Mesa College Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday. 619-388-2829. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Q: What Do Four Artists Create When They Get Together? The answer is an artists' book entitled "Four" in the exhibit opening at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. The book of the title will be on display along with works by the individual participants — Sonya Devine, Ante Marinovich, Derli Romero, and Melissa Smedley — through Saturday, June 8.

Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. (LA JOLLA)

Primarily in Vessel Form, "Hot Glass" by Patricia Yockey is on exhibit at Chet Wooding Graphics. Meet the artist during a reception in her honor slated for Friday, April 26, at 6 p.m. Regular viewing 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)

Serigraphs, Etchings, and Lithographs by John August Swanson are featured when the artist showcases his religious- and secular-themed works on April 26 and 27 at the gallery in Old Town's Bazaar del Mundo. The gallery will feature Swanson's newest serigraph, *Flight into Egypt.* Find Bazaar del Mundo at 2754 Calhoun Street; 619-296-3161. Hours are 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. (OLD TOWN)

Celebrate the Visual and Performing Artists of San Diego during ArtWalk 2002. The 18th annual installment of ArtWalk is slated for Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, from noon to 6 p.m. The event is centered in Little Italy, with artists displaying their talents, musical performances, and children's activities. Admission is free; you'll pay $2 for ArtWalk guides with maps and schedules. For information, call 619-615-1090. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Brokers Building, 402 Market Street (at Fourth Avenue), hosts ArtWalk festivities on both Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m. Workspaces in the building will be open to the public, and the third-floor gallery will display work by ten emerging local artists. For information, call 619-656-0549. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Put a Single Candle on the Cake when the 101 Artists' Colony celebrates its first anniversary in residence at 25 East E Street with a "Spring Anniversary Show." The exhibition, showcasing work by over 25 artists, promises a reception on Friday, April 26, at 6 p.m., and continues through Thursday, May 9. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

"Climax" is the title for this year's annual student art show, featuring a reception for the artists at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery. Art students select their best works from the past academic year for possible inclusion in this faculty-juried show. Approximately 150 pieces — in a wide variety of media — have been chosen for the exhibit, which runs through Tuesday, May 14.

The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details, dial 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, a wide-ranging assortment of two-dimensional works examining the impact of science and technology on humanity is on offer in "Interface: A Juried Exhibition Exploring Science, Technology, and Art." Show jurors Don Bacigalupi, Sally Yard, and David Ávalos chose for inclusion "artists with an interest in science and working scientists with a passion for artmaking." See the show through Saturday, June 29.

The media arts are in the midst of what many have called a "digital revolution"; the technology behind this revolution has affected everything from the tools and distribution channels to the aesthetics and viewing experience of the moving image. "DV Noir: Video Art from Under the Shadow of Hollywood" features single-channel video works by ten Los Angeles area artists who have attained technological expertise in the commercial entertainment industry while maintaining careers as independent artists. The artists selected for "DV Noir" are said to "share a commitment to exploring the conceptual, aesthetic, and sociopolitical boundaries of contemporary art." View the results through Saturday, June 29.

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 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, using hired models and teams of assistants, Israeli photographer Adi Nes constructs dramatic scenes set in locations throughout Israel, painstakingly "creating a heightened realism charged with a symbolism, a theatricality, and an eroticism that transcends the everyday." Fifteen of these large-scale photographs are gathered in "Adi Nes," opening on Sunday, April 28, with works examining "masculinity, militarism, and the social sphere." See the show through Sunday, July 14.

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, 35 photographers and 15 writers were commissioned to record their responses to culture at the end of the 20th Century. The work they produced addresses an array of issues including tradition, family, diversity, and immigration. The resulting exhibition, "Photographers, Writers, and the American Scene," features a large selection of the images and excerpts from the writings, on display through Sunday, June 2.

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, curated by former *National Lampoon* art director Michael C. Gross, "Smile" celebrates humor in art. The exhibit includes the work of 22 distinguished contemporary artists "designed to make you giggle, chortle, smirk, and laugh" through Sunday, May 26. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, the 21st annual Art Alive! runs May 1-5. More than 130 amateur and professional floral designers will be participating. Artworks from the museum's galleries are complemented by unique floral arrangements created by professional floral designers and amateur exhibitors.

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." 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.

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."

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, 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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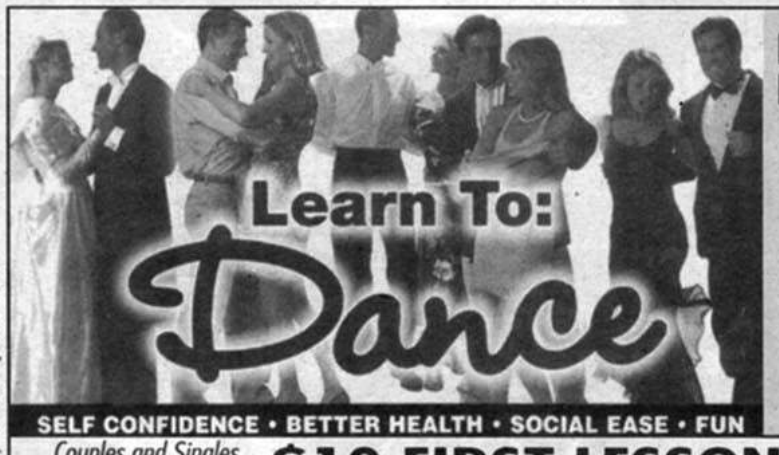

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Dwarf Threats

Dragon/lions stand on a large ball and walk it from one end of a teeterboard to the other.

REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

Cirque du Soleil's performers move with such speed and precision you often don't realize what's happened until after it's happened. In fact, *Dralion* sports so many spectacular feats that by act two, when the show kicks into hyperspace, it's easy to take their mastery for granted. To get a sense of how extraordinarily difficult an effect can be, it helps to reconstruct it.

A platform of light bulbs — and who thought *that* up? — surrounded by young ballerinas in lime gymnastic outfits. One, wearing ballet slippers, stands on a light bulb *en pointe*. That's great. But then she slowly raises her right leg, past her left knee, past her waist, up to her right ear! So, she's doing the splits, vertically, while her left toes support her on a glass bulb — an Olympic gold strength move! But before you can process that information, a second young woman climbs up the first and does a handstand on the first's right foot! She did. They did. I swear!!

Another one: a ten-person pyramid, jumping rope. Or those acrobats jumping rope inside a larger rope others jump, inside another jump rope: three sets of rope jumpers, in unison, like a hall of mirrors or Gertrude Stein's roses in roses in roses. And don't forget the three "dralions." Dragon/lions, performed by two people each, stand on a large ball and walk it from one end of a teeterboard to the other.

Late in the show, Chinese acrobats from the Flag Circus of Hunming go "hoop diving." Golden circles stand on a platform. The acrobats fly through them from various angles, then through multiple hoops. Then more than one dive at once, putting the margin for error near zero. In the end, the platform's got a three-hoop stack. On opening night, an acrobat took a 30-yard running start, hit the floor before the platform, did a somersault, jumped up, and just missed the top hoop. Without blinking, he went back, gunned his engine, ran, flipped, and soared clean through.

It was probably good he missed the first time. That way people could appreciate the achievement when he pulled it off. Cirque even has a built-in comment about skill. Clowns come on as various performers we've seen in the show — like the flawless otherworldly juggler, with the elasticity of a snake and the talent of a genius, or the woman doing spectacular moves on a suspended hula hoop — and bungle their tricks. The parodies function like a flashback: reminders of what we saw, and its incredible degree of difficulty.

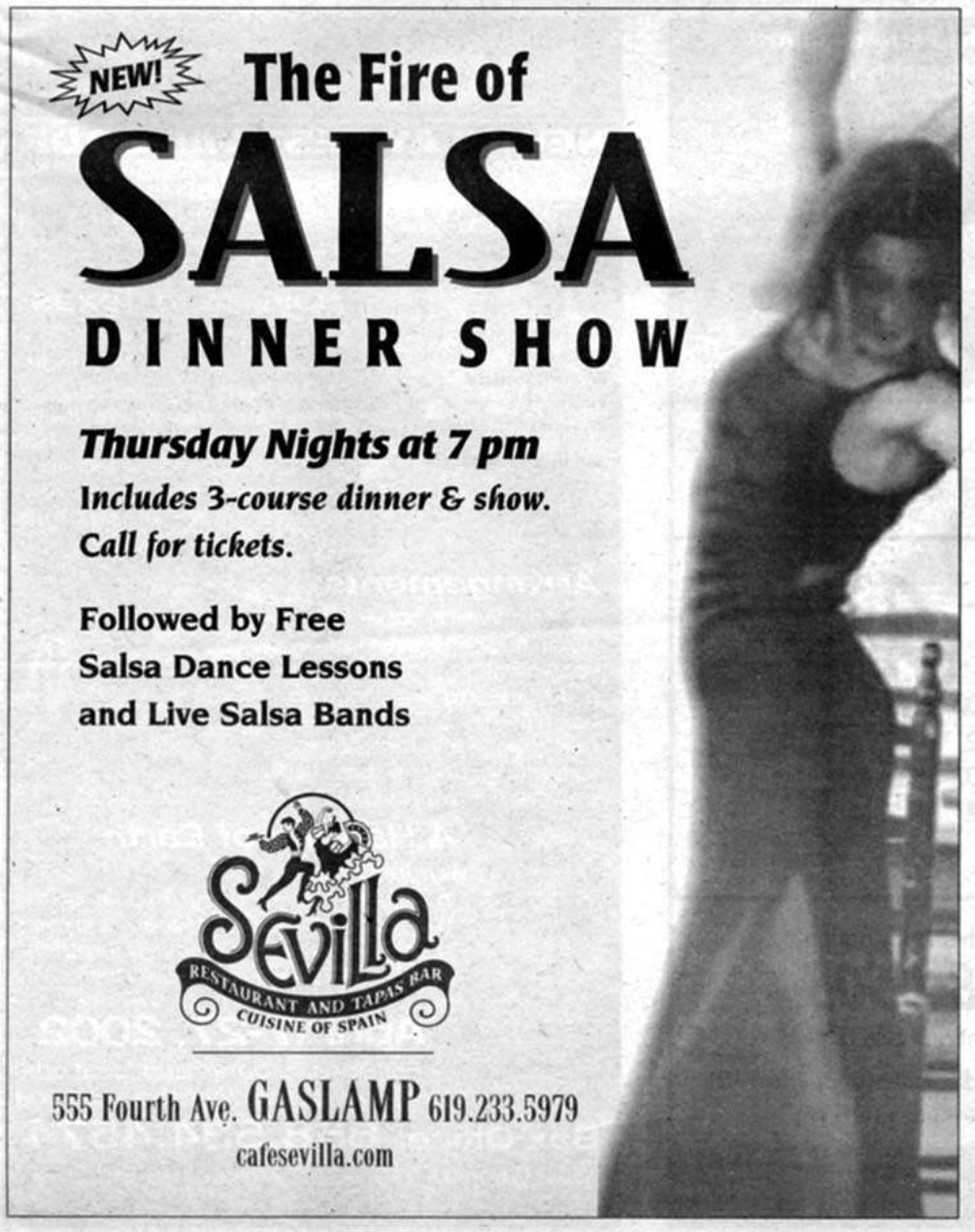
Dralion has a vague theme, something about the elements — color-schemed as air



Dralion

Dralion, *by Cirque du Soleil*
Del Mar Fairgrounds
Creative director, Gilles Ste-Croix; *directed by Guy Caron; cast: 55 artists from 10 countries (including a house troupe of 37 Chinese acrobats); scenic design, Stephane Roy; costumes, François Barbeau; lighting, Luc LaFortune; sound, Guy Desrochers; composer, Violanie Carradi; choreographer, Julie Lachanche; clown act codesigner, Michel Dallaire*
Playing through May 21; *Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. For information call 800-678-5440, or purchase online at* cirquedusoleil.com.

Godspell, *by John-Michael Tebelak, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz*
Lamb's Players Theatre, *resident stage, 1142 Orange Avenue, Coronado*
Directed by Robert Smyth; *cast: Victor Chan, Ryan Drummond, Kathi Gibbs, Tracy Hughes, Jeremiah Lorenz, Season Marshall, Rick D. Meads, Mary Miller, Chris Reber; scenic design, Mike Buckley; costumes, Jeanne Reith; lighting, Nathan Peirson; choreography, Pamela Turner; music direction, Vanda Eggington*
Playing through June 16; *Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-437-0600.*





(blue), water (green), fire (red), and earth (ochre) — but the show has less story line than previous Cirque efforts. And it's got so many pyrotechnical elements, it's as much a rock concert as a "circus without animals." Like spiders, people crawl around on a large metallic rear wall. Lighting spears and fries performers. From atop the big top, a massive carousel flies in giant rings, objects, and people.

The incessant high-tech extravaganza threatens to dwarf the performances (and why the lighting zaps the audience during grand effects boggles the brainpan; you want to shout, "Yo, Cirque, relax, *trust your talent!*"). In *Dralion,* the box it's wrapped in gets as much attention as the gift. But amid excessive packaging, Cirque du Soleil, without speaking English, will show you 20 things you've never seen before, and will never forget.

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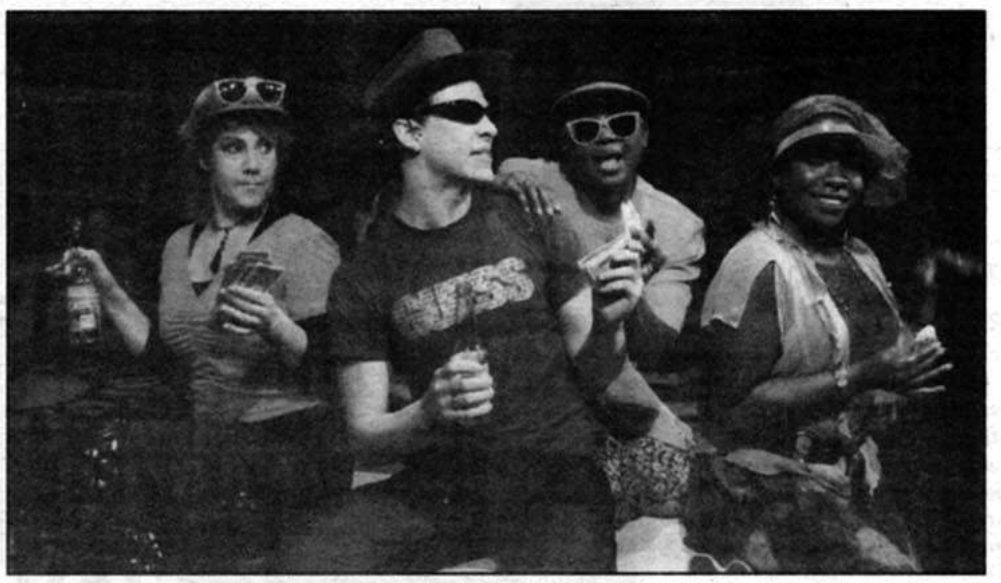
Part of Diversionary Theatre's 2002–2003 season announcement may require an asterisk: "David McBean will star in Charles Ludlum's *Mystery of Irma Vep*" come October. McBean's knocking audiences upside the funny bone in the North Coast Rep's stampede-hit, *Pageant,* which has extended its run twice since it opened. Should NCRT find a space to move the show — and come on, San Diego, there's *got* to be one out there! — *Pageant* could easily run beyond October.



Season Marshall, Jeremiah Lorenz, Kathi Gibbs, and Tracy Hughes in Godspell

When *Six Women with Brain Death* broke all local records, the San Diego Rep found ways to overcome the Regular Season vs. Runaway Hit conundrum. But there were more available spaces a decade ago. Now North Coast Rep's got the problem, and so will Lamb's Players Theatre. This may not be a first, but it's a sure sign: due to huge advance ticket sales, prior to opening *Godspell,* Lamb's extended the show's run a month.

Along with finding a space, however, moving *Godspell* poses another difficulty. Mike Buckley's set, a prop-rich potpourri of "found" items — signs, slogans, a large toothbrush, an even larger dog biscuit, a basketball, a smiling camel — must have taken weeks to load in. The original *Godspell* (1971) had a humble, minimalist look: teens at a playground retell the gospel according to Matthew. Over the years, Lamb's has staged the musical three times and expanded it so now the stage is a gigantic trunk that contains the world.

And the "Leader" — i.e., the Nazarene — is neither lion nor lamb. He's a cool dude (even says "okey dokey") hip to popular culture, which he and the Lamb's cast use to retell the story. The show favors the cute, and the first act still goes a parable too far, but if Lamb's moved it, *Godspell* could run indefinitely.

Which raises an old issue. San Diego needs spaces: (a) for new theaters to call home at modest prices (like the old Second Avenue Theater of the '80s) and (b) a place for hit shows (the Balboa?) to carry on. Surely such spaces exist. It's time for some entrepreneur to wake up and smell the greasepaint! ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive
Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.
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Catskills Conspiracy
Mystery Cafe's new dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die.
MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Chalk It Up to Murder
In HIT Productions newest mystery dinner-theater show, Texas Ranger Slate Montana must find the truth. Did Butch Spikehorn kill Hank Anderson, as people have long believed, or was it someone else?
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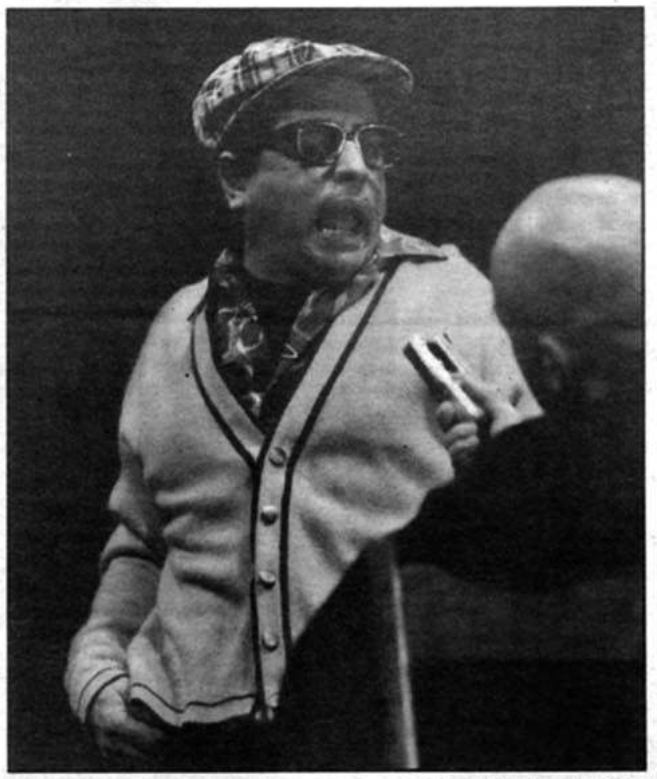

Culture Clash in AmeriCCa

ished, hilarious staging at Diversionary. Caryl Churchill uses humor as an analytical tool, which makes *Cloud 9* (1979) funny and thought provoking, often in the same instant. These qualities also make it a theatrically complex and tonally tricky, though you'd never know it at Diversionary. Act one takes place in Africa, in 1880. Amid homages to Empire, members of a British colony exercise true Victorian hypocrisy by doing the exact opposite of what they say. In Act two, set in London 100 years later (though the characters only age 25), sexual liberation's a fact. But here Churchill ups the stakes. Though individuals become sexually open, the ruling orthodoxy hasn't changed. To break through colonialism on the home front they must forge a new kind of order. To stress differences, and taking her cue from Jean Genet, Churchill requires cross-gender casting. After intermission, the actors reverse roles again. Diversionary's performers show such precision and versatility it's unfair to single any out. Under Brendon Fox's savvy direction, and housed by minimalist, effective design work, each actor does terrific work. But, like the collaborative society Churchill envisions, it's their ensemble efforts that make the production so remarkable. ***Critic's pick.***

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEES SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AND MAY 5, AT 2:00 P.M.

The Cocktail Party
Patio Playhouse stages T.S. Eliot's comedy of manners, which "examines marriage and adultery over cocktails." Richard Grant directed.
PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH APRIL 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Comedy Codependents
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Compleat Female Stage Beauty
While exiled in France, Charles II (1630–1685) frequented the theater and enjoyed seeing women playing women's roles, a no-no in England. When he became king, in 1660, two of his initial edicts were: reopen theaters closed by the Puritans; banish male actors from female roles. You'd think a play about this material would celebrate the change. Women playing women, finally! But Jeffrey Hatcher's funny, strange, thin *Compleat Female Stage Beauty* verges on pseudo-tragedy. His protagonist isn't Margaret Hughes (said to be the first British actress); it's Edward "Ned" Kynaston, the "boy" actor so adept at playing women he was a star of the Restoration stage. He tumbles from spotlight to shadow, a forlorn waif for most of act two. In the end, he rises like a phoenix, forging a new career. Oddly, the play "ins" the bisexual Kynaston. He learns to conform to the traditional male role, in public and in private. The play's theme intrigues — how do artists (or anyone else) proceed when a historical shift steals their lifelong passion? But *Compleat* itself is sketchy, formulaic, and narrow. Director Mark Lamos's savvy theatricalization has appeal. On a raked Restoration stage, we watch the liberated era come alive, even some nudity. And producing this play at the Globe is like the advent of Restoration drama. It's bawdy and risqué, for Globe audiences, at least. But that's the surface. What's strange — amid all this liberation (during the Restoration and at the Globe) is Kynaston learns to repress his impulses, abandon his true calling, and yet, we're told, lives pretty much happily ever after.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH APRIL 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Copenhagen
For one week only, a touring production of the triple-Tony Award winner for 2000 comes to the Spreckels Theatre. Though on opposite sides during WWII, Werner Heisenberg went to Denmark, at great risk, to meet with Niels Bohr and his wife.
SPRECKELS THEATRE, 121 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 28; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

Culture Clash in AmeriCCa
The Clash is back, with a greatest hits album of scenes from previous shows along with new work: Ric Salinas shows that how people dance *salas* reflects their place of origin; Herbert Siguenza's a Haitian emigrant convinced Castro'd be better for Haiti than François "Papa Doc" Duvalier; Richard Montoya plays a surfer dude who claims even the ocean has borders and hierarchies. Like Emily Mann and Anna Devere Smith's oral histories, Culture Clash interviews the people TV or movies don't go near and represents them with humor, satire, and astonishing physical accuracy. The question they ask, "What is an American?" gets no facile answer (an underlying question: does this country acknowledge and accommodate difference?). You sense a true authenticity to the voices they depict. And, as is their wont, along with evoking almost constant laughter, they can still reach deep. Toward the end of the intermissionless show, Montoya comes downstage. He's a Viet vet who's lived in Tijuana for 20 years because he can't afford San Diego. As he kneels before a campfire and talks about injustice across the border, a Ugandan and a Filipino become U.S. citizens. ***Critic's pick.***
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, LYCEUM STAGE, THROUGH MAY 5; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Dazzle
South Coast Repertory presents the West Coast premiere of Richard Greenberg's comedy about shut-in brothers — really shut-in brothers. Mark Rucker directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY, THROUGH APRIL 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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

Dralion
Reviewed this issue.
THE GRAND CHAPITEAU, DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS, THROUGH MAY 21; TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. AND 5:00 P.M.

Everybody Loves Opal
If that's true, then why does a trio of con artists want to "do her in"? Keith A. Anderson directed John Patrick's comedy.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Far East
The Laguna Playhouse stages A.R. Gurney's drama about a young reserve officer on an American naval base in Japan, seeking "romance, adventure, and the chance to escape his rich family back home." Jules Aaron directed.
LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 5; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 949-497-2787.

Fertile Deception
6th @ Penn Theatre presents Gordon Osmond's "drawing room comedy" about an uptight Boston



family upset by a young visitor: an English actor. Luiz Russo directed.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 5; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210 OR 619-216-1391.

Getting Frankie Married — And Afterwards
The South Coast Repertory Theatre offers the world premiere of Horton Foote's comedy about Fred. He "means to do the right thing by Frankie," his sweetheart, but may have something to hide. Martin Benson directed.
SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, MAIN STAGE, THROUGH MAY 5; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

Godspell
Reviewed this issue.
LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 16; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY, 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 Hank Show
The Pine Hills Lodge & Dinner Theater presents Jack Johnson's tribute to Hank Williams Sr., "a 1950-vintage replica."
PINE HILLS LODGE DINNER THEATER, THROUGH MAY 11; MATINEE MAY 10 AND 11, DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M.

Harlem, Harlem: Women Who Sing the Blues
In reality you're at the Culy Theatre, enjoying a meal and a show (the "first black dinner theater in San Diego," in fact), but it doesn't take much imagination to transport yourself to Emerson's Bar & Grill, during the Harlem Renaissance. Seven women, who sit at table 12, belt out songs like that town Bessie Smith sang about that was so blue all the birds sang bass. *Harlem* offers songs and poetry from the 1920s through 1940s. The music ranges from Gershwin's "Summertime" to "Strange Fruit" (in which composer B.E. Mark packed enough pain for an entire Greek tragedy). The opening-night performance had sound problems, and Act two needed tightening. But it was on much more often than not, especially when Anasa performed as Billie Holliday and sang "I Was Cool" (in which the singer almost loses it), or when she commanded the audience to "Let the Good Times Roll" with such spirit that following orders was a cinch. So in the words of Sam Theard and Fleecie Moore, who wrote "Good Times": "Don't sit there moanin', talking trash / Go have some fun and spend some cash." And hear what the ladies at table 12 have to say.
Worth a try.
CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH APRIL 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-283-4574.


Harlem, Harlem: Women Who Sing the Blues

Hello, Dolly!
San Diego City College Theatre stages Jerry Herman's musical, based on *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder. Dolly Gallagher Levi decides to make a match for herself.
SAVILLE THEATRE, SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE, THROUGH MAY 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

How the Other Half Loves
The Poway Performing Arts Company presents Alan Ayckbourn's farce about a "clueless duo unwittingly drawn into the subterfuges" of three other couples. Jim Caputo directed.
POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, THROUGH MAY 19; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying
Scripps Ranch Theatre presents the "song-packed satire of big business and greed." Raylene Wall directed.
CAMPUS THEATER, ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FORMERLY UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY), THROUGH MAY 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

I'll Be Back Before Midnight
East Side Repertory Theatre (formerly Octad-One Productions) stages Peter Colley's thriller. Jan, fresh from four months in a mental hospital, wants to rest her nerves, with husband Greg, at an old Victorian farmhouse deep in the country. Wayne Alan Erreca directed.
EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Importance of Being Earnest
Centers of Learning by the Sea Performing Arts stages Oscar Wilde's comedy "with an American twist."
CHURCH OF HIS KINGDOM, 950 GARLAND AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, THROUGH MAY 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-575-1688.

Irish Dance Cabaret
Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.
DUBLIN SQUARE IRISH PUB & GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY, DINNER AT 6:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-5818.

It's My Party (and I'll DIE if I want to)
H.I.T. Productions' new interactive mystery takes place at Ted Sterling's birthday party. But ask his wife: Ted hasn't been all that sterling, "and now he must pay!"
SHIRLEY'S, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot.
CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

The Lady Cries Murder
The Lamplighters Community Theatre stages John William See's slick, funny spoof of hard-boiled detective fiction. Les Payne directed.
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 5; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

La Table
6th @ Penn Theatre hosts a staged reading of this "Beckett-like examination of the men who built the tables for the peace talks in Paris, 1968." Rosina Reynolds directed.
6TH @ PENN THEATRE, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-688-9210.

Late-Nite Catechism
One of its most popular shows returns to the California Center for the Arts. "Sister" — a substitute for the regular instructor (who's off at poker night?) — teaches an interactive adult catechism class. She's been banned from regular duties, for reasons that become obvious in no time, and takes this opportunity to lace her lesson plan with like amounts of humor and horror. She means well. Oh, does she mean well (with emphasis on "mean"). She rewards the faithful, and correct answers, with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and threatens eternal damnation for anything even verging on an imperfect response. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's two-act piece is unafraid to be authoritarian and old-time religion. People actually rubbed their knuckles (like the ghost of an amputated arm), the night I caught the show, as they remembered vengeful three-sided wooden rulers and other forms of pedagogical torment in the catechisms of their youth. But the other thing about "sister." She's savvy. She's way ahead of you and your objections and loves to prove it (heckle ye not: she excels at laser repartee).
Worth a try.
CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH MAY 12; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Memoir
John Murrell's piece about the last days of Sarah Bernhardt has the makings: a charismatic superstar, her comic foil (Pitou, a senile secretary), plus territory drama rarely goes near: the final stage of a life and the "last things" thinking that accompanies it. How to sum up the years? What ultimately matters? Bernhardt dictates her memoirs to Pitou, but how could anyone, in her words, "make sense somehow" of a life as Wagnerian as hers? *Memoir* hasn't a clue. It shifts between sketchy biographical info, the sort you'd find in an encyclopedia, and childlike byplay between Bernhardt and Pitou. It's as predictable as superficial (there hasn't been this much sun symbolism since Ra ruled over ancient Egypt). Katherine McGrath scores as Bernhardt, playing her like deposed royalty, astonished that she's mortal and backing un-gently from the throne. And Jonathan McMurtry brings wry life to the white-clad, doddering Pitou. The most arresting aspect of the production, along with Robert Morgan's late summer, sun-baked terrace, is how McGrath and McMurtry share the stage with subtle artistry. They serve each other, feeding and receiving focus. But if that's what you end up doing — appreciating how actors interrelate — the play hasn't grabbed you at all.
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH MAY 5; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Much Ado About Nothing
SDSU's department of theater stages Shakespeare's comedy about two of his most famous skeptics: Beatrice and Benedick.
DON POWELL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, THROUGH MAY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

My Hands are Dirty
Lower Left, Sushi's "collective-in-residence," performs its exploration "of living as a conservationist in a consumer society."
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National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.
MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Pageant
Beauty pageants rank among the safest of targets. Robert Longbottom's satire tears into the genre but raises the stakes twice. While his contestants send up the various competitions — talent show, Q&A, swimsuit — the actors are in their own contest, "Miss Glamouresse," judged each night by the North Coast Rep's audience. One other thing: men play the six female contestants. And play them so well you become convinced that, say, Jeffrey Merrell's Miss Texas is a woman playing a man playing a woman (whose hobbies include "working with the beauty-impaired"). After a while you wonder what you are judging: talent (as when David McBean performs triple ventriloquism with two puppets and stops the show cold), likeness to actual contestants, or the ability to satirize the baroque hoopla of pageants. On the Grand Scale of Cosmic Significance, *Forever Plaid* probably stands closer to *Hamlet* than *Pageant*. The latter's a one-note show, but a game cast, decked out in wigs and an almost endless array of classy/chintzy cos-

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tumes, sounds that note with all they've got. *Pageant*'s a hoot. (Note: Phil Johnson has replace Don Ward; also due to popular demand, the North Coast Rep extended its run *twice*.)
Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 26; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Psycopathia Sexualis
The Globe Theatres/University of San Diego MFA Program present John Patrick Shanley's "wacky comedy" about "two couples, a therapist, and a strange fetish!" Richard Seer directed.
STUDIO THEATRE, SACRED HEART HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, THROUGH MAY 4; SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY, AND WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Rhinoceros
Body snatchers invade a provincial French town. People succumb to "rhinoceritus" — literally becoming rhinos — so readily that soon humans appear "abnormal." Eugene Ionesco's allegory (1960) traces the rise of "fanatization," particularly in Nazi Germany. "Ideologies which become idolatries, automatic systems of thought," he wrote, "arise like a screen between the mind and reality" and "prevent co-existence, for a rhinoceros cannot get on with anyone not of his kind."
Rhinoceros resembles what it depicts. It's a talky, cue-crazy, three-act monster. Further complicating matters: Ionesco argued it isn't a comedy ("it cannot be anything other than painful and serious"). The Fritz Theater honors Ionesco's dictum. The opening-night performance, however, didn't honor the play. Everything from the set to the acting looked unfinished. The show was underrehearsed, cramped (so much that actors bumped into each other), dry, long (especially Act three, in which two characters gab for at least 20 minutes), and badly directed. Each scene remained on a single noise level and made little use of the script's potential theatricality. The acting, much of it amateurish, offered one gem: Jim Chovick undergoes a "rhinocerotic" metamorphosis from the fastidious Jean to a four-footed beast.
ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE (AT CEDAR), SAN DIEGO, THROUGH MAY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 5:00 P.M. MONDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-233-7505.

Seven Weeks of Greeks!
The Tragedies
What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., Euripides' *Iphigenia in Tauris*.
Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH MAY 27. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-688-9210.

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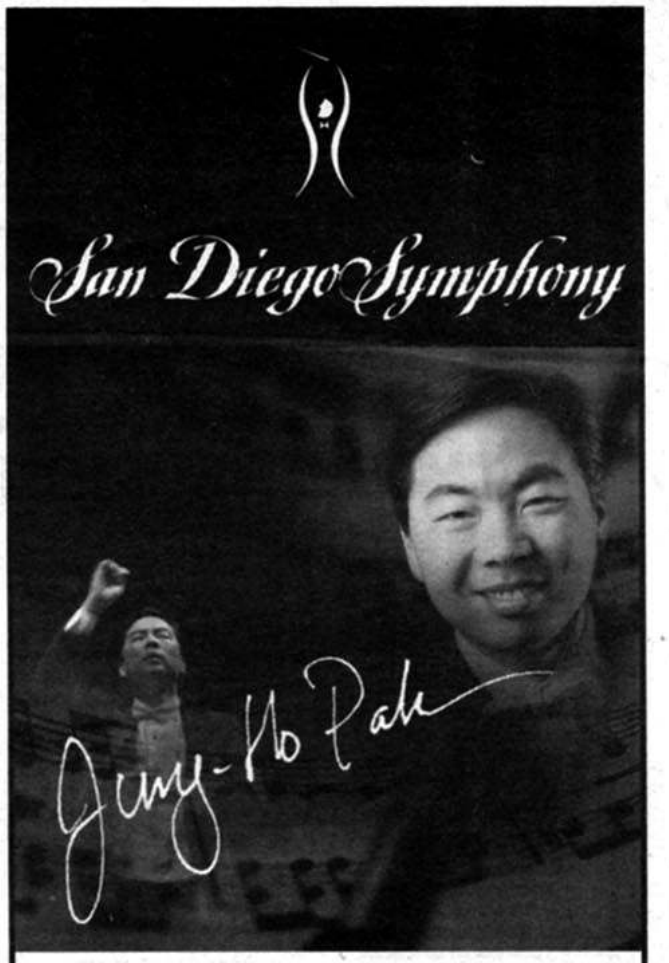
Theatresports
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening



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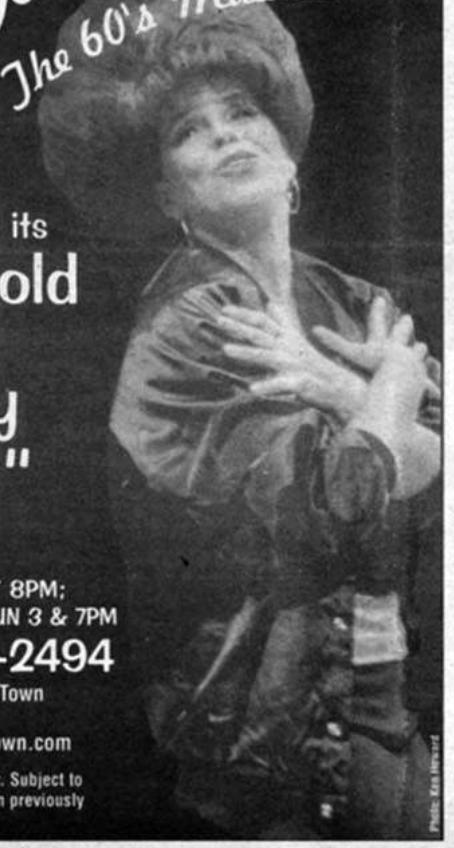

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uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit."

Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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Worth a try.

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UCSD's department of theater and dance has a national reputation for producing innovative new playwrights, and this festival showcases that talent. Last weekend I caught Laura Henry's funny, imaginative *There's No Bayville in Texas*, a "prison comedy" whodunit. The play's set in the "best-run prison kitchen in the entire world." Francine, whose calling's to cook for cons, prepares gourmet entrees and almost has a heart attack when a DR ("death row") inmate requests burgers and fries for his last meal. Then the DR's start having heart attacks. Surely Miller, a closet serial killer, dunit; doesn't he carry a vial of arsenic? But then again, it might have been the prisoners, 0-2 and 7, or even that Nazi guard Roy. Or even Francine (a shimmering performance by Amy Stewart)? Festivals celebrate. UCSD gives its new scripts quality productions (director Daisy Walker did an expert job with *Bayville*) and, with multiple showings, the chance for audiences to appreciate what is often outstanding work. The Festival runs through this weekend. Plays include Henry's *There's No Bayville in Texas;* Jeff Hirsch's *Handful of Earth;* Ken Weitzman's *Arrangements; Throwing Apple Cores,* by Mat Smart; *The Disappearance Conumdrum* by Rachel Axler; and *Seascapes* by Andrea Stolowitz. Call the theater for days and times of each: 858-274-4574.

