

THE SCANDAL THAT IS THE STADIUM

How It Happened

As Ronald Reagan might have said, there they go again. Seven years after then-San Diego mayor **Susan Golding** proclaimed on May 15, 1995, that she had engineered an ironclad contract to keep the Chargers in town until 2020, the team now demands a new stadium and threatens a move to Los Angeles. Is there a lesson in the history of the deal that has cost San Diego taxpayers millions of dollars and possibly the city's professional football team?

It is a history of secret city council meetings and broken promises. In 1997, citizens filed lawsuits and

collected almost 50,000 signatures to put the deal on the ballot, only to see a superior court judge throw the referendum out. Then San Diegans were forced to watch as millions of tax dollars were spent on the con-

tract's notorious ticket guarantee.

Ambitious politicians — including Golding, City Attorney **Casey Gwinn**, Councilman **Byron Wear**, and Councilwoman **Barbara Warden** — collected thou-

sands of dollars in campaign funds from the **Spanos** family and others who stood to benefit from the ill-fated project. Although the controversy surrounding the deal is widely seen to have ended Susan Golding's political career and doused Wear's and Warden's mayoral hopes, others on the council who voted for it, including **Juan Vargas** and **Christine Kehoe**, have gone on to careers in the state assembly.

Today, Golding's successor, **Dick Murphy**, who campaigned in 2000 against the 1995 contract, is in the midst of the same kind of secret negotiations with

the Chargers that begat the original deal. It seems fair to wonder whether the saga of Qualcomm Stadium and the Chargers, presented inside this issue in letters, clips, and transcripts, will be repeated.



Casey Gwinn



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Sad
Re: "I'd Fight," by Robert Kumpel, "City Lights," May 23. After reading interviews with 20 or more Jewish Americans concerning whether they would "fight," I found not one reference of any of the AMERICAN men or women interviewed ever considering entering the AMERICAN ARMED FORCES. Considering the September 11 terrorism, I find it odd that none of the "I'd fight" interviewees had or would consider serving the country that provides their safety and freedom. It's déjà vu all over again, as the best and the brightest serve their country in uniform and the "I'd fight" slackers talk about what they might do as other families' sons and daughters make the sacrifices required to protect our country. Sad, really sad.

J. Craig Herman
Encinitas

Gestapo Tactics
I agree with the three letters to the editor published May 23 that object to the Robert Kumpel article in the May 16 edition ("Their Mothers Cry Too," "City Lights") citing a complete lack of objectivity re the Israeli/Palestinian religious civil war. The May 23 "City Lights" article, "I'd Fight," is even worse. The U.S. Constitution requires separation of church and state, the reason the Supreme Court cited for prohibiting prayer in schools, removal of the cross from Mt. Soledad, etc. It is also unconstitutional for the U.S. to support the Jews against the Muslims, the Jewish state of Israel against the Islamic state of Palestine. Jews who support the Gestapo tactics of Sharon and his storm troopers must have forgotten the Holocaust, because they are supporting an equally insidious pogrom against the Palestinians whose only retaliation against the heavily armed Israeli army is suicide bombing; a David and Goliath story if there ever was one. If Israel's leadership really wants to survive, it must learn from history. And the U.S. must abide by the wisdom of the founding fathers and the Constitution and maintain separation of church and state in matters of state both here and abroad.

Name Withheld

Holy War
I just read the *Reader* article on the Jewish San Diegans who

are ready to fight for Israel to defend their "homeland" ("I'd Fight," "City Lights," May 23). When I was in college I remember a bunch of spoiled-brat Valley girls and boys coming back from their summer adventures in Israel, bragging in the college paper about how they got to "wash Israeli tanks." Although these folks are Americans by birth, I'm sure most of them would never dream of joining the United States Army in a million years, much less "washing" any of our tanks. As statistics show that Jews have been grossly underrepresented in the U.S. Army since World War II, the enthusiasm of these youthful American Zionists is quite revealing in terms of where their loyalties lie.

Anyway, on to my contribution in the war against terrorism! It is an open secret that a very high percentage of the Republicans in Washington D.C. (like ex-FBI director J. Edgar Hoover) are secret homosexuals, and I believe that the Islamic Jihad terrorists, through years of secret research by sleeper agents, are now acutely aware of this fact and precautions need to be taken immediately. The Islamic menace knows of the "Log Cabin Republican" club, home to thousands of gay Republicans, and has figured out that when Democrats contract AIDS they come out of the closet and admit that they are gay, while when Republicans get the same disease, they claim it is from an, ahem, blood transfusion. (Sneaky Republicans those guys are!) In addition, the Islamic countries, not sharing the same moral values as Americans, tried to block gay groups from speaking at a recent international AIDS conference, but Western Christian nations prevailed and the gays got to take the podium.

