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Big Easy

I read your article “The Black Memory Market” (May 9). It is highly noteworthy, and it has given me a wealth of information about this subject. Thanks. I noted one error in this article in which you mentioned six-year-old Ruby Bridges integrating the William Frantz school in Biloxi, Mississippi. That’s an error. The name of the school is correct; however, Biloxi is wrong. New Orleans is the place that this took place. I am from the Big Easy, and I was there when it happened in 1960.

Alvin Joseph
North Encanto

Benton Too

Re “The Black Memory Market” (May 9), may I add to the list the masterpiece murals, worth millions of dollars, of Thomas Hart Benton, Americanist painter? Benton painted what he saw and heard about. He included black workers, farmers, musicians, and fictional characters from literature and song in his storytelling mural cycles. The best example of his work is a 100- by 16-foot mural in the Missouri state capitol in Jefferson City, titled *A Social History of Missouri*.

Benton died in 1975 while painting the mural *Sources of Country Music*. A key figure in the mural is an African-American banjo player. The mural, dedicated to Tex Ritter, is in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee.

J.H. Wenger
Clairemont

Horrors

“The Black Memory Market” (May 9) was very interesting and also horrifying in its relating of the atrocities committed against African-American slaves and citizens in recent history. Thinking about these stories woke me up the night after I read them, they were so disturbing. It’s not that I was not aware of these horror stories, but their fresh reading further reinforces in me that sincere apologies, and, yes, reparations, are in order. I realize I am in the minority here. Even when I talk to my liberal friends about this topic, they get huffy and defensive. Americans can’t seem to get past their defensiveness to even sincerely say our country apologizes in memory of these unfortunate people who were so wronged. It’s like

the empathy isn’t there, for some reason. They bring up the arguments that other groups suffered too, that Africans and Arabs were also enslavers, that African-Americans now are better off than Africans, blah, blah, etc., etc. So what? The wrongs committed in our country are still wrong. When you think, for example, that among all the millions of terrible things that happened to African-Americans, our public capital buildings in Washington D.C. were built by slaves, the hypocrisy is enough to make you sick.

Sari Reznick
University Heights

Distressed

This is the first letter to the editor I have ever written to any publication. The comments made by Casey Gwinn in the “Dirty Dancing” story in the May 2 issue compelled me to write. Mr. Gwinn should be voted out in the next election and replaced with a city attorney who would be proud to sit at the city council meetings on Monday and Tuesdays to not only witness but be a part of the democratic practices that make up this great country and keep it from the control of arrogant, self-righteous people like him. To quote Mr. Gwinn, “One of the things that I enjoy least about that assignment is what we call ‘public comment.’” What does that say about his real feelings of representing the people? He goes on to say that during one citizen’s complaint, “I got up and walked out. I couldn’t stand it! I couldn’t stand to listen to her!” If he thinks the “petty gripes” of the citizens of San Diego are so insignificant for him, he shouldn’t be working for the city. Also, who does he think he is deciding my morality for me? One day one of those public comments that he feels is not important enough for him to listen to is going to come back as a legal issue for the citizens of San Diego. It sounds like he has a personal agenda. Isn’t it a conflict of interest for him to work for the city and lobby to restrict the laws governing strip clubs?

I am distressed that the likes of Casey Gwinn represents the city I live in. If Mr. Gwinn feels that as a born-again Christian he needs to fight for the passing of moral laws that reflect his belief, then he should resign his position as city attorney. It sounds like he is using his position to enact a personal agenda. I may not like or approve of strip clubs, but I understand that in a free country I have a choice of not patronizing these establishments, and in that way I don’t contribute to their success. I do think they should be regulated like any other business in not supporting underground offshoot crimes such as prostitution, drugs, and organized crime. I do think it is interesting that the two opposing antagonists in this

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Out of the ballgame As the controversy over Peregrine Systems, the Del Mar Heights company closely tied to Padres owner **John Moores**, exploded last week, both the company and representatives of Moores were quick to deny that the software maker's troubles would affect the team or its downtown stadium project in any way. "Peregrine wasn't any part of our ballpark financing," Padres president **Bob Vizas** was quoted by the *Union-Tribune* as saying.



John Moores

How, then, to explain the names of several Peregrine subsidiaries, the existence of which have been disclosed over the past six months in obscure filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission and the State of Delaware? They include Peregrine California Padres, Inc.; Ballgame Acquisition Corporation; Peregrine Ontario Blue Jays, Inc.; and Peregrine

becca Moores UCSD Cancer Center. According to the university's **Karen Gajewski**, UC regent Moores has so far come up with about \$17 million of the pledge, all in the form of Peregrine stock, contributed between March 2000 and May 2001, but hasn't given anything in the year since. All is not lost, however. The remaining \$3,092,202 isn't due until July 2006, notes Gajewski, who adds that the university long ago liquidated all of the Peregrine holdings it received from Moores ... *U-T* columnist **Don Bauder**, who has long followed the fate of the downtown ballpark, is set to give a talk on Sunday, May 26, entitled "Scams! Their history and how to avoid them," to the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry.

Indecent nonexposure A man caught dancing around a Chula Vista hotel parking lot in women's flesh-colored lace panties and matching lace bra wasn't a case of indecent exposure, San Diego's Fourth District Court of Appeals has ruled. According to a report in *National Law Journal*, the justices threw out two counts of indecent exposure last month against **David Massicot**, arrested after the night clerk,

identified only as "Maria O.," saw him through a hotel window and he was traced to his home, where cops found a bag of women's panties. Finding that Massicot had not "exposed his person," as defined by the law, the court concluded, "The question is whether, by displaying his bare shoulders, thighs, and buttocks to Maria O., Massicot exposed his 'person' within the meaning of the statute. Because we hold the only reasonable construction

of the phrase '[e]xposes his person'...is that it means the display of a person's entirely unclothed body, including by necessity the bare genitals, we conclude...Massicot's convictions...must be reversed."

Fun city A local party planner by the name of **Annie Revel** will teach "Festival Management" in San Diego State University's "Hospitality and Tourism Management" program ... La Jolla's own Pacific Corporate Group, run by **Christopher Bower**, has been bounced as a financial advisor to the San Francisco Retirement System. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, when it was announced that Pacific Corporate quietly withdrew last week from a bid to manage more than \$1 billion of the system's cash, "a loud cheer went up." The controversy began in February, when retirement-fund commissioners voted to replace the system's old manager with PCG, triggering accusations of secret dealing. The company has been besieged by controversy ever since it came to light it steered CalPERS, the state employee retirement system, into a deal with failed Texas power giant Enron.

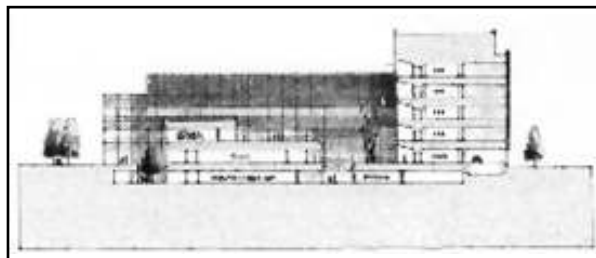
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Diamond, Inc. According to a February 14 SEC filing disclosing a \$100 million revolving-credit agreement between Peregrine, Fleet National Bank, and a group of other banks, the "Ballgame Acquisition" involved the purchase of "certain assets of Xtra On-Line Corporation pursuant to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of November 30, 2001." The same document says Peregrine "failed to comply" with certain loan covenants related to the Ballgame deal "for the period of November 30, 2001, through December 20, 2001," which "constituted an Event of Default for such period." Asked about the nature of the subsidiaries and the reason for the baseball themes of their names, **MeeLin Nakata**, a Peregrine spokeswoman, promised to look into the matter but



Architect's rendering of UCSD's proposed cancer center

hadn't called back by press time ... In the meantime, Peregrine's troubles could mean that naming rights to UCSD's proposed new cancer center might go back on the block. Two years ago, Moores pledged \$20 million toward construction of the research facility, to be built on 2.4 acres southeast of Thornton Hospital, earning him the right to name it the John and Re-

Their Mothers Cry Too

By Robert Kumpel

While Israel's war with Palestinian terrorists rages on, hopes for peace diminish. Some Jews in San Diego are

hopeful, even if their hope is only philosophical.

Alex Brauer, 79, knows a little bit about Israeli history. A native of Transylvania, Brauer was arrested by Nazis at the age of 20 and survived three concentration camps including Flossenbürg and Dachau, from which he was liberated in 1945. By then, 51 members of his extended family had been exterminated. In 1946, Brauer illegally

emotional — not because I am a Jew, but because I saw so many religions that have places for worship, and I was thinking, 'How can those criminals go in to set off bombs in Jerusalem, a city that is holy for so many people?' I just can't get into the mind of those people.

"I consider myself a European Jew — a Holocaust survivor. We see things differently than the American Jews who

7] with the suicide bombers? They [the Palestinian bombers] have no regret. A life is nothing to them. The biggest problem is that I see no end to this problem. Just yesterday Arafat declared that suicide bombing is a crime, the prime minister [Ariel Sharon] comes here to talk to President Bush, and in the afternoon they exploded a bomb."

Brauer likens the current mess to what he witnessed as an Israeli citizen 54 years ago. "In 1947-'48, the prime minister of Great Britain told Israel's first prime minister, David Ben Gurion, 'You have to sit down and make peace with the Arabs.' Ben Gurion said, 'All right, I will, but with who? Which ones?' Because they are different. Hamas is different. Jihad is different.



Alex Brauer



Elozor Weiss

entered what was to become Israel and was detained for two years in Cyprus by the British government. "The road was bumpy at that time. I was married, and one of my children was born in Cyprus. It was a struggle, because Israel was born May 15, and I had to report to the army on May 16. Most Arabs left Israel. Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon declared war, so it was not easy." Brauer served for six years in the Israeli army, fighting several battles. He moved to the United States in 1962.

The current climate in Israel troubles Brauer. "It is a very sad situation. I consider myself not to one side or the other. When I visited Jerusalem in 1975, it was very

were born here. In 1947 the United Nations voted to make two states: A Palestinian and a Jewish state. We Jews who lived there at that time accepted the partitioning, because I think the whole history of what we went through, especially in the 1940s, shows that we deserve our own state. How small it is is not important, but it is our land. But the Palestinians didn't accept it. This is actually the start of the whole problem. In all the wars — the 1948-'49 war, the 1956 war, the 1967 war, the 1973 war — all created bitterness for these people. Now, maybe some American Jews were divided, but not anymore. How can you live with fear all your life, like what happened [May

Now we have come to a time when Israel wants a change in the Palestinian hierarchy because Arafat is not a partner. Today he says this and tomorrow it's that. He says he wants peace and he sends bombers. I am afraid that more bombing and more violence is in store for Israel, and they will have to send more troops in again. Because they have to finish the job."

While Brauer sees the necessity of taking a hard line, he also believes that military force should be limited. "Ariel Sharon is a military man. I'm not saying he's a peace man, because military men never are. I think he's a little more radical and he wants to finish the job. He wants Israel once

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Train Wreck

By Justin Wolff

For those who believe that the San Diego Railroad Museum is a playground for wholesome hobbyists, the scandal that currently consumes the organization will come as a surprise. Operated by the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, the San Diego Railroad Museum maintains a facility in Campo and has a business office and reference library in the Santa Fe Depot downtown. The museum's stated mission is innocent enough: it is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to "preserving the physical legacy and the experience of rail transportation" and to "the interpretation of railroads as they existed in the Pacific Southwest."

Run by a dedicated corps of volunteers and a board of trustees, the museum operates excursions on portions of the San Diego and Arizona Railway using vintage cars. The Campo facility also houses a collection of more than 80 pieces of railroad equipment, much of which is being restored by the volunteers.

So, one wonders, how did the museum become embroiled in a touchy legal battle that has landed in San Diego Superior Court? And

why is the office of the California attorney general demanding to review the museum's records?

The specifics of the case are obscured behind a gag order issued by the Superior Court judge, but a few telling documents and several anonymous sources who are close to the museum and the case (and who are not restricted by the gag order) have offered some insight into the hostilities. Though each of the sources was willing to corroborate the accounts of the others, none was willing to go on record. Some volunteers have been loyal to the museum for up to 30 years and are not willing to risk being shut out by the organization's board. In addition, attorneys for both sides have asked everyone with knowledge about the case to remain silent until a ruling is made.

An alliance between the nonprofit museum and the Carrizo Gorge Railway, a for-profit company based in Lakeside, lies at the heart of the investigations. Carrizo Gorge Railway purports to be

"dedicated to the re-opening of the entire line of the 'Impossible Railroad,' a branch of the San Diego & Arizona Eastern first envisioned by John D. Spreckels and which ran east from San Diego over rugged deserts and mountains. According to several sources, corporate raiders affiliated with Carrizo Gorge have laid siege to the museum. As a nonprofit public trust, the museum enjoys certain benefits that Carrizo Gorge officers have allegedly exploited. The museum split into two factions when volunteers began to question the alliance at meetings, and attorneys stepped in after museum members loyal to Carrizo Gorge allegedly tampered with a ballot measure that proposed to replace the current board of trustees.

The controversy dates back as far as 1985, when a proposal was made to make the museum more professional. The museum had been run exclusively by volunteers, and the proposal asked for the establishment of a board of trustees charged with landing large donations and grants. Some volunteers resented the decision to form a board.

Then, in the spring of 1999, a tunnel fire halted operations of tourist excursion trains that ran from the museum's Campo facility to

Tecate, Mexico. At the time, the Carrizo Gorge Railway proposed to "daylight" the tunnel and repair damage in exchange for a ten-year contract to run the museum's trains on the line. In return, the museum would get 10 percent of the profits. As it turns out, the municipality of Tecate paid Carrizo Gorge for opening the tunnel, so those passengers who believed they were paying for a ride on a museum train were in fact riding a corporate train.

Moreover, it turned out that Carrizo Gorge Railway was using museum equipment for its own benefit. Besides refueling its own trains from a museum fuel truck, Carrizo Gorge benefited from using museum office space, shop space, trash-removal services, and tools. According to one source, several museum pieces — including a rail bus, a tractor loader, speeders, and radios — disappeared from museum property after the development of the alliance. Some of these items were donated to the museum under state guidelines set up for public trusts. One source close to the case told me that the museum could have made money on this equipment by renting it to Hollywood production companies. William Valverdes, who was the executive director of the museum



Museum train



Museum locomotive



Arnold Hunsberger

at the time, allegedly refused to look into these improprieties after some museum volunteers complained to him. Sources allege that Arnold Hunsberger, the current director of the museum, continued to allow equipment donated to the museum to pass on to Carrizo Gorge Railway below market value.

As one source put it, "Carrizo Gorge is using the museum as a shell — it has ac-

cess to cheap locomotive rentals, cheap shop space, [and] lots of available potential employees." The museum's board, some members complained, permitted this exploitation and therefore were soiling the integrity of an organization that had previously been run by virtuous volunteers.

A February e-mail from Brian Sampson (a museum

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Mothers cry

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and for all to live in peace. But you can't just wipe out the opposition. Before World War II we never dreamed that some-

one could wipe out six million Jews. How can you just kill them? It happened. I don't think Israel is going to wipe out the Palestinian population. For what? That's nonsense!" He picks up a sheet of paper and folds it in half.

"Here's a paper. We can fold it in two. This part is mine, this part is yours — now let's live in peace."

Brauer believes the current culture of Palestinians — particularly their lifestyle and support from other Arab na-

tions — is poisoning the peace process. "The new generation of Palestinian people — say, between 18 and 45 — they can never live in peace because they have never worked in their lives. They get money from other Arab

countries just to carry a gun. It's obvious. If you have a family, you have to work to make a living. If tomorrow, you go buy two guns and say, 'I'm not working anymore,' who will support you? Some-

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body has to. I know the Palestinians. I was not just fighting them, I worked with them. There are many peaceful Palestinians, but the young people have to go to work to make a living and they don't want to. It's much easier to do what they are doing than to go work eight hours a day.

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Elozor Weiss, 89, is a retired rabbi and university professor. A native of Poland, Weiss moved to the United States in 1930.

In Weiss's view, the struggle for peace in Israel parallels the United States' current dilemma. "I think that there are no Jewish people who have never hoped to have peace. As long as the Jews have been around we have wanted peace. This is a constant factor with the Jewish people. The same attitude is seen in America in how to deal with the Taliban and al Qaeda. Some say to negotiate, some say to continue bombing. It's only natural that people hold varying opinions. I'm hoping that there will be peace through whatever it takes. I don't think any Jew feels taking a tough stance is the way to go, but the situation requires taking a tough stance. I don't think any American wants to bomb Afghanistan, but we are still all behind President Bush on how to deal with people who blow up innocent people. Personally, I don't know how to deal with people who have a philosophy of killing women and children."

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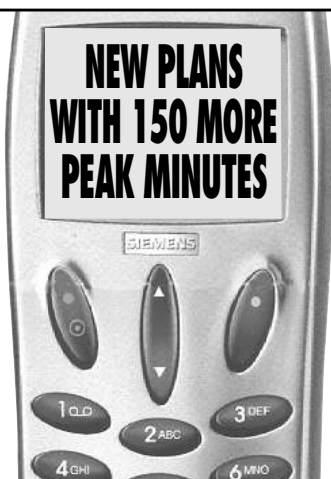
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Mothers cry

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brothers and a sister there. My son is a colonel in the U.S. Army, but his son is in the Israeli army. I can only hope that things will be well."

Weiss is less equivocal when it comes to Yasser Arafat. "Even President Bush has to prove that [Arafat] is not a terrorist. As far as I know, [Arafat] has been a terrorist for most of his life, and I don't think he has changed his ways. How to deal with

him is up to the prime minister and the people in Israel. Now, Sharon is a democratically elected prime minister and the leader of the government in Israel. I am sure that he is dealing with the situation as well as anybody could. Even America doesn't know

how to handle the situation. "Somewhere along the line, I feel that terror will not succeed. Not in America, not in Israel, not in Pakistan. Ultimately, contrary to what appears on the surface now, Palestinians want peace. Israelis want peace. The world

wants peace. It's a matter of how soon and when. All I can do is pray that it be soon." But do the Palestinian suicide bombers want peace? "I have a difficult time believing they want peace, but it's their culture. Are you aware that 24 hours a day on Arab televi-

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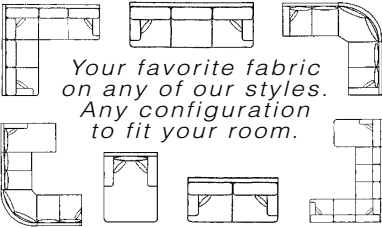


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change, Weiss sees that change must extend beyond Palestine's borders to the entire Arab world — a world that refuses to recognize Israel. "Some don't even recognize their existence, even though the United Nations helped form the state, and even though it is recognized by the rest of the world. Now Jordan and Egypt have recognized them in treaties, but they are what you call 'cold treaties.' There's very little assistance from Egypt, because Egypt has its own problems with militants. They have to walk a very straight line so as not to anger the militants in their own countries. This is mostly because the Arab leadership — whether it's to keep their power or the safety of their own positions — have created this image. I think most Arabs are human beings, and their mothers also cry for the children who are dead. When the heads of governments change, the people will change and then there will be a chance for peace."

Both men were interviewed for this article on May 8, the day after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 15 people in an Israeli pool hall. ■

Train wreck

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member and San Diego certified public accountant) to museum members outlined further allegations. Sampson wrote, "Many of our volunteers are troubled by a change at Campo, and the fundamental change that bothers me is this: When I began to volunteer at Campo...almost everyone there had come out to GIVE their time and resources to the museum for a common purpose. Now, too many of the people we find at Campo have come for what they can RECEIVE, be it a paycheck or the use of the museum's facilities, equipment, and other resources for their own benefit. We see these 'entrepreneurs' all over Campo.... I'd like to hear that our leadership is devoting less of its time to the 'Alliance' and other deals with the entrepreneurs."

Additional allegations involve Gary Sweetwood, the CEO of Carrizo Gorge Railway. Sweetwood, some charge, has been storing

trucks, trailers, locomotives, and railcars on museum property for almost three years under a verbal agreement with Hunsberger. (Sweetwood did not return phone calls seeking comment on Carrizo Gorge's alliance

with the museum.) In another instance, after spilling toxic material in the museum's switchyard, Carrizo Gorge refused to clean it up. Museum officials supposedly asked Carrizo Gorge to arrange for the cleanup, which

it never did. That the museum board operated behind a veil of secrecy only exacerbated these problems.

One anonymous source put the matter succinctly. "There was a concern among museum members," he said,

"that the museum was entering into a dubious alliance with the Carrizo Gorge Railway." He explained that some museum members believed that the alliance was improper and that some board members were in collusion

with Carrizo Gorge officers. On August 23, 1999, a memo distributed to museum members and trustees outlined these problems and offered a solution. The memo stated, "... The volunteer morale [at the museum] is at

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an all-time low. . . The idea that relative unknowns in the downtown office are making decisions on what's best to do at Campo simply isn't acceptable to many, many volunteers. A strong majority are demanding change." These worried members soon came to be called the Concerned Members, and as the memo explains, they proposed amendments to museum by-laws that would "return control of the activities of the Museum to the volunteers."

"The existing Board would be relieved of their day-to-day management [and] oversight responsibilities," the memo continued. "The idea here is to allow the Board to concentrate on [its] original goal," which was raising funds for the museum.

But the proposal to amend the bylaws only sparked more infighting. "The museum leadership has only harassed those members who've brought this up," one source explained. "So some members wanted to bump those board members who supported this alliance."

The Concerned Members' proposal to hold a special election to recall the board prompted Hunsberger to write a memo to museum trustees and volunteers. That memo, dated January 29, 2002, admitted that volunteers were quitting and that "equipment, computers, [and] software" had "mysteriously disappeared" from the museum. It also pointed out that "it has been almost impossible to recruit new volunteers because they are not welcomed when they do volunteer." But Hunsberger added that the Concerned Members were not making matters easier. "This group," he said, "has maintained . . . that those who perform the work and run the train should manage the museum. We have been threatened with walkouts if they did not get their way."

One person willing to characterize the strife at the museum was Mitch Beauchamp, a National City councilman with an interest in San Diego's railroads. Beauchamp told me in late April, "Some members are worried that the museum will lose its nonprofit status because of dealings with Carrizo Gorge. Other people are worried that volunteers are

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being lost because Carrizo Gorge is hiring some volunteers, so there's some confusion. On the other hand, the museum has received lots of revenue that it would not have gotten before the alliance. So there are two sides to the issue, and I'm not sure what the answer is. The alliance has helped the museum, but it has also used museum resources beyond what some people might consider is usual.

"In light of the demand for freight service on the line in question," he added, "I don't know what the museum can do because the train operator might have to use Campo for their operations. Right now that operator is Carrizo Gorge, but things could change."

"It's really too bad this has happened," Beauchamp concluded. "It was such a dynamic museum and then some infighting started, and it's been getting worse and worse."

The ballot measure that sought the ouster of the Carrizo "cronies" was announced in yet another memo to museum members. The purpose of the special election, which was mandated after 60 board members signed a petition, was to recall the entire museum board and to nominate new members. The memo announced, "We and many other concerned museum members have become disgusted with the deplorable state of the Museum and the direction it is heading." The memo accused the board of failure to pay bills, establishing "unnecessarily high office and salary expenses," and allowing a "commingling of Museum and Carrizo Gorge Railway assets." It also accused the board of dragging its feet in "every conceivable way by missing deadlines."

The ballot, however,

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ended in a dead heat — 155 to 155. But almost immediately the election came under scrutiny. Some members reported that they never received their ballot cards, that one ballot was allegedly opened and taped closed, and that as many as 17 late ballots were counted. In addition, according to one source, trustees may have disposed of some ballot envelopes bearing the signatures of those 60 members who signed the petition asking for the special election. Finally, another source explained that when the judge overseeing the election asked for a neutral address where the ballots could be sent, Anton Handel (an attorney and museum board member) suggested the law offices of Jan & Jan. But the address he gave for the office was in fact his own law office. After the Superior Court judge learned of the problem ballots and heard accusations that a willful fraud was perpetrated against the court, he issued a gag order until the matter is resolved and a fair election is declared.

In mid-April, the state attorney general's office entered the fray, requesting from the museum general accounting records, the names of current and former board members, copies of contracts, corporate minutes, and credit card receipts. Chet Horn, the deputy attorney general involved with the case, would not comment, admitting only that his office is investigating the museum.

For their part, museum directors, including Arnold Hunsberger, refused to comment on the troubled relationship between the board and the volunteers, the board and Carrizo Gorge Railway, and the recent court proceedings and attorney general's investigation. ■

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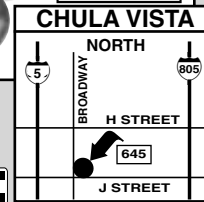
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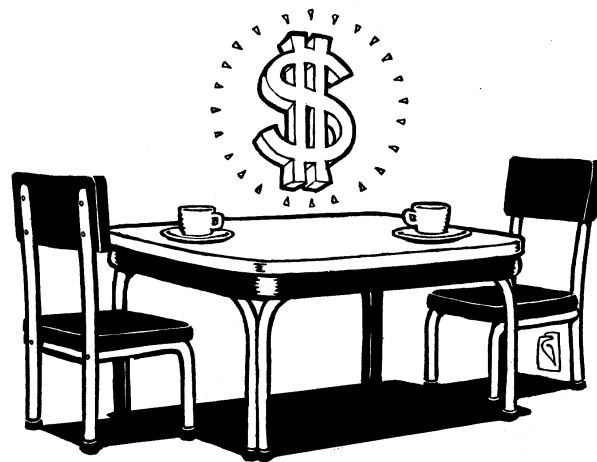
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Illustration by Rick Geary



Heymatt:

Are the "Work at Home" ads legit or are they a scam? Does one who registers actually stuff envelopes at home and receive cash for every envelope that they mail out? I see them on telephone poles, walls, and in the classified ads section. Is it worth the \$25.00 registration fee?

— Want to Work at Home in San Diego

Career guidance tacked to a phone pole is probably not worth much. And this envelope-stuffing gig is a proven loser. Ma Alice proved it a couple of decades ago. Ya see, she needed a job to keep her parole officer happy. She found a classified ad saying, "Earn \$\$\$\$ at home stuffing envelopes. \$25 gets you started!" She sent the money and got back a piece of paper instructing her to run classified ads in newspapers saying, "Earn \$\$\$\$ at home stuffing envelopes."

The Federal Trade Commission has been prosecuting companies that promise big money for part-time work at home — envelope stuffing, medical billing, electronic assembly, sewing and crafts. The schemes work on basically the same idea: send us money (sometimes thousands of dollars); we'll send you outdated medical billing software, unassembled cheap teddy bears and sewing gear, or circuit boards and soldering equipment; then you have to sell the billing service/circuit boards/teddy bears yourself. There's no ready market for them, no matter what the scamsters say. The companies are in the business of peddling useless software and cheesy teddy bears, not dedicated to making you a wealthy woman. Worse yet, if you can't afford the up-front money, they'll arrange financing for you at very interesting interest charges. The FTC's crackdown included payphone, display rack, and vending-machine scams that also beckon to people from phone poles and classified ads.

The FTC sez, any of these companies are required by law to give you the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least ten people in your area who have already invested in their plan, and get any earning claims in writing (this won't make them true, it will only give you a little something to bring into court when you have to sue them). Call the Better Business Bureau and the state Attorney General's office (1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov) before you commit any money to a get-rich-working-at-home plan.

Tubular Love

Grandma and the elves have the place in an uproar, whipping up the chip-n-dip, Wonder bread triangles with aerosol cheese and the crusts cut off, and a big bowl of 7UP punch for tonight's fiesta. Ya see, it's the 25th anniversary of the day we made up the Murphy bed and brought intrepid illustrator Rick Geary into the household. Nobody else has lasted 25 years with us, so we're celebrating. Don't tell him, but we bought him new earplugs, shinguards, and crash helmet. It's a surprise. Congratulations, Rick. Thanks for sticking with us when everyone else said you'd probably end up hospitalized. Ha-ha!

Anyway, what I'm trying to say is, we haven't had much time to sniff out answers this week, but luckily you auxiliary members of Team Matthew Alice have taken up the slack in the follow-up to our first-double-bed-on-TV question. So I'll turn the proceedings over to you and go help skin the squirrel for Grandma's Critter Pie. She only makes it on very big occasions.

Matt: The first time on network TV that a couple shared a bed was...believe it or not, that oh-so-controversial show...The Brady Bunch!!! — Matthew, the net

Hi, Matt: I was watching a special about The Brady Bunch [1969–1974], and Flo Henderson was saying how she thought that she and Mr. Brady were trailblazing because they were the first TV couple to be shown in a double bed. She later found out she had been one-upped by none other than Lily Munster [The Munsters, 1964–1966]. — Jen, Ocean Beach

Hey, Matt: According to the television trivia books, The Flintstones [1960–1966] holds the distinction of being the first television program to show a couple in bed together, although it was an animated couple. — Anonymous, the net

Matt-hew: People think the first couple in a double bed on TV was the Bradys or the Munsters. That's not true. From 1947 to 1950, there was a sitcom called Mary Kay and Johnny that showed them in a double bed. It was about a young couple who lived in Greenwich Village. She'd get into silly situations, he'd have to get her out. The stars were married in real life. Their names were Mary Kay and Johnny Stearns. Maybe to prove that they slept in that double bed, in 1948 Mary Kay had a baby. They wrote the pregnancy into the show, and the baby appeared on screen when he was a month old. Mary Kay and Johnny was also the first situation comedy on network TV. — Captain Video, San Diego

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

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By Patrick Daugherty

Psst, Look Into My Gearbox

The phone rings in the living room. Like the loyal dog that I am, I retrieve the handset from its cradle. A man's voice asks, "Feel like lunch?"

"When?"

"Hour or so."

"I gotta work, let's eat here."

Luncheon guest is Russell Wright. I saw him six weeks ago; before that, six months ago; before that, every month for awhile; before that, perhaps two years and so on and on since I was a kid. At present, Wright lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, and flies down to Sears Point Raceway once a month to race Formula Atlantic cars for four days. In the last half-year, besides Sears Point and my place, Wright has been to Miami twice, Philadelphia, New York, London, Montreal, and Guatemala. I note there have been no motorcycle trips in Africa, no river rafting in Indonesia, and no pumping a 15-speed bicycle through the Alps as in times past.

Wright arrives holding a large trophy. I ask, "What's that, big boy?"

Wright puffs. "First place."

The plaque says, "2002 USAC Formula Russell Champion." "Son-of-a-bitch, Russell. Congratulations."

This is not a pro forma expression of verbal applause. Russ has stuck with racing for four years. He's 30 years older than the young bloods. He's driving an open wheel, single cockpit, real-deal race car at 150 mph on one of the most demanding tracks in America.

Wright produces a VCR tape. "Want to see a movie?"

The tape is a recording of his race, not the trophy race, but last month's race when he came in second. What happens is, you pay somebody money, he puts a camera on your race car, right behind the driver's seat, you race, the camera films, the man edits, and — boom — you are the proud owner of a race-car movie starring YOU. The driver who paid for this tape was running right behind Russell, which gives the viewer an unintended, but perfect film of Russell's race.

We fix lunch plates and take a position on the couch. I pop the tape in the VCR and hit go. Three race cars are going into turn 4, which is a vicious downhill switchback. Car 41 is in first place, Russell is in second, and the driver with the camera holds third.

Russell leans forward, "We got a lapper [a race car that is lapped by other race cars] in [turn] 10. See, we're coming up on him. Watch this, the lapper is oblivious, so I go to the right and — bam — he [car 41] goes to the left. Boom — we're past and into the chicane on 11."

"Wow."

"Isn't that amazing?"

It is amazing. Russell says, "He's right on my gearbox. I gave a little more breath on the throttle, for safety, and he was hard on me there."

Russ and 41 are running even. Wright points to the TV, "He saw my gearbox in 4 and I overslowed here. He's got a run on me into 6. There he goes, he's going to dive underneath [pass] me. I give it up, because it's treacherous out there and dusty."

"Give up?"

"I didn't want to go wheel-to-wheel with

him, because I had the advantage. I was on the better side for the exit in the corner, but that's 110 mph in there and three G-loads [gravitational loads. Passenger cars seldom exceed 0.3, 0.4 G-loads]. You know, like, fuck that, look how much faster I am in the Ss. I'll just get on his gearbox. I'm quicker out of 10. I'll make a pass on 11."

"How fast are you going?"

"Probably, 140, 150 mph. Then you drop down three gears and load the car up with three Gs. Look at those Ss. They are so intense. Once you start the Ss in speed, you're committed. Here's turn 10, it's one of the hardest turns in racing."

"Because?"

"There's no forgiveness. If you unbalance the car, you're going to go into the wall." Wright takes a breath. "Look. I pass him. I got him. Now, I'm in front of him, but he goes and makes a repass. Now, he wants to go up the hill with me,

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150 mph wheel-to-wheel. I backed down and said, 'Fuck it. I know I can get you again.' Now, I'm behind him pressing him, very hard. I'm all over him.

"I'm fucking with him in his mirrors, trying to soften him up. Up into 3, and 3a, and then he gets a little run on me in 4. Here's the white flag. We're on the last lap. I know I've got to do something serious. I am *on his ass*. I'm just on his ass. Just pushing him really, really hard. I'm pushing him hard. I'm a quarter of an inch off his gearbox going through the Ss. I'm pushing him and pushing him and pushing him. Total pressure. Now, we're going into 10. I feather the throttle a little bit and then punch it, punch it really hard. I'm getting momentum coming out of the turn. I've got enough to get on his gearbox, pop underneath him...and...I hit third gear instead of second gear."

We laugh. "Good for second place."

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Singles program: yes
Diversity: white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian
Dress: casual
Services: Worship service, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Various classes and activities throughout the week. Call for details.

"I know that one Baptist pastor has, from his pulpit, already denounced what we're doing. And we've been open only since March. You see, there are a great many Christians who believe that God is some old white Republican guy sitting up there in heaven, wearing a starched white shirt and a tie. I don't happen to believe that way."

Forty-four-year-old Reverend John Zimmerman is the brains behind San Diego Church of Life, a congregation that meets in the soon-to-be-demolished warehouse district south of Imperial Avenue. San Diego Church of Life's motto is "Because Church Should Not Suck."

When I spoke with Reverend Zimmerman early last week, he told me, "We're in what was once a carpet warehouse, between 13th and L Streets. We've got about 13,000 square feet of space. We lease it from the San Diego Rescue Mission for \$1500 a month. It's a great place, and you couldn't ask for a better lease, but because of the ballpark, we've got to be out by July."

Reverend Zimmerman cites as inspiration C.T. Studd and J. Hudson Taylor, two 19th-century Protestant missionaries to China who "didn't believe that, in order to become Christians, the Chinese had to learn to speak English, dress like Englishmen, eat like Englishmen, worship like Englishmen, and basically become model Anglo-Saxons. This idea that you could bring the Gospel to people on their own terms made Studd and Taylor revolutionary in their time."

San Diego Church of Life starts warming up for its worship service around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday nights. Last week I arrived a little early at the church's L Street location and, standing shoulder to shoulder with two black homeless women, watched dumbstruck as a huge cloud of bubbles, golden in twilight, drifted down the forlorn street.

"Damn!" one of the women sighed.

This surreal effect was generated by a bubble machine hidden atop a trailer that sits in San Diego Church of Life's parking lot. Reverend Zimmerman met me at the gate and ushered me inside the vast dim space that looks very much like a low-key, ultra-cool nightclub.

"The black paint on all the walls was donated. So were all the couches, and they're very comfortable," Reverend Zimmerman said. "Those cool blue and red light fixtures, well, we got them for

seven bucks a piece at Ikea."

Reverend Zimmerman explained that San Diego Church of Life is geared toward 16- to 25-year-olds. Grace Church, a diminutive and pretty 19-year-old in low-slung hip-huggers, is one of the hundreds of young people who've found their way to the church.

"I was saved on the second floor of the new Starbucks at the corner of 5th and F streets," Church told me. "Church of Life has a Bible study for girls there every Wednesday night. It's pretty laid back."

"I never went to church when I was growing up. My parents are divorced. I was very anti-religion. I never felt I needed it. But I'm best friends with the girl who's Church of Life's accountant. And she just kept kinda encouraging me to come. And the Zimmerman family is so cool. They're vegetarian, like I am. I never knew Christians could be like that. So, it was this gradual process. And when I accepted Jesus, it just felt very natural. It's just been wonderful to hand over all my problems to God and trust in Him."

Reverend Zimmerman's two sons — Jeremiah, 21, and Joshua, 17 — and their band, Howard's

Mobility, are the talent behind San Diego Church of Life. The weekly service, as designed by the two boys, is a good rock concert punctuated by a 15-minute sermon that Jeremiah delivers.

Jeremiah explained that since his parents were missionaries, he was "basically home-schooled." He's a good-looking young man. ("My brother Joshua," he said, "has always been a chick-magnet.") In conversation, he makes reference to Thelonus Monk, Bud Powell, to "Maslow's hierarchy of needs." He describes the music of Howard's Mobility as "emo-grunge," or "emotional grunge." He cites as influences such secular bands as Dashboard Confessional, Foo Fighters, and Soundgarden.

"Our philosophy is that if you're gonna use contemporary music in church," he told me, "it has to be at least as good or better as what you hear on the radio. At lot of churches try to attract

young people by using 'soft rock'—sounding hymns, but in reality it's bad music. In reality, it basically sucks."

Howard's Mobility does not basically suck. In the black-curtained, hangar-like space in which the band performs, a red laser ricochets off a mirror ball. Smoke pours from a smoke machine. Last Saturday night, 50 teenagers sat transfixed while Howard's Mobility ripped through a song called "Stay Together for the Kids," a prelude to Jeremiah's 15-minute sermon on "Honor thy parents."

"God doesn't want you to honor your mom and dad because doing so is somehow gonna make your family any better," Jeremiah told us. Images of the *Addams Family* and from *Leave It to Beaver* flashed on two large screens flanking him. "There's always gonna be problems. God wants you to honor your mom and dad because it calls you out of yourself. Just like everything else He commands us to do. It reminds us of Him. It doesn't necessarily change your family. It changes *you* into the kind of person God wants you to become."

— Abe Opincar



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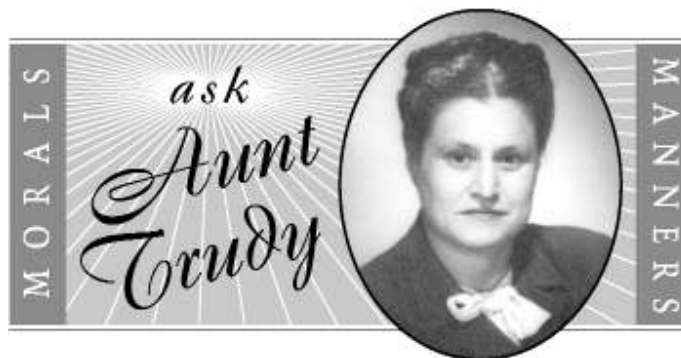
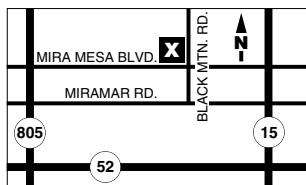
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

Gee whiz, something's gotta be done about people and their cell phones. They're destroying what little social fabric is left in our culture. Public places where we used to interact in public ways — brief eye contact, maybe a polite smile — are increasingly populated by individuals off in their own private worlds having phone conversations. At the grocery store, we have to listen to the person two aisles over calling home to see if two boxes of Blurbo for \$5 is a good deal. People tend to raise their voices on the phone, so these conversations are loud. Here's the rude message being sent: *What I'm doing, thinking, and saying right now is more important than anything else around me.* It's like talking at the movies. People are behaving as if they were all alone at home in their living rooms watching TV when they're not. I used to go to a nice bookstore/coffee shop near UCSD. I'd browse and read and usually find something that I wouldn't have come across otherwise. I don't go there anymore because now 25 percent of the other patrons aren't browsing or reading. They're gabbing on cell phones, and I'm getting an unwanted update on Mom's gall bladder operation. We need new public behavior etiquette. How about no-phone zones? Let's treat cell-phone addicts like nicotine addicts: no smoking/no cell phones inside the building. Go outside — away from the rest of us — to smoke or have your private conversations.

MIFFED IN NORMAL HEIGHTS

Dear Miffed,

I couldn't agree with you more. Last week I had to scold someone for using a cell phone *in the library*. Which trail-blazing restaurant, bar, or coffeehouse in San Diego is going to be the first to declare itself a no-cell zone and reap the rewards of increased and grateful patrons?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've been happily married for 15 years to a very attractive, petite blonde, who at age 40 is still a head turner. She is also the most loyal, loving, wonderful, and trustworthy person I've ever met. She has never cheated on me, and I have never cheated on her. That would be the furthest thing from our minds. Two years ago my wife confided that she has always found black men very attractive. She soon admitted that her attraction is so strong she finds it overwhelming. To placate her, we began to incorporate talk about that into our nighttime activity, which was stimulating. But she has long since outgrown talking. One night she told me that if she were ever in a situation where she could explore these desires with my permission, she thinks she'd do it. But only with my permission. She assured me that our marriage is great and that she has no interest in falling in love with anyone else. Can you give me advice about

whether I should let her pursue her curiosity? Neither one of us wants it to affect our marriage. We also don't want this to be more than a one-time experience. We're both apprehensive, but it is on her mind every day. Should I agree to this?

CONFLICTED IN LA JOLLA

Dear Conflicted,

Much as I'd like to help, I can't recommend a course of action about so intimate a matter. This decision involves personal and sexual ethics and preferences, which are highly individual. I would counsel you both to proceed with extreme caution. While there may be many types of love relationships that can work for us humans, I've observed that once a couple brings someone else into their sexual equation, anything can happen. Sex is a powerful force in our lives — volatile, unpredictable. If you two decide to try this experiment, you'll have to do so with the awareness that you're opening Pandora's box. You don't know where this will lead. It's likely you won't be able to control what happens afterward. Once your wife gets sexually involved with another man, the two of you will never be able to go back to exactly where you were before. It's naïve to hope such an act won't affect the marriage (how could it not?) and would be limited to a one-time experience. There are no guarantees of that, and there's a fair amount of compelling evidence to the contrary. Why is your wife's urge to gratify herself with other men coming up now? And why is she making you responsible for her sexual choices by asking your permission? Does that mean she'll hold you responsible if something "goes wrong"? If you do decide to experiment, find out from a reputable physician exactly what safe sex is and practice it religiously. Not everything one longs to try has to be acted out. There's always the blissful haven of the imagination.

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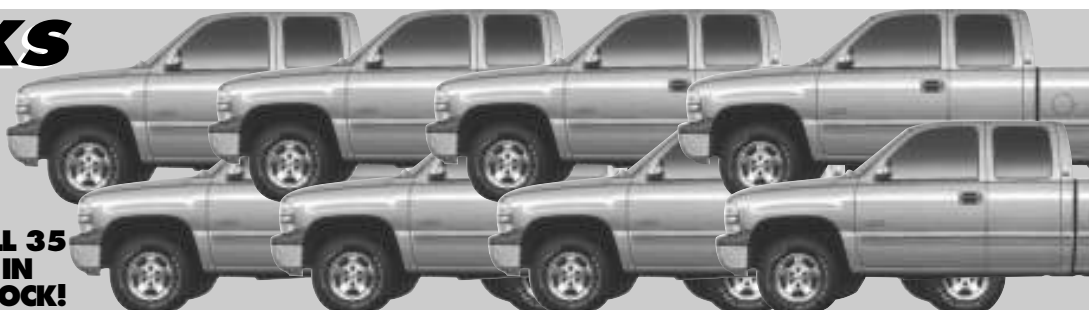
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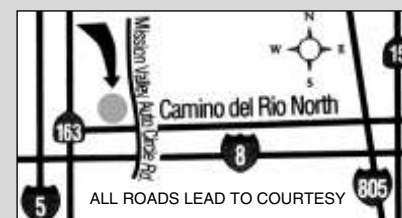
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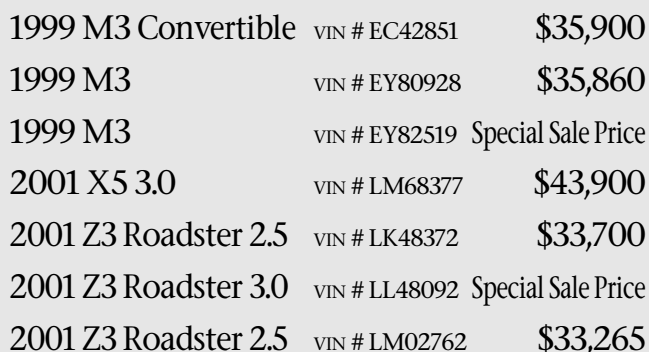
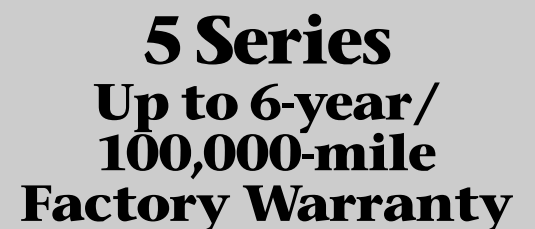
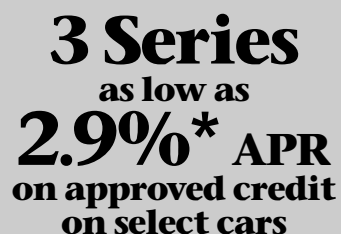


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If I'd Been Born a Woman

"Don't be such a girl." I hear the boys taunt each other at the playground near my house. "Don't be such a girl." Nothing could be worse. Most men agree. Sitting on the couch with the remote in one hand and a bag of chips in the other, my husband stares at some effeminate reporter. "Give me a break," my husband sneers. "He's such a girl."

Ask any man you know if he'd like to be a woman, you get an automatic "No." Too messy. Too emotional. Too hard. Most men can't imagine going through their lives as anything but male. One San Diego man, born Lebanese, recoiled when asked to consider what his life would have been like had he been born a woman. "You might as well ask me to imagine how my life would have been different had I been born a Martian," he said.

Some men didn't find the concept so alien. Six of them agreed to talk to me. They told me about their lives, then imagined how those lives would have changed if they'd been wrapped at birth in a pink blanket instead of blue. Some had long stories to tell: childhood, high school, college, career, marriage, children, grandchildren, 20-plus years of retirement. Others had just begun their adult lives. Their stories and re-imaginings follow.

MEN HAVE THE BETTER OF IT

David Robitzek didn't seem 90. Sitting in a small, sunny office in a North County retirement community, Robitzek radiated the kind of energy you find in people who have somewhere to be every day at 8:00 a.m. His white hair combed straight back, Robitzek seemed dressed for an afternoon of golf: light blue flannel slacks, white polo shirt, gray cardigan. He spoke deliberately. When he stopped to remember a particular detail, Robitzek closed his eyes, then blinked quickly for a few moments. Leaning back in an office chair, he clasped his hands and began his story.

"I was born in 1910, March 14, in a place called City

Island in the Bronx, New York. The total population was about 1500 people. I was born there. I was baptized there. I was married there. But I'm not going to be buried there. I had four sisters, all older than I. They say I was spoiled. That remains to be seen." Robitzek laughed.

"After graduating from grammar school, I went to Fordham Prep, which is a prep school for Fordham University," Robitzek continued. Back in City Island, he met and married his wife Elaina. "After school, I got a job down on Wall Street with the Stock Exchange. I was there during the crash in 1929. As a matter of fact, the morning after the crash, the *New York Times* took a picture of people standing in front of the Stock Exchange, and I happen to be in the picture."

Robitzek worked at the Stock Exchange for about nine years, then got a job as a bookkeeper. "When the war came along, I had two children. The draft board said that if you got into what they called an 'essential industry,' you would not be drafted. So I got a job at a shipyard along the Hudson River. I worked there until 1945, when the war was over. Finally, we were living in a place called Parkchester. Parkchester is a housing project of 40,000 inhabitants owned by the Metropolitan Life. It has 12,000 apartments. I got a job there as an office manager. After a few years, I was transferred downtown where the Metropolitan had some other housing projects. I was made office manager there. During my last few years with Metropolitan, I went to work in their electronic division. I retired in 1973."

Robitzek remembered being very involved in his children's lives. "We have three children. I remember driving them here and there, helping them with their homework," Robitzek said. "Our children never gave us a bit of trouble. Thank God. They seemed to be born of that generation where drugs were not being passed around frequently. My association with the children is fondly remembered. We're on great terms. Same with the grandchildren. My oldest daughter has five children. My second daughter has three. And my son has one. Consequently, we have

nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild."

After Robitzek's retirement, he and his wife moved a number of times. New York to Connecticut to California to Arizona to Florida and back to California. They had lived in their North County apartment for two and a half years when Robitzek spoke to me early in the year 2000.

"How would my life have been different had I been born a woman?" Robitzek paused. He had clearly given the topic some thought. He ran through the different aspects of his life as if he were an accountant summing up columns. "I have four sisters who are older than me," he said. "I guess I would have fit in there. They had their arguments, which I would have had if, for example, they had worn some of my clothes. As a child, I don't think things would have been much different. I got interested in girls when I was maybe 15. And if I'd been a girl, I might have gotten interested in boys around the same age.



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Jay Borden

"As for my schooling, I would have gone to a girls' high school rather than Fordham, which was a boys' school. I'm a Catholic. When it came time for college, I would have looked around for a good Catholic school. I would have gone to New Rochelle college, where my wife graduated. That's a Catholic college.

"And then when I started looking for a mate, I would look for somebody who was smart, and who

was respectful, who had proper manners, and proper deportment. Someone who would like to have a family.

"Whether I would have gone to work or not," Robitzek said, "probably not. Women tended to stay home with the children and raise them. But then when the children were out of the way, I would probably like to get a job. In an office, preferably. I like good things. I love to go on cruises and things like that.

"Then I would shower love on our grandchildren and those that followed. I'd see them as often as I could. And of course, I'd like to be a neat housekeeper, because that's very important."

Robitzek didn't think his retirement years would have been very different as a woman. "But if I got to the place where I couldn't keep up with the housework, I would look for a retirement place like this,"

he said. "That's one of the reasons we moved into a retirement place when my wife had her stroke. My wife's still a little feeble, especially her right hand shakes quite a bit."

In all his years, Robitzek had never wished he weren't a man. "Oh, no," he shook his head. "I think men have the better of it, even though the men hold the seats for the ladies and not the other way around. No, I would never wish that I were a woman instead of a man. And if I were a woman, I would maybe want to be a man. Especially knowing as a man what I have been through. And being fairly happy at 90 years old with a few minor ailments.

"The main reason I wouldn't want to be a woman is that I would be getting into something unknown. I don't know what's in their minds. Whereas I know what I've had. I've enjoyed it. Right now, I'm the chairman of the council that advises management here in our retirement community. So I must have all my marbles. Otherwise they most certainly

would not have elected me."

Are there any women Robitzek would trade places with? "No. But I admire a lot of women," he said. "For example, Barbara Bush. George W's mother. I admire quite a few women athletes. But I can't think of any right now."

OH MY GOD. WHO AM I?

You can't get much further from David Robitzek than Garrett Collins. Perched in a corner office at Cal State University San Marcos, 30-year-old Collins sat in front of an oversized computer screen. "I'm an assistant webmaster for Cal State San Marcos," Collins told me one winter afternoon soon after I spoke to David Robitzek. "I moonlight, teaching an information superhighway class for the college of business."