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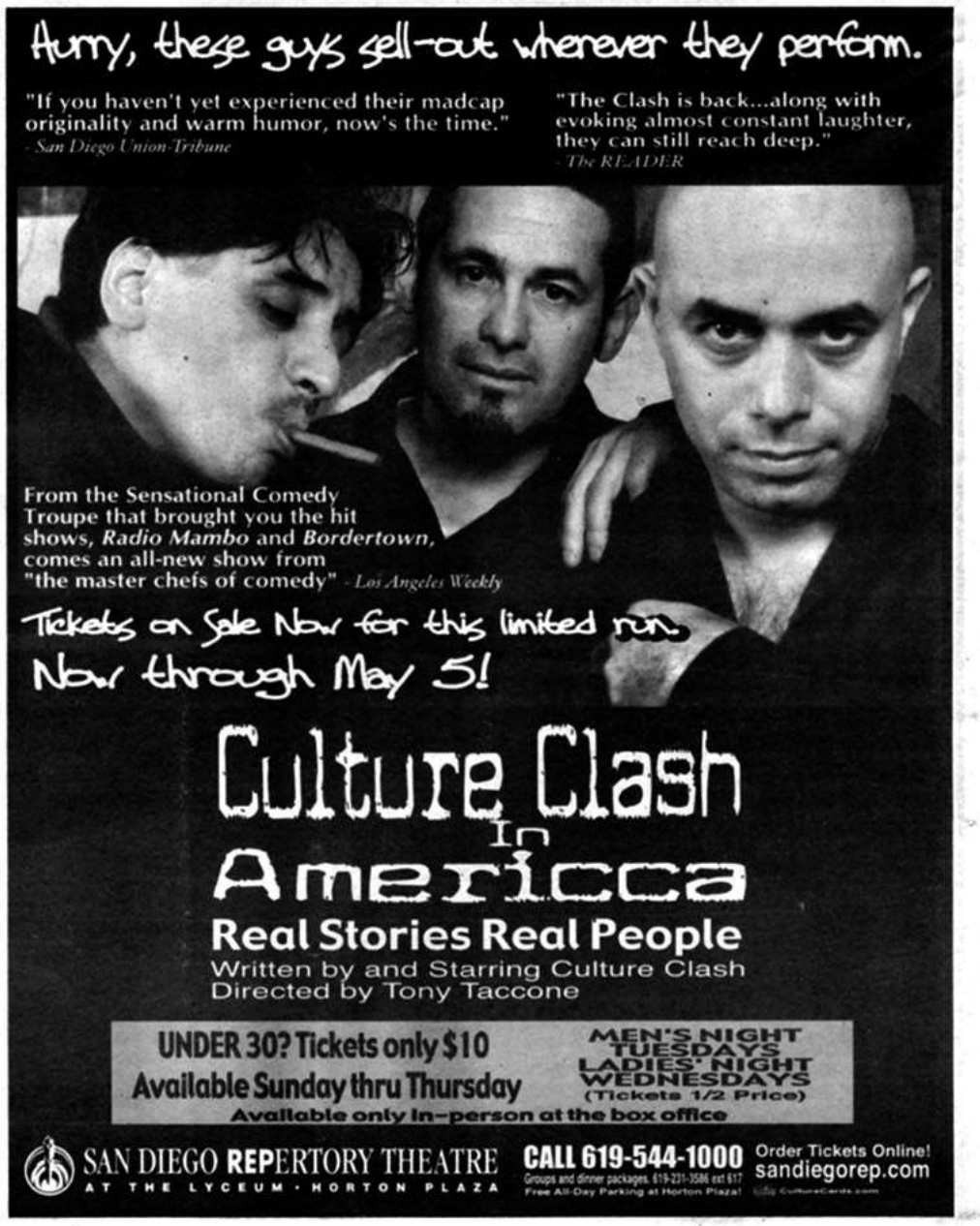

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"It was really unfair," said singer Jack Terricloth about the abrupt cancellation of his Che Café show April 13. His "nine-piece punk orchestra" called the World Inferno Friendship Society had driven out from Brooklyn.

"We got there and did the sound check. We dropped our shit off. Everything was fine. When we came back we were told the show was canceled because everyone was going to a party."

A Che Café staffer named Eric admitted the show was canceled hours before it was to start because local bands the Locust, Defacto, Gogogo Airheart, and Blood Brothers were playing at an "eviction party" in Golden Hill. "I understood too many people would have wanted to go to that show instead."

Terricloth didn't buy it.

"We stared at them," said Terricloth about his reaction to the canceled show. "There was some yelling and light shoving.... They then offered to give us gas money. They gave us $38 in rolled quarters, dimes, and nickels."

And then Terricloth said the Che Café employee, Spence, who had organized the Che show, added insult to injury.

"[He] didn't even tell us where the party was.... We eventually found out where it was because we knew one of the roadies for the Locust. We tried to get on the bill, but we couldn't."

Terricloth said his band is finished with the Che Café. "Spence was unhelpful and unrepentant. They offered to give us these loaves of bread. We didn't take them. We were full."

One observer said that the Che Café should not be blamed for abruptly canceling shows.

"It's an all-volunteer operation," said the observer, who does not work for the Che Café. "You have to expect shows will drop out.... Sometimes that's just the way it is..."

"They only come out to the West Coast once or twice a year," said Bernard Harris of Encinitas, who went to the Che expressly to see World Friendship.

"All this tells me the Che Café is kind of Mickey Mouse....You have an obligation to the bands and the fans whether you are getting paid for it or not," said Harris.

Spence did not return a request for comment.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

CHE CAFÉ CANCELS BAND, GOES TO PARTY

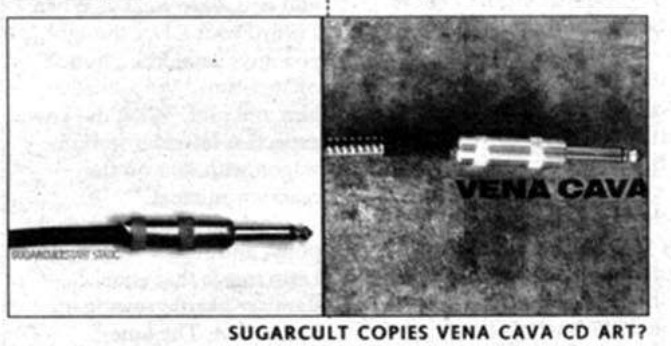
Other out-of-town bands canceled that night were Seattle bands Playing Enemy and Drowning in Lethe and San Francisco band Spaceboy.

— Ken Leighton

"We said, 'This is unreal. It's way too close for coincidence.'"

Cory Froschheuser singer/guitarist of local band Vena Cava couldn't believe what he was seeing. But there it was. The cover of Sugarcult's *Start Static* CD, released in August of last year by Ultimatum Records, has a remarkable resemblance to Vena Cava's self-titled CD that was self-released ten months earlier.

"The only difference is that amp cord is shot on a white background and ours is on concrete. It was designed by me and my sister April. She sings and plays bass.... Of all the album covers released over the last 30 years, I've never seen anything similar to this. Here we are just 100 miles away. And theirs comes out just one year later. I sent cease-and-desist papers to the management and to the label. They had a lawyer respond saying we didn't have a case and there is no similarity. Now we're waiting to meet with a copyright attorney. He is going to follow up. This could end up paying for our next album."



SUGARCULT COPIES VENA CAVA CD ART?

"We weren't aware of the band or of its artwork," said Peter Raspler of Raspler Management of Los Angeles, which manages Sugarcult. "It didn't even have a bar code. It wasn't nationally distributed."

I asked him if the cover art similarity was a coincidence.

"Hold on. I have another call."

After putting me on hold for about a minute, Raspler returns to the phone. "Anyway, it was not even copyrighted."

Raspler ends the conversation saying he had another call to tend to.

Froschheuser responds, "There *is* a copyright mark

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on the CD. At the time the CD came out, we had not yet sent out papers. But we were told that all you have to do to protect yourself is put the copyright mark — © — on it and then send off the papers. That's what we did."

Froschheuser says he finds Raspler's comment about it not being copyrighted peculiar.

"If he says he wasn't aware of our CD, how could he have known if it was copyrighted unless he researched it ahead of time? This is great. I can't believe he spoke with you."

Froschheuser admits his CD did not have national distribution, but Vena Cava had played in L.A. and the band's CD was distributed in L.A. record stores before the Sugarcult CD came out.

Sugarcult has gotten national radio exposure for its songs "Stuck in America" and "Bouncing Off the Walls." The four-man band is based in Santa Barbara and is fronted by lead singer guitarist Tim Pagnotta, formerly of Poway.

Ultimatum also releases material by local artists the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash and the Incredible Moses Leroy. Ultimatum general manager John Loken did not comment.

"Our next CD is being mixed down right now," said Froschheuser. "It should be out next month. We have new artwork that hopefully won't be copied this time."

Vena Cava appears May 7 with Congress of the Cow and Drag the River at Chaser's in North Park.

— Ken Leighton

"We pulled up to a show at the Che Café, and a guy there says, 'Who are you?' "

Drummer Cameron Ungar of Spanish Bombs was describing his first gig at UCSD's all-age venue.

"We tell him our name, and he's, like, 'Really? When I heard your CD, I thought you guys would be a bunch of Mexicans.' We looked at him and said, 'What did you expect? A lowrider station wagon with dice on the rearview mirror?' "

Spanish Bombs mix rock, punk, and reggae with the Latin music that Israel Ramirez heard growing up in East L.A. The lone Hispanic in the band, he occasionally sings in Spanish "when it feels right."

The Spanish Bombs moved to San Diego from Davis last summer to make a mark in music. Three attended UC Davis. One still does, the DJ, and he flies down for important gigs. While *rock en español* bands sing Spanish lyrics to a mostly Latin fan base, Ramirez says it's a challenge to straddle a middle ground.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

SPANISH BOMBS PLOW THROUGH HORN PLAYERS

"There hasn't been a person or band to link alternative Hispanic kids and alternative American white kids," said Ramirez. "One of the few bands to get close is Ozomatli."

Ramirez says it was challenging going to Davis, a school that had 9 black students out of a freshman class of 8000.

"That's part of the reason why I felt like [UC Davis] wasn't my home. It gave me a good excuse to focus on music."

"We played at the Goldmine Winery in Columbia, which is outside Sonora," remembers Ungar. "There was a bumper sticker over the bar that said, 'Proudly serving white people since 1902.' But we went in and kicked ass."

The Spanish Bombs were asked to return to Davis to open for Ozomatli in a sold-out concert of the 1800-seat Freeborn Hall Monday.

The band includes a DJ and two horn players.

"All our horn players were formally trained," said Ungar. "They try to count out everything. But some Latin rhythms have to be felt, not measured." Ungar says he's gone through a lot of horn players.

The Spanish Bombs appear tomorrow at Neimans in Carlsbad.

— Ken Leighton

Montana drummer Shilo Meagkbe, 27, spent six months here at Camp Pendleton when he was in the Marines. He said he joined the USMC just to experience boot camp.

"It was one of the best experiences I ever had. I found stuff in me that I didn't know I had."

After boot camp, when he became a "grunt" infantryman, he decided he wanted out.

"I picked a mental disorder that was serious enough for them to kick me out but not serious enough for them to think I had to be kept away from the public. I basically created a mental breakdown. I had paranoid delusions — a schizoid personality characterized by hallucinations during times of stress. I sleep deprived myself for a week."

It worked. In April 2001 he was discharged.

"It was a totally orchestrated maneuver. It was a lot of acting. The plan was to go through boot camp, then go back to music.... I went back to Montana."

Submit is based in Bozeman, the home of Montana State University. The band was recently in Oceanside for a gig that never materialized.

"So we tracked down Rick [Freund, Hill Street Stranglers bassist], who works at the porn store. He got us a gig at the last minute."

Submit played at Bub's Whiskey Dive across the street from Rick's porn store. They opened for a band that played Lynyrd Skynyrd covers.

As for the differences between Montana and San Diego?

"Down here people are a lot more materialistic. Things look a lot shinier here. People have nicer cars. They try and act more



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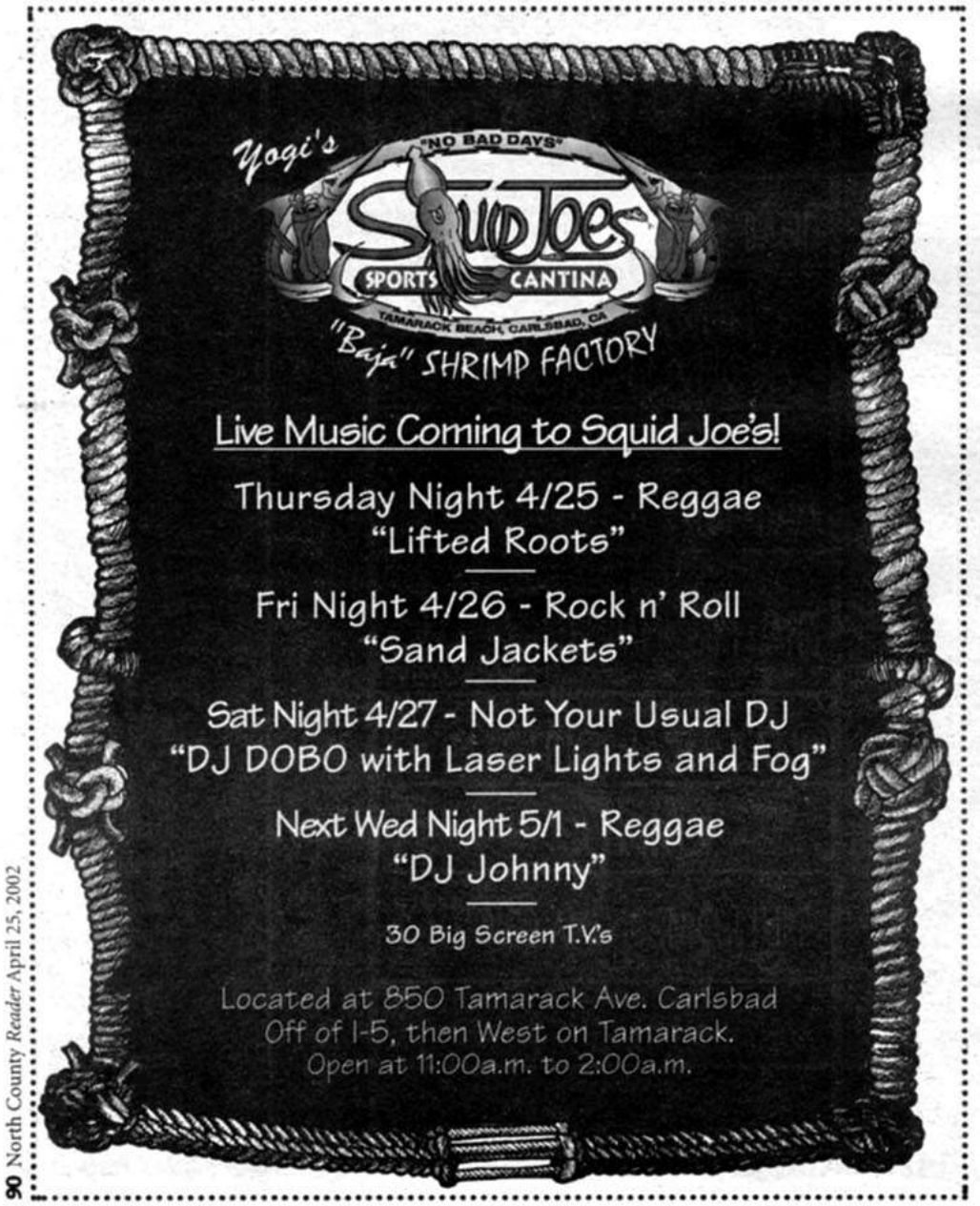
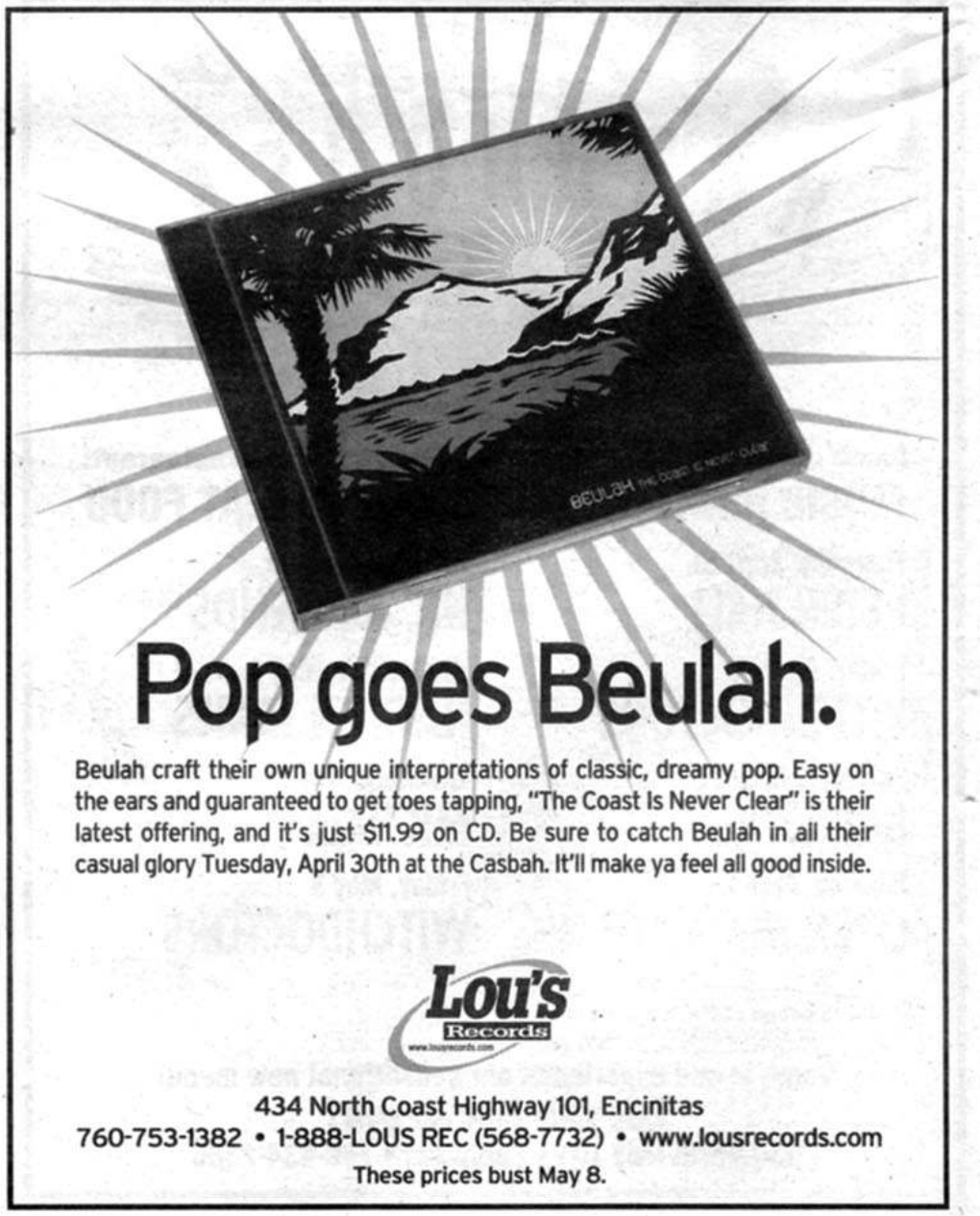
SUBMIT DRUMMER FAKES MENTAL ILLNESS





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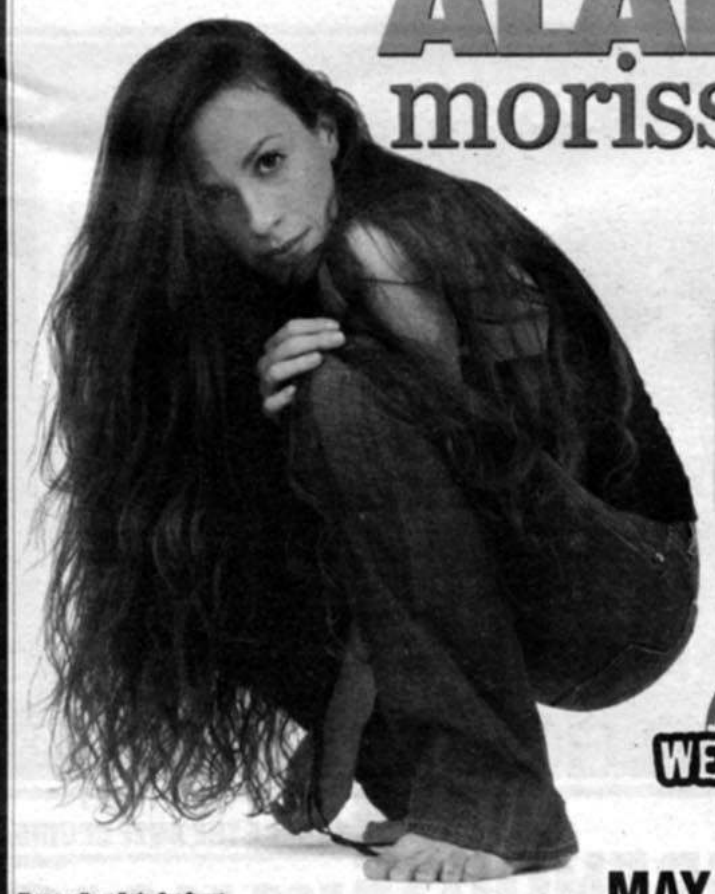

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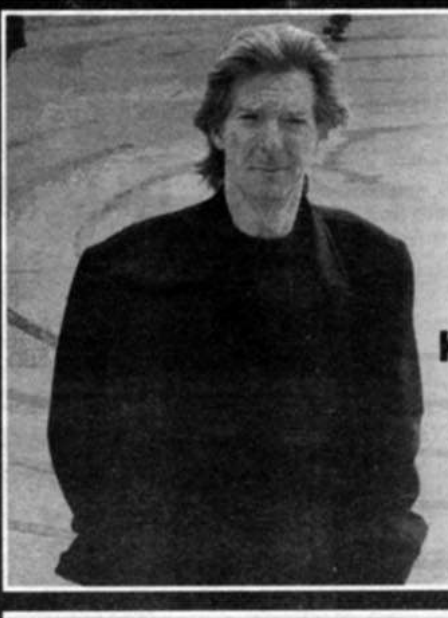

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upscale. In Montana you see all kinds of ghetto cars. Every windshield is broken," said Jarrod, 25, who didn't want to use his last name.

Jarrod says the record label Shilo owns, Systemsuck (*http://systemsuck.20m.com*), specializes in "political crust [that] does not sound like blink-182." Systemsuck releases product by Submit as well as two other bands, Bread and Water and Russian School of Ballet.

— Ken Leighton

"He put me under citizen's arrest for the second time last night."

Trey Brady, owner of the Gaslamp's Juke Joint Café said, "The cop came up and made [attorney Al] Rava stand in front of me and say, 'I am placing you under citizen's arrest.' The cop then gives me a citation. It is a misdemeanor. I have to go to court with an attorney for each citizen's arrest. My legal fees continue to rise."

Rava, who lives in the Pioneer Lofts next door, represents four clients who also live there. They are suing for $800,000 in damages over the music emanating from the Juke Joint on Fourth Avenue.

Rava already lost one round in court when Judge Sheridan Reed failed to find Brady in contempt of court for violating a temporary restraining order. At that March 15 hearing, Reed ordered Rava's clients and the Juke Joint to mediation. Brady says he is more than happy to participate in mediation.

Brady said every time Rava's clients have called the police or the city, those clients were told Brady was breaking no law.

"I don't think he has any interest in working things out," said Brady about Rava. "Our first mediation hearing is May 6, and he just placed me under citizen's arrest for the second time last night [April 17]. He can't seem to wait. He's very disingenuous. I want to resolve this issue. If he wants to resolve this, why is he asking for $800,000?"

A call to Al Rava:

"Why did you place Trey Brady under citizen's arrest last night?"

"I can't talk about pending litigation," said Rava.

"What does the citizen's arrest have to do with your lawsuit?"

"I can't talk about pending litigation." Rava hangs up.

The Juke Joint Café presents Gilbert Castellanos (jazz) tonight; Sue Palmer (swing) 5–7 p.m. Friday and Shelle and her blues band 7:30–11 p.m. Friday; Latin a Go-Go (Latin jazz) 7:30–11 p.m. Saturday; Barbara Jamerson (R&B and jazz) 6–10 p.m. Sunday. Sunday is free admission.

— Ken Leighton

CD review: Scapegoat Wax *Okeeblow* Grand Royal Records, 2001

You have to wait until just after the 40th minute to find out what Chico-based hip-pop sharper Marty James (who works under the nom de plume Scapegoat Wax) means by Okeeblow. On the curt title track, James — working off what sounds like a helium binge — jaws with a similarly shrill studio pal.

"What should I call this record?" James asks.

"Uh, call it whatever the fuck you want."

"I was gonna call it *Okeeblow*."

"I don't know about that."

"You don't get it?"

"Uh-uh."

"It's like Okie from the sticks, like me, from way out there — blowing, singing. *Okeeblow*."

James is one urbane bumpkin. One of the 1000 copies of his debut (1999) release *Luxurious* found its way to the mailbox of Beastie Boy Mike D. That gambit ended well — a deal with the Beasties' Grand Royal label — for this self-styled Gilligan of smart-aleck funk (a genre, by the way, safest in Beck's hands).

Okeeblow's been a lift for James. Since its release last summer, he's toured with the Nortec Collective, hosted MTV2's *Request Hour*, and seen his single, "Aisle 10 (Hello Allison)" — less Ray, more Sugar — featured on Fox's *Malcolm in the Middle*. But James's appeal couldn't save Grand Royal. The label folded last August after eight fruitful years, citing "mounting debts, decreasing assets, and exceedingly harsh industry conditions."

James, though, bounces right along. He was plucked from the brink by Disney-owned Hollywood Records, which was supposed to release (but has not yet) a newfangled version of *Okeeblow* just in time to entertain those smug Duke fans during March Madness.

— Justin Wolff

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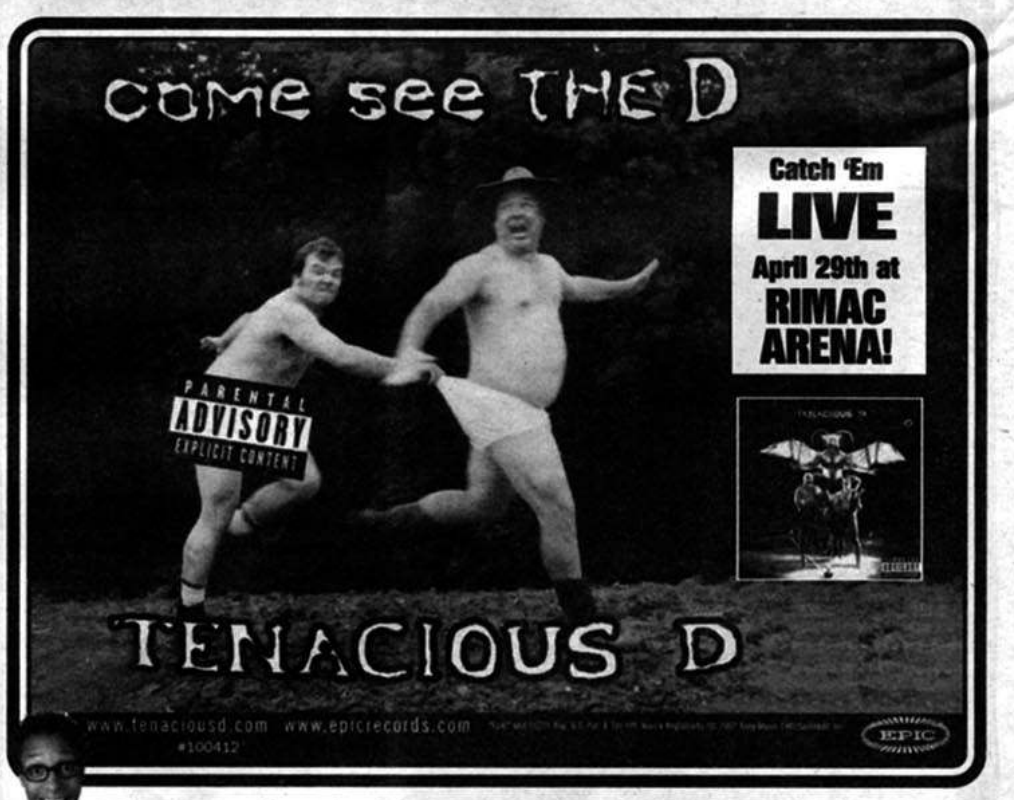

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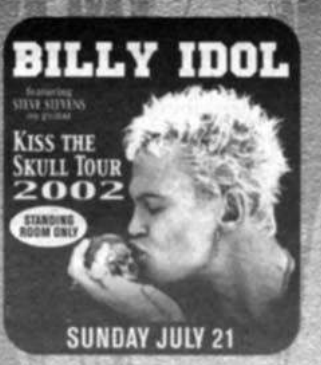

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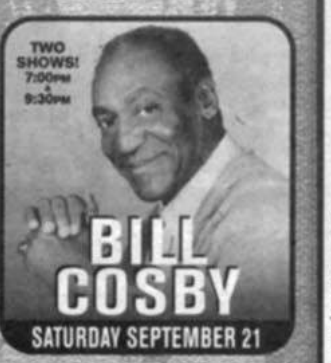

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Banda de guerra means literally "war band," and anyone listening knows that this is music for battle. *Drum Corps World* columnist and musical historian Cozy Baker says, "[Although] the French were the first to use brass bands to inspire armies and signal maneuvers, the British, Spanish, and Mexicans all have numerous examples of military bands leading warriors into battle at tremendous risk. One example is when the bagpipes led the British into a slight slaughter when they encountered American troops and Jean Lafitte in 1814. Today military bands keep this tradition alive."

The *banda de guerra*'s music is masculine to the extreme. There are no drum majorettes or baton twirlers accompanying the *banda de guerra*, even when they march in parades. If the band is made up of soldiers, they wear their standard uniform with helmets. If the band is a school band, they will usually wear the school colors in a uniform comprising black shoes, white pants, and the school sweater with chevron stripes on the arms. Dangling a couple of inches from the stripes are *golpes* — cotton fabric balls designed to silently bounce off the musician's arm.

There are no *bandas de guerra* in San Diego. This is a strictly Mexican phenomenon. Most of Tijuana's primary and secondary schools have a *banda de guerra*. Interested students start learning to play as early as kindergarten. Their choice of instruments is limited to two — large-looped bugles with no valves or tom-tom drums.

Instituto México is located just to the east of the Caliente racetrack. My Tijuana escort told me that the school was the "second to the top" Catholic school in Tijuana with regard to income. It is run by the Marist Brothers. Entering the school grounds, I could hear the blaring sound of the band practicing. The bugles played occasionally, but the drumming was relentless. It was also precise — even from a block away I could tell that the students were playing a very precise march.

When I found the band, they were isolated on a lawn that separates the school building and a wall that borders the sidewalk. The drummers were lined up facing each other, taking their directions from a man in a baseball cap. The buglers were about 20 yards away, facing another adult giving direction. There were no girls.

The man in the cap, Alejandro Campos-Manzo, directs *bandas de guerra* at several schools in Tijuana. He tells me that the bugles are called *cornetas*, although they look much larger than what I know as a cornet. The drums are *tambores*. "It's a different style of music. We don't read music off of paper. We improvise, although there are set tunes that we play."

Campos-Manzo has been playing this music since he was a boy and has directed various *bandas de guerra* for 25 years. "They play in parades and special events — civic events. Normally there are 25 band members. This band's age range is from 10 to 14. Some take private music lessons, but I don't know which ones. We practice two times a week, one hour per practice."

He asks the band how many would like to study music when they go to college. Ten hands go up out of about 25.

"The *banda de guerra* originated in France.... We march 20 steps per minute. We don't kick our feet high or anything like that."

When asked to show how they march, Campos-Manzo says that they are not prepared yet.

Although the director says the music is improvised, its sound is too regimented to believe that. When asked if the pieces have any names, Campos-Manzo says, "Yes. We put numbers and symbols like *'Muchachitas,'* like this." He waves his two hands as if describing the curves of a woman. "You know, the curves. Or *'La Quinta,' 'La Diez,' 'La Dos,' 'La Siete'* [all numbers]...or *'La Borrachita'* [the Little Drunk]."

I ask if they can play *"La Borrachita."* Campos-Manzo insists they are not ready for that either. "I will have them play number ten."

He raises his hands, making a signal with his fingers. Standing behind the drums, the buglers raise their horns but do not play yet. The drummers begin playing an ominous-sounding military beat. The buglers blast out a long, sustained note — all on the same pitch. There is no harmony. As the bugles stop, the drums keep playing. The boys playing the drums are enjoying this opportunity to show off. Many of them are grinning. One keeps his face fixed in a battle-like glare as he holds his body at attention. Soon the bugles — again playing the same note — start playing staccato bursts in time with the drums. The buglers begin a sort of call-and-response with the drums. It ends with another long, sustained blast by the bugles and roll of the drums. The ending of the song sounds incomplete. I realize that my ear is trained to hear a crashing cymbal complement such thunderous bashing, but there are no cymbals.



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Instituto México's Banda de Guerra

Campos-Manzo corrects his statement about the names of what they play. "They're not songs but marches. This is not easy music to play, especially for the buglers. They have to control it all with their mouths." The bugles have no valves, or places to push with fingers to change the notes.

For a town with such a deep Mexican heritage, it is hard to find anyone in San Diego who knows much about the *banda de guerra*. One college professor referred me to local musician Ramón "Chunky" Sanchez, leader of a Chicano-Mexicano music group, Los Alacranes (the Scorpions). Sanchez was said to be an expert on the various styles of Mexican music.

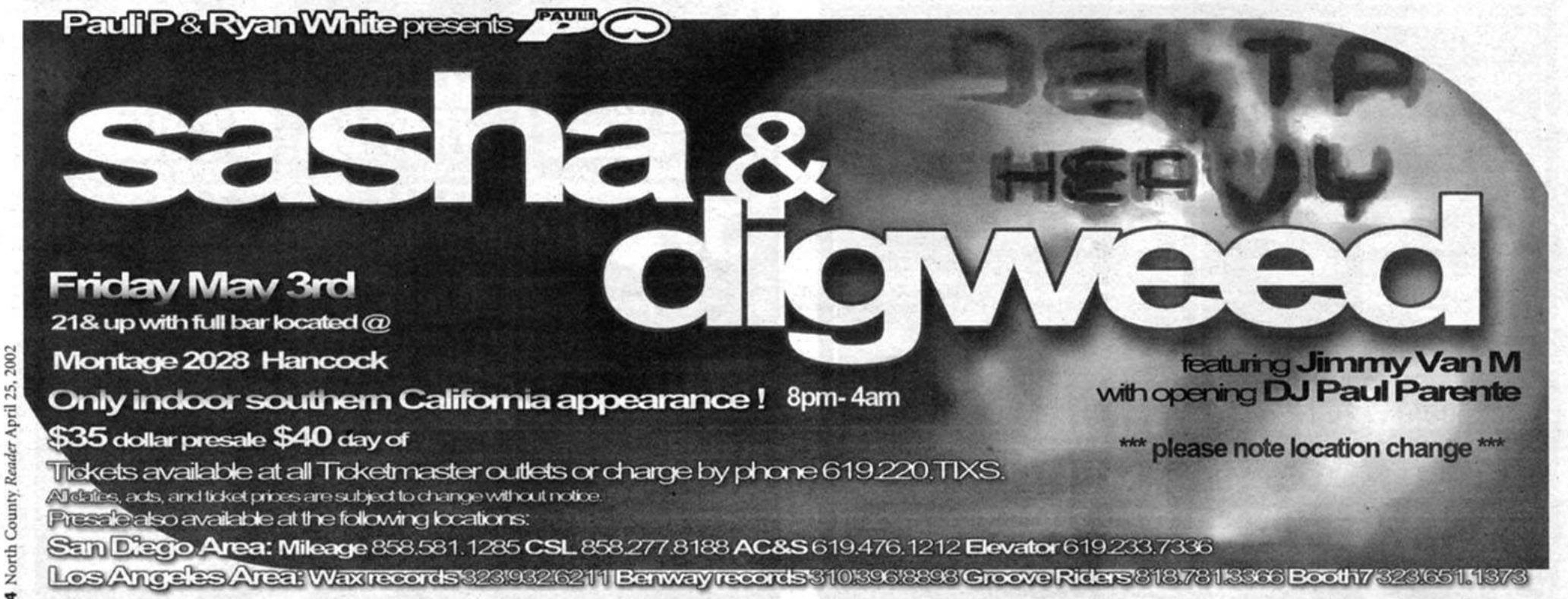
Sanchez, 50, said that his specialty was Mexican folk music, but he was familiar with *banda de guerra*. "It's the military *banda* — kinda like the Marine Corps marching band or something. It sounds like attack music. It's got an older flavor to it than what you would hear from modern military bands [here in the U.S.], and it has a lot more history behind it. The brass instruments were brought over to Mexico from Europe, and they brought more of a blurting, powerful type of feeling."

By Sanchez's account, you can hear the European influence in most Mexican music. "The famous Banda de Sinaloa — which is not military — also has that European influence. The Banda de Sinaloa also has clarinet, cymbals, and that kind of style to it. You can hear that kind of 'oom-pah' in it. Another example is the accordion. It was brought over by the German and Polish immigrants, and you still hear that sound in norteño music. There were no brass instruments before they came from Europe, and they were taken to different classes of people. The lower-class got a hold of them and began to play with them in Sinaloa, but the military still had a lot of those bugle calls — calls to war — in their music. [*Banda de guerra* is] a Mexican arrangement of European war music."

The most likely place an American will hear the *banda de guerra* is on Mexican television. Channels 12 and 6 often play the Mexican national anthem, which is performed by a *banda de guerra*.

"Another popular piece is *'La Marcha Zacatecas'* — you've probably heard it." Campos-Manzo starts to hum. "The bugle is related to the trumpet, and it was used in cavalries and battles to call a charge or retreat. It's a tool that was used in the military, because in battle, the horn stands out above everything else.... It's really music for military showmanship and parades. The only uniform I've ever seen for *banda de guerra* is the army uniform.

"You know how you get cold chills when you hear your national anthem? It's the same with the people of Mexico and this music. It hits a patriotic nerve. It brings out a lot of emotions and gets the adrenaline flowing. It's what you're supposed to feel before going into battle." ■



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There were some fine-looking chicks jumping around on the banks of the Narragansett Bay that summer.