U.S. gays, including gay Republican websites, trumpeted this victory over Muslim countries, and I fear that the wicked terrorists may now try to destroy these fun-loving folks and are probably planning at this very minute various schemes and plots. I know that virtually every day the vigilante leaders in Washington — oh, I mean *vigilant* leaders — discover ongoing vague new nefarious terrorist plots to attack our democracy by land, sea, and air (just like in George Orwell's 1984 book), and I am so nervous that I even nailed down my toilet seat in case the evildoers send alligators up my toilet pipes. I now believe there is a bin Laden "gerbil jihad" afoot. You see, the evil ones have these training camps for Islamic fundamentalist gerbils, who will then be sent via student visas to the Washington D.C. area, where they will secrete themselves in local pet shops, awaiting unsuspecting gay Republican congressional staff purchasers. Once they are subsequently in place at the site of that night's Republican orgy, they will strap on small trial-size cans of Drano prior

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Cash and carry When **Amr Ibrahim Elgindy**, the financial advisor from Encinitas, was busted by the feds last week for allegedly conspiring with crooked FBI agents to fix stock prices and extort money from companies, District Attorney **Paul Pfingst** lost one of his biggest campaign contributors. According to campaign-disclosure filings, Elgindy gave Pfingst \$5000 during the hotly contested March D.A. primary race. An indictment unsealed in Brooklyn charges that the high-flying Elgindy, who the feds say owns a Bentley, a Jaguar, and a Hummer, paid FBI agents to funnel him information about investigations into criminal activities at various companies, which he then handed over to subscribers to his stock-advisory services. According to the allegations, he subsequently cleaned up by selling the companies short or extorting funds from them. At a hearing here last week, a federal prosecutor also suggested that Elgindy might have had prior knowledge of the September 11 terrorist attacks because he tried to sell \$300,000 worth of stock the day before, though his lawyer denied it. Elgindy, who often goes by the first name Anthony or Tony and sometimes



Andrew Viterbi



Joseph Bruderer-Schwab

calls himself Tony Pacific, made his contribution to Pfingst on February 25, the same day Pfingst himself also gave \$5000. Only a few others gave more, including **Alan Viterbi**, the son of Qualcomm co-founder **Andrew Viterbi**, who kicked in \$10,000. Alan is a key figure in that controversial red-light camera company. The largest single contribution from an individual donor to the district attorney's campaign was made by **Joseph Bruderer-Schwab** of Del Mar, who gave \$15,000 on February 12. He owns a company called A Step Ahead. According to his website, Bruderer-Schwab's services include "Executive Coaching, Event Hosting, Keynote Addresses, and Team Building. A partial client list includes: U.S. Postal Service, University of California, U.S. Navy, MedImpact, Salk Institute, AMCC and ICS Advent." During a recent telephone interview, Bruderer-Schwab said he had no business connections to Pfingst or the County of San Diego. "Paul is a friend of mine. We met through Indian Princess, a group that involves fathers and daughters," Bruderer-Schwab explained. "He was in the same 'tribe' as I, and we met socially. I got to know him as a father and a person. We see each other once in a while. We surf once in a while. I've seen him in camp-outs where there's 12 girls running around and it's very chaotic, and he's calm and it's honest. We had a little get-together at our house for him. What I want is that Paul gets reelected to serve the community. If you believe in something, you put your money where your mouth is."

Bus stop A plan by San Diego Unified school superintendent **Alan Bersin** to slash money for providing transportation for students attending the



Alan Bersin



Robert Dynes

Preuss School, a high-profile charter high school run by UCSD, has generated a tough "Dear Alan" letter from UCSD chancellor **Robert Dynes**. Claiming that cutting bus money would "violate not only the spirit but the letter of the partnership struck between UCSD and the District" and "put in jeopardy the viability of the entire program," Dynes accuses Bersin of going back on a promise to transport students from poor neighborhoods to the Preuss campus in University City. "We believe that the District cannot break trust with its past commitment to Preuss School students living south of Interstate 8 on that basis. I urge you to reconsider what we believe to be a direct breach of the District's commitments to UCSD." ... General Atomics, the La Jolla defense contractor that makes the Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, is among 13 companies accused by Vermont congressman



Mark Fabiani

Bernie Sanders of breaking pension laws by "shifting their pensions from a defined benefit plan to a cash balance plan" and allegedly "shortchanging their employees nearly \$199 million annually in pension benefits" ... Chargers consultant **Mark Fabiani**, who has been holding secret meetings with San Diego mayor **Dick Murphy**, has been sent a letter by the city clerk, warning him to register if he plans to lobby the city council.

Dog days San Diego ranks fifth in the nation for "dog-bite accidents," according to the U.S. Postal Service, with a reported 76 incidents last year. First



Dog teeth

was Van Nuys, with 85; followed by Western New York, 82; Colorado/Wyoming, 81; and Northern Illinois, 77. To mark "National Dog Bite Prevention Week" in Van Nuys, "several letter carriers who have survived animal attacks" led a parade, according to a news release. ... **Steve Walsh**, 46, who attended San Diego State and was the son of pro football coach **Bill Walsh**, has died of cancer, the *Rocky Mountain News* reports. He was a TV reporter at the time of his death.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Embalmed Angel

By Robert Kumpel

Could the current '80s pop-cult revival include a resurgence of PCP use? Hitting its peak in the early '80s, PCP, or "angel dust," had notoriety as the drug that made its users so violent that police had difficulty subduing them. One method of use employed dipping marijuana in PCP and formaldehyde, creating a smoke known as a "sherm." With the decline of PCP labs, sherm use all but disappeared, but that could be changing. In the May issue of *Details* magazine, in an article titled "Reefer Madness," writer Kevin Gray docu-

about sharing her experience. "I came across some weed that was laced with PCP. It was, like, the worst experience of my life. Everything was running together, and I forgot where I lived. It was really horrible. I'm 19 now, and that was two years ago. One of my friends had it. He did so many drugs that he couldn't tell what was what anymore. He didn't know it was laced himself. He was on other drugs at the

for eight hours. Some people freak out or get weirded out, but you can do the same thing on acid. I would smoke it at school — I won't tell you where! We'd sit in the back of the room, all sharmed out. When I was locked up [in jail], I knew some guys that had it. The whole tank had it, and when they woke up in the morning, we'd take a hit of that stuff just to get right.