With his sensitive blue eyes, Collins looked like the old college boyfriend you used to hang out with to discuss the meaning of life. He wore one earring in one ear, two in the other. His jeans and long-sleeved T-

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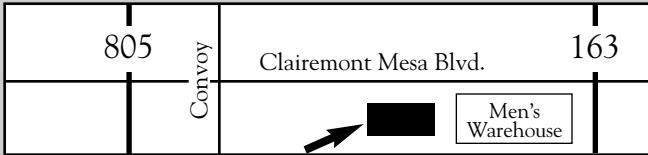


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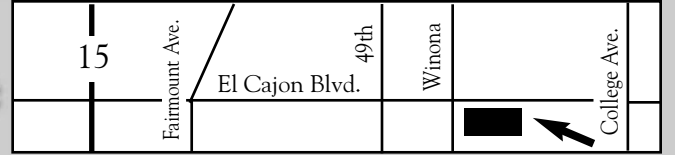
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shirt made him indistinguishable from his students. He seemed eager to talk about his life and engaged in the reflexive self-analysis that distinguishes his generation from Robitzek's.

"If I had to pick my earliest memory," Collins told me, "I distinctly remember exploring the forest with my dog. I was about three years old. We lived up in Running Springs, east of Los Angeles. We had a big Alaskan malamute named Shaska. My sister had just been born.

"Elementary school was not a real happy time for me," Collins said, moving forward in time. "My parents got divorced probably the year I started kinder-

garten. We'd moved to Escondido by then. There's a great picture of me wearing plaid pants, tears streaming down my face on the first day of school. There were a lot of things falling apart in my life. I didn't want to be left with strangers.

"Third grade was a good year," Collins recalled. "My best friend, who I'm still friends with, started being friends with me that year. We played off each other all through school, sat off alone together during lunch. We were both into reading a lot. We read the Tolkien novels and talked about Middle Earth. It seemed like a much more exciting place, where we could be noble beings instead

of being chased around the playground."

Collins remembers being interested in girls from an early age. "I liked my Boy Scout leader's daughter," he said. "I was in fifth grade." Collins started his first long-term relationship near the end of high school. "We actually lived together," he confessed, "when she was 15 and I was 17. I was terrified. She called me one day and said, 'My mom and I had a fight. I want you to come get me.' I said, 'Come get you?' And she said, 'You said you'd always be there for me if I ever needed you.' So I said, 'Okay.'"

"We lived in a campground for the summer because neither of us was old

enough to get an apartment. When she was 16 and I was 18, we got an apartment. Her mom said, 'Okay, I'll co-sign on this, and we won't send the police after you.' We were together for three years."

After graduating from high school, Collins enrolled at Palomar College. He stayed there for six years. "My dad said he would pay for school," Collins explained. "I took all the philosophy classes they had. I took some photography classes. I flunked a lot of the classes I took. I told myself, 'I'm here to learn. I'm not here to waste my time writing silly essays.'"

During his tenure at Palomar, Collins broke up

with his high school girlfriend. When he married a woman who also attended Palomar, he turned his academic life around. "I got straight A's for two years," Collins said. "Then my dad said he was going to stop paying for school."

Wanting to avoid the real world for as long as possible, Collins applied to and gained acceptance at Cal State San Marcos in 1993. "I got grant money to stay in school," he explained. "They didn't have a philosophy department, so I picked English. I started as a junior."

During his campus-orientation tour, Collins ran into an old friend who got him a job in the com-

puter lab. "I started working in the computer lab while taking my bachelor's," Collins said. "I did real well as far as school goes. I got out after two years. Then I applied to the master's program."

Collins taught freshman composition and continued to work in the computer lab while pursuing his master's degree. "Then I decided I didn't want to write anymore. I had philosophical reasons for not wanting to add to the mass of analytical writing involved with literature. I started taking incompletes, getting F's. Just dropping out. I wasn't teaching anymore. The Web position opened up. I started working here full-time just

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about the time my marriage was falling apart in 1997. I'm pretty happy. Workwise."

Collins said he hasn't yet sorted out what happened in his marriage. "I was unhappy, and I didn't know it. I wasn't being honest with myself. I always thought of myself as a very self-evaluative person. I met my wife and we fell in love and we got married. It was a wonderful relationship. I kept telling myself it was a wonderful relationship right up until the point where I said, 'I want to be anywhere but here.' I fell in love with somebody else.

"It was almost like I woke up one morning and said, 'Oh my God. Who am

I? My wife was saying things like, 'Where are you going to get a job?' And I was thinking, 'I'm happy where we are right now. I know we're not saving any money. And we're not close to buying a house. But this is a wonderful life.' When we started out, we were hippies. By the time we broke up, she wasn't a hippie anymore, and I still was. She's not a bad woman. She's a great person. I just don't think she was the right person for me."

How would Collins's life have changed had he been born a woman? "I think that my concept of myself might have been more limited if I'd been born a woman. What I was

capable of, what was possible for me. My mom's a nurse. She wanted to be a doctor. My sister is also a nurse.

"I think high school would have been very different," Collins said. "My perception of what girls and boys did in high school was that the boys chased and the girls were chased. As a shy boy, I didn't do a very good job of chasing. But as a shy girl, I could have gone out there and not had to be the aggressive one."

According to Collins, his life path during college depended on which class and instructor he was taking. "After I took my first logic class at Palomar," Collins explained, "I took a

knowledge and reality class. You question your universe, your values, things like that. That instructor was very instrumental in the way I started thinking about myself. I like to tell people that at that point, I was no longer my parents' child. I became my own person.

"Philosophically, I would have been the same person as a woman if I had taken the same classes that I did as a man. The way I rebelled as a man was that I withdrew from society. I said, 'This is not the society that I find valuable. People are motivated by money.' In order to deconstruct society as a woman, I think I might have been more likely to take over. I would have

been even more of a feminist. I would have been even more politically active. I might have gotten a degree to prove to the world that I could.

"I still think I would have gotten my degree in literature. Teaching is very close to my heart. I think I would have been a teacher. Which would have been ironic as a revolutionary woman to take the accepted woman's professional role as a teacher."

Collins paused to consider his marriage again. "I might not have married as a woman," he said. "It's hard for me to imagine a relationship that's not with another woman. Also, I think I would have been

much more interested in maintaining my autonomy."

During his marriage, Collins and his wife didn't have any children. "In fact, I can't have any. I'm fixed," he explained. "When I was 22, for our anniversary, we decided I would have a vasectomy. My wife had been on birth control since she was about 13, and she was 23. We said, 'These chemicals [in birth control pills] are not good for you, so we'd like to look into some other form of birth control.' Surgery for a man is much less traumatic than it is for a woman. And I'm mostly still happy with that decision. If I'd been a woman, I probably would not have gotten fixed. Phys-

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iologically, the surgery is so much more traumatic for a woman.”

Unlike David Robitzek, Collins admits to wishing he weren’t a man. “Actually, a lot,” he said. “I think that women are really fascinating. If I were a woman, I don’t know if I would be heterosexual. I don’t know if I would want to hang around with men because most men are jerks.”

Collins finished his interview by imagining he would trade places with the writer Gertrude Stein. “I think Gertrude Stein is probably the coolest woman I know of,” he said. “She lived her own life according to her own rules. She was an amazing writer, just an amazing brain.”

BUILDING FENCES

From San Marcos, I traveled south. On an upper floor of a downtown high-rise, I sat across from another man in another corner office. Although his name appears etched in the wide glass doors that lead into the law firm he heads, “Mike” preferred to remain anonymous. We looked out across

San Diego Bay to Point Loma and the sea before he began to talk.

“I’m a trial lawyer,” Mike said. “Our practice is almost exclusively business litigation. I don’t do any personal injury or malpractice.” Somewhere in his 50s, Mike had the muscular build and weathered face of an aging athlete. On the afternoon we spoke, winter shadows crept across the room and played across Mike’s face as he shifted or waved his hands or drew pictures in the air.

“My earliest memory?” Mike asked. “I’ve got two of them, and I don’t know which one came first. I grew up on a farm, first in Ohio and then in Iowa. The first farmhouse that my folks lived in was a really primitive place. No hot water. The only running water was a pump that was bolted to the sink. My dad was a veterinarian, and my mom raised chickens. We had dogs. Every once in a while, the dogs would be chasing each other. If the screen door got in the way, they’d go right through the screen. The chickens would get into

the kitchen until my dad got around to fixing the screens. I remember my mom chasing chickens around and throwing chickens out of the kitchen. I wasn’t three years old yet.

“The other memory

was from a train ride. Every so often, we would take a train to Toledo. I remember a porter in his nice white linen coat coming by and selling oranges. It was the only place I ever saw oranges back then. I remember eating an orange and what a

tremendous treat that was.”

Mike was the oldest child in his family. He had three sisters. “My relationship with my sisters growing up was an armed truce,” Mike said and laughed. “That’s an exaggeration. I

was quite close to my sister who was just two years younger than I. I was often annoyed with my sister who was four years younger than I. Then there’s a sister who’s almost nine years younger than I am. For some reason, my middle sister and

I rubbed each other the wrong way a lot. But never to the point of assault.”

Mike’s sisters all live far away. “One of them lives in Atlanta. The rest of them still live back in the Middle West. If I happened to be in town, I would certainly stop in and see them. They’ve come out here and visited us. Their kids have come out and stayed with us. They enjoy California in the summertime. I talk to them on the phone on holidays. But that’s about it. We’re not nearly as close as, say, my wife is with her siblings.

“My dad was kind of a distant person,” Mike told me. “He spent a lot of his life more or less alone because he’d be going from farm to farm making his veterinary calls. He wasn’t a big talker, although if he had something to say, he’d certainly say it. I wouldn’t say that there was a lot of closeness between us.”

Mike took only a moment to recall his most vivid high school memory. “I saw my first dead guy, somebody I knew,” he said. “It was a very poignant

thing. It was this guy who was a great wrestler. He beat me like a drum throughout my wrestling career and was really the guy in our conference who kept me from ever being conference champ. It was my junior year. He was the only guy who had beaten me that year. I’d won all the rest of my matches. It looked like when we met at the district tournament, he would beat me again, and that would be the end of my career.

“So we wrestled for the district championship, and I beat him. It was quite an event, very newsworthy. That was on a Saturday night. The next Tuesday, the wrestling coach came and took me out of math class. I had known there was something wrong with this guy when I wrestled him. He wasn’t anywhere near as fast or as strong. It was like he was worn out. I just figured he’d cut weight and it had gotten to him. It turned out he had some kind of leukemia. He got out of bed on Tuesday morning and passed away. His wrestling coach called my wrestling coach know-

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ing that it was going to impact me. I remember driving over to the guy's funeral, not even telling anybody. Just going.

"When I heard that it had happened, I was embarrassed. Because all of the celebration about me finally beating this guy suddenly had a real clear explanation. There wasn't anyone who knew about that match who wouldn't have said, 'Well, that explains a lot.' This guy had never had much difficulty beating me. And then I went to the funeral, and I saw that none of that really mattered. Here were his parents, and here was this guy with all his hopes and expectations. And he was dead. I was a little bit embarrassed. I had qualified for the state meet by virtue of that win, and I didn't really much feel like

going."

Mike didn't wrestle in college. "I played some baseball," he said. "Not well. I remember playing in a baseball game before the conference season started. I was playing left field, which wasn't my position at all. We were way ahead, and the coach had put guys in positions they weren't used to. I collided with the center fielder, and the center fielder broke his leg. He was one of our starting pitchers, and he was out for the season. I remember the coach looking down at us and looking at the center fielder's leg and looking at me and saying out loud, 'Why couldn't it have been you?' " Mike grimaced at the memory.

Mike got married and went to Duke University law school straight out of col-

lege. "The Civil Rights movement was in full swing," he remembered. "I had a job that summer as a part-time deputy sheriff in this little town outside of Durham, where my wife was teaching Head Start. I was this kid from a Scandinavian ghetto in Iowa down in the South where crosses were being burned and people were committing open atrocities against each other. That was a real eye-opener. That was probably the most educational thing that happened to me during law school. I could see how important it was to change, and how hard it was to step away from your history. I played baseball with some guys down there who were members of the Ku Klux Klan. As part of my job, I went to Klan

rallies."

When Mike came out of law school in 1968, he became eligible for the draft. "I had been getting real regular inquiries from my draft board while I was in college," he explained. "So I knew I had no anonymity with Leona Van Winkle, the draft lady." Before law school graduation, Mike had gotten a job with a large firm in Cleveland. "I asked the firm, 'What would you prefer I do? Just let myself be drafted and have a job that probably has nothing to do with the law for two years and then come back? Or would you prefer I go into the officer's program and try to get a job as a lawyer? I'll get a little bit of legal training, but I won't come back for a little over three years.' The firm preferred the latter. That appealed to

me too. So that's what I did."

Mike first came to San Diego during his time in the Marines. He spent four and a half months in Vietnam and another seven and a half months in Okinawa. He spent the rest of his time in San Diego. When Mike got out of the service and went back to Cleveland, "I wasn't the same person after having been halfway around the world. And so many of the people I'd become really close friends with out here had decided to stay in San Diego. I was in Cleveland for about 15 minutes before I was ready to come back here."

Mike has practiced law in San Diego since the early '70s. He's been divorced twice and has four kids, most of whom are in their mid-20s, one who's younger. When asked about father-

hood, Mike said, "I don't know if any divorced dad can really feel like he's a good dad. Certainly one of my goals has been to try to be a good dad. My biggest ongoing guilt is the fact that I wasn't there for my kids on a day-to-day, hour-by-hour basis. It's one thing to be able to put them through college. It's another thing to be there to tie their shoes. I don't know if you can really get your chin over the 'good' bar if you're not there for that purpose."

How would Mike's life have been different if he'd been a woman? "I never would have joined the Marine Corps," he started. "I wouldn't have been a wrestler." He paused. "Although, now you can be a wrestler if you're a girl." He laughed.

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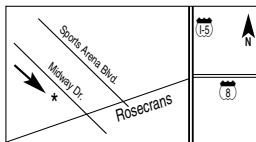
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ders of my siblings didn't change, it would have been all girls," Mike said, turning serious. "I think I would have built a lot less fence. I would not have been expected to do a lot of the chores that I was expected to do as a guy. Things like cleaning the barn. My sisters had mostly indoor chores."

Mike skipped ahead. "I would have still gone to college. There was a lot of emphasis in our house on education. It was taken for granted that we would go to college. Some of my sisters took some circuitous routes, but they all graduated. Two of them have master's degrees.

"My relationship with my dad would have been different," Mike imagined. "He and I were very different people. He was one of those people who was born with the knowledge of how to build things. That skill skipped me. My dad and I would be building something. I would do my part in the most painstakingly slow, unimaginative way. He would roar through his part and then stand there waiting for me to finish. He was very patient. But you *knew* that he was done and he was waiting. There was always this sense that in spite of all his help and his instruction you weren't getting the job done. At least not to his complete satisfaction. I don't think there would have been that if I'd been a girl because I wouldn't have been out there building stuff with him.

"There would have been virtually no sports," Mike said. "I think of my first wife's situation. She had a lot of athletic ability. But any desire to be involved in sports had been ground out of her by gym classes in high school and junior high, where the only thing that seemed to make a difference to the female gym teacher was whether you'd taken a shower. They all wore these uniforms that self-conscious teenage girls thought looked stupid. And they spent their time doing rhythmic dance because that's what the teacher liked to do. My first wife loathed it so much. She had the same gym teacher her mother had had. It would have been the same situation with me. I'm sure I

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would have resented the whole program.”

Mike doubted he would have gone to law school. “Women barely had a toe-hold in law when I started practicing. I started out at a firm of 125 lawyers. There was one woman. She was one year ahead of me. My incoming class at that firm had six lawyers. None of them were women.

“I probably would have become a writer,” Mike told me. “I wanted to be a writer as a guy, but I was discouraged by my high school counselor. Journalism was something that was opening up a little more readily to women. Only four of the women in my high school graduating class went to college. They all became teachers.

“I’m not a real ground-breaker,” Mike admitted. “I doubt that I would have put my feminist foot forward. I imagine if I’d gotten married, it would have been a pretty traditional home with pretty traditional lines of responsibility. A lot like the home in which I grew up. I don’t see that my life would have unfolded much differently than my parents’ life. If I hadn’t joined the Marine Corps, I wouldn’t have ended up out here in California.”

Mike doesn’t remember ever wishing he were a woman. “I can remember being thankful that I was a guy,” he said and laughed. “In high school and college, if I wanted to ask a girl out, I could at least ask. She could always say no. She could say, ‘Hell, no.’ But at least I was in there pitching. Whereas if I were a girl and I wanted to ask someone out, and I couldn’t figure out some way to make him pay attention to me, it was ‘Sorry, Charlie.’ Girls didn’t ask guys out. It was almost to the level of a taboo back then. I was glad that I had charge of myself. It’s the same with sports. Women just didn’t have that.” Even the thought of being drafted and possibly dying in Vietnam didn’t make Mike wish he weren’t a man. “Even during the war when I was in the service,” Mike said. “Women didn’t have the draft hanging over their heads. But it was never enough to make me wish that I were a woman.”

Mike thought about

his children. “My relationship with my sons would have been very different,” he said. “Our relationship has always been a lot of outdoor activities, backpacking. One of my sons has even become a professional outdoorsman. I think some of his interest had its origins

way back in that first backpacking trip when they were kids. He carried a backpack that had about 2 pounds in it. I was carrying one with about 50 pounds. There’s a strong question whether or not I would have done all that with my sons if I’d been a woman.

“It’s hard for me to imagine what motherhood must be like. There’s just this deep wellspring of feeling and emotion that is so far beyond — I would have a hard time even putting myself in a mother’s shoes. I have one daughter, and she seems to have a partic-

ularly warm relationship with her mother. It’s a mystery.”

ONE OF THE GIRLS

Bill Harris’s aversion to wrestling and family comparisons runs deep. Sitting outside Peet’s Coffee in Hillcrest on a gray winter day,

Harris talked about growing up the middle of three children. “My brother is 11 months older. My sister is three years younger,” Harris said. “I was always compared to my brother. ‘Why can’t you be like your brother?’ ‘Why don’t you wrestle like your brother?’



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It started early on. My dad's a physician. He had very limited time for us. I remember vividly in sixth grade, my dad said to me, 'I only have a limited amount of time. I'm offering to spend time with you instead of wrestling with your brother. So we should only do things that I want to do.' I didn't respond to that very well."

Harris's clothing matched the overcast day: a gray patterned sweater over a gray T-shirt, and gray slacks. He had a soft face with rounded outlines, soft hands, and impeccably groomed nails. His grayish green eyes gazed out from behind black thin-rimmed glasses. Harris toyed with his large silver watch as he spoke. "I'm a professional chef," Harris said. "I went to culinary school in Hyde Park, New York, at the Culinary Institute of America. I spent two years

cooked with her. I inherited her cookbooks when she died." Harris remembers baking a cake by himself when he was in elementary school. "My grandmother was a big cake baker. I remember making meat loaf where you take it out and put mashed potatoes on top and then put it back in the oven and let it brown. I think that was in seventh grade. And then there was always Sunday breakfast. My parents would read the paper, and I'd serve them breakfast in bed.

"My parents are very good people but not very good communicators," Harris explained. "My dad's rather overbearing although he's a very nice guy. It's amazing how much my parents are like their parents. Their parents never talked to them. Did not communicate. And in turn, that's

BILL HARRIS: "I kind of understand why drag queens do what they do. They're in their own little fantasy world."

walking around in a chef's toque and checkered pants. It was great fun. Before that I got a bachelor's degree in business administration." Thirty years old, Harris managed a wine bar in San Diego when we spoke in early 2000.

He doesn't have many good memories of childhood. "I think I was very odd when I was growing up. I liked cooking, playing restaurant. One Christmas, I wanted the little manual sweeper that you see at Denny's. And I got one. That Christmas, I set the table and had the whole family wait at the door. I seated everyone for dinner, and then at the end I cleared the dishes and I took the little sweeper out and picked up the crumbs. I think I was in sixth grade."

Harris's grandmother lived with his family for many years. "She was a big influence on me. I always

how they dealt with us. We're all products of our childhood. Especially with my dad having very limited time. I think that was a very big, big deficiency in our family life, not having him around."

Harris said he always felt different from other kids. "It got worse in junior high and high school. I was wrestling with my sexuality. I'm a gay male. I didn't come out until I was 23 or 24. I was always trying subconsciously to please my mom and dad. Always being the peacemaker. My brother was a star wrestler. My sister was a star soccer player. My parents were so busy shuffling kids around to different activities, they didn't have time to sit down and talk to us about what we were doing."

During his teen years, Harris attended an all-boys Catholic prep school in Oklahoma City. "I was aware

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of my sexuality in high school," Harris told me. "But, not having communicative parents, I didn't know who to talk to or where to turn. I played tennis. Played the piano. Did photography. Dabbled in journalism. I always would be friends with the teachers or people who were older than I was.

"Suspicions of being gay were very much a problem in high school," Harris remembered. "Especially being my brother's little brother, and my brother being a wrestler. I tried wrestling for ten days. It was too confusing. Wrestling with another man in tight clothing," Harris grimaced. "That was enough of that."

For college, Harris went to the University of Illinois. "Beautiful campus," he said. "Beautiful college experience. My first year, I lived

to Japan and set up the company's branch office. He delved into Japanese culture again. "I took a cooking class. I was the only foreigner amidst 30 male students. The class was Japanese and French, Italian. It was a survey. It was fun. It was all in Japanese. It was a good outlet for me."

In Japan, Harris experienced another transformation. "I was developing self-confidence, I had come out. I had a Japanese boyfriend who really helped me with my language. I found myself retracting from that huge societal pressure to perform professionally. It's amazing how much you can actually feel that pressure to go go go, to conform.

"Gay culture is open in Japan," Harris said. "They actually had their third gay pride parade while I was

JAY BORDEN: "I think my mother really wanted a girl. I have the feeling I was raised as though I were a girl."

in the dorms. The next year I moved out. I still have a very tight-knit group of friends from college.

"With my business degree, I concentrated on human-resource management. That was the hot topic in the late '80s. I went to study in Japan for a summer. I stayed with a host family and had a great time. It was like being transformed, going to a different land. Now I kind of understand why drag queens do what they do. They're in their own little fantasy world. I'm not Bill Harris anymore. I'm [Harris intoned a Japanese accent] Harris-san. The language, the culture, chatting, acting humble. I was thinking, 'Yeah, this is how it should be.'"

After graduating from the University of Illinois, Harris got a job at a software company in the same town where he had gone to school. Four years later, he moved

there. About 100 people showed up. Homosexuality is accepted in Japan but not talked about. They have what they call money boys, prostitutes. And there are fetish bars. In the gay district, there are about 100 bars that are one-room places. And each one would have a different theme. Like men from Kyushu are supposed to be gorgeous. So there'd be a Kyushu bar. And I was reading in a gay travel book that there was this bar, and it looked interesting. So I went up there. As soon as I sat down and ordered a beer, in comes this guy with banana splits. And he says, 'Banana splits for everyone!' So the bartender tells me in Japanese, 'I think you'd be more comfortable at a different bar because this is a fat man's bar.' And I looked around, and everyone was fat. The reason they have these fetish bars, or theme bars, is

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because everything in Japan is escapism. They're escaping the reality of work. So they create these little fantasies. Even in Japanese advertising, everything's cute cartoons. It's all escapism."

Harris was in Japan for 14 months before he traveled back to the United States for his brother's wedding and then again for Christmas. During the Christmas season, he traveled to Key West with a bisexual woman friend. "While we were there, I said to myself, 'What makes me really happy?' The answer was cooking."

After going back to Japan and taking the cooking class, Harris got accepted to the Culinary Institute of America. "There's a big push at CIA to get people out. Turn 'em and burn 'em. I latched on to people like myself who were extremely serious about cooking. These were mainly people who already had a college degree and were coming back because they wanted to. We always looked at each other and said, 'We have the passion.'" Harris laughed. "To this day, I talk to about eight of those people on a biweekly or monthly basis."

After being at the CIA for two years, Harris did an externship in Florida, then spent a brief time in Hawaii. Several months later, he moved to San Diego. "That was a year and a half ago," Harris said. "Eventually, I want to own my own place. I think I have a good balance of culinary ability and business ability and people skills."

Harris talked openly about the difficulty he had coming out to his parents. "I was out two years with my friends before I told my mother. She was pressuring me. 'When are you going to have kids?' So I told her, 'I'm never going to have kids.' And she accepted it. I wrote my dad a letter. I couldn't tell him face-to-face. He's a very religious person. His reaction was, 'I love you and I'll pray for you.' He's very worried about HIV, especially because he's a doctor."

How would Harris's life have been different if he'd been born a woman? "I think I would not have been as well-rounded as I am now," Harris said,

"because my Japanese employment would not have happened. Japan is a very male-driven society. I would not have been, at 25, the manager of a \$4.5 million corporation. It would not have been accepted in the Japanese culture."

"If I were a woman, I think I would be a lesbian rather than a straight woman," Harris continued. "And I'm not dogging on straight women because I'm a gay man. Straight women, when they're together, have this very competitive, not bitchy, but just very competitive measuring. Where the lesbians that I come into contact with are more even-keeled and kick-back and 'I don't care what I look like.' It's been my observation of straight women that they tend to be very superficial or lend themselves to being very superficial. Although I have some very good friends who are straight women who are not superficial at all."

"I'm very close to my mother and to her sister and to my dad's sister. I identify very well with all women. All my closest friends are women. That was true even when I was younger. I was just really one of the girls."

Harris thought being a woman would not have changed his relationship with his brother. "My brother is very quiet and very introverted," he said. "I think nothing would have changed. He just goes in his own direction." Even though Harris was always compared to his brother, he never felt competitive. "We're still not competitive," Harris maintained. "He wants to start his own landscape business. He's a landscape architect. He calls me up asking for advice. Very elementary questions. I say, 'Hello-o-o. Call the Better Business Bureau.' 'What's that?' he asks. I help him out. Had I been a woman, we would not have been compared, but our relationship together would have been the same."

"With my sister, it would have been different," Harris said. "My sister is very competitive, very much the youngest child. I think our relationship would have been a lot more competitive."

Harris reimagined his relationship with his parents. "If I were a woman, my rela-

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tionship with my father would have been much different. When I look at my brother's and sister's relationships with my dad, they're very strong, very much in turmoil. But at least there was a relationship. With me and my father, there was no relationship. I can remember this one time when I wanted my dad and I to do something together that we could both enjoy. Not just me going and helping out with the car or helping him cut down a tree. So we went to see the movie *Gandhi*. And I vividly remember we both sat there and really enjoyed the movie. I was in eighth grade when that happened. My dad doesn't enjoy good food. He doesn't drink. And those are the things I was cultivating an interest in.

"My relationship with

women friends for a week. "All my women friends are distinctly different. I have a Jamaican friend that I would trade places with because she's into real cooking and authenticity. She's a no-bullshit person. Then I have another woman friend who's real gentle. There are no males I would want to trade places with because I love my life as a male. I don't want to be Donald Trump. I don't want to be Bill Clinton. I'm really happy with who I am. Why change that?"

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Jay Borden was 77 years old when we talked at a retirement home in San Marcos. He spoke warmly and with humor in a low, rumbling voice that sounded as though he might be a retired DJ.

DERRICK: "I'd probably be daddy's little girl, always begging for money, going shopping all the time, stereotypical female stuff."

my mom, I don't know," Harris paused, "because I have such a good relationship with my mom right now. She's the strong, silent type. There was a time when my parents were thinking about getting a divorce. My mom would come into my room in the middle of the night as a comfort zone and just cry. She would huddle up in the corner and cry. I was the caretaker in that.

"The relationship between my mother and my sister is very strained. My sister always has to have things her way. Being a woman, you have a lot more responsibility for relationships. Being a man, you have the freedom to be more focused on yourself. I could definitely be a woman part-time. I like being the caretaker."

Harris would trade places with all his close

"What I do now is volunteer for things," he said. "I shelve books for the public library. I teach a course about how to get on the Internet and how to send and receive e-mail. That's about it."

Dressed in dark slacks and a yellow polo shirt, Borden had the relaxed, well-heeled look of someone who had retired in relative comfort. "My first memory is sitting with my father in a second-story window," Borden said. "It was a window that projected out from the roof, and it had a window seat. There was a raging thunderstorm going on outside, and my father was explaining to me about thunder and lightning. I have never been afraid of thunder and lightning since. I think I was about four."

Not all Borden's memories of his father were so

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pleasant. "My mother and father's divorce was very unpleasant," he remembered. "I was somewhere between 8 and 11. The Depression was on. You didn't know how you were going to live. I was concerned that we were going to starve to death. We did not. But I missed my father. I thought they broke up on my account because they always used to fight about me."

Borden's dad stayed close by. "He lived in Los Angeles for quite a while; then he moved to San Diego County. He died in San Diego County. I must confess, and I feel guilty about

it, I was not in contact with him when he died. So I don't know where he died. But I got a copy of the death certificate. I know when he died, but not what of or where.

"I lived in the Jewish section of Los Angeles," Borden told me. "Fairfax and Wilshire. I was 14 years old before I discovered my best friend was Jewish, and I was not."

"I was very fortunate. A friend of my mother's, who had no children and a lot of money, called her up one day and said, 'Would you like to send Jay to private school on Catalina Island?' And she said, 'I never

thought of it, but yes.' So he sent me to four years of Catalina Island School for Boys. Then he sent me for four years to Cal Tech. He obviously affected my life more than any other event that I can think of. I'm eternally grateful to him."

At first, Borden thought the Catalina school was going to be terrible. "After about two weeks, I decided it was wonderful. And when it came time to graduate, I didn't want to leave. It really was an island unto itself. We had wonderful instructors, and the headmaster was a wonderful man. I guess he was a substitute father. Having that oppor-

tunity to learn was a great influence on my life. I had to take Latin, and I had to take French, chemistry, algebra, beginning calculus. So when I got to Cal Tech, I found that I was probably about two years ahead of my classmates. But they soon caught up and passed me." Borden laughed.

Borden graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from Cal Tech, then spent 33 months in the Army. "I was probably the worst soldier that the Army had ever seen," he said. "When I got out, I went back and got a master's degree. I went on to work at the Jet Propulsion Lab-

oratory for three and a half years. We were successful there. I built the autopilot for the first liquid-propelled missile that they were going to fire. And it worked. They got a large contract and got off the ground that way. Then I got a job working for a company that was supplying JPL with equipment, with parts for this thing. I worked there seven or eight years. It was more mechanical than electrical.

"When I got my next job," Borden recounted smoothly, "I had a neighbor down the street who worked for a company that was looking for an electrical engineer who wanted to

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At the time we spoke, Borden had lived in the retirement community for four years. "We came here because my wife suffers from congestive heart failure," he explained. "She is doing as well as can be expected. She was getting so that she didn't want to drive or go get the groceries. And I was tired of not doing much. So we decided to move. We've never been sorry."

Borden and his wife

have two children. "We have a boy who lives in La Crescenta and works at JPL. He's worked at JPL for 20 years. We have a daughter who lives in New Hampshire. They were both born in California."

"One of the worst things that happened was our oldest daughter, Katherine, right before her sixth birthday, drowned in a neighbor's swimming pool," Borden said. "I can testify that next to losing a spouse, losing a child is the worst thing that can happen to you. With the help of psychiatry and reasonableness, we got through. My wife kept thinking it was her fault. The kids were always active and interested in things. And if you put them

together and you didn't pay any attention, they'd go in three different directions. Katherine was very inquisitive. She went over to the neighbor's back yard, and there was the pool. I guess she thought it looked inviting, and she jumped in. That was it. Her brother discovered her. He knew she was dead the second... He came running. He claims it didn't affect him. But I think it did."

Borden paused for a moment. "It's funny how you love them all, but you love them differently," he reflected. "They're different persons. They require different forms of attention."

How would Borden's life have been different if he'd been a girl? "I don't

think my relationship with my mother would have changed much," he said. "I think my mother really wanted a girl. I have the feeling I was raised as though I were a girl. It was very subtle. My mother was terribly protective. I remember being at a family gathering where there were other children. My mother leaned over to another relative and said, 'Do you imagine any of those children over there have some kind of disease?' As a consequence, I didn't have any kind of childhood disorders until I got in the Army. I got the chicken pox in the Army. I got German measles. Katherine came home with red measles, and I got them from her."

"If I'd been born a

woman, I wouldn't have gone to Cal Tech," Borden imagined. "I might have gone in the Army. There were women in all branches of the service. They were largely office types and some nurses."

Borden thought he might have gone into computer programming if he'd been a woman. "If I were a woman, I'd like to work for Hewlett-Packard. They've been a good company to work for if you're a woman. My son's girlfriend works for them. Now it's got a woman CEO."

"There were very few women engineers when I was working, and there still aren't," Borden said. "I think it's not so much that women are discriminated against.

It's just that engineering is a dirty business. If you're designing something that's going to be used, the best way is to get your hands in it."

As we finished our interview, Borden followed the same line as the other older men I'd interviewed. "I can't imagine what it would have been like to be a mother," he said. "I can't imagine what it would be like to give birth to a child. With that comes the hormonal effect that ties the woman to the child by whatever magic it is. A man can never fathom that. I've never particularly envied that. I've never wished I weren't a man, and I've never wanted to trade places with any woman."

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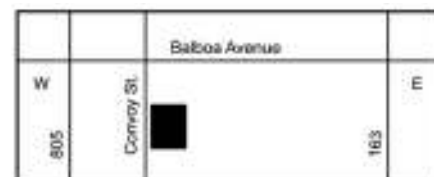
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I started my interviews with a 90-year-old man from the Bronx. A year and a half later, I ended with a 19-year-old from a North County suburb. Derrick, who preferred not to use his real name, met me at a Starbucks across the street from his high school alma mater. "I graduated from high school in the year 2000," Derrick told me. "Right now I'm going to school up at San Luis Obispo. I'm a mechan-

ical engineering major. This summer I'm hanging out with my friends, working, and trying to make some money."
Dressed in a red Hurley T-shirt, off-white cargo shorts, and flip-flops, Derrick could have been on his way home from surfing. He wore his blond hair shaved close to his head with sideburns that curved out onto his cheeks. His eyes, behind silver-mirrored sunglasses, were small and blue.
Derrick has three brothers: one older and two

younger. "My older brother is in the Marines, now stationed out in Yuma," he said. Both Derrick's younger brothers attend the same high school he attended. "We got along like most brothers do," Derrick said. "There were times where you're hanging out and having fun with them. Then there are times where fights break out. Nothing too serious. I was always closer to my older brother because he's only a year and a half older than me. We were in the same age group for Lit-

tle League baseball, soccer, that stuff. And my little brothers were always together. They're only two years apart."
Derrick had good memories from elementary school. "I was a pretty popular kid," he said. "I was the historian on student council. So I got to take pictures of all the stuff we did: drug-awareness things, different plays that the other grades put on. It was pretty cool."
"In elementary school, I was really close to my mom," Derrick remem-

bered. "I was always telling her things. She bugs me about it now. She says, 'Oh, you were so close to me when you were younger,'" Derrick spoke in an affected singsong. " 'You don't even want to talk to me anymore.' I wasn't aware of the change at the time. But looking back, I can see that I did tell her everything. Now it's totally different. I'm an independent person."
Growing up, Derrick always played sports. "My whole family did soccer for the longest time," he said.

"Then everyone quit. I've played baseball since I was in kindergarten. I played football in high school. I was the starting quarterback my junior and senior years. Actually, I was a three-sport athlete. I played football, basketball, and baseball."
Derrick warmed to his topic. "I loved high school. Once you start getting into sports, especially if you're a decent player, all the guys are like, 'This guy's good. Let's go hang out with him.' You break through, and then everyone wants to be your

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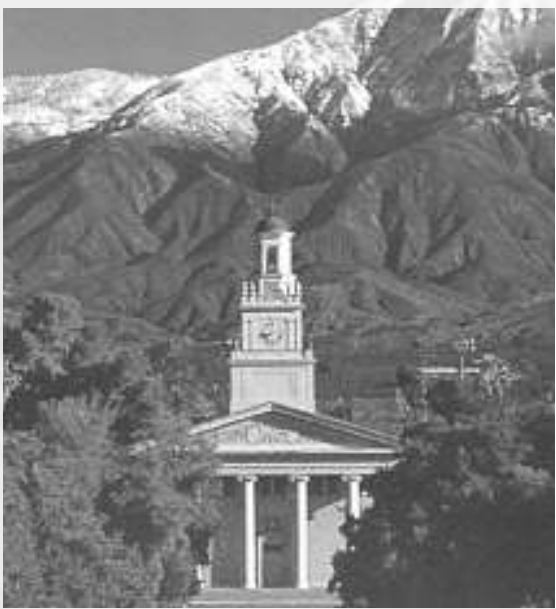
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Derrick was happy and sad to graduate from high school. "I wanted to get away from home," he said. "At the same time, you never know when you're going to see your friends again."

According to Derrick, his freshman year of college was too much fun. "My grades suffered for it," he explained. "I went from a high school GPA of 4.19 to an overall college GPA of 1.91. I'm on academic probation. If I don't make it this next quarter, they're going to boot me. Next year I'm not going to screw around as much. Freshman year was a practice year."

Because his college requires freshmen to declare an academic major, Derrick chose mechanical engineering. "I don't know what I want to do when I get out of school. But I hope to get into some field of mechanical engineering because I know mechanical engineers make a lot of money. I was thinking maybe the automotive part of engineering. I like cars."

How would things have been different if Derrick had been a girl?

"I don't think much would have changed in elementary school," he answered. "I probably still would have been just as involved. Probably would have had the same friends. Probably still would have been really close with my mom. My dad probably still would have put me in a lot of sports."

Derrick thought his life as a girl would have been better vis-à-vis his brothers. "I probably would have gotten my own room my whole life. Although I probably would have fought with my

brothers just as much, I would have gotten away with more because I would have been the only girl."

High school would have been very different had Derrick been born a girl. "Definitely with friends," he said. "I hung out with a lot of girls in high school. If I'd been a girl, it probably would have been switched around. I think I'd be a bit of a tomboy and have a lot of guys as friends. I probably wouldn't be into sports as much. I'd probably be daddy's little girl, always begging for money, going shopping all the time, stereotypical female stuff."

"In college, I don't think I'd party as much if I were a girl," he continued. "When I started college, I was never really homesick at all. A lot of girls were at the beginning. They missed their boyfriends, missed home."

As our interview wound to a close, Derrick reflected on the question of changing sexes. "I wouldn't have thought about being a woman if I hadn't been interviewed," he said. "When I thought about the question, all the stereotypes came into my mind of how women act. Would I be like that? Would I go shopping all the time? Would I be clique-y? Would there be drama all the time? Drama's a big thing with girls." Derrick laughed. "Everything's so dramatic. Like the gossip. 'So-and-So broke up with someone.' 'Oh my gosh!' It's a big ordeal. A guy's life is just less stressed, going by the moment, not thinking as much, not analyzing anything."

Derrick couldn't think of any woman he admires whom he'd like to be. "If I could, it'd probably be some famous singer, someone who has it easy," he said. "I've got lots of male heroes. I could pick one out from each sport."

In spite of the lack of female heroes, Derrick admitted to sometimes wishing he weren't a man. "It seems like girls have it so much easier when it comes to relationships. Most of the time, it's the guy who has to make the first move. The guy's kind of confused, doesn't know what he should do. I've gone through that before. If you're the girl, it's not as much work."

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into heaps in the gutter. Our daughters, sixth and seventh graders then, sat at the dining room table and talked while they played double solitaire. The girls, at that age, often played hearts and rummy and double solitaire ("Double Sol," they called it). They riffled and shuffled their decks and slapped down on tabletops the brightly dressed kings, queens, jacks, aces, and number cards in all their four suits. Card games, someone told me, were good training for life. These games taught that success or failure, safety or danger, were not matters of skill only but also involved chance.

The shooting was an accident. But the dead boy's father thought otherwise. The dead boy's father taught mathematics in the town's state college. So, as my husband said when I excitedly informed him that the boy's father insisted that his son's death was no accident, "You would have thought he understood about the laws of chance." The dead boy's father didn't think the shooting was chance. What he said, only days after his

son's funeral, when he went to the home of the shooter and grabbed the shooter by the throat and squeezed until the shooter's eyes popped, was, "You boys were involved in heroin and homosexuality and Satanism. I know you were." (By "you boys," the dead boy's father must have meant the eight boys present when the gun was fired.) The shooter, a gangly kid, couldn't have weighed 90 pounds, and the dead boy's father must have weighed 225. The way I heard it is that

He'd been drinking and smoking weed and he was fooling with the gun.

the shooter peed his pants while the dead boy's father throttled him, and then, after the shooter's father had pulled the dead boy's father off the sopping-wet shooter, the kid collapsed on the carpet and vomited on the dead boy's father's shoes and trouser cuffs. The shooter's mother, hysterical,

dialled 911, and the police, lights and sirens going, arrived and hauled the dead boy's father to our three-cell county jail. No sooner had the dead boy's mother bailed out her husband than the grief-crazy mathematician returned to the shooter's house. This time, he didn't knock. He rushed through the front door to the kitchen, where, apparently, he heard voices. It was dinnertime and the shooter was seated, with his parents and little sister, at the kitchen table. The dead boy's father grabbed the shooter from behind, by the neck, and pulled him upward. Again, the shooter's father intervened and pulled the dead boy's father off his son, and the shooter's mother dialled 911, and the police came and carried the dead boy's father back to jail. The shooter's family took out a restraining order against the dead boy's father, and later, after the dead boy's two brothers repeatedly threatened the shooter and his family, they also took out restraining orders against the brothers. The accusation about heroin

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and homosexuality and Satanism was baseless. The only person present at the shooting who knew anything much about homosexuality was Danny, the son of the heroine of my novel, and he knew about it because since he was in grade school he got crushes on his male teachers and not his female teachers, and girls, as creatures to kiss and fondle, don't do anything for him. Heroin and Satanism none of these boys knew anything about. Nothing.

One of the boys present when the shooting happened (and to protect his privacy I do not say which boy) is the younger brother of a friend of my older daughter's. This friend, not

long ago, told me things about his little brother's presence at this incident that I had never known. Hugh is what I will call my daughter's friend.

Hugh was 15 when this happened. Now he's past 40. I see gray in his hair. He was rather reluctantly telling me, one evening, what happened. We decided we'd call the boy who did this "the shooter." "The shooter had brought a pistol that his dad had. I think he made the assumption that it wasn't loaded. It was his dad's gun. And he had brought it, and he'd been drinking and smoking weed, and he was fooling with the gun and did what he did with it. But you know what, you sit around in groups — there

are 8 to 10 kids that are 12 or 13 years old with a gun in the room, and it could have been anybody. You know, it could have been my little brother who had pulled the trigger rather than somebody else."

I asked Hugh if anybody who was present objected to the shooter's fooling with this gun. He said that apparently no one objected, no. "They made the assumption that the chamber was empty. And didn't know enough about guns to be able to crack it open and check."

Shootings like the shooting that happened in my little town, nowadays, are an unexceptional story: one kid snatches a gun from under the driver's seat in

his father's pickup truck or out of the cluttered drawer in his grandfather's tool bench. Then, accidentally or on purpose, he shoots that gun at another kid and blows that kid's head apart. We are accustomed to this story, inured to its details. We shrug when we see film of the aftermath, when we see the police arrive, the coroner arrive, the grief counselors arrive, when we get a quick glimpse of blood, already turned brown by fresh air. But back 30 years ago when the mathematician's son got shot, boys didn't regularly shoot other boys. And, where it happened, in a little county seat town with a brownstone courthouse topped by a copper cupola, boys, except

in the occasional hunting accident, didn't shoot other boys. A quiet, century-old town was what Coraville was. The tallest structure, taller by far than the courthouse cupola, was the water tower, its silvery anodized tank neatly lettered in black, "CORAVILLE." It was a town where people knew each other's business. People knew each other's grandparents to say hello to. They called ladies "Miss" and "Mrs.," and they called gentlemen "Mr." No one locked doors. Late at night after Johnny Carson was over, women whose breasts hung loose beneath transparent lingerie could drift out barefoot onto the front yard and move soaker hoses. They could stand there half-

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often felt at night in summer when I walked out onto the lawn and transferred hoses from the damp part of the lawn to the dry. So you can see why in a place like that a boy getting shot in the head was such a big deal. You can see why practically the whole town felt that this story was a story about them and why, even though few people knew any homosexuals and almost no one knew a heroin user and certainly no one knew a Satanist, many people worried that these boys *were* involved in homosexuality, heroin, and Satanism.

When I first started thinking about writing a novel, I knew that I would put this shooting in the story. I wanted the boy who gets shot, the boy I have decided to name Toby, to be the object of Danny's first crush on another boy. For a long time I thought about the shooting and Danny's part in it and how the shooting changes Danny's life. I thought for many weeks about these events and Danny's responses to them before I sat down and doodled stick figures onto the empty paper.

The shooting happened in a two-car garage renovated for use as a workshop and den. Its owners, for reasons I never knew, spoke of this building as "the shed," and because after what happened the building continued to be described, in newspaper reports, as a shed, that's what I call it. The shed sits next to the alley on a spacious corner lot in Coraville's oldest and most desirable residential area. The lot belongs to a realtor and his wife, both Coraville natives. The realtor and his wife are nobody important to my novel (although they were important in real-life Coraville). Not even their son Malcolm is important. He is just this kid whose folks live in the neighborhood.

I worried about how I'd write a crowd. A roster of names can confuse a reader. For the shooting, there's Polly and Phil's son Danny, and then there's Toby and then Neal, the guy who will shoot Toby, and then there's Malcolm, who invites Danny to the shed where the shooting happens. That's four names, introduced simultaneously.

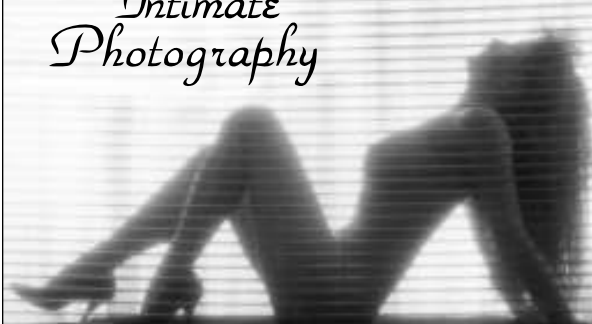
In addition to those four boys, there are the twins I call the Miller twins and then Ray and Arnold. (None of these names are names of people involved in the actual shooting, and my fictional characters do not look like their counterparts in the exterior world.)

How-to-write books suggest that the novelist assign each character one defining gesture and one memorable physical feature. This seems unnatural to me. Back in the days when we called Cherokees and Choctaws "Indians" and "redskins," comedians made jokes that involved English translations of Native American names. The native's names translated into a string of hyphenated English words, names like "He-Who-Kills-Birds-With-His-Big-Fists." Now, of course, that I mention these jokes, I can't think of one name that would serve as an example. I can't even seem to make up a name. But this assignment of defining gestures and memorable features reminds me of those hyphenated names.

By the time a reader

arrives at the paragraph where the pistol goes off, red-haired and jug-eared, fat and clumsy Danny, his ugly dark-rimmed eyeglasses with their filthy lenses slipping down onto his shiny pimpled nose, has emerged in many paragraphs. You, the reader, will have followed his name as it pops up on the muddy, crooked back roads along which his adventures occur (and I, the writer, will hope that he is a few steps ahead of me and also of you). Only to say, under your breath, "Danny," is to have your mouth fill with his story. Only to see, up ahead, on the page, the shape of his name is to have his life story to that point gathered for you. His parents, his birth, his school-days, his longings, all encode themselves in that straight-backed, stolid *D*, the short *a*'s bleat, the two matching hilltops the double-*n* makes, and then, the tail of the *y* flying the way streamers fly off kites, high in the air. Toby, both in person and in Danny's fantasies, has shown up too, a sturdy, big-necked, broad-shouldered, square-faced blond with blue eyes

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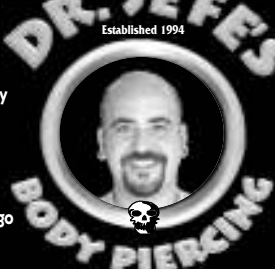
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set in an alert gaze. (The *y* that ends Toby is entirely unlike the *y* that ends Danny. The Toby *y* wags the way the docked stub tail of a cocker spaniel wags; that plosive *b*, blocking the way between the long *o* and *y*, must be what makes the Toby *y* wag with a docked tail rather than stream like the tail of a kite.) On the day that this particular section of my novel describes, the blond hair, brush cut, is still bleached almost white from summer and the smooth, beardless face is tan, and Toby's teeth, which never needed braces, are straight and white. Years later, when Danny (or Dan as he calls himself when he says all this) describes Toby to someone, Dan says, "Imagine a husky, corn-fed, barely pubescent Robert Redford. Imagine a teen angel." Dan adds, "He was so young still that he'd never even shaved."

For the shooting scene, the rest of the crowd of boys appears on the page for the

this afternoon that Neal shot Toby. The stadium was six blocks from Danny's house. Danny can hear the marching band (I could hear it that day). He can hear, as I did, the cheers rise up out of the crowd. If he were sitting in the stands, he could hear the cheerleaders yell:

"Minnesota oranges, Texas cactus,

"We think your team needs a little practice!"

On autumn weekend afternoons I am carried away when I see through the florist's smeared window a vase filled with those dinner-plate-size bronze chrysanthemums, the mums' stems tied with ribbons in a school's colors—the royal blue and white or the ugly orange and black, and when I hear a marching band play old show tunes and fight songs. "We're gonna fight, fight, fight for..." I sing, even though I can't, of course, figure for whom I'd fight.

On this October Saturday afternoon, this crowd was sitting around in the shed, passing the first of two stolen bottles of vodka, sipping at the warm liquid.

first time. Malcolm was tall for his age, almost six feet, and reedy thin. He was a mama's boy, and there was something bossy and self-important about the way he talked to people. A defining gesture is supposed to be something like pushing your bangs out of your face or belching or sneering. So for Malcolm I need a bossy gesture. Malcolm I didn't have a face for or for Neal the shooter either. In real life, the boy who shot the boy I call Toby had dark, greasy hair and one of those narrow weasel faces, and, as I mentioned above, was scrawny and small. But to give a villain a villainous face seems too obvious. I still do not know what to do about a face for the shooter.

Another thing I need to add here, both because it was what happened and because I like figuring out how to write it, is that the football team from the small college where the dead boy's father taught math was playing an at-home game on

Pleasant memories are a lit fireplace that you rest cozily in front of and watch flames lick the logs and flicker. The football Saturday afternoon is one of those memories. I remember how chrysanthemums have this pleasant acrid tang and how at pep assemblies when I was in high school, the cheerleaders tossed back their bangs and raised their fists and yelled:

"We're rowdy and we're rough,

"We're big and mean and tough!"

I quit dreaming. I return to the blank paper. I put my pen on the blue line. I hear the nib's first scrapes, the nib finding precisely the correct angle, the right slant. Then the ink dampens the dry rag with first a serif and next an entire sturdy letter and then a word and then two words as I get busy and figure how to send Danny to the shooting. Malcolm is important to my story in one way. Normally, Danny would not be invited to Malcolm's. Mal-



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colm and his crowd, which includes Toby, were the popular, athletic eighth-grade boys, boys who were elected class presidents and Jayvee Homecoming Kings and Cutest Guy. On this October Saturday afternoon, this crowd was sitting around in the shed, passing the first of two stolen bottles of vodka, sipping at the warm liquid. They were eating Fritos corn chips and barbecue potato chips, the kind of potato chips that leave on your hands a copper dust. They were eating the chips and the Fritos out of big family-size bags. One of the boys said, "I wish we had grass." Toby knew that Danny's father kept marijuana; he knew that Danny's father was a pothead. Why he knew that was because he and Danny often pilfered Danny's father's supply.