REVIEW
AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Last week I wrote about the wonderful jazz singer Anita O'Day and her famous career moment during the Newport Jazz Festival of 1958 and the film made of the festival that year. The video is available and is well worth renting. Only two of the seven or eight songs Ms. O'Day sang that day are on the video, but they're doozies: "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Tea for Two." Her performance is one of the best things about this exciting festival and documentary and deserving of all the fuss made about it. It is interesting to watch, not just hear, the way she turns her voice into a jazz instrument; her presence is electrifying. How lucky for those who were able to enjoy an entire set of her performing live in a club with a small group around that time, when her heroin problem wasn't interfering with her singing, and she was enjoying herself, as she clearly is at the Newport Festival.



Henry "Red" Allen

The Newport Jazz Festival began in 1954. Newport, Rhode Island, is a wealthy, fashionable tourist resort and naval base on Narragansett Bay. Around the time of the '58 festival it would have had a population of some 47,000. Newport was founded in 1639 and has many "fine colonial homes." One of the most interesting features of the documentary is the expressions on the faces of the refined older locals at the influx of decidedly unposh youngsters and African-Americans, musicians and fans. The festival was initiated by a couple of swells from Newport and administered through a nonprofit organization. It was canceled in 1961 due to unruly crowds, but the festival resumed again in 1962, continuing on until 1971, when a riot took place. By that time a lot of rock groups were appearing, and the sponsorship had been taken over by the Schlitz Brewing Company and other corporations. You know the drill: when something grassroots takes off, the big corporate boys come in and that's that. In 1972 the festival was moved to New York, where it became known as the Newport Jazz Festival/New York.

There were quite a few great years of the Newport Festival before it went to hell. A lot of the music has been recorded under the name of the individual leaders: Miles, Ellington, assorted blues artists like Muddy Waters. Nineteen fifty-eight was a great year for jazz, and it was a great year for the festival. If Anita O'Day stole the show, she had competition. What sort of competition? How about Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Thelonious Monk, Sonny Rollins, Jimmy Rushing, Gerry Mulligan, and Mahalia Jackson, *among others*. On the *Jazz on a Summer's Day* documentary, Ellington, Rollins, and Rushing are missing, but the rest are on board, along with the Jimmy Giuffre Trio. Monk's performance of "Blue Monk" struck me as a bit enervated, but Monk in daylight is a strange spectacle. The Mulligan quartet performance is especially fine. And, lest I forget, there are rousing performances by Chuck Berry, Big Maybelle, and Dinah Washington. Now that's what I call some kind of mega-lineup.

The film itself is interesting; '58 was a good moment in the cultural life of America. The film's director and producer, Bert Stern, was (perhaps still is) a still photographer, a fashion photographer. (Years later another fashion photographer, Bruce Weber, would make a documentary jazz film about Chet Baker called *Let's Get Lost*, also worth renting on video.) The sound isn't great and, as befits a fashion photographer, there's a lot of camera given over to attractive young fans in the audience, the young women especially. (I don't know why I should be surprised, but there sure were some fine-looking American chicks jumping around on the banks of the Narragansett Bay that summer.)



Pee Wee Russell

The Sound of Jazz, an hourlong TV show available on video, as well as a CD from Columbia Records, is another matter. And it's a significant step up, at least musically, from the Newport film, although shot earlier. Produced in December of 1957, six months before the Newport documentary, and organized by jazz writers Whitney Balliett and Nat Hentoff, the show was part of a series shown on Sunday nights between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. called *The Seven Lively Arts*.



Gerry Mulligan

Balliett and Hentoff were allowed almost total artistic control, and they kept it very simple, at least with regard to production values. The music wasn't at all simple. Balliett and Hentoff corralled the nucleus of Count Basie's old band. It was an extraordinary gathering of musicians, most of whom hadn't played with Basie in years, including Roy Eldridge, Jo Jones, Freddie Green, Coleman Hawkins, Lester Young, Ben Webster, Vic Dickenson, and others. This group played together on the show as part of the Count Basie All-Star Orchestra. Then there was a smaller group, made of jazz greats like Henry "Red" Allen, Pee Wee Russell, and Rex Stewart, incorporating Dixieland and Chicago-style players. The *moderns* were represented by Thelonious Monk and his trio and the Jimmy Giuffre Three. Gerry Mulligan, who plays on the Columbia CD, who had recorded a few days earlier than the TV show, demanded double the scale of the other musicians, so he was dropped.

It's a very informal-looking session. Visually, you know you're watching musicians in a studio with microphones in front of their faces. The players are dressed casually. The commentary is kept to a bare minimum, with the host dispensing with the customary "Negro and his music" sociological banter and simply giving the tune and the lineup. There is considerable art in the camera work, but that too is understated, and one wouldn't especially notice it except for the uncommon vividness and force of the production.

But what makes this video worth buying (it's pricey at $25) or renting if you can find it is the performance of Billie Holiday singing "Fine and Mellow." The sequence has been reprised many times on other TV shows and documentaries, but when Lester Young takes his 12-bar solo, and the camera focuses on Billie Holiday's face, listening to her old friend — probably at one time her lover — and with the friendship strained for many years…well, unless you're wearing cast-iron knickers, gentle reader, I guarantee you'll be moved to your depths. Two years later, Holiday and Young would be dead. ■

Various artists, *Jazz on a Summer's Day* (New Yorker Video NYV 16500)
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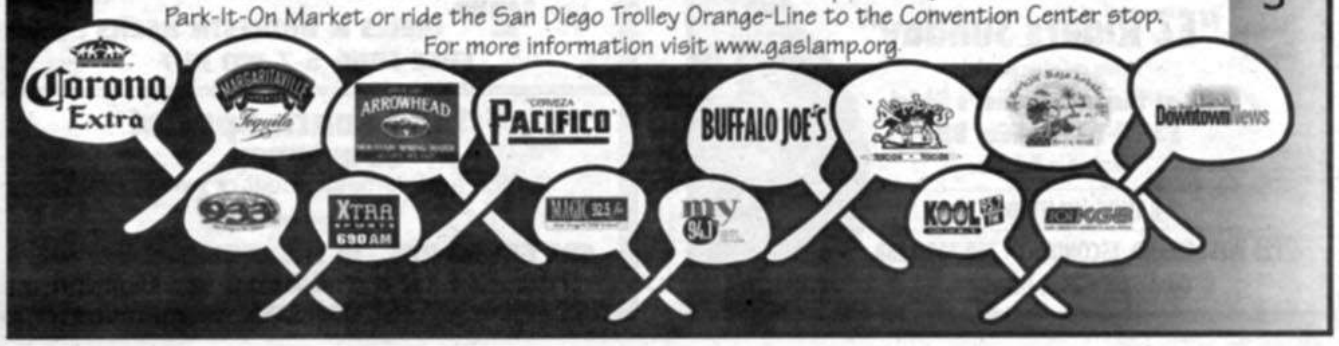

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"The 27th Annual Pacific Beach Block Party" featuring the **Mother Hips** *[419]*, **Convoy, Ten Pound Brown,** the **B-Side Players** *[649]*, **Elijah Emmanuel & the Revelations** *[732]*, the **Mike Reilly Band** *[978]*, **Private Domain** *[489]*, **Pink Froyd, Deadline Friday, Derek Duplessie, Cowboy Mouth** *[608]*, **Jason Mraz, flut** *[493]*, **Rochelle Rochelle, Lualta, Jack Costanzo,** the **Kokopelli Latin Jazz Quartet** *[674]*, **Earl Thomas** *[946]*, **Blue Largo, 2000 Pounds of Blues, Agent 22** *[542]*, **Slightly Stoopid** *[352]*, **Buckfast Superbee** *[119]*, **wONKA bAR, Glissando** *[484]*, **Animal 32,** the **80s Allstars, Scorch** *[201]*, **d"fRost** *[389]*, **Edify,** the **Lovelight Shine, Crucial,** the **Disco Pimps,** the **Boogiemen,** the **Big Provider, Yellow Miseries,** the **Montgomery High School Steel Drum Band,** and **Tom Griesgraber:** Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Garnet Avenue (from Mission Boulevard to Ingraham Street), Pacific Beach. 619-641-5823; for showtimes, visit *www.pbblockparty.com.*

Dynasty: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, May 11, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

ZZ Top *[400]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, May 12, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Jars of Clay *[506]*: Spreckels Theatre, Sunday, May 12, 6 p.m., 121 Broadway, downtown. 619-235-9500 or 619-220-8497.

The Dave Matthews Band *[202]* and **Government Mule:** Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, May 13, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Loretta Lynn *[790]*: East County Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 or 619-220-8497.

Gregory Isaacs *[744]*, **Soul Shakedown,** and **Quino:** 4th & B, Tuesday, May 14, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Jonny Lang *[953]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, May 16, and Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

De La Soul and **People Under the Stairs:** 4th & B, Friday, May 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Motörhead *[226]*, **Today is the Day,** and **Brand New Sin:** 4th & B, Sunday, May 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Wynonna *[781]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, May 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

B.B. King *[966]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, May 20, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Big Head Todd: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, May 21, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Rusted Root *[111]* and **Highway 9:** 4th & B, Tuesday, May 21, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Marshall Crenshaw: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jerry Cantrell and **Comes with the Fall:** 4th & B, Friday, May 24, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Knitters: The Casbah, Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"One Love Festival" with **Luciano** *[754]*, **Toots & the Maytals** *[738]*, **Israel Vibration** with the **Roots Radics Band, Tanto Metro & Devonte,** and the **Stone Love Sound System:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, May 25, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Matmos: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, May 25, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Peter Murphy *[220]* and **Michael J. Sheehy:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, May 26, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Trey Anastasio: Open Air Theatre, Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Jethro Tull *[566]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, May 29, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Bad Company *[449]* (featuring **Paul Rodgers**): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, May 29, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Elvis Costello & the Imposters: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, May 29, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

David J: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

The Get Up Kids *[307]*, **Hot Rod Circuit,** and the **Jealous Sound** *[294]*: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, May 30, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

INXS *[532]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, May 31, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Garbage *[144]* and **Abandoned Pools** *[185]*: Open Air Theatre, Friday, May 31, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

JUNE

The Neville Brothers *[571]* and the **Fabulous Thunderbirds** *[574]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 2, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Britney Spears *[603]* and **Nikka Costa** *[604]*: Cox Arena, Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

"The Volkswagen San Diego Blues Festival" featuring the **Nik Simon Band, Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra** *[641]*, **Lafayette & the Leasebreakers** *[930]*, **Daryl Johnson, Little Charlie & the Nightcats, Steve Copeland & Raging Sun, Lucky Peterson, Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm,** the **Tommy Castro Band** *[938]*, and the **North Mississippi All-Stars:** Embarcadero Marina Park South, Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront. Festival hotline, 619-283-9576; *www.sdbluesfest.com.*

Poison *[409]*, **Cinderella** *[536]*, **Winger,** and **Faster Pussycat:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 9, 6 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

George Thorogood & the Destroyers *[575]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Cowboy Junkies *[579]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beach Boys *[580]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

America *[581]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Keb' Mo' *[967]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Simple Minds: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Buena Vista Social Club (featuring **Omara Portuondo**): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Robert Cray Band *[971]* and **Taj Mahal & the Phantom Blues Band** *[960]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

J Mascis: The Casbah, Friday, June 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Mike Watt & the Secondmen *[140]*: The Casbah, Saturday, June 22, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Hiroshima *[586]* and **Willie & Lobo** *[697]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 23, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"A Tribute to the Beatles" with **Todd Rundgren, Alan Parsons, Mark Farner** (Grand Funk Railroad), **Jack Bruce** (Cream), and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Guess Who *[587]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Nanci Griffith *[854]* and **Richard Thompson** *[876]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Peter Frampton: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Thursday, June 27, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Righteous Brothers *[588]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bruce Hornsby *[590]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, June 28, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tommy Lee and the **Flying Tigers** *[470]*: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Pink: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 30, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

"Judy Collins Wildflower Festival" featuring **Judy Collins, Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens,** and **Eric Anderson:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

JULY

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 1, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dan Fogelberg *[591]* and **Cindy Bullens:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 3, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Billy Ray Cyrus *[792]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, July 5, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

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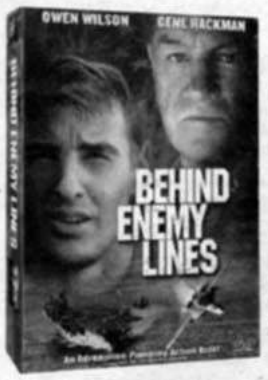

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Martina McBride *[801]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 9, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Rippingtons *[709]* and **David Benoit** *[417]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 12, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Huey Lewis & the News *[562]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 13, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Chieftains *[867]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Pat Benatar *[561]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

"'70s Soul Jam" featuring the **Stylistics** *[611]*, the **Manhattans** *[987]*, the **Chi-Lites** *[992]*, the **Delfonics,** and **Harold Melvin's Blue Notes:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 15, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The B-52s: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 16, and Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Indigo Girls *[879]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 18, and Friday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Kenny Loggins *[537]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Billy Idol: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 21, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Boz Scaggs *[598]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Trisha Yearwood *[786]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Natalie Cole *[435]* and **George Benson** *[612]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Jewel *[895]* and **M2M:** Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis *[779]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Lynyrd Skynyrd *[599]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 30, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

KC & the Sunshine Band *[621]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 31, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Down from the Mountain" featuring **Alison Krauss & Union Station, Jerry Douglas, Dan Tyminski, Ralph Stanley, Patty Loveless,** the **Del McCoury Band, Ricky Skaggs, Emmylou Harris,** the **Nashville Bluegrass Band, Norman** and **Nancy Blake,** the **Whites,** and **Chris Thomas King:** Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, July 31, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

AUGUST

David Sanborn: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 2, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Alicia Keys *[605]*: Summer Pops Series, Broadway Naval Pier, Sunday, August 4, 960 North Harbor Drive, downtown. 619-220-8497.

Gordon Lightfoot: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 4, 87:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Guitars & Saxes" (featuring **Marc Antoine, Warren Hill** *[717]*, and **Jeff Golub**) and **Della Coelho:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Michael McDonald: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Celia Cruz *[788]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Herman's Hermits (starring **Peter Noone**) and the **Turtles** (featuring **Flo & Eddie**): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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John Hiatt & the Goners *[827]* and **Jimmie Vaughan:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 12, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Blondie *[560]*: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Young Dubliners *[438]*, **Great Big Sea,** and **Seven Nations:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Fourplay (featuring **Larry Carlton** *[685]*, **Bob James, Harvey Mason,** and **Nathan East**) and **Rick Braun** *[672]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dwight Yoakam: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Peter, Paul, & Mary: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Doobie Brothers: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joan Baez: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

SEPTEMBER

Air Supply and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Mark O'Connor & Natalie MacMaster: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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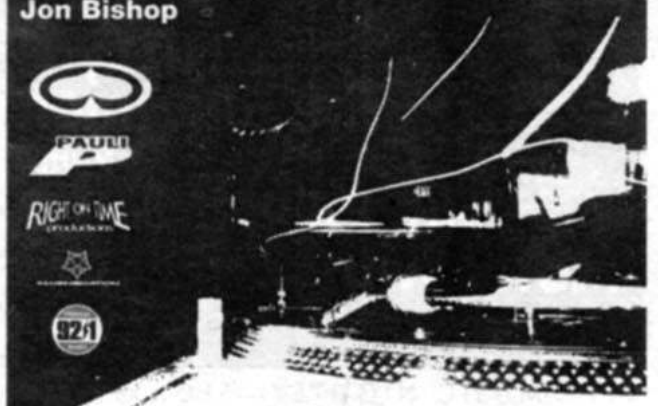

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Antiquark: The Casbah
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The Apes: The Casbah
214 ..... **The Beta Band:** 4th & B
Beulah: The Casbah
The Bipeds: The Casbah
Boxxx: Dream Street
Bred'n Buddha: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Brickbath: Brick By Brick
397 ..... **Brothers From Another Planet:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Bunky: The Casbah
Cage: Brick By Brick
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The Chicago Underground: The Casbah
Clairvoyants: The Casbah
Les Claypool's Frog Brigade: 4th & B
The Corduroys: Bub's Whiskey Dive
Dama: Dream Street
Deadline Friday: Blind Melons
Deadweight: 4th & B
Deploi: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Desolation: Brick By Brick
389 ..... **d.fRost:** Winstons
148 ..... **Digital Underground:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Dishwalla: Belly Up Tavern
Distant Cousins: Java Joe's Coffeehouse
Distemper: Blind Melons
Dogmatic: Brick By Brick
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Ego Spy: Dream Street
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F.O.N.: The Scene
The Fallen Five: Epicentre, Brick By Brick
Far-Fetched: Epicentre
192 ..... **Fiction Engine:** Tio Leo's Lounge
Flesh Peddler: Dream Street
Fryday: Blind Melons
Fuzz Huzzy: Epicentre
Happy Endings: The Scene
Hayden: The Casbah
Hot Like A Robot: The Scene
Imbi-Souls: Dream Street
Larger Than Life: The Scene
Lefty: Epicentre
Les Savy Fav: The Casbah
325 ..... **Liquid American Culture:** Winstons
Lizzy Borden: Brick By Brick
Los Machos: Epicentre
Lotus: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Mazarin: The Casbah
Midday Shadow: Dream Street
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Neverbound: Brick By Brick
No Valence: The Scene
Nobody Zero: The Scene
One Track Mind: Epicentre, The Scene
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Overcome by One: The Playhouse
186 ..... **Gregory Page:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
Plane: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Pleasure Forever: The Casbah
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213 ..... **Riboflavin':** Brick By Brick
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208 ..... **Superunloader:** Winstons
Swearing at Motorists: The Casbah
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498 ..... **The Joey Bowen Band:** Winstons, Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Buffalo Joe's
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Deep Sixx: Second Wind (Santee)
Edify: Brick By Brick
8 Ball Rack: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Element 8: Brick By Brick
Elias: Brick By Brick
Film Noir: Dream Street
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
The Groove Cats: On The Rocks
446 ..... **Hatebreed:** 4th & B
461 ..... **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
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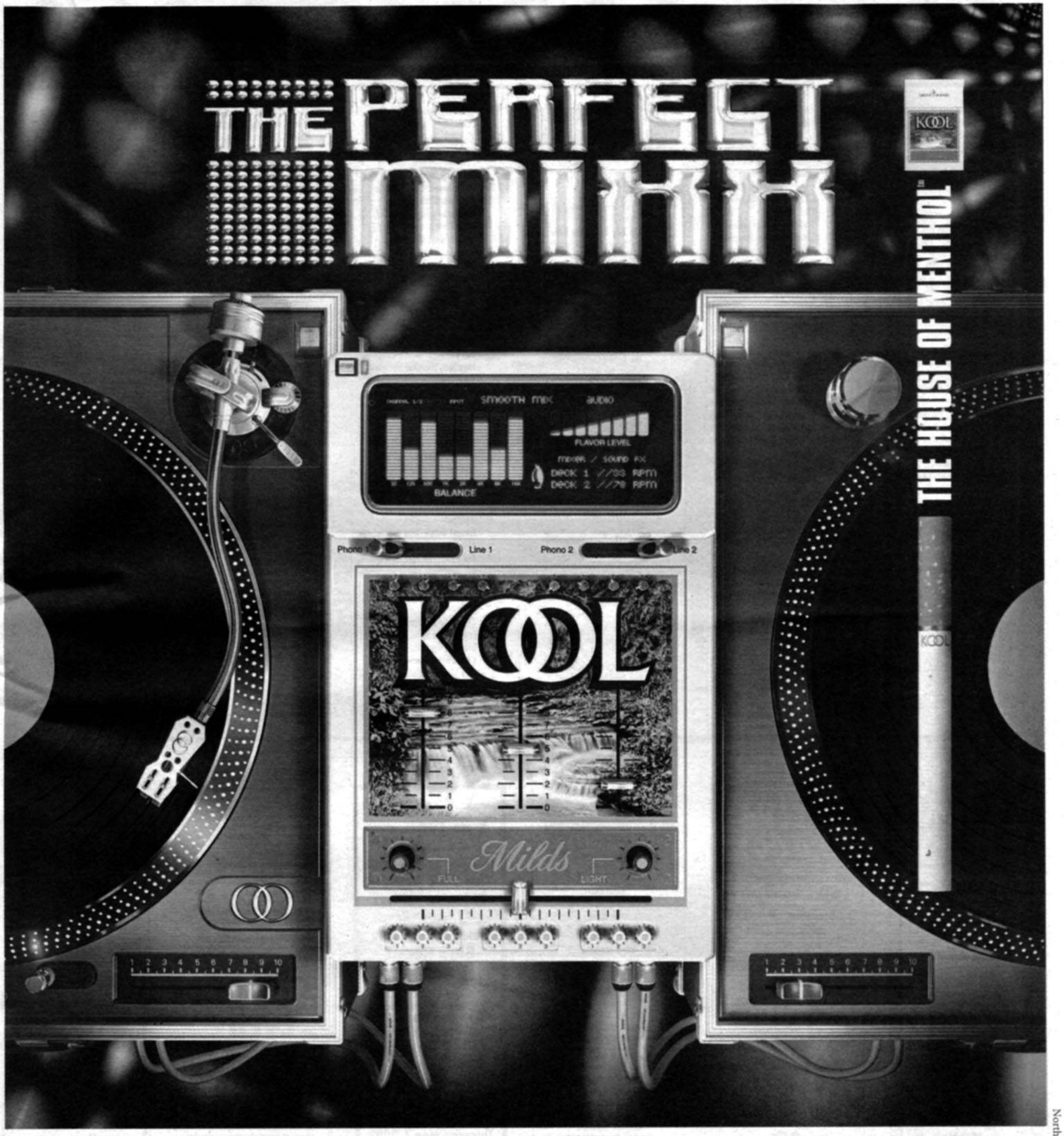

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419 **The Mother Hips:** Belly Up Tavern
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489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort, Second Wind (Escondido)
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538 **Slayer:** 4th & B
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POP/TOP 40

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The Dance Edge: Jimmy Love's
The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's
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Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill
606 **Liquid Blue:** Fogerty's Pub
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622 **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th
Shurman: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Stage 4: Il Forno Bistro
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X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

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JAZZ/ BIG BAND

Christopher Adler Trio: Goloka
649 **The B-Side Players:** Belly Up Tavern
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
The Boogie Woogie Duo: Juke Joint Cafe
670 **Breezin':** Chuey's Numero Uno
Patrick Burke: Dizzy's
703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
Calima: Trattatoria La Strada
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
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667 **Gilbert Castellanos:** Lilo's
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
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671 **Chris Conner:** Dizzy's
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Dean Davidson: Chesapeake Bar & Grill
Diversiti: The Raintree
642 **Cath Eckert:** Dizzy's
Aubrey Fay: Neimans Bar and Grill
638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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Cynthia Hammond: Juke Joint Cafe
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Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe
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631 **Art Johnson:** Croce's Jazz Bar
695 **The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet:** The Alley, Coyote Bar and Grill
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EXTENSION 4006
REGGAE/ SKA

Earth Ride: Blind Melons, Henry's Pub
732 **Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations:** Winstons, Buffalo Joe's
One Blood: Winstons
740 **Psydecar:** Winstons
747 **Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House
Star Shak: Blind Melons
Zion: Blind Melons

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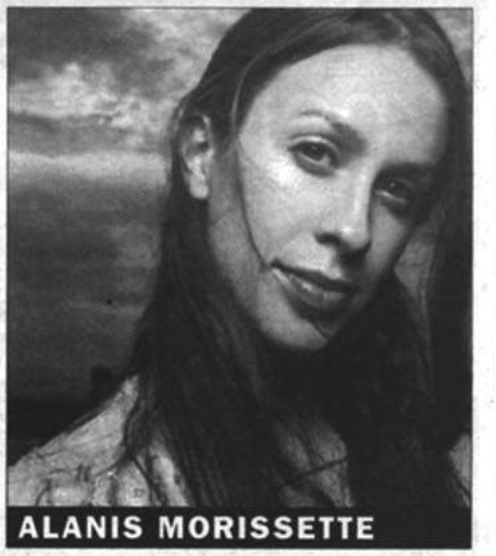
OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I was not happy to hear my then–11-year-old daughter singing along to "You Oughta Know," the **Alanis Morissette** blockbuster that made reference to certain and willing indiscretions performed on a boyfriend in the dark of a movie theater. I suppose no harm was done. Like most suburban preteens, my kid didn't understand the parts about sex anyway, just that it was a cloying and pretty radio tune and that all her friends liked it. So why the beef? Because I, like all dads, am a hypocrite. Sorry — not *my* daughter.

Morissette has made a career out of turning baggage into songs. If she were an author and not a songwriter, one might imagine her pushing self-help romance books and hosting classes about dating in the Learning Annex. As such, Morissette's take on love and relationships has hit the mark with the larger audience. But then, the girl bands have been singing about various boy/girl problems since the '50s. The deeper psychology here is that Morissette (much the way Janis Joplin once did) writes songs about man-creeps for an audience of man-creeps who rock right along without flinching.

Morissette recorded her first hit single at the age of ten; four years later, she released a pair of albums in her native Canada. *Jagged Little Pill*, little more than demos recorded after her relocation to L.A., was album number three. Released on Madonna's label, *Pill* (as well as a subsequent release) was cowritten and recorded by Glen Ballard (Aerosmith, Dave Matthews, Michael Jackson). But *Under Rug Swept* is Morissette's self-produced creation, and it nails the sassy and generous performer as a canny songwriter. Morissette's man-band is limber in the right places, supportive in some, and power-chord hungry in others. Of course, how much longer the platinum-selling artist can create good music about bad love remains to be seen. If those waters run shallow, then there are some who claim that the well itself is running dry.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Midnight Mass: Mondays, DJs Stress, Omar Hall, Andy B, and more spin '80s, house, and rare dance grooves; 21 and up, no cover, no dress code. 8 p.m. The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff, 760-825-5600.

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!OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The **Beta Band** is in the bizarre position of being famous for being obscure. After releasing several enigmatic and strangely titled EPs (one was credited to Los Amigos del Beta Bandidos), the British band became a favorite of record collectors. That — and a sound somewhere between a funkier Pavement and a goofier version of Portishead — made the Beta Band a natural for the soundtrack to the movie *High Fidelity,* in which John Cusack plays a record-store owner and hopeless music geek. A whole scene in the movie was built around Cusack playing their *Three EPs* at his store, betting that he can sell five copies of the record in a few minutes. The Beta Band got another big boost last year, when Radiohead singled them out as a key influence behind *Kid A* and *Amnesiac* and picked them to open on an American tour.


BETA BAND

With breaks like these, there can be only one reason the Beta Band isn't a household name by now: they don't want to be one. That enigmatic quality that made them so appealing in the first place wasn't so much a cultivated air of mystery as it was a genuine attempt to keep people from getting too close. The members of the Beta Band trade instruments before anyone can figure out who's who. They don't like to talk to the press or have their pictures taken. When they issue press releases, they tend to make little sense. They disowned their first full-length album almost as soon as it was released. But it's funny how these things work: every one of these moves makes the band all the more appealing.

(To hear a sample of the ***Beta Band,*** *call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4214.)*

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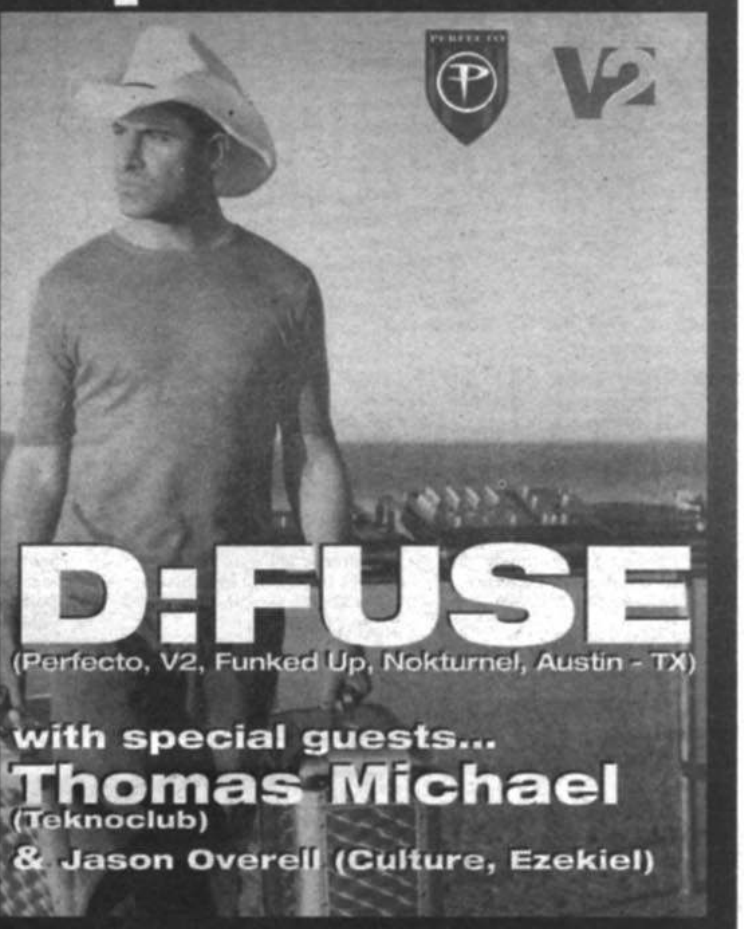

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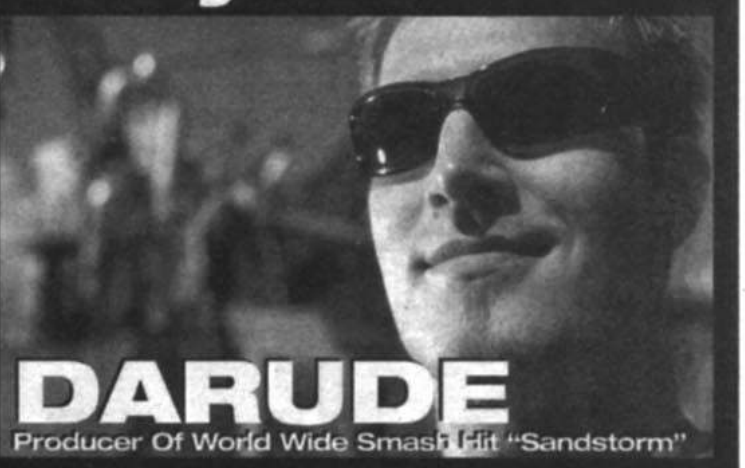

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La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Linda Sargent,* folk. Saturday, *Bob Karwin,* folk.

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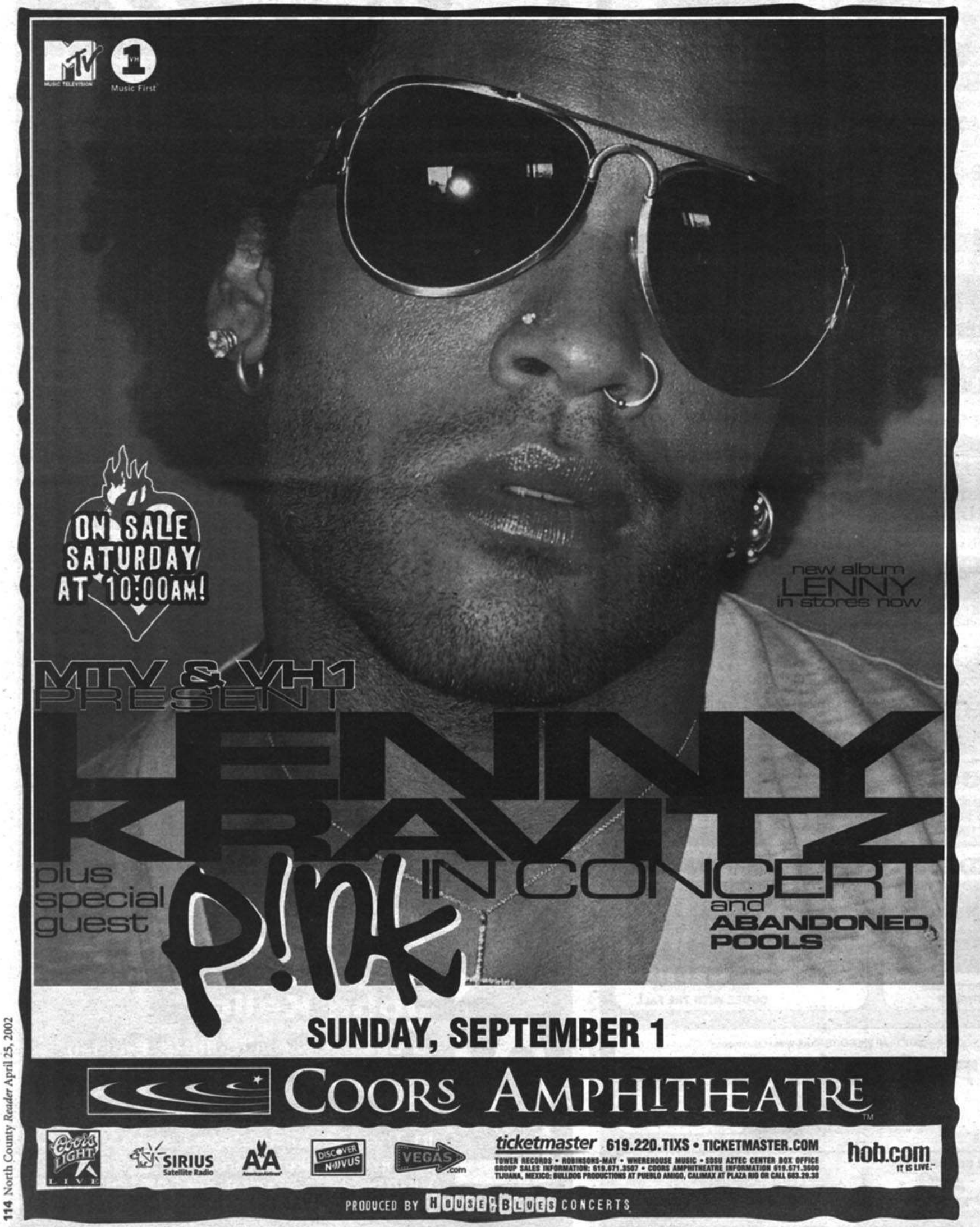

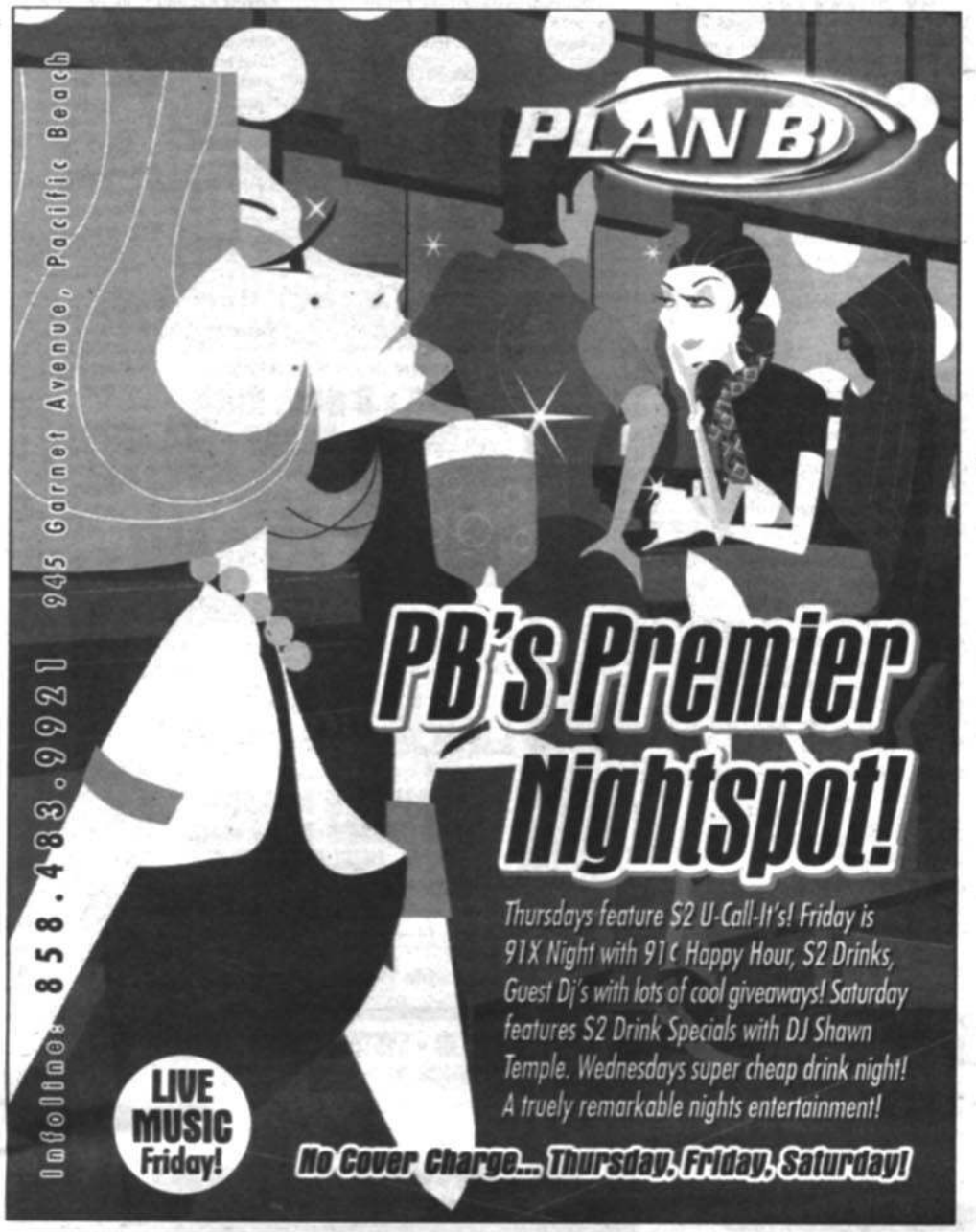

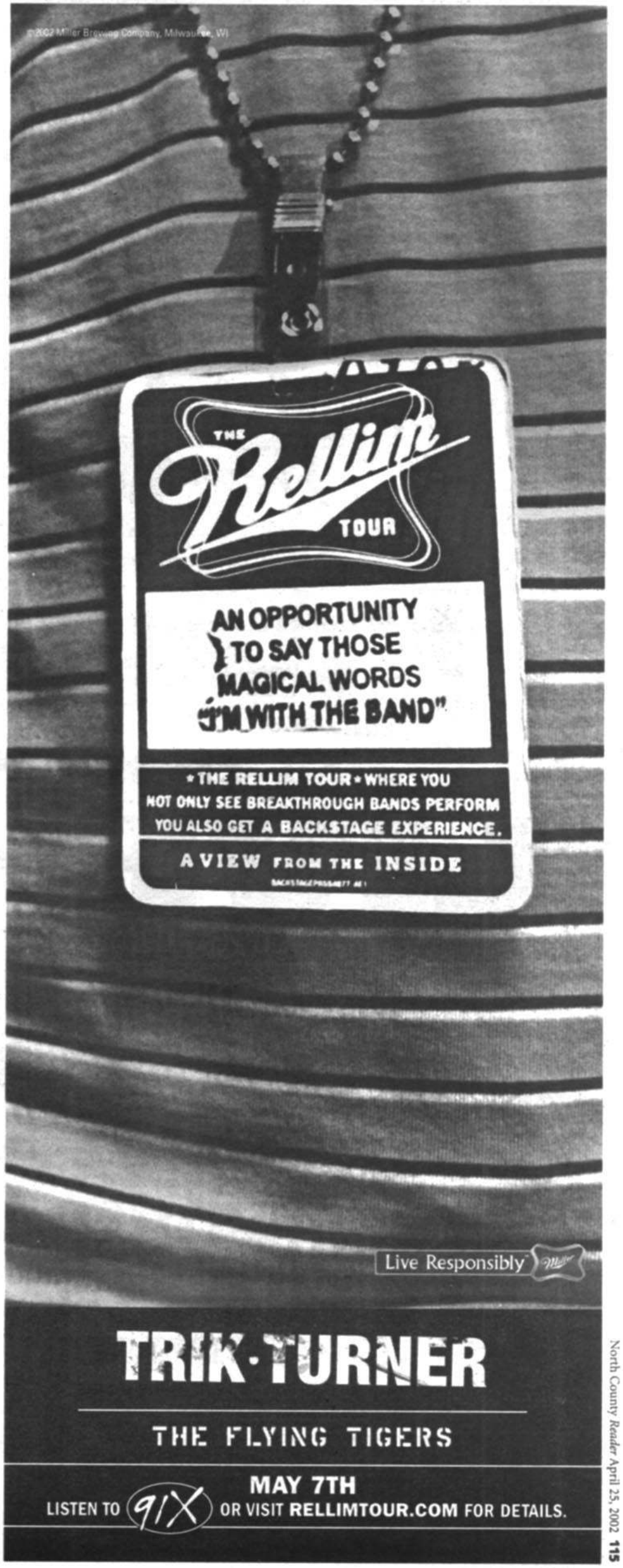

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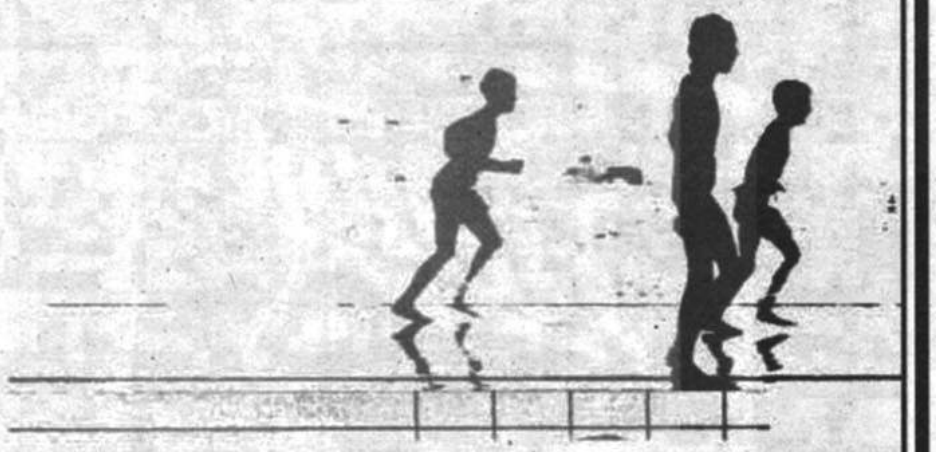

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Rock Bottom, 8980 Via La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. 858-450-9277. Friday, 6 pm, *Barry Allen Cohen,* jazz.