"I remember the last time I smoked it, I was totally bummed that I did it. I remember thinking how it sucked. I was probably about 23 or so. I've been sober for four years now."

PCP, or phencyclidine, was originally developed as an anaesthetic in the 1950s, but the effects of delusions



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ments the effects of PCP's increasing popularity of "sherm" or under its new names, which include "wet," "dank," and "amp." Gray's account takes place in Houston, which, in the drug trade, is just down the road from San Diego.

At a tattoo shop near one of the beaches, two customers are talking about their past drug use with the owner. When PCP/formaldehyde-dipped joints are mentioned, the shop owner laughs. "You mean 'lovely'?"

One customer, Beth, says smoking it was the worst mistake of her life. "That's the reason I quit smoking pot."

Beth is petite and outspoken; she has no qualms

time that we did it, so it was like just another drug for him. Now I just drink."

Teer, a thirtyish man sporting a goatee, ceramic earrings, an ornamented, pierced tongue, and many tattoos, says that the beach is not the most likely place to find "sherm-heads." "The most common thing now is ecstasy. It's everywhere. People aren't out on the corner selling PCP. That's more in the ghetto."

Beth chimes in. "Maybe, like, El Cajon. A lot of stuff goes on out there."

Teer says that he started smoking sherm when he was 16. "I used it a lot. I used a lot of drugs, but the older you get, the less fun it gets. Smoking a sherm is kind of like huffing paint times 20

and agitation banished its use to animals by the 1970s. It was later taken off the market because of its widespread abuse.

Lieutenant Carl Black is a member of the San Diego County Narcotics Task Force. A police officer for 33 years with extensive narcotics experience, Black dreads the thought of PCP's resurgence. "It's not a new thing, and I'd hate to see it come back. The problem is, drug use tends to be an East-to-West phenomenon. Something that starts out on the East Coast will soon catch on out West here. So far, nothing has come up here that I have heard of."

Will Glaspy, an agent with the Drug Enforcement

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Mexico's Bargain Babies

By Ernie Grimm

I probably average two calls a week inquiring about Mexico," says Brent Yoder, director of the Mission Valley-based international adoption agency Adoption Options. "I'm one of the few agencies that even indicates that I can help people with Mexico adoptions. So I get calls from all over the country."

Yoder isn't boasting. Calls to adoption agencies all over San Diego resulted in repeated referrals to Yoder and Adoption Options. But despite being one of the few adoption agents that will deal with Mexican adoptions, Yoder's response to such inquiries is a warning. "When people come to me and say, 'I want to adopt in Mexico,'" Yoder explains, "I say, 'I've got to warn you to start off with, adoptions in Mexico are extremely difficult.'"

What makes it so complicated? "DIF, to be blunt with you," Yoder answers.

DIF, pronounced "deef," is an acronym for the Mexican federal agency Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, or Integral Development of the Family. A wing of the attorney general's office, it's the agency responsible for the care of orphans, abandoned children, and children who have been taken from their parents by the courts. Traditionally headed by the first lady of Mexico, the

governor's wife, and the mayor's wife at the federal, state, and local levels, respectively, DIF coordinates adoptions of its wards and also plays a role in privately arranged adoptions of Mexican babies by Americans.

Bianka Ramos Fernandez is the head of adoptions for Tijuana's DIF office, which is located in La Mesa, about five miles east of downtown in the Tijuana River Valley. Though she can't give an exact number of children in the DIF system of orphanages and foster-care homes in Tijuana, she estimates that the figure is "over 200."

Of those, none are available for adoption by Americans, at least not as things stand now. That hasn't always been the case. "We used to allow people from the United States to adopt," Ramos explains, "but our director decided a few months ago to suspend adoptions to non-Mexicans. It was a policy that was adopted in response to minor trafficking that was going on. People were doing adoptions across the border that weren't perfectly legal. We didn't want be part of that, so we limited our adoptions to American citizens. But we

may re-open the policy to include Americans because we have so many children. And though we have a lot of applicants for adoption, not all will qualify."

Applicants for adoption of DIF wards have to meet a 25-point list of qualifications. Chief among them are, prospective parents must be at least 25 and at least 17 years older than the child they will adopt. They must earn at least 10,000 pesos — about \$1100 — per month. That figure was recently raised from 8000 pesos (around \$890) per month. They should own a house or condo. Renters aren't disqualified but will be passed over in favor of

home owners. Singles as well as married couples may adopt, but couples living together without the benefit of marriage may not. "If you are trying to raise a child correctly," Ramos explains, "what kind of moral teaching or example are you teaching the child by living together?"