I must explain here that nobody outside Danny's family approved Toby's friendship with Danny. Toby's parents and brothers complained that Danny was weird and that he was

a loner and sullen, and Toby's friends, the popular guys, told Toby Danny was a fag and said people would think he was a fag too for hanging around with him. But they'd never done anything that fags do or talked about doing anything that fags do. They'd never, as had other boys their age, "helped each other out" by touching each other there. Danny didn't think about Toby touching him there or his touching Toby there. Danny didn't think about there; he didn't think about touching. He didn't think about kissing except to think that even the idea of mouth kissing disgusted him and that he had never done it. What Danny thought about before Neal shot Toby dead was being with Toby, every day, all the time. It wasn't as if they did much when they were together. What did they talk about? They talked about other kids. They talked a bit but not much about their schoolwork and the various teachers. They fan-

tasized. They imagined what they would do to this person or that person. They imagined perpetrating stupid slip-on-banana-peel tricks. They laughed. They sat after school in the curtained den at Toby's house and stared at the television screen and stuffed into their open mouths handfuls of popcorn that Toby's mother drizzled with melted but-

were together. Never. Danny always could think of something to do. He was an outlaw and he would do dangerous things, like break into people's houses and steal their liquor and wine. Danny was the only non-adult whom Toby knew who could use a corkscrew or, just like a guy in a movie, pull a cork from a bottle of champagne. Danny was the

He was also a great shoplifter and on a regular basis he artfully pocketed cigarettes and candy and Toby's favorite, Hostess Apple Pie.

ter and sprinkled with Kraft Parmesan cheese. This was the best popcorn Danny ever ate.

Toby sought ways to encourage people to see Danny as he did — smart, funny, loyal, and even though he was fat and pokey and a lousy athlete, he also was daring. Toby was never bored when he and Danny

leader and Toby the follower, but the two boys had been breaking and entering — into houses and tool sheds and school buildings and offices and apartments and college dorm rooms — since they were in grade school. They had never been caught. They had never even been suspected. Danny liked figuring out how to jimmy

locks and crack open windows; he knew who was gone on vacation and who went to work at night. He knew who had liquor cabinets and wine racks. He was also a great shoplifter and on a regular basis he artfully pocketed cigarettes and candy and Toby's favorite, Hostess Apple Pie. One night that summer, when they were high on marijuana and riding around town on their bikes, the boys went grocery shopping and Danny shoplifted two porterhouse steaks and a bottle of red wine from the supermarket and then broke into First Lutheran Church's basement kitchen through a basement window, where Danny in darkness used First Lutheran's eight-burner restaurant gas range and broiled the steaks and served them, bloody rare, with garlic bread and salad, and on the steaks, he melted blue cheese (Danny, earlier, bought the bread and salad-makings). Danny set out plates on a tablecloth and silverware and glasses. They

ate the steak and bread and salad and drank the burgundy and weren't drunk. This was the best meal Toby could remember eating. More than once Toby had thought that Danny was the only person his age, at least the only person his age that he knew, who could do things that only grownups do. And after dinner, just as grownups do, he and Danny in the dark and chilly church basement leaned their elbows on the wooden First Lutheran Church table and smoked cigarettes and tapped them into a glass ashtray and sipped wine and fantasized what their lives would be like if they had been born Communists in Russia (because this was long before the Berlin Wall came down and long before Perestroika and long before the Soviet Union's dissolution into a collection of miniature countries, nations so small they seem like boutique countries). When it came time to leave, Danny, instead of doing the

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The State Doesn't Want You to Know
By Bob McPhail

How many abortions are performed in California each year? The truth is, no one knows — and California, unlike most states, is making almost no effort to find out. What abortion data it collects are not reliable. And as far as some of the biggest abortion providers are concerned, that's by design.

Planned Parenthood Booted

Coronado Schools Convinced by Website
By Robert Kumpel

Sometimes the little guy wins, even when his opponent has more money, more attorneys, and another public relations. In the case of Robert Kumpel (not his real name), changing public opinion was as simple as exposing Planned Parenthood's website. A few other Coronado schools have since ended their relationships with the organization.



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dishes or leaving them with fingerprints all over them, bagged up the dirty plates and glasses and silverware in a paper bag, and they took the bag to a Dumpster behind a downtown apartment house and threw in the sack and heard it clink against other garbage, and

then they rode off on their bikes. Toby on the last afternoon of his life thought that if the guys knew Danny had access to drugs, they might like him more (although had Toby not been drinking he would not have thought this and would have kept his promise

to Danny and never mentioned that Danny had drugs). So Toby, that afternoon, said, “I think Danny’s got some grass.” Everybody hollered, “Yeah! Yeah!” and they were still hollering when Malcolm crossed his backyard and walked into his house and telephoned

Danny and said, “Toby said you got some stuff. Why don’t you come on over to my house with it?” On that particular Saturday afternoon Danny intended to color and label his social studies maps. The maps were supposed to show how, after World

War II, European countries didn’t own as many African nations. He was supposed to make two maps. On one there would be Africa before the war and on the other Africa after the war. Even when Dan is 40 and he reads a headline in the newspapers about, say, Zambia,

Toby’s face and the bad thing that happens on this October afternoon insinuate themselves into his thoughts. If you asked Danny his opinion of the boys sitting around Malcolm’s father’s shed, Danny would have said that most were dumb

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jerks and that he'd give anything to be one of them. He went to Malcolm's because Toby was there; he would go anywhere to be with Toby and to be with Toby he would put up with any insult. He also knew, however, that Toby told the other guys that Danny had access to marijuana, and this hurt Danny's feelings.

So Danny feels sad and his pimpled forehead wrinkles when I have him rifle his dad's fishing gear and pull from one of the many pockets of his father's ancient khaki fly vest the Baggie of homegrown marijuana and the rolling papers and then transfer marijuana leaves

from his dad's Baggie to an envelope and then I had to get him to climb onto his ten-speed bike (what make, I wonder, and which model?) and pedal to the shed where the gun goes off and blows Toby's head to smithereens. Also, while Danny rummages his dad's pockets, he finds several roaches and he chews these dry tangy marijuana leftovers up and swallows them.

Malcolm's house wasn't far from Danny's — seven blocks. Danny rides on the right side of the street. He knows who lives in every house he passes. Several men are raking leaves. Smoke rises up. Danny keeps

one hand on the handlebars and the other on his knee, the knee pumping up and down, up and down. He wears faded Levi's and he looks at his hand as it rests against the pale blue denim. He throws back his head.

This bike ride I give Danny to Malcolm's house is my last chance to see Danny before everything changes. I am asking myself, "What will he remember from these minutes before it happens?" Will he remember the sound of the rake's metal tines against the concrete street? The thin line of smoke uncoiling upward from the heap where leaves and dry grass smolder? The

cheers from the stands at the football stadium? The squeak in his bike that seems to come from the spokes, something caught in the spokes in the back wheel? The solemn, autumnal light that gilds the edges of trees and houses the way gold leaf gilds illuminated manuscripts? His Timex watch's expandable stainless steel band whose links catch the light and glint? I cannot help but be fascinated by how certain events change us, how Danny went forth that afternoon on his bike and how he came home 30 minutes later, and tiptoed in the back door and hurried to his bedroom and stripped off all of his clothes. But I have gotten ahead of myself.

Here he is, now. Minutes after Danny closes his back gate, he bumps across the pea-gravel alley behind Malcolm's. Before Danny even slowed to a stop and

climbed down off his bike, tall and lanky Malcolm, ducking so as not to hit his head on the doorframe, ambled out of the shed and stood by the open door. "Hi," he yelled. "Got the stuff?" Danny nodded yes, that he had it. Danny stood down off his bike, leaned the bike against the white picket fence that ran along the back of the property, and walked toward Malcolm. Danny, who's a master at the stare-down, doesn't take his eyes off Malcolm's during all the time that he walks toward him. Danny blows himself up with what he calls the hate fire and imagines Malcolm's dark hair gone up in a tall plume of flames, a fiery Indian war bonnet. As Danny hands over the envelope, he hears laughter from inside the building. He didn't think they were laughing at him or about him and they weren't. They were laugh-

ing — laughing boisterously — because they had been sipping at the vodka and cans of beer and now the second vodka bottle is empty.

Why one boy jams his hand down into the darkness of the lint-filled pocket of his windbreaker is that he is fondling a gun. (I never write anything into anyone's pocket without remembering Lennie in *Of Mice and Men* and the mouse Lennie fondles in his pocket, and I wonder if, when writing about pockets and things in those pockets, if Lennie and his mouse do not occur to other writers. They must.) Why he has that gun is this. That morning the boys went bird hunting — quail or pheasant or maybe dove, I do not remember. They took rifles or shotguns (I'm not sure about the difference between rifles and shotguns). Nobody shot much of anything. But

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there were many birds killed, and later I would hear that these boys had left death-stiffened birds, the bird bodies heavy with shot, out in the pasture where they'd been hunting. This leaving behind of game is considered, among hunters, an unforgivable sin; when I heard about the dead birds, blood oozing from the birds' sharp beaks, green bottle flies zigzagging above the supine bodies and ants crawling around and around

the stiffened legs that stick straight up into the air, even I felt the shame in it, that you would leave behind what you killed. Anyway, the shooter, the boy I call Neal, unbeknownst to the other boys, has brought, in addition to his shotgun, his father's pistol. I know as little about pistols as about shotguns and rifles, so I don't know who manufactured this gun or what caliber it was or whether it was matte finish

or shiny or if it had a short butt or a long one or whether the grip had a rough finish on it or smooth. When I asked my daughter's friend Hugh if he knew what the gun was, he said he didn't. And he didn't think his little brother (40 years old now) knew either. Plus, even if his brother did know, he did not want to ask him. "It still upsets him," is what Hugh said, about his brother and the shooting. "And it still upsets my par-

ents. They were close, his parents and our parents." A pistol, according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, is simply "a firearm designed to be held and fired with one hand." A revolver, according to this same dictionary, is "a pistol having a revolving cylinder with several cartridge chambers that may be fired in succession." I took down out of the bookcase a detective novel and paged through. The villain in this

novel is a serial killer. I recalled that in addition to some bench-made, exceptionally well-balanced knives that he used for throat slitting and poking into stomachs, he owned a small family of handguns. One of these handguns, I read, is a pistol with a ten-shot clip. The villain, who at this point in the story is assessing his armory, gloats over this pistol. Why he gloats is that he has acquired for it three extra clips. The villain calls

this pistol a .22, which must refer to the caliber. Again, the good old *American Heritage* helps with this. Caliber is "the diameter of the inside of a round cylinder, such as a tube. b. The diameter of the bore of a firearm, usually shown in hundredths or thousandths of an inch and expressed in writing or print in terms of a decimal fraction: .45 caliber." I've seen these pistols. But I don't think a pistol

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like this, with a clip, is the kind of gun that Neal was playing with when he killed Toby. Hugh spoke of a “chamber.” (“They made the assumption that the chamber was empty. And didn’t know enough about guns to be able to crack it open and check.”) The pistol that killed Toby must be a revolver. Anyway, from what the dictionary has to say, it seems to me that in my novel, I can call it variously “the pistol” or “the gun” or “the weapon.”

So, what we have for this scene is eight boys, all eighth graders, all back from a bike ride out into the country where they went bird-hunting — where they shot long-tailed pheasant and some small, fat grouse and left several grouse to die and the pheasant too. They sit in an airless shed on a hot October Saturday

afternoon. Although there is mid-afternoon brightness showing through the cloth blinds pulled down tight over the shed’s six windows, inside it is dusk. Why the shades are pulled is that the boys have been drinking stolen beer and passing the stolen vodka bottles. Because that college football game’s being played at the stadium a few blocks away, the boys hear the marching band and they hear cheers and whistles. Because it’s 30 years ago, when everyone raked fallen leaves into heaps in the gutters and lit the heaps with a match, the boys smell burning leaves. They don’t yet smell the scent of drying blood and stiffening flesh on the birds they’ve carried in game bags from the morning’s hunt, and no one sitting around the shed notices that two birds

have slipped out of the canvas game bag in which they’d been carried, from the pastures outside town where the boys had been shooting. And, because they’re all 12 and 13 and because they’ve been hunting and because they’re boys, the shed smells

They don’t yet smell the scent of drying blood and stiffening flesh on the birds they’ve carried in game bags from the morning’s hunt.

of the effusions from sweat glands in armpits and groin areas that only in the past year or two have begun to sprout dark, coarse hairs. Some of the boys sit on old dining room chairs arranged in a straight line across the concrete floor and others on a canvas cot and a can-

vas stool. They are drunk. They are laughing and because they are young adolescents, when they laugh and when they talk, their voices break, and when their voices break, the sound that comes out of the boys’ throats is a squawk.

package and enough of his father’s nicely cured dry marijuana to roll three slim doobies (a doobie is what these guys call a marijuana cigarette). We have blond Toby, who sits, elbows on knees, with his candid and open face cupped in his grimy palms. Toby sits on the old canvas cot that had belonged to Malcolm’s paternal grandfather. Toby wears a size 9C shoe, on this day a pair of engineer boots, and these boots are about to be soaked with his own blood. Then we have weasel-faced Neal (because I have decided to let him look something like what he looked like in real life), his longish dark hair greasy. Neal by now is toying with the gun that is less than ten minutes from going off. Malcolm has already taken the envelope from Danny and is back in the shed, rather expertly in the dim light rolling one skinny doobie and then another. He’s licking the paper. We have the Miller twins, identical fair-faced brunettes whose

identical smiles glitter with braces, and then we have Arnold and Ray. With Danny, eight boys. Danny edges through the tool-shed door. The shed is dark and the air, when Danny walks in, feels so hot and so still that Danny breaks out in a sweat. Robbie and the Miller twins sit on three of the dining room chairs. The faces look pale in the dark. Danny smells the beer. Danny steps over game bags, boots, socks, jackets, caps, a thermos, three beer cans, an empty vodka bottle, and crosses the room and sits on the canvas cot next to Toby. Danny can hear when Toby talks that Toby’s drunk because he slurs his words. Danny is hot in his coat and he wants to take it off and doesn’t. He knows they got him over here for the dope, even though they all say to him, in voices that they make deep, “Hello, man,” or just, “’Lo.”

One of the twins has struck a wooden kitchen match against the concrete floor and lit the first doobie. The odor of Danny’s father’s marijuana adds itself to the odors of perspiration, Arnold’s dirty feet (Arnold has taken off his boots), the burning leaves, and the dead birds that rest on their backs on the concrete floor.

Marijuana in fact *was* being smoked when this shooting took place in real life. But I never knew to whom the marijuana belonged. My older daugh-

Again, I have this problem with all these names and the faces that go with the names. We have Danny arriving at the back of the lot, slipping off his bike, reaching in his jacket pocket (he wears this jacket even when he does not need a jacket because he believes that the jacket hides his fat stomach, which it does not), and taking out the envelope in which he’s placed a half dozen rolling papers out of his father’s Zig Zag

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ter's friend Hugh tells me that his brother told him about the dope and that he didn't know whose dope it was, but Hugh wondered if his brother was telling the truth. In my novel the dope belongs to Danny's father, but no one other than Danny (and Toby, of course) will ever know this.

Dark greasy forelock fallen over the upper third of his face, Neal slips the pistol from his pocket. He squints his eyes and gazes through his dirty bangs. He aims the pistol at Ray and then at Arnold and at Danny and Toby and the Miller twins and then at Malcolm and then at Hugh's brother. He sights them in, one after another. His index finger is on the trigger, then off, then on again. When the joint comes to Neal, he waves it away and continues with his pistol to sight in the boy's heads. One of the boys says something, I am not sure what, to Danny, about the dope, "Good weed" — something guttural and tough-guy and thuggish like that. The boys,

around the circle, suck in the marijuana smoke and make a show of holding their breath (for some of these boys, this is the second or third time they have smoked marijuana, and they are not sure how one inhales and holds the smoke in one's lungs). Someone asks Danny if he's got more and he shakes his head, no, he gave what he had to Malcolm. Danny feels dizzy. He thinks he did not eat lunch (he didn't) and he thinks that the marijuana roaches he ate are making it difficult for him to focus his eyes. His glance moves to the two dead birds.

Meanwhile, Neal points the pistol at the other boys, points it and sights them in and teases the trigger and says to the person at whom the pistol's pointed, "Boom, boom." He points the pistol at Danny and sights Danny in and says, "Boom, boom," and Danny wants to tell Neal to quit screwing around with the gun but he doesn't. He doesn't say anything. The gun, he thinks, isn't loaded. No way

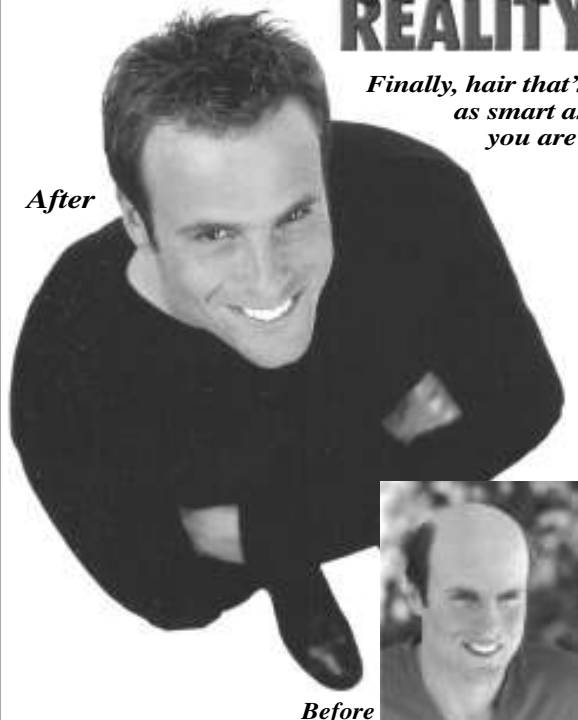
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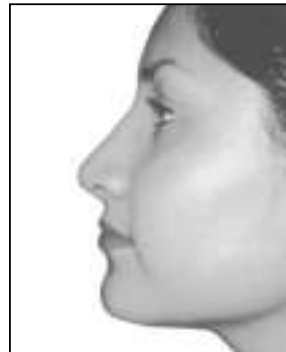


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is it loaded. NO way. Toby, so close to him that he smells his sweat and the Brylcreem he rubs in his hair, doesn't say one word to Danny. Everyone's laughing at Neal and the way he's messing with the gun, and Danny feels entirely out of it, entirely, and, after his third long, hard pull on the marijuana, he feels as high as he ever has felt. His body has forgotten the law of gravity; he could float above the boys who sit, tilted back in

the chairs, and talk and laugh. Arnold has hiccups, and someone tells him to put a paper bag over his head or to breathe into a paper bag, they are not sure which cures hiccups, and someone else says that the way to cure hiccups is to chew an onion raw. Neal keeps playing with the gun and Danny hears click and boom.

Toby sighs. Across that sigh, as when a rosined bow crosses violin strings, Toby

whispers, "Oh, fuck." A chunk of Toby's forehead that carries Toby's blond eyebrow falls onto Danny's knee. Toby's brain tissue splatters onto the back of Danny's hands and bare wrists and bare freckled forearms and Timex watch, both the watch face and the expandable stainless steel band. Toby's brain tissue and his skin and hair splatter Malcolm's father's workbench and that tissue and minuscule bits of skin cling

to the threads on the metal vise clamped to the side of that bench.

I e-mailed a doctor friend and asked how splattered brain tissue would look. He answered, with this:

"I don't suppose you ever saw the movie *Pulp Fiction*, but it has a scene in it where someone gets a bullet in the head at very close range in a car, and the depiction of what that looks like seemed accurate to me.

You would get a pasty gray-white liquid mixed with bits of red blood, flesh, hair, and bone. You could rent the movie to get a better visual image."

Not much help, and I don't want to see *Pulp Fiction*. I just don't.

What's enough to say here is that no sooner did that warm brain tissue, its cells still abuzz with thoughts that Toby has not finished thinking and desires that will go unsatisfied, splat

onto Danny's bare forearm and catch in the short red hairs on Danny's arm and in the links of Danny's expandable stainless steel Timex watchband, than Danny's childhood ran out. Danny's childhood was over. What Danny's eye desires, his hand, from this day on, will never quite grab onto. As for poor Toby, his last breath's left him. That wagging y that's the tail of his name, that's gone too. ■

— Judith Moore

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story come from a Christian background. It just goes to show that extremism regardless of its guise is just that, extremism, and that is the real danger.

Joan Mathison

Vice Costs

Re "Dirty Dancing" (May 2).

I was raised in a home where police officers were held up to the same high level of respect as the priests at the Catholic church I attended. Now I have a ton more respect for those pedophilic priests than the SDPD.

Their "shoot first" policy is

practiced at every opportunity. Their stand on vice is incredible. While neighboring communities are shutting down "jack shacks" (massage parlors that provide sexual relief), SDPD has yet to close nearly the number of these establishments compared to, say, La Mesa. The mama-san of one establishment on Miramar Road told

me that there is a regular flow of officers from the substation out of Rancho Peñasquitos and that she takes care of them and she stays open because of it. I do frequent these places, and most have a name of a cop to give me (one sergeant's name "popped" up many times).

Then there are the "hostess" clubs of Hillcrest and on

Convoy where girls sit with unsuspecting guys at the direction of the restaurant/club as a way to run up large bills (\$10 cranberry juice). I believe that National City's vice squad has shut that type of establishment down in the past based on the rules of solicitation. When I called SDPD about my complaint, one officer confided

that they "were really nice to us" and that "that is just innocent behavior" because they were from Asia, where that is an accepted practice.

Then there is the money. They are spending our taxpayer money that an alleged sexual assaulter (Bart Hartman) collects for them and getting their rocks off!!! Damn,

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Shame

I've just read your May 2 cover story "Dirty Dancing." I must admit that I've found the graphic accounts of buttocks sniffing, tail grabbing, crotch grinding, and ear licking by the San Diego vice detectives William Murphy, Michael Hastings, and Dan Vile quite shocking to say the least. Shame on you, Diamond, Baily, and Nikki. Shame, shame, shame. The detectives' lurid verbal portrayals were in such detail that I am surprised that they failed to depict in their accounts their publicly tax-funded "woodies" as well. Please, keep up the public's and God's good work, Casey Gwinn.

Jim
San Diego

Last Laugh

Even though I missed the article on "Dirty Dancing" (May 2) that Alfred Huete was chastising Casey Gwinn about (Letters, May 9), I want to assure Mr. Huete that at the rate this world is degrading, he needn't worry about the Christians being here too much longer. Even though people since the time of Christ have been trying to get rid of Christianity, they have not succeeded, and won't, because it isn't yet time for us to leave. When we do leave though, Mr. Huete, you can be assured that you aren't going to like being here after we are gone; in fact, you may just wish that you had been able to go along with us.

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Wipe Out Christians

I am writing in response to the May 9 issue of the *Reader* where a man wrote a letter to the editor about "eradicat[ing]" Christianity. He claims that we Christians are "ignorant," "arrogant," and "repressed." Not all Christians are like that, and the way his letter was written, it appears he himself is ignorant, arrogant, and the like.

Yes, sadly, some "Christians" claim to be Christians but turn around and kill innocent people in the name of God. Those people are not real Christians. Real Christians demonstrate love and compassion and not the sinful and proud "holier than thou" attitude. I do not hate anyone because God teaches us not to hate. I don't shove my faith down the throats of others because they are nonbelievers. I share Christianity through example (i.e., leading a Godly lifestyle) and with kindness. Just because I am a Christian does not mean I'm perfect, and no one is perfect except for the Lord.

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stricts religious tolerance, whether it is for political reasons or that the government is a non-Christian theocracy. I consider myself lucky to live in a country where I can worship the Lord freely without being persecuted. In fact, everyone should be thankful they live in a country that allows the freedom of ideas.

I don't know how you can try to eradicate Christianity because it seems impossible. Remember, our country was founded on Judeo-Christian values, and our founding fathers such as George Washington and Patrick Henry were God-fearing men, as well as Abraham Lincoln (though I wouldn't consider him one of

the founding fathers). The last time I looked at the Constitution, it said "freedom of religion." Nowhere does it say "freedom from religion." To eradicate Christianity, one would have to doctor the very document we hold truthful. To eradicate Christianity, you'd also have to eradicate Judaism, the faith that Christianity is based upon.

I challenge the writer of this "eradicate Christianity" letter to step out of his own prejudice and ignorance and take a look at the Christian individuals who made great advances in science and for humanity. Bible-minded individuals such as Robert Boyle, Lord Kelvin, Galileo Galilei, Michael Faraday, Louis Pasteur, Gregor Mendel, just to name a few, all made great discoveries in practically every scientific field. God-fearing people like the Rev. Billy Graham, Mother Teresa, and Martin Luther King Jr. have influenced humanity in more ways than one.

Thank you for allowing me to get this off of my chest.

Shannon Hammell
Santee

Lowly Teacher

I am writing in response to your "City Lights" article called "The Nazi Card" that appeared in your May 2 issue.

I have been a special ed teacher for 35 years, 20 years with San Diego city schools. It is not my impression that Alan Bersin and his top aides are Nazis. Rather, it appears as though he is running a corporation instead of a school system.

The San Diego Education Association recently sent a flyer listing the titles, exorbitant salaries, and incentive packages that his top "heavy" staff is receiving. For the sake of brevity, I will not list this information, except to say it's unbelievable! For the sake of levity, be as it

may, I was wondering if I should change my professional title from Humble Teacher to CSF. Then I could be referred to as "Chief Student Facilitator." With such a fancy title, maybe I could get in on some of the action.

To think that there is not money available for humble teacher to have a salary increase, retroactive to this year and for the next school year. If my conjecture is correct, will the San Diego City Schools Inc. be selling stock?

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They're Dead!

I find it rather interesting that Bill Salisbury was interviewed on the subject of military ammunition ("Afghan Dust Jams Mouse Guns," City Lights, May 2) and that the writer did not mention that Bill is a fellow contributor. I mean, the man was published (that pointless space-filler on retired SEALs retelling old war stories at a local dive) a week or so before the ammo piece came out. Americans may have low attention spans, but this was just dumb.

As for Meltzer ("Autumn Rhythm"), does he have blurry photos of the editor making love to a goat? If not, why is he writing for the paper, especially long junk about being old? He can't finish a decent paragraph, can't really review the music, can't get over the fact that Lester Bangs and Blubbo are still better writers — AND THEY'RE DEAD!!

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My Coach

How delighted I was to read Patrick Daugherty's article entitled "One Day I Hit a Triple" in the *Reader* recently ("Sporting Box," May 2). When I read that Daugherty had sat down next to Jack Hacker while watching an Aztec baseball game at Tony Gwynn Stadium, a bell rang in my head, but I wasn't sure where it was coming from until I read further and found he'd coached in the Presidio Little League. Jack Hacker was my coach back in the mid-'60s. I'd been playing for the team Hillcrest Kiwanis in the minors when, with two or three games left in the season, I got "The Call." He wanted me to move up to the "majors" and play for Ray Drug for the last few games (my batting average at the time was .636). Of course I said "Sure!"

I lived in Mission Hills at the time I started in the league; then we moved to Golden Hill, and so when I needed to get to practices and the games, I had to ride a bus downtown to Mr. Hacker's office, where I waited for him to get off work. I think it was SDG&E, or just San Diego Electric...I can't remember for sure. I vaguely remember his face these days, but what I do remember was he always came down from his office "in uniform." That was really cool. He'd drive us over to the field where we'd practice and play our games — Challenge Field, if I remember correctly, and it was on the south side of I-8 back then instead of the north side where it is today. I remember the last game of the season, he put me at second base (I always either played

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third base, pitched, or caught in the minors), and we were playing Challenge Dairy, the flagship of our league and perennial league champions. Near the end of the game, a shot was hit towards second base, and I dove to my right and caught it for the final out of that inning, saving some for-sure game-winning runs.

I remember, we beat them 6-4 that day. After the game, we had to turn in our uniforms, and while I was in the Porta Potti changing, I heard someone yell, "Where's that kid that made that catch?" I wasn't sure if I was in trouble or what, but I hurriedly changed into my street clothes and came out and yelled, "Here I am" (or some-

thing like that). The guy gave me a buck or two. I guess he'd made more than that on the game. I'll tell you though, that was, unfortunately, the last time I got paid for playing baseball.

I think I played one more season with Mr. Hacker, and I must say he was a baseball man. I learned a lot from him (not just baseball, but about life

too), and your article brought back those memories that were instrumental in my early life. Thank you for that. I was also not surprised to hear he'd coached for 37 years straight — I'm sure he loves the game.

I guess I'll just have to make my way over to Tony Gwynn Stadium and see if I can find him and thank him

for helping me to grow in the '60s. I hope he wears the same outfit you described to make it easier for me.

John W. Cavoulas
Ray Drug, #12 (I think)

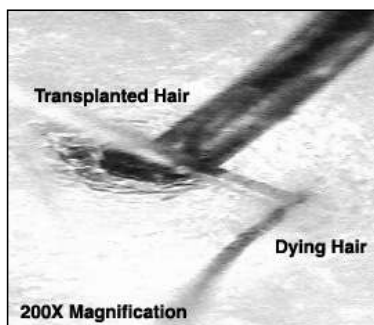
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For Pepsi, with the "English Pride" letter (May 2).

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business world in Europe, it is really important for communication between countries.

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But now, I do disagree with you on this point: Why accommodate other people? I'm so sorry for you that you have to hear several languages on the phone. My question to you is this: Have you ever worked in a business/bank or an international company? For many companies it is really important to do business in several languages. The world is big and, I'm so sorry, not everyone speaks English. Also, do you know how important it is for a business/bank to have an international relationship? This is business! Open your eyes, there exist many more languages besides English!

I disagree totally with your sentence that if you hear another language that is not English, "They could be terrorists." Is it because you don't understand it? I can really not understand it! This can hurt many people. And this hurts me too! I have some experience with people like you, a person who thinks in the same way. Because I spoke another language at the bus station, the woman beside me asked me what I had in a bag and if I carried a bomb with me. I asked her why she is so scared; the answer was: You spoke a language that I didn't understand! Do you know how it can hurt? Do you have any thought about that? I really don't want other students or people to have the same experience I did. I'm happy that I meet so many American people who don't think like you!

So stop discriminating against other people and putting all people into the same pot. The world is big. Accept that we have more than one language. Open your mind and think before you react. It only hurts people to do otherwise.

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Love Hurts

Although "Their Teachers Molested Them" (April 25) was painful to read, on balance I found it insightful. (But not the all-black cover, which irresponsibly suggested Satanism.) Still, I didn't reach the same conclusions as many of those interviewed. "He stole the innocence I had.... I should have waited, at least until I was 18, and learned from someone in a committed relationship," Alison said.

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riences were when I was a girl of about 18. Like Allison and the others, my experiences were not violent, but unlike them, my partners were close to my age and we violated no taboos. Nevertheless, my early experiences were not the ideal ones that Allison feels cheated of. Like her, I was emotionally wounded and developed psychological armor. Like her, I experienced betrayals, selfishness, and trauma (as well as positive things). I too saw a therapist for relationship issues. I too sometimes tend to date older men. All this, despite the fact that my sexual experiences were "normal."

Could the explanation for the angst we have in common be that "love hurts"? Or that it can? Sex may not be the highest kind of love, but it is one kind. Could it also be that a great deal of what harmed these young people was society's reactions? As Gloria said, "I had tons of friends, but...I was afraid that, if I let them know who I was and what I was about, they would judge me and not want to be my friends." Maybe most of the unpleasantness the young people experienced could have been avoided if they'd had early, frank sex education, if well-meaning people had not overreacted, and if the fact that children and teens are sexual beings were acknowledged.

Name Withheld

Hates Duncan

I'm sure your inboxes are brimming with hate mail about the *pseudo*-intellectual Duncan Shepherd, but here's another one. Surely someone as facile as Duncan at dispensing criticism can take a bit himself? In any event, I'm not going to dispute any one of his reviews, and this criticism isn't based on my disagreement with his taste in "films," as we upper-echelon citizens like to call them (right, Duncan?).

It is based on the overall worthlessness of the *Reader's* movie-review section when it is time and time again, week after week, just an excuse for Mr. Shepherd to take out his Big Thesaurus of Scornful Words as an outlet for a beret-wearing artsy film school dropout with an unsold script in his pocket and a vendetta against the Hollywood establishment.

The unwashed masses vote with their feet, and they enjoy "movies," sometimes even ones with poor character development and bad lighting. Like they care. What the groveling ingrates who aren't fortunate enough to be better judges of movies than the Academy *want* is a burp-and-scratch reviewer who will tell them how many decapitations, laser beams, and gratuitous nude scenes they can expect for their admission. By my count, Duncan can find good things to say about less than 15 percent of the movies in the average *Reader* movie section. And following that advice, we'd be spending most of our time at the Museum of

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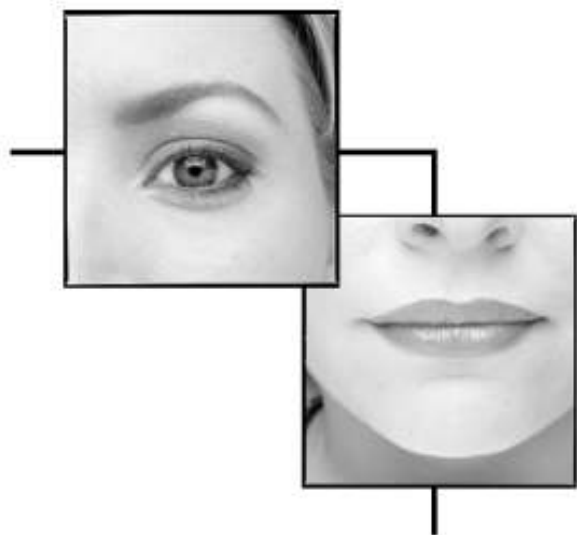
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Code Crusher

An Exhibit of Encryption

It's the size of a clunky, old manual typewriter, circa 1940s. There's an ordinary keyboard and a carrying case that made it portable. The Germans manufactured many thousands of them for use on U-boats and elsewhere during World War II. There is a German word for it, but we and our allies called it the Enigma, and cracking its code is considered one of the most spectacular events in the history of cryptology. The spectacle came not only in the cracking but in the capturing of Enigmas and their code books from U-boats and

elsewhere.

David Weil, curator and executive director of the Computer

Museum of America, is host to an Enigma on loan from the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland. Great numbers of them were "acquired" by the United States after the war, says Weil.

By "acquired" he actually means "seized." The sweep was part of the "postwar salvage effort," he says. "These machines were obviously highly prized, but beyond that, we wanted to

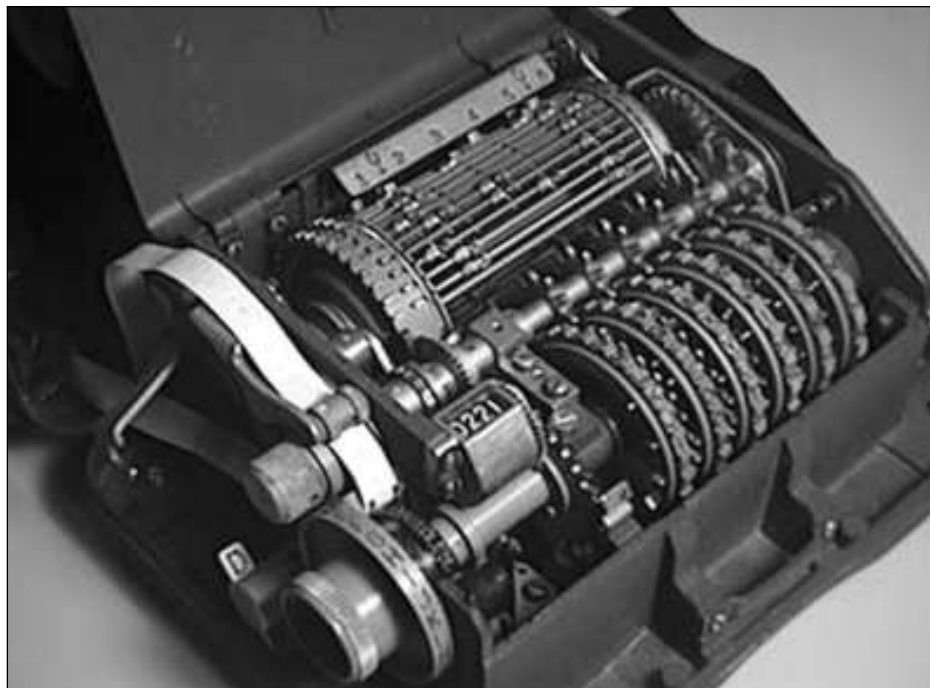
gather up as many of them as we could, so they couldn't be used again."

Assigned to decipher the Enigma code was a group of geniuses. Alan Turing, the British mathematician, was among them. Eccentric, to say the least, Turing is believed by some people to have been a high-functioning autistic — a savant of a sort. Later, he became one of the pioneers of computer science.

What made the Enigma so complicated? Weil explains that instead of merely replacing one letter of the alphabet for another, Enigma's multiple rotors assigned several substitutes to each letter on a revolving basis. Some Enigmas were more complicated than others, the degree depending on the number of rotors. (The Enigma at the museum has three rotors.) At its most daunting, the permutations multiplied

"astronomically," says Weil. Even more confounding, the Enigma's operators could change the permutations daily.

The goal for the code-breakers was to figure out the system's base code. Turing, along with others (including chess players and crossword-puzzle experts), did it by inventing what they called a *bombe*. "Bombes were created first in Poland in the 1930s," says Weil. "Then some of the Polish mathematicians escaped to England and continued to help the British build these machines. Turing worked on one called the Colossus. Bombes were essentially computerlike. They may not have been called computers, but they functioned very similarly. They were probably the most advanced machines of their time. What they could do was run through all the permutations in less than two hours. So by ten o'clock every morning we could read all the German messages."



Hagelin M-209-B rotor machine

Not all Enigmas are in museums. "Many are in private hands," says Weil. Sometimes you can see them for sale on eBay. A four-rotor Enigma was sold at a Sotheby's auction to Mick Jagger while he was producing a British-made movie called *Enigma*, which is set in Bletchley Park, Britain's wartime code-breaking headquarters. Jagger's Enigma was used as a prop in his movie, just being released here.

Don't mention an earlier Hollywood movie, *U-571*, to an Enigma aficionado. *U-571* portrayed Americans as the heroes, capturing an Enigma from a U-boat, when in reality the British made the crucial captures.

The National Security Agency has also lent to the museum what's called an M-209. The M-209 was an American-made machine of the World War II period. It was much less complicated but even more portable than the Enigma. "It would fit into a little canvas carrying case that you could strap to your belt," says Weil. They were issued by the Signal Corps for use by field units.

Writing and deciphering codes is still a challenge today, according to Weil. "Encryption is used every time you send an e-mail. There is voice encryption for telephones. And cryptologists continue to work on national security issues. As a nation we have tried not to export technology that might fall into the hands of the 'evil doers.' But at the same time we want instant communication. So it's a

trade-off between wanting the whole world connected in some form and also wanting to make sure that some people don't use that technology for nefarious purposes."

The main focus of the exhibit is the connection between encryption and computers. But this summer Weil wants to invite one of the famous Native American "code talkers" to speak at the museum. "A couple of them live here in San Diego." Code talkers were employed by the military to use their own languages to encrypt voice communications. Choctaws were used as far back as World War I. For code work during the Second World War, they were joined by Kiowas, Winnebagos, Seminoles, Navajos, Hopis, Comanches, and Cherokees. "We want to get one of their radios here, too," says Weil. "We hope to borrow it from a local collector."

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German Enigma code machine

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BAJA

“Mexican Independence 1810-1821” is the topic when Eric Van Young presents a lecture at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, May 16, 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)

Francisco Cespedes performs in concert on Friday, May 17, at 9 p.m.,

at Baby Rock, located in the Zona Río. For reservations and more information, call 011-52-664-634-2405. (TIJUANA)

Flavors of Guadalupe Valley, travel by bus to Tecate for some of the town’s *pan dulce* and coffee, and then head out to sample wines of the Guadalupe Valley region during a field trip hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, May 18, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The \$79 fee includes tours of two small and two large wineries and a paella dinner. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (GUADALUPE VALLEY)

Tackle the Mountainous Terrain near Tecate when the annual Spring Montaña Grande ride takes place on Saturday, May 18. The 10- and 20-mile mountain bike rides begin at noon from the Hacienda Santa Veronica (near the town of El Hongo). The fee to ride is \$25; spectating is free. For details, dial 011-52-661-612-2525. (TECATE)

Classical Music is promised when tenor José Plazola performs in concert on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 p.m., in the Foro del Jardín at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, the Zona Río). Admission is \$11 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Take a 20-Mile Bicycling Adventure from Tijuana to Rosarito on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at the UABC Campus Tijuana, Mesa de Otay. The \$10 U.S. registration fee includes T-shirt and bever-

ages. Questions? Call 011-52-664-682-1033 for answers. (TIJUANA)

Julieta Venegas plans a concert on Saturday, May 18, at 9 p.m., at Marco Disco Gobernado, Balarezo 2000. For further details, dial 011-52-664-686-2925. (TIJUANA)

¿Langosta for Lunch? Head to Puerto Nuevo for a “Lunch in Lobster Village” when Baja California Tours hosts a guided outing on Wednesday, May 22. The \$54 fee includes transportation, lobster lunch at El Patio de la Langosta, and shopping in Rosarito and Tijuana. For reservations, call 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, TIJUANA)

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

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

OUTDOORS

“June Gloom,” the generally dreary, overcast late-spring weather along San Diego’s coastline, has already begun and could intensify next month. Occasionally, the low clouds will stick around for several days. This is usually triggered by a “Catalina eddy,” in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low

clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy conditions, San Diego’s inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

Chamise and Buckwheat, two of the most common native flowering plants in San Diego County’s sage-scrub and chaparral plant communities, are in flower this month through June. This year the floral display will be muted due to scant winter and spring rains. Chamise, also known as greasewood, readily sprouts from root crowns after fire. Much of the area between the Laguna Mountains and El Cajon, swept by the mammoth Laguna Fire of 1970, is now covered by chamise four to eight feet high and buckwheat two to three feet high. The stems of both plants are tipped by clusters of small white or cream-colored flowers, fading to russet-brown by July. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing sage-scrub plants like black sage and California sagebrush.

Agaves, or century plants (*Agave americana*), have been sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks all over the San Diego area lately. In warm weather, the tips can rise as much as a foot a day. During summer big clusters of yellow and green flowers should appear on the tops of the stalks, some up to 30 feet tall. After the blooming cycle ends, the spine-tipped, fleshy daggers at the base of the stalk die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk dries up, but suckers usually remain to continue a new cycle of growth, flowering, seed production

and death. The smaller desert agaves (Agave deserti), which are native to the western edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert, are now finishing their blooming phase, which is weak this year due to little rain.

Mix Birding by Ear with Birding by Sight! Visit a prized riparian area boasting open fields and chaparral on an Audubon Society outing to Sweetwater River Gorge from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18. Some species to look for include least Bell’s vireo, Bullock’s orioles, and rough-winged and tree swallows, along with lazuli bunting, yellow-breasted chat, and many others.

To reach the trailhead from downtown, take Highway 94 east to Jamacha Junction (third traffic light after the end of the freeway). Turn right and go east on Highway 94 (Campo Road) toward Jamul; drive about 0.4 mile to Singer Lane on the right. Park on Singer Lane, on either side of but not blocking the locked gate. Bring drinking water; no restrooms. Free. 619-692-3246. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (SWEETWATER RIVER GORGE)

“Curious? Come Walk With Me!” says naturalist Marta Zarrella, who will show just some of what the Blue Sky Ecological Reserve has to offer during an outing on Saturday, May 18. Naturalist Dave Meier shares stories about wildlife on Sunday, May 19.

Both walks 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)

Take a Strenuous Hike up Iron Mountain through “exceptional native vegetation” with the Canyoneers on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hikers can return at the summit junction (three-mile round trip) or continue to the summit (for an additional 3.5 miles added to round-trip total).

To reach the trailhead, take I-15 to the Poway Road exit and go east to the traffic signal at the intersection with Highway 67. Go south at the signal and immediately park on either shoulder of Highway 67. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (POWAY)

Buggin’ at Night, explore nature at night when Neal Connelly leads a bug walk on Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., in Dos Picos County Park (17953 Dos Picos Park Road). Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. For information, call 858-694-3049. Free. (RAMONA)

Dust Off Your Binos! Bird watchers and nature lovers are invited to take a nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, May 18. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Walk through Cedars, Pines, and Oaks during an easy Cedar Trail hike in William Heise County Park on Saturday, May 18. The hike starts at 9 a.m. in picnic area 2; find the park at 4945 Heise Park Road. Free. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

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Bird Walk, David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk along the Mast Boulevard restoration site (from the Mast staging area) on Saturday, May 18. Call 619-668-3275 for directions, time, and other information. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

A Volksmarch Is, simply put, a non-competitive walk along a pre-marked

route. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace at Black's Beach and the Torrey Pines Glider Port during 5k and 12k events hosted by the San Diego County Rockhoppers on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. The walks start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon at the Torrey Pines Glider Port (found at the end of Torrey Scenic Drive).

Carry water. Walkers desiring American Volkssport Association (AVV) credit and patch will be charged \$6 on the day of the event; free for those who desire neither award nor credit. Call 760-746-0897 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Adopt-a-Block 2002, it's time to help clean up downtown, with mural and house painting and trash and graffiti removal hosted by Second Chance/Strive on Saturday, May 18, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There's no charge to volunteer your time; you may choose to adopt a block for \$350. For locations and other information, dial 619-239-1003. (DOWNTOWN)

The Monthly Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper is set for Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m., at La Jolla Shores. Bags and gloves are provided for volunteers. For information and directions to the spot, call 619-758-7743. Free. (LA JOLLA)

A Dusk Nature Hike is planned in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, May 18. Participants may spy wildlife and early flowers during this moderately paced four-mile walk to the waterfall and back. The outing starts at 6:30 p.m. at the kiosk located at the intersection of Camino Ruiz and Park Village Drive. Wear hiking boots and insect repellent, and bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Love Wildlife and Nature? Local tracker/naturalists from the San Diego Tracking Team host a beginning and intermediate wildlife track-

ing walk on Saturday, May 18, at 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Participants will learn to identify tracks and signs of coyote, bobcat, raccoon, and other native species. Free.

Or take the opportunity to learn the art and science of wildlife tracking and nature-awareness skills during classes on May 18 and 19. Training runs 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The fee is \$35. To reserve a spot, call 858-672-0584. Novices are welcome at either event. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Go Birding, a docent-led bird walk is offered at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m., at the visitors' cen-

ter (301 Caspian Way). For reservations, call 619-575-3613. Free. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Dying, Dead, or Doomed, amidst all the downtown construction are projects that never made it off the drawing board. Explore ten such projects throughout the area that, if alive, are hanging by threads, with Walkabout on Sunday, May 19. This casual jaunt includes lots of walking with a refreshment stop en route (bring money); join up with the explorers at 1 p.m. at the Balboa Theater (at

Fourth Avenue and E Street). Free. 619-231-7463. (DOWNTOWN)

Walk Back in Time, rediscover Old Escondido East during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Tuesday, May 21. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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2, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Novices are welcome to the classes, running 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The fee is \$55 for the weekend, which includes Saturday's dinner. For space availability and information, call 619-892-7620. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

DANCE

Bellydancing and live Middle Eastern music by John Bilezikjian is promised at Claire de Lune coffee lounge tonight, Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m. Featured dancers include Dondi, Marula, Ramona, and Eliza. Admission is \$5. Find the coffeehouse at 2906 University Avenue; 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Argentine Tango, dance to an extensive collection of tangos, *milongas*, *vals cruzados*, and *candombes* 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)

"First View," featuring new works by resident choreographers, is being presented by the California Ballet Company on May 17 and 18. This spring repertoire program boasts *Pas du Poulenc* and *One for All* by Judith

Sharp, *Trio* by Wayne Davis, Christina Krejer's *Out in the Sunlight*, *Love Story* by Abel Carrejo, *Intensity* by Xavier Hicks, Betzi Roe's *River of Milk*, and Paul Kloverman's *Clowns*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Saturday, in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets range from \$25 to \$35, \$16 for those under 12. For reservations, call 858-560-6741 or 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Contradance, Steve Barlow calls while a community band makes music for the contradance on Friday, May 17. The fun takes place 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)

A Magical Toy Shop, enchanting dolls, mystery, and comedy are promised when the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet presents the classical ballet *Coppelia*. The dancing begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, with 2 p.m. shows on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, at the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$10 and \$12. Call 619-233-3060 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

"Objective: Dance," the final dance production of the season at Palomar College, runs May 17-19. More than 100 energetic students will perform in a variety of dance styles. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday

and at 2 p.m. on Sunday in Howard Brubeck Theatre. Tickets are \$10 general. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; call 760-744-1150 x2453 for reservations. (SAN MARCOS)

Fly Away to Neverland when City Ballet presents *Peter Pan* replete with flying dancers on May 18 and 19 at the Spreckels Theater. The Lost Boys battle evil pirates and Peter rescues Tigerlily at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with an 8 p.m. performance on Saturday night. Tickets range from \$15 to \$30. For reservations, call 858-272-8663 or 858-362-1348. Find the Spreckels at 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

Swing Break 2002, the Los Angeles vintage swing band Dean Mora's Swingtet makes the music when "250 of the best Lindy dancers from around the country" gather on Saturday, May 18, at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). Doors open at 8 p.m., Lindy lessons start at 8:30 p.m., and the swingtet performs from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The evening promises special dance performances and contests. Admission is \$15. All ages welcome. For details, dial 858-395-6060. (HILLCREST)

Illuminating the Shadow is the theme for a spiritual belly-dancing workshop planned on Sunday, May 19, from noon to 2:30 p.m., at Yoga Studio Carlsbad (3138-J Roosevelt Street). "The workshop uses belly-dance movements, mask decorating, and shadow dancing to explore, transform, and heal hidden feelings and fears." The fee is \$45 at the door. Dancers of all levels are welcome. To register, call 760-522-2554. (CARLSBAD)

"And the Young Shall Teach Them: Young Choreographers and the Moves They're Making" will be presented at 2 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, in the San Diego City College Theater (1450 C Street, at 14th Street). Four dance groups composed of young choreographers and dancers will showcase their various dance styles, from ballet to hip-hop. Admission is free. Call 619-388-3512 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

"Funkalosophy," it's the title for the season 2002 premiere by Eveoke Dance Theater on offer through May 26. The piece, choreographed by Ericka Moore and Gina Angelique, "explores vision, dreams, images of hope, and the reality of urban life in San Diego."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Tickets are \$15 general on Fridays and Saturdays, with "pay what you can" opportunities on Thursdays and Sundays. Find the theater at 644 Seventh Avenue (between Market and G Street). 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

"Novecento Atto Secondo," directed by Bernardo Bertolucci, screens for the Italian Film Series without English subtitles at 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 16, at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for non-members. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Der Ring des Nibelungen" by Richard Wagner is being presented in large-screen video format by the UCSD department of music in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. The videos are part of the 1976 Bayreuth performances, conducted by Pierre Boulez and Patrice Chereau. On Saturday, May 18, see *Siegfried* from 5 to 10 p.m. You're invited to bring a sandwich and drink; dessert will be provided. Free. For more information, dial 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

How About a "Subversive Meditation on the Frayed Upper Classes"? See *The Last September* when this elegy to a lost era starring Michael Gambon and Maggie Smith screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

The Life of a New York Actor is examined in *Lena's Dreams*, starring

Marlene Forte as a Broadway actress just hitting her mid-30s and fighting to balance her career and life. See this 1997 film directed by Heather Johnston and Gordon Eriksen when it screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Dance Films from Around the World may be enjoyed when the "Dance on Camera Festival 2002" screens on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), at 6:50 p.m. each night. The program includes *Wiped*, *When Dancers Go Bowling*, *Dancer*, and *Serenade*. Tickets are \$5. For information, call 619-230-8623. (DOWNTOWN)

The "Tribute to Billy Wilder" being offered for the film series hosted by the Carlsbad City Library continues with *The Apartment* on Wednesday, May 22. The screening begins at 6 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium, at 1775 Dove Lane. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Teeny-Tiny Orchestra in the Wee Hours, head to UCSD's Ché Café for a midnight show on Wednesday, May 22, by the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films. You're invited to "experience silent movies in a raucous way with live music and sounds." Classic silent films will be screened in addition to some new silent films from Canadian filmmaker Albie Hewlett made specially for the ensemble. Free noisemakers for all! Admission and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

"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, see *Frontierland/Frontierlandia*, described as "an experimental documentary about borders" directed by Rubén Ortiz-Torres in 1977. The film is in English and Spanish, with subtitles. The screening begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, followed by Ortiz-Torres's short films about identity, economics, and popular culture *La Samba de Chevy*, *How to Read Mighty Mouse*, *Alien Toy*, and *Our Little Museum of the Alamo*.