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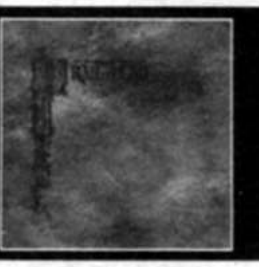

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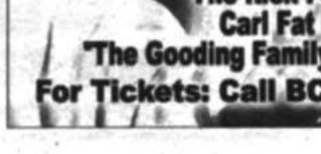

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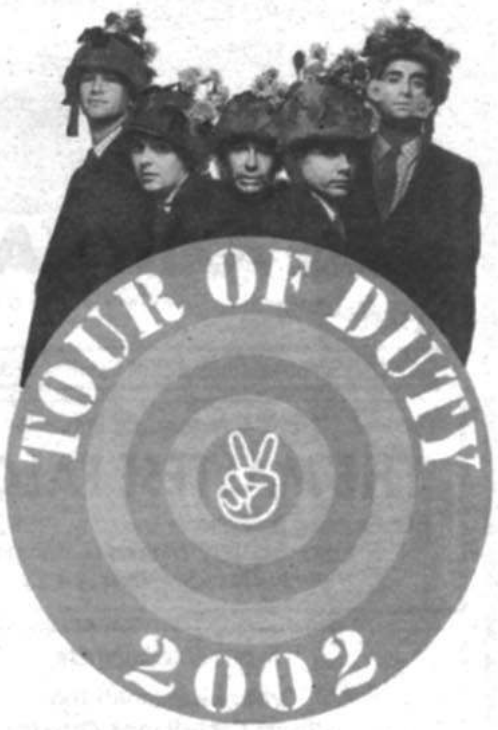

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Local-Grown Cooking

REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

It's that time of year again when you can help San Diego's future chefs and have a terrific time doing so. The sixth annual "Celebration of San Diego Chefs" is at hand. This series of gala dinners runs twice a week through the month of May. This year's dinners will take place in eight different restaurants, where over 60 of the county's top chefs will display their creative talents in exquisite multicourse meals.

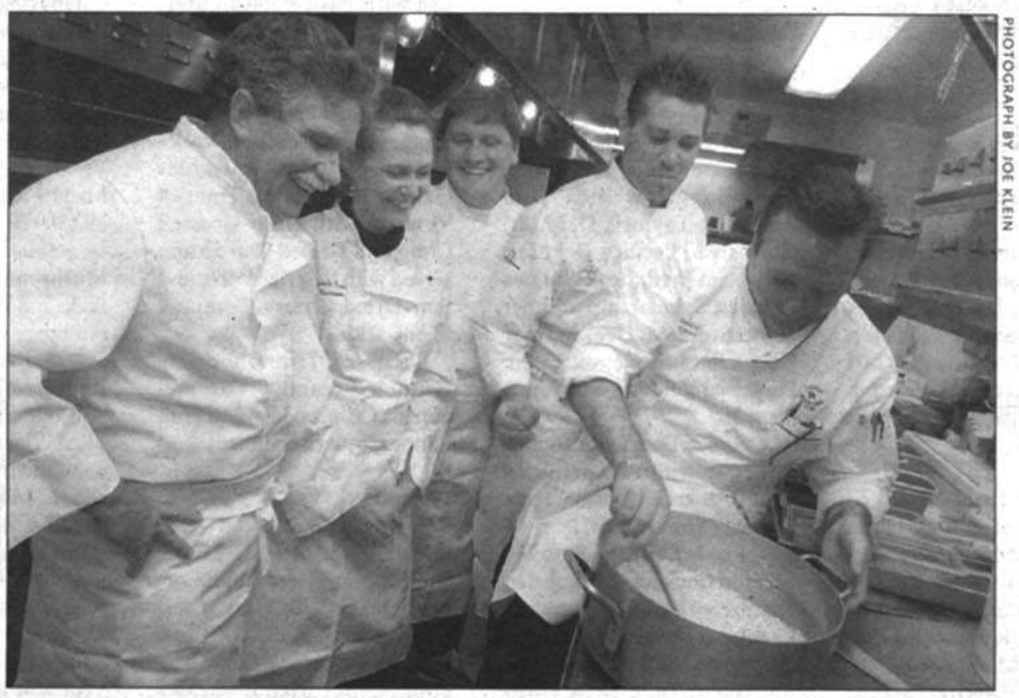
And this year brings a fresh approach: a theme. With "Grown in San Diego" the catchphrase, each dinner will highlight the field-fresh specialty produce raised by a local farm.

I've been to about a dozen Celebration dinners in the past few years, and in my experience, they're ravishing: The chefs are at the top of their form — re-creating their best dishes or creating brilliant new ones for the occasion. Better yet, the price of $60 per person (plus tax, tip, and beverages) is something of a bargain for a meal of this quality produced by the town's top chefs — and a third of it is tax-deductible as a donation. Twenty dollars of each dinner goes toward scholarships for midlevel cooks who wish to further their culinary education. The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone (Napa) has now joined forces with the Chef's Celebration to enhance this scholarship program.

"This thing has grown enormously in six years," says Ed Moore, who founded the Celebration. "It used to be just at my restaurant, Thee Bungalow. Now it's all over town."

Moore had to go on a strenuous wine-tasting expedition in Tuscany (poor guy) during most of the preparations for this year's Celebration, so Chef Deborah Schneider (of the Hilton Torrey Pines) energetically took up the baton. "One of our aims is to try and get a culinary critical mass going in San Diego," says Schneider. "Our cooks grow up and maybe they go away to get some experience, but then they bring what they've learned back here. We've given away almost $70,000, so far, to 35 people. We try to give everything away within a couple of months and then move on to the next year."

The scholarship recipients have to be working cooks age 18 or older, with two years of restaurant experience, the ability to read, write, and speak English, and legal residency. "We've had between 6 and 13 people apply every year," says Schneider, "and everyone who has met the qualifications has gotten a scholarship."



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From left to right: Ed Moore, Michelle Coulon, John Malcolm, Brian Johnston, Bernard Guillas

This year's theme came from a conversation between Schneider and Tim Connelly, who grows specialty herbs at Connelly Farms and also manages produce distribution at Moceri Produce Company. He is coordinating the interplay of chefs and farms for the series.

"Since the Chef's Celebrations are trying to promote local talent," says Connelly, "I encouraged Deb Schneider to consider our farmers as part of the talent that we could showcase. We need to think of our local small farmers as a natural resource to protect, and the way we do that is by knowing who they are and using what they grow."

Schneider took up the idea enthusiastically. "We [San Diego County] have more small farms than any other county in California," she says, "and a majority of them use organic methods. These growers do amazing stuff. Chino Farms is the best known, but I want all these other growers to be known too — the Petersons; Valdevia; Cal-Sun Organics; Tierra Miguel, an organic teaching farm; and Bell Gardens, another teaching farm where they have about 50,000 schoolchildren a year showing up to learn about how food grows. And of course there's Tim Connelly, who grows herbs and specialty produce and knows absolutely everything about farming in San Diego."

Can home cooks get access to the great local produce that we eat at the top restaurants, other than by starting our own gardens?

"Some of these growers do sell at farmers' markets," says Schneider. "We have lots of farmers' markets here, and we should support them. But the growers are farmers, not salesmen, and most of what they grow goes on a truck to Los Angeles and then comes back here to Whole Foods and to local restaurants. So why am I buying food that gets schlepped back down from the food terminal in Los Angeles, losing so much freshness and flavor on the way — when the farm that's producing the stuff is just ten miles away from me? I really want to close that circuit... If we don't support these growers," Schneider concludes, "there'll just be executive townhomes everywhere."

The difference between fresh, ripe local produce and trucked-in, mass-grown produce is plain to the palate. "For me, local produce isn't just a part of what I do," says Michael Stebner of Restaurant 910, who shops frequently at Chino Farms. "It's 100 percent of what I do. All my flavors are based on food that is fresh, seasonal, and locally grown. You will never, ever see me serving a tomato in December."

But for local produce to play a major role in local restaurants, Connelly sees a need to close the communications gap between small-scale growers and the chefs. "Very few people in this area are talking about the produce with the end user. By getting direct feedback from the chefs who buy my produce, I think I've got a really good feel for what works in the kitchen in San Diego. When I'm about to get a beautiful crop of, say, scarlet baby turnips, I can call up three weeks in advance and say, 'Can you do anything with that?' A Deborah Helm [Mixx] or a Deborah Schneider will say, 'Sure.' The more talented the chefs, the more nimble they seem — they are able to adapt much better [to the brief seasonal availability of the most desirable produce items]. But there's no way any of the big chain restaurants like Hungry Hunter or Chart House can work that fast — and they move the majority of the restaurant food in San Diego County."

Among the chefs who cherish direct relationships with their growers, Jeffrey Strauss at Pamplemousse has a unique arrangement: For the last six years, a single grower, Francisco Valdevia, has delivered all the produce his restaurant needs. "Often I'll pay him ahead of time, and this gives him time to plant things for me," says Strauss. "He knows what I like, and we talk two, three times a week. He's growing things I've never even seen before, and price-wise, you just can't beat our arrangement. I find Francisco's produce every bit as spectacular as Chino Farms' for a lot less money."

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Thee Bungalow, 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach; 619-224-2884
Chefs: Victor Jimenez, Thee Bungalow; Terryl Gavre, Café 222; Ken Irvine, Chez Loma; Amiko Gubbins, Parallel 33°; Carlton Greenawalt, 150 Grand Café; Scholarship Winner 2001: Carmen Kessing, Bayou Bar and Grill; Farm: Peterson and Pio Specialty Produce
Menu:
Amuse: Lobster-Stuffed Squash Blossom with Key-Lime Vanilla Beurre Fondue (Carlton Greenawalt)
First Course: Terrine of Smoked Salmon and Caviar "Mille Feuille" with Cucumber Salad (Victor Jimenez); or Truffled French Toast with Crab and Caviar (Terryl Gavre)
Second Course: Warm Duck Salad with Baby Greens and Blood Orange Dressing (Amiko Gubbins)
Entrées: Five-Spice Seared Halibut with Carlsbad Mussels, Shiitake Risotto Cake, Curried Roasted Garlic Sauce and Truffled Cucumber Relish (Ken Irvine); or Medallions of Beef Tenderloin with Foie Gras, Oxtail Ravioli, Caramelized Vegetables and Morel Mushroom Sauce (Victor Jimenez)
Dessert: TBA

Monday, May 6
Nine Ten Restaurant, 910 Prospect Street, La Jolla; 858-964-5400
Chefs: Michael Stebner, Nine Ten Restaurant; Trey Foshee, George's at the Cove; Jean Michel Diot, Tapenade; Jack Fisher, Nine Ten Restaurant; Carl Schroeder, Arterra; Scholarship Winner: Margaret Barre; Farm: Bell Gardens
Menu:
Amuse: House Smoked Salmon Bouchée, Potted Duck, Cornichons, and Pommery Mustard (Michael Stebner)
First Course: Orechiette with Morels, Ramps, and Peas (Michael Stebner)
Second Course: Glazed Quail with Tarragon Potato Salad (Carl Schroeder)
Third Course: Sole Roulade with Chino Artichokes, Green Garlic, and Fava Bean Sauce (Trey Foshee)
Entrée: Guinea Hen Stuffed with Foie Gras Black Truffle Sauce (Jean Michel Diot)
Dessert: Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp with Crème Fraîche Sorbet (Jack Fisher)

Tuesday, May 7
Pamplemousse Grille, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach; 858-792-9090
Chefs: Jeffrey Strauss, Pamplemousse Grille; Ed Moore, Thee Bungalow Inc.; Tom Atkins, J. Taylor's Del Mar; Chris Idso, Pacifica Del Mar; Beryl Ann Byrd, Just Fabulous Pastries; Scholarship Winner 1999: Steve McGee, Marine Corps Recruit Depot; Farm: Francisco Valdevia and Son
Menu:
Amuse: Demitasse of Spring Pea Soup with Pumpernickel Croutons and Minted Crème Fraîche (Tom Atkins)
First Course: Smoked Seafood Cocktail with Lobster, Shrimp, Sea Bass, Crab Claw, and Crabmeat (Jeffrey Strauss); or Shrimp and Scallop Chartreuse with Lobster Sauce (Derek Ridgeway)
Second Course: House-Smoked Steelhead Salmon with Organic Greens, Shallots, and Meyer Lemon Emulsion; or Tian of Spring Vegetables with Roasted Beets, Carrots, Fava Beans, and Asparagus with Aged Goat Cheese Gratinée and Champagne Vinaigrette (Chris Idso)
Entrée: Sautéed Lake Whitefish with Basil Potato Purée, Asparagus, Wild Mushroom Ragout, and Preserved Lemon and Chive Sauce (Derek Ridgeway); or Roast Rack of Veal with Truffle Jus and Melange of Valdevia Farms Baby Vegetables (Jeffrey Strauss); or Duet of Venison with Herb-Crusted Chop and Grilled Top Sirloin served with Celeriac Purée and Sun-Dried Cherry Compote (Tom Atkins)
Dessert Trio: Chocolate Crunch Pyramid, Caramel Banana Crisp, and Passion Fruit Panna Cotta (Beryl Bird)

Thursday, May 9
Third Corner, 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach; 619-223-2700
Chefs: Juan Flores, Third Corner; Derek Ridgeway, Chef Consultant; Jim Phillips, Bernardo's; Steve Black, Sheraton Harbor Island; Michael Quigley, Prince of Wales; Scholarship Winner 2000: Jenna Lipska, Hilton Torrey Pines; Farm: Tierra Miguel Foundation Farm and CSA
Menu:
Amuse: Pan-Seared Sea Scallops with Spring Carrot Purée and Fresh Basil (John Malcolm)
Appetizer: Seared Maine Diver Scallop with Scallop Quenelle, Spring Garlic Custard, Caramelized Scallop Butter (Jim Phillips); or Trio Of Duck on Spring Salad, Tea-Smoked Duck Breast, Duck Prosciutto and Duck Mousseline with Mache, Baby Beets, and Fennel in a Citrus Vinaigrette (Jenna Lipska); or Maine Lobster and Truffle Ravioli (Steven Black)
Soup: Roasted Portabello Mushroom Soup with Crispy Leeks and White Truffle Oil (Jim Phillips).
Entrée: Braised Short Ribs With Spring Vegetables and Celery Root Whipped Potatoes with a Red Wine Sauce (Steven Black); or Wild Striped Bass with Artichokes, Morels, and Watercress Cream (Michael Quigley); or Game Bird Trio of Duck Confit with Braised Savoy Cabbage, Crepinette Guinea Fowl with Spring Vegetables and Roasted Breast, Stuffed Quail on a Roasted Root Vegetable Ragout (Juan Flores)
Dessert: Three-Cheese Soufflé (Juan Flores); or Brandy Snap Cannoli with Meyer Lemon Mousse and Fresh Bush Berries (John Malcolm)

Tuesday, May 14
Mixx, 3671 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest; 619-299-6499
Chefs: Josh McGinnis, Prego; Zhee Zhee Aguirre, Mixx; Chris Walsh, Café W; Jeff Burt, Scalini; Andy Johnson, Pacific Coast Grill; Scholarship Winner 2001: Danielle Helm, Mixx; Farms: Beck Grove and Connelly Gardens
Menu:
Amuse: Nori Roll of Spicy Beef Tartare with Cucumber-Minted Couscous and Kumquat Gastrique (Zhee Zhee Aguirre)
First Course: Old School "Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup" with Australian Lobster Tails and Gruyère on Black Pepper Brioche with Tomato-Herb Bisque (Josh McGinnis)
Second Course: Seared Onaga with Hoisin and Fresh Pineapple Glaze, Lemongrass-Ginger Rice Cake (Andy Johnson)
Entrée: Pancetta-Wrapped Tenderloin of Veal with Brown Sage Butter and Wild Mushroom Risotto (Jeff Burt)
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Chefs: Jeff Rossman, Terra; Riko Bartolome, Madeiras Country Club; Steve Pickell, Café Champagne; Jeff Thurston, Prado; Sara Polczynski, San Diego Culinary Institute; Scholarship Winner 1999: Armando Morales, San Diego Zoo; Farm: Connelly Gardens

Menu:

Amuse: Connelly Gardens Basil Flan with Sweet Peas and Morels

Appetizers: English Pea and Meyer Lemon Risotto with Red Beet-White Truffle Vinaigrette; or Blue Potato and Lobster Tower with Connelly Gardens Herb Salad, Tomato Provençal Dressing, and American Sturgeon Caviar

Entrées: Grilled Pinwheel of King Salmon on Chive Whipped Potatoes with Asparagus and Morel Mushroom Sauce; or Pistachio-Crusted Rack of Colorado Lamb with Root Vegetable Ragout, Stilton, and Caramelized Shallot Tart with Thornton Cabernet Demi Glace; or Sage-Wrapped Monkfish with Beluga Lentils, Fried Watercress, and Chocolate-Enriched Lobster Bouillon

Dessert Duo: Kataifi Baskets Filled with Vanilla Bean Sauce, Spiced Carlsbad Strawberries, and Blood Oranges with Strawberry Thyme Sauce and Chocolate Mint Pot de Crème Tower, served with Amaretto Anglaise and Almond Brittle

Tuesday, May 21

Star of the Sea, Harbor Drive and Ash, San Diego; 619-232-7408

Chefs: Brian Johnston, Anthony's Seafood Group; Hanis Cavin, Dakota; Fabrice Poigin, Bertrand's at Mr. A's; Scott Diehl, Wine Sellar and Brasserie; Jeff Jackson, Lodge at Torrey Pines; Scholarship Winner 1999: Denise Roa, Hilton Torrey Pines; Farm: Cal Sun Organics

Menu:

Amuse: Bellwether Farms Sheep's Milk Ricotta and Black Truffle (Scott Diehl)

First Course: Potted Short Ribs with Duck Liver and Homemade Pickle of Cal Sun Organic Zucchini and Yellow Squash (Jeff Jackson); or Crispy Soft-Shell Crab with White Corn Polenta, Tomato Chutney, and Sweet Basil-Vermouth Sauce (Brian Johnston)

Second Course: Summer Minestrone with Cal-Sun Organic Vegetables (Jackson and Johnston)

Entrée: Grilled Bone-In Ribeye with Three-Potato Hash, Wilted Greens, Port Syrup, and Gorgonzola Butter (Hanis Cavin); or Pan-Roasted Hawaiian Opakapaka, Fennel Confit, Organic Sweet Peas and Lemon-Dijon Sauce (Scott Diehl); or Maine Scallops and Ahi Tuna, Yukon Gold Potato Mash "Aligot," Crispy Savoy Cabbage and Black Niçoise Olive Tapenade Butter (Fabrice Poigin)

Dessert: Crispy Meringue Napoleon of Local Chandler Strawberries, French Vanilla Cream and Strawberry-Mint Syrup; or Chocolate Dulce De Leche Torte with Kumquat Anglaise Mignardise (Denise Roa)

Thursday, May 23

Third Corner, 2265 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach; 619-223-2700

Chefs: Randy Gruber, Americana Restaurant; Ron Tolle, Azzura Point, Loews Coronado Bay Resort; Michel Stroot, Golden Door, Don Coulon, Retired (Belgian Lion); Michelle Coulon, Dessertier La Jolla; Scholarship Winner: Polly Sang, Parallel 33°; Farm: TBA

Menu:

Amuse: Mushroom and Chèvre in Filo with Balsamic, Asparagus in Prosciutto (Ron Tolle)

First Course: Coriander-Seéd Crusted Tuna on Warm Canellini Beans with Baby Tomatoes and Arugula (Randy Gruber); Puff Pastry with Broccoli Mousse, Asparagus, and a Black Truffle Crème Fraîche Sauce (Don Coulon)

Second Course: Roasted Tomato-Basil Soup with Goat Cheese (Randy Gruber); or Golden Door Caesar Salad with Jicama, Sweet Corn, Tortilla Crisp, and Sunflower Sprouts (Michel Stroot)

Third Course: Seared Pacific Lemon Snapper with Prawns, Fingerling Potato Provençal, Tomatoes and Haricots Verts (Michel Stroot); or Sonoma Lamb Loin Wrapped in Grape Leaves and Bacon with Lamb and Potato Casserole, Sweet Pepper Relish, Green Olive Tapenade, Lamb Jus, and Baby Corn (Ron Tolle)

Dessert: Assorted Dessert Plate (Michelle Coulon)

Tuesday, May 28

Trattoria Acqua, 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla; 858-454-0709

Chefs: Damaso Lee, Trattoria Acqua; Bernard Guillas, Marine Room; Pascal Vignau, Four Seasons; Tom Dowling, Rancho Bernardo Inn; Christopher Vessaire, Le Fountainebleau, Westgate Hotel; Brian Freerksen, Baleen; Scholarship Winner 2000: Hugo Lee; Farm: G.C. Farms

Menu:

Amuse: Tasting of Amuses Bouches (Christophe Vessaire)

Appetizer: "Beggar's Purse" of Phyllo Pastry, Forest Mushrooms, Asparagus, Blue Cheese, Quinoa Grain, Rataouille Vegetables, Yellow Tomato Herb Vinaigrette (Damaso Lee); or Sautéed Shrimp with Coriander, Vine-Ripened Tomatoes, Sweet Garlic-Saffron Sauce (Tom Dowling); or Latin Beef Tartare Tower, Foccacia Crisp, Tri-Chili Infusion (Brian Freerksen).

Second Course: Smoked Oyster "Bisque" with Frizzled Leeks (Damaso Lee); or Redwood Hill Goat Cheese Brûlée, Spicy Greens, Preserved Figs, Pecan Tuile, with Tupelo Verjus Dressing (Bernard Guillas)

Entrée: Country Meadow Rack of Lamb, Maple Mustard, Crushed Pistachios, Silver Thyme Jus, Leek–Goat Cheese Bread Pudding (Bernard Guillas); or Crawfish-Stuffed Grouper, Wilted Spicy Greens, Vanilla Bean Pernod Sauce (Brian Freerksen); or Grilled Quail with Roasted Beets, Cipollini Onions, Fingerling Potatoes, Orange Foie Gras Chantilly (Tom Dowling)

Dessert: Kumquat Opera Cake, Cherimoya Ice Cream, Bittersweet Chocolate Tuile (Pascal Vignau)

Thursday, May 30

Thee Bungalow, 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach; 619-224-2884

Chefs: Deborah Schneider, Hilton Torrey Pines; Susan Sbicca, Sbicca Bistro; Stephen Window, Roppongi; Michael Almos, Fat Concepts Inc.; Max Elfman, Dobson's; Scholarship Winners 2001: Christopher Blauw, Hilton Torrey Pines; Ngoc Ai Van, Hilton Torrey Pines; Farm: TBA

Menu:

Quartet of Amuses: Roasted Artichoke Bottom with Preserved Lemon Relish, Celeriac Slaw and Oil-Cured Olive (Susan Sbicca); White Anchovy and Heirloom Tomato Bruschetta on Herb Foccacia (Stephen Windows); Lightly Smoked Carlsbad "Love Mussels" with Spring Gazpacho Salsa (Max Elfman); Sesame Sea Scallop with Licorice Mint and Lychee (Michael Almos)

First Course: Butternut Squash and Lobster Potsticker on Sautéed Baby Beet Tops with Connelly Gardens Herb Vinaigrette (Stephen Windows); or Empanada Stuffed with Roasted San Marcos Shiitake Mushrooms, Pecans, Gorgonzola and Local Baby Spinach with Port Demi Glace (Susan Sbicca)

Second Course: Spring Onion Soup with Lemon Thyme Oil, Flowering Garlic Chives and Goat Cheese Capelletti (Deborah Schneider); or Salad of Foraged Back Country Wild Greens with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Wine Vinegar (courtesy of Tim Connelly, Connelly Gardens)

Entrées: Local Sea Bass with Red Curry on Ragout of White Beans, Squash and Oyster Mushrooms; Seared Pineapple and Rainbow Chard; Cognac Butter Sauce (Christopher Blauw); or Prime Flatiron Steak, Potato Quenelles with Local Sage and Wild Rice Dust, Spinach Leaf Bundles, Brandywine Tomato-Merlot Demi Glace (Michael Almos); or Vegetarian Leek and Sweet Potato Risotto with an Aromatic Roast Garlic and Mushroom Jus, Garnished with Parmesan Tuile, Saffron Poached Fennel Heart, and Herbed Stilton Cheese-Stuffed Grilled Shiitake Mushroom (Max Elfman)

Dessert: Five Small Desserts Celebrating the Season (Deborah Schneider and Ngoc Ai Van)■

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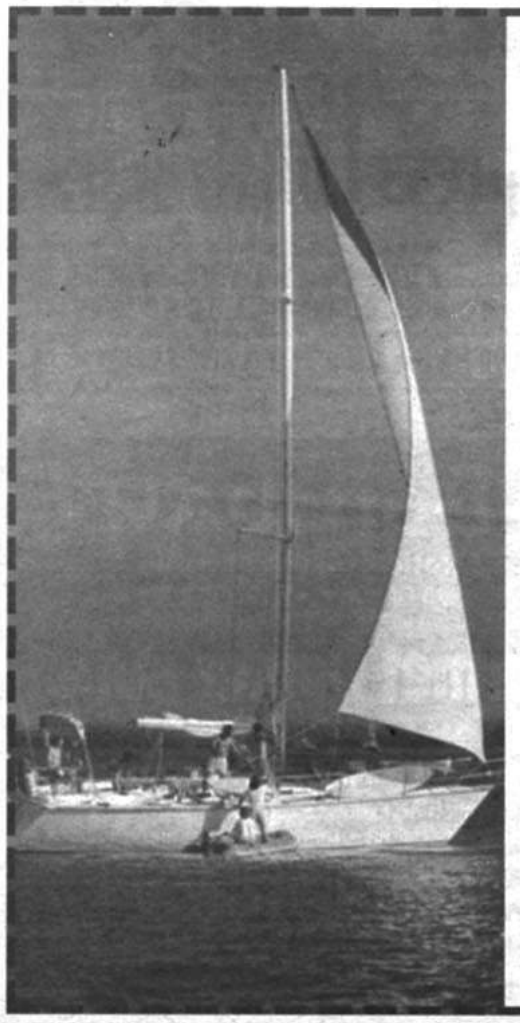

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Starstruck

She looks at me like I just swore at the parish priest. "We don't do red meat, sir."

TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

Red alert! Okay, make that green alert. I'm in danger of addiction to healthy food. And you can blame Farmer Hoggett.

Health food was the last thing on my mind at sunset. I was in Encinitas ("Little Oaks"), desperate for a cool beer and a hot juicy burger. With cheese. And fries. With no redeeming virtues except it would wall-to-wall my gut.

So I amble into this bar. The Daley Double Saloon. Long, gloomy, old, beautiful. Great historical murals. I set down on a huge stool. Bar seems like it's 50 yards long. Order up a Bud ($2.00). Ron, the barkeep, says this place hasn't changed since it opened in 1933. He shows me an old picture. The same beautiful bird's eye maple woodwork is right in place along back of the bar. "Some of the stools are original too," he says.

"Have any original burgers as well?" I ask.

Ron shakes his head. "Afraid not."

"Where's the best cheap-burger joint?"

Ron thinks a minute. "Angelo's, I guess. They're just around the corner."

I finish up my Bud and head out. Except I glance across Highway 101 and spot a bunch of eateries over there.

I cross over. And it's the two guys sitting at the table outside this place called the Roxy who really draw me in. Dammit... One of them, I know. That gaunt long face. Those beady eyes. I'm suddenly thinking *L.A. Confidential.* The corrupt older cop. Could it be we've got a Hollywood star sitting right here in downtown Encinitas?

I go inside to wrack my brains. I order a coffee ($1.50) and let my eyes meander over a menu.

"Have you decided?" says this perky waitress, Julie.

"Uh, no. What's most popular?"

"Our award-winning falafel burger. It's really popular. It isn't chickpeas. It's made of garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, herbs, spices..."

"You don't have, like, a real burger, do you?"

She looks at me like I just swore at the parish priest. "We don't do red meat, sir."

"Okay, fine. By the way...you don't recognize that gent out there, do you?"

Julie suddenly comes alive. "I was just saying to Sara, the other waitress. I *know* him. I'm sure I saw him in *The General's Daughter.*"

It's only when Julie brings me the falafel burger that food actually moves to the front of the brain. Must admit, it looks plenty for the $5.75 price tag. Half the big plate is "side salad." I see Romaine, spinach, two kinds of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, alfalfa, carrots, tomato, sunflower seeds, black olives, and it's in a real fresh, tangy, herby homemade Italian seasoning. The burger itself is wrapped in foil and cut into two neat halves. The "meat" patty looks, uh, green on the inside, like grass cuttings, with a thin brown outer skin. It has melted cheese, onions, tomatoes, and a thick mat of sprouts inside its whole-wheat bun.

I pick it up. Smells almost like beef and breadcrumbs. I chomp in. Tastes nutty — the garbanzo — with cilantro trumpeting through loud and clear. Herby. Plenty filling. "People have been coming in eating those for 23 years," says Julie. "They become addicted. Seriously!"

"Because it cleans you out," says Shahram Naimi. He and his brother Shoja started this place back in 1977. Shahram says vegetarianism is a very strong tradition in Encinitas. "From the Self-Realization Fellowship followers to surfers to visiting vegans, there are a lot of them still living in the hills, even though most of the people moving into the area aren't into it."

For the "new people," Shahram has recently added fish and chicken to the menu. He says he probably sells as many garlic-chicken pizzas (with mozzarella cheese and guacamole, $8.95) as anything vegetarian in the place. Still, the falafel burger is his pride and joy. "I'm 99.9 percent sure I invented it. A customer wanted falafel, but he was sick of it in pita bread. So I made it into a patty. And the great thing is, the oil doesn't get through the garbanzos when they cook, so most of it just gets cooked by heat. Now they copy it in San Francisco, in L.A..."

Of course, there are plenty of other good cheap dishes, including "the artichoker" (marinated artichoke hearts, melted mozzarella, olives, sprouts, and sunflower seeds). Both it and the falafel burger have won prizes at the Del Mar Fair.

So now I'm full, but — miracle! — not feeling greasy, bloated. Maybe there's something to this veggie thing. I sit back, look around at the place. It's two shops thrown into one, with flowery, bright walls, scattered ceramic pictures, and a sky-blue ceiling painted with fluffy clouds. Folks in a row of blue-green booths eat into mountains of green salad. A fat wooden Buddha holds up a bunch of lamps at the bar. I'm just watching the rays of the setting sun start to slide in from the west when the two gents outside get up and take off.

And suddenly I've got it.

BABE!

"Excuse me, sir?" Julie comes running.

"I just remembered where I saw him. In *Babe!* The pig movie! That guy played Farmer Hoggett."

"James Cromwell," she says. "That was him!"

"Maybe that's why he's here," I say. "The movie turned him off to all that sheep and hog meat. He's become vegan."

Julie smiles. Right. We'd love to think it's true. ■

The Place: *Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant, 517 Highway 101, Encinitas (760-436-5001)*
Type of Food: *Mostly vegetarian*
Prices: *three-egg avocado omelet, with toast, $4.50; garlic-battered mushrooms or artichokes, $4.50; artichoker sandwich (marinated artichoke hearts, cheese, whole-wheat bun), $5.75; falafel burger with melted cheese, whole-wheat bun, $5.75; squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, low-fat cream cheese in flour tortilla, brown rice, soup, salad), $9.25; garlic-chicken pizza, with marinated chicken breast, mozzarella, red sauce, guacamole, $8.95*
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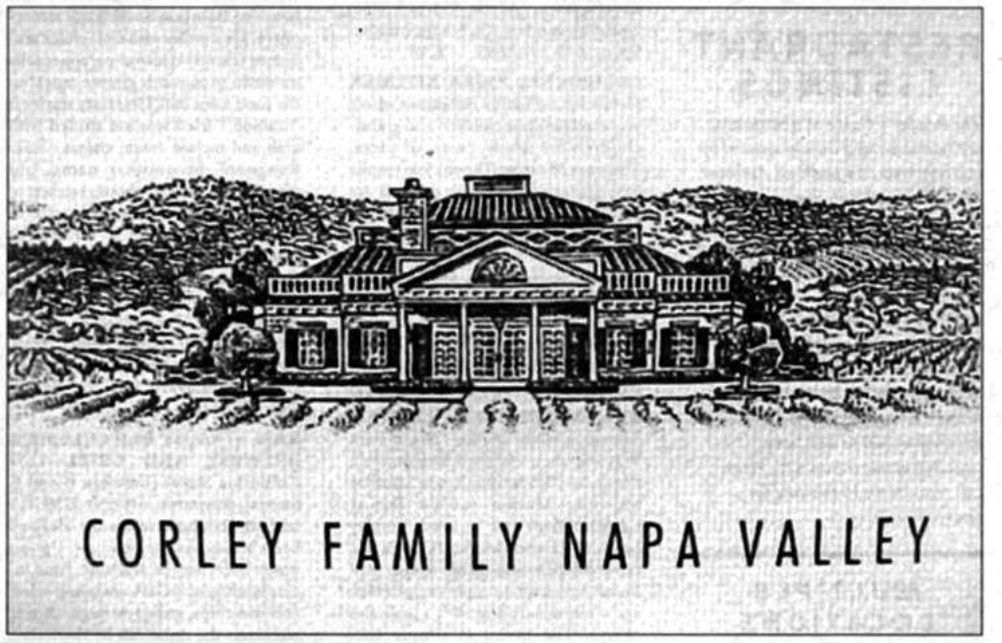

Jay Corley arrived in Napa Valley in 1969, just as the guard was changing. Three years before, Robert Mondavi had responded to his ousting from the family's venerable Charles Krug Winery by starting a winery of his own. Charles Carpy, grandson of the Charles Carpy who had journeyed west from Bordeaux and risen to prominence in pre-Prohibition Napa, had just formed a partnership to restore the Freemark Abbey Winery to its former glory. And in three years, Brother Justin Meyer would be out of the order (and winery) of Christian Brothers and making his first vintage of Silver Oak.