Provided these qualifications are met and verified by DIF social workers, an applicant then submits to a thorough psychological evaluation performed by a DIF psychologist. "Also," Ramos says, "a socioeconomic study is done by a social worker. The social worker goes to your house and checks things: how many bedrooms, how neat and clean the place is, whether it would be a good place to raise children."

Once all studies have been done and their application approved, hopeful parents must wait for the next conference of an adoptions council, which meets "every three or six months." The local director, the wives of the governor and the mayor, a DIF psychologist, and Baja California's "attorney general for the protection of the minor and family" make up the council. Once convened, the group assigns children to applicants. "They look at their appearance, and they make a judgment over which one would be the best match. They try to

match up the child with a similar-looking adopting parent. And the parent doesn't have a choice."

The assignments are also made on the basis of age. "For example, if there is a couple in their 30s, they are eligible for children between three and four years old, not newborns, because newborns require more energy. [People in their 30s] are not young

enough to keep up with a newborn baby. Someone between 50 and 55 [the maximum age] will be assigned a child 10 to 12 years old. They will make exceptions in the case of siblings because we don't split siblings."

The adopting parents aren't legally bound to accept the child assigned to them. But, assuming they do accept

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Office in Tijuana's Desarrollo Integral de la Familia building



Adan Maldonado



Brent Yoder

Embalmed angel

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Administration in Washington, D.C., says statistics indicate PCP could be returning to the streets. "Nation-

ally, in 1999, there were only 52,000 dosage units seized. In 2000, there were a total of 284,938 dosage units seized. In 2001, there were a total of 1,033,644 units seized. The majority of those — 800,000 — came out of El

Paso. So it looks like there may have been a big seizure that led to that increase. It might possibly mean that the lab was in Mexico too. El Paso is always on the list; then you've got places like Los Angeles, New York,

Philly. But even if you factor El Paso out, there was still a slight increase. Last year, San Diego had one very small exhibit."

Lieutenant Black is especially wary of sherm use. "That was the big thing back

in the late '70s, through the mid-'80s. They'd take a marijuana cigarette, dip it in PCP, and wrap it in foil to keep it. According to the drug identification 'Bible,' that was the most common

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way of ingesting PCP. Then, in the mid-'80s, it sort of dropped off the charts. It was quite the drug. If you

had someone high on that stuff, you didn't want to shine a light in their eyes, because that would set them off. It's still out there, and we come across it once in a while."

Although Black hasn't

seen a resurgence of sherm smoking in San Diego, he's heard that it's on the comeback trail. "I don't remember the source, but somebody was talking about it coming to the forefront farther east. If it's starting to

rear its ugly head east of us, it will eventually get here."

The street value hasn't changed much since the 1980s, nor has its effects. In fact, another drug similar to PCP is also coming on. "People did take PCP orally, but

they laced marijuana with it too. It goes from about \$10 to \$15 a sherm. You talk about a tiger by the tail — you get ahold of somebody smoking PCP, you don't know what they're gonna do. I remember driving down

the street and I saw a guy walking naked. You go, 'Oh no. If this guy's walking around naked, he's probably using PCP.' One of the things is that they like to take their clothes off. I called for some other units, then walked up to the guy. I can't describe it, but when you looked in their eyes, you knew. It was this really vacant look. You had to handle them with kid gloves, because you never knew what was going to set them off, and it would take about six of you to wrestle them to the ground.

"I would liken it to the people who use ketamine today. Ketamine was a drug developed in the '60s, and it's also currently used as an anaesthetic to animals. It's very similar to PCP and ultimately, it makes you feel very powerful because nothing hurts you. It's used at rave parties and, like PCP, it's inhaled, injected, swallowed, and smoked. The ketamine high lasts for about 20 to 30 minutes, and its residual effects last up to an hour after an initial dose. They call it the businessman's LSD because of the short duration of the high. A moderate dose causes euphoria, a burst of energy, and a drunken feeling. A high dose will cause tunnel vision, shortness of breath, loss of balance, a floating sensation — which was what you'd notice from people on PCP. They would do what we called 'moonwalking.' They would put their foot out real slow and put it down. You can end up going into a coma from a result. Like PCP, someone under the influence of ketamine can be very physical, because you're talking about taking doses of an anaesthetic, which kills everything that hurts, so you feel like a superman."

Black agrees that sherm smoking was more of a ghetto drug, but, like rap music, it quickly finds its way into the better neighborhoods. "You typically found it in the low-income areas, but then, like everything else, you ended up with middle-class and upper-class kids coming there to buy it."

The name "sherm" comes from a brand of cigarettes. "Nat Sherman's brand cigarettes is known as the perennial favorite of PCP

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Don Thornhill, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, says that he doesn't see much PCP use right now, but that could change. "We haven't seen much of it in some time, but we don't really get involved in it unless there's a laboratory or something of that nature. Typically, it does move from East to West. In the late '80s, crack cocaine started on the East Coast and spread out West. One of the things that made PCP such a problem is that people would get so whacked out using it. Their threshold of pain was just phenomenal. It's very dangerous in that respect."