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)

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 October.

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 August.

The in-orbit construction of the International Space Station is chronicled in *Space Station*, opening on Friday, May 17. The IMAX cameras filmed seven shuttle crews and two resident station crews as they transformed the station from a tiny outpost to a permanently inhabited scientific research station. Take this trip to outer space through December.

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

LECTURES

"Holistic Health Care for Pets" is the subject for the "happy hour" lecture planned by Dr. Tamara Hebbler today, Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). Participants will "learn the nutritional benefits of the raw-food diet and the proper use of pet vitamins and supplements." The fee is \$15. Call 619-299-7012 x249 to reserve a spot. (LINDA VISTA)

Who Was Inanna? This "warrior, priestess, lover, and androgyne" provides the fodder when Jungian analyst Betty Meador speaks for the Friends of Jung on Friday, May 17. The lecture focuses on the divine feminine of the ancient Mesopotamians and "the shadow of a later too exclusively male god and carrying a balancing potential for the contemporary Western individual." The Jungians will gather at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant Univer-

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sity (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. 858-587-4651. (MIRA MESA)

Drink Up? “The History of Women and Alcoholism in the United States” will be explored by UCSD history professor Becky Nickolaides for the Dialogues in Medicine series at UCSD. The talk is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at noon, in Garren Auditorium at UCSD. Admission is free. Call 858-534-6270 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Go Green, SDSU emeritus geography professor Bob O’Brien examines “Ecotourism Around the World” for the Sierra Club on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo’s Otto Center (left of the zoo’s main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Ovid’s Metamorphosis in the Visual Arts” is the subject when SDSU lecturer Mona Palmer speaks for the docent guest lecture series at the San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, May 17, at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Rise of Islam in the Middle Ages” is the topic when SDSU history professor Carol Putko speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m., in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Meet Another Leakey when Phillip Leakey, youngest son of noted paleoanthropologists Louis and Mary Leakey, speaks at the San Diego Museum of Man on Saturday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. Leakey, the former head of the Kenya Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, will discuss the people and wildlife of East Africa, and share childhood memories of early fieldwork at the Olduvai Gorge with his famous parents.

Admission to “African Tribalism in the 21st Century” is \$15 general. For reservations and information, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“Malcolm X and Black Radical Thought: Celebrating the Birthday and Legacy of Malcolm X” is the theme for programs planned this month at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Participating “lay and academic scholars” will explore Malcolm X’s legacy in light of contemporary ideas.

The series continues with “ ‘Disciplining’ the Wretched of the Earth: The AIDS Crisis in Africa” by Walter Lam on Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m. Fahari Jeffers presents “Homegrown in San Diego: The United Domestic Workers of America” on Monday, May 20, at 6 p.m. “Between Race and Empire: An African-American Looks at Cuba” when Tomás Gayton speaks on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. Gil Griffin presents “Footprints in the Pacific: Expanding the Black Diaspora” on Thursday, May 23, at 6 p.m.

All of the programs are free. 619-527-3405. (ENCANTO)

Protector del Agua, saving water in this semi-arid climate is the subject for this residential landscape training series at the Water Conservation Garden. The four classes present a basic overview of landscape sprinkler systems, landscape maintenance, residential landscape design, and plant selection, with slides and hands-on demonstrations. The series begins on Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m.

Find Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. Free; to make the required reservations, call 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Use the Kumeyaay Split Stitch, beads, raffia, and Torrey Pines needles to make a basket during a class planned on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The \$35 fee for nonmembers includes materials. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

A Child Is Waiting, Family Connections Adoptions is hosting an adoption information and family panel session at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, covering a variety of adoption issues. Find the office at 2181 El Camino Real; 760-754-0200. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

“We Are AQUI: A Search for Regional Identity” is the topic when architect and urban designer Hector Reyes presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, May 18. The talk begins at 10 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For informa-

tion, call 619-287-0050. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Have a Cuppa? Celebrating five years in our area, Peet’s Coffee and Tea hosts coffee- and tea-tasting seminars on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19. The seminars cover the history of these well-loved beverages, brewing techniques, tasting and definition of flavor characteristics. Events begin at 1 p.m. both days. Find Peet’s shops at 8843 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-678-0806) and 350 University Avenue (619-296-5995). Free. (LA JOLLA, HILLCREST)

“The Danish Cowboy,” guest curator Martin Peterson discusses painter Olaf Wieghorst in the context of his Western-inspired genre, his contemporaries, and his legacy and role as a historian on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m., in Thornton Theatre at the San Diego Historical Society Museum. Tickets are \$7 general. Call 619-298-3142 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Use Plants to Save Water! Learn all about water-conservation gardening and how to use native plants to lower your water bill when the Tijuana Estuary visitors’ center and gardens host a workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Free, but call 619-575-3613 to make the required reservations. Find the center at 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Issues of Contemporary Urban Living, living spaces, and the importance of creativity and adventure when devising new forms and structures will all be discussed when Jim

Brown and Jim Gates, principals at Public Architecture, speak on Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m., at the Book Works. Free. Find the shop at located in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

“Exploring Mass and Volume” is the topic when San Diego Museum of Art docent William Hardin leads a tour of the museum’s sculptural works on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

“Aging in the 21st Century” is the subject when Kwi Bulow, M.D., addresses the Hemlock Society at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-267-5810. (HILLCREST)

Trekking in Russia, Eugene and Leilani Lutes from Treks in Time discuss their “Russian Waterways Tour from St. Petersburg to Moscow” when People to People International meets on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m., in Green Hall at Alliant International University (formerly USIU, 10455 Pomerado Road). Free. 858-484-6069. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Will the Real Will Stand Up? When the San Diego Shakespeare Society convenes on Monday, May 20, the debate focuses on “The Real Will Shakespeare.” According to organizers, “combatants” include the *Reader’s*

own Jeff Smith, actor Jack Winans, and moderator Mary K. Corrigan. There will also be a Shakespeare showcase by local actors. The fun begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad Library (1775 Dove Lane). 619-255-1401. The requested donation: \$5. (LA COSTA)

Forum Fronterizo, get the scoop on “Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response in Our Binational Region” on Monday, May 20, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel (7450 Hazard Center Drive). Public health officials and experts from both sides of the border will be on hand to focus on the subject. Admission is \$50 general, \$30 for students. To register, call 858-534-8638. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Endangered Species and Invasive Weeds: Impacts and Control Issues” provide the focus when Mike Kelly speaks for the California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, May 21. Expect to hear an examination of control strategies, including herbicidal and biological controls. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Casa del Prado. For information, call 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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on the World of Today” when he speaks for the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, May 21, at 10:05 a.m., in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

Overcome the “Tyranny of the Rectangle” and other limitations in the way the camera sees when professional photographer Robert Turner presents a nature photography lecture for the Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, May 22. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. For information, call 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Great Cosmic Cover-Up: A Preview of June’s Solar Eclipse” will be presented by astronomer Dennis Mammana for the Eyes on the Universe lecture series at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. Participants will learn how to view and photograph this celestial wonder. Admission is \$6.75 general. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Arrangements Using Willow will be demonstrated by Kiyoko Honjo of the Shigisan Shinka Ryu School and Akiko Bourland of the Ohara School for Ikebana International on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 619-223-8879. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Club meets on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish

Village). The meeting includes an interclub competition of the Photography Society of America. For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Dostoevsky and the Problem of Belief: The Temptation of Making Conflicting Truth Claims” is the topic when UCSD literature professor Steven Cassedy speaks for the “Humanities Dialogues” series on Thursday, May 23. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in Peterson Hall 108 at UCSD. Free. 858-534-6270. (LA JOLLA)

“Detective Fiction in Italy: Who Writes It?” Who reads it? Find out when Professor Susan Briziarelli leads the next installment of “Qui Si Parla Italiano” at the Italian Community Center. The class — conducted in *Italian* — is slated for Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. Find the center at 1669 Columbia Street; 619-237-0601. Free. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Healthy Musician, learn how to prevent “overuse” injuries common to musicians along with specific exercises and tips when hand surgeon Greg Balourdas, M.D., and physical therapist Amy Semingson speak on Thursday, May 23. The talk starts at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria (level P2) at the Continental Rehab Hospital, 555 Washington Street (at Fifth Avenue). Free. 619-515-1185. (HILLCREST)

“How Plants Got Their Names” is the subject when ethnobotanist Gordon Gibson speaks for the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Tuesday, May 28, at 2 p.m., in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). Gibson worked for the Smithsonian Institution in Africa. 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

“Tracing Your Germanic Ancestors Around the World: Where Did They Come From? Where Did They Go?”

It’s just one topic when Edward R. Brandt speaks for the German Research Association on Saturday, June 1. He’ll also present “New Perspectives on Researching Germanic Peoples East of the Oder-Neisse with Primary Emphasis on East and West Prussia.” Brandt is the author of *Germanic Genealogy: A Guide to Worldwide Sources and Migration Patterns*.

Free. The seminar runs from 9 a.m. to noon at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Vermont Street. To register, call 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST)

IN PERSON

First-Time Novelist Susan Carol McCarthy based her book *Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands* on race crimes that occurred in her town in Florida, circa 1951. The crimes led to an FBI investigation of the local Ku Klux Klan, in which her own father helped the government. The local author will be signing and discussing her work all over town this week. She’ll read from the book at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, May 16, in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane; 760-434-2881). Then she’s off to the Oceanside Museum of Art on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. Both events are free. (LA COSTA, OCEANSIDE)

McCarthy will also discuss her work on Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m., for the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild. Find the group in the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission: \$5 for nonmembers. For more information, call 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

The Commercial Arts Ensemble at MiraCosta College plans concerts on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18,

at 7:30 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). The ensemble comprises vocal and instrumental students of improvisation at the college, working in a variety of styles. General admission is \$7. Call 760-795-6815 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

“Diversation: A Night of Spoken Word” is promised on Friday, May 17, 7:30 to 10 p.m., at Bayside Community Center (2202 Comstock Street). Share your voice, music, and art (you must be 16 or older to attend) on “socially conscious material.” For information, call 858-278-0771 x3004. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

Thorton Wilder’s Matchmaker is being presented by Orange Glen High School’s Phoenix House Players on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 (and May 24 and 25), at 7:30 p.m. Find the school at 2200 Glenridge Road. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$6 for adults. For information, call 760-290-5000 x5703. (ESCONDIDO)

British Mystery Author Paul Moorcraft signs and discusses his debut novel, *Anchoress of Shere*, on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Everybody’s a Critic! Professional actors and the NewWorks Theatre are presenting “New Plays from New Works,” wherein new plays are given dramatic staged readings by professional actors at Saint Paul’s Cathedral. Audience feedback is recorded and presented to the playwrights.

The series concludes with Vicki Bartholomew’s *Someone to Love* on Friday, May 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Find St. Paul’s at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). For information and reservations, call 619-262-6162. (MIDTOWN)

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning, drama department students at Valley Center Middle School present *Oklahoma!* with music by Richard Rogers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein, through May 19. The musical has been triple cast to allow more students to participate.

Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19. Tickets are \$3. Find the school at 28102 North Lake Wohlford Road. For information, call 760-751-4295. (VALLEY CENTER)

The Taiwanese Aboriginal Group Rs Legend will perform traditional songs of the aboriginal culture on Friday, May 17, for the Taiwanese American Heritage celebrations. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. Tickets are \$10. Call 858-560-8884 for information. (LA JOLLA)

“Healing, Harmony, and Heartfelt Beauty” are promised by Elivia Melodey when she and her world music ensemble perform with 22 singing crystal bowls on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Ocean Song Gallery (1438 Camino del Mar). Admission: \$10. Call 858-755-7664 for information. (DEL MAR)

“Helpless Hilarity,” improv comedy games “designed to teach the tools of improvisational comedy and let adults get as silly as we used to get as kids” are led by creativity coach and improv comedienne Jill Badonsky on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Bridge Way Books (162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30); \$12. To reserve a spot, call 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

Homegrown Mariachi, the Sixth Annual Mariachi Scholarship Foundation Benefit Concert is slated for Friday, May 17, at Loews Coronado

Bay Resort (4000 Coronado Bay Road). Sweetwater’s Mariachi Griego, Mariachi Agua Dulce, and ballet folklórico dancers from three schools will share the stage with Mariachi Sol de México. Dinner and entertainment begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For reservations, call 619-585-6134. (CORONADO)

Slam for Fun during the mid-month Friday night slam planned on May 17 at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). Events start at 7:30 p.m. (following 7 p.m. sign-ups). Free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

Authors Jenoyne Adams (*Resurrecting Mingus*), Michael Datcher (*Raising Fences*), Harryette Mullen (*Sleeping with the Dictionary*), and Quincy Troupe (*Miles and Me*) will all read from and sign their books on Saturday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m., at the Porter Troupe Gallery (301 Spruce Street). The event will also commemorate the tenth anniversary of *Drumvoices*, the literary journal edited by Eugene B. Redmond. Admission is \$5. Call 619-291-9096 for information. (HILLCREST)

Folk Traditions Must Be Preserved and Also Evolve, according to the Toids. This folk group presents a dance concert on Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street). Tickets are \$10 for nonmembers. For further information, call 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“Catch a Rising Star 2002,” time for the 11th annual talent competition showcase hosted by the La Jolla Stage Company. The grand finale, featuring 20 different acts, is slated for Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets range from \$15 to \$18. For reservations, call 858-459-7773. (LA JOLLA)

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A Variety of Jewish Performances designed “to dazzle audiences” is planned for this year’s Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. The festival begins with a performance from the band Soulfarm — blending traditional Jewish, Shlomo Carlebach, Middle Eastern, and rock and roll music — on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Tickets are \$15 general. For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

“Magic to the Outer Limits” is promised when magician Michael E. Johnson appears (and disappears) every Monday night through May at 6 p.m. at Killer Pizza from Mars (3915 Mission Avenue). Kids become stars of the show and help perform the magic. (OCEANSIDE)

Johnson also performs every Tuesday through May at the Killer Pizza from Mars located at 1040 West El Norte Parkway. Johnson says he “specializes in interactive magic with rare and exotic objects” such as real meteorites. The magic is free, the food is not. For information on either show, call 760-747-4627. (ESCONDIDO)

“Love to Travel and long to write about it?” Cynthia Dial signs and discusses her book *Teach Yourself Travel Writing* on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Slightly Twisted Open Mike — poets, musicians, performers, and philosophers share their original works at Bridge Way Books on May 21 (and the third Tuesday of ev-

ery month), from 7 to 9 p.m. Find the shop at 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A-30. For information, call 760-943-7875. The requested donation is \$5. (ENCINITAS)

Seventeen Pieces of Fun, dance to big-band swing music when the Chris Walden Big Band performs on Wednesday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12. Call 619-696-1966 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Make the Best Decisions for yourself after Melody Beattie discusses and signs her *Choices: Taking Control of Your Life and Making It Matter* on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for information. (MIRA MESA)

The Bilingual Play Chela, written and directed by CSU San Marcos theater student Dulce Solis, may be seen when the Carlsbad Playreaders perform on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Admission is a \$5 donation. For further information, call 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

Expressions Unlimited, the featured artist is Theresa F. for this open-mike jam session on Wednesday, May 22, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

The Local Native American Ensemble Four Winds plans a concert on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. For information, call 619-691-5289. (CHULA VISTA)

He Traveled 1000 Miles with a Donkey along the mission trail in Baja California, and on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 p.m., Graham Mackintosh will present a lecture and signing at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Mackintosh’s books include *Into a Desert Place* and *Journey with a Baja Burro*. Admission: \$8. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Stolen Moments, vocalist Shannon Blas joins the Palomar Jazz Ensemble and the Palomar Repertory Jazz Ensemble for a concert on Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m., in the Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). The program includes “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “Georgia on My Mind,” and many others. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

A Mother’s Courage, a Daughter’s Strength, and a friend’s love are part of the tale Gail Tsukiyama tells in her latest novel, *Dreaming Water*. Tsukiyama visits Warwick’s Bookstore to sign and discuss her work on Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by dialing 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Enchanting Music from Indonesia is on tap when the CSU San Marcos Gamelan Ensemble, under the direction of Randy Griswold, performs on Wednesday, May 22. The concert starts at 7 p.m. in ACD 102; find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Free. Call 760-750-4366 for information. (SAN MARCOS)

Gospel Music Will Fill the Air when the UCSD Gospel Choir performs on Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m., in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. The choir is made up of over 350 UCSD students from all disciplines.

Admission is \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Under the Blue-and-Yellow Big Top, 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 handbalancing, clowns, and more.

Dralion continues through Sunday, May 26, 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)

“Dreams Are Letters from the Soul,” according to Connie Kaplan, who will sign and discuss her book on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Kaplan describes dreams as “a communal space — a sacred library of information for growth and healing.” Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Historical Mystery Author Steven Saylor will sign the eighth book in the “Roma Sub Rosa” series, *Mist of Prophecies*, at Mysterious Galaxy Books on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m. The shop is found at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Know Any One-Eyed French/Indian Navigators? Get to know “Pierre Cruzatte, Navigator for the Lewis and Clark Expedition” when Daniel Slosberg performs in period costume as the navigator May 31-June 2 at the Whaley House. Cruzatte served as an entertainer for the expedition members and for Indian nations they visited along the way. Slos-

berg plays authentic period musical pieces blending traditional French and Indian music in a folk style and presents historic tales of the expedition mixing humor with the trials and tribulations of the trek.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, with a 5 p.m. show on Saturday. Tickets are \$12. Find the Whaley House at 2476 San Diego Avenue. For information, call 619-297-9327. (MORENA)

On the Road Again, comic Jerry Seinfeld entertains our burg on Friday, May 31, at Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Performances begin at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$47 to \$77, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

The Boys of Late Spring, the San Diego Padres host the New York Mets in Qualcomm Stadium May 16-19, with games at 7:05 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Pads head to Colorado to meet the Rockies May 21-23; games start at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 12:05 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)

There’s a Destruction Derby on offer, along with competition in sportsman, Grand American Modifieds, and legend categories at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, May 18. 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)

It’s Cricket, Old Chap, the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home games on May 18 and 19. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The first team meets up with the Caribbean Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team meets up with the team from Victoria 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)

Learn the Basics of Rock Garden Paddling and explore caves and rock formations when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a family kayak trip to the La Jolla Shores on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to noon. The nonmember fee is \$60 per person in a double kayak or \$80 per person in a single kayak. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (LA JOLLA)

Creating Awareness and Walking for a Cure, the fourth annual California Liver Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, starting at 7:30 a.m., at the San Diego Zoo. The minimum donation is \$25. Questions? Call 619-291-5483 or 800-749-2630 for answers. (BALBOA PARK)

“Tour de Cure — Great Western Ride,” this event is a fundraiser for the American Diabetes Association. There are three routes to choose from: the 42-mile Great Western Loop,” and 20-mile and 12-mile out-and-back courses to “accommodate

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Walking Together for the Cure, the 16th Parkinson's Disease Walk and Fun Run take place on Saturday, May 18, at De Anza Cove. Events begin at 9 a.m. For more information, call 858-273-6763. (MISSION BAY)

Which Side of the Border Beckons for Lunch? Join the Knickerbikers for a bicycle trek to the Otay border crossing from the J Street Marina (at the south end of the Chula Vista Harbor) on Sunday, May 19. The 45-mile ride for experts starts at 9 a.m. Bring money for lunch. 619-255-2890. (CHULA VISTA)

The Spirit of Soccer, the San Diego Spirit, one of the teams of the Women's United Soccer Association, hosts the Philadelphia Charge on Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. Games take place in Torero Stadium, on the campus of the University of San Diego, at 5998 Alcalá Park. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20, available by calling 877-476-2237 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Matches are televised on Cox Channel 4. (LINDA VISTA)

Testing Both Horse and Rider, the Sunnyside Saddle Club hosts horse shows throughout the year. The next event is slated for Sunday, May 19, starting at 8:30 a.m. Find the arena in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road, at Central Avenue). Admission for spectators is free. For more information, call 619-479-1125. (BONITA)

Heavy Congestion on the Bridge, the 16th Annual Over the Bay Bridge four-mile run/walk starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, at Fifth Avenue and K Street. Participants run along Harbor and across the Coronado Bridge and finish in Coronado's Tidelands Park. Race-day registration runs 6:30 to 7:25 a.m. Call 760-736-3548 for information. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Are You Half an Ironman? The Ralphs California Half Ironman Oceanside is slated for Sunday, May 19, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The swimming takes place in Oceanside Harbor, biking is on Camp Pendleton, and running is on Oceanside streets. For information, call 518-523-2665. (OCEANSIDE)

Walk for the Environment, the fifth annual 5k walk hosted by the Sierra Club on Sunday, May 19, starts at 8:30 a.m. at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street, with a route winding through the park. For information, dial 619-299-1743. (BALBOA PARK)

Surf's Up when the Professional Surfing Tour of America hits the waves in Imperial Beach May 23-26. Competition takes place just north of the Imperial Beach Pier and Pier Plaza. Surfing begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday morning with men's shortboard competition throughout the day. Friday there's men's shortboard and longboard competition 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The competition on Saturday is in men's and women's shortboard, and men's longboard. Surfing concludes on Sunday with men's and women's shortboard competition, followed by awards at 3:30 p.m. Spectating is free. For information, call 619-424-3151. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Freedom from Domestic Violence is the goal for the Liberty Run/Walk, a collaborative effort benefiting seven area domestic violence shelters. The four-mile run starts at 8:05 p.m., with the walk beginning at 8:10 a.m., in the Gaslamp Quarter on Sunday, June 9; continues over the Coronado Bridge; and concludes in Tidelands Park. Event-day registration starts at 6:30 a.m. Call 760-434-7706 for information. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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“**Antigone**” by Sophocles is the topic when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group convenes on Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

“**Portrait of the Big Bay:** The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival” is here. Participating artists have agreed to paint at the bay locations on a minimum of four days during the festival-painting week; five paintings per artist may be submitted, with a minimum of two having been created during the festival period. The public is invited to seek out the artists at work during the festival week and then attend the exhibition and sale to see the finished body of work.

Head to the Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a free guidebook on where the artists may be painting on a given day; this part of the competition continues through May 17. The resulting art will be exhibited May 18 through January 6, 2003, on the Maritime Museum’s 1898 ferryboat *Berkeley*. For additional details, dial 858-672-3811. (POINT LOMA, SHELTER ISLAND, HARBOR ISLAND, DOWNTOWN, EMBARCADERO, CORONADO)

Listen for Opera Stars Warming Up their voices for *The Flying Dutchman* when the San Diego Opera hosts backstage tours at the Civic Theatre

on May 17 and 19. 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)

Book Bargains Galore are promised during the book sale planned from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

“**A Brief History of Time**” by Stephen Hawking is the subject when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Saturday in the Park, the 18th annual Lake Murray Community Picnic and Street Fair is slated for Saturday, May 18, from 7 a.m. to fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Highlights include a kids’ fishing derby, pancake breakfast, boat tours of the lake, and other activities for all ages. Call 619-465-5483 for more information. Find the fun at the south end of the lake; exit Lake Murray Boulevard at Kiowa Street. Admission is free. (LA MESA)

Make Merry by the Sea when the San Diego Renaissance Festival and International Jousting Tournament takes place May 18 and 19, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Revelers, minstrels, and troubadours will entertain, and there will be swordplay, knights in armor, jousting (for a \$5000 purse), court jesters, parades, kids’ activities, feasting, and more in the service of this merriment.

Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$10, with discounts for seniors, mil-

itary, and children. For information, call 760-434-3499. (DEL MAR)

Get Out into the Art, the 11th Annual Santa Ysabel Art Festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, on the grounds of the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at the junction of Highway 79).

The gallery’s current exhibit featuring ceramics by potter Sayoko Becker and plein air landscapes by Catherine Grawin is on display, along with a poetry fair hosted by poet Don Eulert and storyteller Lance Moles, live music, and arts and crafts by over 50 artists. Admission is free. For information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

The Hotter the Better, the Ninth Annual Imperial Beach Chili and Jazz Festival runs from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, in Veterans Park (at 8th Street and Imperial Beach Boulevard). Morning events include a pancake breakfast and music by local high school bands; in the afternoon, there’s music by a variety of bands. Forty chili cooks will be offering samples. Admission is free. Bring a blanket or beach chairs. For more details, dial 619-575-7997. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Meet the Gold-Seeking Adventurers who’ve pitched their tents in the plaza at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park during events running 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. It’s 1849, and the folks will tell their hard stories of traveling to California. Free. 619-220-5373. (OLD TOWN)

A Gathering of Nations, the San Diego American Indian Cultural Days take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. There will be dancing, drumming, bird singing,

storytelling, and more. Over 50 juried artisan booths will offer their wares, and American Indian food will be for sale.

Admission is free; bring your own chair and shade. For further information, dial 619-281-5964. (BALBOA PARK)

Buds’n Blooms, the annual floral fiesta in Balboa Park runs through the month of May, celebrating the botanical wealth and beauty of the park. Each weekend promises lectures and plant shows.

It’s “Garden Information Day” on Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with booths along the Prado representing garden clubs of the San Diego Fuchsia Society, Tropical Fish Society, and Master Gardeners, among many others. For general information, call 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Body, Mind, Spirit Day is being celebrated at the Church of Today Healing Fair, slated for Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The \$20 admission fee includes massage and body work, acupuncture, “cranio sacral therapy,” Sufi dancing, meditation, and more. There’s a crystal bowl concert by Elivia and Gaye Marie beginning at noon. Find the church at 8999 Activity Road. For information and tickets, call 858-689-6500. (MIRA MESA)

TierraFest! Festivities begin with the annual Patriots’ Day Parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, featuring marching bands, children’s groups, and more. The associated craft fair runs on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Tierrasanta Town Center Shopping Plaza (10633 Tierrasanta Boulevard). Fireworks begin at dusk. For information, call 858-715-1834. (TIERRASANTA)

The House of Puerto Rico hosts a program of history, dancers, and traditional music on the lawn of the International Cottages at 2 p.m. on

Sunday, May 19. Admission is free; Puerto Rican foods will be available for purchase. Call 619-685-2847 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

Get Outside for the sixth annual North Park Spring Festival on Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on University Avenue. The festival promises vendor and food booths, live entertainment on five stages, carnival games, children’s activities (including “Art Sparks” activities hosted by the Children’s Museum of San Diego), and rides. Admission is free. 619-294-2501. (NORTH PARK)

Used Books in a variety of categories are on offer when the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center hosts its second annual used book sale on Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find the center at 4126 Executive Drive. Call 858-457-3030 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Hit the Street, the Escondido Street Faire is slated for Sunday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown along Grand Avenue. Take in the food from around the world, live entertainment, holiday items, a climbing wall, health fair, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 760-745-2125. (ESCONDIDO)

Aloha! The UCSD Hawaii Club hosts its 11th annual luau on Sunday, May 19. There will be Hawaiian food and entertainment. Doors open for dinner at 5 p.m., with the show at 6:30 p.m., in UCSD’s Price Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults. For information, call 619-218-8338. (LA JOLLA)

Listen and Learn, radio station KPBS-FM (89.5) brings San Diego Opera director Ian Campbell to the airwaves for discussions of the art form. He plays selections and generally enlightens every Sunday, including May 19, at 7 p.m. For informa-

tion, call 619-232-7636. Broadcasts continue through June 30.

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair is set for Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares. Find it all at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

“**Young Art 2002:** The Art of the Book” is on display through Friday, May 31, at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) and the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). The pieces selected for inclusion were among the artworks submitted for the “Young Art 2002” show concurrently on view at the San Diego Museum of Art. For information, call 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN, ENCANTO)

Turn on to Fern Street, a flying saucer crash lands and two mysterious aliens emerge from the craft when the Fern Street Circus presents its 12th annual residency and new show, *The Fool from Outer Space*. This circus is a bilingual theatrical event showcasing the talents of local circus and variety artists, with acts by kids from its After-School Circus programs in Golden Hill, Linda Vista, and San Ysidro. Whaddaya know about hand balancing? Find out when the Russian duo of Iouri and Nikolai perform as guest artists. There’s always something to knock your socks off!

The red, yellow, and blue walls of the open-air circus can be found this year on Park Boulevard at Morley Field Drive (just north of the San Diego Zoo, in front of the War Memorial Building at 3325 Zoo Drive). There are bleachers and grass to sit on, and you may bring low-backed chairs. The fun begins at 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Monday (Memorial Day), and at 2 p.m. on

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Don't Be Reserved, enjoy the "ultimate wine-tasting experience" as the winemakers at Belle Marie Winery present barrel tastings of private reserve wines on Saturday, May 25, at 4 p.m. New and future releases can also be sampled with breads and cheeses. The fee is \$25. Find the winery at 26312 Mesa Rock Road; call 760-796-7557 to reserve a spot. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

Comic-Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Ritzy Rosey and Bitsy Blossom Turn Over a New Leaf* through May 19 at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Puppet Express plants a *Flower Fantasy* May 22-26. Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5045. (BALBOA PARK)

Hi Ho, Robin Hood! Singers, dancers, and actors aged 8-18 perform in the Christian Youth Theater production of the musical *Robin Hood*, onstage May 17-26 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard, at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$7 to \$11.50. For reservations and location information, dial 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (ESCONDIDO)

Paint the Piano, kids "of all ages are invited to leave their artful mark" on a real piano during the Piano Ware-

house's annual parking lot sale, from noon to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 17-19, at 3535 Camino del Rio West. Artists from the San Diego Children's Museum will be on hand to lead the public in the afternoons of painting. Free. For information, call 619-233-8792. (MISSION VALLEY)

Walk and Clap to the Far Corners of the World when Joan Wilson tells tales for the Adobe Bluffs Elementary School's Story Fest, scheduled for Friday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. Wilson uses costumes, ethnic instruments, drama, and lively songs to bring the stories to life. Free. For information, call 858-689-0071. Find the campus at 8919 Elford Court. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

They Have Heads Like Horses and Tails Like Monkeys, and you can learn all about these curious creatures when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts "A, B, Sea; S Is for Seahorse" on Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. The class is for those three and four years old (with an adult, admitted free). The fee is \$20 per child. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Hands-On Crafts for children are promised when Judy Goldstein Botello and Kt Paxton, authors of *More Adventures with Kids in San Diego*, visit Barnes and Noble Bookstore for a kids' book and fun fair on Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find the shop at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Storytelling in the Galleries, professional storyteller Marilyn McPhie tells stories from around the world and teaches "how to create paper-folding stories" on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum

Roam-O-Rama

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

Named in honor of Lord Baden-Powell, the British Army officer who started the Boy Scout movement in 1907, massive Mount Baden-Powell stands higher than any other mountain in the San Gabriel Mountains — except for the Mount Baldy complex to the east. Baden-Powell's summit is the last major milestone on a 52-mile Silver Moccasin hiking route whose completion is a rite of passage for L.A.-area Scouts.

If you want to climb Mount Baden-Powell in the most interesting way, try this one-way, nine-mile hike from Dawson Saddle to Vincent Gap. Both trailheads lie along Angeles Crest Highway west of Wrightwood, and the shuttle between the two, five miles by road, can be done on a bicycle or with the use of two cars. This year's light snowfall has melted and the upper-elevation skies are clear and sunny, so now is a great time to go.

You begin where the Dawson Saddle Trail meets Angeles Crest Highway, mile 69.6, just east of Dawson Saddle. There's parking space on the north side of the highway. On the trail you switchback up through pines and firs to gain the top of a long, gradually ascending ridge leading toward the main crest of the San Gabriels at Throop Peak. About halfway up the trail, lodgepole pines dominate the forest, but keen eyes will spot a few limber pines. Look closely at the needles: lodgepole pines come in bundles of two needles each, while limber pines have bundles of five needles.

At 1.8 miles you join the Pacific Crest Trail. Head southwest on the PCT, then (optionally) climb cross-country about 300 yards to reach the summit of Throop Peak. A hiker's register can be found here, as well as on the next two peaks ahead.

Return to the Dawson Saddle Trail junction

and continue northeast on the PCT, which follows the main ridge-line. You descend to a saddle, then ascend to Mount Burnham's north flank, where switchbacks take you over to Burnham's east shoulder. Optionally once again, you can make an easy side trip to Burnham's summit from the east shoulder.

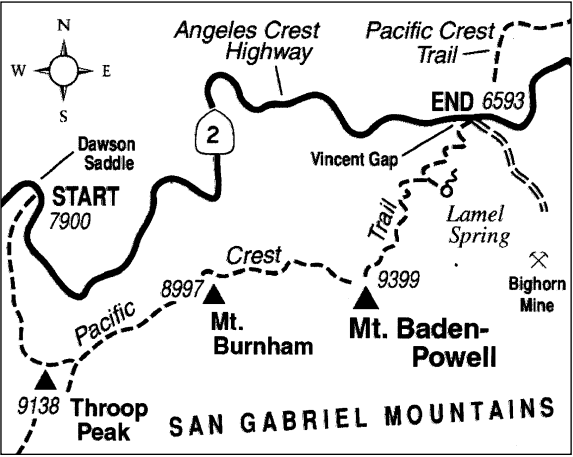
After bagging Burnham, continue east, climbing a breathless 400 feet more, to reach the impressive Boy Scout monument on Baden-



Marine layer below Mt. Baden-Powell Ridge

Powell's summit. Weather-beaten lodgepole and limber pines dot the summit area, one of the latter identified by an interpretive sign.

Return by way of the trail descending Baden-Powell's northeast ridge. After 40 switchbacks and 3.8 miles of descent, you'll reach the large Vincent Gap parking area (mile 74.8 on Angeles Crest Highway).



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My Mentor



Alec Wilkinson

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FROM THE DUST JACKET: At 24, Alec Wilkinson (who had intended to be a musician) decided that he wanted to write, so his father asked for the help of his closest friend, William Maxwell, widely regarded as one of the 20th Century's great American writers and an editor of fiction for 40 years at *The New Yorker*. *My Mentor* is the story of a young man's education at the hands of a master and a heart-breaking meditation on the brave,

graceful end of Maxwell's long and happy life — he died at 91, in July 2000. Making use of biography, memoir, and essay, and writing in a lapidary but intimate voice, Wilkinson explores the deeply resonant friendship between the old man and the young one. His experience with Maxwell over the course of 25 years he takes as the occasion for a profound and moving reflection on writing, wisdom, fatherhood, love, courage, dignity, and the end that awaits us all.

Alec Wilkinson is the author of five previous books, including *A Violent Act*, *The Riverkeeper*, and *Big Sugar*. He has been a Guggenheim fellow and has won a Lyndhurst Prize and a Robert F. Kennedy Book Award. For more than 20 years he has been a

writer at *The New Yorker*, and he is also a regular contributor to *Esquire* and *Double-Take*. He lives with his wife, the photographer Sara Barrett, and their son in New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Alec Wilkinson was born in 1952 in Mount Kisco, New York. On the morning that we talked, Mr. Wilkinson was at home in Manhattan. He told me in his pleasant voice that Mount Kisco is the town next door to Yorktown, New York. Mr. Wilkinson's father and mother, his three brothers, and William and his wife Emily Maxwell and their daughters all lived in Mount Kisco, and from there, William Maxwell and Mr. Wilkinson's father commuted to jobs in the city. Mr. Wilkinson was the youngest of his parents' children, all boys. "A fraternity," Mr. Wilkinson said, adding that in his family, "there are two families. My older brothers are close to each other in age and the oldest is 16 years older than I am and the youngest is seven years older. So they were sort of a family among themselves. They went to boarding schools. I was more or less an only child."

Until he began ninth grade, Mr. Wilkinson attended public schools in nearby Westchester. "And then," he said, "I went to a private school, called Hackley. It was a sort of a second-rate or third-rate imitation of a second-rate New England boarding school, a very modest little place where families in New York City and around the world would park children that they had no idea what to do with."

Was he unhappy? "No," he said. "I loved the place. I think life for the boarders was complicated. But I was a day student. I adored the place. I had a wonderful time for four years and made the best friends of my life. But there's no point being pretentious about the kind of place it was. I had wonderful friends and wonderful teachers and it was a very beautiful campus right beside the Rockefeller property up in Westchester. It was all boys, which meant that there were very few social anxieties. There were no girls around to complicate one's sense of oneself as an adolescent. So I liked it quite a lot."

Mr. Wilkinson's father, Kirk, already in his 40s when Alec was born, was the art director of the magazine *Woman's Day*. "He

might have been their very first art director," said Mr. Wilkinson. "He worked there for about 30 years."

I said how amazing that was, that nobody worked anywhere nowadays for 30 years.

"It was a simpler time," Mr. Wilkinson said.

After graduation from Hackley, Mr. Wilkinson went to Bennington. "All my brothers went to Harvard. I was a typical fourth child in that I didn't want anything to do with the things that my brothers had done. So I went to Bennington. I didn't plan to go to college. It was 1970. I wasn't then and I haven't ever really actually been, partly to my dismay, very ambitious. I thought of going to college more as a kind of social experience. It was what other people were doing and I would be around other people, but I had no idea what I might do as an older person; the idea that college might be preparation for that sort of life had never entered my mind."

Mr. Wilkinson paused a moment, then said, "I'm still not ambitious. It has never been my plan or intention to have a career as a writer. I don't really have a career. I just keep writing, and I manage to sell the pieces."

"But that's what a writer does," I said.

Mr. Wilkinson did not sound so sure. "I guess maybe because I live in New York and I'm surrounded by the example of so many people who hustle..."

"The hustling, though, is not nice."

"No, it's not nice, but plenty of very, very, very successful writers do it. Commercially successful. Although, as Harold Ross used to say, 'Talent doesn't care where it resides.' A lot of the people who were admired in the early days of *The New Yorker* and places like that were not very pleasant people, which is another reason I was so drawn to Maxwell. I mean, he was such a lovely, lovely person that he provided a wonderful example of how one could be a writer and have a real life. I spent so many of my years on Cape Cod, and of course, the example of a writer up there is Norman Mailer. I really used to think, 'My God, this is a man who has been married four times and who stabbed one of his wives. Is that what a writer is?' I knew that I'd much rather follow the example that Maxwell presented, let alone the fact that I admired his work a great

of Art. The event is included in regular admission. Call 619-696-1935 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Bring the Kids, the whole family is encouraged to attend St. John's Elementary School on Saturday, May 18, 4 to 6:30 p.m., for a seminar focusing on "How to Become a Great Family Team." The fee is \$10 per person. Find the school at 1001 Encinitas Boulevard. Call 760-436-1514 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

A Hike Designed for Kids is slated for Saturday, May 18, at 9 a.m., in San Diego River Park. The two-mile route includes a woodrat nest. For reservations and directions, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Magnetism is the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, May 18, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will "make a free science ex-

periment" to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Where's Spot? The well-loved puppy visits White Rabbit Bookstore for story-time fun on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. For children three and older. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Concert for the Young at Heart," music aimed at kids and their families — "and all those who are young at heart" — is promised during a concert by the North Coast Symphony on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the MiraCosta Theatre. The program features the premiere performance of the "Smiley Wiley Symphony" by Oceanside schoolteacher Richard Morgan, narrated by elementary music school specialist Steven Traugh.

Also on tap are the Saint-Saëns

"Carnival of the Animals" and a series of traditional classical works: the first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony; an *allegro vivace* of "The William Tell Overture" by Rossini; "Morning Mood" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King," the first and last movements from *Peer Gynt No. 1* by Grieg; the waltz from Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*; and the "Russian Sailor's Dance" by Glière.

Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for students and seniors, \$2 for children. Find the campus at College One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

The Microscopic Marine Organisms known as plankton fulfill a number of important roles in ocean ecosystems. When "Plankton-Palooza" convenes at Birch Aquarium-Museum on Sunday, May 19, at 9:33 p.m., participants will use mi-

croscopes to learn about the abundance and diversity of plankton found in seawater and then build models and make a plankton net.

The fee is \$20 for kids in grades one through three. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Ninety-One Elementary and Middle Schools have been invited to enter six pieces of art each in the kids' art show hosted by the Friends of East County Arts, Inc. The resulting exhibition runs May 20-26 at the carousel corner at Parkway Plaza. Participants will be awarded ribbons on Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-442-0111. Viewing is free. (EL CAJON)

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

Why Does the Tide Flow change daily and seasonally? This question will be answered when the Junior Rangers gather for "Tide's In, Tide's Out" on Thursday, May 23. The program starts at 3:15 p.m. at the Ti-

juana 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)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, "Make It Move," an interactive exhibit from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, opens on Saturday, May 18. The exhibit explores the world of simple machines, with experiments to create a "super spinner" and in general to "make things move." Enjoy the exhibition through Sunday, September 8.

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

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts

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

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

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

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. For more details, call 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Computer Museum of America, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A His-

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deal more than I admired any other writer’s work. The example that he presented was that one could be a serious person with a serious and mature emotional life, and also a deeply imaginative and creative one with enormous accomplishments. One didn’t have to get drunk and drive cars down the wrong side of the road and insult policemen and get arrested or be a sort of Hunter Thompson–type, which was current back when I was starting to write — be, you know, obnoxious and half out of control all the time as a means of creating a persona.”

“The writer as rock star,” I suggested.

“Yes. I suppose Hemingway did a great deal to make such an idea fashionable, but on the other hand, what I can tell about Hemingway from what I’ve read about him is that he also seemed to be just an immensely charismatic person with a great deal of energy, and that sort of person is always going to be appealing. He was deeply serious and got a great deal of work done and didn’t seem distracted from his work by the public image he had of himself. The point is that Maxwell’s example was reassuring to me that one could be a great man but also have dignity. I found that example alluring.”

“What was it like to sit with Mr. Maxwell and go over your work?”

“Well, it was reassuring. It was sometimes irritating because I didn’t always like being corrected, and the less that I knew about why I should be corrected, the more I resented the correction. I had to be educated towards an understanding of how one achieved certain effects in writing, in really also the most basic ways. I was a beginner. Until I was 24, I was a musician. I was the rawest of recruits.”

“Could you spell?”

“Not particularly well, but I always used to say that John Cheever spelled dining room with three *n*’s. Nobody who works at *The New Yorker* knows anything about spelling or grammar, really. It’s all cleaned up by other people. Now there’s spell check. But *The New Yorker* was the last place in the world that cared whether a writer could spell or punctuate a sentence. That was irrelevant to them. That’s really a college term paper kind of mentality. It doesn’t make any difference whether a writer can spell or

knows grammar. I mean it. One can’t help becoming literate; any kind of acquaintance with literate writing allows one to pick up that kind of stuff, anyway. It rubs off.

“I’m a better grammarian than most people, and I’m a better speller than most people, but I still can’t really spell. Anyway, he didn’t care about that sort of thing, and he was never much of a speller himself, so unless, you know, something was obvious, he didn’t correct it.”

“Would he mark your manuscripts with red pencil?”

“No, he never used a red pencil. I think, professionally, at *The New Yorker* — everything is done on computers now, but as I remember it in the earlier days, there were different-colored pencils so that the makeup department would know what different things meant. But we were working in Maxwell’s house so he just picked up a pencil. But yes, he would write on it, and he would cross things out, move things around, every once in a while take out scissors and cut something out and move it somewhere else and glue it and say, ‘Here’s why I’m doing this.’

“So it was a real instruction. On the few occasions when I teach, this is exactly how I teach. I don’t ask a roomful of students to read a piece and then talk about it. That seems to me pointless. I sit down, I read the piece myself, edit it the way it would be edited at any of the magazines I’ve worked for, and try to give the writer some help. Mostly, what young writers need is the technical help. They know that they want to write. They’re usually too young to have any real experience of life in material. But they need to be shown how to write a sentence that is not overweight. They need to be shown why most adjectives and adverbs are unnecessary. They need to understand when it’s necessary to go quickly and how to dwell on something at length when it’s appropriate and how to achieve certain effects. So that’s what I needed, and that’s what Maxwell was showing me. And, of course, at a certain point, there isn’t all that much really that the writer does need to know in terms of technical means. This is why there aren’t that many books of any value on writing. Of all the arts, it’s the least mysterious. Painting and music, of course, have their origins in religion. And worship. But writing doesn’t. So it’s a means to telling a story of one kind or another, whether the story

is descriptive of the actual world, in the case of most journalism, or it’s imaginative. It doesn’t matter. It’s the same technical means.

“By the time we were done with my second book, which is *Moonshine: A Life in Pursuit of White Liquor*, and maybe even a little earlier, he had taught me everything there was to know. I continued to ask him to read things because I wanted his opinion, I wanted his help. By then, you know, I had become something of a writer myself, and really what I was showing him were things about which I would ask, ‘Does this work here?’ ‘Is there another way I should have done this?’ Or, ‘I can’t tell if this is any good. What do you think?’ That sort of thing. So he wouldn’t then be going through my work line by line. It wasn’t necessary.”

“When you were young and first working with Mr. Maxwell, did you carry on imaginary conversations with him?”

“No. I do now.”

“And,” I asked, “when you were young and first writing, did you, in a sense, write for him or to him?”

“When I was younger, writing was much more complicated emotionally for me than it is now. It’s a form of truth-telling, writing, if you’re a writer of a certain kind. And there are a lot of prohibitions against telling the truth. So I found it very hard. I was impeding myself. So that was the bigger complication for me and the bigger anxiety. Maxwell, for years, especially when I was first working with him, was very much a patriarchal figure for me. I mean, in a certain way. I was young and innocent, and I don’t think that I was an especially mature 25- or 26-year-old.”

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tory of Cryptology” explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned

the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages.

Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare “million-aire calculator,” and a Hectotron, de-

scribed as “a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope.” Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a va-

riety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For in-

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“You seemed, however, like a nice kid, though.”
“I think I probably was. Now that I’m a parent myself, and you know how you look around as a parent at other children and you can pick out the ones you like? That nine-year-old over there in your son’s or daughter’s class, that looks like a nice kid. I like that face. I look at photographs of myself at that period and that’s what I think. If I hadn’t been a nice kid, well, there were plenty of ways for Maxwell to dismiss me.”

William Maxwell had “taken on” many other writers. Mr. Wilkinson named some of them — Larry Woiwode, Harold Brodkey. Brodkey, I said, must have been a handful.

“Their relationship,” Mr. Wilkinson said, “utterly fell apart. But they were different in the sense that they were much more accomplished writers. He didn’t take anybody else on in his life that was like me, that was just saying, ‘I’d like to write.’ He would not have done it for me, I’m quite sure, if it hadn’t been for my father. When I appeared in Maxwell’s life when I was 24 and he was, I think, 68, I was nothing but the child of one of his closest friends. So he didn’t know what he was getting or getting into, he was just doing my father a favor. And he apparently saw enough in what I’d shown him to want to say, ‘Keep going. It’s not bad. Keep going.’ Which is, of course, I’d learned many years later, what Louise Bogan had said to him. She’s the one who said, ‘Keep on.’ Which is really all one can say to young writers, you know, or to writers, really, at any stage. ‘Just keep going.’ There is no other real advice.”

When Mr. Wilkinson decided he’d become a writer, he thought he’d do that writing in Paris. He notes in *My Mentor’s* early pages that he imagined himself seated in Paris cafés, “preferably at night, or maybe late in the afternoon, when the light would be perfect. For my picture on the dust jacket I was pretty sure I would wear a beret.”

I said that I found that very touching.
Mr. Wilkinson allowed as how he didn’t know where he acquired such a strange idea. He added, “I think I was so nervous and anxious by the idea of what I was attempting, which was to

write a book, having never written a book. And, of course, I’d been reading Hemingway, and it just seemed like one had to make a dramatic gesture to pull it off. It wasn’t as if you might just do it, no matter where you were, write a book. And yet everybody has read in the newspaper accounts of this or that best-seller, often by women writers who simply say, ‘I had my child and I only had 45 minutes a day where the child was napping, and I would sit down and write. Now I’m worth many, many millions of dollars.’ Which is not my experience.”

I asked how Mr. Wilkinson happened to get a job at *The New Yorker*.

“Well, you’d think it was because of Maxwell, but it wasn’t. He wasn’t there anymore. I have spent a lot of my life in this town, Wellfleet, on Cape Cod, and one summer a quite ambitious friend, who had built himself a house on some land that he’d gotten and rented it out, said to me, ‘You should meet my tenant. He’s a very funny guy named George Trow [who writes as George W. S. Trow], and he writes for *The New Yorker*. So I went and met George Trow. It was the first summer I was trying to write my book. And I said, ‘Okay, let me meet a writer.’ George Trow was a very, very flamboyant...” Mr. Wilkinson interrupted himself, paused, then explained, “I haven’t seen him in many years; he’s changed.”

“Well,” I said, “you were young then and he was young then.”
“Yes. I was 24, he was 32, maybe. But he was very charismatic and loved to have a good time and he was extremely funny and very fast-thinking and very smart. I was trying to be a writer. There was a writer. So I thought, ‘Okay, when I finish my book, I’ll go to New York and be a writer. The writer I know, George Trow, works at *The New Yorker*. I’ll work at *The New Yorker*.’ I was that innocent about it. I had no idea — just as I say somewhere in the book about I had no idea anybody else in America was trying to write a book. I had no idea that it occurred to anybody else that *The New Yorker* would be fun to work at.

“I never read *The New Yorker* in those days, when I was 24 or so, except for the fiction. I remember sort of learning that it published nonfiction and thinking, ‘That’s stranger; is that what that stuff is in between the cartoons and the stories? I guess that’s report-

ing, isn’t it?’ I didn’t even have a lens through which I could focus on somebody like George. What he did was somehow abstract to me. I just simply thought in the same spirit that 40 years ago some little kid, some teenager, would get on a bus in Arkansas to go to Nashville to be a country-western singer and then run into hard times. I just thought, ‘I know I can’t live on Cape Cod any longer, that I won’t be able to have a real life here. So I have to go somewhere. I’ll go to New York and I’ll do what George Trow does.’ It wasn’t that I was confident. I was innocent. It wasn’t that I thought, ‘I know it’s the most desirable literary job, but I’m going to get it.’ I just thought, ‘Here’s a thing I’ll do. This guy does it. I don’t know anybody else who does it. It seems like a fun thing to do. He has a fun life. And he seems to have enough money. I’ll go do it.’ ”

“And,” I said, “he’s charming and he’s witty.”
“I knew I couldn’t be. It didn’t occur to me that that was necessary. In fact, that was a huge problem for me at *The New Yorker*, that I wasn’t funny in the way those people are really funny. And because they were so funny, I determined that I wasn’t going to go anywhere near that. I was going to try and be serious. Jimmy Garrison, who had been in the John Coltrane quartet, once told me about a bass player that he had heard. This guy had been such a remarkable technician and had played all over the neck of his instrument, at unbelievable speed. Jimmy Garrison observed him and thought, ‘Well, I’m going to do the opposite of that.’ So I thought, ‘Okay, these guys are incredibly funny, I’m going to do the opposite of that. I’m going to be serious.’ And ‘Talk’ stories weren’t about being serious. So I had a very rough time for a couple of years until I got a little more relaxed.”

Mr. Wilkinson, at 24, also had no idea how august a personage William Maxwell was. “I began,” he said, “to figure it out. But in the beginning, I didn’t know. Of course, in those days mostly what Maxwell did was write stories for ‘Talk of the Town.’ I’m sure you remember they were anonymous then. It broke my heart when those became a public thing. They’re half the length they used to be and they’re about different things. That’s what all the writers loved; that you could do all sorts of things. You could change voices, you could try all kinds of things, and nobody was going to

formation, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find

the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 AD) are included in “The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China,” on view through May. From ancient times, jades in China

were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life. A new acquisition is now on exhibit: a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 BC to AD 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon

the status of the wearer). The jade suit continued the quest for immortality.

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

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

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk

in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Museum of History and Art, reflecting themes of spirituality, Mexico, and nature, artist Poppy Clark was influenced by a six-month period when she lived in Guadalajara and by an early acquaintance with famed Mexican muralist Ramos Martinez. Suffering from diabetes, Clark lost sight in one eye at the age of 29, followed shortly thereafter by a ten-year period of total blindness, during which she continued to paint. “Through Her Eyes: The Art of Poppy Clark” continues through Wednesday, August 21.