Despite Brother Meyer's departure, Christian Brothers seemed the least vulnerable to the shifting tides of Napa. The Brothers had been producing wine since the early 1880s; in the 1970s, they were far and away the largest producers in the valley — almost a million cases a year. Their methods were decidedly old school: they didn't use vintages on their labels, preferring to blend older and younger wines in search of a happy medium of character and greater year-to-year consistency. They aged some of their wines in redwood instead of oak. Still, their wines were regarded as better than average, and sometimes very good.

So when Jay Corley first started looking into Napa Valley wine production, he paid a visit to Brother Timothy, the winery's chief chemist and resident advertising icon. Remembers Corley, "He said, 'Jay, if you want to make really good wine, grow good grapes. I'll do anything I can to help you.' "

Like others among that second wave of Napa pioneers, Corley came from a non-wine-related background. "There was a whole group that came up there with some idealism and the desire to really make good wine. It wasn't a statement that we'd all made a lot of money and needed to see our name in lights." Corley's grandfather, a small-town doctor in Illinois who also owned a farm, proved to be the model: the professional man who can't help getting dirt under his fingernails. Corley got a degree in economics, and then a graduate degree in strategic planning, for which his thesis was on the economic viability of a startup winery. Over a period of 20 years, he started "dozens of companies" from his home base in Los Angeles, all the while nurturing his interest in wine. He joined both the Los Angeles Food and Wine Society and the local chapter of Les Chevaliers du Grand Vin. Eventually, he decided he wanted to see just how the magic got into the bottle, and so he journeyed to Napa with a friend who was putting in a vineyard.

The wine bug was in the air, and Corley caught it. "I came back almost every week for the next eight or nine months, gathering information." Besides talking to industry giants like Brother Timothy, Corley delved into the pamphlet collection of the University of California, which had a Cooperative Extension nearby. "I had the benefit of a lot of help. It was a great fraternity. People would come out and look at your vineyards; they would talk to you about the kind of grapes that needed to be grown. They would discuss things that they had done that worked or didn't work."

Because of this, when Corley finally selected a location and planted his vineyard in 1970, it was the most technologically advanced planting in the valley. "We used heat-treated, bench-grafted rootstock. We fumigated the soil. We planted closer together than anyone had before. We used a sprinkler system instead of wind machines. As a result, our vineyard became quite well known."

As for which grape to plant, "Robert Mondavi said, 'Oh, yes, you need to grow Sauvignon Blanc, because we're making our version of that.' Louis Martini wanted a certain kind of grape. I finally thought, 'Christian Brothers is a good, steady, safe place to be. I'm going to grow grapes and sell them to Christian Brothers.' " A devotee of Burgundy, he planted the grapes of that region — Chardonnay and Pinot Noir — though he grants to this day that "we cannot make a wine in California that matches the great Burgundy wines. They've got a little soil, a little experience, a little whatever it is. It's not that we don't try."

Still, he did well enough that he began receiving requests for grapes from all of the domestic sparkling-wine houses. "They knew where the good grapes were grown, and we wanted to sell to them, because we could pick the grapes a little earlier in the season" than grapes destined for still wines. The late fall rainy season is a perennial fear in the wine business. "We had a couple of rains that ruined our Chardonnay crop, and the more that happened, the more dedicated I was to selling grapes to the [domestic sparkler] houses." And the more dedicated he became to someday producing his own.

In 1980, Corley hired a winemaker. In 1982, he completed construction of the Monticello winery. Twenty years later, he has passed the reins over to his sons, but he still hasn't lost the bug. In February, he played host to a wine dinner at Ed Moore's Thee Bungalow restaurant in Ocean Beach. The evening opened with Corley's own sparkler, Domaine Montreaux Brut 1990. My initial impression was of baked apples and maybe molasses, which later gave way to aromas of lemon, honey, and bitters — a charming, curious encounter. You don't often see such a late-disgorged domestic. Corley says he lets the wine age ten years before bottling because that's the way he likes it — "you get more elegance." He takes pride in such curiosities, in his devotion to what he thinks is good wine as opposed to whatever grape or wine style the market has fixed upon. As the dinner began, he announced, "If you find a wine you don't like, just slide it aside and get the next one, and I'll come and explain why we did what we did." ■

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HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — *N.W. (5/01)*

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada,* and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SAMMY'S CALIFORNIA WOOD-FIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 858-456-5222. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala,* and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer.* At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, *www.thearmeniancafe.com.* Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is $32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Inexpensive. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The cafe is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone, from truck drivers to movie stars, would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) omelet, the 101 original cheeseburger on a grilled bun with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the great Depression dish, biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, *www.calypsocafe.net.* This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Al-

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though there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really *rocks*. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas;* quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema;* and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000, *www.firenzetrattoria.com.* This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — *N.W. (11/01)*

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. The menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. After 11:00 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular,* but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KIM'S RESTAURANT Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, 745 First Street, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Closed Monday. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the albóndigas soup is equally genuine — and even the so-called "small" bowls make a full meal. The menu includes some unusual dishes, and flavors are vivacious and earthy. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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.*

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under $10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For

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breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style "deli" in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at $126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708, *www.islandboygrill.com*. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a long-board by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for $450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2.30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/02)*

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BYOButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/01)*

TORREY PINES CAFE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES Costa Verde Shopping Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/99)*

CHOPAHN Renaissance Towne Center, 8935 Towne Center Drive #111, Golden Triangle, 858-677-0100. Located in a romantic, elegant dining room, this Afghan restaurant offers first-rate food — possibly the best Afghan menu in the city. Be sure to order two or three appetizers and the house specialty Kabob-E-Chopahn, lamb loin chops on a skewer or lamb and chicken kabobs. Rice and vegetables are a good choice for vegetarians. Loving ownership; personalized service. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (11/98)*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futomaki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, *www.aladdin_cafe.com.* These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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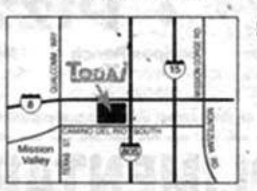

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EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218, *www.costabravasd.com*. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Monday. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.W.*

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, *www.islandsedge.com*. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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EL AGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m, and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revolutions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (2/01)*

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Listen for speeding cars rounding the corner as you cross into the dirt parking lot — and watch for the scorpion in the counter-top. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. Loving experience and gastronomically satisfying. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

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KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9732. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W. (12/00)*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, uptown, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

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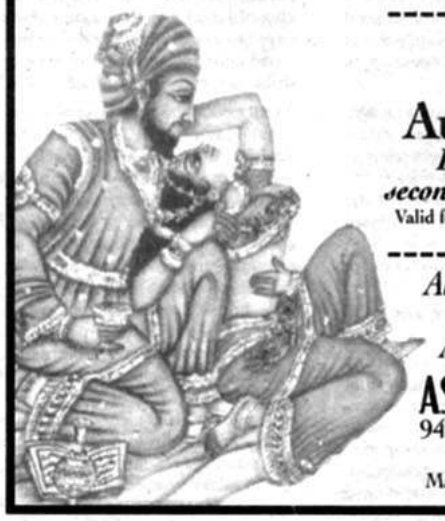

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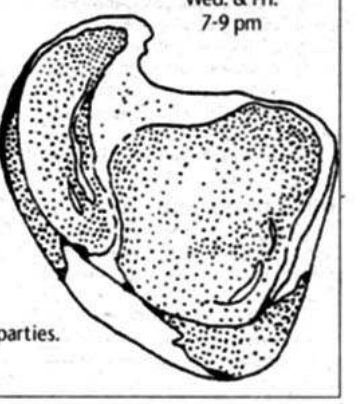

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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for $9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. Onion rings served in a loaf, homemade potato chips, chicken, steak, pasta, and a variety of extra-lean charbroiled hamburgers, plus the continuous service from breakfast to late night keep this café crowded. Breakfast omelets particularly good. Desserts are homemade. Noisy and high spirited, this café is open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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)*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (6/99)*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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)*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

THE CHEESE SHOP 401 G Street, Gaslamp District, 619-232-2303. This café offers outrageously good sandwiches of which my favorites are the Black Forest ham and the roast pork. Muffins and cookies are baked on the premises. Paper plates for food but real mugs for coffee and tea. Open daily. Inexpensive. Branch in La Jolla, 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-459-3921. — *E.W.*

CHIVE 558 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-4483. This downtown hot spot is sleek, stark, dramatic, a restaurant in which to "be seen." Their "cuisine moderne" is Asian and Caribbean influenced and succeeds the atmosphere. I found the salmon and pork *osso bucco* outdone by their sides, but recommend the beef filet and rack of lamb, which Chive's generous kitchen roasts to perfection. Behind the artifice, Chive's staff is cordial and efficient, its kitchen talented, if a little arty and uneven. — *E.W. (1/00)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, downtown, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Three meals to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy "brown stew." Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-1653. Not to be missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi; unique hot appetizers; fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout eight years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). "I'm Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions," says Rafael, now 26. "I was never materialistic." Tip well: all the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, *www.cafesevilla.com.* (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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D'LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 386 East H Street, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. The pizzas and pastas are tasty and the salads are huge and fresh. Excellent service. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Refills!" Kung Pao squid, beef broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can't be bad. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado, binagoongan,* and *sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare,* beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit,* Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. And yes, there is a real Lydia, age 76, mother of six, grandmother of 26, great-grandma of 44. (Give her a hand!) But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented — *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). And now — ¡*baile*! Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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TIJUANA

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BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana. Open 24/7. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattlemen, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfasts include eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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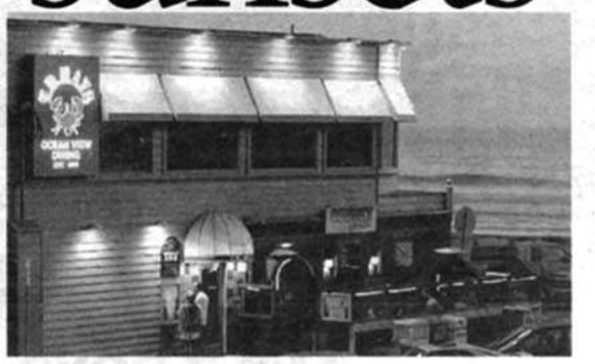

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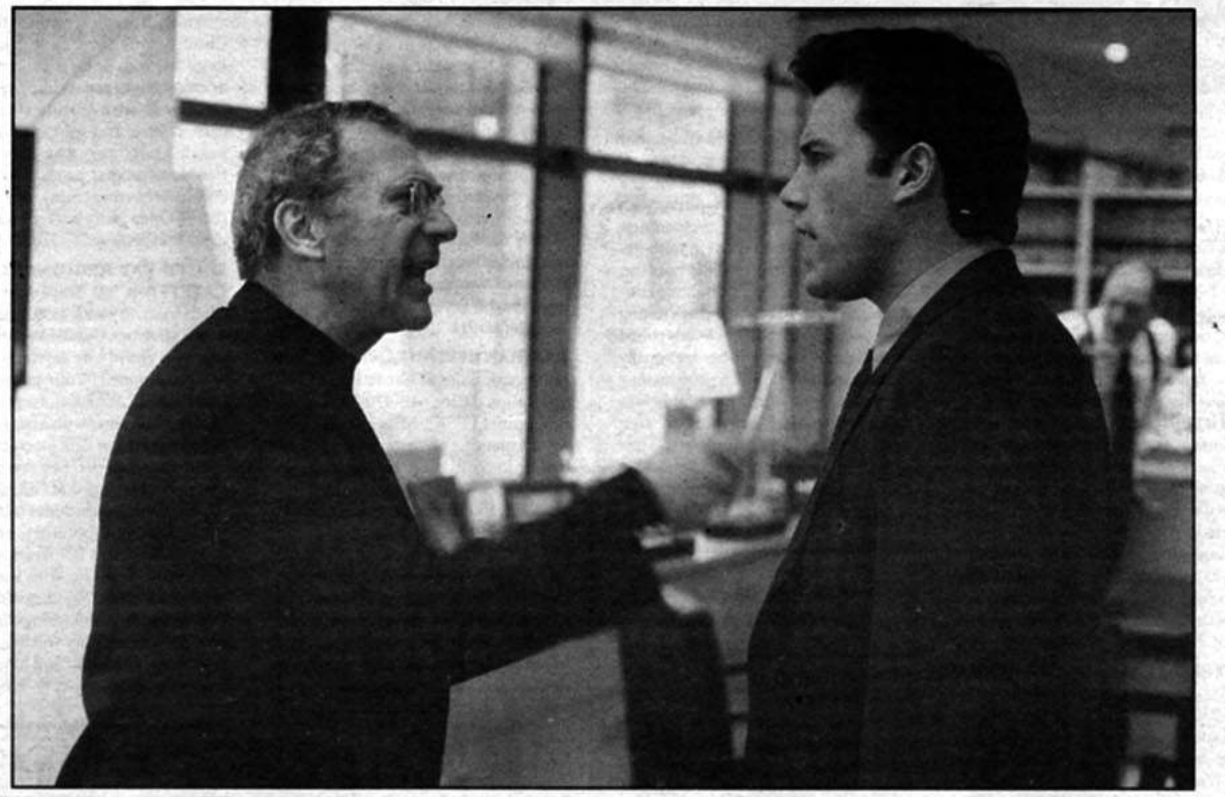


Changing Lanes

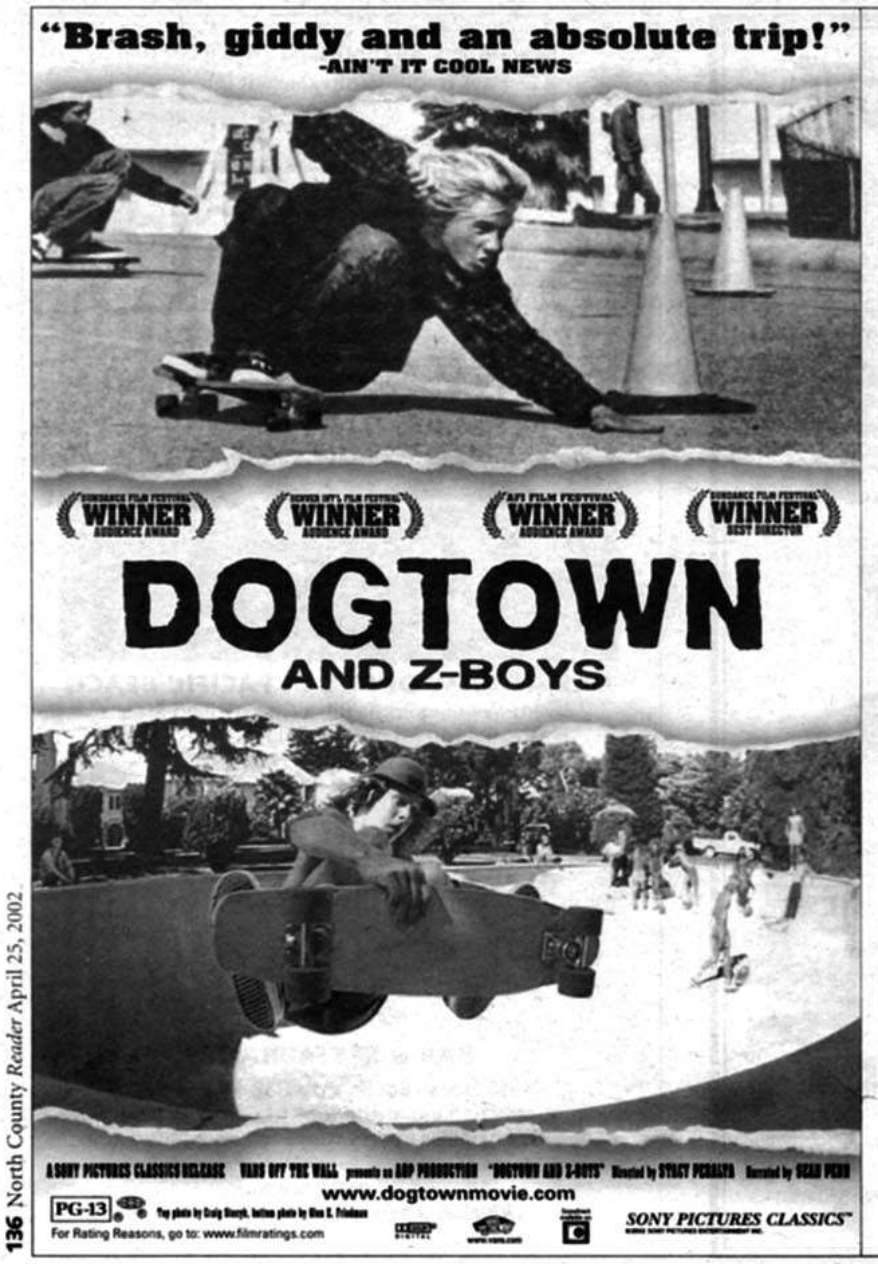
Amadeus — Through the overlush production and the underlush direction (by Milos Forman), you can still see the makings of a potent historical fiction: potent enough, that is, to stir up curiosity about how much of it is true and to put down protests about how much of it isn't. The rivalry between the traditionalist court composer Antonio Salieri and the free-lance innovator Mozart — a one-sided rivalry, really, with Salieri driven by envy of talent, and revulsion at personal temperament, into the most melodramatic sort of chicanery — has almost as universal an application as author Peter Shaffer means it to have: mediocrity is everywhere, and its best hope to escape detection is to stamp out anything better. But the particulars of this case tend, as particulars will, to obscure the application; and though most people by definition should have an easier time identifying with Salieri, the dramatic sympathy piles up all the other way. "Chastity, industry, and humility" — the bartering items Salieri is ready to offer to God in exchange for musical immortality — do not sound anywhere near as much fun as the bouts of partygoing that seem to take up the bulk of Mozart's time, in between jotting down those masterpieces that come to his head fully formed. The notion of "genius" as some sort of genetic lottery prize (rather than as that no-fun definition of Carlyle's, the transcendent capacity for taking pains) will help to make Mozart a hero for our time, if only to provide a handy excuse for packing it up whenever work bogs down. (Nothing pushes the conflict further toward oversimplification than the portrayal of Mozart, by Tom Hulce, as a sort of Mickey Rooney *circa* 1939, complete with barnyard laugh.) And it will be easy to forget that Salieri, for all his obliging concessions of his own mediocrity and of the absolute genius of his rival, is at least as far above the general run as Mozart is above him. With F. Murray Abraham, Elizabeth Berridge, and Jeffrey Jones. 1984.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 4/25)

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)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Big Trouble — The all-purpose title tells little about a slender, strenuous comic caper adapted from a novel by Dave Barry: a lengthy eighty-odd minutes. (Its release was postponed after the attacks of September 11, 2001, owing to worries over the black-market nuclear bomb smuggled aboard a jetliner: heh-heh.) The opportunities are spread very thin among the large cast: Tim Allen, Rene Russo, Stanley Tucci, Jason Lee, Zooey Deschanel, Janeane Garofalo, Omar Epps, Tom Sizemore, Dennis Farina, Patrick Warburton. Sharpest gag: the off-screen voices in illustration of the inanities of sports-talk radio. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. 2002.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18)

Blade II — The opening re-cap — how we got to where we are — plays like the weekly opening of a vintage TV series (think of *The Fugitive*, for instance, or *The Incredible Hulk*), and the first dramatic sequence brings Kris Kristofferson back from the dead as the comic-book hero's sidekick and personal Vulcan (no, not a Mr. Spock, but the god of metalworking and weapons-making). The main plotline thereafter, about a new strain of bald-headed blue-veined vampires immune to garlic and silver, and about an unnatural alliance between our half-human half-vampire hero (Wesley Snipes, alias Wesley Smirks) and a commando team of ordinary old vampires known as the Blood Pack, is pretty much incomprehensible, and is in any event only a pretext to conscript all vampires whatsoever — old, new, and half-breed alike — into the martial arts. Director



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Guillermo del Toro's earlier vampire film in his native Mexico, *Cronos*, was a genuinely original and thoughtful contribution to the genre. Here the only newness is in the sense that a late model automobile is new: new gadgets and gizmos, new special effects, a new two-way mouth opening — vertical in addition to horizontal, for lustier bloodsucking — and new Cronenbergian degrees of ickiness. Granted, the film is handsomely shot in the anonymous cityscape of Prague, and some of the effects — principally the way a slain vampire turns instantaneously into a glowing ember and a shower of ash — might be termed "cool" by people who are free with that term. (The occasional use of fast-motion in the action scenes — not, of course, to the exclusion of slow-motion — might almost be termed "retro," taking us back to the days of Clyde Beatty and Buster Crabbe.) But del Toro, who made something quite special and personal in his first American effort, *Mimic*, can make no such thing of this. A hired hand, he can only hope, as if with some sort of patchwork parachute, to slow its descent into Low Camp, and not enough, even then, to prevent a splat. 2002.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Bottle Rocket — A fledgeless lark involving three callow lunkheads embarking together on lives of crime. The debuting director is Wes Anderson, who affects jazzy, jaunty, New Wavy mannerisms which of course by this time are pretty Old Wavy, or Shore Drifty. And he favors squared-up and steam-pressed compositions for a homely deadpan American Gothicism. (The setting is for the most part indistinctive Texas.) Anderson's chief collaborator is Owen C. Wilson, co-screenwriter and lead actor (a kind of psychopathic Ricky Nelson with a Hitler's Youth blond brush-cut), as the self-appointed mastermind who has worked out a seventy-five-year crime-spree prospectus in a spiral notebook. A closing-time bookstore heist (the take is modest, though not infinitesimal: "Do you have a bigger bag for atlases and dictionaries and stuff?") finances a lie-low in an out-of-the-way motel, where one of the trio (Luke Wilson, Owen's brother in real life but mere buddy on screen) develops a crush on the Paraguayan housemaid and pitches in on her chores. (There is yet another Wilson brother, Andrew, in a lesser role.) It's a long wait until their next caper: a lunch-hour raid on a meatpacking plant in co-ordinated canary-yellow jumpsuits, sponsored by a small-time Mr. Big (James Caan, the one familiar face). The sense of humor may be — surely is — a little off-center, but the sense of strain at that particular latitude and longitude is as painful and ultimately deadly as at any middle-of-the-road locale. And the humor is not a *lot* off-center, in any event. 1996.
★ (KEN, 5/1)

The Cat's Meow — Peter Bogdanovich's re-creation of the mysterious death of silent-film pioneer Thomas Ince, starring Kirsten Dunst, Cary Elwes, and Edward Herrmann.
(FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 4/26)

Changing Lanes — Revenge drama with Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson, directed by Roger Michell.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Clockstoppers — Tom Swiftian science fiction about a clean teen who comes into possession of a wristwatch which essentially can freeze time, or more accurately can transport its wearer into "hypertime," so that everything around him seems to slow to a standstill. Apart from one escapade of youthful pranks, there's little imagination in the use of it, and less imagination in the nefarious federal agents who want to get their hands on it. Jesse Bradford, Paula Garces, French Stewart, Julia Sweeney, Michael Biehn; directed by Jonathan Frakes. 2002.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Dark Crystal — Tolkien-esque fantasy, designed by British illustrator Brian Froud, co-directed by Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets) and Frank Oz (voice of Miss Piggy, Yoda, et al.), and enacted by a new breed of puppet for which there is as yet no convenient label. The major designing effort has gone toward minor revisions of the known universe, creating creatures that look not quite like anything you have ever seen before, although somewhat like some things you have seen: vultures, lizards, beetles, troll dolls, Ollie the Dragon, Mia Farrow (as she would appear on a canvas by Walter Keane), and so on. The results are decidedly mixed. Broad, rounded features identify the forces of Good; narrow, pointy ones the forces of Evil; and our aesthetic sympathies go entirely to the latter. The effort to animate both these factions is a separate matter altogether, and the slow, bobbing movements of all the main characters prove deadly to the movie's pace. 1982.
★ (KEN, 5/2)

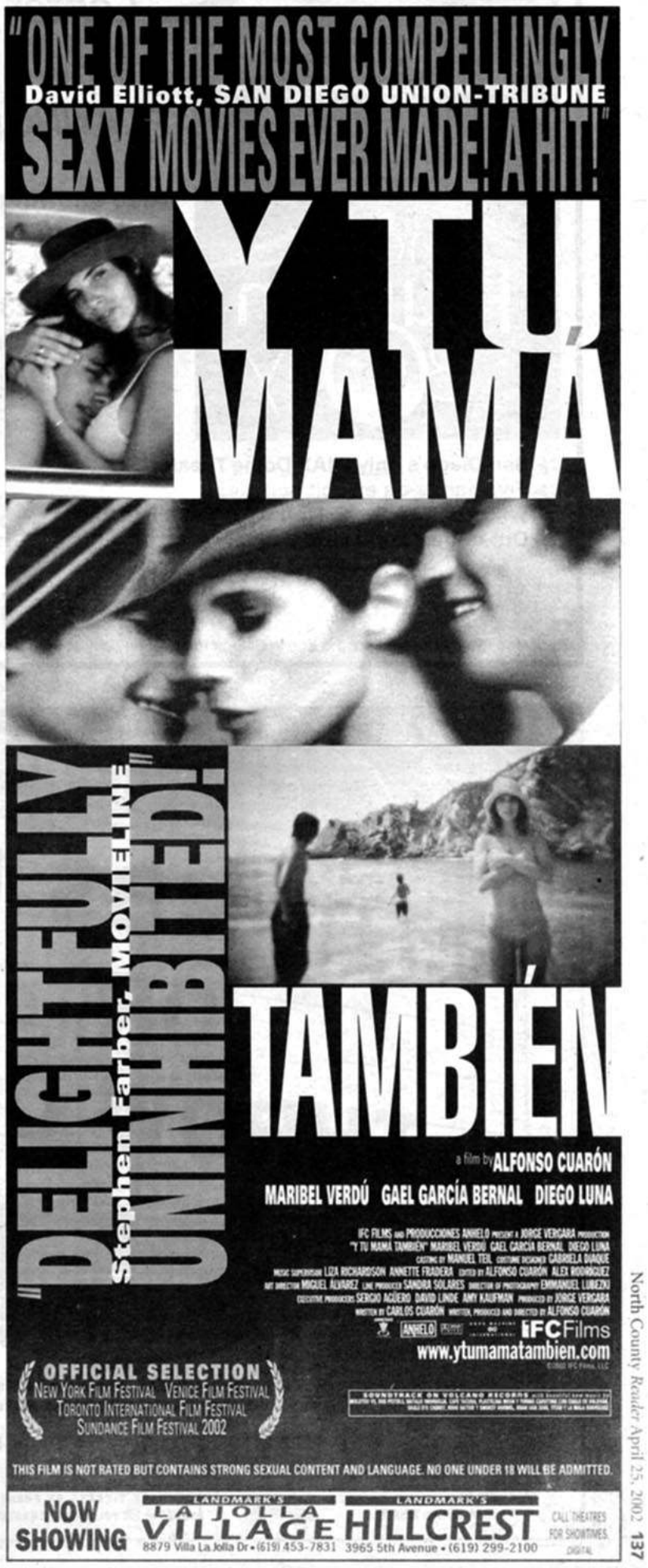
Down from the Mountain — Concert-film companion to *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, directed by Nick Doob, Chris Hegedus, and D.A. Pennebaker.
(KEN, 4/28 AND 29)

E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial — Nothing more ought to be required to dismiss Steven Spielberg's pretense of sweetness and innocence, or to dismiss the movie *in toto* from respectful consideration, than a glance at the death-scene of the monogrammatic spaceman. This sickroom spectacle is milked for all it is worth, with the normally cigar-colored creature having turned to the color of ash, his full-moon eyes narrowing to mere crescents, and the ten-year-old boy who has befriended him, and who is symbiotically wedded to him, at first wasting away in tandem, then regaining sufficient strength to wail in protest when the selfless little alien severs all ties. For cruelty to characters and audience alike, the expiration of E.T. bears comparison to Dickens's polishing-off of Little Nell. No one but a card-carrying masochist would want actually to carry out such a comparison, and, in any event, the relevance of the comparison is very soon squelched. For sheer manipulativeness, for utter shamelessness in pursuit of popular approval, Spielberg leaves Dickens choking in his exhaust when, once having shut E.T. away in his coffin, he arbitrarily brings him back to life again. The threshold of shamelessness is crossed over at many other points as well, particularly in Spielberg's courtship of the under-twelve viewer, or of any other viewer willing to switch off his brain in an effort to feel that young again. With Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace. 1982.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

Frailty — Serial-killer thriller starring and directed by Bill Paxton, with Matthew McConaughey and Powers Boothe.
(FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Goonies — "A Richard Donner Film," but "a Steven Spielberg Presentation." The second fellow wrote the original story and was one-third of the team of executive producers, and the finished product is chock-full of Spielbergian ingredients: skeletons, bugs, bats, boulders. There is even (in the duplicitous spirit of E.T.'s resurrection) a moment of sentimental self-sacrifice so that there can later be a moment of joyful reunion when the self-sacrificer is spared anyway. There are also lots of jokes — of the sort, for example, wherein the penis will be broken off Mom's miniature reproduction of Michelangelo's David, and will be glued back on upside-down. The story tells of a gang of seven kids (these are The Goonies, modern counterpart of The Little Rascals) in search of the legendary buried treasure of One-Eyed Willie, who has protected his riches with an elaborate complex of booby traps that would put the Egyptian pyramid-builders to shame. All of the kids take turns getting hysterical, and the movie is consequently unpleasantly shrill. It would be a blessing if some of the kids could be killed off, but it isn't that kind of movie. It would not want to alienate





anybody. And indeed its closest kinship to childhood is probably its desperate desire to be popular, though it ultimately takes this desire beyond desperation and into depravity. Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen, Kerri Green, Martha Plimpton. 1985.
● (KEN, 5/2)

Gosford Park — From Robert Altman, a pleasant if overlong *divertissement* that combines the British class-conscious social satire with the dark-and-stormy-night murder mystery: Evelyn Waugh meets Agatha Christie. In short, Altman hell: etiquette, decorum, hierarchy on the one side, and convention, formula, artifice on the other. However much the director might distance himself from the nitty-gritty of detective work (Stephen Fry's clueless inspector, more Clouseau than Poirot), the body in the study, much like the murdered screenwriter in *The Player*, gives the movie an impetus often missing in an Altman ensemble piece, and somewhat checks his tendency to run to flab. Every little push helps, because there is very little new (except to Altman) in the class portrait: the upper crusties talking in the presence of servants as if in the presence of furniture, etc. (Nice point of emphasis: the below-stairs people are addressed not by their own names but by the names of their employers.) The inclusion among the houseguests of a Jewish homosexual vegetarian Hollywood producer — researching his next Charlie Chan opus and observing the ways of the landed aristocracy — affords Altman an outsider with whom to identify. Or at least — in a pet expression of an Evelyn Waugh character — up to a point. (Bob Balaban, who plays the producer, also happens to share the story credit with Altman.) The director's democratic inclinations, sometimes indistinguishable from his misanthropic inclinations, come out clearly in the casting, seeing to it that the servants (Helen Mirren, Emily Watson, Kelly Macdonald, Eileen Atkins, Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Clive Owen, Rupert Grant) are as stellar as their masters (Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Michael Gambon, Jeremy Northam, Charles Dance, James Wilby). The winsome Macdonald and stoical Owen best survive any misanthropic inclinations. 2001.
★★ (LA PALOMA)

High Crimes — Military-justice drama directed by Carl Franklin, starring Ashley Judd, Jim Caviezel, Morgan Freeman. (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Human Nature — Michel Gondry's offbeat comedy of civilization vs. nature, with Patricia Arquette, Tim Robbins, Rhys Ifans.
(HORTON PLAZA 14)

Ice Age — Three mammals and a baby. A computer-animated woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger (your species needs to have an interdental sound in it — *oth … oth … ooth* — in order to join this fraternity) on a trek to restore a foundling to his migrating tribe. The wordless prologue — of a high-strung squirrel looking to bury an acorn in a winter landscape, wedging it forcefully into the ice, and creating a fast-growing fissure and a major avalanche — is practically a cartoon unto itself, and very funny. Then the talking starts (voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary), and we revert to the stock-in-trade of contemporary animation: smart-ass repartee, hipness, hardness, abrasiveness, and anachronism: "Hey, does this look like a petting zoo to you?" and "I don't eat junk food" and so forth. (The intermittent reappearances of the nonverbal squirrel are always welcome.) The inescapable end-of-an-eon melancholia is restricted to one scene of animated cave paintings depicting the extinction of the mammoths, and is a soggy oasis. Co-directed by Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha. 2002.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Italian for Beginners — Danish romantic comedy made in strict adherence to the Dogma '95 guidelines for unwatchable cinematography. Pity, because the loose-knit cast of characters — a widowed pastor, a cranky restaurateur, a shy hotelier, a clumsy baker, a somber hairdresser, and a sunny Italian waitress — is not without its charms and its chemistry. The newspaper ad and the promo trailer want you to believe the film takes place, rather than merely ends, in Venice. What with the indoor, up-close, hand-held camerawork, it doesn't give you a very clear sense of where it does take place. With Anders Berthelsen, Anette Stovelbaek, Ann Eleanora Jorgensen, Peter Gantzler, Lars Kaalund, Sara Indrio Jensen; written and directed by Lone Scherfig. 2001.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Jason X — Tenth installment in the *Friday the 13th* series, set in the 25th Century, with Kane Hodder, directed by James Isaac.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/26)

John Q — Director Nick (son of John) Cassavetes kicks around health-care issues and medical ethics in addition to the Little Man hero, whose last name is actually Archibald and not Public: a devoted family man, a regular churchgoer, a hard worker, although the factory has started farming out jobs to Mexico and cutting back his hours to part-time, so that his insurance policy will no longer cover a life-saving heart transplant for his Little League son. (This is explained to him in the nasally tones of Anne Heche: "People get sick. They die. That's the way it goes.") He gets the bureaucratic runaround, sells off his possessions, raises approximately a tenth of the necessary quarter of a million, is given an emasculating earful from his wife — what else is he to do but take over a wing of Hope Memorial with an unloaded gun? Even though we witness it with our own eyes, the entire scenario plays out like nothing so much as a defense attorney's final summation. Credence, accordingly, depends on susceptibility to hypnotism. Denzel Washington is such a sympathetic actor that it's almost an insult (to him, to us) to stack the deck so heavily in his favor. With Robert Duvall, James Woods, Kimberly Elise, and Ray Liotta. 2002.
● (VOGUE)

Kissing Jessica Stein — An alternative-lifestyle romantic comedy starring and co-written by two unknowns, Jennifer Westfeldt (reminiscent of Lisa

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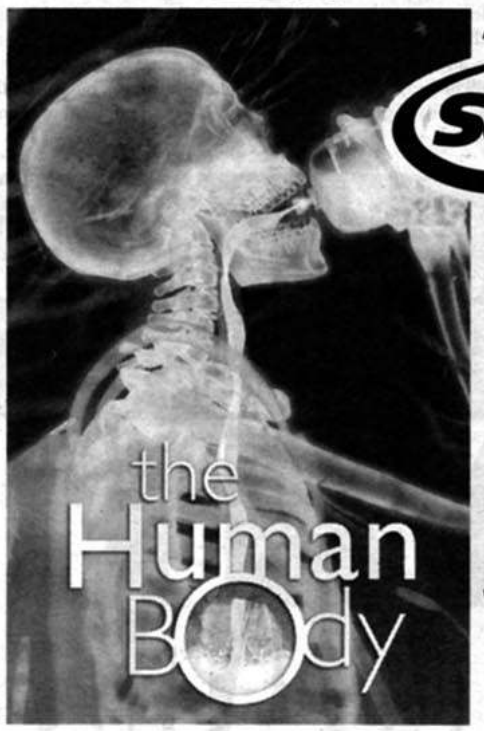