The police and users are not the only ones in danger. According to Dr. Anthony Ferkich, director of Emergency Medicine at Paradise Valley Hospital, anyone trying to help a PCP user is at risk. "I can remember a big gentleman, probably upwards of 300 pounds — a big, strong fellow — he was brought in by police, handcuffed. He was under the influence of PCP. He was very violent, very enraged, and the trick was, how to get him from the handcuffs onto the patient gurney! There were ten policemen in the room, and he looked at them, saying, 'Do you want me to break these handcuffs?' No one in the room doubted that he could do it. You could see the rage in his eyes, and there wasn't anything in particular that was enraging him. They tend to get that hyperadrenaline surge, so they are frequently stronger than they would normally be. They present a danger to the staff of the hospital and themselves."

Echoing the police inter-

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pretation, Ferkich says that though PCP use had been on the decline, there has been a slight rise recently. "Over the past year, I've been seeing more cases than I'm used to, but it's not a large number. And I'm speaking only about the patients where we're looking for it, by way of drug testing. The effects from smoking the marijuana and formaldehyde is largely an irritant effect on the lungs and respiratory passages, coughing and so forth. Marijuana's actually a hallucinogen, so anything from a mild euphoric reaction to visual hallucinations are possible. PCP tends to cause sort of a waxing and waning behavior. They can be calm some moments and violent and agitated at other moments with big adrenaline surges. They can be very violent. Heartbeat and blood pressure is up. Overall, there's a general hyperdynamic response in the body." ■

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the child, the adoption council's assignment alone does not make the adoption final. "You will be able to take the child to your house," Ramos explains, "but it is still not yours legally. You are a foster parent. And then they start the process of officially taking the custody from the parents, wherever they are, so they can give them to you."

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The process is not a quick one. "To give you an example," Yoder says, "in the past year and a half I've dealt with two families, American families who actually ran orphanages in Mexico through their church affiliation. Both of them tried to adopt, and it took a year and a half to complete their adoptions. And they had no idea whether they

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were going to be successful or not. That's how hard it is to work with DIF."

Yoder adds, "I probably shouldn't blame DIF. It's the way the laws are set up, the way they're applied, how confusing the laws are and how one region interprets them one way and another region interprets them another way. It's just a mess."

"It wasn't like this many years ago," says Adan Maldonado, a Tijuana lawyer who coordinates adoptions as part of his 30-year law practice. "There weren't so many requirements. The first one that I did, it was about 20 years ago, and you just had to show a medical examination, show that you don't have any psychological problems, that you are at least 17 years older than the child, show what your income was, and have witnesses saying that it would benefit the child. That was it. But people took advantage of how easy it was, sometimes in bad ways. There was child prostitution, organ traffic, and everything like that. So, like everything else in life, adoption became very complicated."

"Now," Maldonado continues, "you would have to go to the immigration officer and then the Mexican State Department. You would have to obtain, first of all, your legal residence in the country, then you would have to go to the State Department for your visa and especially the visa for the child should be obtained in Mexico City. And the gateway to cross legally with the child is through Ciudad Juárez, which is opposite of El Paso, Texas."

"That's because," Brent Yoder explains, "the [U.S. State Department] only allows certain places to process the adoption petitions. Another example: I do adoptions out of Russia and Kazakhstan. And if you're adopting in Kazakhstan, you can't just fly back home with the child. You have to exit through the U.S. Embassy in Moscow."

"It would be one thing," Yoder complains, "if it were predictable and you could guarantee that you would get the child when it was all over."

As it is, prospective parents have no certainty that they'll be rewarded with a child when they've jumped through

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the last hoop held up by DIF. That's why, when his clients are set on Mexico, Yoder recommends private-arrangement adoptions. "I steer them toward private-arrangement infant adoptions. I tell them that they need to adopt a newborn before [the baby] gets into the DIF system."

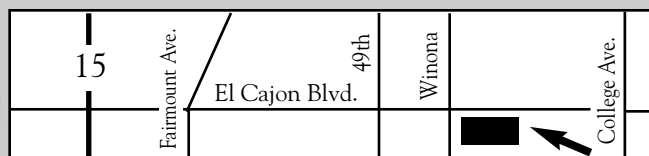
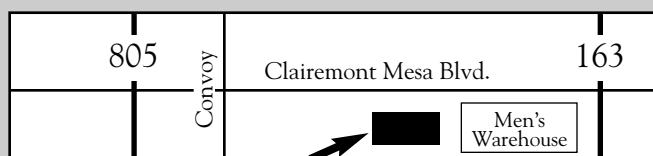
That process involves working with a Mexican lawyer to help find the child and secure all the necessary court clearances and documents for the adoption. Though easier than an official DIF adoption, Yoder warns that there are dangers in private adoptions in Mexico. "You have to be very aware of the attorneys that you work with, because there are lots of disreputable attorneys and other attorneys who simply lack knowledge of the international system. They may end up accomplishing adoption, but then the child can't be immigrated. I've had a number of people who have lost children they were trying to adopt down there. They either could not get the adoption completed, or they completed the adoption in Mexico but could not bring the child back. That happens frequently, and most of the time it happens through ignorance [on the part of the attorney] of international adoptions."

Yoder explains, "You need to have approval from the INS to bring the child back, and you need to have it beforehand. And the child has to meet what's called the 'orphan standard,' which means he has to be legally considered an orphan in Mexico. You have to have that document [which DIF issues]. Without it, you can't bring the child back."