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

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

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

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the U.S. Air Force and Boeing Corporation have donated a global positioning satellite (GPS) for a new permanent exhibit. This GPS is “the only one of its kind on display in the world.” Members of the women’s fly-

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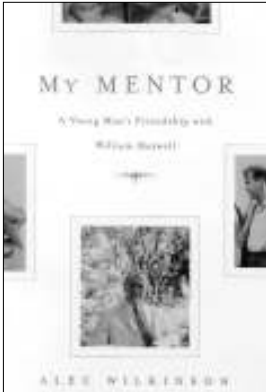
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say, ‘Whoa.’ It was done.”

Mr. Wilkinson no longer has an office at *The New Yorker*. “When they moved into the Conde Nast building about three years ago, it was clear they were no longer going to make offices available to writers like me who showed up about three times a year. My office there was nothing but a storeroom. When I had a book out, I’d order three dozen extra copies, and then, because I had no garage to put them in, I put them in my office. So my office, literally, was stacked with cartons of books. The offices now are no more than closets — tiny little things. What I had in my old office wouldn’t even have fit in a new one. The people who have offices there now actually work in them and use them. I probably hadn’t worked in my office for 15 years. Nor did anybody else. You never saw anybody in his office in *The New Yorker*. That’s not how they were used.”

I said that I thought of those offices as the place that writers came after they’d had lunch to pick up their mail.

“That’s exactly what it was. That’s exactly it.”

I wondered if writing the end of the book, where Mr. Maxwell’s lovely and sympathetic wife dies and then, only a few days later, Mr. Maxwell dies, was not particularly difficult. But Mr. Wilkinson thought not, and he explained, “Maxwell always used to say, ‘The best thing is to know what your ending is, because then you know what you’re working towards.’ The hardest part, when I was writing it, the greatest anxiety I had was how was I ever going to dramatize the life of a writer who had been so quiet. If this book has any relation to another book it is to *Tuesdays with Morrie*. There’s no other book I can think of. It couldn’t be more different, but the ground, in a certain way, is similar. But the experience of writing it, I realized when it was done, had been a kind of

grieving, although I hesitate to say that because I want people to read the book, and I don’t want them to think it’s glum. But sitting down, every day, in the company of this man whom I’d loved more than I loved any man, and whom I loved more than anybody but my wife and my son, and who, of course, I loved differently, sitting in his company and recalling him every day, after he was gone, for a year, more or less, turned out to be immensely liberating. There were plenty of times I was bereft and in tears. But I knew he was a great man and that he was worth being described, that his example would be uplifting to people. He was a great artist and a great man. Not just a great artist or not just a great man. And I knew that he was absurdly underappreciated. And that if the world really knew who he was — I just felt sure that a certain number of people, acquainted with him and with this subject, would feel enlarged. I just knew I had been in the presence of a mystery, this kind of deep love, this kind of training that this man had given me, this ancient pattern between an older man and a young man, of instruction and friendship.”

Early in their friendship, Mr. Maxwell gave still-young Alec Wilkinson a stack of books, as a gift. Mr. Wilkinson lists them: “*Berlin Stories*, by Christopher Isherwood; *Anna Karenina*; *A Sport and a Pastime*, by James Salter; Robert Fitzgerald’s translation of *The Odyssey*; *A Passage to India*; *The Sudden View*, by Sybille Bedford; *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*; *Memento Mori*, by Muriel Spark; *My Mortal Enemy*, by Willa Cather; and a collection of Chekhov’s writings.”

Eventually Mr. Wilkinson read all these books except for *The Odyssey*. He writes that whenever he tried to read it, “it was impenetrable to me.” Several weeks before Mr. Maxwell’s death, Mr. Wilkinson noticed *The Odyssey* on his bookshelf. He telephoned Mr. Maxwell and asked if he still liked it. “ ‘I’m mad about it,’ he said. ‘It’s a kind of fairy story. It’s so lyrical, and the world is so young, full of monsters and escapes, especially Odysseus’s homecoming. If you heard Robert Fitzgerald read the homecoming, it made your hair stand up on your head.’ So I tried again and learned what many people would already have known, which is that Mentor and Odysseus were comrades. Mentor is older than Odysseus,

and when Odysseus leaves for Troy he asks Mentor to look after his slaves and his household, which includes his son, Telemachus.”

Mr. Wilkinson continues, “The relationship between Mentor and Telemachus suggests that in a classic arrangement of this kind, the guardian not be simply a teacher or an advisor acquainting a young man or woman with the rudiments of a trade or a code of behavior but that there also be an attachment between them. Also that the experience and the emotional maturity of the older person makes him or her a fit example for the younger one. Also that the exchange be cleansed of vanity and that the concern of the older man or woman for the younger one is selfless.”

I said to Mr. Wilkinson how moved I was by what he wrote about Mentor and Telemachus. To which he replied, “I realized that what we had been through had been part of an ancient pattern. It was a primary and profound human relationship. Which is also one of the reasons that it meant so much. And had the dimensions that it did. It wasn’t something of the modern age. It was a timeless human pattern. And I knew all of this was a very important thing to write about, and the response that I’ve had mostly from readers is what it meant to them, to know how to go about embarking on some kind of creative task or how to have the example of someone who can help you.

“He was really an unexampled man. I will never meet his like again, and one of the reasons I won’t is quite practical — he was a product of the 19th Century. He was raised in the atmosphere of 19th-century America. His parents, of course, would have been born in the middle of the 19th Century and been influenced by very hard rock, settler values. And he was a deeply considerate, loving, kind person and very mature. Not a person who’d nurse grievances, not a person who indulged resentments.”

We talked a bit then about those among our friends who, like Mr. Maxwell, were “good.” I mentioned a friend who seemed always to bring out the best in everyone whom he knew. Mr. Wilkinson’s voice brightened as he said that Mr. Maxwell brought out the best in him. “One rises to the occasion, really, is what happens. One rises to the occasion. Yes.”

— Judith Moore

ing club the Ninety-Nines have donated personal memorabilia, trophies, flight logbooks, and photographs for inclusion in “Pacific Air Race”; items on view alternate every six months to highlight the accomplishments of local women aviators

from the six local chapters of the group.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight

deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego County Sheriff’s Museum, the 150-year history of the

sheriff’s department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the

departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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LOCAL EVENTS

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, an interactive toy train, and a refurbished toy train gallery with a Lionel O gauge exhibit. There is a multimedia presentation on railroad-ing, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

See “Lionel Town” in the toy train gallery, described as “an animated Lionel train exhibit featuring city buildings which come to life such as a fire station, car wash, movie theater, train store, and a scale model replica of the Lionel train factory in Lindenwold, New Jersey.” This exhibit continues through December.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. For admission and museum hours, call 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scientific methods to recreate a “crime scene” to determine the meat-eater’s guilt or innocence in “T. Rex on Trial.” World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? You make the call

through Monday, May 27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Take in the aquarium’s newest permanent exhibit, “Secrets of the Seahorse.” Guests can explore the unique adaptations and biology of seahorses and their relatives while learning about the current threats to their survival and what can be done to conserve this diminishing creature. The exhibit showcases 13 species of live animals, both local species and those from abroad.

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

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

SELECTED POEMS BY EMILY DICKINSON

A Light exists in Spring
Not present on the year
At any other period —
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad
On Solitary Fields
That Science cannot overtake
But human nature feels.

It waits upon the Lawn,
It shows the furthest Tree
Upon the furthest Slope we know
It almost speaks to you.

Then as Horizons step
Or Noons report away,
Without the Formula of sound
It passes and we stay —

A quality of loss
Affecting our Content
As Trade had suddenly encroached
Upon a sacrament.

Before you thought of Spring,
Except as a Surmise,
You see — God bless his suddenness —
A Fellow in the Skies
Of independent Hues,
A little weather worn
Inspiring habiliments
Of Indigo and Brown —
With specimens of Song
As if for you to choose —
Discretion in the interval
With gay delays he goes
To some superior Tree

Without a single Leaf
And shouts for joy to Nobody
But his seraphic self —

I have a Bird in spring
Which for myself doth sing —
The spring decoys.
And as the summer nears —
And as the rose appears,
Robin is gone

Yet I do not repine
Knowing that Bird of mine
Though flown —
Learneth beyond the sea
Melody new for me
And will return.

Faster in a safer hand
Held in a truer Land
Are mine —
And though they now depart,
Tell I my doubting heart
They’re thine.

In a serener Bright
In a more golden light
I see
Each little doubt and fear,
Each little discord here
Removed.

The will I not repine,
Knowing that Bird of mine
Though flown
Shall in a distant tree
Bright melody for me
Return.

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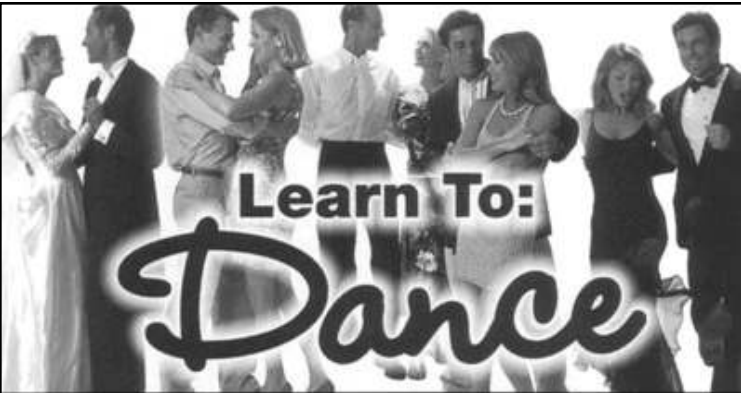
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Lots of Strings Attached

A bunch of yowling cats is funnier than just one.

For the final offering in this year's Festival of Early Music at USD, director Marianne Pfau brought in still another first-rate group of young musicians, the Baroque string ensemble called La Monica (the name has nothing to do with Monica Lewinsky or Santa Monica beach, but refers to a popular tune of the period). In other respects, this concert was the polar opposite of the Hoboïstes de Prusse program that had preceded it the evening before. That had been all wind instruments; this was all strings. That had been popular outdoor music; this was refined indoor music. The pieces on the Hoboïstes program had consisted (for the most part) of trite commonplaces by anonymous mediocrities; La Monica's program was made up (for the most part) of superb pieces by great composers. And while the Hoboïstes had confined themselves to one specific period and place of the Baroque (the early 18th Century in Germany), La Monica ranged here and there over the history of 17th-century Baroque instrumental music in southern Europe: chronologically, from Tarcquinio Merula's *Toccata cromatica* or *Capriccio cromatico* in the 1620s to Antonio Vivaldi's *La Follia* (first published in 1705); spatially, from Venice (Vivaldi, Dario Castello) to Cremona (Merula) to the Ursuline convent in Novara (Isabella Leonarda), and from Rome (Archangelo Corelli, Michelangelo Rossi) to Vienna (Antonio Bertali) and Salzburg (Georg Muffat and Heinrich Biber).

The concert did have an organizing principle, however — in fact, two of them. Most of the program (aside from two solo harpsichord pieces) focused on the trio sonata, one of the central forms of the whole 150 or more years of the Baroque: two treble instruments (frequently, as in this case, violins) plus a *basso continuo* (made up here of harpsichord, Baroque cello, and Baroque guitar or the giant lute called the theorb, in various combinations). The form provides for the interplay of the two trebles as exciting equals, and for their dramatic contrast with the bass group, which has its own intelli-

gible melodic line and which supports the harmonic movement.

The other principle was that of the experimental, the inhabitual, the extravagant, the bizarre: a principle pervading much of 17th-century instrumental music, especially in its first half. Listeners who are used to the firm structures and orderly logic of late Baroque music (Bach and Handel, for example) can be startled when they hear what was commonly going on 100 or 150 years before. Take, for example, Dario Castello's *Sonata duodecima à tre*, played at this concert with *panache* and a wonderful sureness of style. This typically whimsical, willful, imaginatively unfettered work follows no rules but those that seem to blow in with the wind: the sudden veerings of mood and direction, the fragmented intermingling of meditateness and wildness, the refusal to stay put and take stock and set up signposts — a kind of exuberant slithering of musical ideas.

Castello constitutes an extreme (this is what the 17th-century polymath Athanasius Kircher called the "*stylus phantasticus*"), but there is an analogous melting of boundaries in the experiments in chromaticism by Merula and Michelangelo Rossi. The latter's stupendous *Toccata settima* (dating from around 1640, and played with compelling power by La Monica's harpsichordist, Yoav Avner Stein) confronts the new expressive power of harmony that had been made possible with the establishment of the *basso continuo* as the foundation of Baroque style, and willfully goes about creating a chaos of relentless chromatic lines and unregulated dissonances that make the listener tonally seasick. The shape of the composition has much the same effect: its quality of improvisation, the constant changes of rhythm, the unmotivated pauses, the bursts of movement, the dazzling passage-work covering up the transition to still another key (like windswept foliage on the blurred contours of a ruined fortress) — and all of this then ending preposterously with a simple, comfortable cadence, somewhere in the

tonal spectrum, as though Rossi had finally decided to write perfectly "normal" music (normal according to the new conventions).

The concert in Founders Chapel opened — as though to belie the eccentricities that were to come — with a work of a very different kind: Corelli's Trio Sonata in C, Opus 4, No. 1, first published at the very end of the century (1696). Corelli had no taste for the fantastic style. In his compositions — all of them instrumental — he set the model for the subsequent century: music of graceful formality, imaginative but never shocking, with everything in proportion, everything balanced, and a sense (still experienced by the listeners to La Monica's exquisite performance) that every tune, every motion, every texture, every interrelationship of the instruments, every chord, every bit of counterpoint, every harmonic progression, every repetition of a phrase, every subtle flutter of heart-touching emotion — is as totally right as any human creative act could ever make it.

But soon thereafter we heard Biber's *Sonata rappresentativa*, composed most likely before 1670, and still filled with the irrepressible zaniness of the early Baroque. This suite irregularly alternates calm, tender, beautifully crafted movements that would not have offended Corelli (though he might have considered them a bit primitive), with grossly programmatic movements representing animals. Biber had a penchant for program music (a characteristically Baroque trait), but it usually expressed itself in religious pieces: "The Agony in the Garden," "The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns." Here, the strings present us with the nightingale's whistlings, the dissonant croaks of frogs, a whirling flock of cuckoos, a frenzied chase in the chicken coop, and the piercing, drooping *glissandos* of a cat — as well as (just to keep any idea of consistency at bay) the percussive rhythms of a musketeer's march. (This sort of thing was itself a tradition: Carlo Farina's *Capriccio stravagante* of some decades before had treated much of the same material.)

I noted before that this concert was dominated by trio sonatas. In the case of Biber's barnyard suite, the pressure toward that form was so pervasive that, although the treble part (as so

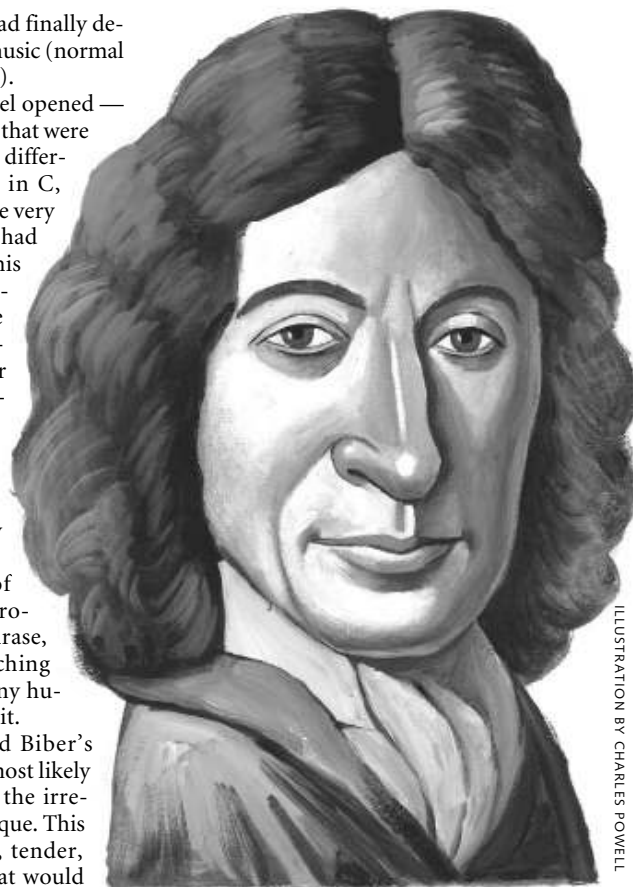


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Corelli

La Monica Founders Chapel, University of San Diego

Corelli, *Sonata in C, Opus 4, No. 1*; Muffat, "Passacaglia" from *Trio Sonata No. 5 in G*; Biber, *Sonata rappresentativa*; Merula, *Toccata cromatica*; Castello, *Sonata duodecima à tre*; Bertali, *Sonata à tre*; Isabella Leonarda, *Sonata, Opus 16, No. 1*; Michelangelo Rossi, *Toccata settima*; Vivaldi, *Sonata in D Minor, Opus 1, No. 12* "La Follia"

often with Biber) is written for a single violin, La Monica decided to perform it in an arrangement for two violins — a device no one in the 17th Century would have objected to, and no one need do so now. This gave both of the group's fine violinists — Susan Feldman (who founded La Monica in 1997) and Ondine Young — the chance to show their stuff; and, as Farina had known and Rossini would reiterate a long time later, a bunch of yowling cats is funnier than just one.

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La Monica's delightful concert ended with Vivaldi's famous Trio Sonata in D Minor, Opus 1, No. 12, which is a series of coruscatingly brilliant variations on the popular tune, "La Follia." "La Follia" is an ideal basis for this sort of composition, not because of the melody, but because its strong, simple, and somehow inevitable harmonies provide such a productive ground for inventive virtuosity. Dozens of composers (including Corelli) have exploited "La Follia" in this way — there is even a set of piano variations by Rachmaninov, with the old tune still going strong. But Vivaldi takes the prize, especially in a performance as zestful and uninhibited as La Monica gave it. All the players (including the terrific cellist, William Skeen, and the group's versatile master of plucked instruments, Bruce Burchmore) did their utmost, and the result was sensational. It was an appropriate way to end a marvelous festival. ■

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A Relentless Curse, valiant heroism, and redemption through true love are elements that Richard Wagner wove into his masterpiece, *The Flying Dutchman*. The Dutchman is doomed to sail the seas throughout eternity, given one day every seven years during which he may set foot on land and seek redemption through a woman's true love; his luck changes when he meets the sea captain Daland and his daughter Senta. Performers include American baritone Robert Hale, British soprano Rita Cullis, tenor John Keyes, and bass Daniel Sumegi. The opera is performed in German with text projected in English above the stage.

Enjoy the production — conducted by Karen Keltner and directed by David Edwards — at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 17; at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19; and at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22. Tickets range from \$33 to \$107. See the opera at San Diego Civic Theatre, 202 C Street. For reservations, dial 619-232-7636. (DOWNTOWN)

The Pipe Organ Concert Series at the First Church of Christ Scientist continues with a recital by St. Andrews by-the-Sea Episcopal Church organist Carlene Befort on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. Find the church at 8262 Allison Avenue (at Palm). Free. Call 619-442-8201 for information. (LA MESA)

Works by Globokar, Saariaho, Smith, Aperghis, and Levine may be heard when Geraldine Galyean presents her DMA soprano recital on Friday, May 17, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, May 17, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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

Enjoy "A Taste of Spain" when the Odeum Guitar Duo performs on Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the All Souls' Episcopal Church. Duo members Fred Benedetti and Robert Wetzel will be joined by Robert Thompson (harpsichord and pipe organ) to present selections by Rodrigo, Bach, Boccherini, de Falla, and Soler. For information, call 619-223-6394. Find the church at 1475 Catalina Boulevard (at Chatsworth). Donations will be accepted. (POINT LOMA)

Saturday Night Chamber Music, the series concludes for the season with an all-Chopin concert by Ukrainian pianist Nadia Spachenko. The concert begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The requested donation is \$15 general. For reservations, call 858-259-2503; dial 858-792-2492 for information. (CARMEL VALLEY)

A Soirée for Music Lovers is promised when violinist János Négyessy and friends perform chamber works by Mozart, Schubert, and

Schumann on Saturday, May 18. The friends in question: UCSD faculty members Charles Curtis (violin-cello), Aleck Karis (piano), and Päivikki Nykter (viola) and graduate students Rebecca Harris (soprano), Reynard Rott (violoncello), and David Ryther.

The music begins at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Call 858-534-5404 for information. General admission is \$8. (LA JOLLA)

"From Bach to Boccherini" is the theme when classical guitarist Robert Wetzel performs for the Foothills Fine Art Series on Sunday, May 19. Guests will be treated to original duo works and arrangements for guitar and cello and guitar and piano from the baroque, classical, and romantic eras. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Boulevard. Admission is a \$7 donation, and child care is free. 619-670-4009. (LA MESA)

Sundays at Six, the chamber music ensemble Camarada presents "Conversations: Chamber Music Classics and Premieres" on Sunday, May 19, at the Timken Museum. "The New Rule," written by San Diego-based composer John Lorge, includes original music for flute, cello, and piano; the second commissioned piece by David Ward-Steinman is described as a "Celtic-based work" for soprano, flute, cello, and harp. The program also boasts chamber music by Haydn and Dvořák, conversations with Lorge and Ward-Steinman, and a discussion of visual art led by artist Raul Guererro.

Ensemble members include Mary Barranger (piano), Ann Chase (soprano), Beth Ross-Buckley (flute), Maria Bookstein (cello), David Buckley (violin), Elena Mashkovtseva (harp), and Theresa Tunnidcliff (clarinet). The performance begins at 6 p.m., followed by a reception. Tickets are \$25 general. The museum is found on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art. For information, call 619-699-8789. (BALBOA PARK)

"At the Spring," mezzo-soprano Martha Jane Weaver and pianist Steven Gray will present "a fragrant bouquet of spring melodies" in songs by Brahms, Poulenc, Schubert, and various British and American composers on Sunday, May 19, 7 p.m., for the Clairemont Lutheran Vesper Concert Series. Find the church at 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-273-7423. Nursery care is available. An offering will be received. (CLAIREMONT)

Take "A Journey through America's Past" when the Philharmonic Wind Quintet performs on Sunday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista. The program boasts pieces by Gershwin, Rodgers, Scott Joplin, George M. Cohan, and Stephen Foster. Find the church at 915 Paseo Ranchero (at East H Street); 619-656-2525. An offering will be received. (CHULA VISTA)

An "Americana Concert" is planned by the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 19. The concert includes Barber's "Overture to *The School for Scandal*," followed by the premiere of a choral work commissioned by the Friends of Music, a cycle of choral works based on selected poems of Richard Katrovas, three works by Charles Ives, and Craig Russell's "Concierto Romántico" performed by guitarist Fred Benedetti.

The music begins at 7 p.m. at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$11 general. For reservations and information, call 619-644-7254 or 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

The Inaugural Performance of the "Requiem," described as a "dramatic

and luminous composition" by local composer and keyboardist William Lullo, will be performed by a choral ensemble composed of voices from the San Diego Master Chorale and San Diego area churches and orchestras on Sunday, May 19. The program also includes "Nanie" by Brahms and Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915."

The concert begins 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 — concludes for the season when pianists Aleck Karis, Luciane Cardassi, and Sandra Brown unite for a concert on Sunday, May 19, at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. You'll hear "Sonatine" by Pierre Boulez, "Sound Poems" by Stuart Saunders Smith, "Orion" by Toru Takemitsu, Karlheinz Stockhausen's "Refrain," and the premieres of works by Southern California composers Chris Penney and Chris Hertzog.

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)

Selections from the Renaissance through the 20th Century may be heard when the San Diego Lyric Brass performs music by Gabrieli, Copland, Bernstein, Choan, Sousa, Ellington, and others on Sunday, May 19, at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). An offering will be received. Child care is available by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sundays at Seven," bel canto coloratura soprano Teresa May — boasting a three-octave range — will be accompanied by pianist Luba Ugorski and flutist Valeri Ugorski (and an as-yet-unnamed violinist) to present the season finale for this San Dieguito Performing Arts Association series on Sunday, May 19, at 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for those 18 years and under. 760-752-5078. (CARLSBAD)

Taiwanese American Heritage Week is being celebrated with events hosted by the Taiwanese American Community Center. There's a chamber music concert planned on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. The recital promises playing by Nai-yuan Hu (violin), Hung-wei Huang (viola), Felix Fan (cello), Meng-chieh Liu (piano), Min-ho Yeh (clarinet), and composer Shih-hui Chen. Selections include Mozart's "Duo for Violin and Viola," Beethoven's "Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano," the "Quartet for Violin, Viola, Cello, and Piano" by Brahms, and "Twice Removed," a clarinet solo by Shih-hui Chen.

The Lan Yang Taiwanese Opera Company performs on Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. The group's mission is to "preserve the art of Taiwanese opera and cultivate special talent."

Tickets for either concert are \$10. Both take place at the Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. For reservations, call 858-560-8884. (LA JOLLA)

"Concert for the Young at Heart," music aimed at kids and their families — "and all those who are young at heart" — is promised during a concert by the North Coast Symphony on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the MiraCosta Theatre. The program features the premiere performance of the "Smiley Wiley Symphony" by Oceanside schoolteacher

Richard Morgan, narrated by elementary music school specialist Steven Traugh.

Also on tap are the Saint-Saëns "Carnival of the Animals" and a series of traditional classical works: the first movement of Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony"; an *allegro vivace* of the "William Tell Overture" by Rossini; "Morning Mood" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King," the first and last movements from "Peer Gynt No. 1" by Grieg; the waltz from Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*; and the "Russian Sailor's Dance" by Glière.

Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for students and seniors, \$2 for children. Find the campus at College One Barnard Drive. For more information, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Guest Organist Jared Jacobsen performs on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Music on the Patio, the free mini-concert series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library concludes with a performance by Mariachi Champaña Nevín on Monday, May 20. The group turns from "very traditional Mexican music to transcriptions of beloved works from classical music literature." Find the library at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Piano Students of Aleck Karis plan a recital on Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. For more details, dial 858-534-4830. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Selections from the baroque to romantic periods may be heard when guitarist Chris Klich and flutist Jason Braun perform on Tuesday, May 21, at 12:45 p.m., at the College Avenue Senior Center (4855 College Avenue). For information, call 619-583-3300. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Teeny-Tiny Orchestra in the Wee Hours, head to UCSD's Ché Café for a midnight show on Wednesday, May 22, by the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films. You're invited to "experience silent movies in a raucous way with live music and sounds." Classic silent films will be screened in addition to some new silent films from Canadian filmmaker Albie Hewlett made specially for the ensemble. Free noisemakers for all! Admission and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074 for information and directions. (LA JOLLA)

Classics and Beyond, the series concludes when members of red fish blue fish present "Rhythm and Roll" on Thursday, May 23. Events begin with wine and cheese at 5:30 p.m. at the San Diego Museum of Art; the one-hour concert starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general, including admission to the museum galleries (available through Ticketmaster). For more information, call 858-534-4637. (BALBOA PARK)

"Local Living Legends" are being celebrated when the San Diego Symphony offers a "Light Bulb" series concert on Saturday, May 25. The concert is the final performance of maestro Jung-Ho Pak as artistic director of the symphony, joined by Grammy award-winning violinist and composer Mark O'Connor and jazz guitarist Peter Sprague. The program includes O'Connor's "Strings & Threads" and "Concerto for Two Violins and Orchestra," with violinist Joanna Maurer; as well as Sprague's "Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra."

Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations and other information, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

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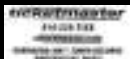
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GALLERIES

Street Photographs by Edward Sturr are said to “undeniably bear the imprint of his pedagogical training” at Chicago’s legendary Institute of Design, “particularly in their bold, graphic structure and interplay of light, shadow, and the element of chance.” The Joseph Bellows Gallery exhibits “Second Sight: The Photographs of Edward R. Sturr, 1961-1972” beginning with a reception on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. It is the first time these prints — many never before published or exhibited — will be on extended public view.

The show concludes on Saturday, June 29. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is located at 7661 Girard Avenue. For more information, call 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

One Day at a Time, in 1965, artist Roman Opalka initiated a lifelong project, “Opalka 1965/1 — Infinity.” Taking a black canvas, Opalka painted a white “1” in the upper left corner. He continued to apply these white numbers in sequence, always left to right, row after row, until he reached the bottom right corner. The next canvas began with the next consecutive number, and so on. Opalka photographs himself at the end of each day’s work and speaks each number into a microphone as he paints it. Recently completed canvases are essentially white on white.

“Roman Opalka: Painting, Photography, and Sound” opens at Quint Contemporary Art with a reception for the artist on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 7661 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

Recent Works created by students of the Athenaeum School of Arts go on exhibit at ArtistSpace at South-

fair (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard) during an opening reception on Friday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. The works included in this eighth annual exhibition were selected by the school of arts faculty. See the show through Sunday, June 23. For hours and information, call 858-454-5872. (DEL MAR)

“Studies, Prayers, and Reflections” by Poupee Boccaccio are on exhibit through Saturday, June 15, at the David Zapf Gallery. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a 10- by 20-foot wall installation entitled *La Ultima Comunión* (*The Last Communion*); also on display are 20 “reliquaries” in the form of small, open suitcases mounted to the wall and open for viewing.

Boccaccio will be on hand for the opening reception slated for Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Regular hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

Norwegian Artist Terje Lundaas creates sculptures in glass, ceramics, and bronze, and paintings in his “lyrical abstraction style” in his Miami studio. An exhibit of his work opens with a reception on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m., at Galleria Jan (7863 Girard Avenue, suite 201). See the exhibit through Monday, June 1. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. 858-551-2053. (LA JOLLA)

Watercolorists Rich Buchwald, Linda Drake, and Vi Gassman are exhibiting work in “three different styles” at the La Jolla Art Association Gallery through Sunday, May 19. Meet the trio during a reception slated for Friday, May 17, at 5 p.m. Regular gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. daily. Find the gallery at 7917 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

“Semaphore,” an exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Kevin Wixted, opens with a reception on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m., at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery. See the show through Thursday, June 20, in suite 103 at 2400 Kettner Boulevard. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 619-595-0558 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

New Sculptures by Travis Constance are on exhibit along with new paintings by Douglas Schneider through Saturday, June 29, at Scott White Contemporary Art (7661 Girard Avenue; 858-551-5821). There’s a reception planned for the artists on Friday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (LA JOLLA)

“Girl Hunt,” a series of oil and encaustic paintings by Kate Hare, is on display at the UCSD Visual Arts Fa-

cility’s Russell Space through Friday, May 17. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Meet Hare during a reception set for Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m. Dial 619-865-5992 for details. (LA JOLLA)

“Bug,” this exhibit of work by mixed-media artists John Sproul, Stacie Birky Greene, and Renate Zellman opens with a reception for the artists on Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m., at Gallery Now (8053 Broadway). Catch the “Bug” through Friday, June 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment. Questions? Call 619-469-0775 for answers. (LEMON GROVE)

Get Out into the Art, the 11th Annual Santa Ysabel Art Festival is slated for Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, on the grounds of the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at the junction of Highway 79).

The gallery’s current exhibit featuring ceramics by potter Sayoko Becker and plein air landscapes by Catherine Grawin is on display, along with a poetry fair hosted by poet Don Eulert and storyteller Lance Moles, live music, and arts and crafts by over 50 artists. Admission is free. For information, call 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

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.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For in-

formation, 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, September 8. 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 A.D. 1500. 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 Thursday, August 8.

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,” with works examining “masculinity, militarism, and the social sphere,” on display through Sunday, July 14.

“Language: Form and Function” explores the use of written language as a fundamental component of visual art. “For many artists, working with text is simply another way to conjure images in the mind of the viewer.” Work featured in the exhibition — by artists including Lorna Simpson, John Baldessari, and Edward Ruscha — uses text as a central element. See the show through Sunday, November 17.

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, 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.

This year’s “Young Art 2002” exhibit focuses on “The Art of the Book.” The exhibit examines the book both as an object and artwork and as a container of verbal and vi-

sual information. The show boasts work by students from kindergarten through 12th grade from San Diego City and County schools. Check it out through Sunday, June 9.

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, floral masterpieces from the museum’s permanent collection are on exhibit during May as part of Balboa Park’s annual “Buds n’ Blooms” celebration.

“The Portraits of Bartolomeo Veneto,” the first-ever exhibition devoted to this Renaissance painter, is on view through Sunday, August 11. Every Veneto portrait known to be in a U.S. collection, as well as a portrait from a collection in Milan, Italy, will join the museum’s own *Portrait of a Lady in a Green Dress*.

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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Big Bugs

"I'm only refining what I do best, which is to act as a facilitator and a sieve."

In 1998, during a speech she gave at the Getty Center in Los Angeles, Anne Bogart said three things bug her most about American theater: "1. The lack of daily, rigorous training by a majority of American actors; 2. The 'Americanization' of the Stanislavsky system; 3. The idea of 'want.'"

Jon Jory, creator of the Humana Festival, calls Bogart "the most exciting acting and directing theorist since Brecht." In the late 1980s and early '90s, she directed three shows at UCSD and *The Women* at the San Diego Rep. Because her influential theories have already become disputed, I've asked people who worked with her in San Diego to elaborate on what "bugs" Bogart.

1. LACK OF DAILY, RIGOROUS TRAINING BY A MAJORITY OF AMERICAN ACTORS

Katie Rodda, who wrote her doctoral dissertation on Bogart and Tina Landau: "Actors don't train enough. Musicians practice everyday: scales, technique, études. Ballerinas spend hours at the barre. But many actors go months without working on their craft. They have a tendency, once they graduate from a university program, not to do consistent physical or vocal training, other than the occasional workshop. That's what's now accepted."

"Sadly, that's true," says Karenjune Sanchez (UCSD/MFA, 1992), who was a member of Bogart's Saratoga International Theatre Institute (SITI) for many years. "Most don't even train during a show. Usually actors arrive in time to rehearse their scenes and leave when they're done. It boggles my mind that, with the exception of the first reading, sometimes a cast won't be in the same room until tech! How is a company supposed to find a sense of itself?"

"With SITI I trained every day, at least 45 minutes before each rehearsal. It not only affected my individual work, it created a true ensemble for the company. We grew together in a way you can't in conventional American rehearsals."

"Also, the thing with Anne: the actor is responsible for the larger picture, not just learning lines. She encouraged us to participate as theater artists, not as 'actorbots' carrying out her will."

Bogart's company works out like professional

athletes. Her physiological approach encourages performers to keep in constant touch with theatrical immediacy. To this end she employs Viewpoints, nine subsets of stage geography. Tina Landau: "Viewpoints function much as scales do for a pianist, a structure for practice, for keeping specific 'muscles' in shape."

SITI members also do Suzuki training, rigorous feats of strength and concentration that would test the elasticity, and conditioning, of the San Diego Chargers.

Tom Nelis, who studied with Bogart at UCSD (MFA, 1990), is a member of SITI (and will perform in *Wintertime* at the La Jolla Playhouse this summer): "Anne's technique is about getting out of your head. SITI actors sharpen their awareness of what's actually there, on the stage around them, and hear it speak on its terms, not theirs. The objective is not to learn where to go but to learn how to go."

A fourth thing that "bugs" Bogart, maybe more than the three she named, is premeditated theater. Viewpoints and Suzuki force actors into the present. Jefferson Mays, who worked with Bogart at UCSD (MFA, 1991), is a former member of SITI and currently plays the title role in the La Jolla Playhouse's *Tartuffe*, found that the 45 minutes of training "gets you out of your own way. Like being hung over, it wears out your inhibitions."

Bogart insists she doesn't want Anne Bogart "clones." And though an incisive theorist, she's wary of theories. "I'm not envisioning any way a director should be. I'm only refining what I do best, which is to act as a facilitator and a sieve." When people refer to "Anne's vision," she balks. "I don't have a vision. I have values, maybe."

This is even true of Viewpoints. Joan Schirle, who performed in *The Women* and recently directed the San Diego Rep's circus version of *A Christmas Carol*, asked Bogart if she favored any particular training system for actors. "She said no; it could be anything that was everyday, that was difficult, and that caused the actor some discomfort."

2. THE "AMERICANIZATION" OF THE STANISLAVSKY SYSTEM

PROFILE

JEFF SMITH



Karenjune Sanchez



Tom Nelis

When Lee Strasberg took over the Group Theatre in 1928, he adopted the "Method" of Russian director Konstantin Stanislavsky, but with a change. Stanislavsky advocated the "magic if": how would your character feel in the given circumstances of the play? Strasberg shifted the emphasis from the character's emotions to the actor's: Circumstances prompt a character to behave a particular way. What would motivate you, the actor, to behave that way?

Rodda: "Strasberg made a huge contribution, but he changed Stanislavsky's original ideas. His emphasis on actors' internal motivations made them self-referential and, in many cases, self-indulgent. It's very seductive to cry onstage, especially when you can say, 'I'm not crying; it's my character.' But it often becomes 'I can cry but can't say my lines because I'm too overcome with emotion.' Well, then what's the point of saying the lines?"

Nelis: "Strasberg's psychological theories became a fantastic vehicle for acting in films. It's still THE technique for film, in fact, but because of that it became THE American technique."

Sanchez: "I think the intentions are right: to ground the actor emotionally, and in an honest, 'natural' way. Sometimes we can move so far into aesthetics we lose sight of the human experience at the core. Where I think people get lost is believing that his was the only way. Or that there's only one way to tell a story."

Bogart: "Stanislavsky's system, watered down

to a 'method,' created a stranglehold of emotional indulgence in the theater. Rehearsals often become about eliciting strong emotions and then fixing those emotions. I believe the great tragedy of the American stage is the actor who assumes, thanks to our gross misunderstanding of Stanislavsky, 'If I feel it, the audience will feel it.'"

Strasberg gave one aspect of Stanislavsky's method a capital M and ignored the rest. But after stressing affective memory, emotional recall, and the psychological basis of character, Stanislavsky moved on. In his later years, and later books, he became much more interested in the body, in plasticity, and in what he called the "psycho-physical unity of experience."

Bogart: "Late in life, he rejected his earlier psychological techniques, calling them 'misguided.' By then it was too late, however. American actors adopted a restricted aspect of his system and turned it into a religion. "The Americanization, or miniaturization, of the Stanislavsky system has become the air we breathe, and like the air we breathe, we are rarely aware of its omnipresence."

Comparisons between Stanislavsky's and Bogart's influences abound (he wrote a book called *An Actor Prepares*; the title of her first book, *A Director Prepares*, plays with that association). Yet even though she refuses to call her work a "method," or even a style, many do, using pseudo-Bogartian techniques.

Sanchez: "Just like Stanislavsky, Anne's work

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Jefferson Mays (as "Tartuffe")

has been bastardized. Many of her detractors have opinions about her productions but've never seen any. What they saw was maybe a student or former collaborator they think is working in her style. People say, 'Oh, I saw a Viewpoints production of *Macbeth*, which doesn't make sense. Anne never suggested that hers is A method of acting, let alone THE method. Viewpoints are just tools for theater artists. They serve the event, not vice versa.'

3. THE IDEA OF "WANT"
Bogart: "Plays should awaken rich associations that you can't really control. A young director wants to say, 'This is what I think, this is what I know.' As I get older, I'm more interested in complexity, in opening something up rather than closing it down. A sure thing does not arouse us emotionally. In order to be touched, we have to be willing not to know what the touch will feel like."

Like Gertrude Stein, whom she adores, Bogart takes nothing for granted. "The enemy of art is assumption — the instant you make an assumption about who the audience is or what the moment is, that moment will be asleep." Given Bogart's openness, the worst thing an actor can ask in rehearsal is "What do you want me to do?"

"The question paralyzes her," says Jefferson Mays, "calcifies her spine. She's the antithesis of that. It's not about what she wants. It's what you want, your desire, which is why she cast you."

Nelis: "That's Anne's gift as a collaborator. She gives the actors an enormous investment in creating the piece. She learns from what you're doing, points out what works and what doesn't. And that's what makes her a great director. For my money now, directors distinguish themselves by the quality of attention they give the work, what's onstage, not their ideas or concepts. It's an honor to be seen by Anne Bogart. When she watches you, you are clarified by it."

Sanchez (who now acts and directs theater in New York): "Anne taught me how important it is to listen and watch — truly listen and watch. She once said that you do all your homework, and do a LOT of it, you

come up with a plan. In rehearsal, you throw all that aside and you watch and listen."

And find out what the play wants, which means abandoning what Bogart calls the "cushion" of definitions: "We are living in the space between mythologies. Things aren't pure anymore. It is a very creative moment. I crave an arena that embraces the exquisite tension of opposing and attracting forces. I am drawn towards them, not in their familiarity but in their unfamiliarity."

Bogart creates "shock spaces" onstage, where oppositions clash and "insight might occur." In rehearsal, she encourages *auseinandersetzen* — "positive argumentation," in which people pull apart from each other in order to create. "The weakness in American artists is that we agree too much. Americans, in fact, are plagued with the disease of agreement. In the theater we often presume that collaboration means agreement. I believe that too much creates productions with no vitality, no dialectic, no truth. Unreflected agreement deadens the energy in a rehearsal."

"An actor will say to me, 'What do you want?' You know? Then there's nothing there. There's no tension." Bogart says she loves when actors scream at her from the stage. "It makes me happy because then I feel we can work. It's true. There's nothing worse than a blank okay."

Bogart also doesn't like it, says Tom Nelis, "when things line up." She prefers imbalance to stability and distrusts cohering devices, including continuity. "Actually," she says, "the expectation of continuity is a glorious fiction."

"I find immediate accessibility easily forgettable. I'm only interested in directing things that give the audience room to participate, to be alive because of the disagreement. More than anything I want an audience to have to deal with whatever they're facing — for it to stop them in their tracks, so they don't look at it and go, 'Okay, next?' Being in the theater ought to be an incredible, unmediated event. In this day and age, that's a remarkable option." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Actors Alliance of San Diego: 12th Annual Actors Festival

I want to plug this enterprise, sight unseen. The 12th Annual Actors Festival offers local actors, directors, and playwrights the chance to showcase themselves in new or rarely produced work. The actors perform on a bare stage, or with few props, often against a black background. Costumes range from off-the-rack to off one's clothes hanger (or floor). The emphasis isn't on spectacle; it's on acting. Each evening has three or four one-acts. Some won't be showstoppers (several get chosen for juicy roles rather than for telling a good story or making a dramatic point). But the percentage of quality work's usually high. And every now and then you'll find a jewel.

Worth a try.

St. Cecilia's Playhouse, 1620 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, through May 19; daily at 7:30 p.m. For days, times, and lists of shows and performers, call 619-640-3900.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

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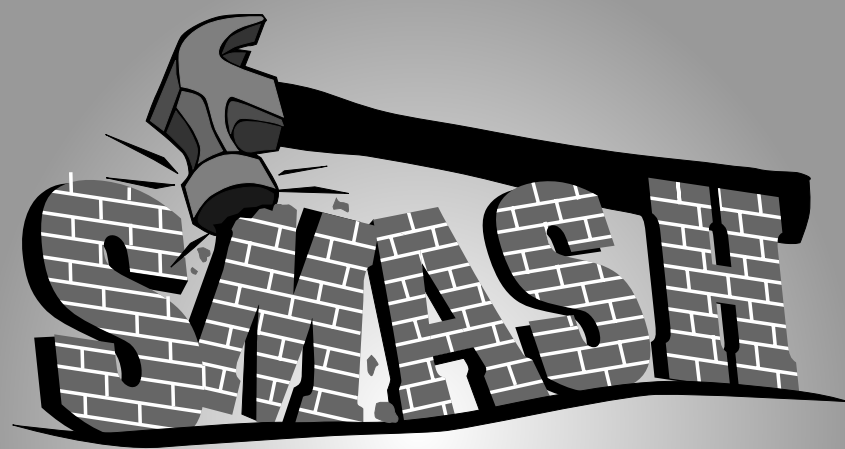
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Chalk It Up to Murder

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SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

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Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."

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

Down South

The Fritz Theater stages Dough Field's "cheerfully raunchy satire" about the Cuban Missile Crisis. Mike Kelly directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, FRIDAY, MAY 17, THROUGH JUNE 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Dralion

Legendary Cirque du Soleil's latest has a vague theme, something about the elements — color-schemed as air (blue), water (green), fire (red), and earth (ochre) — but has less storyline than previous 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 a large metallic rear wall. Lighting, enough to illuminate heaven, spears and fries

the performers (37 of whom are amazing acrobats from China). From atop the big top, a massive, high-tech carousel flies in giant rings, objects, and people. The incessant 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 and *trust your talent*"). In *Dralion*, the box its wrapped in gets as much attention as the gift. But amid excessive packaging, Cirque du Soleil — speaking a universal language and maybe three words of English — will show you 20 things you've never seen before, and will never forget. (Note: *Dralion* extended its run.)

Critic's pick.

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MMPAC, 3010 JUNIPER STREET (CORNER OF 30TH AND JUNIPER) SOUTH PARK, SATURDAY, MAY 18, AT 8:00 P.M. (JAMMPAC FOLLOWS AT 9:00). FOR INFORMATION CALL 858-613-0973.

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Godspell

Must be a local first: due to huge advance ticket sales, prior to opening *Godspell*, the Lamb's Players extended the show's run a month. The original version (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, each new version expanding the stage. Now Mike Buckley's set, a prop-rich pot-pourri of stuff, has become a gigantic trunk that contains the world. And the "Leader" (Rick Meads as a casual, childlike Nazarene) is neither lion nor lamb. He's a cool dude, hip to popular culture, which he and the cast use to retell the story with "found" items. Directed by Robert Smyth, with choreography by Pamela Turner, the show boasts fluid ensemble work, lively numbers (especially when Tracy Hughes grabs a mike and cuts loose), and kaleidoscopic meshing of colors and textures. The show favors the cute, and the first act still goes a parable too far, but the advance ticket sales were on the nose. If Lamb's could find a home for it away from home, *Godspell* could run indefinitely.

Worth a try.

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.

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Grossmont College offers Jean Giraudoux's comedy about oil discovered in Paris. Henry J. Jordan directed.

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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 AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the



Dralion

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.

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OnStage Playhouse presents Tim Firth's comedy about four middle-aged "orienteers" stranded on an uninhabited island. And they'd planned for outbound team bonding. Michele Guisti directed.

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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 costumes, 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.

Rumors

Premiere Productions stages Neil Simon's comedy about the way word of mouth can make mountains. Jim Strait directed.

AVO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH MAY 19; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-724-2110.

Sandwiched Light

Lamplighters Community Theatre presents Evan Keliher's "comedy of life and death." The Grim Reaper visits a retirement home. Jack Banning directed.

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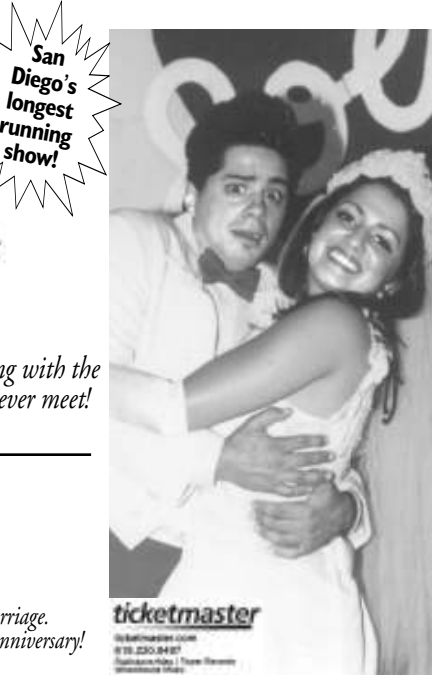
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works of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished 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, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonus*.
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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Tartuffe

The La Jolla Playhouse opens its new season with Molière's comedy about "one of the great scoundrels of all time" — and one of the biggest dupes, too. Des McNuff directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SUNDAY, MAY 19, THROUGH JUNE 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to black-out 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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Plaid. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.

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"In the wake of all this stuff that's going on, we take any threat seriously."

A Mira Mesa High School student threatened to blow

facility [radio stations are controlled by the Federal Communications Commission], that makes this threat a federal offense."

The website, independent.fm, is administered by Zeropresence of Escondido.

"We are contacting the FBI cyber-crime unit today,"

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up radio station 92/1 through a message posted on 92/1's website, according to program director Mike Halloran.

"We understand it's about a 15-year-old who is trying to be a big shot and then one of his friends came to his defense and made the threat. We understand it's probably not a real threat, but for the safety of everybody at the station, we will take appropriate measures. Because it was made to a federally licensed

said Shea McQuestion of Zeropresence last Thursday. He described the teen who made the threat only as Chris. McQuestion said that the youth would probably be contacted by the FBI, which would likely "scare the kid" but that he would probably not be arrested. "We can trace him through his IP address. He said [in his posting], 'I'm going to bomb the fuck out of 92/1.'"

McQuestion said Zeropresence maintains many websites for customers

in music and pop culture industries. "We deal with this stuff all the time. Two months ago, on the 92/1 website, a guy said a certain girl should kill herself. We banned him from posting on the site."

"I totally agree that what he did was wrong," said "Phillip," also a 15-year-old Mira Mesa High student, about his friend Chris's bomb threat. Phillip, Halloran, and McQuestion all agree that Chris posted the threat out of outrage over what Zeropresence did to Phillip's original posting. Phillip is in a band called Los Piratas. Phillip made a post to independent.fm.

"The website monitor went in and changed the words in my post. They ran a picture of my band they pulled off our website and said that we were gay and we raped each other."

McQuestion said Zeropresence did nothing wrong. "92/1 and Zeropresence has every right to go in and edit any posting on that website. There is a disclaimer that said that all postings sent in are the property of the station and Zeropresence and that we

have a right to edit." But McQuestion said full names are not used. "Everyone uses handles. No one uses their real names."

That's a lie, said Phillip. "They posted our full



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WAS PHILLIP'S BAND SLANDERED BY 92/1?

names," he said. Phillip said he understands why a webmaster would delete postings, but he can't understand why that webmaster would go in and change the words and add malicious comments.

"I e-mailed the station, asking for an apology, and they never e-mailed me back.

Maybe they have a legal right to do it, but ethically, it is not right. And from a business point of view, why would they want to upset listeners?"

Phillip said Zeropresence destroyed the evidence.

"They have erased my post where they changed what I said. They also erased the post where they listed personal information about Chris. I just wonder why they would have erased these posts if they really think what they did was legal."

Did Zeropresence employees make the cyber slurs?

"I can't confirm or deny," said McQuestion. "I don't know if that took place."

— Ken Leighton

"No racists. No sexists. Talent not required or expected."

That's how singer/songwriter/guitarist Brian Lerner advertised for a drummer for his punk band Dirty Sanchez.

Lerner, 19, said he used to hang out with a group of racist skinheads. He went to a few backyard white-supremacist punkfests during his freshman year in high school.

"They were at [white

supremacist] Tom Metzger's house in Fallbrook. The one band name I remember is White Diamond. There were some local kids who played in skinhead bands, but they would change their band name every week."

He said 1996 was the "good ol' days" for local racist punk bands.

"It's hard to find any true skinhead bands anymore. Most of the racist bands I knew of either broke up or moved to L.A. or to some hillbilly state. I remember driving through Idaho and seeing a big sign that said, 'You are officially entering KKK country.' Down here, the [racist] bands don't advertise themselves that much. You mostly find them in Kentucky or Alabama. Southern California is too multicultural and PC."

Lerner describes how he fell in with the skinhead crowd.