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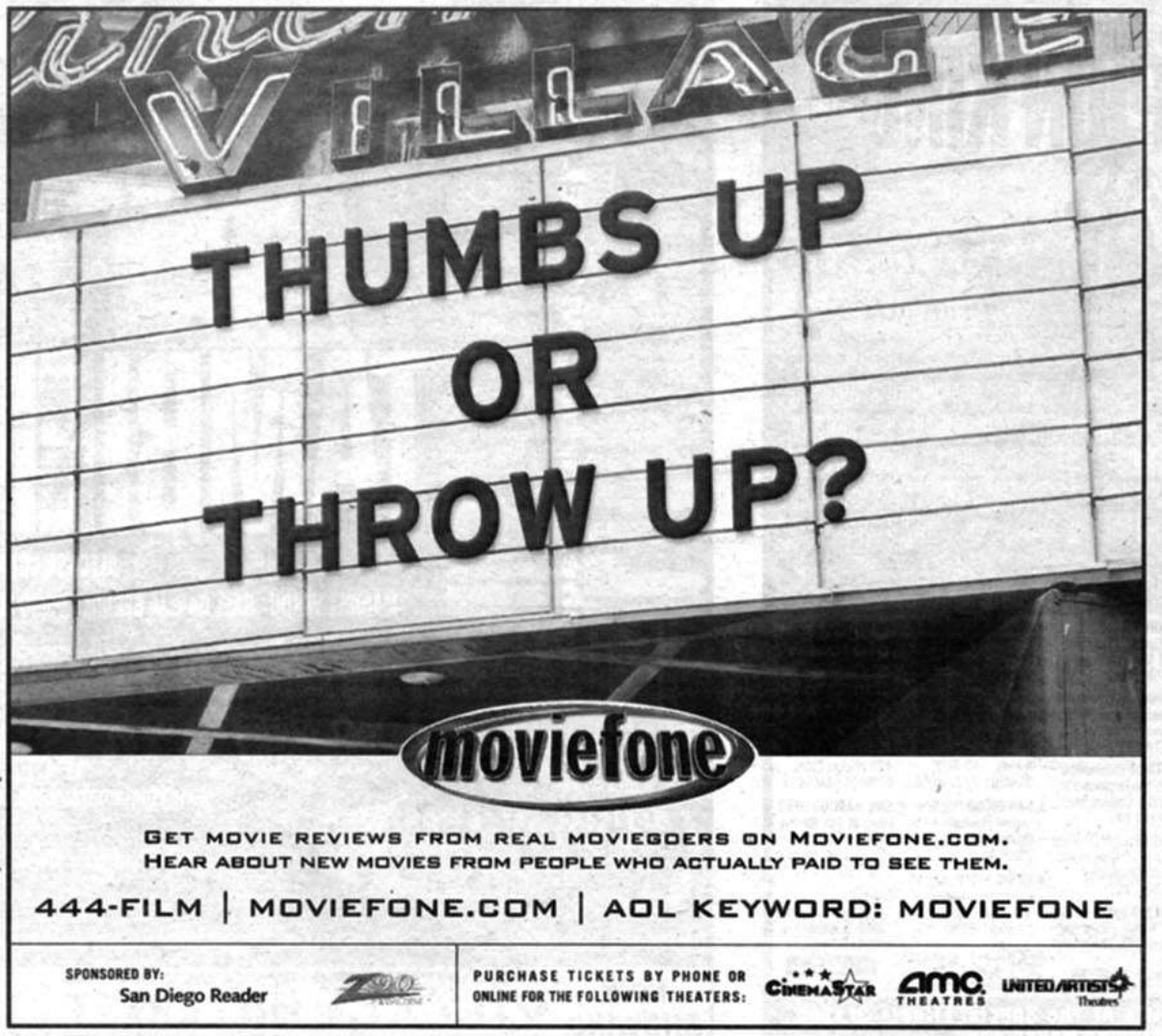

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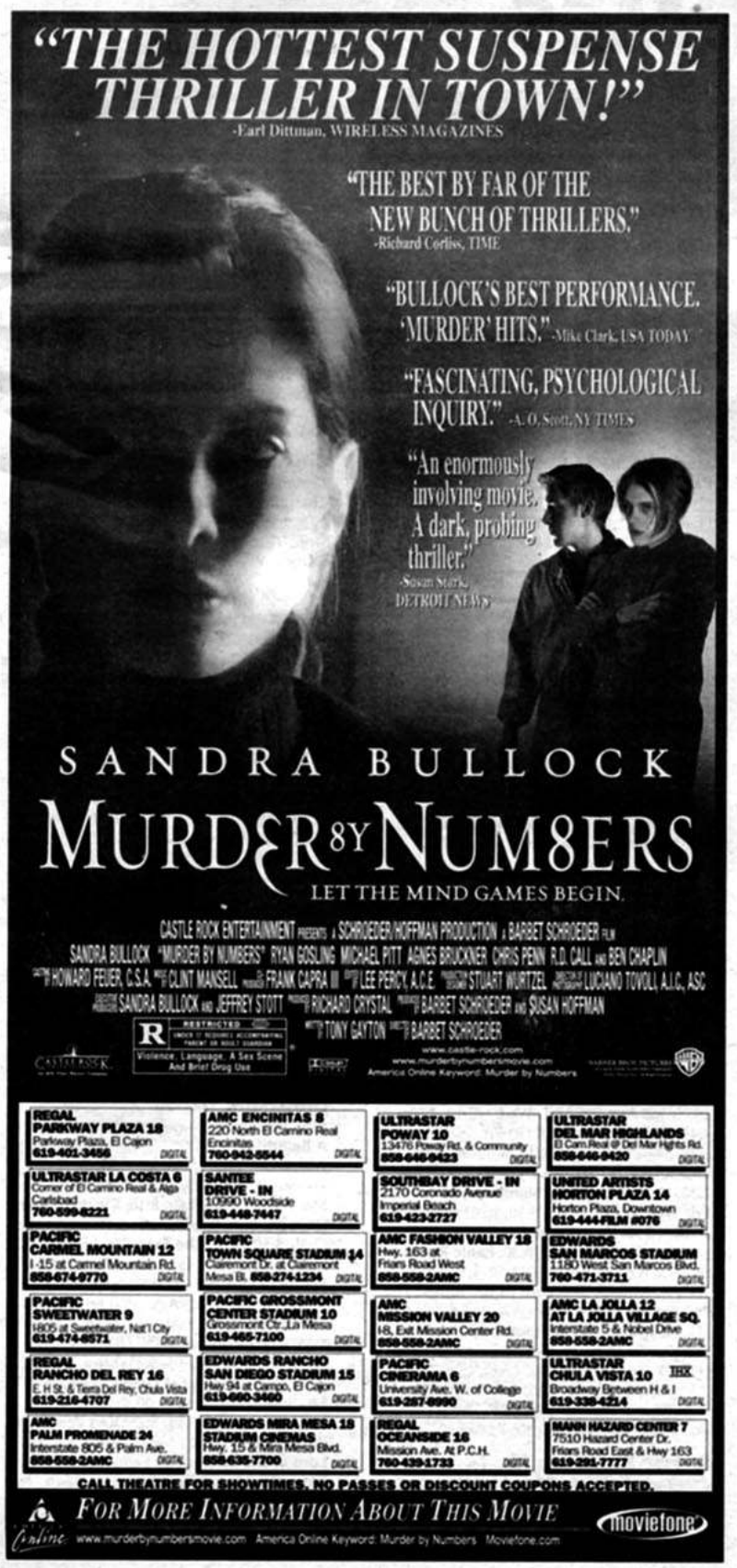

Kudrow around the mouth) and Heather Juergensen (reminiscent, for those with longer memories, of Suzanne Pleshette around the eyes). Their characters are, in their separate ways, thwarted heterosexuals — a routine dates-from-hell montage is entered in evidence — who are primed to switch teams. One of them, a SoHo art dealer, is gung-ho from the get-go. The other, a copy editor at the fictitious *New York Tribune*, and hence attracted by the first one's citation of Rilke in her women-seeking-women ad and by her use of the word "marinate" in a fresh context, is more hesitant: indeed, "the Jewish Sandra Dee." The two writers and actresses, as distinct from the two characters, achieve a certain level of perception and personal chemistry, dragged down a bit by their proneness to preen and boast, but nudged up again by the seeming honesty of the ending. Scott Cohen, Tovah Feldshuh; directed by Charles Herman-Wurmfeld. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Life or Something Like It — Romantic comedy with Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns, and Tony Shalhoub, directed by Stephen Herek.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 4/26)

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring — Dr. Tolkien's home-cooked myth. First course only. All manner of visual invention, photographic trickery, computer magic, etc., cannot alter what is in essence an overblown bedtime story. They can only blow it up bigger. And the burden of it is more or less tripled by the knowledge that these three hours are just a third of it. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Ian Holm, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett; directed by Peter Jackson. 2001.

★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Monsoon Wedding — A gathering of the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won't be alone if you have a hard time telling who's who and how they're related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It's a standard comic situation (*Father of the Bride*, etc.), almost a can't-miss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention; now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new, too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair's scrambling catch-as-catch-can camerawork — 16mm blown up to 35 — leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner ("Ten minutes," he promises, "exactly and approximately"), with his polka-dot scarf, his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-by-inch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002.

★★ (COVE; FLOWER HILL 4)

Murder by Numbers — Sandra Bullock as a homicide detective on the track of two teenage thrill-killers; directed by Barbet Schroeder.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;



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My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Culture-clash comedy with Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, and Lainie Kazan, directed by Joel Zwick.
(FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14; POWAY 10)

National Lampoon's Animal House — Surprisingly coherent and polished piece of work, considering it's from the writers of the *National Lampoon* and from the director of *Kentucky Fried Movie*; not as raunchy as you might expect, held in check perhaps by the tighter morals of the 1962 period setting, and not as funny either. This frat-house comedy has good rapport with the lowbrow crowd, a rapport it maintains through the constant congratulations and rewards it hands out to its undeserving goof-off characters. With John Belushi, Tim Matheson; directed by John Landis. 1978.
★ (KEN, 4/30)

Nine Queens — Argentinian caper thriller written and directed by Fabian Bielinsky, with Gaston Pauls and Ricardo Darín.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/26)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? — A road comedy, "based upon *The Odyssey* by Homer," about three chain-gang fugitives in Depression-era Mississippi. (The title, should you need reminding, comes from Preston Sturges's *Sullivan's Travels*: the proposed title for a "meaningful" film by a refractory Hollywood contract director, whose subsequent quest to get in touch with the Common Man lands him on a Southern chain gang.) While the humor is as broad as the Coen brothers ever have allowed (i.e., *Raising Arizona*), it is equally as bright and as funny. No one in American cinema, past or present, writes tastier, tangier dialogue than Joel and Ethan Coen; and the script is studded with well-turned gags that could stand alongside any



Life or Something Like It

textbook samples from the pages of Preston Sturges, Jules Furthman, Ben Hecht. (The nitwit fugitives enter inevitably into a who-put-*you*-in-charge dispute. The rebellious one says, "I'm votin' for Yours Truly." The besieged leader responds, "Well, I'm votin' for Yours Truly, too." The swing voter, looking uncertainly from one to the other, puzzling out the politic choice, says, "Okay, I'm with you fellers.") And the Coens show here, as they showed already in *The Hudsucker Proxy*, that if you take the four-letter words out of their vocabulary they will not be handicapped in the slightest. Also comparable to *Hudsucker*, or more exactly comparable to the metamorphosis of Tim Robbins therein, is the loosening-up and warming-up of George Clooney into a flexible and a palatable actor, flourishing in the part of Ulysses (you see?) Everett McGill, fond of the four-dollar, as opposed to four-letter, word ("bifurcated," "rusticated," "rancor," "paradigm"), and hypersensitive about his hair every waking moment ("My hair!" is the first thing from his lips when startled from sleep) — even to the point of borrowing John Turturro's hairnet from *The Big Lebowski*. And his grooming routine with a tin of pomade (it has to be Dapper Dan brand, not Fop), getting a sort of razor-stropping motion going with his comb, is as educational as it is elegant. Turturro, as the second of the escapees, is of course an old reliable in a Coen movie. But the revelation in the cast is the writer-director (of *Eye of God*) and sometime bit-player, Tim Blake Nelson, whose expressions of open-mouthed and cross-eyed stupidity, as the slowest of the trio, form the solidest thematic link to the Coen brothers' previous effort, *Lebowski*. In spite of the preponderance of the evidence (the Farrelly brothers, Adam Sandler, et al.), it is not necessary for a comedy about stupidity to be stupid itself. Not unless it is content to be unfunny and hypocritical in the bargain. The Coens have become the keenest observers of American

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Amadeus (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 4:45, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:45) 8:25; **Big Trouble** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 7:20; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30); **Gosford Park** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:10; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 8:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40, 5:45) 8:10, 10:15; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10) 4:35, 5:30, 7:10, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10, 4:35, 5:30) 7:10, 8:00, 9:25, 10:20; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 8:05, 10:35; **Van Wilder** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:30) 7:35, 10:05; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:25, 3:50) 5:15, 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:25, 3:50, 5:15) 7:10, 7:55, 9:40, 10:25; **The Cat's Meow** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:15, 7:25, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:15) 7:25, 9:50; **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:35) 9:30; **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 Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:35, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:35) 8:15, 10:30; **We Were Soldiers** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:20) 7:05, 10:00

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Murder by Numbers (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **Changing Lanes** (R); **The Rookie** (G); **Blade II** (R); **Frailty** (R); **Ice Age** (PG); **Clockstoppers** (PG); **Human Nature**; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13); **The Other Side of Heaven** (PG)

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 (858-558-2234)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:35) 7:55, 10:15; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (5:05) 7:35, 10:10; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Tue. 1:45 (5:25) 8:20, 10:20; Wed.-Thu. 1:45 (4:10) 10:20; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (5:35) 8:15, 10:30; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:40 (5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 1:25 (4:25) 7:10, 10:00; **Van Wilder** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:05, 3:20, 5:50, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (4:45) 7:20, 9:35; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:40, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:20 (4:15) 7:15, 9:55; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sun. 1:25, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 1:15 (4:05) 7:00, 9:50; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:25, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 2:30, 3:45 (4:55, 6:00) 7:30, 8:30, 9:45; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Sun. 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 2:10 (5:45) 8:00, 10:25

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Italian for Beginners (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Wed. (2:00) 4:45, 7:30, 10:05; Thu. (2:00) 4:45, 10:05; **Son of the Bride** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; **The Cat's Meow** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:25, 7:10, 9:50; **Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated)** Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Life or Something Like It (PG-13); **Jason X** (R); **The Cat's Meow** (PG-13); **Murder by Numbers** (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **Frailty** (R); **Changing Lanes** (R); **The Sweetest Thing** (R); **Big Trouble** (PG-13); **High Crimes** (PG-13); **Van Wilder**; **Panic Room** (R); **Clockstoppers** (PG); **The Rookie** (G); **Blade II** (R); **Ice Age** (PG); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13)

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-291-7777)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri. 12:25, 2:50 (5:15) 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 12:25, 2:50 (5:15) 7:30, 10:05; **Jason X** (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:40 (5:05) 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:40 (5:05) 7:25, 10:10; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00, 2:30 (5:00) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30 (5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri. 12:45 (4:00) 7:10, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:45 (4:00) 7:10, 10:00; **Panic Room** (R) Fri. 1:00 (4:15) 7:00, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:15) 7:00, 9:55; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. 12:20, 2:45 (5:10) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 12:20, 2:45 (5:10) 7:20, 9:50; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri. 12:10, 2:35 (4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:10, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:10, 2:35 (4:45) 7:15, 9:45

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Life or Something Like It (PG-13); **Jason X** (R); **Clockstoppers** (PG); **Murder by Numbers** (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **Frailty** (R); **Changing Lanes** (R); **The Sweetest Thing** (R); **High Crimes** (PG-13); **Van Wilder**; **Panic Room** (R); **The Rookie** (G); **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial**; **Blade II** (R); **Ice Age** (PG); **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring**; **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Blade II (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:50) 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (1:15, 3:50) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:35) 7:50; **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:00, 7:45, 9:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:55) 8:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:40) 5:30, 7:20, 9:20; Sun. (1:45, 3:40) 5:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:25) 7:20; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:15) 7:30; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:30, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:00) 4:30, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:00) 7:40; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:30, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 8:00

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Citizen Toxie: The Toxic Avenger IV (R) Fri. 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; Sat. 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30; **Down From the Mountain** (G) Sun. 3:00, 7:15; Mon. 7:15; **National Lampoon's Animal House** (R) Tue. 7:15; **O Brother, Where Art Thou?** (PG-13) Sun.-Mon. 5:05, 9:20; **Rushmore** (R) Wed. 7:15; **The Dark Crystal** (PG) Thu. 5:15, 9:30; **The Goonies** (PG) Thu. 7:15; **Weird Science** (PG-13) Tue. 5:15, 9:30; **Bottle Rocket**, Wednesday; **Trouble Every Day**, Thursday

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Amelie (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:25) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Mon. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; Tue. (1:10) 4:10, 9:55; Wed.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:55; **Kissing Jessica Stein** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; **Nine Queens** (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; **Scotland, Pa.** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; **Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated)** Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
The Second Civil War, Saturday, 7 p.m.; **All Over Me**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bears (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Mon. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Tue.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 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)
Blade II (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:50, 4:00) 7:25, 10:10; **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:15, 2:40, 5:10) 7:45, 10:15; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:15; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:50, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 2:30, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:20, 2:40, 5:00) 7:30, 10:05; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:10, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:15, 12:45, 3:50, 4:20) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 10:30; **Van Wilder** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:20, 2:45, 5:05) 7:35, 10:30; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:40, 1:10, 3:50, 4:25) 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:25; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:35, 4:15) 8:00; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Wed. (12:25, 4:10) 7:20, 10:20; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:20, 2:50, 3:20, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:00, 2:15, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 2:55, 4:45, 5:15) 7:05, 7:35, 9:25, 9:55; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 4:30) 6:45; **Frailty** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 4:10, 5:10) 7:10, 7:55, 9:50, 10:30; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:45, 2:00, 3:00) 5:35, 7:30, 9:30; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:15; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:40; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:20; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:15, 5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **The Other Side of Heaven** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:55; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:00) 7:30, 10:15; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:15, 5:00) 5:30, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:00, 4:05) 6:10, 8:15, 10:15

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:30, 9:55; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:15, 9:50; **Jason X** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:50) 7:10, 9:50; Sat. (1:15, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (1:15) 4:10, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:50) 7:35, 10:05; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20) 4:40, 7:20, 10:05; Sat. (12:45, 3:45) 7:20, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:05, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:05, 9:35; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:10, 9:55; **Panic Room** (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:20, 7:30, 10:25; Sat. (1:05) 4:20, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (1:05) 4:20, 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:25, 10:05; **The Rookie** (G) Fri. (1:05, 3:55) 7:25, 10:15; Sat. (12:50, 3:55) 7:25, 10:15; Sun. (12:50) 4:05, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:55) 7:00, 9:50; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:45) 4:05, 4:55, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; Sat. (12:15, 1:45, 2:45) 4:55, 5:10, 7:10, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:15, 1:45, 2:45) 4:55, 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:45, 4:05, 4:55) 5:10, 7:20, 7:50, 9:45, 10:10; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri. (1:40) 5:00, 7:45, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:00) 7:45, 10:10

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:20); **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:40) 8:10; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3:20) 5:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:50); **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45); Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:25); **Frailty** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00) 5:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 8:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:05, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:55) 8:30; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:45, 7:05, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:35) 8:05; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:45) 8:25; **Van Wilder** (R) Fri.-Sun. 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 8:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 5:15, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. 7:55; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 8:00

boobery since the departure — right around the time in which *O Brother* is set — of Ring Lardner. With John Goodman, Holly Hunter. 2000.
★★★★ (KEN, 4/28 AND 29)

Panic Room — After his *Fight Club, The Game,* and *Seven,* David Fincher's next step is apt to seem a rather modest and old-fashioned thriller: a straightforward damsel-in-distress thing, two damsels to be exact, a well-compensated divorcée with mild claustrophobia and her diabetic daughter, holed up together in an impregnable secret chamber — a kind of "castle keep" — in their New York brownstone, besieged by three intruders whose objective happens to lie within the chamber. Weighing against the old-fashionedness are, among other things, the splatter measurements of the violence and the monochromatic artiness of the photography — all in mossy, moldy, scummy shades of green, as if the action were taking place after-hours in a public aquarium. However, the central situation, in constant danger of petrifaction, is efficiently set up (the arrival of the invaders outside the windows in the rain, in the dark of night, is creepy in the extreme), well sustained, credibly complicated — in spite of any unhappiness you might feel over the handling of the cops-at-the-front-door — and ingeniously rearranged on the fly. (The script is by David Koepp, writer as well as director of the underrated *Stir of Echoes* and *The Trigger Effect,* and writer only on the exemplary *Bad Influence.*) Jodie Foster and the boyish Kristen Stewart are both excellent in their clenched and controlled manner: no time, under the circumstances, to explore "character" and "relationship." Forest Whitaker, Jared Leto, Dwight Yoakam. 2002.
★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; 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)

Resident Evil — Brand-new brainstorm from the maker of *Mortal Kombat,* Paul W.S. Anderson (not to be confused with the maker of *Boogie Nights,* Paul Thomas Anderson): back to the video-game shelf for an ugly, ultra-violent, live-action dramatization, set somewhere called the Hive, underground headquarters of something called the Umbrella Corporation, sometime in the far future. It keeps you in an extended state of not knowing what the hell is going on — extended, to be more exact, well past the point of caring. Befuddlement tends to nullify suspense, no matter how many lethal laser beams and flesh-eating zombies are coming at you. Michelle Rodriguez, as a second-banana commando, again demonstrates her rightness and readiness for a tough-chick role ("Blow me"), if ever one should come along in a decent movie. Milla Jovovich, Eric Mabius, James Purefoy. 2002.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Rookie — Off the Disney conveyor belt of inspirational sports stories comes the real-life odyssey of Jim Morris, high-school science teacher and extracurricular baseball coach in Big Lake, Texas, whose own pitching career was cut short by shoulder surgery, then revived when he tried out, on a dare from his players, for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and made it to the "bigs" at the age of thirty-five. (The movie makes him out to be thirty-nine, maybe to conform closer to the actual age of forty-eight-year-old Dennis Quaid, or maybe out of concern that the average viewer would not be duly amazed at the younger age.) There's a certain family-film blandness to the thing, and yet there is also a fine feel for the Dust Bowl dreariness of the setting, and for the second-class status of the sport of baseball in the heart of football country. (While automatic sprinklers maintain the immaculate turf of the gridiron, a pack of deer gobble up the seeds on the dirt diamond.) And the entire last act of the drama — the hero's wide-eyed arrival at the palatial Ballpark at Arlington, the finding of his locker and uniform in the clubhouse, the limbering up in the bullpen in front of the Texas home folks, the entrance onto the playing field, the first batter faced — is a payoff tantamount to an escalator to heaven. This is not (what the hero had fantasized as a boy) the seventh game of the World Series; it is only a mop-up relief appearance in a blowout. But that's several miles beside the point. With Rachel Griffiths, Brian Cox, Beth Grant, Jay Hernandez, Russell Richardson; directed by John Lee Hancock. 2002.
★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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.
★ (LA PALOMA)

Rushmore — Teen comedy for grownups, but not for squares, about an assortment of oddballs caroming off one another, never fitting together flush, at an exclusive private school called Rushmore Academy. The central oddball will not remain at the school for the duration, starting out on "sudden-death academic probation," frittering away far too much of his time in extracurricular activities (president of the Calligraphy Club, founder of the Trap and Skeet Club, eponymous director of the Max Fischer Players, etc., etc.), and soon having to pursue his calling

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Murder by Numbers (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **High Crimes** (PG-13); **Panic Room** (R)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Blade II (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:30, 10:00; **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Life or Something Like It (PG-13); **Jason X** (R); **Murder by Numbers** (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **Frailty** (R); **Changing Lanes** (R); **The Sweetest Thing** (R); **High Crimes** (PG-13); **Van Wilder; Panic Room** (R); **Clockstoppers** (PG); **The Rookie** (G); **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial; Blade II** (R); **Ice Age** (PG); **Resident Evil; Showtime; The Time Machine; We Were Soldiers** (R); **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 4:45) 7:45, 10:20; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:10) 7:40, 10:05; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:35); **Frailty** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:10; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40) 7:00, 9:40; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 4:50) 7:10, 9:25; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:15, 4:55) 7:15, 9:50; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:25, 5:20) 7:50, 10:25; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 12:35, 3:05, 4:10) 6:45, 7:25, 9:45, 10:25; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 12:15, 2:10, 2:50, 5:00, 5:25) 7:35, 8:00, 10:15, 10:30; **The Other Side of Heaven** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:00) 6:55, 9:35; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:05) 7:05, 9:55; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 12:25, 2:05, 2:45, 4:30, 5:05) 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:15) 7:30, 9:40

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 8:00; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 5:45; **John Q** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 10:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Ice Age (PG); **The Rookie** (G)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:25, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:35) 7:50; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:35) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (1:35, 3:35) 5:45, 7:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:35; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 9:35; Sun. (2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:35, 5:55) 8:05; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:05) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10; Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:10, 7:10, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:25) 7:20; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:50) 8:00; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:55, 5:45) 8:10; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 7:45; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:15, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:15) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:25; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:20) 7:40

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15; **Life or Something Like It** (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; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 4:45, 7:30; **Panic Room** (R) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Rookie** (G) Fri. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:35, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:35) 7:40, 9:50; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:50; Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:40); **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:45, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:55; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:30, 9:30; Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:35, 7:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:35) 7:30, 9:25; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:25) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:55) 7:55, 10:00; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (2:10) 4:40, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:25, 9:40; **Monster's Ball** (R) Fri.-Sat. 8:00, 10:20; Sun.-Thu. 7:45, 10:00; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:20, 9:55; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 2:30, 3:20) 4:50, 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:25, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 2:30, 3:20) 4:50, 5:30, 7:05, 8:00, 9:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 2:30, 3:40, 4:50, 5:55) 7:05, 8:00, 9:15, 10:05; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:45, 5:45) 7:40, 9:35

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:15, 7:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 4:55) 10:20; **Blade II** (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:10, 10:35; **Changing Lanes** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00) 5:30, 7:30, 8:05, 10:00, 10:40; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:55) 7:15, 9:25; **E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:20) 7:45; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 2:20, 4:55) 7:25, 10:15; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:40, 3:45) 5:45, 7:40, 9:40; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 10:00; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 4:45) 7:35, 10:20; **Van Wilder** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:30, 3:55) 6:10, 8:30, 10:45; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:15, 4:45) 7:25, 10:20; **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:30); **The Other Side of Heaven** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:35, 4:15) 7:10, 9:40; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:10, 4:50) 7:50, 10:35; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 2:05, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00) 5:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:20; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50) 6:05, 8:20, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Life or Something Like It (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:20, 7:30; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:50; **The Rookie** (G) Fri. 3:45, 6:30, 9:20; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:40; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri. 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:10, 8:00

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:30; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00

Flower Hill 4
2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)
Monsoon Wedding (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Clockstoppers (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (5:50) 8:05; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Sun. 1:30, 4:40, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:45) 8:30; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 3:25, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40; Sun. 1:10, 3:25, 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:25 (5:40) 7:45; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. 2:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:35) 8:00; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:25) 8:25; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (5:30) 8:20; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Sat. 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sun. 1:05, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:55 (5:20) 8:10; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35; Sun. 1:00, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (6:00) 8:15

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Gosford Park (R) Fri.-Thu. 6:20; **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) Fri. 9:10; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. 9:10

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
431 College Boulevard (760-806-1790)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; **Clockstoppers** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:25, 1:40, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **High Crimes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10; **Ice Age** (PG) Fri. 12:10, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; Sat.-Thu. 12:10, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Jason X** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:35; **Life or Something Like It** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40; **Murder by Numbers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:50, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; **Panic Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:20, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:15, 6:20, 9:20; **The Scorpion King** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:35; **The Sweetest Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45; **Y Tu Mamá También (Not Rated)** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Life or Something Like It (PG-13); **Jason X** (R); **High Crimes** (PG-13); **Murder by Numbers** (R); **The Scorpion King** (PG-13); **Frailty** (R); **Changing Lanes** (R); **The Sweetest Thing** (R); **Van Wilder; Panic Room** (R); **The Rookie** (G); **Blade II** (R); **Ice Age**

as a theatrical entrepreneur (an adaptation of *Serpico*, a Vietnam War re-enactment complete with ear plugs and safety glasses under each seat) in the plebeian surroundings of Grover Cleveland High. There is always the danger, when piling oddness upon oddness, of appearing to be doing it solely for effect, solely as a stunt, and director Wes Anderson (*Bottle Rocket*) does not always sidestep the danger. At the same time, he earns our respect for not trying to orchestrate fortissimo laughs in perfect unison, but instead drawing out widely dispersed dribbly little delayed-reaction titters. Every individual viewer must find his own fun. This is not, to reiterate, a teen comedy for teens; not a flattering likeness; not a pattern for imitation. Newcomer Jason Schwartzman, very earnest and joyless, vaguely Stanley Tucci-esque in his resemblance to a chisel, is a marvelous discovery as the hero, who, in addition to (or as part of) his extracurricular activities, develops a bit of a thing for a two-inches-taller, British-accented, widowed first-grade teacher (Olivia Williams), a thing that's more than a mere crush but perhaps a little less than *l'amour fou*. Unhappily, the school's leading benefactor (a restrained Bill Murray) develops a thing for her, too, and although no closer to her in age, even if closer in height, he gains the inside track as a full-fledged adult. When (or if) you catch yourself wishing the boy would notice the nice Asian girl his own age at Grover Cleveland, you will realize with mild amazement that these oddballs have come alive as human beings. Mason Gamble, Seymour Cassel, Brian Cox. 1998.
★★ (KEN, 5/1)

The Scorpion King — *Mummy* spinoff starring the pro wrestler who calls himself The Rock, directed by Chuck Russell.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Scotland, Pa. — Billy Morrissette's comic update of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, with James LeGros, Maura Tierney, and Christopher Walken.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 4/26)

Showtime — Genial spoof, too innocuous and lazy-minded to be construed as satire, of "reality television." A no-nonsense LAPD detective, in the departmental doghouse after putting a bullet in a TV news camera ("He's Dirty Harry, he's real … and we've got him by the balls"), is compelled to co-operate on a new *vérité* cop show, partnered with a camera-conscious uniformed patrolman and wannabe actor. In a just-for-the-money part, Robert De Niro, a cagy and energy-conserving counterpuncher, steals all the laughs from the aggressive, free-swinging Eddie Murphy: a classic case of the straight man who's funnier than the cut-up. But the movie, whatever it might *say*, sees things pretty much the same as the media types it ostensibly mocks (ostentatious action, formulaic buddy relationship, stereotyped ball-busting career woman), so that the laughs, such as they are, dwindle as the plot rolls along, in clear contradiction of De Niro. William Shatner and Johnnie Cochran show up in small parts as themselves, perfectly happy to enter into the spirit of avaricious cynicism. With Rene Russo; directed by Tom Dey. 2002.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Son of the Bride — Oscar-nominated Argentine comedy of midlife crisis, starring Ricardo Darín, directed by Juan José Campanella.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 4/26)

The Sweetest Thing — Romantic comedy with Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, and Thomas Jane, directed by Roger Kumble.
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The Time Machine — Remake of the H.G. Wells classic, directed by the novelist's great-grandson, Simon Wells, whose allegiance is plainly to his own time and not to his illustrious ancestor. The special effects are perhaps not too excessive (nor too special), as compared with the current norm rather than with the George Pal version of 1960. And although the machine itself — all flash and twirl — bears roughly the same relationship to the forty-years-old model as, say, the alien spacecraft in *Close Encounters* bears to those in *War of the Worlds* (another Wells adaptation on which Pal worked), the actual trip through time, from 1899 to 802701, is well handled. But the class-war angle of the novel — the widening divide between bourgeoisie and proletariat — has dated far less badly than might, in a bit more than a century, have been expected (except maybe by Wells himself), and certainly not so badly that it needed to be, as it was here, expurgated altogether. On the contrary, the only reason to avoid it is to avoid stepping on anyone's oversensitive toes. The revised conflict of the future is completely in accord with the PC sentimentalities of the present, whereby the effete Eloi have been converted into a hardy happy breed of noble savages (suntans included), with something of a Native American feel about them, something of a Rain Forest feel, something of a South Seas feel, underscored by the soaring tribal chant on the soundtrack. The predatory Morlocks, meanwhile, rising out of the ground looking like the Living Dead, have something of a *Planet of the Apes* feel (all the way to their spectacular leaping ability), something of a colonialist-oppressor feel, something of a slave-trader feel. And the Time Traveller (Guy Pearce, an Aussie like Rod Taylor last time out), thrust into the thick of it, transforms himself overnight from the Absent-Minded Professor into Mad Max. A superior intellect will take you only so far; eventually push must come to shove. Samantha Mumba, Orlando Jones, Jeremy Irons. 2002.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Weird Science — Weird isn't the word for it. Two nerdy teenagers with a home computer at their disposal feed into it some specifications for an Ideal Female, then tap into a more powerful system, and — shazam! — conjure up Kelly Le Brock of *The Woman in Red*. She is at their command, with the full capabilities of a fairy godmother. The ensuing commands, in addition to the prior specifications (British accent? age twenty-three? taller than either of them?), could have told us a lot about teenagers. But writer-director John Hughes, since he wants only to be their pal, isn't going to tell anything. One of his early lines becomes his motto throughout: "We know about the reality. Don't ruin the fantasy, okay?" There is more than one way to ruin fantasy, however. With Anthony Michael Hall and Ilan Mitchell-Smith. 1985.
● (KEN, 4/30)

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.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Y Tu Mamá También — Mexican horny-teenager comedy tells of two buddies, one affluent and one not, who, to their astonishment and delight, are able to entice the ripe Spanish wife of a bumptious philanderer to accompany them on a trek to an imaginary beach named Heaven's Mouth. En route, she offers a sexual tutorial that brings the know-it-all boys to such depths of self-revelation as to uncork a geyser of vomit. (The intrusive, third-person, know-it-all narrator heightens the feeling of patronization.) Filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón, unlike the makers of American horny-teen comedies, tries at all times to serve the characters and the story rather than simply to twist the arrow off the laugh meter. Or to put it another way, he tries at all times for realism, even when trying for raunch. And the two young actors — Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna — are revoltingly convincing. But the character of the woman — the starved-looking Maribel Verdú, whose entire intake of calories appears to go straight to her bosom — is something of a contrivance, perhaps a more complex contrivance than some, but not a more believable one, for all that. There are numerous points of cultural interest along the road to the beach (which turns out to exist after all), though the pallid color and casual camerawork fail to make the most of them. 2001.
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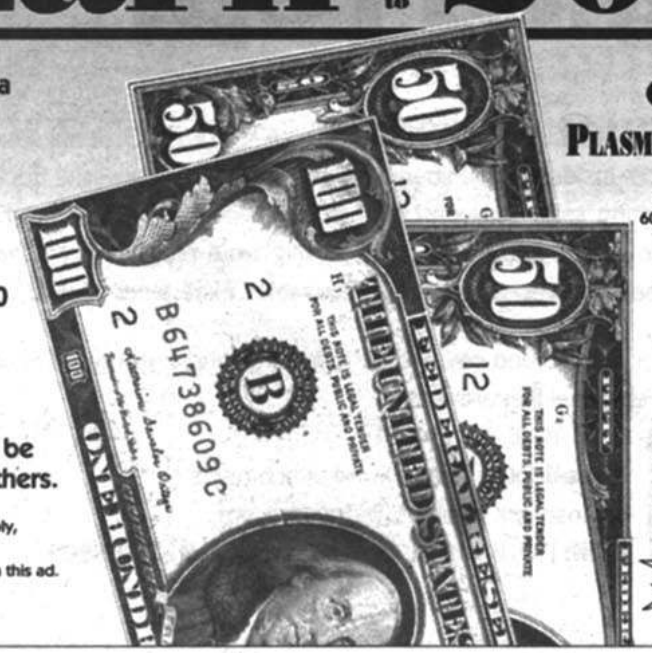

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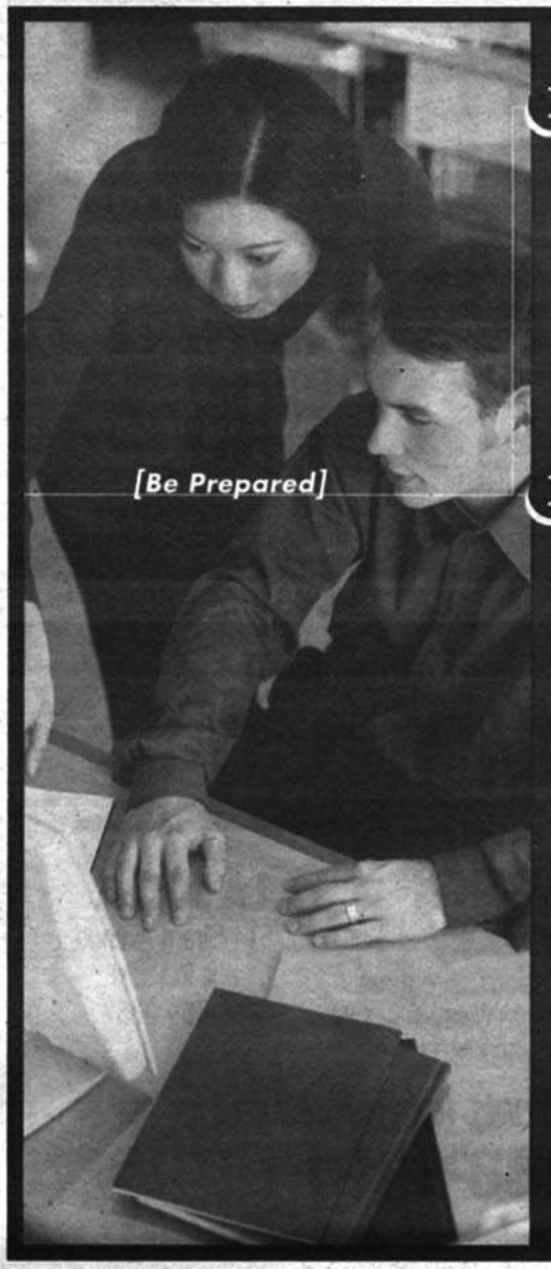