Aside from an attorney's knowledge of international adoption proceedings, another worry, Yoder says, is ethics. "I know that in the Mexican system, a lot of things that would look like corruption to us are for them the way they've done business for a long time. For instance, a lot of times they won't tell you no or yes, or they won't give you all the information you need until you give them more money. Americans would see it as corrupt, and they see it as just the way that they operate. Still, overall you do need to worry about corruption. People have gone down there and gotten

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halfway through an adoption and then have gotten extorted for more money. That happens — not just in Mexico but in a lot of countries — to people who go on their own and try to do independent adoptions. They'll get partway through the adoption and then the attorney will say, 'Oops, I need \$10,000 more.' My first adoption in Mexico was with a family who had gone down on their own. They went down regularly to Tijuana, and they had contacts there. He was an attorney here, and he felt like he could negotiate an independent adoption on his own. They came to me after the fact, when they realized that he couldn't get past immigration. He came to me for help in dealing with the INS. He told me his adoption ended up costing him about \$40,000 because he got extorted. At some point, to avoid the extortion, all you can do is give up the child and back out."

Yoder works with an attorney in Tijuana whom he trusts, and the three Mexico adoptions he averages per year have been going smoothly. He says hopeful parents wishing to adopt in Mexico should expect to spend \$18,000 to \$19,000 for everything. To those who think that sounds high, he says, "Actually, that's a pretty reasonable price compared to world standards. It's a really time-intensive, very difficult process doing international adoptions. If you adopt an infant from Russia, you're looking at \$26,000 to \$36,000. Guatemala is going to be \$30,000. So, actually, on world standards, especially considering how complicated they are and how expensive they are, Mexico tends to fall towards the lower end of cost. The lowest would be probably an adoption in India, which would be maybe \$14,000 or \$15,000."

But though Mexico is a relative bargain for international adoptions, Yoder says the hassle and unsurety makes it a less-desirable option than other nations. "There are much more stable adoption programs in other countries. In Latin America, Guatemala has a much better program because you can predict it. You know what's going to happen." ■

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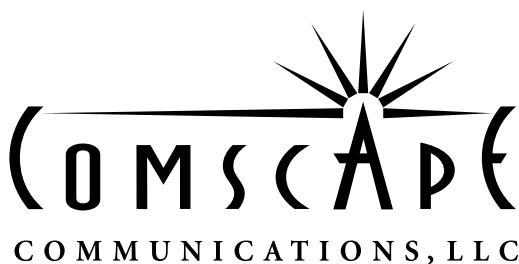
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Dear Matthew Alice:
Why do restrooms in public buildings have those special screws that can't be removed? All the stalls seem to be put together with them, and I can't figure out what they are protecting against. Do people steal restroom stalls if they are held together with regular hardware? What do they do with them? Is there a black market for used restroom stalls?

— Bruce Binder, Pacific Beach

Hey, Matt:
Can you tell me whose bright idea it was to come up with motion-sensor toilets? There is nothing more annoying than putting the seat protector down and then turning to sit, only to have the toilet flush because you moved, thus sucking the seat protector down the hole, causing you to have to start all over again. And to top it off, when you are done and want the toilet to flush, it doesn't. I think this whole idea needs to be re-examined.

— Valerie in the land of who was the nimrod that came up with this?

We can't name names, Val, but if we could, they would probably be Japanese. Blending the mundane with weird technology is virtually a national sport: consider the fiber-optic wedding dress, the electronic pillow, the voice-activated shrine (in Buddhist and Shinto models). The best of their high-tech toilets have remote-controlled adjustable butt-shower wands, seat raisers, seat warmers, hot-air bum dryers, and blood pressure checkers in the arm rests. Even as we speak, a company is working on one that will capture your personal toilet deposits, run chemical analyses of them, then automatically send the results to your doctor. But don't worry, Valerie. We'll never have to face that prospect here in the U.S. because after nearly ten years, it's clear that we can't even master the auto-flush feature. In the interest of public safety, I don't think we should be allowed to fool around with more advanced toilet technology.

After he stopped giggling at your bathroom routine, an engineer at Sloan, the largest maker of auto-flush valves, offers these tips for more efficient bathroom breaks. When you enter the stall and come within about 42 inches of the flush mechanism, an infrared beam senses your presence. Once you break the beam for a continuous ten seconds, the system will be locked and loaded, waiting for you to move away from the beam, its signal to flush. While you fiddle with that (useless, by the way) seat cover, maintain your position in the beam at all times and you'll be okay. Now get out there and practice, practice, practice.

As for disappearing stall doors, Bruce, I'm amazed that you're amazed that people would take them. Vandalism is as American as apple pie in the face. Doors are removed simply for sport. For the challenge of it. Just because they're there. We dialed up Knickerbocker Partitions, which makes the partitions and hardware and one-way bolts, and got an earful. The most vandalism? Women's bathrooms, especially in schools. Go figure. Only the stalls and hardware destined for prisons must be more vandal-resistant.

Hello, Matthew:
I'm a hockey fan, and I've always wondered why when a player scores three goals in one game they say he scored a hat trick. What do hats have to do with it?