"During my freshman year at El Camino [High School, in Oceanside] some black guy was trying to start a fight with me. I might have looked at him the wrong way. He had five or six friends behind him. The next thing I know, I had 15 white guys behind me with shaved

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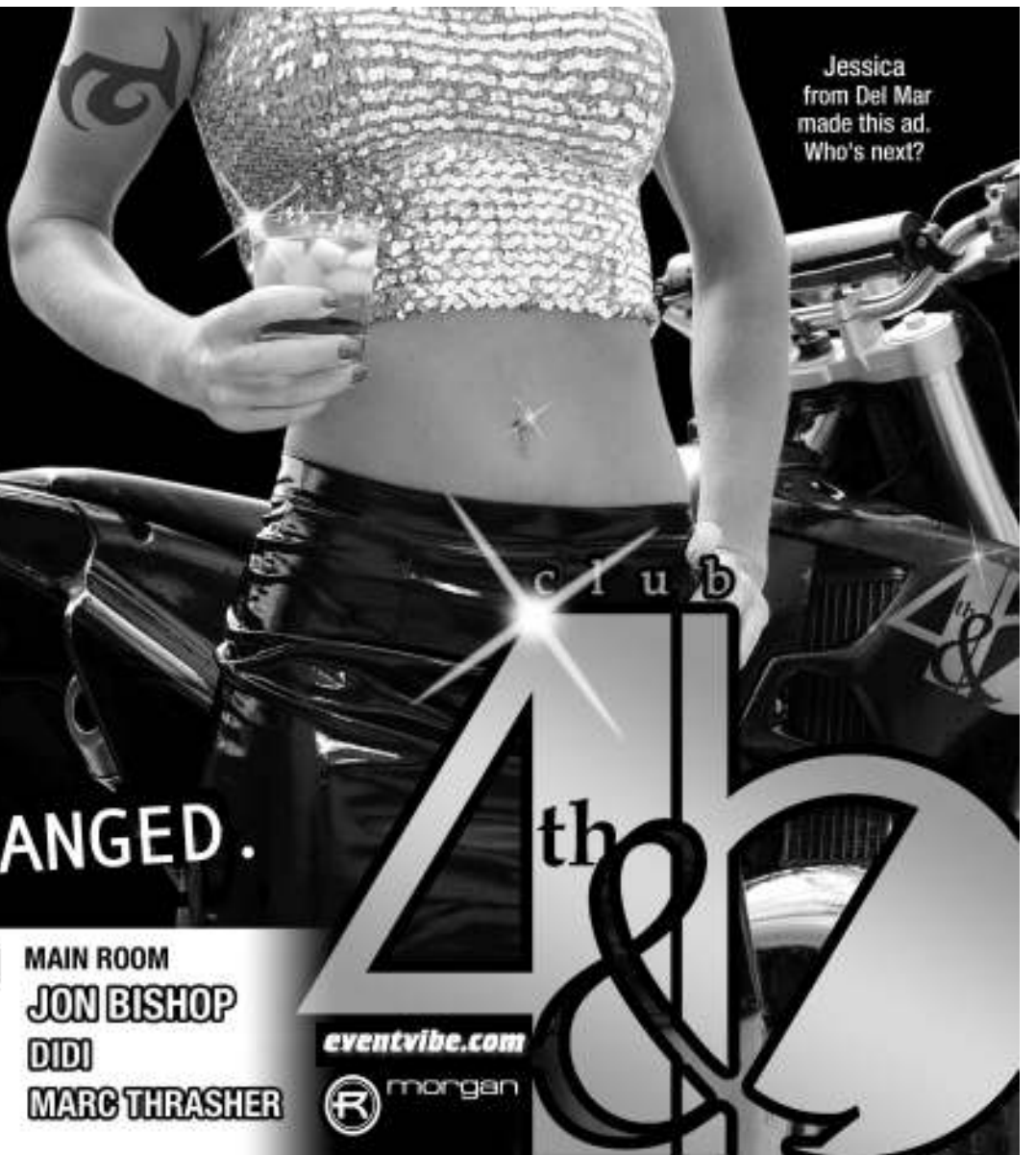
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heads. The black guys left. Then, at lunch, I'm sitting around talking to these same guys, and they asked me if I'm

proud of being myself and proud of my white race. I said, 'Why not? I might as well be proud.' I didn't realize

there was a thin line between feeling pride and white supremacy. One day at the beach there was six of us and two black guys. They beat up the black guys for no reason. I just watched these two guys get beat up. After that I started thinking about what we had done. I told the guy who was, like, the leader that 'it's one thing to hate a black guy who is a dickhead, but it's another to hate every black person.' As soon as I

said that they wanted to kill me."

He said he never got attacked.

Lerner, who lives in Fallbrook with his wife, says no one should say (or sing) violent threats. "You should never be allowed to beat someone's ass." But he nevertheless supports the right to free speech, including racist lyrics. "I think people get too angry when someone opposes them or their point



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DIRTY SANCHEZ: THEY ONLY LOOK LIKE SKINHEADS

of view. People have this misconception about freedom of speech. They think it only applies to them and they can't take it when someone opposes them with their views. But Dirty Sanchez is not a racist band."

Lerner said he doesn't think Metzger, who now lives in Escondido, hosts skinhead punk-rock parties anymore. Dirty Sanchez is still looking for a drummer.

— Ken Leighton

"San Diego is extremely competitive. I've never seen a market like this." Randy Vogel describes how difficult it is to be the talent buyer for the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. "You've got House of Blues [Concerts], Clear Channel [Entertainment], Humphrey's Concerts, the East County Center for the Performing Arts, Symphony Hall, and then you have all the casinos."

Vogel has managed to attract artists such as the Moody Blues, Natalie Merchant, Faith Hill, Diana Krall, Jackson Browne, and Kenny G. to Escondido, all of whom sold out the center's 1500-seat concert hall. "We're the [first] ones who brought the Buena Vista Social Club into the county."

But Vogel and the rest of the center's staff may be facing the biggest challenge of its nine-year history: a bottom-line-minded Escondido City Council, which determines the center's budget. Councilman Tom D'Agosta would not rule out scaling back the center's commitment to hosting concerts. He says many of the center's productions don't make money. He wants the center to break even.

"Either get in the game or get out of the game," says D'Agosta.

During its September-through-June concert season, the center usually brings 50 internationally recognized pop and classical artists to its three-level concert hall modeled after an Italian-style



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"I think they need accountability," said D'Agosta. "They have to streamline their budget. For example, if we give them \$2.5 million, that's their budget. They can't spend \$3.7 million. They may tell you that no arts centers make money. My philosophy is I would like to be the first arts center in the country that makes money."

Such pressure from the city council led to the unexpected resignation of center president John Haynes last month. His duties end June 30.

Haynes's exit has made the center's staff uneasy.

"If it's too heavy, cut it back," said Haynes about the center's 80-person crew.

D'Agosta, a real estate salesman, said he is not an arts basher.

"Most cities subsidize 29

the same band in a setting like this. They will actually remember the concert this time."

— Ken Leighton

Epitaph, the L.A. record company known for launching the Offspring, the Hives, Rancid, and Bad Religion, signed the Locust, a local band, last week. Usually, band-signings come with fawning press releases. The Locust does it differently.

"A lot of the bands on Epitaph are watered-down punk crap," said Justin Pearson, singer/bassist for the "sci-fi cybergrind" band. "Rancid is horseshit. Lead singer Lars [Frederiksen] is a total poseur. Having a Mohawk and scary tattoos does not make you a punk."

The Locust, known for their disturbing stage shows, discordant songs less than one minute long, and unique stagewear (spacesuits, bug outfits), will tell you most of their new labelmates suck.

"Pennywise and NOFX — all that cute punk pop is really bad. It's not cutting edge at all. It's just more crappy consumerism."

Pearson isn't worried about biting the hand that feeds his band. "Brett [Gurewitz, Epitaph founder] admitted to us that some of his bands are crap. He said, 'I'm sorry. I'm trying to do better.' That's why we signed with him. He was away from

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his business for a couple of years due to medical reasons. That's why those bands got signed. He's trying to get back on track."

The Locust will record for the Anti imprint, a part of the Epitaph record family that includes recording artists Merle Haggard and Tom Waits. "We have a one-record deal with an option for a second. We'll record it after our tour this summer."

Pearson said press accolades about the Locust drew the attention of labels even bigger than Epitaph. "This magazine called *Stuff* said that we were the best band you are about to hear of. *Alternative Press* said we were one of 100 bands you need to know in 2002. We have no idea how all that happened. When we met with those big labels we

told them, 'What if we wanted to have a picture of the Twin Towers burning with the words "Good job" underneath?' We asked them if they would give us complete artistic freedom to put something like that on our CD. We would only consider them if they told us they would back us up. We told them this was an extreme example, but we wanted to make sure they had our backs."

Pearson says 2002 is a good year to be a freak.

"You don't have to be in a band that sounds like Korn or Aerosmith to get signed. The industry is coming around and picking these bands that



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOKKO

THE LOCUST: WAY FREAKY

are way freaky."

For instance? "The Blood Brothers are a snotty, loud punk band from Seattle. They got signed to Artists Direct. This month, *Rolling Stone* magazine has a thing on Lightning Bolt. They are a really bizarre two-piece band

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: GASLAMP

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



from Providence. If you put their record on at a party, it will clear the room."

Sometimes the Locust gets too out there for conservative San Diego.

"If people call us fags, they are gonna pay. If they don't get a bass shoved in their face, they will get a witty comment that will make them the ass of the crowd. We have had people mace us or throw full bottles of beer at us."

Which raises the question, isn't it tough to be weird in San Diego?

"The reason why San Diego gets so much attention for its underground scene is because the conservative lifestyle contributes to pent-up anger. People get more freaky and pissed and create crazy art when there isn't a

welcoming platform for the arts. Punks have been having shows under the 94 freeway in the sewer drain for a couple years."

The Locust appears at 8:00 p.m. May 25 at UCSD's Ché Cafe with Orthrelm, Moving Units, and Red Light Sting.

— Ken Leighton

The Park Manor Hotel near Balboa Park may soon become a heavy metal mecca thanks to former Judas Priest singer Rob Halford, who wrote his entire new album, *Crucible*, in the building.

Halford spent three months — 12 hours a day, every day of the week — working with guitarists

Patrick Lachman and Mike Chlasciak on 15 new songs.

The Park Manor is close to Halford's Balboa Park home, and he says the building has a presence that



HALFORD: UNLEASHED AT THE PARK MANOR

inspires "all manner of ungodly sounds."

Halford found inspiration from the local news, such as

El Cajon's crystal meth problem and the treatment of Mexican immigrants at the border.

Although Halford and crew made a racket at the Park Manor, he insists that the hotel staff and management have been wonderful about everything. In return for their patience, Halford has titled one feedback-strewn instrumental "Park Manor," and he used the hotel as a backdrop for a photo shoot.

Crucible will be released June 25. Halford will start a worldwide tour at the Sweden Rock Festival on June 7.

— David Moye

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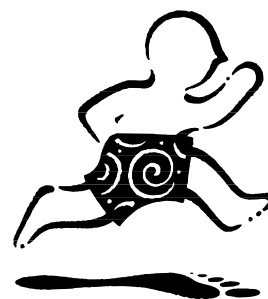
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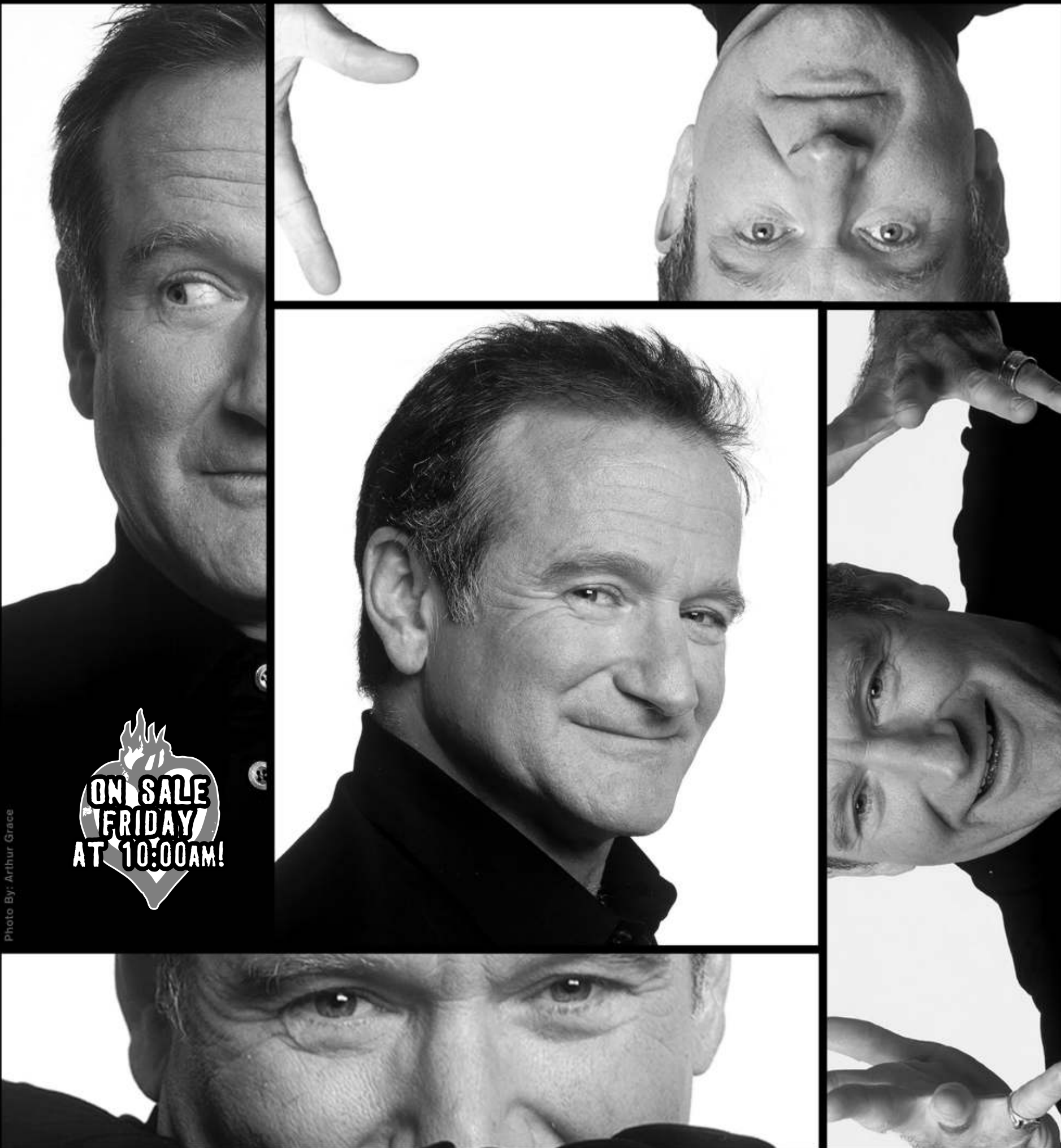


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"In Minton's there was complete quiet: very little talking, no glasses clinking, no kinds of noise."

These recently remastered sides of Thelonious Monk and Bud Powell from the late '40s and early '50s are among the most thrilling and valued recordings in modern jazz, and for good reason. Bebop as a jazz style had been evolving throughout the '40s, primarily in New York's after-hours uptown clubs like Monroe's and Minton's, where the more gifted and restless musicians would gather to push the medium of jazz further in its exploration of rhythmic, harmonic, and melodic elements. At the time, swing was the most popular form of jazz, and bebop was a reaction, in part, against the limitations and clichés of swing, but also against the appropriation of a fundamentally African-American art form by white musicians, getting rich playing a watered-down version of jazz for white audiences. A central component in the development of bebop was to come up with a music so complex, and requiring so much virtuosity of technique, that *whitey* couldn't rip it off. That's not necessarily the happiest component of bebop's evolution, but there you go.

The great early exemplars of the new music were men such as drummer Kenny Clarke, Dizzy Gillespie, Fats Navarro, and Charlie Parker. Bebop didn't arrive out of nowhere; the seeds of its development are to be found in the harmonic and melodic stretching of swing-era musicians such as Lester Young, Charlie Christian, Roy Eldridge. The pianist Art Tatum was a huge influence on Parker and Bud Powell. Coleman Hawkins straddled swing and bop and was a frequent presence at Minton's in the '40s.

Minton's Playhouse was located in the Hotel Cecil on 118th Street in Harlem. The guitarist Danny

Barker described the scene in the mid-'40s:

The purpose in the beginning at Minton's was to manipulate the sounds and chords and harmonic structures of the songs played there. At Minton's, and in a few other backrooms, strategy was planned and plotted, gradually taking form, to cut out and eliminate inferior players. Thelonious Monk was the leader of the Minton's bandstand (a very small, tight one). He generally started playing strange introductions going off, I thought, to outer space....

A rim shot on the drum from Kenny Clarke would set the band going in "a mind-boggling diffusion of rhythms and sounds."

In Minton's there was complete quiet:

very little talking, no glasses clinking, no kinds of noise. Everybody intent in observing and figuring out the music and the behavior of the players, especially of the musicians who dared to jump into the arena.

Even in those early days, Thelonious Monk was an odd duck. He would fall asleep at the piano and suddenly wake up and start right in again playing a complex figure. He would stand on the street corner for hours, motionless. He would disappear from the bandstand, only to be found later writing music in the club's kitchen. He wore dark glasses and had a remarkable collection of funny hats. He lived at home, in those early days before he met his wife Nellie, with an indulgent, widowed mother. He practiced at home endlessly at the piano, day and night, exploring the instrument's potential for sound. A mirror had been attached by Monk to the ceiling

over the piano so that he could study the action of the keyboard, the strings, and the hammers.

Bud Powell would have first turned up at Minton's in the early- to mid-'40s. Around this period he would have been playing with the Cootie Williams band. It was at Minton's that Powell came to the attention of Monk, who was seven years Powell's senior. The two would form a uniquely close musical friendship and a powerful personal bond. Monk would say of Powell, when the latter first began stopping in at Minton's: "He wasn't playing much then.... I was the only one who dug him." Kenny Clarke would recall: "Monk wrote for Bud. All his music was written for Bud Powell. All his piano music, he deliberately wrote for Bud just like a composer writes for a singer. When you hear Bud play Monk's music, then you really hear something." Both men were musical geniuses — freaks, in a way. Both raised in New York. Both suffered from mental illness, in Powell's case far more severe and debilitating. Both had difficulty communicating, except through music, with the outside world. They communicated, it seems, with one another.

Bud Powell, born to a musical family, was a prodigy as a child. His father William was an established bandleader and stride pianist. His grandfather was a guitarist. His older brother Richie played piano for the great Max Roach/Clifford Brown groups of the early- to mid-'50s, before dying in a car wreck with Brown. His other brother, Bill, played violin and trumpet. Bud Powell's father remembered his most musical son thus:

I tell you, when Bud was seven, the musicians would come and actually steal him, take him from place to place playing music. Nobody had ever seen a jazz musician that young, or heard one play like Bud. He was a li'l old chubby fellow, and by the time he was ten, he could play everything he'd heard by Fats

Waller and Art Tatum.

Whether or not this is accurate, or how accurate, is uncertain. Powell, who began his studies on the piano at age six, was classically trained and showed particular interest in the works of Mozart. It wasn't until his teenage years that he became fascinated with jazz, early on with Billy Kyle, the piano player in John Kirby's band. Later Powell would develop a lifelong fascination with Art Tatum's playing, which you can hear especially in Powell's ballad playing. By 1940, the 16-year-old Powell, having recently dropped out of De Witt Clinton High School to devote himself to jazz, was already playing solo gigs around New York.

When Powell recorded his first session for Blue Note, he had been only recently released from the mental ward at Creedmore Hospital. It was not his first visit there, nor would it be his last experience of mental wards. Powell appears to have, throughout his early life, exhibited signs of mental illness, but it was after a 1945 beating by Philadelphia police that his condition was aggravated. One version of the event is that it took place in a club near Philadelphia where Powell had gone after his job in the Cootie Williams orchestra to hear Monk play, in a group that included Max Roach. The story goes that as the musicians packed up to leave, the club was raided by police. At the time there was a hint of marijuana in the air. Powell was struck trying to prevent the police from arresting Monk. True or not, Powell never really recovered from that beating. ■

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Spyro Gyra: Sycuan Casino, tonight, Thursday, May 16, 8 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

FRIDAY

De La Soul /607/ and **People Under the Stairs:** 4th & B, Friday, May 17, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Dee Dee Ramone: Dream Street, Friday, May 17, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Motörhead /226/, **Morbid Angel**, and **Today Is the Day:** 4th & B, Sunday, May 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-231-4343.

Wynonna /781/ and **Heath Hyche:** 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.

MONDAY

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.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

Marshall Crenshaw and **Cindy Lee Berryhill:** Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, May 22, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

MAY

Jerry Cantrell /148/ 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 **Dean Fraser:** 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**) and **Joe Bonamassa:** 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 /514/: Copley Symphony Hall, Wednesday, May 29, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Chesney /790/, **Montgomery Gentry**, **Jamie O'Neal**, and **Phil Vassar:** Coors

Amphitheatre, Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

David J /151/, the **Velvet Cosh**, and **Tristeza /300/:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, May 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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

Andrew W.K., the **Casualties**, and **Icarus Line:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, June 1, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Dale Watson /764/, **Danni Leigh**, and the **7th Day Buskers:** The Casbah, Saturday, June 1, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Sugar Ray /158/: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, June 2, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Pet Shop Boys /576/: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, June 4, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

Britney Spears /603/ and **Nikka Costa /604/:** Cox Arena, Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Howard Jones /610/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 5, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

"X-Fest 2002" featuring **Cake**, **Jack Johnson**, **Unwritten Law /261/**, the **Doves**, and **Sugarcult:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 8, 3 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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North Mississippi All-Stars: Embarcadero Marina Park South, Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 9 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/ and **Earl Thomas /946/:** 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/ and the **Jenerators:** 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.

"Your Show 3" featuring **No Doubt, Ja Rule, India.Arie /941/, Craig David, O-Town, Aaron Carter, Soluna, Seven & the Sun,** and **Paulina Rubio:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

The 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.

Barry Manilow /615/: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, June 21, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Alejandro Sanz /617/: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

A Flock of Seagulls: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, June 21, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

J Mascis /505/: The Casbah, Friday, June 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Mike Watt /140/ and **Mary Timony:** 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 Dinklage /570/: 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.

"Vans Warped Tour '02" featuring the **Alkaline Trio /345/, Good Charlotte, Lagwagon, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Morgan Heritage, MXPX /199/, New Found Glory /304/, No Use For A Name /216/, NOFX /109/, Anti-Flag, Bad Religion, Flogging Molly /316/, Hot Water Music /545/, Midtown, Ozma, Reel Big Fish /757/, Something Corporate /222/, Handsome Devil, Manic Hispanic, Pistol Grip, Quarashi, the Casualties, Thursday, Tsunami Bomb, the Used, Yellowcard, the Line, Pepper, Places to Park, Wanted Dead, Autopilot Off, Too Rude, the Deviates, Death By Stereo, Home Grown /172/, Allister, Finch, RX Bandits, the Movie Life, the Starting Line, Glassjaw, I Decline, Stunt Monkey, Jet Cinema, Slick Shoes, Eleven, Useless ID, the Eynelers, and LoBall:** Coors Amphitheatre Parking Lot, Wednesday, July 3, 12:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

The Cranberries /194/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 7, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Cheap Trick /596/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, July 7, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Hootenanny 2002" featuring **Joe Strummer, X, Reverend Horton Heat /134/, Hank Williams III /775/, the Blasters /478/, Lee Rocker, Nashville Pussy /154/, Tiger Army, the Kingbees, the Original Sinners, James Intveld, Hot Rod Lincoln /547/, 3 Bad Jacks,** and **Russell Scott:** Embarcadero Marina Park South, Sunday, July 7, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-220-8497.

Lyle Lovett & His Large Band /783/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Martina McBride /801/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 9, and Wednesday, July 10, 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 **Stylists /611/, the Manhattans /987/, the Ch-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-52's and **Nancy Sinatra:** 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.

Outkast, Lauryn Hill, the **Roots /267/,** and **Jurassic 5 /176/:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 20, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Idol /506/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 21, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Boyz n the Ring /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.

Styx /507/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 23, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Collin Raye /785/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 24, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 25, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

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.

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EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

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 /692/ and Poncho Sanchez /646/: 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.

The Scorpions /538/, Deep Purple, and DIO /567/: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy /716/: 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 /906/: 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.

Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joe Satriani and Dream Theater: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 9, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Diana Ross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

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Diana Krall: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lee Ann Womack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Ray Charles /979/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

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The Doobie Brothers and Venice /432/: 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 and Richard Shindell: 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

Lenny Kravitz, Pink, and Abandoned Pools /185/: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 1, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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

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Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Chicago /620/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Linda Eder: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Smokey Robinson: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 20, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Keiko Matsui and Craig Chaquico /651/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Jimmy Buffett: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 28, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

OCTOBER

Ozomatli: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Acoustic Alchemy /834/ and Strunz & Farah: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 3, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Al Jarreau and Marilyn Scott /661/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 6, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002 /694/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Dickey Betts & Great Southern, the Marshall Tucker Band, and Poco: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 13, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Anonymous: The Scene
Autopilot Off: Epicentre
Battle of 514: Dream Street
197 **Bedhead Blonde:** Typhoon Saloon
The Best of Breed: Blind Melons

Big Head Todd & the Monsters: Belly Up Tavern
Blackbird: Brick By Brick
Black River Soul: The Kensington Club
Blue Spring: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Boom Bip & Doseone: The Casbah
Boxxx: Dream Street
Brand New: Epicentre
Brand New Sin: 4th & B
Center Fugue: Dream Street
The Jeff Clark Band: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp)
Clouddead: The Casbah
Cold Harbor: Brick By Brick
Compass: Winstons
Crack: The Casbah
The Creepy Creeps: The Kensington Club
Daemos: Brick By Brick
Damien Jurado & Gathered In Song: The Casbah
389 **d.fRost:** Cannibal Bar, 'Canes Bar and Grill
Dismissed: The Scene
The Displaced: Blind Melons
Drapes: Dream Street
Drunk Horse: The Casbah
Early Times: Epicentre
Everyday Joe: Brick By Brick
The Eyeshadows: The Casbah
The Fallen Five: Dream Street
Finch: Epicentre

5*Degenerate: Dream Street
Fourthrite: Epicentre
Fryday: Blind Melons
Furball: Island Sports & Spirits
Futyle: Winstons
Gladeye: Dream Street
Grand Prix: Brick By Brick
Happy Ending: Brick By Brick
135 **Honeyspot:** The Casbah
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The Insecticides: The Kensington Club
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155 **The Kernel:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Kid 606: The Casbah
Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah
King Dub: The Playhouse
Labtekwon: The Casbah
Larger Than Life: Epicentre
221 **The Last of the Juanitas:** The Casbah
Lesser: The Casbah
Lizard Fish: Brick By Brick
Lodus: Dream Street
The Loons: The Casbah
Lowcloudcover: Dream Street
Majestic Blunder: Brick By Brick
190 **The Millionaires:** The Casbah
The Mix Mob: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Morbid Angel: 4th & B
Mortuus Terror: Brick By Brick

226 **Motörhead:** 4th & B
Nimbus Luna: Brick By Brick
Nixon Rules: The Scene
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P.B.R.: The Scene
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Dee Dee Ramone: Dream Street
Reaching Quiet: The Casbah
Recycled Future: Winstons
213 **Ribofflavin':** Blind Melons
Rotten Rod: The Playhouse
111 **Rusted Root:** 4th & B
Saturday's Child: Dream Street
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Stout: Brick By Brick
Strapping Young Lad: Brick By Brick
Swindle: The Scene

Teeth: The Kensington Club
Thicker Than Thieves: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Thirston Howl: Dream Street
3-P-Soope: Dream Street
Thurmus: The Scene
Today Is the Day: 4th & B
Trapt: Brick By Brick
Ultra Deluxe: The Playhouse
272 **Underminded:** Epicentre
Urban Evergreen: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Whiskey Dick: Dream Street
Wick: Club Xanth
101 **The Wise Monkey Orchestra:** Cannibal Bar
Wrong Fiasco: The Playhouse
133 **Youth Brigade:** The Scene

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498 **Joey Bowen:** Buffalo Joe's
The Brain Salad Surgeons: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
486 **The Champs:** The Casbah
Drag Mites: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
400 **8 Ball Rock:** Tiki House
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Emergency Broadcast System: Blind Melons
Faze: Pal Joey's
Five Foot Tuesday: The Casbah
Footloose: Carvers
The Free Range Chickens: Surf N'Saddle
The Full Circle Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Full Exposure: Fogerty's Pub
557 **FZ13:** Chico Club
Gear: Blind Melons
Highway 9: 4th & B
547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge
Identity Crisis: Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, Fogerty's Pub
Johnny Love: Blind Melons
The Late Late Show: Coyote Bar and Grill
Max Blasto: Surf N'Saddle
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414 **Billy Midnight:** The Casbah
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The Shoetoe Project: Blind Melons
Steal Dawn: Boar Cross'n
The Stiletos: Redfish
 473 **Suntower:** Brick By Brick
 433 **Tea-Bag:** Brick By Brick
Ten Pound Brown: Blind Melons
The Two of Us: The Metaphor Coffeehouse
Vamp: The Casbah
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Wallstreet: Dirk's Niteclub
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POP/TOP 40

D.J. Geoff T.: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
 607 **De La Soul:** 4th & B
The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's
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The Legends: Viejas Casino
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 622 **Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Roger's on 5th
S.O.B.: The Raintree
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JAZZ/ BIG BAND

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 711 **Agua Dulce:** Winstons
B3 Four: The Bayou Jazz Bar
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
 666 **Lori Bell:** Inn L'Auberge, Dizzy's

The Boogie Woogie Duo: Coyote Bar and Grill
Bred N Buddha: Blind Melons
 670 **Breezin':** Chuey's Numero Uno
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
 703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
Calima: Trattatoria La Strada, The Raintree
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
 667 **Gilbert Castellanos:** Lilo's, The Bayou Jazz Bar
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 638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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 718 **Tim Maglione:** Jimmy Love's
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 660 **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
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659 **Rick Ross-Piano:** The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE/ SKA

Bananeiras: Juke Joint Cafe
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EXTENSION 4007

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The Working Cowboy Band: The Del Dios Country Store

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC/ FOLK

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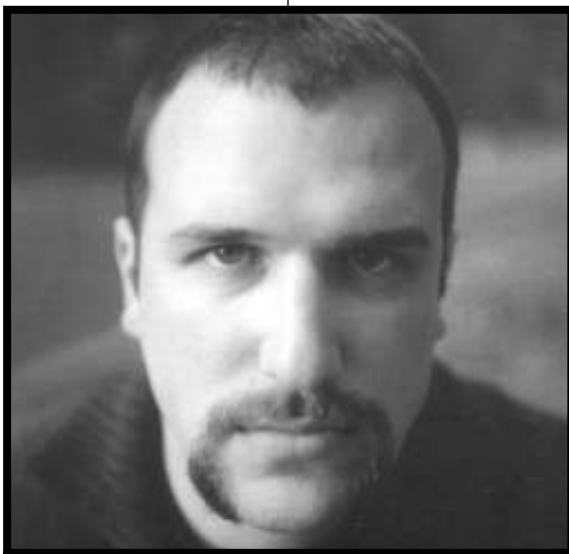
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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES/SOUL

948 **The Bayou Brothers:** Winstons
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932 **Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** Chateau Orleans
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912 **Fuzzy and the Bluesmen:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill
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914 **Robin Henkel:** Coyote Bar and Grill, Sassafra's Bar and Grill
977 **Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band:** Humphrey's
952 **Michele Lundeen:** Tio Leo's Lounge
947 **The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Patrick's II
910 **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
Musiq Soulchild: Belly Up Tavern
The New Breed Band: The Alley
921 **Len Rainey & the Midnight Players:** Humphrey's
918 **Ruby & the Red Hots:** Viejas Casino
913 **Shelle:** Juke Joint Cafe
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946 **Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors:** Humphrey's, Winstons, Patrick's II

920 **Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars:** Patrick's II, Tio Leo's Lounge

EXTENSION 4010

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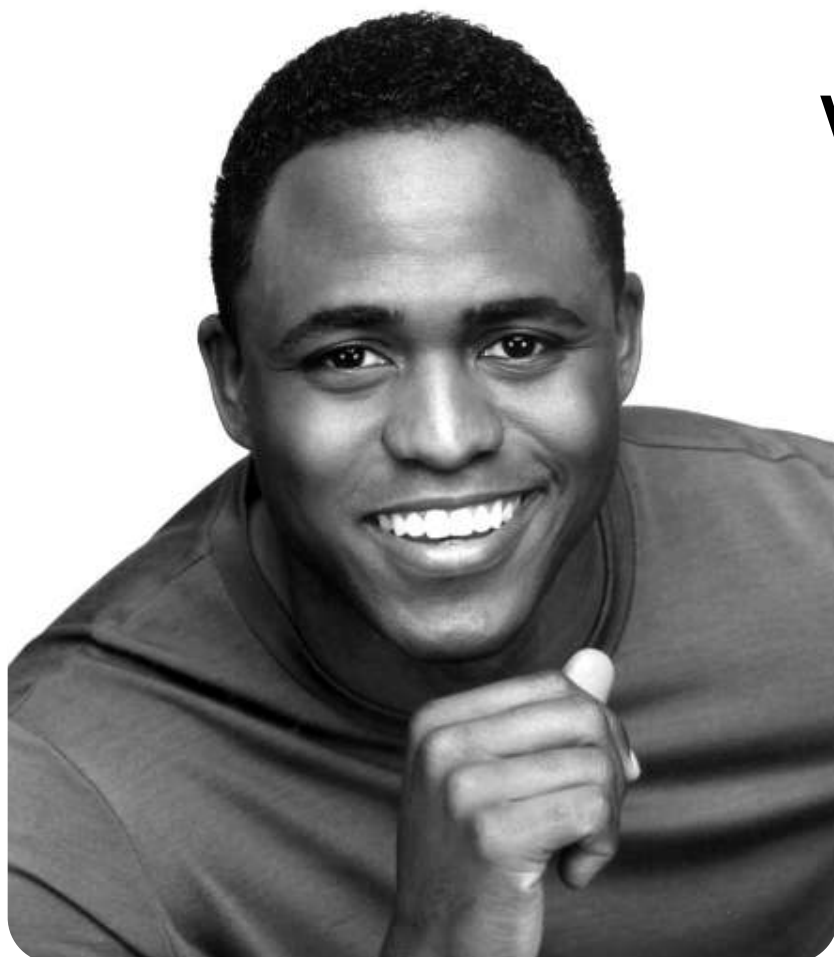
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BY DAVE GOOD

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Parishes and road-houses tend never to be too far from each other in the rural South. The conflict between the two is what most Southern voices register — gospel, leavened with the raw grind of the dance hall. Simien is a product of both houses. His early influences were soul crooners like Sam Cooke and gumbo upstarts like Aaron Neville; Clifton Chenier and John Delafosse got him hooked on zydeco, the hard-partying cousin of Cajun.

Simien hit the road with his first version of the Mallet Playboys at 17. His big break happened during a well-timed gig in New York at the Lone Star, when he caught the ear of some of the rock nobility in town for Live Aid. They liked what they heard and enlisted his honeyed zest for their own projects. Hear Simien sing backup, for example, on Paul Simon's *Graceland*. In 1990, Terrance Simien released his debut *Zydeco on the Bayou*, sung partly in Creole (a vexing blend of Southern



TERRANCE SIMIEN

dialect, Indian, French, and African) and utilizing all the traditional instruments like diatonic accordion and washboard. *Bayou* was a defining moment for both Simien and zydeco, and it's still worth a listen today — even by the chiefs of big radio.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Sometimes writing these previews is silly. Case in point: **Motörhead**. If you saw the photo and band name, you already know whether or not you are going to the show. (If you had never heard of the band, the picture would probably scare you off.)

After more than 25 years of deafening sound levels, violent lyrics, filthy leather clothes, beer-soaked concert halls, grotesquely distorted bass amplifiers, throat-wrecking vocals, and changing lineups, Motörhead is a kind of institution. People who wouldn't dream of listening to the band's landmark *Ace of Spades* album all the way through will wear the Motörhead logo on T-shirts or little spaghetti-strap tank tops. Why? Because we see that logo (you know

the one, with the umlaut over the o and the picture of the grimacing, helmeted face with tusks) and we know what it means: real hard rock 'n' roll. Never mind whether the latest Motörhead album is any good.

If **Lemmy Kilmister** and his crew had never done anything but *Ace of Spades*, he'd still be a legend. Motörhead is too punk to be metal, too metal to be punk. You can wear that logo as an ironic statement about heavy metal (those are popular these days), but it's not the same as wearing a Poison T-shirt. You can wear it to look tough, but it's not quite the same as wearing a Harley-Davidson T-shirt. Motörhead is a little scary and a little silly, but Lemmy's always in on the joke. That approach has helped Motörhead keep its credibility all these years, and I expect it could work for a long time to come.



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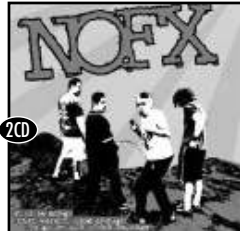
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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Call club for information.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Friday, *the Two of Us*, classic rock. Saturday, *Bill Sherman*, folk.

Mi Fiesta Mexican Seafood Restaurant, 1551 West Mission Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-434-3316. Saturday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the California Rangers*, country, folk.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *Tom Griesgraber*, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

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The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *S.O.B.*, contemporary. Saturday, *Calima*, jazz.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 First Street, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Thursday, 7 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo*, jazz.

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Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday and Saturday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *the Wise Monkey Orchestra* with *d.fRost*, alternative.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All shows start at 8 pm. Music is alternative. Thursday, 3-P-Soope, *Gladeye*, *All City Glass*, and

Lowcloudcover. Friday, *Dee Dee Ramone*, *5*Degenerate*, *Whiskey Dick*, and *Boxxx*. Saturday, *Saturday's Child*, *Lodus*, *Center Fugue*, and *Sliver*. Wednesday, *Battle of 514*, *Drapes*, *Stereo-Bus*, and *Thirston Howl*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy Chamberlain*, jazz.

Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *the Christopher Adler Trio*, jazz. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, *Electrovibe*.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 619-454-5101. Friday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, open mike.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Emm Gryner* with *Lisa Sanders*. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771.

Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

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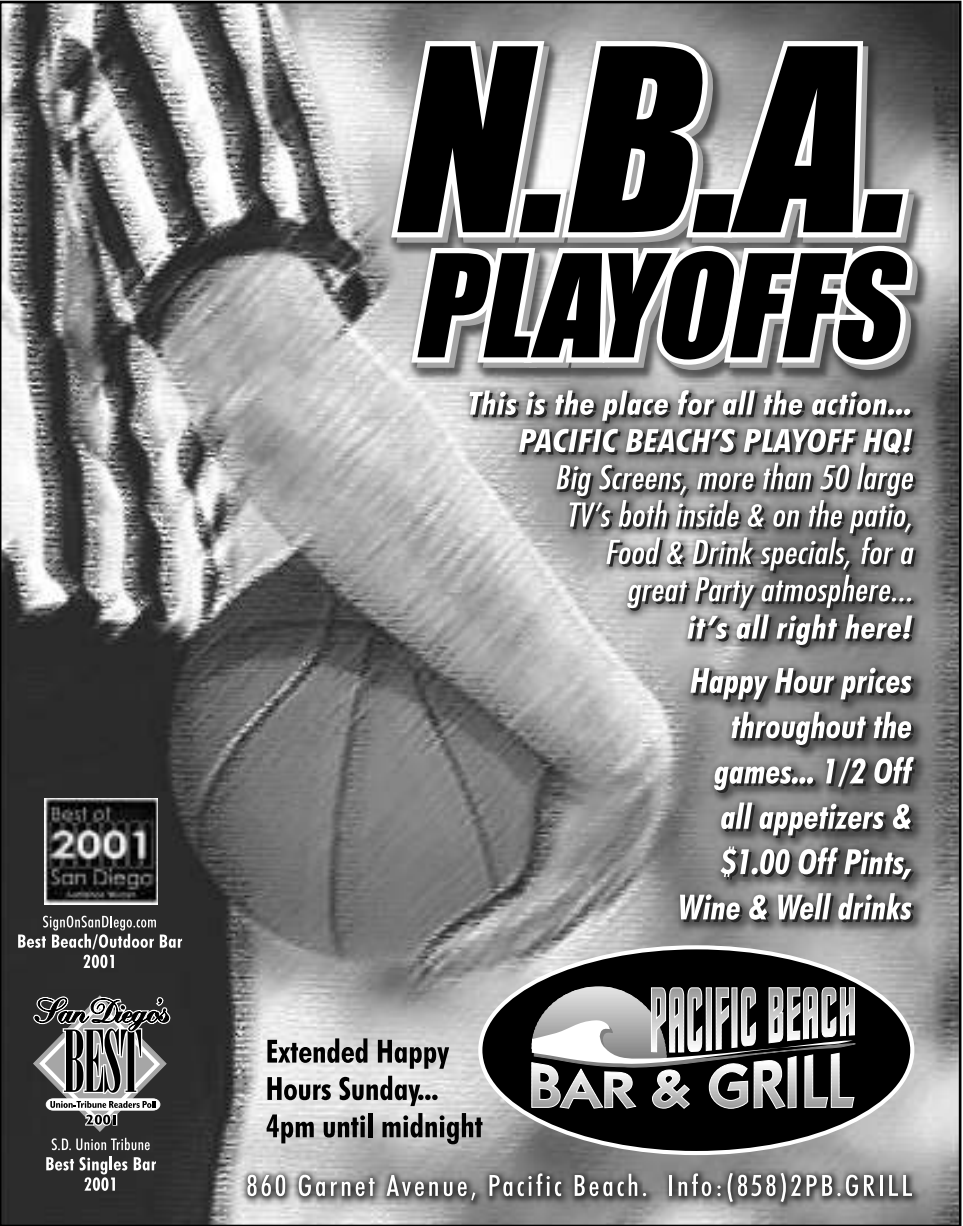
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The Room, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. Thursday, *Peanut Butter Jazz & Blues*. Friday, *Afinity*, rumba, Spanish guitar. Saturday, *Stage* 4, pop, jazz, R&B. Wednesday, *Aja*, contemporary, folk, pop.

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Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Chris Kelly*. Friday, *Aguave*, rock. Saturday, *8 Ball Rack*, rock. Sunday, *Chris Kelly's* open-mike night.

Typhoon Saloon, 1165 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-373-3444. Thursday, *80z Enough*, pop. Friday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Bedhead Blonde*, blues. Wednesday, *Metal Shop*.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *the Michael Bliss Band*, rock. Saturday, 6 pm, *Pink Floyd* with *the Brain Salad Surgeons*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Terrance Simien* with *the Bayou Brothers*, blues. Friday, *Warsaw*, *Earth Ride*, and *Herb'n Root*, ska, reggae. Saturday, *Futyle*, *Compass*, and *Agua Dulce*. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, 9 pm, *Yo Flaco!* Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, rock. Tuesday, *the Josh Roseman Unit*, jazz. Wednesday, *Recycled Future* and *the Hosty Duo*, alternative.

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Beans Cafe, 4176 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa. 858-627-0888. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Tuan To*, pianist.

The Boathouse Restaurant, 2040 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego.

619-231-0489. Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *the Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo*, jazz. Sunday, 1 pm to 4 pm, *Dean Paul Ratzman*, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Tracy Niles*, acoustic rock.

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Club Hollywood, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

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Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Underminded*, *Larger Than Life*, *Early Times*, *Scribble*, and *Fourthrite*. Saturday, *Finch*, *the Starting Line*, *Brand New*, and *Autopilot Off*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Saturday, 9 pm, *Avalanche*, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Angel Hayes*, blues. Wednesday, 9 pm, hip-hop.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Len Rainey & the*

Midnight Players, blues. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*, blues. Saturday, 6 pm to 8 pm, *Earth Ride*, reggae, 9:30 pm, *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Reel to Real*, jazz. Monday, 6:30 pm, *Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band*. Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *E'valuation*, R&B. Wednesday, *the Soul Persuaders*.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057. Music is piano/vocals. Thursday, *Karen Giorgio*. Friday, *Kenny Ard*. Saturday, *Carol Curtis*. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals. Tuesday, *Kristi Rickert*. Wednesday, *Andy Anderson* and *Ron Council*.

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Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Saturday, call club for information.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, *Dale Peterson*. Saturday, *Kayla Black*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Black River Soul*, the *Insecticides*, and *Teeth*, alternative. Saturday, *the Creepy Creeps*, alternative.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Abbott*. Friday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Allison Lonsdale*. Saturday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Haywire*. Sunday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *Larry Bigel*. Tuesday,

9 pm to 11 pm, *Jason & Jane*. Wednesday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Rowboat*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *the Full Circle Band*, rock. Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Faze*, classic rock.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Ultra Delux*, *Amherst*, and *King Dub*. Saturday, *Wrong Fiasco*, *Split*, and *Rotten Rod*.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Thursday, *Nixon Rules*, the *Anonymous*, *Thurmus*, and *Dismissed*. Friday, *Youth Brigade*, *P.B.R.*, *Swindle*, and *Pistol Grip*. Saturday, *Jah Blood & Fire Angels*, *Stranger*, and special guests.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, live music.

The Tin Fish, 1706 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-8100. Saturday, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, *Dean Paul Ratzman*, jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*, blues. Saturday, *Blue Rockit* and *Michele Lundeen*, blues.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the *Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Annie Bethencourt*, *Richard Julian*, *Aven*, and *Patti Zlaket*. Saturday, *Three Simple Words*, *Josh Hall*, and *Linda Sargent*. Sunday, the *Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

Downtown

The Bayou Jazz Bar, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 8 pm, *Glen Fisher's Gomango Invasion Trio*. Friday, 9 pm, *Wrazz*. Saturday, 9 pm, *the Inner Voyage*. Sunday, 7 pm, *Gilbert Castellanos*. Tuesday, 8 pm, *the Vanguard Players*. Wednesday, 8 pm, *B3 Four*.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Thursday, *Quino*. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *Joey Bowen* and *the Disco*

Pimps. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell*. Wednesday, *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Kid 606*, *Crack*, *Kill Me Tomorrow*, and *Portland*. Friday, *the Champs*, *Drunk Horse*, and *Last of the Juanitas*. Saturday, *Vamp*, *Five Foot Tuesday*, and *Honeyspot*. Sunday, *Clouddead*, *Reaching Quiet*, *Boom Bip & Doseone*, *Labtekwon*, and *Radioinactive*. Monday, *Pedro the Lion*, *Damien Jurado & Gathered in Song*, and *T.W. Walsh*. Tuesday, *Stickfigure*, *RDG*, and *the Millionaires*. Wednesday, *Sky Saxon & the Seeds*, *the Loons*, and *the Eyeshadows*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, 8 pm, *Breezin'*, jazz.

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4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 8 pm, *De La Soul* and *People Under the Stairs*. Sunday, 7 pm, *Motörhead*, *Morbid Angel* with *Today Is the Day* and *Brand New Sin*. Tuesday, 8 pm, *Rusted Root* and *Highway 9*, alternative/rock.

Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp), 801 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-615-ROCK. Thursday, 9 pm, *the Jeff Clark Band*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), dow town. 619-595-0123. Thursday, *X-Cel*. Friday, *Masterpiece*. Saturday, *Superfunk Fantasy*. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jazzmag* featuring *Tim Maglione*. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 pm, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Edge*.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, the *Gilbert Castellanos Quartet*, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm *Sue Palmer*, jazz, 7:30 pm, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Latin-a-Go-Go*, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, 10 pm to 2 am, *Bananeiras*, reggae. Wednesday, 6 pm, the *Cynthia Hammond Trio*, jazz.

La Bocca Ristorante, 515 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-3352. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Dean Paul Ratzman*, jazz.

Lilo's, 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-1969. Friday, 11:30 pm, to 1:30 am, open jazz jam session hosted by *Gilbert Castellanos*. Sunday, 11 am to 2 pm, the *Rob Thorsen Trio*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, 9 pm, *the David Patrone Quartet*.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, the *Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio*.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jonny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Friday, *Blind Dog Smokin'*. Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Sunday, Big "Mo" Blues. Monday, the *Blues Brokers*. Tuesday, *Blue Largo*. Wednesday, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors*.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday, *Spaceman Spiff*, jazz. Saturday, *the Stiletto*, rock, blues.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, *D.J. Geoff T.* Friday, *Jungle Boogie*, pop. Saturday, *80z Enough*, pop.

Roger's on 5th, 835 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-702-0444. Saturday, 6 pm to 11 pm, also, Friday and Wednesday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*.

Sassafrass Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Robin Henkel* and *Steve Nichols*, blues/jazz. Friday, 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Allison Scull*, folk.

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Latin. Thursday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*. Tuesday, *La Combinacion*. Wednesday, *Primo*.

La Trattatoria Strada, 702 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-239-3400. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Calima*, Flamenco, world music.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cano*, piano. Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, piano.

Grant Grill: Thursday, 9 pm, *the Pendulum Jazz Quintet*.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Robberecht the Pianoman*. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

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The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Identity Crisis*, classic rock.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Palm Court: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*.

Prince of Wales: Thursday and Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Furball*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the Rock Hounds*.

Seacoast Fine Dining, 809 Seacoast Highway, Imperial Beach. 619-429-1129. Friday and Saturday, 5 pm to 8 pm, *Kenny Cougar*, solo keyboard, jazz.

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Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Elmore Jennings*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Baywolf*, classic rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, the *Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *Wishbone*, country.

Plum Crazy East, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Saturday, 9 pm, *Nectarine*, rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Rok*, rock.

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As in most Asian cultures, Thais generally eat “family” style even at formal banquets, with everyone at the table sharing a parade of delicacies — so we gathered a large instant family of friends (six of us in all) for the venture. We began with starters drawn from the appetizer, soup, and salad sections of the menu. Summer rolls were an instant hit, with bean sprouts, pickled cabbage, cilantro, and well-disguised tofu wrapped in a soft, fresh rice noodle topped with garlic. The “roll” was a flattened rectangle, cut into squares for us, and



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arrived with a sweet-tangy “Thai sauce,” light and tropical. A more substantial starter was *peek gai*, deep-fried stuffed chicken wings of vast size. “They stuffed Big Bird!” said Cheryl, a corporate PR rep. The last two wing joints (minus drumette) were boned out and stuffed with an expanse of glass noodles, cabbage, carrot, pork, and tree-ear mushrooms — a filling much like that of a normal spring roll, but for just \$1 more than the latter, you get this labor-intensive work of art. Surrounding the mince was a thin layer of extremely tender chicken under a well-seasoned, greaseless panko breading. The wings were indeed fit for a queen.

From the salads we chose “Tropical Salad” (*larb*), a dish that’s sometimes described as “Thai steak tartare,” even though the ground meat in it is not usually raw but lightly cooked. Celadon offers the dish with a choice of either chicken (often the only choice at local Thai restaurants) or, more authentically, beef. I leapt on the latter, and the first taste was a great relief — ah, real *larb* again, the meat mixed with ground

roasted rice, chilis, lime juice, red onion, and scallion, with cilantro and mint leaves as garnish. You roll it into a lettuce leaf like a “wrap,” and, happily, Celadon offers butter lettuce in place of the more common iceberg. It rolls up more easily and has its own personality to contribute, too! This *larb* is complex, fascinating, every bite an adventure. It comes with a dark, sweet-spicy sauce to add yet another flavor component.

Then came the extraordinary “Soup Talay,” “spicy seafood combination soup.” It arrives in what looks like an angel food cake pan, but the central funnel contains isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol, which burns cool. The waiter lights it, and it sends up spectacular blue flames that keep the soup warm without boiling it. And the soup’s flavor proved warming, too, its clear broth seasoned with coarse-ground red Thai pepper and (neatly strained-out before serving) lemon grass and kaffir lime. Afloat were greenlip mussels, ornately scored cylinders of calamari, shrimp, fish pieces of good flavor, straw mushrooms, and slivers of

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

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PRICES: Lunch specials, \$6. Appetizers, \$2.75–\$6. Salads, \$5–\$9. Entrées, \$7–\$15.**CUISINE:** Authentic Thai cuisine, with many unusual dishes. Brief but interesting, affordable wine list, including a “peachy” viognier.**NEED TO KNOW:** Parking in small lot two doors down or behind City Delicatessen on Robinson between Fifth and Sixth. Vegan options for most dishes. All ingredients fresh and local; no dried Asian chilies, which can cause allergic reactions.