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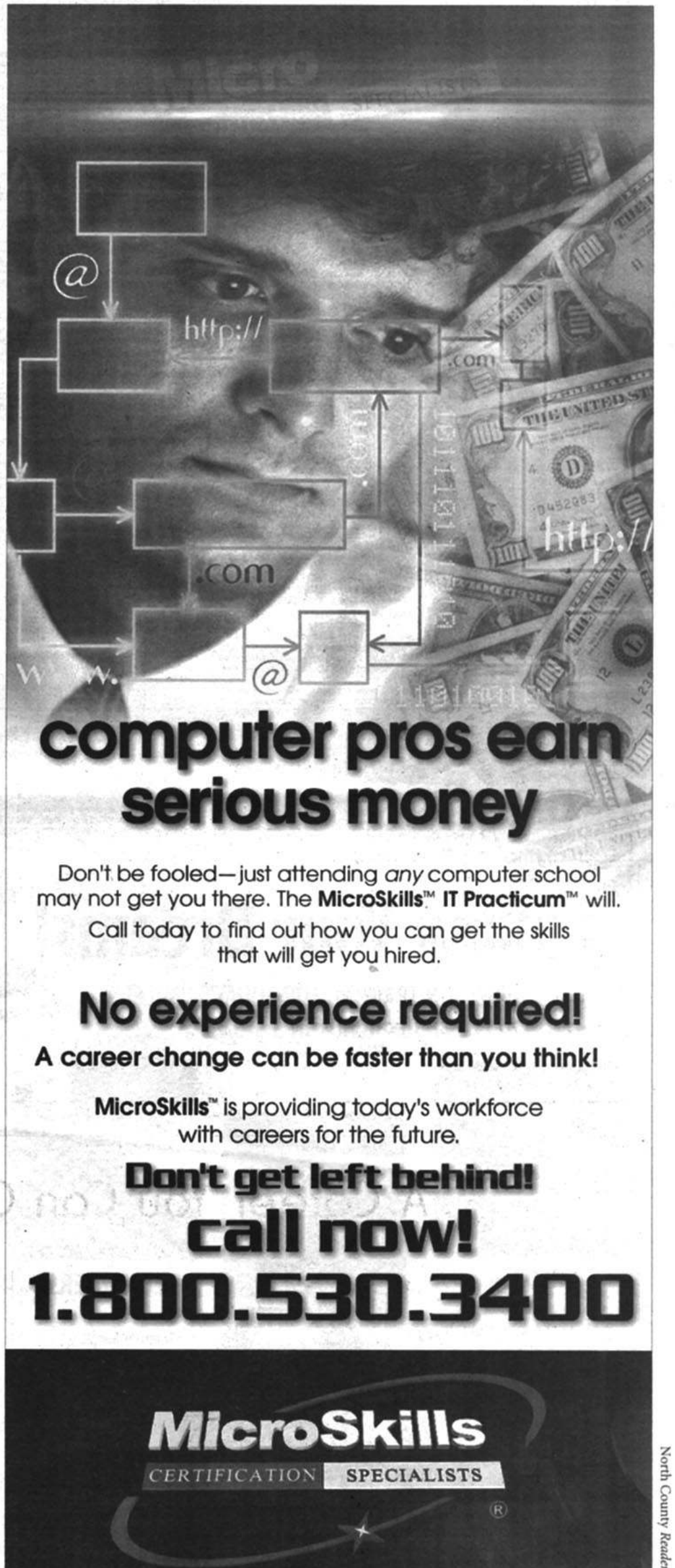

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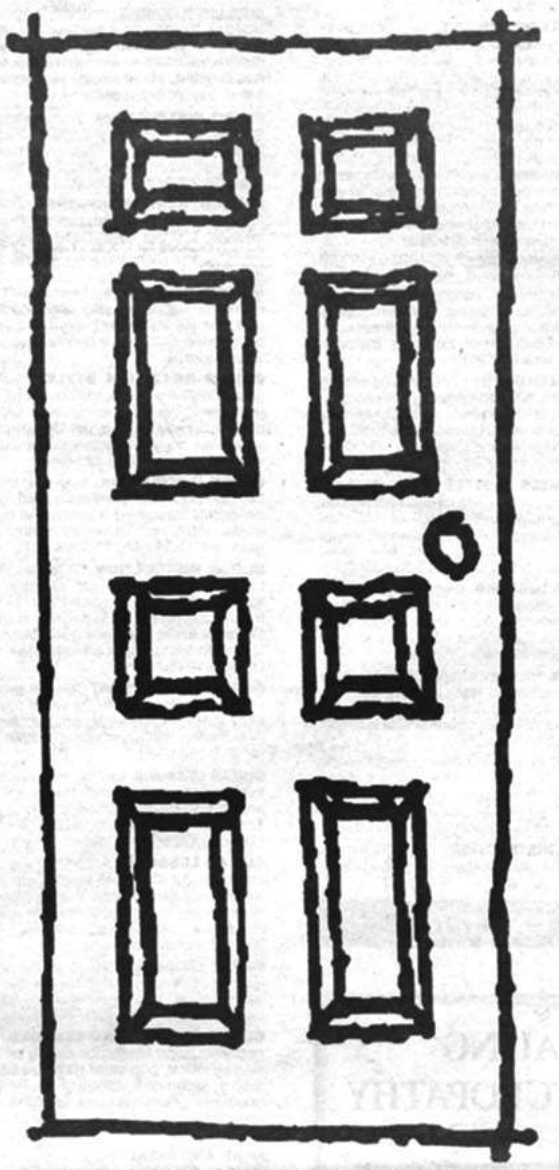

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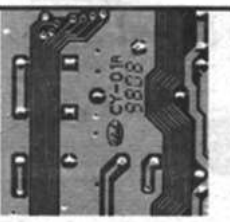

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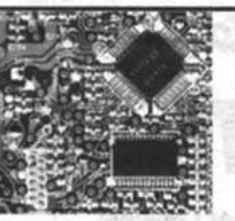

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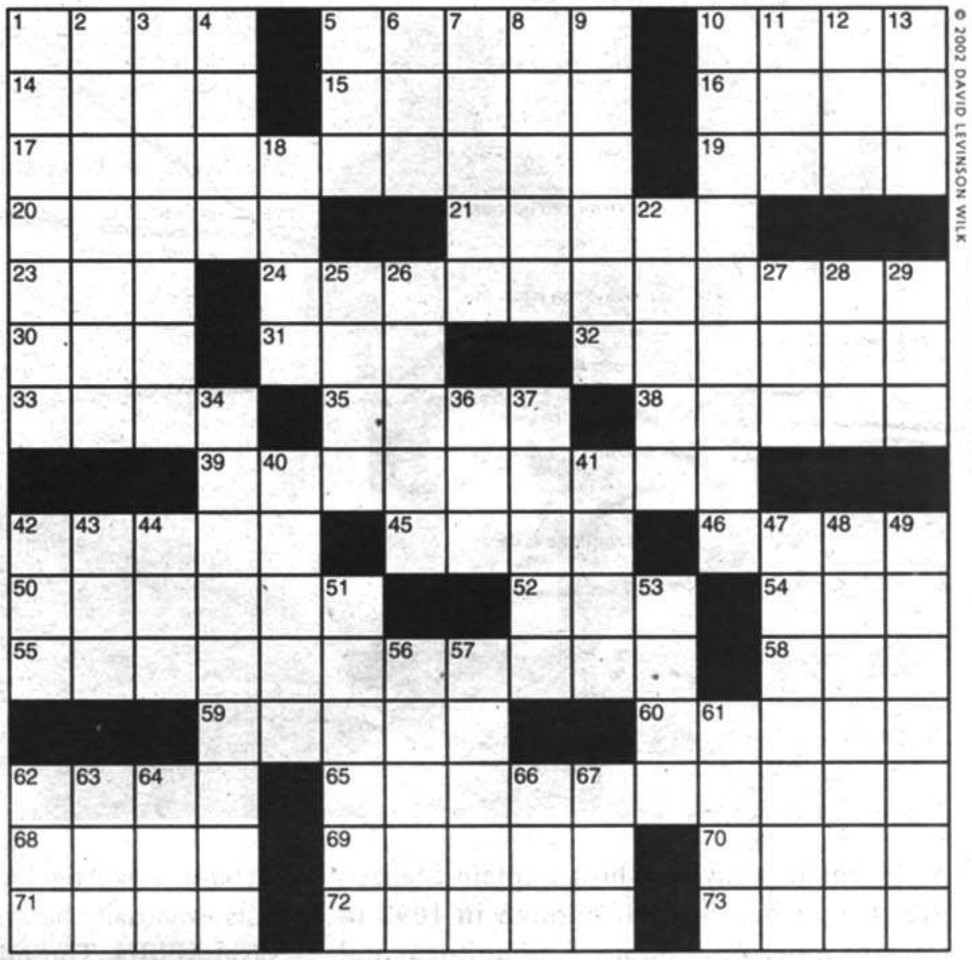
by David Levinson Wilk

Across

1. In ____ (existing)
5. Goes over white water, say
10. Part of a film's credits
14. Electron's place
15. More than impressed
16. Boisterous
17. "Where I'm Calling From" author who's been robbed of his Pontiac?
19. Alibi ____ (excuse makers)
20. Egypt neighbor
21. Tear apart
23. Telephone button that lacks letters
24. 1970's Grammy Award-winning singer who's been robbed of her Oldsmobile?
30. Co-star of Betty, Rue and Estelle
31. Title for a madre: Abbr.
32. Lure
33. "Giant" author Ferber
35. Essay page, for short
38. Greek fabulist
39. "Through the Looking-Glass" author who's been robbed of his Chevrolet?
42. Marvin Gaye's "Can ____ Witness?"
45. Moriarty of "On The Road"
46. This, in Toledo
50. A-one
52. Beatty of "Deliverance"
54. Unlikely Oscar nominee
55. Robber baron who's been robbed of his Audi?
58. Pollution stds. setter
59. Cuban boat boy Gonzalez
60. They're shown to a novice
62. Verne hero Phileas
65. An apt title for this puzzle
68. Kind of chamber
69. Eagle's claw
70. Hammock's attachment
71. Platform for a guest of honor
72. Leaves rolling in the aisles
73. Puts two and two together, perhaps

Down

1. Stud site
2. Like the teeth of many coffee drinkers
3. Tofu base
4. "The Sopranos" award
5. ____ Tin Tin
6. So-so link
7. Star QB of Super Bowl XXXI
8. Not a child but not yet adolescent, slangily
9. Brightly colored shawl
10. Rolodex listings, perhaps
11. Just dandy
12. Begin litigation
13. Stats for 7-Down
18. Sturdy trees
22. Easily bribed
25. "And pretty maids all in ____"
26. Kind of fire
27. Frank McCourt memoir
28. "The Name of the Rose" author
29. Business solicitor, for short
34. Many comic book superheros have them
36. Ending with Brooklyn or Canton
37. Sturm und ____
40. Supporter of the arts?
41. R.E.M.'s "The ____ Love"
42. "____ Man Answers" (Dee/Darin film)
43. Card game cry
44. Terminus
47. First American in space
48. Gradually decreased
49. Gathers
51. Drink additions
53. "Focus" actress Laura
56. Dealing with delivery
57. ____ Gay (W.W. II plane)
61. Septi- plus one
62. Cooked for
63. Mozart's "L'____ del Cairo"
64. 4, on a phone
66. Moviedom's Myrna
67. Nav. rank



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2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 4/18/02.

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FILM FANS. Female seeks film fan to movie-hop, rent videos and chat. All types of films to be explored. Let's talk. (5/1) ☎30868

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking other females, 25-35, for concerts, clubs, cafes, intelligent conversation, etc. Must be fun, easygoing, genuine, educated, nice and like adventure. No flakes please. (5/1) ☎30867

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks friendship and shared activities. Prefer male that is honest, outgoing, humorous and enjoys a variety of community events and underdogs people. (5/8) ☎30936

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 50, North County, recently divorced, looking to make new friends; similar interests: ocean fishing, boating, travel, walks, deep conversations. Honesty, humor a must. (5/8) ☎30937

FRIENDSHIP. Male, mid-40s, enjoys outdoors, fishing, beach. Looking for same, 20-35, for friendship and sharing mutual interests— indoors and outdoors. Sense of humor a must. (5/8) ☎30938

FRIENDSHIP. 32, single female looking for fun, outgoing, nonflaky women who enjoy dinners, independent films, traveling, hiking, happy hours, Japengos and meeting men. (5/8) ☎30941

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks other females for travel, happy hour, plays, dinner and spring fun. No flakes, please! (5/8) ☎30953

FRIENDSHIP. 22-year-old female seeking males and females, 21-26, for shopping, parties, movies, beaches, walks. If you love meeting new friends, please call. (5/8) ☎30978

FRIENDSHIP. 32, great personality and fun! Looking for females between 28-39 years. Looking to have some fun with other females; open minded, down to earth. (5/8) ☎30979

WATERCOLOR COMPANION/teacher needed. I am an East County, raw beginner needing someone to guide me through watercolor basics. Are you up to it? (5/8) ☎30940

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MATCHES

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BLUE-EYED YOGA WOMAN, 44, 5'4", 105lbs., dirty blonde, attractive, communicator. Intelligent, educated, financially secure, humorous, passionate/compassionate. Friendship first. (5/8) ☎23529

YOUTHFUL, ATTRACTIVE woman, 50s, slim, seeks young, handsome male playmate/dance partner for classic rock and '80s music. San Diego. (5/1) ☎23502

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ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Extremely attractive and curvaceous divorcee. 38, 5'7", athletic, outgoing, intelligent professional looking for relationship with romantic, athletic professional, 38-48. (5/1) ☎23490

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. (5/8) ☎23565

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ASIAN, PETITE, YOUNG looking, easygoing, seeks honest, healthy, white gentleman, 40s, Christian, nonsmoker, nondrinker, for long-term relationship with no children. (5/8) ☎23560

EXTRAORDINARY FIND, attractive, Scottish redhead, 47, Capricorn, fit (mild Herpes), in search of attractive, tall, stylish, light-skinned black male for dating/possible romance. (5/8) ☎23570

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, witty brunette, fit, petite, personable, seeks similar attributes for companionship and possible long-term relationship; enjoys fitness, outdoor activities, movies, dining, conversation. 39-50. (5/1) ☎23474

AFRIKANER WANTED. I'm 23, 5'7. I love the gym, running, reading, baking, coffee and chocolate. I'm seeking a strong man with sense and heart. (5/1) ☎23517

JUST MISSING YOU! 31, cute, sassy brunette with pretty green eyes loves to laugh. Win my heart with a sense of humor, 32-37. (5/1) ☎23508

TWO ATTRACTIVE WOMEN want to meet you and your friend. Let's share movies, dining, outdoors, laughter, companionship. Be tall, 40-50. Let's explore the city together. (5/8) ☎23564

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SPECIAL, TALL, SLIM, classy blonde alerting 75-year-old, only old once gentleman for friendship and beyond. Nonsmoker, light drink. Humor, sports, theatre. (5/8) ☎23537

LATINA, TALL, 5'8", plus-size, athletic build, 46, seeks intelligent, 40+ male who likes dating; i.e. movies, going out, eating out and sharing the experience. (5/1) ☎23488

5'6" BLONDE, 45, looking for sexy black man for dating and possible relationship. Athletic to thick build, please. (5/8) ☎23542

BLONDE, GREEN EYES, 36, 5'5", 120lbs., attractive, intellectual, spiritual. Arts, ocean, hiking, cats. Seeking my man: 33-38, balanced, intelligent, funny, handsome, kind, generous, serious relationship. (5/1) ☎23504

SEXY, ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE, 52, sophisticated, romantic, adventurous, to meet honest gentleman, 60+, financially secure, for companionship, all kind; culture, ethnic dinners, traveling, walking, museums, fashion. (5/1) ☎23505

BLONDE BOMBER SEEKING friendship, companionship, with Latino male; good looking a plus! 38-55, nonsmoker. Must be honest. (5/1) ☎23486

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WELL-GROOMED HANDYMAN sought by black female homeowner. You: 5'8"+, single, employed, 36-46, athletic, nonsmoker, slender to well-built, honest gentleman of color. (5/1) ☎23509

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DO YOU LIKE ROMANTIC places, good conversation, movies, travel, dining with very attractive brunette? 5'2", medium build, professional. Seeking 58-65, health conscious, good looking, 5'9"+. (5/8) ☎23546

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LOOKING FOR ME? Passionate, pretty, youthful 53 loves sharing blues, jazz, city life, outdoors. Professional, focused, cleans up beautifully, but most happy in jeans. (5/1) ☎23496

SOUL SEARCHING FOR ONE grounded, happy, attractive, fit man, 40s to 50s, personal and spiritual growth important. I've got beauty, talent; slender. Love laughter. Nonsmoker. (5/8) ☎23550

ADVENTUROUS, OUTGOING redhead seeks a wonderful man to share life with. Must enjoy being at home and going out. 5'4", 117lbs., brown eyes. (5/8) ☎23544

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ATTRACTIVE, FULL-FIGURED, 38 years, 5'9", blonde hair, green eyes. Seeking, attractive, mature, man; sense of humor a must! For fun, friendship and ? (5/1) ☎23515

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BLONDE, LUXURIOUS, CITY GAL, loves country/rock dancing, hiking, travelling, camping, fishing. Seeking city boy who'll make me laugh, and do all that and more. (5/8) ☎23571

BEAUTIFUL JEWISH GODDESS seeking handsome, financially secure counterpart. Must have healthy mind and body. No addictions or baggage. 45-65. (5/8) ☎23558

53, HISPANIC LADY WHO likes men who open doors, send flowers; like to make love not war, Candlelight dinners, movies, dancing. You will be rewarded. (5/8) ☎23559

PHENOMENAL VISIONARY painter, chubby and lovely, 41, totally myself and real, interesting mind, childlike and playful in an endearing way. Fulfilled yet something's missing— you? (5/8) ☎23547

30+ GIRL, NORTH COUNTY, seeking concert-going, articulate guy with sense of humor for movies, outdoor, adventure, moderate walks; likes laughs, cars, music, local clubs. (5/8) ☎23519

ASPIRING, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK actress seeks wealthy, generous gentleman who loves living life to the fullest. Spoil and pamper me in a mutually beneficial relationship. Age/race unimportant; good heart a must. (5/1) ☎23499

COWBOY OR CONSTRUCTION? 6'+, kind, smart, active, healthy, spiritual for wonderful woman with same qualities. Motorcycles a plus! Let's adventure together. (5/1) ☎23484

WANTED: FRIEND/LOVER over 45, nonsmoker/drugs; likes long weekends. Me: Long blonde hair, brown eyes, 50s, short, sassy. (5/8) ☎23524

BIG WITH SEXY CURVES! Handles well. Sporty, low mileage, great get up and go. Seeking driver, 28-42, for open road adventures. Ready to go!?! (5/8) ☎23567

AFFECTIONATE, LOVING brunette, 40ish, looking for someone to laugh and love with. I'm 5'8", 123lbs. and full of life. You must be active and outgoing. (5/8) ☎23552

ATTRACTIVE, CLASSY, adventurous world traveler,5'9", slim, secure, with sense of humor, in search of educated gentleman, 60-66, to share the good life. (5/8) ☎23566

LIFETIME PLAYMATE WANTED. Attractive blonde, 5'2", 125lbs., great legs, sincere, lovable. Seeking gentleman, 55+, nonsmoker, active, healthy; travel, theater, honest, emotionally/financially secure, romantic, generous. (5/8) ☎23528

ARTIST/TEACHER. Blue/brown baby boomer seeking man with heart of gold; intelligent, athletic, honest, kind. Enjoy nature, animals, sports, literature, the arts. (5/8) ☎23520

CAREER-MINDED, ESTABLISHED, classy single woman, late 30s, wishes to meet an engineer for dating and travel. Younger age OK. (5/1) ☎23489

LIKE TRACY AND HEPBURN. You: Masculine, classy, headstrong with heart, 45-55, 6'. Me: Sophisticated, sassy, voluptuous brunette, 38, 5'4". Us: Movies, arts, travel, passionate adventures. (5/8) ☎23541

ASIAN, CUTE, SENSITIVE, looking for professional, good, honest, permanent relationship, Catholic, 49-55. Know how to spoil a woman. No more playing around. I am worthy. (5/1) ☎23506

58, FILIPINA, 5'3", 140LBS. God-fearing, value family ties, retired, well-traveled. Love walks, dancing, movies. Looking for sincere and long-term relationship. (5/1) ☎23514

YOU'RE OUT THERE! Where are you? Nice-looking blonde, blue, 50 years. Someone who's kind, intelligent, sensitive, sensuous; loves jazz, the outdoors, Dog Beach, theater and good wine. (5/8) ☎23518

ATTRACTIVE, JEWISH, 49- year-old lady enjoys cooking, movies, dining out. Interested in financially secure gentleman for a permanent relationship. Age open. (5/1) ☎23481

BLUE JEAN GAL looking for confident guy for San Diego summer fun. 39, active, 5'8" redhead with sense of humor. You: White male, 40-45. (5/8) ☎23522

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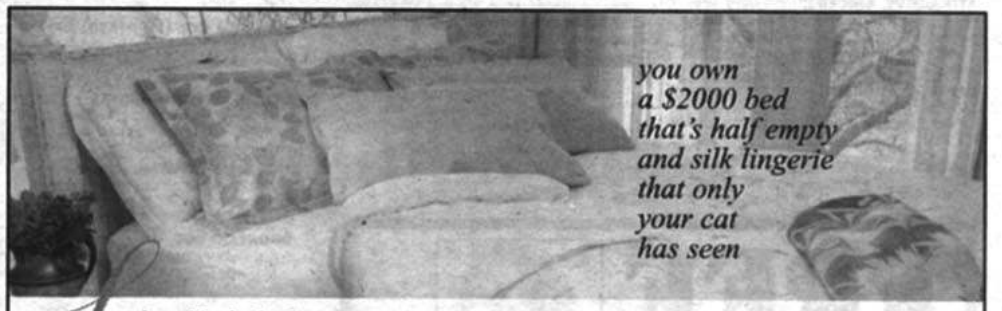

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STRONG CHRISTIAN, no arrogant/conceited man, average-looking man who loves to worship. Love to have fun, work out, ride bikes, walk, pray, play, etc. (5/1) ☎23500

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're fit, tall, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white, professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and explore. (5/8) ☎23557

YOU'RE OUT THERE AND I'm waiting still for you. I am single black female. You are white and the man of my dreams. Smile. (5/8) ☎23561

HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ME? If you are 55+, tall, fun loving, cuddly, care free, adventurous, then very pretty, sexy redhead anxiously awaits your call. (5/8) ☎23556

LOVING, GIVING, HONEST, outgoing, mother to daughter (11) everyday, on weekends to my 7-year-old son. Seeking future happiness with a loving, giving man. (5/1) ☎23511

NEW TO OCEANSIDE. Looking for nice guy to hang out with. I'm open to many things: single; no kids. Very sincere, no games. (5/8) ☎23574.

DREADLOCKED BEAUTY, restless daughter of Tara, Isis and Yemanya. Upbeat, intellectual, free spirited, sensual. Love being near water, music, visual arts. Want kindred spirit. (5/1) ☎23491

BLONDE PREFERS HARLEY rider. Me: Long hair, slim, petite, cute, affectionate, artistic, funny. Seeking kind, responsible, fun ex-bad boy looking for long-term honey. (5/8) ☎23526

'70s POP FAN SEEKS 21st century Bowie. Adventurous, young 39 seeks 6'+. Share music, dancing, art, travel. Let's make and break some rules! (5/8) ☎23543

PLAYFUL, ARTISTIC, SOFT body seeks partner, 55-65, for fun, games, caring, sharing, walking, talking, standing, sitting and mostly laughing. You: Available, financially secure, gentle, loving. (5/1) ☎23510

SEEKING WHITE MALE, 30-49, for romantic, fun, exciting and even not so exciting times. I'm unencumbered, 5'3", 33, white female that's missing that someone special. (5/8) ☎23532

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, honest communication, personal growth, adventure, fun, relationship seminars, community, play, self-expression, freedom, friendship, partnership. (5/8) ☎23540

SILLY, SERIOUS, SENSUOUS, pretty, petite, humorous, honest, gregarious, caring, communicator, fun. Seeking counterpart, witty, classy, not typical guy, someone unique, 58+, nonsmoker, ready for relationship. (5/1) ☎23513

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking gal pals who want a pal for movies, coffee shops, outdoor activities, clubs and other fun. Guys welcome, too. Open to all ages. (5/1) ☎30866

NEW IN TOWN SEEKS MALE companion for talks, walks, dinner, friendship, golf, movies. Prefer down-to-earth kind of guy with sense of humor. 35-40. (5/1) ☎23495

CUTE MEXICANA, 28, no kids, seeks single white male, 28-38, who speaks Spanish and desires monogamous relationship. Please be honest and responsible. Single dads welcome. (5/8) ☎23525

MANNERS MANDATORY! Pretty, selective, childless, multifaceted tomboy. 5'8", 39, seeks stable, tall, fit, active gentleman, 35-45. Enjoy cycling (road), hiking, films, dining, home improvement, cats. (5/8) ☎23562

NICE GUY WANTED BY TALL, attractive, nonsmoking, Jewish woman, 55, for companionship, fun times and laughs. I'm outgoing and down to earth. Let's get together. (5/8) ☎23527

I'M UNITY, RELIGIOUS science, early 30s, blonde, great looks, business professional, nonsmoker, never wants kids. Seeking committed relationship with same. Prosperous and looks/is Latino. (5/8) ☎23554

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE, fun loving, honest. Looking for someone similar! Enjoy swimming, sports, gardening and wildlife! Looking for man who knows what he wants— no games. (5/8) ☎23536

CAPTURE MY HEART! Intelligent, honest, sensual 53, long blonde/blue, 5'2", curvy seeks confident, strong, secure, de-

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

LEUCADIA SURFER/SKIER, teacher, Master's degree, traveler, reader, seeks slim, educated Caucasian, Christian/Hindu/Buddhist, who's not religious, does more than go for walks/talks. (5/8) ☎30899

DOCTOR, GUITAR PLAYER, 38, tall, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, good listener, sensitive, very attractive, enjoys reading, music; seeks sensitive, empathetic, intelligent, growth-oriented, caring female. (5/1) ☎30884

ARE YOU TALL, slim, attractive, intelligent, educated, unencumbered, active, vegetarian and have celebrated between 45 and 58 birthdays. Me too. (5/1) ☎30827

IN FOR THE LONG HAUL. Kind, humorous, attractive, educated. Looking for same in fit woman, 28-35, who enjoys active lifestyle, tennis, bowling, dining out, walks. (5/1) ☎30849

INTELLIGENT BUT OLD fashioned, shapely but fit, well-to-do but also down-to-earth woman wanted by intelligent ambitious, musical, fit, good-looking guy. (5/8) ☎30949

NORTH COASTAL YOGA GAL, (45-55), healthy lifestyle, heart-connected communication, travel, family, spiritual growth, dancing, friends forever, camping. Me: Charming, good looking, 175lbs., 5'10", 57. (5/8) ☎30901

I LOVE TO HAVE FUN, adventure, great time no matter what. Have a lot to offer; would like to make your life a richer experience. (5/8) ☎30911

SEEKING ASIAN LADY for committed relationship. Me: White male, 54, honest, honest, sincere, adventurous, traveled. Let's make each other ecstatic with happiness. Marriage minded only! (5/8) ☎30917

greed, over 5'8", special man for our best relationship! (5/1) ☎23512.

46, ATTRACTIVE WHITE FEMALE looking for attractive white male for love relationship. Enjoy dining, art, movies, music, etc. I'm kind, trustworthy, intelligent, and you same. (5/1) ☎23478

ASIAN PROFESSIONAL, 50ish, Ivy League grad, warm, caring, honest, no drugs, seeks white male, 50-65, for monogamous relationship. Let's grow old together/share lifelong experiences. (5/8) ☎23549

SUFFERING SUCCOTASH! Cerebral writer, 45, seeks man with brain in head, not lower extremities. New Yorker magazine, Nirvana, foreign films, black labrador retriever. (5/1) ☎23498

LATINA, CLASSY LADY, 37, seeking an educated, family-oriented, kindhearted, caring male with good morals for serious relationship. Marriage minded. If we match. No games. (5/1) ☎23475

FORMER SOUTHERN GAL NOW firmly planted in Southern California. 43, 5'2". Looking for gentleman, 38-50, nonsmoker. Let's watch the sunset together. (5/8) ☎23545

PETITE, PRACTICAL, Polish-Lithuanian girl-next-door, middle-aged, seeks gentleman companion. Age/income unimportant. Live at beach, work in Kearny Mesa. Good manners appreciated. (5/1) ☎23477

ROCK 'N' ROLL LOVER needs partner to go out/have fun. You're 30ish, slender, beautiful and happy nonsmoker, outdoors type. I'm Bruce Bochey look-alike. (5/1) ☎30873

REALLY GOOD LOOKING, smart, funny artist, 38, 5'7", 140ish, passionate, caring man. You: Witty, humorous, slender, open minded, spiritual, 29-43. Race? Kids OK. Let's explore. (5/1) ☎30872

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE ASIAN woman under 40 without children by Caucasian professional, fit, financially stable, kind, respectful, sense of humor, 40s, for romance and commitment. (5/8) ☎30933

HANDSOME, 6', 190-POUND hardworking man would like to meet a pretty lady between the ages of 30 and 40 to have fun with. (5/8) ☎30951

LATINO IS ALWAYS BETTER. 43, 5'10", professional, energetic, attractive, bilingual, loves dancing; enjoys little wine, seaside sunsets, travel. Let's enjoy life, dance with me! (5/1) ☎30835

DO ANY DRUG-FREE, female, East County residents read these? I'm 32, childless, Caucasian, intelligent, funny, employed, responsible, attractive, physically fit and optimistic. (5/1) ☎30817

ACTIVE, HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, Padres, Chargers, Comedy Store, concerts, Italian, 5'10", 185lbs.. Looking for North County, fun, attractive, thin, available, 38-47. Nonsmoker. Be ready for fun. (5/1) ☎30858

STRONG, STABLE, CALM, relaxed, handsome, wise, clean cut, 6', 165lbs., blue eyes, native, balanced, 28, clean complexion, glowing, classy, in the present moment, true natured. (5/1) ☎30792

The Woman I Want...

Passionate, blissful, fiercely independent, intelligent, sweet, silly woman, 18-27, thin or athletic, who knows what she wants and is going after it. Are you her? (5/1) ☎30848

A GOOD MAN, black, 40s, thoughtful, passionate, nonsmoker. Romancer, dancer. Very nice looking and talented. Seeking a good woman, race open, 36-60. Let's do this. (5/1) ☎30886

POWAY, FUN, HEALTHY, attractive, white, 52, 5'9", short, gray hair, hazel eyes, clean shaven, 180lbs., romantic, loving gentleman, no baggage, great job, indoor/outdoor activities. (5/1) ☎30833

HANDSOME, ACTIVE, educated, 5'9", 150lbs., avid rollerblader, professional, confident, affectionate, puzzle-collecting, mid-30s, dancing adventurer, seeks sexy, adorable, mid-20s, bright, slender nonsmoker, childless; relationship. (5/8) ☎30924

WE'RE BOTH LOOKING for honesty, intelligence, diversity, travel, adventure, fitness and nonsmokers without baggage. I'm 32, Caucasian, tall, professional. You're slender with long dark hair. (5/1) ☎30824

OUTGOING, SPONTANEOUS, white male, 37, down-to-earth, hazel-eyed Gemini likes tennis, dancing and art museums. Seeking fun-loving, spiritual, single white female, 30-44. (5/1) ☎30790

I'M NOT A COUCH POTATO, and like to stay toned. Get pumped up for hiking, travel and dancing! Live in Carlsbad, 32, tall, dark, available. (5/1) ☎30816

SOBER, SOLVENT, SINGLE white male, blue eyes, 6'. Bookish, dinners, movies, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (5/8) ☎30894

TALL, SLIM, JEWISH, athletic man, 40s, financially and emotionally stable, seeking trim lady, 38-47, good sense of humor; not a pet lover. (5/8) ☎30946

SPONTANEOUS, OPEN-MINDED, affectionate, passionate, intelligent, Caucasian male, 46, 5'3", 145lbs., seeking petite, slender to average, intelligent, sincere, loving Caucasian or Hispanic woman for relationship. (5/8) ☎30909

ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT woman with a bent to ponder patterns, people, world events, morals, sensuousness and aesthetics? You're quick, attractive, accomplished and resourceful 45-50. (5/8) ☎30962

HANDSOME, SLENDER BLACK MALE, Christian Scientist wants a white girlfriend, Christian Scientist, that's a musician, organist, soloist or First and Second Reader like me. Sincere! (5/8) ☎30921

HARD BODY, INTERESTING, humorous, masculine, thoughtful, 49, 5'10", North Coastal. Love children, nature; nothing fanatical. Want feminity, approximately height/weight proportionate. Better half. (5/8) ☎30932

HAPPY, HANDSOME, hirsute Italian-American, 55, intelligent, degreed, stable, strong but gentle homeowner, sensitive, sexy, deeply ethical, rose grower, symphony goer, seeks slender, secure woman. (5/1) ☎30823

FULL-FIGURED, VOLUPTUOUS, attractive, shapely female— North County Coastal, handsome, Latin, romantic male, 45, seeks you for dating, romance and a possible relationship. Call now. (5/1) ☎30847

Mr. Enthusiasm

Young 40ish-looking man, tall, fun, friendly humorous, likable, romantic, outgoing, seeking pretty, lovable, good kisser, home cooking, dancing woman to show me San Diego. (5/1) ☎30788

BLACK MALE, DEGREED, professional, no baggage, monogamous, no games, will treat you like the lady you are. You: White/Hispanic, thin, nice body, under 130lbs. (5/8) ☎30895

HERPES. SLIM, ATTRACTIVE gentleman seeks slim, attractive lady, 37-49. Shared interests: Jazz, classical music. Essential: Honesty, sense of humor. Let's see if there's chemistry. (5/1) ☎30846

DAY SAILING WITH THREE handsome, fit, financially secure gentlemen on 30' Catalina. Welcoming slender women to share in the serenity of wind, water and waves. (5/8) ☎30920

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL game. Fun, sincere, Jewish male, 32, likes movies, sports, '80s music, hiking, new adventures. Make the call. Play ball! (5/1) ☎30853

OUTDOOR LOVER, HEALTHY gentleman, 43, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (5/8) ☎30934

52 YEARS YOUNG. Looking for fit, attractive, nonsmoking, drinking, drugs. Like movies, sailing, walks, talks, dogs, theater. Call for coffee and conversation. (5/1) ☎30831

LONGHAIRED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, honest, sincere. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, creative, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (5/1) ☎30845

48, TALL, CONTEMPLATIVE and patient; work with college students and live with father; freelance video editor, too. Unique mix, anyone out there? (5/1) ☎30828

HANDSOME DAD, 43, warmhearted, great sense of humor and stable. Love camping, Padres and Charger games. Seeking active female, 35-43, with same interests. (5/1) ☎30820

FEEL SAFE TALKING ABOUT feelings. Decent looking, white, 46. Lives, eats healthy. Desire romantic friendship with natural, earthy woman. Dancing, beach, hiking, ethnic foods, museums. (5/1) ☎30837

INDIE/FOREIGN FILMS, Indie music, art lover. 31, 6'3", fit, attractive, brown hair/eyes, highly educated, hip, caring, thoughtful. Seeking female, 25-35, similar interests/qualities. (5/1) ☎30888

DIVORCED, BLACK, CHILDLESS, young 47, retired, military, South Bay homeowner (smoker) seeks younger, attractive, proportioned, adventurous lady; long-term relationship. Race open. No games please. (5/8) ☎30896

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE! You could be the one! I have lots of love to give to right person. 6', 49, white male, brown/blue. (5/1) ☎30806

FEEL MY VIBE... In shape, tall, handsome, thick head of hair. Divorced four years! Childless, interesting, fun, funny, passionate, uninhibited. House. Nice toys. Late 30s. (5/1) ☎30864

Sunsets To Sunrises

Good-looking gentleman, sparkling green eyes, brown hair, youthful 49, 5'9", thoughtful, honest, humorous. Seeking positive, intelligent, North County lady. We love romantic evenings and sharing life's pleasures. Nonsmokers. (5/8) ☎30919

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46. Sincere, honest, healthy, reliable, attractive. 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffee. Seeking attractive, marriage-minded, blonde female, 33-41. (5/8) ☎30958

LA MESA GENT. Self-employed professional. 55, brown/blue, 5'7", 150lbs., romantic, monogamous. Great conversations, dancing, dining out, movies, concerts, glass of wine at sunsets. (5/1) ☎30890

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. (5/1) ☎30877

Jumbo Shrimp

White, 36, human paradox with huge spirit/heart and towering 5'3" stature seeks kind, open-minded, caring, honest, affectionate female who loves to laugh. (5/1) ☎30875

HERPES, HANDSOME, active, marriage-minded homeowner, 43, emotionally/financially fit, likes outdoors, gardening, quiet times, romance. Searching for special lady, 35-47; share laughs life, love. (5/1) ☎30893

I AM SEEKING attractive, sexy woman, easygoing, out, in, no hard time. Between 25-45. Having good time. No need to know about future relationship. (5/8) ☎30957

BUSINESSMAN LIVES on a boat in Mission Bay; likes reading, walking, talking, classical, humor, hugs and my grandkids. 5'11", 220lbs., 62, no smoking/drugs. Semifit. (5/1) ☎30815

42, 5'10", 160lbs. I have many allergies that compromise my lifestyle. Looking for a woman who has the same or similar lifestyle. Lakeside. (5/8) ☎30947

SPECIAL ASIAN CHEMISTRY. You: Healthy Asian, 30-39, for golf, tennis, travel, workouts, long-term relationship. Me: 5'10", attractive, fit, fun, well-educated, successful, Asian-American. (5/8) ☎30973

DENIM-CLAD (Lou Reed wanna be), blue-collar dad (8/14/50). Needing (reality tolerant/nicely packaged) estrogen-laced sugar with alluring, inner, confident, translatable body lingo. (5/8) ☎30960

SINGLE IN SAN DIEGO. I'm 37 years young. I'm well educated and have many interest. Like to go out well as staying in. (5/8) ☎30905

GREAT LOOKS, SUPER personality, 40, 6'1", 195lbs. Honest, quality, positive, waterfront homeowner with great values seeks you, slim beauty, for passionate romance forever! (5/8) ☎30930

BEAUTIFUL ASIAN PRINCESS sought. Do you want and deserve to be treated like royalty? Attractive, athletic, adventurous white male has all he needs except the one lady to share with. (5/1) ☎30851

CANADA, MAINE, CAR TRIPS. Mozart, Mantovani, jogging, walking beaches, sweating, organic juicing, absorbing. Investor, homebody, 52, 6', 175lbs., empty nester, European, awaits thin natural. (5/8) ☎30966

LET'S COMPARE NOTES. Paradise is state of mind enhanced by warm island setting, swinging in hammock. You: 30s, ready for sweet life. Me: 45, dreaming. (5/1) ☎30812

ASIAN CUTIE WANTED! San Diego white male, 33, 6', 165lbs., executive, seeks fun and romance. You must like motorcycles. E-mail me, you won't be disappointed. (5/8) ☎30925

6'2", 200LBS., BLUE-EYED, handsome, financial professional/day, performing rock lead guitarist/night. Loyal, honest, humorous, athletic. Seeking 5'7", 125lb., 30-35, sincere, very attractive lady. (5/1) ☎30793

TATTOOS AND HARLEYS. If you are a fine-looking lady and no baggage, 30-40 years old, I'm looking for only you. (5/8) ☎30952

SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE, intelligent, good natured, affectionate. Light brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 54. Relationship minded, financially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (5/1) ☎30836

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, mixed race, African-American, 63, 6'4", 195lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (5/8) ☎30976

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive (58) trim, 5'9", blond, green eyes, clean, caring considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (5/8) ☎30898

MUSIC LOVER ENJOYS life, having fun. Treasure friendship, intimacy, sensuality, humor, wine. Seeking same in nonsmoker, 53-63, pretty, proportionate, worldly, personable, for long-term relationship. (5/1) ☎30808

FULL-TIME COMPANION for a be-yourself, laugh, fun-loving lady who loves golf. Send picture of clubs. (5/8) ☎30929

ATTRACTIVE, HEALTHY, successful white professional, pianist/businessman, with spiritual influences, 47, seeks woman with energy, passion and loving spirit for friendship, love, marriage. Call. (5/1) ☎30809

WHITE MALE, 44, seeking Hispanic lady. I'm a hopeless romantic looking for my love. My heart is yours. I hope you're in North County, please. (5/8) ☎30959

SEEKING SHY, SWEET, PETITE woman for lunches and conversation. Young 46, fit, good listener, thoughtful, good morals, considerate, compassionate, blue eyes, blond, Bay Park homeowner. (5/1) ☎30789

TROPICAL FRUIT LOVER? Caucasian, 40, Renaissance man, seeks grounded, happy, earth momma to share tree-ripened delicacies at 10-acre ranch in Bonita. Love gardening? (5/1) ☎30794

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SEEKING BLACK WOMAN, late 30s to 40s, for music, movies, quality friendship, maybe more. Me: 51, white professional, good looking, honest, fun, adventurous. Photo available. (5/1) ☎30825

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WHY LIE? I WANT A CUTE, little Mexican lady. White male, 41, engineer. Love travel, sports, late night talks, kids, art. Let's meet at Starbucks! (5/1) ☎30841

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PLAYFUL, SENSUAL, handsome(?), intelligent 52, 5'9", 165lbs., open minded, appreciates arts, sciences, humor, nature, adventure. Desire cute(?), slender, 45ish lifetime sweetheart. (5/1) ☎30807

ATHLETIC UCSD DOCTORATE, 29, blond, blue-eyed Renaissance man with no baggage, multidegreed professional, into art, music, science, law, travel, seeks adventurous Caucasian lady. (5/8) ☎30969

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 51; participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (5/1) ☎30802

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FUNNY, FIT, HEALTHY, Christian, handsome, clean. Ocean, mountains, good food, good wine; like kids. I'm tall, honest, strong, caring, giving, kind, real man, 43, 5'7". (5/1) ☎30874

LOVE TO TRAVEL, spontaneous. Looking for adventure. 6'3", 200-pound man looking for a female with sense of humor for fun and or just coffee. (5/1) ☎30805

TALL, HEALTH CONSCIOUS, hazel eyes, engineer, family oriented. Interests: Jazz, swing, latin music, animals, youth charities, home remodeling. Seeking upbeat, attractive, North County female. (5/8) ☎30915

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HERPES. 40ish, attractive, fit, great sense of humor. Love to laugh and have fun. Seeking attractive woman to create memories and snuggle. Honesty required. (5/8) ☎30942

HII I'M FROM NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana. I'm looking for someone to have fun with and show me around town. Color/size is not a matter. (5/1) ☎30843

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ARE YOU READY? I AM. 45, 5'10", handsome and healthy, great catch, versatile. Desert, mountains and oceans or love. North County. (5/8) ☎30945

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LA MESA. $500/month plus $100 utilities. Room for rent in 3 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, clean. Prefer female. Kelly, 619-303-1003; 619-235-2415, x28767.