— Ice Man, San Diego

Hats have nothing to do with hockey, but they apparently have something to do with cricket, because that's where the term comes from. When the cricket bowler (like a pitcher in baseball) disposes of three opponents in a row, each on just a single ball bowled (by hitting the wicket and knocking off the little stick that lies across it, called the bail), he was awarded a new team hat for his rare accomplishment. Now the only thing left to figure out is what cricket has to do with hockey.

Hey, Matt:
Why all the goofy names for racehorses? They've got names like Harlan's Holiday, Essence of Dubai, Itsallinthechase, etc. Why not Blacky or Mr. Ed or Wildfire?

— Pete Collins, San Diego

Rich people make them up. It's one of the fun things you get to do when you have a lot of money. Examples of the madcap sense of humor of your average millionaire. Thoroughbreds are usually named by their owners, according to a spokesfilly from the Jockey Club, where all thoroughbreds' names must be registered before they can race in California. There are only three rules to follow; after that, the sky's the limit. Names may contain a maximum of 18 characters, including the spaces between words and any punctuation. As a result, Hillaryscircuspony, a recent entry at Hollywood Park, has no room for the possessive apostrophe. Second, you can't name your horse Amalgamated Coat Hangers to get free publicity for your corporation. No commercial names allowed. One lady found this out when she tried to register her horse Snickers. She just thought the name was cute. No, no, said the Jockey Club, it's a candy bar. So Snickers had to race under some other name. And finally, if you want to name a horse after some living person, you need that person's written approval. There was a filly on the circuit named Tina Turner, but only because Tina said it was okay. Some names are a combination of the names of the horse's parents (Slewofemptypockets). Or perhaps relatives of the owner. Delightful Doris honors an owner's wife. You have plenty of time to think these things up when you're rich enough to own racehorses.

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Advance En Passant

Two things. The Cabrillo Academy of the Sword *looks* like a fencing academy. Said academy can be found in the 3300 block of Adams Avenue, on the second floor of a 1930s building originally designed as a Scottish Rite Temple. And then there is Edwin Hurst, the academy's owner and a fencing master.

Hurst was a member of the Naval Academy's 1962 NCAA Champion Fencing Team and was named First Team All-American in sabre. He is accredited as a Maitre d'Armes by the Academie d'Armes Internationale and accredited as a fencing master by the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association, which, by the way, is the accreditation body for fencing coaches in the United States. He is the immediate past president of that organization. In other words, he's the real deal.

I make him to be in his early 60s and five feet, nine inches tall. He has a stocky build, bulldog face, and steady brown eyes. It's a cool Monday night, and we are sitting in his comfortable office. I ask, "What's the fun part of fencing?"

"They call it 'chess at 70 mph.' It's a tactical game. Fencing is a combat sport, akin to wrestling and boxing, but you're not getting your chimes rung all the time. I boxed and fenced in college. I was struck by the crossovers between the two."

"In what way?"

"In fencing you've got counterattacks, as opposed to counterpunches. We use a lot more parrys than a boxer does, but a boxer has the parrying ability. Like boxing, distance and movement are key; you're always trying to catch the other guy as he steps forward with one foot in the air. The one thing that does make fencing more difficult is that everything is done sideways. You have to learn a new set of motor skills."

I hadn't thought of that. "When you say sideways..."

"A fencer is doing everything sideways. That's one reason I won't start a kid younger than eight. Before eight, the kid's still learning basic motor skills: running, jumping, rolling. He has to have an intense ability to concentrate in order to learn a separate set of skills for this one activity. People underestimate how long that takes."

Have you noticed that it's impossible to think about fencing without thinking of a movie? I ask Hurst to tell me about fencing before Hollywood began making movies.

"When the Europeans decided thrusting someone through the belly put him out a lot sooner than whacking him on the arm, they focused on the thrusting sword. The smart way to use a thrusting sword is to move in a straight line. When fencing became an official sport in the 1896 Olympics, Europeans were still studying fencing in case they were called out to a duel."

"So, to write Olympic rules, officials gathered a bunch of Europeans who had participated in duels — either fought them or were seconds — and asked, 'How did you stake the ground? What are the dimensions?' That's how we got fencing-strip dimensions."

"In the 18th Century the code of honor said that argument should be mediated unless the insult was so serious you had to kill the

guy. So, in practice rooms, you could only score by hitting the trunk of the body, the killing target. It wasn't considered good form to thrust at the guy's face...plus, that's not a good place to go; that's not going to stop him. That's how foil is scored to this day, by hitting the trunk of the body.

"In the 19th Century the code changed. You, generally fought duels to first blood. So, the épée came along. That sword is a little heavier so you could aim it better. Now, you could hit any part of the body. You trained to hit the foot, toe, or wrist. Generally, after you nailed one of those appendages, the seconds would intervene, honor was satisfied, and everybody went home."

I have noted that honor is ever more easily satisfied. "Is fencing like chess, many possible openings and counters?"

"Yeah." Hurst thinks for a moment. "Let's say I'm sure if I thrust at your chest you're

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going to parry. So, this time I throw it out there and as I see your hand starting to move, I deceive the parry and go in for the hit. Well, that works fine, except, I showed you a couple of flips. You're going to react to that."

"I assume tournament action is very rapid: pop, pop, pop, and point?"

"Yeah. Real sword-fighting was one or two thrusts and somebody was dead or dying. You did one, he did one, maybe you did another one, but it didn't last very long."