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sweet red pepper.

As with most Thai restaurants, you can specify the degree of hotness you prefer on a scale of 1 to 10. We didn’t bother specifying and discovered with the soup that the default here is a 2 or 3. My personal taste for recreational eating runs to about a 6, but for this meal, the mild but lively spicing level was perfect because it highlighted the subtler flavors offered by this royal chef.

Among the entrées, the universal favorite at our table was “Choo Chee Duck,” from the house specialty list: roast duck pieces in a red curry based on coconut milk. The sauce had a rich, spicy undertone that reminded me of Szechuanese *kung pao* dishes — a touch of ground peanuts — and the zip that the kaffir lime leaves lent to the caressing coconut just took it over the top. Cheryl

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had recently returned from a few days' vacation in northern Thailand. "This is very much like the red curries I ate in Chiang Mai," she said. "Most Thai restaurants here aren't this authentic."

"Pineapple Fried Rice" is another specialty and one of the queen's favorites. Complex and seductive enough for the pickiest palates, it arrives presented in a halved fresh pineapple — the pineapple is a Siamese symbol of wealth, and anything cut in half ("like it's opened its wings," says owner Alec Thao) is doubly rich. The core is hollowed out and refilled with lightly curried rice, cashews, shrimps, chopped pineapple, tomato, and scrambled-in egg. The shrimps in the rice were done perfectly, each and every one of them, and the same performance distinguished a dish called "Asparagus" that our waitress recommended — fresh asparagus with chicken and shrimp in a delicate light sauce. A wholesome (if somewhat less riveting) choice from the specialty list was the vegan "Four Friends," with separate heaps of canned baby corn

cobs, canned straw mushrooms, fresh carrots, and asparagus in a slightly sweet, thin sauce, lightly thickened by reduction. (We detected no cornstarch in anything!)

One of the specialties is deep-fried whole striped bass, available garnished four different ways. The waiter placed our fish in front of Lynn, a human resources manager. She sat very still...very still. Finally she spoke: "Someone's got to do something about this." Don, sitting next to her, transferred the platter to his place setting for carving. "I'm a little squeamish about fish with their heads and tails on," Lynn explained.

"You want me to take the head off?" Don asked. "No, it's been sitting there long enough, it doesn't bother me anymore. It's not going to move," Lynn answered. The entire fish, called *larb pla* in this treatment, was thickly covered with a rain forest of tart, shredded green mango, slivered red onion, scallions, chili-lime juice, and a jungle of mint — but like the rain forest, it was rather barren under the vegetation. Thais enjoy fish (especially striped bass) that's fried very crisp, even at the expense of moisture ("cremated" was how Don put it), but if you prefer your fish steamed, they'll gladly steam it for you. The garnishes, in any

event, were fiercely exhilarating — with all the classic "five flavors" in the mouth at once.

Of course, there are "normal" dishes on the menu, too. "Celadon Squares," for example, are simple, old-fashioned shrimp-toast appetizers, and *kratong tong* are deep-fried "flower" cups of dough holding mildly curried bits of chicken, potatoes, peas, and carrots. The regular entrée menu offers a list of sauces, curries, and garnishes, to be served with your choice of protein (including two types of vegan "mock" poultry). We chose string beans (*pad prik king*) with curry paste, kaffir lime leaves, and rather chewy slices of pork. Given the neighborhood (with its zillion ordinary Thai restaurants per square mile), such dishes are requisites — and they are lunchtime delights. But at dinner, I'd rather eat my way through the house specials — such as the intriguing-sounding "Bua Sawan" (which means "heavenly dish") that mingles shrimp, chicken, and cashews in a lotus-shaped cabbage wrapping, or a seafood curry presented in a coconut shell.

Not only are the flavors and presentations enticing at Celadon, but the meal includes many small, hospitable graces. On the table are tall French-style bottles (with wired-on

pop-off corks) containing filtered water, so you can just help yourself whenever you get thirsty instead of having to wave for a waiter. The pace of our meal was civilized — the food arrived at a steady but leisurely rate that allowed us time enough to enjoy each dish. The servers were pleasant and helpful — and at the end of the meal, dessert appeared gratis: warm, lightly sweetened coconut milk with slices of exotic jackfruit and palm toddy fruit.

This chef knows how to please palates from royalty down to regular folks — and it won't cost you a king's ransom to take a taste.

ABOUT CELADON

For nearly 17 years, Celadon occupied the site that's now become Hash House A Go Go. The restaurant lost its lease about five years ago, and after so many years behind a hot stove, the chef (and owners) needed a break, too. A few months ago, nearby Thai Foon went out of business, and Alex Thao, son of Celadon's original owners, picked up the restaurant's lease, thoroughly redid the decor, and went back into business. Even more valuable than the celadon art objects in the entry room, Celadon's original chef returned to the kitchen.

"Almost 23 years ago, our chef was a student at the Culinary

Institute in Thailand," says Thao, "and each year the queen's chef samples some of the Culinary Institute's chefs' work. She liked my chef's cooking and had her cook at a banquet for the queen and the youngest princess. [The royal family] then assigned her to cook at the luxury hotel in Thailand, where the king and queen send their guests. We knew of her work through family and friends in Thailand with political connections, and we got her a visa to come work at Celadon. She wanted to come — everybody from Southeast Asia has a dream of coming to America — so she was sent here by the queen, and the king helped arrange her working visa. She's now in the process of getting U.S. citizenship.

"There are only two people cooking in the kitchen, with some others who help cut vegetables and do prep work. My chef takes a lot of pride. She checks that everything is up to her standard.... Everything here is her own creation. In Thailand, you can find authentic stuff — on the streets, or anywhere, they're eating what the royal family would eat. I've tried a lot of restaurants here, and I can't really say that any of them is like my country. They're so Americanized, and people have become accustomed to Americanized, quick Thai fast food that's more like Chinese food. A lot of them serve brown rice,

and in Thailand we don't eat brown rice, we don't believe in it, and my chef won't allow it. She's very, very picky. She says, 'Americans will eat what Thai people eat; that's why they come to a Thai restaurant.'

"Since everything's fresh to order, you can tell your server how spicy you want your food, or if you don't want onions in it, or if you want the fish steamed instead of fried — we can do that, because even the curries are handmade fresh when you order. We don't use canned curry paste; everything's made with fresh spices and herbs. There's a big difference; you can actually taste the individual spices in it. We don't use any ready-made sauces or seasoning mixtures. Our peppers are fresh cut, fresh ground. Instead of buying dried chile peppers, when our chef wants that toasted taste, at the end of the night she'll fry the fresh chilies. To get dried chilies, she'll put fresh chilies in the oven and bake them.

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That's Claude, the owner's daughter. Actually it's a wall painting of her with a basket full of French breads. The place is named after her. "La Belle Claude."

This was the last thing I expected in TJ. I came down for a carton of *Tigres*, Mexican cigarettes, for my buddy Frank, who refuses to cross the border. Don't ask me why. So I pick up the *cigarros* and check my change, \$5, plus \$2 for the trolley.

Then I'm on Seventh, heading for Revolución, when suddenly plants, vines, fan palms, and green umbrellas surround me from both sides of the sidewalk. I spot a couple of heavy, eight-foot-high oak doors. To their left a smaller place, Café Français. And above its small door, La Belle Claude.

Looks far too expensive, but I bust in anyway. It's a light and airy place full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel Towers painted here and there. It has Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, a light tile floor, a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies,

frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The lady standing beneath the portrait of La Belle Claude looks so like her I ask if she *is* her. "My daughter," she says, proudly. I order a coffee. She has Colombian, French, and, huh, Cuban. "Very strong," she says. So, like, Mr. Wimp, I take the Colombian. About \$1.20; \$3.70 left.

I sit down at a small, square, solid-wood table, near a distinguished-looking gent reading a Tijuana newspaper. Never be able to eat here. And, why the heck didn't I order the Cuban coffee? It's legal here.

I ask Crecencio, the waiter, about it. He widens his eyes. "You'll be seeing clear as far as the Coronado islands," he warns.

I check out the menu just in case. Oh, Lord. "Le croque monsieur," an open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce, costs 38 pesos, around \$4. Just beyond my reach. Croque-madame's the same but with an egg for one peso more. Salade Niçoise, with tuna and anchovies, only 30 pesos, around \$3.50. But what if the exchange rate puts it over? I check the breakfast section.

Eggs Benedict? Forty-five pesos, about \$5.00. Mushroom omelet? Nope, 35 pesos. "Provençale," with zucchini, eggplant, and onions? Same. "Omelette nature" (plain, with roll, potatoes) is 25 pesos, around \$3.00. Doable, but...

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Then I find it. A plate of scrambled, boiled, fried, or poached eggs, with sautéed potatoes, French bread, and preserves. Eighteen pesos for one egg, 20 for two. Say, \$2.40. Bingo! Enough for a tip.

I order — just before I notice a sign on the wall for a *bolillo con queso* (roll with cheese) for 8 pesos. Maybe 90 cents.

But, no problem. When the eggs come, I can't believe it. For a king! The plate is white china decorated with gold bands. The knife and fork weigh heavy. The eggs — poached — are perfect. Sitting on two squares of crust-cut toast beside sautéed potatoes and a piece of cantaloupe, with that big basket of sliced French bread nearby. Crunchy outside, feathery inside. Plus butter and a bowl of *mermelada*, jam; \$2.40!

Crecencio brings a salsa too. It's light, zingy, just right for the eggs. "We make it here," says the gent, putting down his paper. The owner, it turns out. Mr. Joaquin Fernández de Mendoza has been running restaurants in Tijuana for 50 years. "It has tomatoes, chiles, garlic, and onions in it. We make everything here. I made your jam from fresh fruit too. Pineapple, guava, and peach."

Sr. Fernández even makes the round cheeses in the cabinet at his farm, Rancho "El Eden," beyond the Rodriguez dam. From his own cows' milk.

And he points to jars of everything from peaches to cactus, Cornish hen eggs, carrots, broccoli. Not to mention honey. All from the rancho. Vacuum-packed. "Guaranteed organic and no preservatives," he says. They cost around \$5 to \$8. I mean, where else would you find cheeses for sale made on *le patron's* own farm? I'm blown away.

Then I'm double blown away when he shows me next door, a magnificent restaurant of redwood and oak with a sunburst cupola roof and three levels of dining, and painting after painting by Diego Rivera. Mexico's greatest. In gold frames. Before my very eyes. Sr. Fernández says they're the real thing. "Presidents, world leaders have eaten here," says Sr. Fernández. "It's called 'Nica-Oh,' — 'Joaquín' backwards."

Can't resist a glance at the big menu, between red velvet, leather, brass covers. A giant 25-ounce Porterhouse steak costs \$45. But not everything's expensive. You can get a 6-ounce New York steak with baked potato, salad, and bread for \$7.50. Even a half-pound burger for \$4.

Who knew, hidden here off Revolución? I return to my table at the little *pâtisserie* and plunge into the French bread and jam.

Need one more thing. "Crecencio," I say. "Can you get me a coffee refill? And make it Cuban. Want to see those Coronado *islas*." ■

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"Is there enough fruit to stick around until the tannins soften [with time]? I don't know."

The San Diego Wine Competition was held over the weekend of April 27–28. The Riverside Wine Competition followed it on the weekend of May 4–5. On May 6, I attended a sort of vinous after-party: a chance for the judges, after days of sitting down and tasting through flight after flight of wine — analyzing, critiquing, judging, debating — to sit down and taste through a few more flights of wine, only this time for pleasure.

This after-party is a tradition for two of the judges, Bob Foster and Doug Frost. Foster is a local who, among other things, serves on the tasting panel for the locally produced wine review *California Grapevine*. Frost resides in Kansas City and is, to my knowledge, the only American who is both a master of wine and a master sommelier. Every year, on the Monday following the Riverside competition, they travel to either Baja or Temecula to survey the local wine scene.

During last year's harvest, Foster found himself chatting with Carol Shelton, who, after 19 years as the winemaker for Windsor Vineyards, had decided to start producing wine under her own label. Shelton was working in Temecula's Thornton Winery, using their facility to make Zinfandel from grapes grown in the Cucamonga Valley, the area east of Los Angeles that was once a center of commercial winemaking in California. Today, the region is so small (about a thousand acres) that it seems almost a historical curiosity — but not to Foster.

"Why do I love Cucamonga Zinfandel? I think that, when well done, they have all of that

berry/spice/round fruit that we get statewide, but they also have a brown-sugar component that I find fascinating — an extra dimension, if you will." As for me, California Zinfandel in general has left me behind as it spirals upward into ever-

higher levels of ripeness, alcohol, and extraction. But when I last attended the grand tasting of the Zinfandel Advocates and Producers, I remember being struck by the Thornton Zin — it showed a structure and restraint that appealed to me, an earthy flavor underneath the characteristic fruit.

So I was delighted to hear that Foster and Shelton, in the course of their chat, had hit upon the idea of gathering and tasting all of the Cucamonga Zinfandels being produced today and also that they were willing to have me tag along. That is how, on May 6, I ended up sitting in the tasting room at Thornton Winery with Foster, Frost, and Shelton and most of the other people who make Cucamonga Zinfandel. The wineries represented included Hart, Mount Palomar, and Thornton from Temecula; Orfila from San Diego County; Filippi and Galleano from Cucamonga; and Geyser Peak and Carol Shelton from Northern California.

We tasted a few '99s, a few '00s, and the full complement of '01s. Thornton again proved a favorite — my first note on the '99 was "restraint," followed by "some earthy notes" and "bright acid." In short, a balanced effort, except that the tannins were a touch prickly. "With Zinfandel fruit," worried Foster from his place next to me, "I always find that hard to gauge. Is there enough fruit to stick around until the tan-

nins soften [with time]? I don't know."

Jon McPherson, Thornton's winemaker and the man sitting on the other side of me, echoed Foster's concern. He then offered the following tidbit: not only were all these wines Cucamonga Zins, but three of the wines from 2000 — the Thornton, the McPherson-produced Cucamonga Cellars, and the Carol Shelton — were "basically all the same lot [of wine]. Just different tanks, different management in barrels, different treatments."

Foster found his beloved brown sugar in the Cucamonga Cellars, but I thought it showed a raisiny character that I didn't much care for. Doug Frost found it also and was curious. The Thornton, at least, ought to have been similarly raisiny, since four of the variables that ordinarily bring about raisin/prune flavors — ripeness, fermentation temperature, barrel type, and frequency of racking (transfer of wine from one barrel to another) — had essentially been controlled for. The wine had been made in two lots, "But when it came time to bottle, it just all went in the tank" together. But the Thornton wasn't raisiny; it was, again, earthy and correct.

(Another interesting development: McPherson suggested that the stronger-than-usual earthy note in the 2000 may have been due to his use of chlorinated water on that year's vines. "As a rule, I don't use water," he said. "You can filter that out," counseled Mount Palomar's Etienne Cowper. "Go to Home Depot" for the filter, suggested Joe Hart of Hart Winery. "Live and learn," replied McPherson.)

Differences between the Thornton and the Carol Shelton were easier to explain. Shelton, whose wine was softer and laden with black fruit flavors, told us that she kept her wine in barrel for a mere nine months and that those barrels were 25 percent new American oak and 75 percent old French. Older barrels contribute less tannin to the wine, and what little new oak she employed was not of a high-tannin variety. "This wine has already got tannin; it doesn't need more," she opined. Plus, she racked the wine frequently,



Doug Frost

a process that allows oxygen to get in and start working on the wine. Finally, all that time in bottle (over ten months) had given the wine a chance to start softening with age.

McPherson, on the other hand, had not avoided tannins. He had almost pursued them, letting a small batch of crushed grapes sit on its skins longer than the main batch, a move that allowed the juice to extract more tannin from those skins. The juice was then blended back into the main batch. And while he started all of his Zinfandel in old French oak for the first six months, he moved it into new American for the second six. Far more new oak, three months longer in barrel, and less time in bottle produced the expected result: a tighter, less generous wine, but one possessing more structure and, to my mind, earthiness. Chlorine and all, it was my favorite of the bunch. ■

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CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.


THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or pan-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the

top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimmie 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, Sor-




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rento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740 (plus locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista). Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — *E.B. (4/02)*

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, tor-

tillas, 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 Twigg, 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*. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports (along with Oprah and steaks). Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They

come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmenian-cafe.com. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck 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 it 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.*

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 pissaladiere* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little cafe 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 Milanese. 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, fritata *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 al-bondigas 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)*



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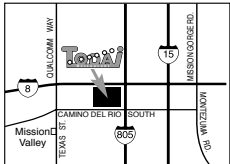
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NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the 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.

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BERNARD’O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You’ll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (8/99)

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

DICRESCENZO’S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style “deli” in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco’s Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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 Wasi 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 longboard 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.

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Oppen, 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, preschool-ish 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 ship-board, but they’re still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area’s many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter 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)

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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.*

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (1/00)*

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its

first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — *E.W. (9/99)*

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas, high prices.... With the arrival of chef Bernard Guillas, the romantic Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. The wine list is sublime, too; just bring your trust fund. Reservations required; resort-casual to dressy. Call

ahead to arrange wheelchair access. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, the *niçoise* salad at lunch, or the excellent Sunday brunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for brunch or dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you

won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, www.aladdin_cafe.com.

These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The notewor-

thy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. 7604 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *Mi Ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken. Or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. He will explain all. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open 7 days, moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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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 buf-

fet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SPORTSMEN’S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego’s late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884; www.theebungalow.com. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore’s charming, comfortable historic “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pate to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre’s*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pates and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W. (11/00)*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

ELAGAVE 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 cuiltacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m., and you’ll be practically alone. You’re suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you’ll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revolutions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

GEORGIA’S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: “Soul Food: 99 cents”; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (2/01)*

CAFE ZIA 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia’s great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you’re hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half San Diego State does: just say yes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters,

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JOHNNY B’S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This “Burgers and Brew” bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker’s patio out back. On Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday’s rush. Lots of “Build Your Own Sandwich” suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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)*

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can 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)*

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than CalMex or TexMex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish). *Caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos*

rancheros, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kens-

ington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W. (12/00)*

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, uptown, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot

garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multi-grain, sourdough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.*

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for \$9.95. Open daily, breakfast,

lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

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)*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (6/99)*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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

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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 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)*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettoes 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 sizzly part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford

the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook less-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escoveitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy “brown stew.” Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get take-out. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pi-*

bil, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue, downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their “Great Grilled Gruben” — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gemütlich.” Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast

and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout eight years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). “I'm Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions,” says Rafael, now 26. “I was never materialistic.” Tip well: all the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. — *E.B. (12/01)*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisseried meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you'll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There's always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed “top sirloin cap.” Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

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flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/01)

BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled

fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — E.W.

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GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheese-cakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their "All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat" special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB's pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add en-

trées like orange chicken, Kung Pao chicken, or sweet and sour pork. Seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Refills!" Kung Pao squid, beef broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

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 — ¡bailé! Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Live a little! Order a half carafe of Burgundy and sing along with the music — "Funiculi, Funicula." Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

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ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. All-you-can-eat Greek buffet daily, lunch, midweek dinner, weekend dinner with entertainment of belly dancers and Zorba's dancers. Plenty to eat. Not gourmet food, but fun. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

EL TAURINO 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steak house, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria*, or try *empapelado*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate except for lobster. — E.W.

GRAND BISTRO Grand Hotel Tijuana, 4500 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana, 681-7000, x4188. Visit this Tijuana restaurant for its formal elegance, mystery, romance. Visit Grand Bistro for its prime rib! The tastiest I've ever eaten. This thick and juicy portion of Mexican beef comes with an outstanding side of "creamed spinach," slow-cooked with bits of smoky bacon and minced onion. Along with a fine Bistro salad and a selection from their excellent and affordable wine list, it's a voluptuous, if fatalistic, meal. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/99)

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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.

LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso, off 2nd Street, Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a *granero* (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful *casera* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch (to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

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Other Games in Town

Madame Bovary was not married to Richard Gere.

May 16, 2002. The advent, the ascension, the apotheosis of *Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones*. I'm aware of it. I'm not withholding anything. I simply haven't seen it. Less simply, I'm in no rush. In the meantime....

Unfaithful. Adrian Lyne, agent provocateur of *Lolita*, *Indecent Proposal*, *Fatal Attraction*, et al., gets out the blackened oven mitts for his *réchauffé* of Claude Chabrol's adultery-and-murder dish, *La Femme Infidèle*. The suburban housewife, Constance (get the irony?), contentedly married for eleven years to the head of a New York security firm (more irony), literally bumps into a French antiquarian book dealer (a nod to the nationality of the source material as well as a nod to "motivation," insofar as a French accent will automatically produce a weakness in the American woman's knees) on a shopping trip to Manhattan in the midst of a portentous windstorm. The dealer fumbles his navel-to-chin stack of books; the shopper skins her knee

(symbolizing her weak point). She really ought to tend to it *tout de suite*. And the dealer lives just above — see the plant on the balcony? Would she like to come up? Would she like a cup of coffee? (Would she like to be in a

TV spot for General Foods' French Vanilla Cafe?) Though she was not looking for an adventure, opportunity

has come knocking.

Diane Lane, never better, nor better-looking, is eloquently expressive on the *frissons* of flirting, taking risks, misbehaving, and days later (during the post-coital train ride home) on the mercurial clash of guilt and delight. D.W. Griffith, to overcome the handicap of silence and title-cards, could not have asked more from an actress. (In one area at least, he would not have asked as much: letting her keep her clothes on and her co-star's paws off her breasts.) Lyne, not so coolly and critically detached as Chabrol from his characters, doesn't make things easy on them, or on the spoon-fed mass audience. Madame Bovary

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Unfaithful

was not married to Richard Gere, after all. Nor was her head turned by the Geronimo-haired, *Miami Vice*-bearded Olivier Martinez ("Your eyes are amazing, you know zat? You should never shut zem"). Then again, Lyne doesn't make things easy on critics, either, balancing one stellar performance and a solid game plan against a

landslide of his usual slush: the purple passages (an acrobatic coupling in the men's room while two gal-pals await the heroine at a café table out front, or the more comfortable coupling in the seats at a revival-house showing of *M. Hulot's Holiday*), the dusty, speckly, almost pointillistic color, the perfume-ad "glamour," the gorging on the

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now got just four days to crack "Shark," the revised German U-boat code, before a convoy of merchant ships from the U.S. enters perilous waters. In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the recent *Charlotte Gray*. (Same genre, but not the same anything else, as the twenty-years-ago *Enigma*.) We even meet the protagonist, a woolly-headed math whiz ("With numbers, truth and beauty are the same thing") recovering from a nervous breakdown, exactly where we earlier met Charlotte: at the window of a train compartment, which gives way to another train compartment in flashback. And like *Charlotte*, it belongs in the unglamorous, unromanticized, Graham Greene branch of spy fiction, notwithstanding the love triangle between an ace decoder (Dougray Scott, looking a bit like a young Tom Courtenay), a mysterious willowy blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter's wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Something of a return to form, this, for director Michael Apted, helplessly out of his element on the last 007 escapade (a very distant branch of spy fiction), *The World Is Not Enough*.

Plot convolutions aside, it's historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of *Charlotte Gray*. (No one, including me, could be expected to have seen the 1979 Polish film based on the same material, *Sekret Enigmy*, or *The Secret of Enigma*.) But that's not to say it's cinematically more interesting than *Charlotte*. Not to say — to take our metaphor from their introductory scenes — that it fits together as tightly and moves along as powerfully as a railway train. *Charlotte* is a Eurostar, a Thalys; *Enigma* is more of a huffing-and-puffing handcar. To be sure, the Enigma code machine — a sort of rewired typewriter with ever-changing letters for each key — is an interesting object, as is the primitive computer with its rows upon rows of revolving colored wheels. But these are essentially static museum exhibits. (I have warm memories, which I would eagerly check against the actuality, of the British Cold War cryptography thriller, *Sebastian*, but I can never find it on television or in video stores.) I will, however, admit that Winslet is a huge asset to the manufactured air of reality. With her meaty body — thick trunk, broad back, wide hips — she becomes a plausible actress in all kinds of roles outside the range of the new generation of stick figures. Plus she can act. Put a pair of glasses on her *et voilà* — a plain Jane, and a smart cookie too. "Without your glasses," a male colleague attempts to butter her up, "you don't look half-bad." Her riposte is lethal: "Without my glasses, nor do you."

The Triumph of Love. Soporific costume farce, after Marivaux, directed by Clare Peploe, in washed-out color (blown-up 16mm), gashed with nervous little jump-cuts (very short jumps), propped up and hustled along by the music of Rameau. There's a fair amount of alternative-lifestyle titillation: cross-dressing; a woman (disguised as a man) pitching woo to a woman; an outward man (a woman underneath) pitching woo to a man. If, anyhow, that sort of thing titillates you. The kit-

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Oh, and *The Son’s Room* will be opening Friday as scheduled (I should say, as re-re-rescheduled) at the Hillcrest Cinemas. Well, I’ll be a monkey’s uncle. ■

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MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/17)

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, THROUGH 5/16)

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 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.

● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Cat’s Meow — Peter Bogdanovich’s “comeback” — meaning that the director of *The Last Picture Show*, etc., has come back from the TV-movie wasteland, if not necessarily that he has come back very far. A

cramped and scrimping stage adaptation (written for the screen by the original playwright, Steven Peros), it chews over a “sexy” theory on the mysterious death in 1924 of silent-film pioneer Thomas H. Ince, birthday-boy guest of honor aboard the yacht of William Randolph Hearst, along with Charlie Chaplin, the chatty-catty novelist Elinor Glyn (all the best lines: “Charlie is only capable of a monogamous relationship with his own movies”), the fledgling newspaper columnist Louella Parsons, and of course Hearst’s mistress and protégée, Marion Davies. The theory, in opposition to the official verdict of heart failure as a result of acute gastritis, has it that he was shot to death by the jealous Hearst, a scenario made “sexier” than other, similar theories by the added suggestion that Hearst was actually gunning for someone the average modern-day moviegoer will have heard of: Chaplin. Bogdanovich, a cinephile second to none, and a sponge for pertinent anecdotes and apocrypha, might like to think that with this *Hollywood Babylon*-ian piece of gossip he is walking in the footsteps of, or possibly shoulder to shoulder with, one of his idols, Orson Welles, who had taken on Hearst pseudonymously in *Citizen Kane*. One big difference is that, pseudonym apart, Welles was taking him on at the peak of his power while Bogdanovich is taking him on after half a century of horizontality: a superfluous shovelful of dirt on his grave. The dark, mausoleum-like sets and the dimly lit photography conspire to swallow up the lusterless cast: Kirsten Dunst, Edward Herrmann, Eddie Izzard, Cary Elwes, Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Tilly. Gloom envelops them like an offshore fog. 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Changing Lanes — Samuel L. Jackson and Ben Affleck get into a fender-bender on the FDR on their separate ways to the courthouse, the one to divorce court, the other to probate court. The first, an operationally repentant alcoholic, unable to drive away from the scene of the accident, loses custody of his children by default. (Kim Staunton has some ferocious moments as the fed-up wife.) The second, a self-important Wall Street up-and-comer, drives off with an airy “Better luck next time,” leaving behind a blank check and, inadvertently, the key document to his shady dealings in court. Thus begins a grim-faced game of Laurel-and-Hardy tit-for-tat, and a didactic lesson in the fragility of the social covenant and the constant nearness of chaos. (The casting of the leads, plus a gratuitous barroom altercation over Tiger Woods, tends inevitably to channel the allegory down restrictive racial straits.) No doubt it’s something a little different, something a little serious and a little somber, but not enough so to justify the respectfulness of its reception from some critics. Both men behave badly — that’s good. But the escalation of hostilities ends in a loss of artistic nerve and an eleventh-hour parachute leap into a feather bed. Even Laurel and Hardy left a stronger aftertaste. And the sheer amount of hostilities, never mind the altitude of them, seems much too much to fit into a single day. British filmmaker Roger Michell’s best evidence of his contemporary “relevance” consists of nothing more than his fitful jiggles of the camera. Toni Collette, Amanda Peet, Sydney Pollack, William Hurt. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Crossroads — Dramatic acting debut of Britney Spears, that Pied Piper of Girl Power. It definitely gives the pop star more latitude than her Pepsi commercials, to which homage is paid when she sashays past the vending machine at a gas station. But that’s just another way of saying more rope with which to hang herself. The movie, directed by Tamra Davis, shows her off in her undies twice within the first fifteen minutes (two different ensembles, same day). Then it slows down in that department — the lingerie department — and takes off on the post-graduation road

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● (VOGUE)

Dogtown and Z-Boys — Stacy Peralta’s documentary on the early days of skateboarding. (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Enigma — Reviewed this issue. With Dougray Scott, Kate Winslet, Saffron Burrows, and Jeremy Northam; directed by Michael Apted.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/17)

Frailty — Ambitious little chiller, related largely in flashback, concerning a working-class Texas widower (Bill Paxton, who also directed) who announces one night to his two young sons that an angel has visited him in his sleep and anointed him a slayer of demons. A hit-list of same will be forthcoming. “So we’re like superheroes?” enthuses the younger of the sons. More like serial killers, in the eyes of the elder. It doesn’t quite come off, and never escapes the danger of an unwanted laugh, but it does exercise a grip on our attention, and generates a mild case of the willies. The ambitiousness is rather undermined in the long run by the cheap switcheroo outcome, and by the inflationary rhetoric in the operative definition of “demon.” Don’t we ask more of our demons than the everyday stains on the police blotter? Matthew McConaughey, Powers Boothe, Matt O’Leary. 2002.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

High Crimes — Ashley Judd, under a blanket of makeup, stops making cute faces and starts making other kinds of faces after her picture-perfect husband (Jim Caviezel) is hauled before a court-martial for the long-ago massacre of nine civilians in El Salvador. Seeing as she’s a hot-shot Bay Area attorney, she elects to defend him herself, with a wily old former Marine and former drunk (Morgan Freeman, equal parts charm and gravity) to show her the ropes of military justice. But the case is nonsensical. Why would a corrupt and conspiratorial military, anxious to bury a stillborn scandal, dig up an innocent party to railroad for the crime? The alternative is still more illogical: why would it dig up the guilty party who

could illuminate the corruption and conspiracy firsthand? There can be no question of its corruptness and conspiringness, as proven by the busy program of threats, intimidation, and outright assaults inflicted on the defense team. Final revelations only deepen the nonsense. And director Carl Franklin, belaboring the closeups in TV style, herewith goes to new lengths to renege on the early promise of his *One False Move* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*. With Adam Scott, Amanda Peet, Bruce Davison. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Hollywood Ending — Woody Allen, besides writing and directing, plays a has-been filmmaker whose chance at a comeback comes in the form of a bone thrown to him by his former wife — a \$60 million remake of a Forties B-movie — who is now consort to the philistine head of Galaxy Pictures. For three-quarters of an hour, in predictable and monotonous comic rhythms, the film casually kicks around the bread-and-butter issues of the behind-the-scenes Tinseltown spoof (art vs. commerce, *auteur* vs. hack, black-and-white vs. color), plus the intermittent inside joke: the

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fictitious director’s fondness for foreign cameramen leads him, where Allen himself was led on his three previous projects, to a Chinese D.P. whose only language is Mandarin. (Allen’s current D.P., the German Wedigo von Schultzendorff, offers no let-up in suffocating artiness, pouring a full cup of melted butter over a few puffs of popcorn.) At length and at leisure, the film arrives at its central conceit: a case of psychosomatic blindness which afflicts the director on the eve of the shoot, and which he attempts to conceal throughout it. This is a real idea, a worthwhile idea, an inherently funny idea, although probably not enough of a one to warrant the longest running time — at 114 minutes — in Allen’s entire career. The idea calls upon Allen the actor to do a more physical kind of comedy than is his custom — an elaboration on the glazed-eyed hypnotic trances of his prior film, *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* — and he does it very well. Allen the director, on the other hand, was not up to the daunting challenge, was not up to even *facing* the challenge, of illustrating a movie directed by a blind man: the joke is not, let’s be clear, that in today’s movie world it makes no difference. With Téa Leoni, Treat Williams, Mark Rydell, Debra Messing, George Hamilton. 2002.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Ice Age — Three mammals and a baby. A computer-animated woolly mammoth, sloth, and saber-toothed tiger (your species needs to have an interdenal sound in it — *oth ... oth ... ooth* — in order to join this fraternity) on a trek to restore a founding 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

In the Bedroom — A dealing-with-tragedy movie (a summer romantic idyll turned violent) with dangerous tendencies toward a Lifetime Channel original. But first-time director Todd Field proves himself to be a true director, cunning in his omissions, his obliqueness, his attention to off moments, his focus on marginal details: the family photos in the D.A.’s office, or the jingling of coins in the D.A.’s pocket during an impromptu conference on the street. He can also be a trifle pedantic: the military

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action figure given as a birthday present by a hot-tempered father, or the bedtime reading of *The Wyeths* to supplement the Wyethesque landscape of the film. (It’s set in Maine, the heart of Wyeth country.) Field, of course, was already known as an actor (*Ruby in Paradise*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, et al.), and it is thus hardly surprising that he should strive to carve out human-sized roles for which his cast — Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Marisa Tomei, Nick Stahl, Richard Mapother, William Wise — would be grovellingly grateful. Spacek, alone of them, belongs to that rare subspecies of actor who never seems to be acting, and who thus never seems to exhaust or recycle her repertoire, and who thus never wears out her welcome. For her particular role, the viewer can thus be as grateful as she is. 2001. ★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 5/17)

Kissing Jessica Stein — An alternative-lifestyle romantic comedy starring and co-written by two unknowns, Jennifer Westfeldt (reminiscent of Lisa 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)

The Last September — The basic situation — that of an Anglo-Irish aristocracy whose long tenure in County Cork causes them to sympathize and identify with the Irish in their fight for independence, post-WWI, even though the Irish natives do not return the affection — is inherently interesting, and is made more so, or at least fully so, by being new to the screen. Deborah Warner, an English stage director, is new to the screen as well. She shows no great dexterity with the camera; and she tends in the editing, if not sooner, to lose track of some of the multitude of



Enigma

characters around the pivotal country estate. Perhaps not too surprisingly, she seems most secure in her handling of dialogue, but then the dialogue itself — witty, pithy, and pregnant — is voluptuous to handle, and is in the caressing hands (or caressing mouths, rather) of such dextrous line-readers as Maggie Smith, Fiona Shaw, Michael Gambon, and even the breathless Jane Birkin. The notable exception is David Tennant, too nakedly pathetic as the unsuitable suitor to the young heroine. The fresh-faced, puffy-eyed Keeley Hawes, with a Keely Smith bob, holds her own in the lead role. And her status as an amateur secret agent among oblivious elders — peeping through a removable floorboard, peering through a spyglass, eavesdropping on private conversations, witnessing the transfer of a firearm, and running supplies to a holed-up rebel — is sketched out intelligently, artfully, subtly, almost (appropriately enough) furtively. Based on a novel by Elizabeth Bowen. 2000. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5/19, 2 P.M.)

The Long Goodbye — Robert Altman’s provoking revision of a late, intricate Raymond Chandler detective novel is devoted less to creating a mystery than a muddle. The impenetrable darkness, the stealthy zooms and circuitous tracks of Vilmos Zsigmond’s cinematography, and the ceaseless buzzing or humming of the actors, conspire together to cover up the leaks sprung in Altman’s altering of the original plot (he changes a couple of the who-does-whats and the to-whoms, and thereby loses the whys). Elliott Gould, a mussed Philip Marlowe who appears to be led around by the constant cigarette in his teeth and whose largest show of ingenuity is in seeking out spots to strike a match, mutters to himself distractedly as he makes the acquaintances of a fruity supporting cast, including Mark Rydell, Henry Gibson, Sterling Hayden, Nina Van Pallandt, and ex-baseballer Jim Bouton. 1973. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/23, 7 P.M.)

McCabe and Mrs. Miller — Plenty of

surface interest for those who enjoy looking at drizzle, cigarette smoke, opium haze. Under the dense atmospheric conditions, Robert Altman’s snowed-in Western about the encroachment of capitalist enterprise on a tacky frontier town is exceedingly difficult to make out. Julie Christie and Warren Beatty are in the fog somewhere, but they make only faint impressions in this unanchored, vaporous, and once-in-a-while brightening movie. Keith Carradine in oversized cowboy duds is perhaps the single brightest spot. 1971. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/22, 7 P.M.)

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 — Barbet Schroeder, coming off his *engagé* political thriller *Our Lady of the Assassins*, reverts to his Hollywood-hack mode, with an updated Loeb-Leopold case about a precocious, Nietzschean, absinthe-sipping high-school misfit who masterminds a “perfect crime” in collaboration with a cocky BMOC. For hack work, however, it is a handsome job, and authentically cinematic. Very low-key, very attentive to detail, it moves along as smoothly, slowly, stealthily as a Cadillac on semi-inflated tires: no gunning of the engine, no squealing wheelies, no zigging and zagging, no stomach-in-the-mouth ski jumps. The ending perhaps goes over, or near, the top, but not as far over as that of Schroeder’s *Single White Female* or *Desperate Measures*, and the old-fashioned Hitchcockian “fakeyness” of the rear-screen projection anchors it solidly to the Golden Age. There is, besides, an endless supply of delicate shadowing from the director’s trusty cinematographer, Luciano Tovoli (whose absence on the digital-video *Our Lady* was sorely apparent), and the houseboat residence of the lead detective on the case affords great opportunity for those shadows to flutter and undulate. Sandra Bullock, in the part of the physically as well as psychologically scarred cop, lacks a certain ballast, though she represses most of her worst impulses: her champagne-bubble impulses, her goose-honk impulses, her America’s Sweetheart impulses. The plotting, in particular the dovetailing of the heroine’s inner demons and outer ones, may be purely mechanical, but the mechanism has been tuned to a fine steady purr. Ben Chaplin, Ryan Gosling, Michael Pitt. 2002. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Murderous Maids — New screen account of a sensational French murder case of the 1930s, with Sylvie Testud and Julie-Marie Parmentier, directed by Jean-Pierre Denis.

(KEN, 5/17 THROUGH 23)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-anointed “Frump Girl” meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he’s not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage (“My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder”), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the “personal” angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002. ★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

The New Guy — High-school comedy with DJ Qualls, Zooey Deschanel, and Eddie Griffin, directed by Ed Decter. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Nine Queens — Emptily entertaining caper film, from Argentina, about two small-time scammers who join forces for a big score: a counterfeit sheet of postage stamps purportedly from the Weimar Republic. As tricky as Mamet, if not as sharply written or directed (by Fabián Bielinsky, in his feature debut). The final payoff — not the final mind-boggling plot twist, but the unearthing of the Rita Pavone golden oldie for which one of the scammers had been hunting the entire movie — is exhilarating. (Trivia question: what’s the earlier movie in which the tune was used?) Gastón Pauls, Ricardo Darín, Leticia Bredice. 2001. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 petrification, 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

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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.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Piano Teacher — Hyperbolized cliché: the repressed artist whose entire supply of passion is funneled into art. But this artist, a female pianist fixated on Schumann’s knowing descent into madness, adds some special kinks to her repression: visiting a porn-shop viewing booth and breathing through a discarded Kleenex as if through an oxygen mask; carving up her genitalia with a razor blade; peeping at lovers at the drive-in and squatting to pee alongside their car; scripting some S&M games for her adoring new student. The hyperbole, counteracting the overall coolness and steadiness of tone, doesn’t heighten the seriousness; it very much lowers it, cheapens it. The exacting music lessons (“A wrong note in Beethoven is better than a bad interpretation”) are fascinating nonetheless, and it is a great pleasure to watch two luminaries of the French cinema, Isabelle Huppert and (as her monstrous, monitoring mother, with whom she shares the same bed) Annie Girardot. With Benoit Magimel and Anna Sigalevitch; written and directed by Michael Haneke. 2001.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 5/16)

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 “biggs” 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



The Salton Sea

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.

★★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

Safe — Todd Haynes’s personal baptism in the commercial mainstream. It starts out as if it could be an extension of one of the three plot strands in his 16mm black-and-white homoerotic undergrounder, *Poison* — the science-fictional strand to do with a “Leper Sex Killer on the Loose.” An AIDS metaphor, unmistakably. Here in *Safe*, a well-off, well-insulated, self-described “homemaker” (catching herself halfway through “housewife”) comes down with something labelled “environmental illness” or “chemical impairment.” Another AIDS metaphor, surely. Possibly weakened, or just as possibly in some deviously inverted way strengthened, by the subtle implication that this soulless suburbanite somehow deserves it — or at any rate does not deserve much sympathy. (*How do you like it, lady?*) The first half of the movie works quite well as a quiet, sedate, low-low-low-key satire on the lifestyle of the rich and famished. (Major crisis when the new couch is delivered: “Oh, my God! This is not what we ordered! We did not order black!”) Julianne Moore plays the heroine as an ambulatory — better yet, somnambulatory — Barbie Doll. (An extension, on this front, of Haynes’s cultish puppet film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*.) And the director, editorializing nonstop through his compositions, places

her at a ten-foot-pole distance in chilly, empty, geometrized interiors — a paper-thin figure pinned against a backdrop of Mondrian-like, Rothko-like rectangles. The second half of the movie — once the heroine checks herself into the Wrenwood Center, a “chemical-free zone” or “safe haven” in the New Mexico desert — is more problematical. The low-low-low key is unflatteringly sustained, if not even undetectably lowered a notch. The tone becomes difficult to pinpoint. The New Age inspirationalism — the folksy pep talk of the AIDS-afflicted holistic guru, the folkie guitar-and-vocal musical interlude — is offered up perfectly deadpan. Cackles and snickers, while not dying out entirely, grow uneasier. And the greatest suspense that begins to build is not over the fate of our heroine, but over the seriousness of the filmmaker. 1995.

★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/16, 7 P.M., AND 5/17, 9:20 P.M.)

The Salton Sea — Florid, gaudy, tricksy, anything-for-attention neo-*noir* about a

speed freak and stool pigeon who in his former life was a blissfully married blues trumpeter. “Keep your eyes open,” he advises us straightaway in voice-over. “Nothing is as it seems.” Just as good a reason to keep them shut. Val Kilmer, Vincent D’Onofrio, Peter Sarsgaard, Anthony LaPaglia, Deborah Kara Unger, Luis Guzman, Adam Goldberg; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2002.

● (LA JOLLA 12, FROM 5/17)

The Scorpion King — A cheesy prequel — of Limburger smelliness — to *The Mummy* and more particularly *The Mummy Returns*. Or: How the Last of the Akkadians Got Scorpion Blood in His Veins and Became a King. It goes to show, if nothing else, that if you take the mummy out of the movie, you’ll have a shorter one — a scant ninety minutes — but not a better one. The antagonist in the mummy’s absence, Steven Brand, is a sort of cut-rate Russell Crowe with a dormant muskrat on his head. The muscle-bound and saucer-

eyed hero, Dwayne Johnson, alias The Rock, delivers his lines with all the force of an exasperated driver’s-ed instructor. Kelly Hu, Michael Clarke Duncan, Bernard Hill; directed by Chuck Russell. 2002.

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The Son’s Room — A startling change of pace, so we’re told, for the director and star, Nanni Moretti: “the Italian Woody Allen.” That’s hard to gauge, however, much less appreciate, when only one of his nine features and numerous shorts, 1993’s *Caro Diario*, has been granted distribution. Not much pace can be built up from one film. No doubt the heavy drama of *The Son’s Room*, to do with the loss of a child, marks a change from the first-person humorous “essay” of *Caro Diario*, though the change, to be a stickler about it, is more in tone than in pace: an easygoing, meandering, random-sampling manner of storytelling. (Because it ambles along a lot like life, its interruptions seem particularly rude.) In the lead role, Moretti’s dour bearded countenance doesn’t give away much: an ideal countenance for the character’s vocation of psychotherapist. There is perhaps a hint of triteness, a slight impression of padding, in the sessions with his clients, punctuated as they are by discreet eye-rolling and daydreaming. These nevertheless occupy an important place in the broad and balanced pattern of homelife and worklife, and they set up a resonant backdrop of human fears and feelings. And the blame that the therapist cannot help but attach to one hapless client, who had tampered with destiny on the fateful day, is a fascinating wrinkle in the fabric. Ideal as his countenance might be on the job, it is ill-adapted to the role of grieving father; and his excruciating discomfort in that role, his losing struggle to stay buttoned-down, enables him to summon up deep emotion with minimal emoting. (Wife and daughter come in for their fair share as well.) More simply: for all his reserve, he’s a very likable guy. And an even more likable filmmaker. If we feel, in one curious instance, that maybe it’s middle-aged wishful thinking (rather than Italian good taste) when a long-haired record-store clerk is seen recommending a Brian Eno album to a shopping grown-up as

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something a young person might enjoy, it only endears Moretti the more. With Laura Morante, Jasmine Trinca, Giuseppe Sanfelice. 2001.
★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/17)

Spider-Man — Repulsively overhyped comic-book adaptation by Sam Raimi. (How would his lighter and livelier *Darkman*, of 1990, have been pushed a decade later?) The hype, which naturally took no notice of the actual product and its worth, is as *de rigueur* as the Danny Elfman musical score and the plasticky, elasticky CG animation. It’s just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult



Spider-Man

metamorphosis. And who better than Maguire to bring out the human dimensions

of the larval adolescent? Still, the movie lingers so long on the human side of the

equation that it might have been better named *Peter Parker*. It truly is a Tobey

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Maguire movie more than a comic-book superhero movie. (Marvel of Marvels!) That’s not altogether a bad thing in view of the actor’s eccentric, *ritardando* sense of timing and his deadpan talent for hinting at a beehive of interior activity. Yet the urban Tarzan in the spandex bodysuit seems (when he gets the chance) a completely separate entity, a two-dimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe’s Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an formidable and uninteresting villain: Batman’s Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi’s *The Gift and For Love of the Game*) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson, Rosemary Harris. 2002.
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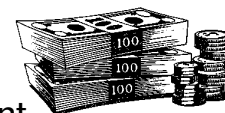
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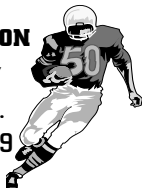


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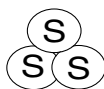
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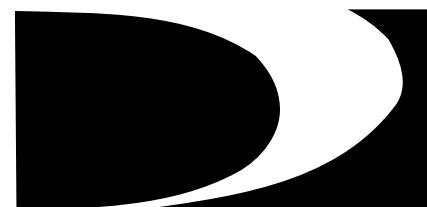
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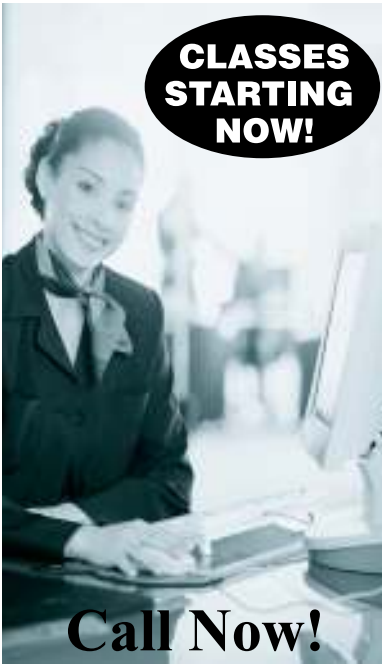
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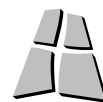
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Colin Brandt

Server

Del Cerro

Working in the hospitality industry, I'm definitely affected for the better by tourism. I work at a restaurant where there's lots of tourists and at a hotel where it's *all* tourists; it's where all my money comes from. After September 11, I saw how much business went down; my shifts got cut in half. The people who are difficult? You know they're going to be gone tomorrow, so you deal with it.



Brandy Lund

Sales Associate

Hillcrest

We get a lot of foreign people in our store; our inventory is a little different, more European, which is good for business. Personally, tourists don't affect me negatively, but I stay in this area. I don't notice it too much. We've got such a wide variety of people in and around Hillcrest that it's hard to tell whether it's tourists or not.



Bill Stone

Business Owner

Mount Woodson

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NOTICES

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A.R.E. Edgar Cayce play: "So Shall Ye Reap." Chastity belts! Slavery! Lawyers! Building and reaping of karma. 6/2, 12:30-3pm. La Jolla Village Square Community Room. 619-295-7080, www.warepacificsw.org.

ADDICTION PROBLEMS? Women for Sobriety is a non-12-step self-help program meeting Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. 858-549-3533 or www.womenforsobriety.org.

ADVERTISING RESEARCH. 2 free movie tickets plus entry in lottery for 1/2 hour of time. Women 18-30 wanted for participation in advertising research. 858-623-2777 x365.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL works for human rights. Meetings: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. First Unitarian Church, 4190 Front (opposite UCSD Medical Center). Information, 858-576-3811.

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AURA HEALINGS. Healing night. Aura healings, chakra balancing. The Church of the Earth and Sky in Vista. 760-631-7900.

BHAGAVAD-GITA CLASSES by a Vedic scholar, 8:15-9pm, following an international vegetarian feast, Monday-Thursday. Hare Krishna Temple, 1030 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-9389.

BISEXUAL? GAY? LESBIAN? Unsure? Friendly group meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm, for discussion, support, social interaction. Community Church, 115 Thorn, Hillcrest. 858-259-8019.

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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- "To the moon, Alice!" preceder
- New moon or full moon, e.g.
- Treat successfully
- They line some old streets
- Fished for morays
- Overly meticulous
- "Time is money," when spoken from January 20 to February 18?
- Spy novelist Deighton
- Performing _____
- Esther of TV's "Good Times"
- In _____ (even)
- Kind of toast
- Psychotherapy under the Florida sun?
- Unhealthy part of cigarettes
- Poe's middle name
- Love's inspiration
- Heathrow fig.
- Fight like a knight
- Lord of poetry
- Kind of muffin
- Clavell's "____-Pan"
- Serb or Croat
- Ouija, e.g.
- Summer Conn. clock setting
- Routine performed by some comediennes?
- Really big shows
- Elevator man
- Philosopher Kierkegaard
- Part of three characters' names in a 1946 Disney movie
- Highway sign abbr.
- Billboard sign, or possible directions for 17-, 26-, and 44-Across
- Choice voice
- Certain roll-on
- "L' _____ c'est moi": Louis XIV
- West and Clarke
- "Crazy" singer Cline
- Suffix with kitchen

Down

- Gung-ho quality
- Like some shoppes
- Its capital is Muscat
- Home of the Knicks: Abbr.
- Midwest city founded as Fort Clark
- Lugged
- Despondent comment
- Et _____ (footnote abbr.)
- Univ. e-mail ending
- Chocolate substitute
- One-sided

- Julia of "The Addams Family"
- "So what _____ is new?"
- Like many kitchens
- Van Gogh home, for a time
- Third in a Latin recital
- Joan of art
- Nobel Prize subj.
- Photo finish
- Homeric work
- Say "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers," for example
- Vitality
- Company that introduced Donkey Kong and Pong
- Grammy category
- Voting group
- Sweet potatoes
- Hotties' assets
- Trough diners
- Clinton Attorney General nominee Zoe
- "McTeague" author
- Not sporadic
- Rio Grande feeder
- Unsolicited e-mail
- Spicy stew
- Hollywood's Lancaster or Reynolds
- Rocker Joan
- Auto or pluto ending
- Noggin, in Nantes
- Not hold one's tongue
- "Are you a man _____ mouse?"
- Snicker syllable

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 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.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 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.
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PATHWORK PRESENTATION, "The Spiritual Meaning of Crisis," Thursday, 5/16,

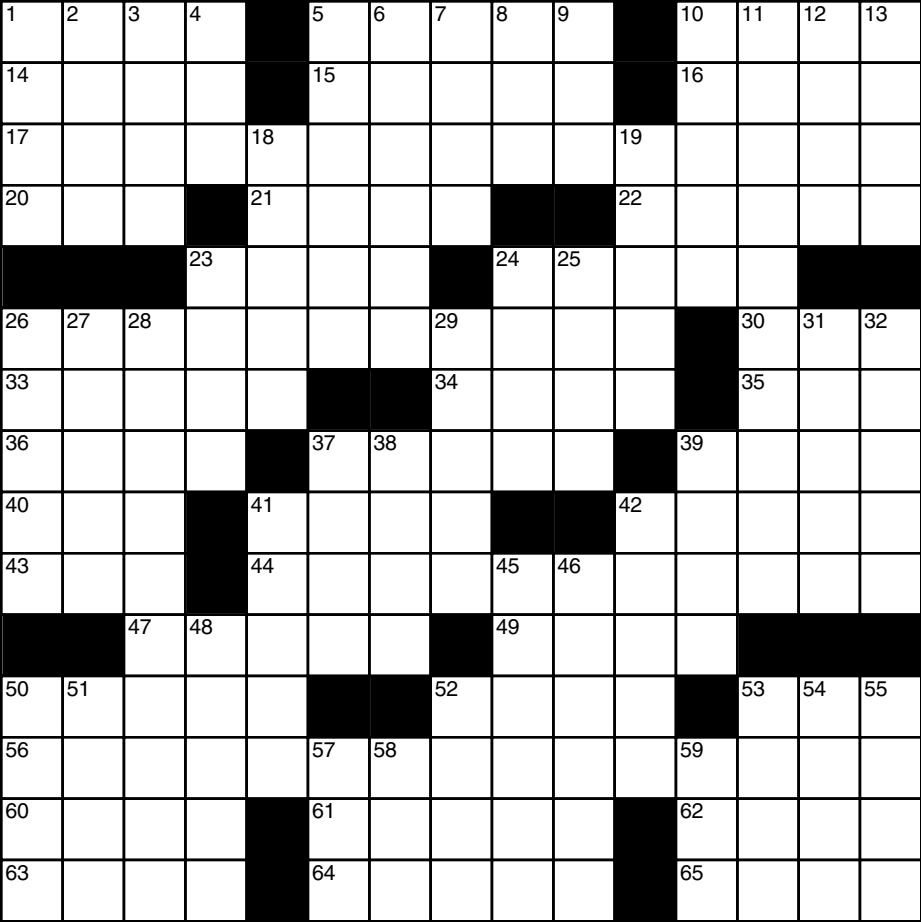
7:30pm. Free! 1355 Stratford Court, Del Mar. For information, call 760-213-4861.