LA MESA. $340, large room/large closet. $320, furnished room with shared closet. Storage also available, $40. Some pets OK. Older home on quiet street. 619-235-2415, x13465.

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MISSION BEACH. $725. Room for rent in 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with parking, washer/dryer. Female preferred, but it's cool. Call 858-488-1930.

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NORTH PARK. $465, $450 deposit. 3 females looking to share gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with 1 other female. Available May. No pets. 619-295-5928.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. $525, 1/2 utilities, $475 deposit. Master bedroom, small balcony, own bath. Fireplace, new appliances, dishwasher, washer/dryer, garage. Available 5/1. 619-269-1099.

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OCEAN BEACH. $660, 1/2 utilities. Large bedroom in 2 bedroom house. Parking, new paint, carpet and bath fixtures. Good area. Available 5/1. Call Gil, 619-224-5092; 619-235-2415, x12339.

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OCEANSIDE. $745. Oceanfront, on the sand, million dollar beach house. Private bath. Short term. Available now through 6/15. Private beach with fire pit, recreation room. Furnished/unfurnished. 760-721-5557.

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OCEANSIDE. $700/month. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Must see! Includes all utilities, community pool/jacuzzi. Available now. Nonsmoker, no drugs. Chris, 760-726-9280; 858-883-7529.

OCEANSIDE. $400+. Rooms in house. Utilities included. Swimming pool. Quiet neighborhood. Laundry. 619-889-8394.

PACIFIC BEACH, Tourmaline. $650, 1/3 utilities, deposit. 5 blocks to surf park. 1 bedroom available in beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Washer/dryer, fireplace, hot tub, hardwood, parking. Female only. Available 4/1. 858-597-7283.

PACIFIC BEACH. $700, 1/2 utilities. Large bedroom/bath in gated bay view condo. Washer/dryer in unit, underground parking, pool/spa. Available 5/1. 858-581-6065.

PACIFIC BEACH. $475 plus 1/3 utilities. Share 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Patio, washer/dryer, fireplace, dishwasher. Nonsmoker. 858-272-3940.

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PACIFIC BEACH. $475 plus 1/2 utilities. Room in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet, secure complex, on-site laundry, clean, neat. Nonsmoking. Male preferred. 858-272-8290.

PACIFIC BEACH. $675, $500 deposit. Very plush 3 bedroom unit. Master bedroom/private bathroom. Satellite TV, dishwasher, laundry. No dogs/cats. Share with 2 males. 619-235-2415, x24831.

PACIFIC BEACH. $600. 2 females seeking female roommate. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Balcony, garage. Mission Bay 1 block, ocean 8 blocks. 3884 Haines Street. 858-483-3437.

PACIFIC BEACH. $850/month. Luxury townhome, excellent location, private bath, washer/dryer, quiet. 619-238-6274; 619-235-2415, x11389.

PACIFIC BEACH. $800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, fully furnished, black leather sofas, baby grand piano, navy blue Correan countertops, 7' fenced backyard. Smoking outside. 619-235-2415, x25219.

PACIFIC BEACH. $550 plus deposit, utilities included. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet. Bay and ocean close. Nonsmoker. References and credit check may be required. 858-581-1523; 619-235-2415, x28992.

PACIFIC BEACH. $650 rent, $500 deposit. Own room/bath. Newer 2-story condo. Close to beach, bay. Female preferred. Available now. No pets. Mark, 619-922-0033.

PACIFIC BEACH. $495, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Large, unfurnished bedroom. Share bath. Pool, jacuzzi, sauna, gym, laundry, parking, maid, quiet. Nonsmoking/pets. Available now. 858-270-7712; 619-235-2415, x11890.

PACIFIC BEACH. $750, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. New kitchen, fireplace, wood floors, great garden, barbecue, laundry. Nonsmoking, no drugs/pets. 619-235-2415, x21750.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $575/month, 1/3 utilities, $300 deposit. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1/4 block to bay. Washer/dryer. No smoking. 858-274-0465; 619-235-2415, x18251.

PACIFIC BEACH. $588/month, 1/2 utilities, first/last, security. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 4 blocks from beach and Garnet. No pets. Available 5/1. 619-235-2415, x17737.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. La Jolla. $850/month, $400 deposit. Oceanfront, deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath with all the amenities. Available immediately. Leave details about yourself, 619-235-2415, x11164.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $657/month plus utilities. 1 bedroom available 5/1, share in 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. Female preferred. 619-235-2415, x32165.

PACIFIC BEACH. $600/month, $400 deposit. 1 room for rent in 2 bedroom townhouse. Fireplace, large kitchen, large front room, off-street parking, dishwasher. 619-235-2415, x28693.

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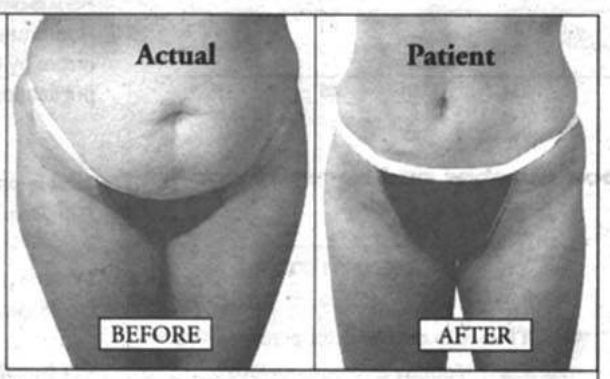

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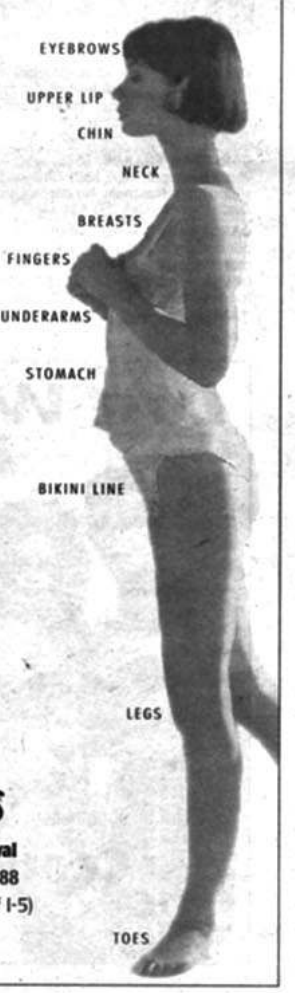

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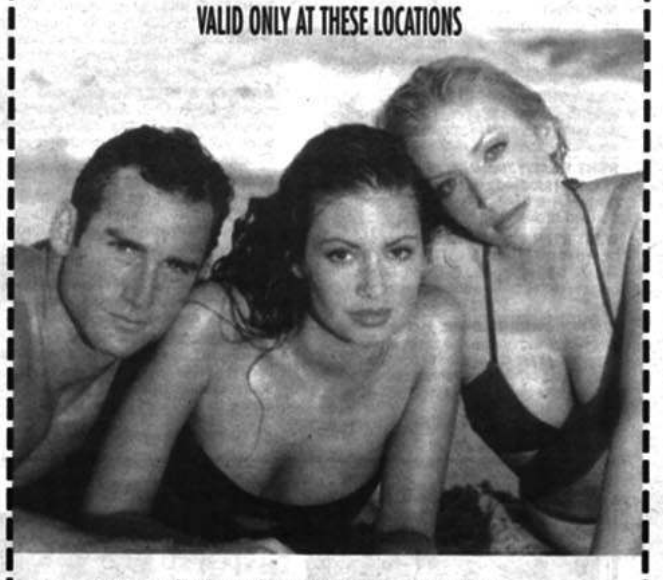

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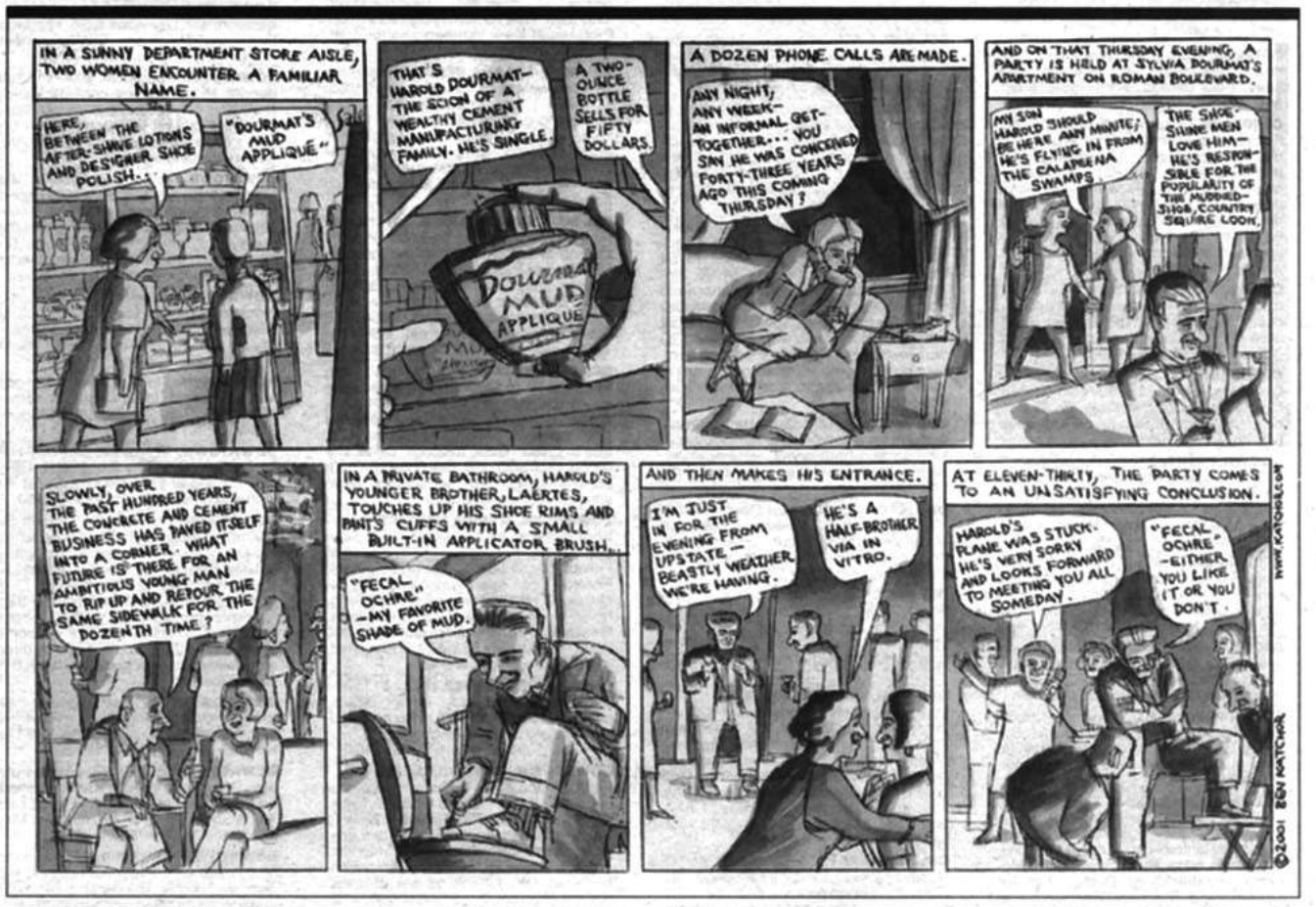

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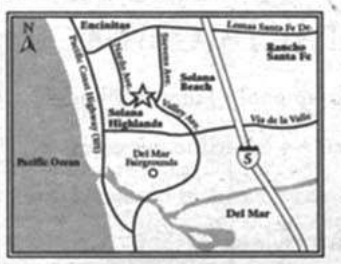

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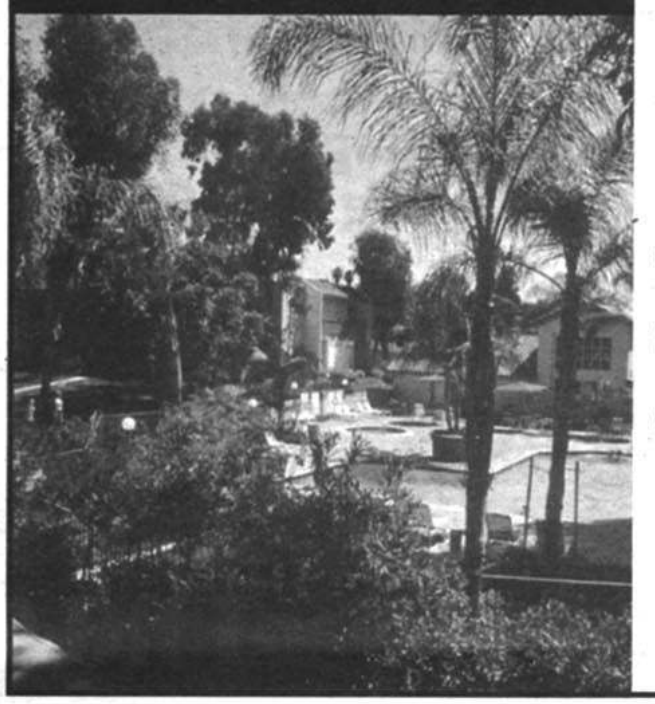

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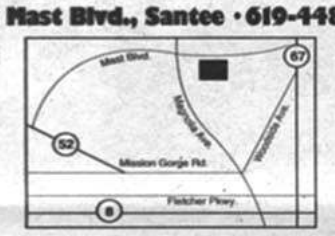

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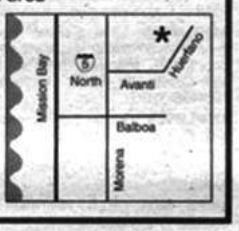

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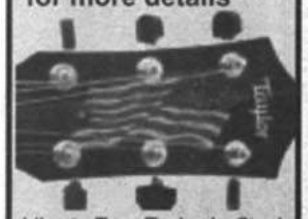

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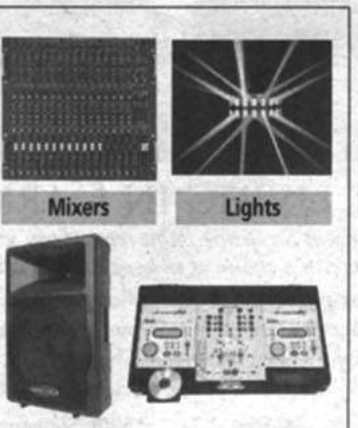

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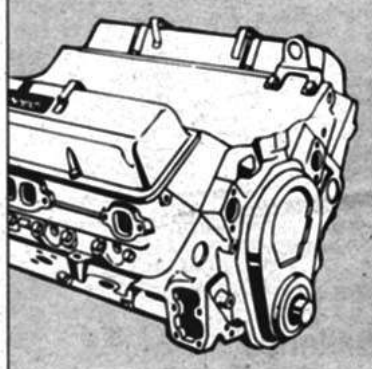

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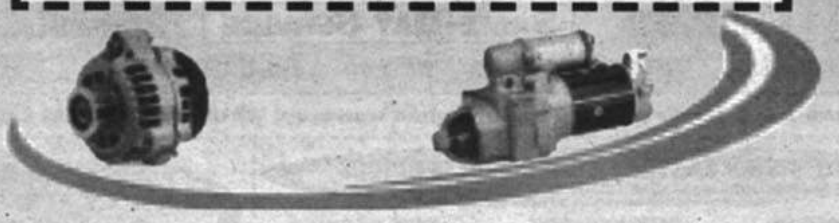

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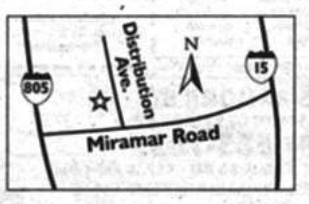

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By John Brizzolara

Two authors are pinioned to their podiums at Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore on a Friday night in the heart of a fine spring evening. Just cruising for a rare edition of Harry Harrison's *Star Smashers of the Galaxy Rangers*, I walked in and discovered they were holding court and signing books, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Watcher's Guide*. I had seen neither of them for years.

Jeff Marriotte hired me twice at Hunter's Books in La Jolla. In 1984, I walked in after being fired from a three-year stint as a bartender at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club. I was wearing a tie, I remember, and regaling him with my myriad bookstore job backgrounds — all of them true. We strolled through the racks and both seemed to gravitate in response to some unknown principle to the horror section. I pointed at a hardcover book I had heard much about, *The Ceremonies* by T.E.D. Klein; it was supposed to be a blockbuster, the next *Carrie*. I asked Marriotte how it was doing, and I remember or confabulate that he shrugged and said, "Okay." Whole publishing houses and sales forces, distributors, agents, editors, jobbers, and retailers were all counting on the book (jobs on the line) to do much better than okay. It turns out it did. Very respectable sales figures. "Well," I answered, "he's a good writer, but a great editor."

"Yeah," Marriotte had said, "he edits *Twilight Zone* magazine."

"Right. I sold him a couple of stories." I believe that is what persuaded Marriotte to hire me — not my tie. All the bookstore experience in the world was inconsequential when it came to getting checks out of editors. That was a talent, an ability that approached voodoo.

That was a time when I was supporting a small family with small paychecks and drinking too much beer. I worked at Hunter's for almost a year until I got a multiple-book deal from Doubleday. Not only was Marriotte the first to congratulate me, but he allowed me to take time off to rewrite the ending and prune prepositions and so forth. I didn't know that he himself was a writer until we got some cartons in from Bantam with several copies of an anthology called *Spectrum*. Marriotte had a story in it, something about Indians and rain dances, and written very well, but I remember thinking, "What does Jeff know about any damn Indians, much less rain dances?" It was envy, pure and simple, because it was edited by Lou Aronica, senior editor at Bantam, the Cadillac of publishers.

It had been some 12 years since I'd acknowledged Marriotte in the front pages of my first novel, where I referred to him as "Jeff 'the Boss' Marriotte," mostly because of our mutual fanaticism about Bruce Springsteen — a rarity in Southern California.

Nancy Holder…uh, how did I meet Nancy? I don't remember — maybe it's a Freudian repression because she looks so good. It might have been a workshop group years ago. It might have been a Christmas party in Clairemont not as many years ago, where we flirted suavely. Or, more likely, I was flirting ridiculously and she was enduring it.

I envied Ms. Holder early on. She had made her way into the *Shadows* anthologies of the '80s, highly prestigious, the "Year's Best Short Stories" of the field. I kept getting close, but never in.

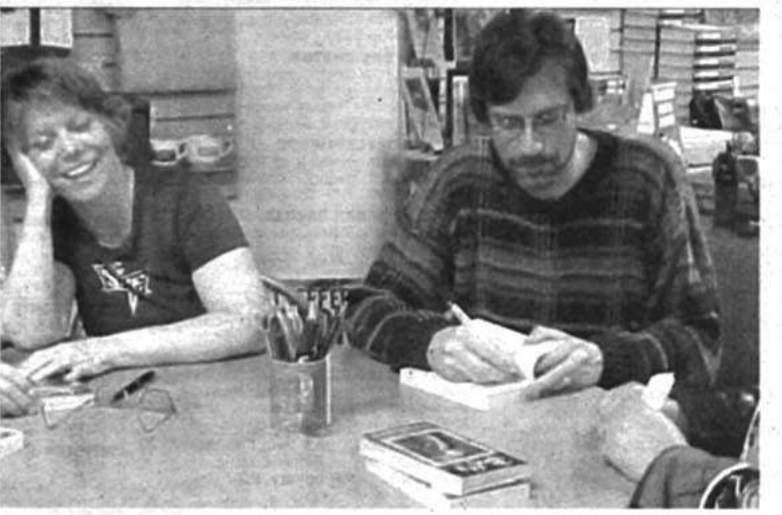
She was also writing long yards of romance fiction at that time as paperback originals. Ms. Holder will undoubtedly try to kill me after this, but here is a sample of her romantic prose from a December 1986 release, *Emerald Fire*: "With a radiant smile he drew away the wispy bra, easing it over her arms, moaning deep in his throat when at last her breasts were revealed… With his arms around her back he buried his face between the pale globes, then kissed each one reverently, filling his mouth with the taught, tingling points.

" 'Seashell pink,' he said, looking up at her."

Any editor would agree that with language she has evoked a number of physical sensations. Try it sometime and you'll see how easy it is. She has graduated now to passages such as these from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Child of the Hunt*: "It was some weird, misshapen creature that vaguely resembled a human, with a head, arms, and legs, only its skin was a mottled, graveyard green and gray, its eyes glowed red and blank, like a mole's, and its ears were bat-like, long and pointed. Her mind flashed to a character she'd seen in old Spider Man cartoons: Goblin man or something."

The prose may not have yet risen to that universal and transcendental realm of the immortal scribes, but I sure like the goblin man better than what's-her-name.

Marriotte is a guy I can't help cheering from the sidelines. Quietly, doggedly, and silently working behind the lines, he was always turning out "story" stories. That means, to me, what happened was more important than a current, popular setting: *The lonely spouse felt neglected and incommunicado with the other spouse, and why did he forget junior's inhaler, leaving it at the daycare center? Was it because he was gay and rebelling against the stereotyping of a husband's role in the post-post-modern zeitgeist.* Give me a break.



Nancy Holder and Jeff Marriotte

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Marriotte's first paragraph is more than possibly a tip of the hat to Chandler and *The Little Sister*, or others of his novels, but I want to know about the guy who sets up shop in a hole like this. Well, for one thing, he's a down-at-the-heels detective and a good guy — I'm with Marriotte all the way so far. On the other hand, he's a vampire. (Not Marriotte, Angel.) I'm not big on Anne Rice books or vampirism in general (except for the original Stoker novel). Maybe I should watch the show. I saw a few minutes of it and thought the actor was cool, but imagination seems to fail me on the small screen. I'll read Marriotte, though, and Nancy Holder, when they're a little freer to do the stuff they love truly — and I mean webs of their own weaving.

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Recently, I became a little bit more brutal — not directly, but by willful association. What I thought was a mouse problem turned out to be a mice problem. My husband Patrick, who has a tendency to ignore a problem until it jumps up and bites him, came very close to experiencing just that. The mouse he had been hearing in the storage room since December actually ran over his shoe as he went searching for a light bulb last month. We started hunting about for signs of infestation, and found considerable evidence in the form of tiny brown pellets.

Mine is a soft heart, and I was inclined to take care of the problem as humanely as possible. While shopping for sundries at Wal-Mart a few days later, I examined the Mice Cube (**$1.47**). The Cube was actually a clever plastic rectangular prism with a door at one end that swung in only one direction: inward. You put the bait (preferably peanut butter) inside the cube, and when the mouse crept inside for a snack, the door would drop shut, trapping the pest. Release was simple; you need only take the mouse to an appropriately distant spot in the country and turn the trap upside-down. The door would fall open, and you and your captive would part ways amicably. No need to touch the creature; no need for breakneck snappings of traps. Besides advertising itself as humane, the Cube boasted prominently that "It Works." I tossed a couple into the cart.



Later that night, after the kids had gone to sleep, I slid a peanut-butter–slathered Ritz cracker into the trap and set it next to the freezer in the storage room. Two days passed; no catch. The next night, we spotted a mouse in the corner of an adjoining room, darting behind a chair. We moved the Cube; still nothing. The following night, while watching a movie, Patrick and I watched the mouse emerge from hiding, pause momentarily beside the Cube, then continue on his merry way. Patrick was getting impatient.

"No need for breakneck snappings of traps."

"Every brutal act brutalizes the brutalizer."

— *Thomas More*, Utopia

A day later, while playing with the children, I pulled a box of Legos out from our toy cabinet and felt dread clutch at my stomach. The Legos were laced with droppings. Further investigation revealed a nest made from the black curly hair of a dress-up wig from the kids' costume bag. After several hours of frantic toy sanitizing and pellet-vacuuming, I headed to Home Depot. I was seeking a more effective solution; I was ready to become brutal.



I considered poison (D-Con Bait Bits, **$7.34** for 12 oz.; Real Kill Rat & Mouse All-Weather Bars, **$4.93** for a 12-pack), but decided against it. What if one of the vermin expired in the toy cabinet and was discovered by a child? Or the baby? As I continued to scan the shelves, I noticed that Victor made a live-catch trap (**$2.88** for a two-pack) that was similar in design to the Mice Cube. I didn't trust it. Tom Cat made a high-tech snap-trap (**$3.97** for two traps) that you set by pinching open like a clothespin. Black plastic jaws ended the mousy merriment when the trap was sprung. The mouse could then be disposed of by pinching the jaws open over a trashcan, and the trap could be reused. But I was through with innovation. I bought a bunch of the traditional metal-bar-on-wooden-board spring traps (**$.99** for a two-pack from Victor) and headed home.

When I arrived, I told Patrick that it was his show from there on in. All setting of traps and disposing of carcasses was up to him. "I wash my hands of the blood of these mice," I said, doing my best Pontius Pilate.

That night, Patrick set three traps in the storage room. In the morning, he reported to me that two big mice had been caught, but the third trap had been picked clean without springing. Mysterious. Maybe it was a dud, I thought. The next night, three traps yielded two more kills, but the third trap disappeared altogether. Another mystery. The bloody ritual continued, and the next night left us with two picked-clean un-sprung traps and one sprung trap, which had caught a fleeing baby mouse by its tail. The mystery was partly solved — the newly orphaned mice had been too light to spring the traps while they munched the peanut butter.

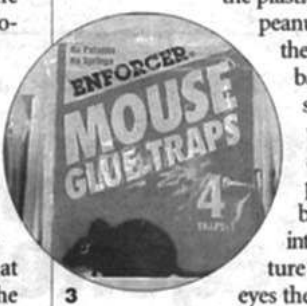
An hour later, I encountered one of the freeloaders running out from under the chair and up onto a toy shelf. Twenty minutes later, I was at Dixieline, updating my arsenal. A clerk told me that glue traps were the thing for baby mice. You placed your trusty dollop of peanut butter in the center of a glue-topped cardboard rectangle. No matter how light-footed, any approaching mouse would end up stuck. I purchased the Enforcer (**$1.69** for a two-pack).

When I got home, Patrick baited the traps and set them out by the toy cabinet and the storage room. An hour later, he checked the storage room and found the trap had been moved four inches. There were mouse droppings on it, but no mouse. He realized that at least one big mouse must still be lurking in the shadows, one strong enough to break free of the glue. Another hour passed, and Patrick found a baby mouse on the same glue trap, expired. A pitiful sight, but what came next was worse. The toy cabinet trap had caught another baby, wriggling and squeaking with terror. The trap instructions suggested using vegetable oil to un-stick the mouse and dump it into a bucket for removing it to a safe distance — one mile away — for release. That seemed like nonsense to Patrick; a rock provided a quicker, simpler, but more violent solution.

A week passed without any sightings of invading varmints. Then the telltale scratching began afresh, this time under the kitchen sink. Patrick discovered droppings in the baking cabinet. I was crushed, but I couldn't give up the fight. I didn't know what size mouse I was dealing with, so I headed back to Wal-Mart and bought snap traps (**$1.27** for a four-pack by Victor), Catchmaster baited glue traps (**$1.86** for a four-pack), and Catchmaster glue boards (**$1.86** for a four-pack). The first round — snap traps — turned up picked clean and un-sprung, so we moved on to the glue traps: plastic blue rectangles that advertised themselves as baited but lacked that tantalizing peanut smell. They proved ineffective. Patrick added peanut butter and caught the rodent under the sink the next night. This time, he dumped the trap into a plastic garbage bag and delivered the coup de grâce with his foot. When he brought me my coffee that morning, the brutality of it showed on his face.

The baking-cabinet mouse was done in by a combination of spring and glue. While heading for the baited glue trap, he must have bumped the un-sprung snapper. We found the trap sprung and the deceased mouse next to it.

With nine mice disposed of, Patrick and I thought the ugly business over. Another week passed without droppings or scratchings or sightings. Then, in the storage room, a brown flash crossed the floor. I wasn't even sure it was a mouse, so quickly did it dart behind the freezer. I hauled out the glue boards. As I cracked open the plastic, the familiar scent of peanuts filled my nostrils — these traps were truly pre-baited. The boards were substantially larger than the others we had tried, and could either be placed flat alongside a baseboard or folded over into a cardboard tent, a feature that spared squeamish eyes the sight of the captured beast. They seemed the stickiest, most serious glue traps we had found, sticky enough to catch any size mouse.



I also wanted to give the Cube one more chance, in case its ineffectiveness had been due to the bird-seed feast that had been waiting in the storage room during Round One. Maybe the mice had simply not been hungry enough to go crawling through doors for sustenance. I baited it and set it in another corner of the storage room. Several weeks have passed without a catch on either front, but neither have there been any sightings. Patrick plugged a gap under a door in the storage room that led outside, and I suspect our last pest considered his odds and headed for the hills.

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Johnny started preschool last week. You'd think I'd be better at this by now. Johnny is the fourth child I've sent off to preschool. I guess saying goodbye to your children is one of those areas where repetition doesn't make the task easier.

When my oldest daughter Rebecca started preschool six and a half years ago, you'd have thought we were choosing her college. I conducted extensive research on which preschool would best suit Rebecca. I visited a few preschools near the house where we lived in Clairemont. My husband Jack and I decided on Mission Bay Montessori, a private school in University City. We loved the teachers. We loved the Montessori teaching process. We loved the facility, a full school with athletic fields and playgrounds down a quiet street just north of the 52.

As Rebecca's first day of school approached, we bought her new clothes. We bought new shoes. We bought a Winnie the Pooh backpack. I pored over the parent-information booklet the school had mailed me to make sure I hadn't forgotten anything Rebecca needed for her first day.

On the big day, we took many photographs. I look at those pictures now and smile. Rebecca looks so little in her pale blue jumper and white T-shirt. She smiles with anticipation and apprehension. Angela, who is now seven, was 20 months old. She stands beside Rebecca, unsmiling, a bottle of juice stuck in her mouth. In the photos, I am hugely pregnant with Lucy, who was born three weeks later. Jack kneels beside Rebecca with a fatherly arm around her small shoulders.

When we dropped Rebecca off at school, she marched into the classroom and never looked back. Jack and I wept in the car while Angela gazed at us curiously from her car seat.

By the time Angela trotted off to preschool two years later, we had moved to San Marcos. I asked our new neighbors about preschools in the area. With Rebecca starting Catholic school, we couldn't afford Montessori for Angela. So we signed her up for the city-run program — Raggedy Ann and Andy. The cost was right. The teachers seemed nice. The program wasn't as academic as Mission Bay Montessori, but neither was Angela.

Angela, my homebody, didn't like preschool much at first. She didn't make many friends. All the pictures Angela brought home that fall were sad. The stick figure girls cried. The flowers wept. We decided to transfer Angela to a smaller classroom for the winter session. One of her friends signed up for the class, too. Angela did better. I still feel guilty for not signing her up for the smaller class in the first place.

When Lucy started preschool, she knew the drill. She'd gone with me every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the second two years of her life to drop off and pick up Angela. She had played in the classroom during Angela's class parties. She knew her teacher.

Jack took Lucy to her first day of preschool. When they arrived at class, Lucy posed for a picture with her teacher, Miss Lita. Then she walked across the room and started to paint. She never said "goodbye" to Jack. He took a picture of Lucy painting and left.

Johnny is now almost four. Jack and I have been talking to him about preschool for a while. He rides along with me when I take Lucy to her kindergarten readiness class three days a week. He likes to play with the toys in Lucy's classroom. For a long time, I didn't think he was ready for preschool. "He's potty-trained," I explained to Lucy's teacher, Miss Cindy. "But he still needs help in the bathroom sometimes."

"Most of the three-year-olds do," she told me. "We help them if they need it. But we encourage them to do things for themselves."

A few months ago, Jack and I decided we would sign Johnny up for the spring session. "He can go Tuesday and Thursday mornings this spring and get used to school," I told Jack. "Then, in the fall, when Lucy starts kindergarten, he can do Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings."

On the day I signed Johnny up for class, Miss Lita clapped her hands in excitement. "I get Johnny this session?" she asked. Johnny was three months old when I first took Angela to Raggedy Ann and Andy. Miss Lita used to watch me carry him around in his infant seat.

"Yes," I told her. "Can you believe it?"

The first day of school, Jack went into work late so we could both take Johnny to class. Jack helped Johnny get dressed before breakfast and put goop in Johnny's hair so it wouldn't stand straight up the way it normally does. When we walked into class, 3 of the 23 other children were weeping. "It's always hard on the first day of the three-year-old class," Miss Lita explained.

Johnny ran around the room looking at all the toys. He eyed the crying boys. "You're going to do great," Jack told him.

Miss Lita rang the bell. "Time to come to the circle," she announced.

Jack and I both hugged Johnny. As we walked out of the room, Johnny was the first child to find a place on the carpet and sit down. He sat up straight and looked expectantly at teacher Lita. His eyes were dry. Jack's and mine were not.

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