POLITICAL DISCUSSION, Wednesday, 5/22 at David's Coffeehouse, 7pm, 3766 Fifth Ave. Come exchange ideas on the topic "Bush's Environmental Depredations," all welcome. 619-298-3970.

PROBLEMS? STRESSED? Depressed? Dial hope (recorded message changed daily, Sunday's sermon), 858-277-8060. Sunday service: 10am. Welcome. Linda Vista Presbyterian Church, 2130 Ulric Street, San Diego.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 5/9/02.

Of the 58 entrants, 53 were correct. The winners are:

- Sanoguet, *San Diego*
- P.K. Brennan, *La Mesa*
- William E. White, *Newport*
- Robert Schlaug, *San Diego*
- R. Aguilor, *Chula Vista*

RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME. Support/education groups. Year 2002 meeting: May 19, 1pm, Tri-City Medical Center, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside. Jeanette, 760-940-0487; Ann, 760-741-2329; Sharon, 858-558-7681; sburley@webtv.net.

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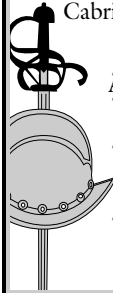
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I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M DOING this. You had a green Xterra and I had silver Golf on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard on 5/10/02.

I'M CONFUSED. WEDNESDAY I thought I was being encouraged. I was planning to return Friday. Good thing I called first, saved myself the humiliation. Duey.

MANAGEMENT TYPES. The epitome of a coward is an empty, emasculated lap dog sycophant hiding under and behind the skirts of authority. Michale C of Carlsbad.

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FRIENDSHIP. Newly divorced woman would like to meet others to do things with: dinner, movies, walking dog, coffee, going out at night. No flakes, please. (5/22) ☎33126

FRIENDSHIP. Woman, high-spirited, children grown, seeks like-minded women for participation in various emotional, spiritual and social activities. San Diego. (5/22) ☎33127

FRIENDSHIP. 38, North County female seeks new female friends for fun like walking, watching movies, dinners out, happy hours, music, travel and new adventures. (5/22) ☎33128

FRIENDSHIP. Fan of Dr. David Seabury who authored "The Art Of Selfishness." Any age male/female who enjoys studying personal growth, student of the mind (5/22) ☎33143

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 23, seeking other females, 21-26, for shopping, kicking back, wakeboard, and especially the river type. Kids OK; I have two. Outgoing girl here. (5/22) ☎33144

FRIENDSHIP. New friends sought by male, 44. Conscious peeps or those for-

ward thinking of any race, male or female, 25 and up. (5/22) ☎33145

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks friends for happy hours, tennis, hiking, coffee, rollerblading, concerts, etc. Fairly new to San Diego. Very normal, stable. (5/29) ☎33200

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 34, seeks mature and sincere male/female, 30-50, for companionship. Enjoy visits, coffee, lunch, outings, walks at the park and good conversation. (5/29) ☎33201

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks other females for travel, happy hour, plays, dinner and spring fun. No flakes please! (5/29) ☎33202

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking female for life's simple pleasures. You don't need to be wealthy, just down to earth. 50 to 62. (5/29) ☎33238

FRIENDSHIP. Need a buddy for camping, hiking, in/outdoor fun. I'm 44, in North County, male. 37-55. Love to explore the world. (5/29) ☎33239

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 37, seeks platonic gal pals for movies— theater/renting at home. Down-to-earth chitchat, and whatever else might catch our fancy. (5/29) ☎33240

FRIENDSHIP. Seeking good, quality platonic females for friendship. I'm from the East Coast; have high energy; like to rollerblade, hike, dance, shop, movies, concerts, etc. (5/29) ☎33241

FRIENDSHIP. Female, 34, outgoing, seeks other female friends, 20s-30s, for happy hours, clubs, cafes, shopping and adventure. Must be reliable, considerate and fun. (5/29) ☎33242

MATCHES

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BLACK, SINGLE, 45, athletic, wise, fun woman seeks single man, 45-60, non-smoker, tall, fit, with lots to offer for a fun relationship. (5/29) ☎23719

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NOT YOUR ORDINARY PERSONAL ad! Just a white female seeking friendship with a man. Down-to-earth Christian, mid-30s, average, for sharing/caring. Call! (5/22) ☎23648

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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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This is not a still from *Blackboard Jungle*; it is a USD public relations class for students at the College for Men, 1958. The view out the window shows scaffolding atop the adjacent building.

In 1958, sculptor Chris Mueller Jr. finished his

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

2.5-ton statue of the Blessed Virgin, which tops USD's Church of the Immaculata. Mueller had moved from L.A. two and a half years earlier to begin work on the 10-foot tall statue of cast stone and marble aggregate.

— by Robert Mizrachi

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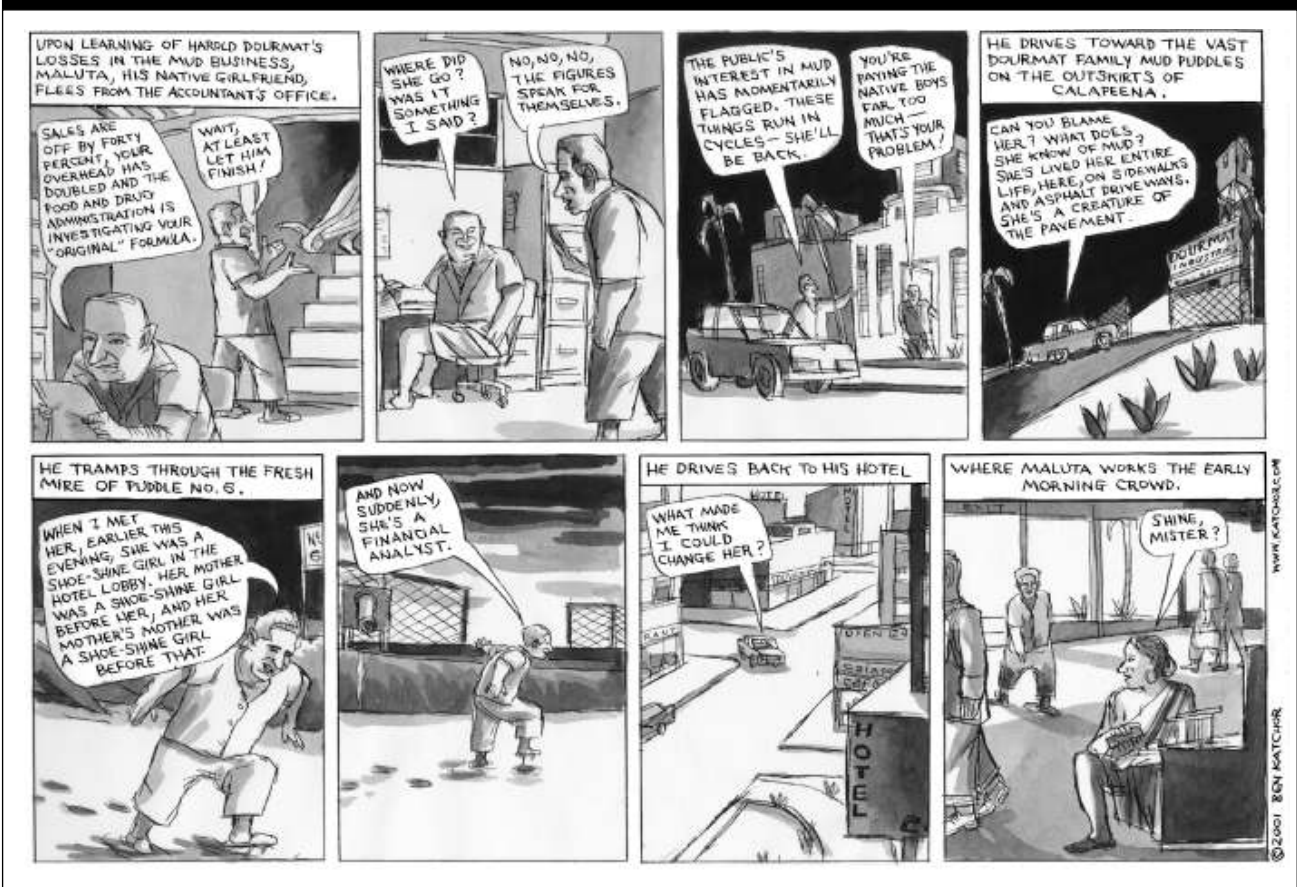
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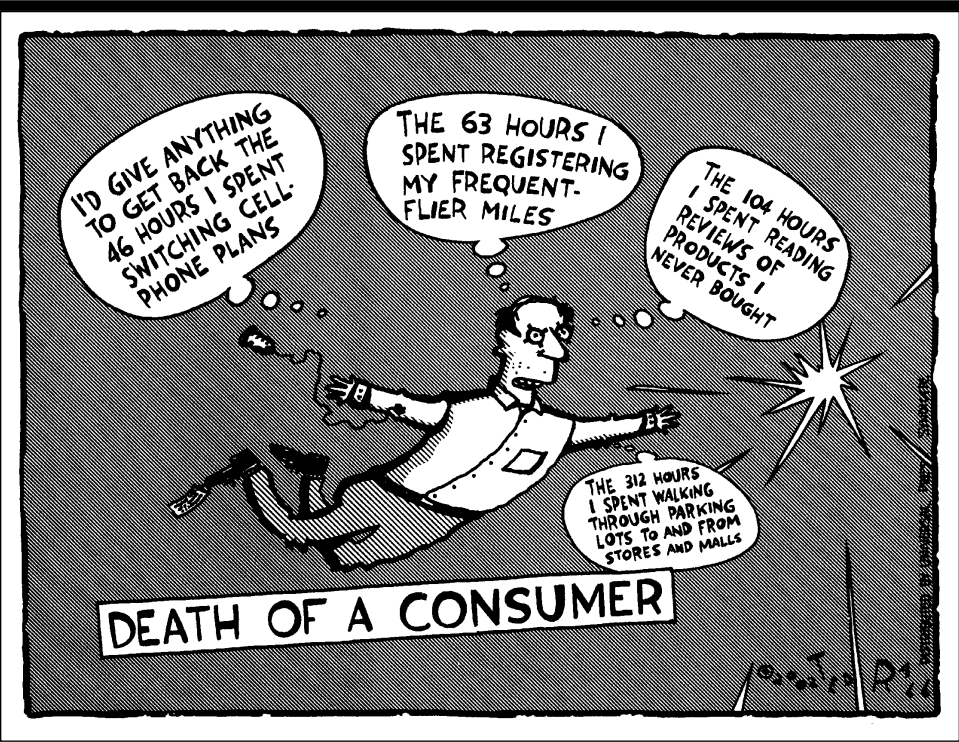
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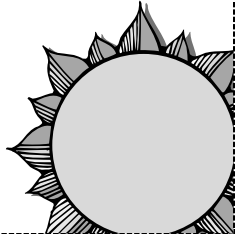
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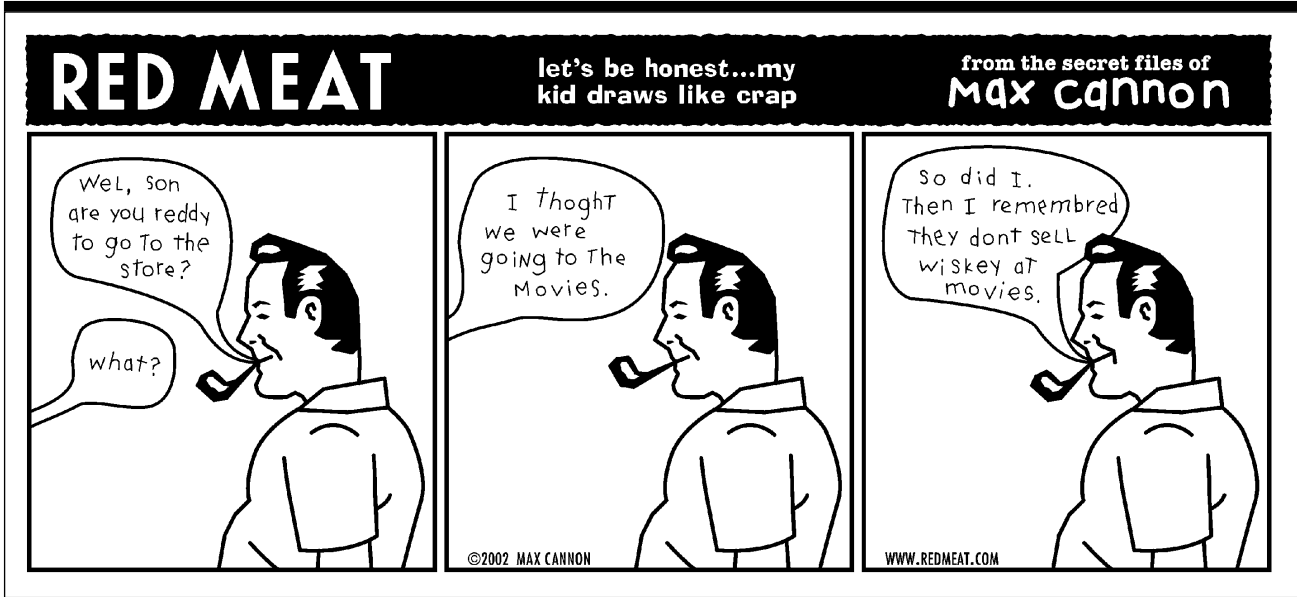
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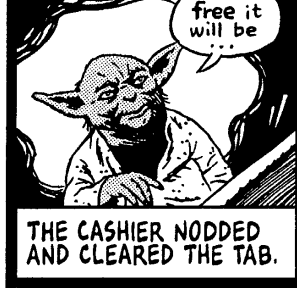
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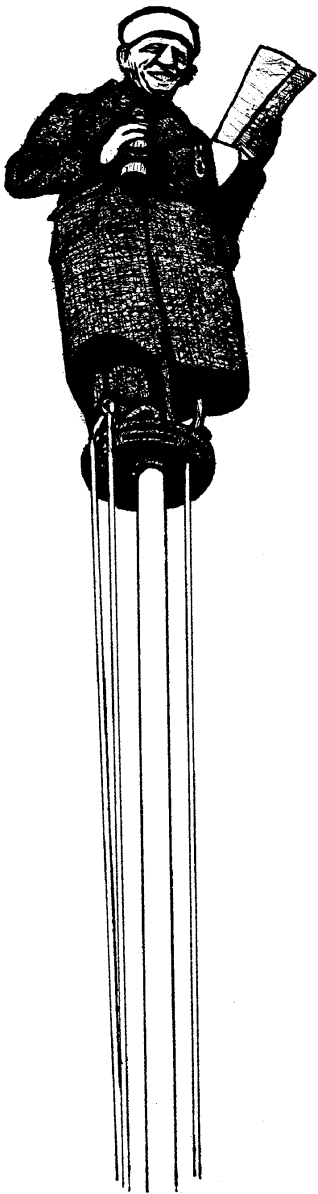
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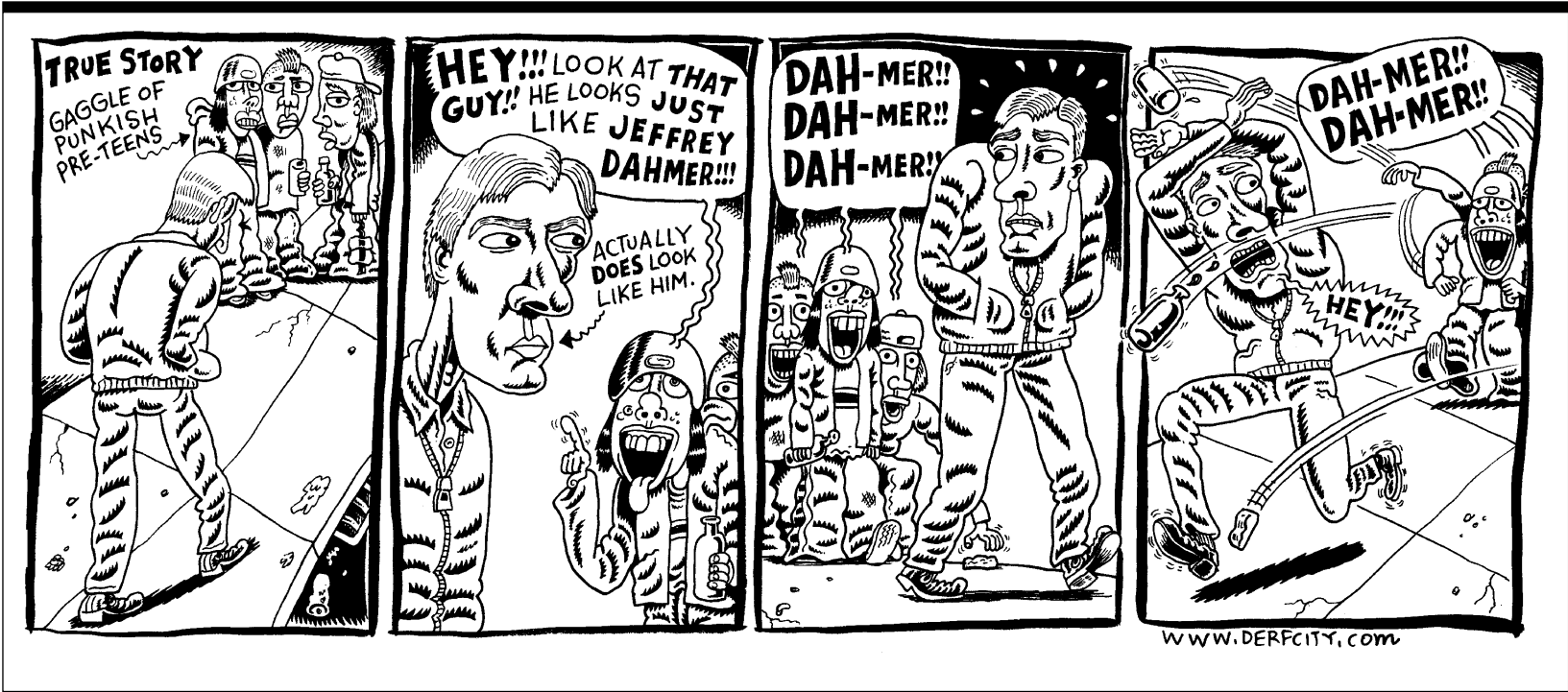
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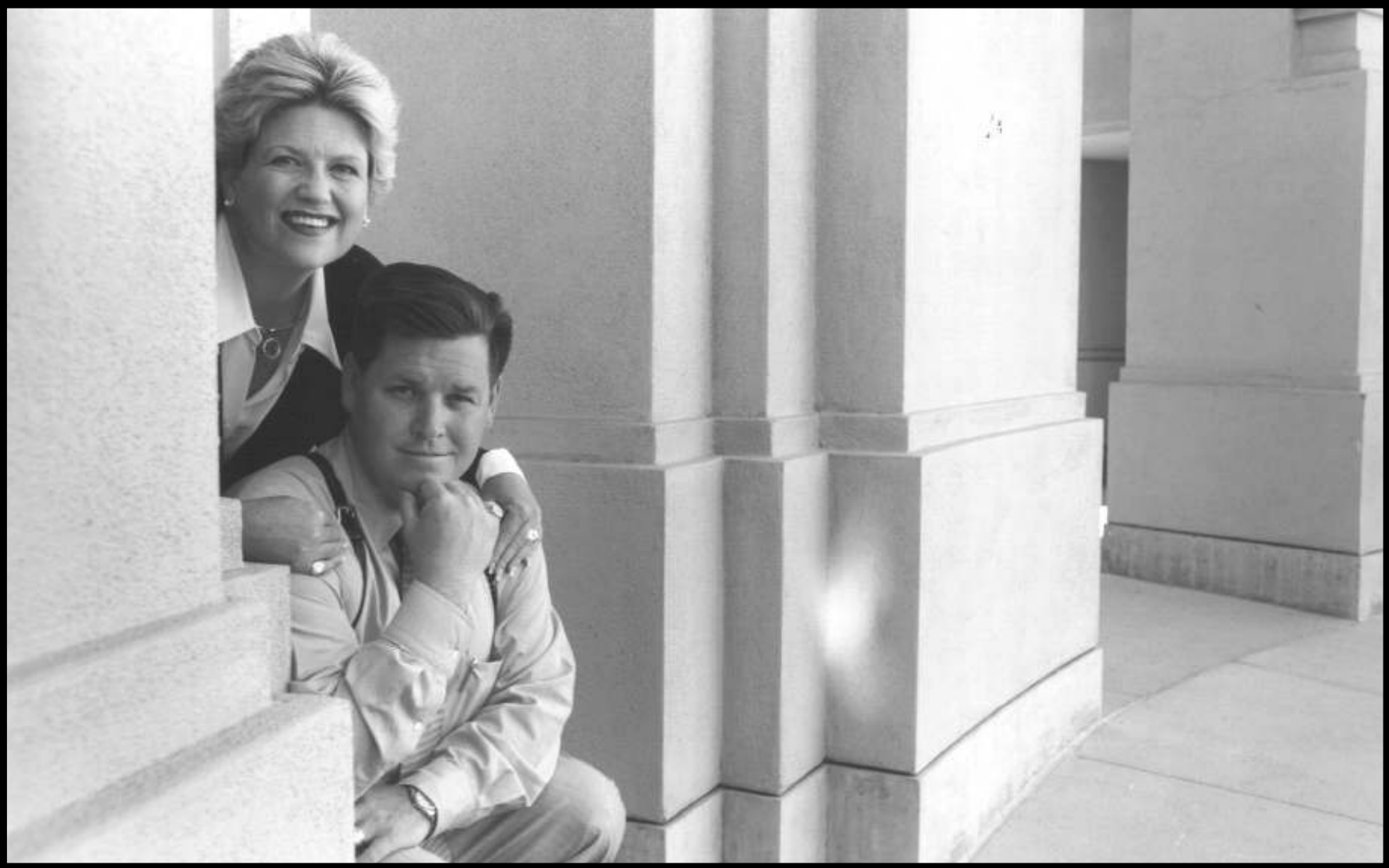
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Bruce Moravec: I was an officer at Miramar, and going to the Officer's Club to find a wife was almost a cliché. I wanted to cast into a bigger pond.

Tamara Moravec: My New Year's resolution was to meet new people, so in January I met almost a dozen men through the *Reader*. I gave Bruce my phone number on his machine, but by then I was so

tired of going out every weekend, I didn't return his messages. The only reason we got together is because he was so persistent.

Bruce: The first time we talked it was for several hours, so I knew something was there. Our first date was at this restaurant in Carlsbad where friends of hers were playing in a band. But by the time Tamara got there, the band was breaking down.

Tamara: So we sat talking in my car with the radio on for so long that the battery died. Bruce waited there with me until AAA came at 3:30 a.m. He had to

report for duty two hours later.

Bruce: That was on February 9, 1993. We got engaged on May 9 and married on June 9. Both of us just knew it was right.

Tamara: Our wedding was in Carmel. Bruce wore his full dress military uniform.

Bruce: Unfortunately, our camera cracked open and the film got exposed. The only people who have pictures of our wedding are these German tourists whom we never saw again.

Tamara: After Bruce left the

service we bought an avocado ranch with 10 acres and 1180 trees. It was a peaceful existence, but weeks would go by where we wouldn't see anybody.

Bruce: After we sold some of our property, it piqued our interest in real estate. We knew we wanted to work together as a family business.

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Bruce: Seven years is a pretty good run.

Tamara: People are always asking us how we met, and sometimes I end up helping them write an ad. I just tell them to be really honest.

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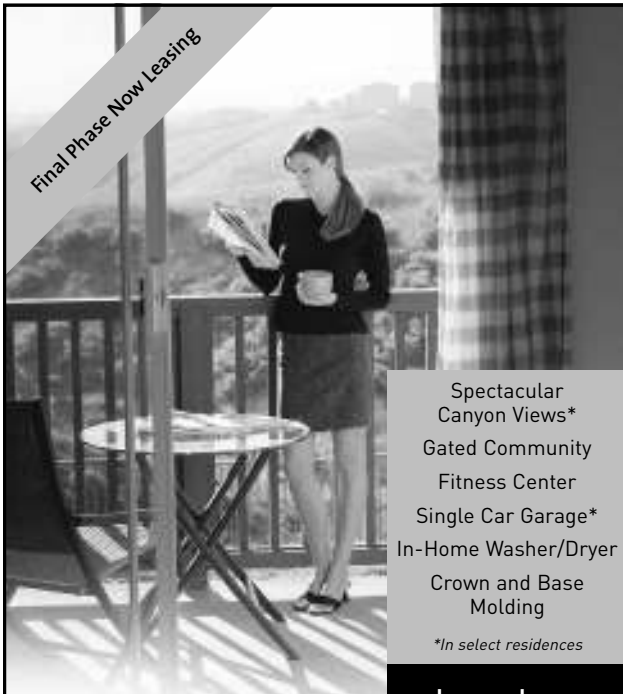
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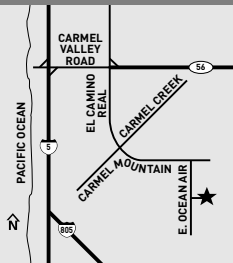
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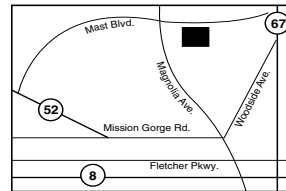


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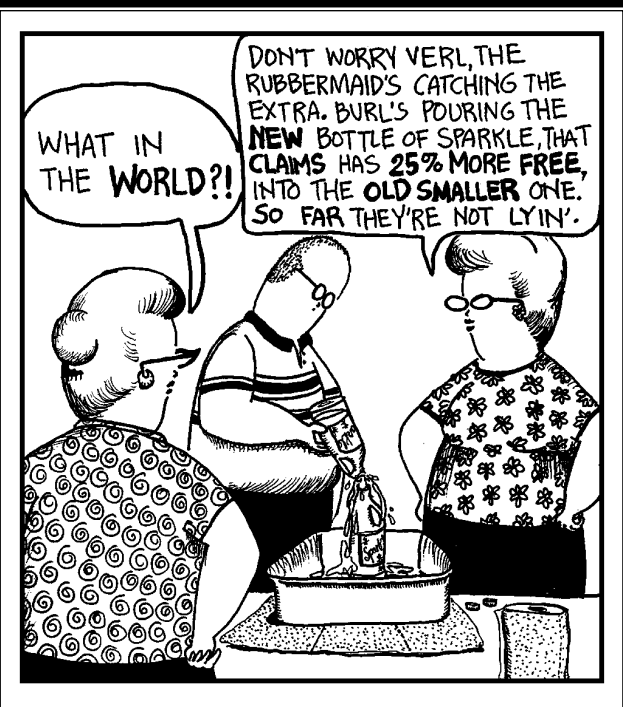
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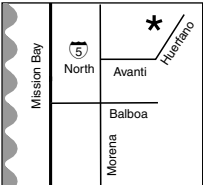


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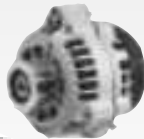
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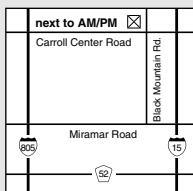
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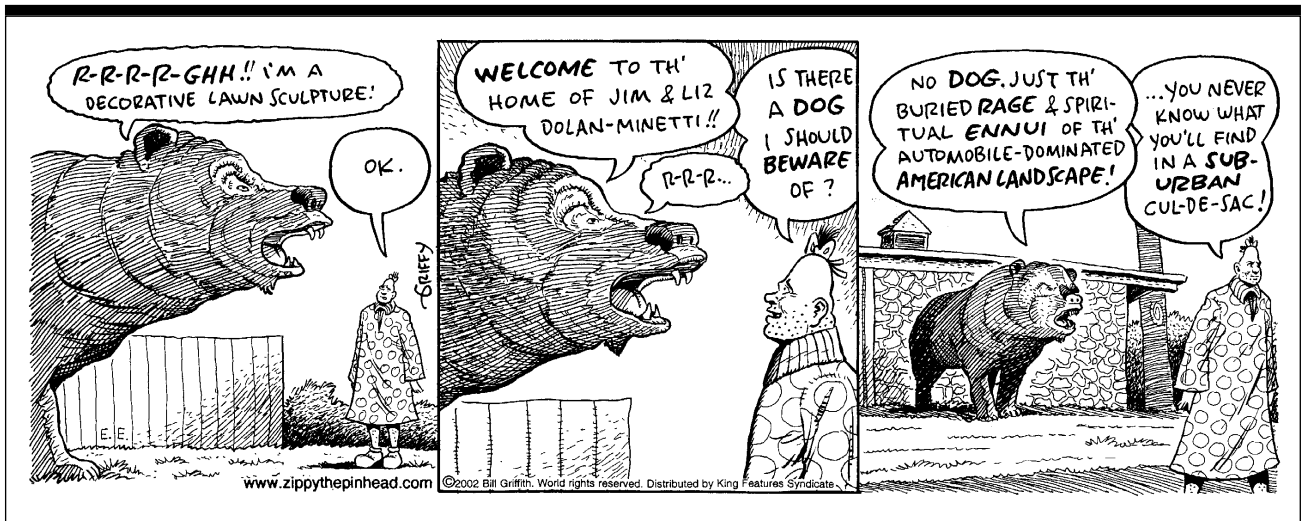
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 - Check distributor points
 - Compression test
 - Adjust timing
 - Valve adjustment (if
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mixture
 - Inspect clutch

- Adjust clutch
- Inspect brakes
- Adjust brakes
- Adjust emergency brake
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- Compression test
- Adjust timing
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- Inspect clutch
- Adjust clutch
- Inspect brakes

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ART. Kerr Eby etching, 10x14, "Campfire Scene," appraised NIA. Call for time to come and see. Carlsbad, 760-434-5697.

BREAKFAST TABLE, antique rectangular mahogany, inlaid circa 1850, tilt top, rare, \$900. 760-729-6009.

CHAIR, Eastlake victorian, mahogany with ornate carvings, partially upholstered back. Mission Valley, 619-280-8832.

CHINA, Lenox Spice Village, 24K gold trim, 24 houses with wood wall rack, \$130. 858-560-8052.

COLLECTIBLES. Jim Beam bottles, Old Crow, Ezra Brooks, Man O' War, Old Taylor, I.W. Harper, stamp collection, magazines, other items too numerous to list. 619-276-7873.

COMIC BOOKS, complete set of 80 X-Men, 1 mint in package figure and 1 loose figure, \$150. Jeff, 760-753-8726.

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JUKEBOXES, Seeburgs, 1969 Jewel model and 1967 showcase with revolving display. Both working. Good condition. \$500 each. Sam, 619-889-8873.

KNIFE COLLECTION, pocket knives, hunting knives, etc., both antique and modern, all different, \$35 for all. 619-284-4815.

MILITARY COLLECTIBLES SHOW. Saturday 6/1, 10am-5pm; Sunday 6/2, 10:30am-3:00pm. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego. \$6 adults. \$2 kids 6-12. \$1 off discount with ad. Toll-free, 877-859-9909.

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WANTED: Military, US cavalry, all nations, World War I and World War II and before. German, Indian wars, etc. Greg, work: 858-453-7770.

WANTED: Old paintings, farm scenes, children, flowers, water scenes, old plates, 1 or sets, and old silver. 858-450-1888.

GARAGE SALES

BAY PARK. Moving sale. 8am, Sunday 5/19. Furniture, household items, mattress, futon. Like new. Good prices! 2344 Burgener Boulevard.

CARDIFF. Sample sale. 8am-1:30pm, 5/18-5/19. Girls' summer wear, swimsuits, shorts etc. 2063 Edinburg.

CHULA VISTA. Multifamily garage sale. 8am, 5/18. Plaza Miraleste.

CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. 7am, Saturday, 5/18. CD player, laptop PC, lamps, etc. 5304 Limerick Avenue.

CLAIREMONT. Great garage sale. 7am-noon, Saturday, Sunday, 5/18, 5/19. Solid oak entertainment center, Health Rider with video, clothes, kitchenware, baskets, knickknacks. 2819 Grandview Street.

COLLEGE AREA. Moving sale. 8am-2pm, 5/18-5/19. Furniture, housewares, books, bikes, art, miscellaneous. 5933 Vale Way (near College and El Cajon Boulevard).

CORNOAD. Moving/garage. May 18. Movies, music CDs, TVs, exercise equipment, holiday decorations, Asian art, unicorn collectibles, clothes, other unique collectibles. 873 F Avenue.

DEL MAR. Garage sale. 8am-12:30pm, 5/19. Books, children's toys and clothes, women's clothes, kitchenware miscellaneous. Great buys. 2550 Lozana Road.

HILLCREST. 2 estate sales. 9am-5pm, Thursday to Saturday. Art books, mirrors, mission furniture, masks, Oriental textiles, furniture, lamps, collectibles, paintings, Mercury glass. 3616 4th Avenue.

HILLCREST. Yard sale. 8am, 5/18. Player piano, bass guitar, equipment, wheelchair, computer, bar/bar-bri study books, windsurfing gear, furniture/household appliances. 401 Spruce Street.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Garage sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 5/18. Wooden dining table, chairs, stereo (receiver, speakers, CD, tape, vinyl), mattress. LaScala, 3855 Nobel Drive, #2122, 858-450-1904.

LA MESA. Moving sale. 9am-4pm, Sunday, 5/19. Couches, futons, electronics, etc. 4341 Spring Street, Spring Hill Apartments.

MISSION VALLEY. Moving sale. 9am-2pm, Sunday, 5/19. Household furniture, kitchen items, lots of very good deals. 4550 Vanderver Avenue (inside of building #13).

NATIONAL CITY. Rummage sale. Sunday, 5/19. Benefit for children's program. The Pan-American Plaza, 41 East 12th Street, Suite J. Call for directions, 619-294-9852.

NORTH PARK. Moving sale. 8am-1pm, Sunday, 5/19. Everything must go. Dresser set, papasan chair, microwave and much more. 3956 Texas Street.

OCEAN BEACH. Moving sale. 1:30pm-4pm, Sunday, 5/19. Furniture, great condition, gym equipment, almost new. 4764 Saratoga Avenue. Call 619-544-0493.

OCEANSIDE. Garage sale. 7am-noon, Saturday, 1 day only. Clothing, tools, automotive, computer supplies. 1181 Sunbright Drive (near Oceanside Boulevard and Melrose).

PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 7am, Sunday, 5/19. Furniture, big futon, king bed, TVs, surfboards, kitchen stuff, clothing, bikes, much more. 4413 Dawes (in alley).

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POINT LOMA. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/18. Antiques, computer accessories, stove, picture frames, costumes, golf clubs, adjustable bed. 4407 Temecula (in alley).

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SAN DIEGO. Yard sale. Saturday, 5/18. Side-by-side refrigerator, computer equipment, furniture, antiques. Moving, everything must go! 4645 36th Street (off Adams and I-15).

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SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. 9am, 5/19. 3695 Syracuse Court.

SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 9am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday, 5/18-5/19. Everything must go. Furniture, CDs, electronics, clothes. 5765 Lauretta Street, #5 (near Friars/Linda Vista by USD).

SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. Saturday, 5/18. Teak furniture, dinette/6 chairs, rollout desk, coffee table, 2-drawer file, TEAC stereo, exercise equipment. 5822 Stressmann Street.

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Visions of retractors spreading my ribs apart were suddenly as real as the elevator door.

By John Brizzolara

Last week I wrote about my recently diagnosed heart failure (with a technical name I am blocking Freudian-like — myocardial something) and a Friday night — among five other weeknights — I spent at Sharp Memorial Hospital. I'm not quite finished with this business, though, and I never will be until my ticker craps out completely. But I can only relate, in terms of Friday, what I did once I got home, after being instructed by my doctor only to do "activity as tolerated." This, of course, is a perfect excuse to slack off all kinds of work, but I find it is *necessary*.

Shortness of breath, nausea with any exertion, the anxious panic of impending doom, all conspire to keep me in bed reading and/or watching television.

When I first arrived at the elevator door at my apartment building, I stood for a full minute, I believe, staring at instructions in case of elevator failure. I focused on the phrase "Bypass [*sic*] operation..." something, something..."will recall elevator to ground floor." Visions of retractors spreading my ribs apart like a pair of stubborn, rusted shutters were suddenly as real as the elevator door. I have

witnessed two open-heart surgeries at Mercy Hospital, and at one point I was instructed to put my head between my knees because I was visibly pale, faint, swaying. Everything was fine until, in the chilled room, one surgeon reached into this guy's torso and grabbed handfuls of congealed blood and flung them into a sack for organic garbage and blood-stained sponges. This is what I thought about in front of my elevator, standing there like one of Kurt Vonnegut's existential paralytics.

Happily, *The Maltese Falcon* was on late that afternoon. I also have a reproduction of the black falcon that I perched on the set. Though I saw the falcon now as a symbol of death, a carrion bird; it might as well have been a buzzard. After the line "It's the stuff dreams are made of," I picked up a paperback novel.

It was *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman: bizarre, fun, and creepy — accurately described by horror author Poppy Z. Brite in a blurb as "Alice in Wonderland with an edge." I found I could concentrate for maybe five minutes at a time.

I dozed for 10 or 20 minutes and woke to see Macaulay Culkin and the kid who plays Frodo in the movie *Lord of the Rings* throw a stuffed dummy off a freeway overpass, causing an RV to swerve and supine itself in the middle of traffic, followed by a chain reaction of rear-end collisions. What was odd was that I started laughing. Hysterically. Way out of proportion to whatever might be funny about such a thing. It was a laughter you hear in insane asylums, and I was listening to it as though it were coming from someone else.

It was time to do some homework. First, I picked up my binder titled "Living Successfully with Heart Failure." The other book I had been given was *Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease*. A large book. And this made me laugh too. The reason for that I think is that I do not believe you can "reverse" heart failure, just slow down, postpone the inevitable.

My Elvis-like battery of prescription drugs flanked my right on a tray table. These included Ambien, Digitek, Klorcon, Coreg, Lasix, Zyprexa, Levoxyl, and Lisinopril. They seemed to me to be the names of distant planetary systems.

I took them all as directed ("religiously and for the rest of your life," as

my Dr. Lichtenstein told me) and quickly fell asleep again.

It turns out the Ambien is a narcotic, which explained the abstract and surreal dreams, the patterns forming on the insides of my eyelids like the work of some Dadaist graffiti artist. They seemed Mexican or Aztec in theme. It was neither enjoyable nor unenjoyable, just curious. I don't even mind nightmares if they're interesting enough and original. These dreams qualified.

Waking again, I saw that the movie *Tarantula* was just finishing up. I flipped channels and found *Mothra*. Jet planes shooting rockets at a giant moth. In short, everything seemed bizarre, completely unordinary. It wasn't like the hospital, where the televisions seem to get only game shows, soap operas, and programs in Spanish. No, here, back in my place, the world had become a kind of low-key funhouse.

I don't know which drugs do what. I look them up, understand them, and then immediately forget what I have read or I can't sort the information properly.

I suppose it is like my mental block about the name of my particular heart condition, the myocardial something.

As long as I can't say it, or understand the drugs (one an antipsychotic!), then it isn't real. This is simply not happening to me, you see?



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I can taste the barbecued tri-tip already. Long, warm summer evenings are here, and with them come grilling and parties. As a kid, summer meant a yard full of people, badminton, and sun tea. Dad kept the sun tea flowing through the summer. A glass pitcher, filled to the brim with water and sliced lemons, a handful of tea bags, and a few mint leaves, sat atop the porch banister, steeping through the day. A red, newspaper rubber band held on the plastic wrap covering the top to keep the flies out. Our mouths would water as we waited for the tea to turn a golden brown. When Dad proclaimed the color just right, we'd pour it into ice-filled tumblers and then the chugging began.

With Memorial Day fast approaching, I decided to buy a jug. Dad would be ashamed of me for not using the good old-fashioned pitcher and plastic wrap, but I am eager to simplify my life and, besides, newspaper rubber bands just aren't what they used to be.

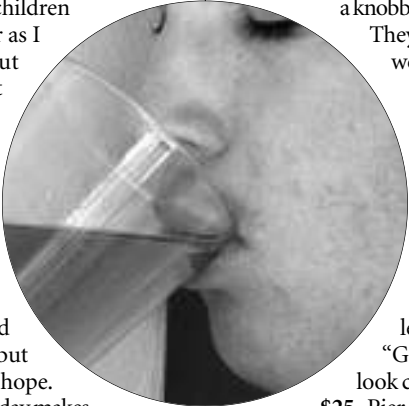
In a moment of insanity, my husband Patrick and I decided to make the jug hunt a family outing, and so we packed up the kids and headed to Fashion Valley. I thought we might as well start at the high end and see what it had to offer. But the high end offered nothing but disappointment. Crate & Barrel,

"I guess the wealthy shoppers don't drink sun tea."

Williams-Sonoma, and Pottery Barn did not carry any sort of sun-tea jars. "You are the second person today to ask for sun-tea jars," said the saleslady at Crate & Barrel. Well, I guess my timing is right on, I thought as I sauntered out. Patrick chased children up and down the escalator as I popped into JCPenney but was turned away empty yet again. "Let's move on to Mission Valley," I yelled to Patrick as he eyed the Cuban shirts at the cigar kiosk. "I guess the wealthy shoppers don't drink sun tea."

Bed Bath & Beyond only carried an electric iced tea and iced coffee maker, but Kmart offered us some hope.

Martha Stewart Everyday makes a two-gallon plastic beverage container with a plastic spring-loaded spout for \$7.99. The 1.25-gallon model cost \$6.99. "The plastic looks rather thin," stated Patrick. "I am not sure how it will hold up to the sun." We moved on. But neither Linens 'N Things nor Ralphs carried jugs. Tired, hungry, and frustrated, we took a pit stop: burgers for the kiddies, Chinese for mom and pop, and gasoline for the family van. Then we dragged our full tummies through the great maze of the Mission Valley Ikea in search of the container. Again we were denied. I was beginning to despair of ever finding a tea jug again when we showed up at the La Mesa Vons.



Displayed by the door was a row of 120-ounce glass jugs for \$3.99. The jugs had a colored plastic lid with handle and covered pouring spout and also a rubber-valve dispenser near the bottom of the jar. I snatched up the butterfly motif jug and forged on.

The closest thing that Cost Plus World Marketplace carried were large-sized canning jars, not practical for pouring. Target had three glass jugs, holding almost a gallon and a half each.

They were the shape of a cookie jar with a knobbed lid and a metal twist valve.

They had the look of a jug that would last. The price: \$19.99.

Next door at Pier 1 Imports, I hit another bulls-eye. An octagonal two-gallon glass jar, blue-green with a cork lid and a decorative brass twist valve, sat atop a patio table. "This would look fantastic filled with sliced lemons," Patrick said. "Great for parties." The look came with a steep price, \$25. Pier 1 Imports also offered Mexican iced tea glasses, clear with a blue rim, for \$4 each.

The kids were ready to drop, so I left them and Patrick at home and plunged ahead. Wal-Mart had the largest selection of jugs, all 120-ounce, clear with colored motif, hibiscus flowers, fishes, lighthouses, suns. All had the plastic colored lid and flip-top pouring spout with a rubber valve below. I picked up a plastic sun jar, \$2.88 and a glass hibiscus jar, \$3.88.

Next stop, Big! Lots — the store formally known as Pic 'N' Save. They also carried 120-ounce jars, though theirs had no spigots. The lid had a covered pouring spout. I snatched up a teal and yellow flower jug for \$2.99 and dragged myself into the last store of the evening,

Sav-On. They also carried the glass 120-ounce jugs for \$2.99 with rubber valves and plastic lids. I bought a red, white, and blue stars-and-stripes jug and made my way home.

Fourteen stores later, I arrived at home and collapsed in bed. The following morning, I called up my friend Bernice and told her about my escapades. "I have had horrible luck with those rubber-valve spigot jugs," she moaned. "They never seem to last through the summer without the seal leaking, and then they are worthless," she said. "I had one that the rubber valve got jammed in sideways. That was the end of that jug," she sighed. When I tested my buys, all the rubber-valve sun-tea jars let out a stronger stream, but I couldn't help but think that Bernice's prediction would come true and the jug would be worthless. The Big!

Lots jug, having no valve and relying solely on the covered flip-lid spout to pour, wouldn't suffer that fate.

Its problem was that the spout cover, when I flipped it up to pour, popped right off. "That will be lost in about a week," I laughed.

I filled up Target's glass cookie-jar jug. The sturdy turn valve released a steady slow stream of liquid. It was a party keeper. The Pier 1 Imports jug took home the prize for looks. When filled and parked in the sunlight, the glass glowed with an emerald light, highlighted by the shiny brass spout. The valve released a slow, steady stream of water, but I couldn't help but think that it was a bit too lightweight as it bent and shifted quite a bit during the turning process.

The Wal-Mart jugs came with directions for making sun tea. It called for three to four hours in the sun, but my brew was caramel-colored and tasty in a little over an hour of mid-day sun.



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Two Sundays ago, my husband Jack and I took our five children shoe shopping. Jack and I subscribe to different schools of thought when it comes to buying shoes for our family's ever-growing feet. I hate to shop for shoes. Even when I was young and single and had a lot of money to buy shoes for myself, I didn't enjoy the task. Every year, I went to the Nordstrom semi-annual sale and bought two pairs of the same Amalfi pumps — one in black, one in navy. I didn't even try them on.

Jack likes to shop. Once every couple of months, Jack comes home with a bag from Marshall's or Ross. "What's in there?" I'll ask as Jack tries to spirit the bag upstairs.

"I got a shirt for Johnny," Jack answers. "Hey, buddy," Jack says to our almost-four-year-old son. "Want to try on your new shirt?"

"What else?" I ask.

“A dress for Lucy. It’ll look really good on her.”

“A dress for me?” five-year-old Lucy asks as she walks into the living room.

“What else?”

“A shirt for me.”

“And.”

“Some pants. Ralph Lauren. They were only \$35. Compare at \$70.”

“And.”

“Some socks and a pair of shorts.”

“You’ll have to get rid of another pair of shorts if you expect to fit those in the dresser.”

“I know.”

Sunday afternoon two weeks ago, Rebecca, who is nine, complained about her PE shoes. “They’re too tight, Mommy,” she said as she tugged the worn leather athletic shoes onto her feet.

“You have grown a lot in the past few months,” I admitted. “Maybe we’ll go get you some new shoes today.”

Seven-year-old Angela, overhearing our conversation, poked her head around the corner. “My PE shoes are tight, too,” she said.

Lucy followed Angela. “Mommy, can I get some new shoes?”

“Lucy and Angela have had those shoes forever,” Jack observed. “Benjamin and Johnny need new shoes, too. Let’s go shopping. Then we’ll go to the park. We can pick up dinner on the way home.”

I had intended to protest, but the promise of not having to cook dinner stopped me. We piled into our van and headed toward the Target shopping center. “We’ll start at Target,” I explained to Jack as I steered the van into the parking lot. “If we don’t have any luck there, we can go to Famous Footwear and Payless

Shoes.”

We marched into Target like an invading army. Jack put 19-month-old Ben into a cart, and we headed toward the shoe department. Once there, any sort of military efficiency evaporated. The girls wandered around the stacks pulling down white sandals and sparkly red Mary Janes. “Are these my size?” Lucy asked as she held up a pair of black velvet platform sandals.

“We’re buying play shoes today,” I reminded her.

I quickly found a pair of Bob the Builder athletic shoes for Ben. Ben loves Bob the Builder almost more than he loves me. If Ben could figure out a way to get Bob the Builder to prepare meals for him, I think he might toss me aside completely. I pushed one of the Bob shoes onto Ben’s foot while he pointed to the picture of Bob on the box. The shoe fit. “Do you like these, buddy?” I asked.

“Daaah,” Ben smiled and clutched the box.

“One down,” I told Jack. “How is Johnny doing?”

Johnny couldn’t decide between the surfing Scooby Doo athletic shoes or shoes with Star Wars characters cavorting on the sides. He finally settled on Scooby Doo. I found the right size and put the shoes on his feet. “Those look cool, buddy,” I told him. “Good choice.”

I turned to see Jack holding up two pairs of shoes for Angela’s inspection. She shook her head in a dejected way. “We can always look at Famous Footwear and Payless,” I reminded them.

Jack turned to another display. “Hey, Johnny,” he called. “How about some of these?” Jack held up a pair of shoes. Fighter jets swooped

toward the shoes' Velcro closures. When Jack set the shoes down, lights flashed around the jets.

"He already chose Scooby Doo," I told Jack.

"I can't find anything," Rebecca told me.

"Mom, are these my size?" Lucy asked, holding up a pair of furry leopard-skin slippers.

"Play shoes, Lucy," I reminded. "Play shoes."

"Yeah, Dad," Johnny told Jack. "Those are cool."

"But you already chose Scooby Doo," I told Johnny. I turned to Jack. "He would have been happy with Scooby Doo if you hadn't shown him the jets."

"It's important that they get what they like," Jack said.

Johnny got the jet shoes. We moved on to Famous Footwear. Rebecca chose a pair of Nikes on sale. At Payless, Johnny announced in a loud voice, "I have to have a BM right now."

"Do you have a bathroom?" Jack asked a salesgirl.

"No. You'll have to go next door to Ross," she answered.

Jack left the store at a sprint, carrying Ben and dragging Johnny by the arm. Angela found a pair of PE shoes.

"Are these my size, Mommy?" Lucy asked, holding up a pair of pink ballerina shoes.

"PLAY SHOES, LUCY."

At the end of a tearful episode, Lucy chose a pair of flowered canvas oxfords. Jack returned from the bathroom with Johnny and Ben. When we got back to the car, I told Jack, "I'm never shopping for shoes again."

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