Not like in the movies. "So, the first five seconds..."

"It's fast. In fact, in order to make fencing a sport, the bouts are either for five hits or fifteen hits." Hurst smiles. "Almost everybody comes in here because they've seen it in the movies. Nobody knows it's an Olympic sport."

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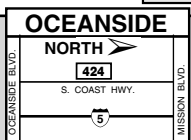
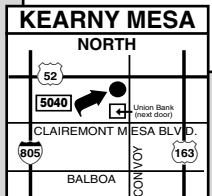
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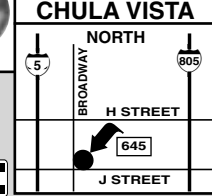
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In March 1972, not long before the North Vietnamese launched a full-scale invasion of South Vietnam, the VA Medical Center in La Jolla opened for business. The hospital has 238 beds, treats over 42,000 patients each year, manages around 1000 different research studies, and has an annual budget of \$232 million.

"We're busier than we've ever been," said Linda Colletti when I spoke with her early last week. Colletti, a fifth-generation Californian, works as secretary for the hospital's Chaplain Service. Colletti volunteered at the hospital shortly after it opened.

"One big change is that so many of our veterans are dying. The WWII generation is dying. Right now in San Diego County, about 600 veterans die each month."

The VA Medical Center holds a memorial service four times a year. Every three months, in the hospital's bright and roomy ecumenical chapel, a five-member color guard from the 82nd Airborne Division marches down the eastern aisle and plants the American flag before the podium. Reverend Babs Meairs, an Episcopal priest, gives a sermon honoring the men and women who served their country. The service is broadcast over a closed-circuit system so that patients throughout the hospital may watch.

"Another big difference," Colletti told me, "is that medicine is practiced very differently now than it was when the hospital first opened. Today, many procedures are done on an out-patient basis. Now, the patients who stay with us the longest are the very ill and the dying."

Last Thursday was the hospital's Memorial Day memorial service. A little before 10:00 a.m., around two dozen veterans, male and female, shuffled or ambled or strode or wheeled into the chapel. Colletti played a prelude on the organ. The color guard from the 82nd Airborne, San Diego All Airborne Chapter, marched forward and placed the flag before the podium. We rose, put our hands over our hearts, and said the Pledge

of Allegiance. We sang the first and third verses of "America the Beautiful." Reverend Meairs took the podium to remind us that so far 40 military personnel had died in the war in Afghanistan. She said, "There will likely be many more deaths before this war is over. We must never forget the tremendous sacrifices being made. The cost of victory and the price of freedom are things we see every day at the VA hospital."

In honor of Memorial Day, a youthful-looking Colonel John T. Boggs, USMC, was the service's speaker. He said he wanted to talk to us about "heroes."

Colonel Boggs told us that his father had served in the Marine Corps, "in the Korean conflict, in Lebanon the *first* time, in Vietnam twice. He was even called up during the Cuban Missile Crisis."

Colonel Boggs said he considered his father a hero. He said a profound change had taken place in America since September 11.

"Young people now have a different idea of who and what a hero is. They used to believe that athletes were our nation's heroes. Michael Jordan. Dan Marino. Sammy Sosa. But since September 11, young people have learned that in order for our country to remain free, it takes people who run toward trouble, not away from it. They've learned that firemen, policemen, paramedics, and soldiers are our nation's heroes."

An elderly gentleman in a wheelchair yelled out, "As well they should!"

After Colonel Boggs spoke, two women played a piano and violin medley of "America," "Simple Gifts," "Ashokan Farewell," "Home Sweet Home," and "America the Beautiful." We sang "God Bless America." Mr.

Clayton Baker played "Taps." The room was very still.

After the service, Reverend Meairs showed me around the chaplains' offices. She told me the hospital employs a Roman Catholic priest, and Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist chaplains. She showed me the little side-chapel for "all faiths" that holds, among other things, a Koran and Muslim prayer rug.

Reverend Meairs told me that she'd served in the Marine Corps.

"I went to Graduate Theological Union on the G.I. Bill. This was in the early 1970s. It was quite an experience to be a Marine in Berkeley in the early 1970s. I don't think they considered any military personnel to be 'heroes.' I remember walking down the street and people would spit on me. People would yell and call me names. Some people even called me a 'baby killer.' For as long as I live, I'll never forget that. A *baby killer*."

— Abe Opincar



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VA Medical Center Chapel La Jolla

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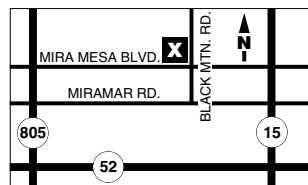
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I hate Mother's Day. As far as I am concerned, it's the year's worst holiday. I'm 46 and have been married for 21 years. I was adopted. The parents who adopted me are both dead, from a car accident. After they died three years ago, my birth mother, "Betty," got in touch with me. "Betty" right away wanted to be my mother, once the woman I consider my real mother was dead. She started calling and coming by and inviting my husband and my two children over all the time. She was acting like nothing happened, always wanting to kiss and hug me. I don't even like her. We have nothing in common. She drinks and smokes and tries to look and act young, even though she is retirement age. No matter what I say about how I am not comfortable having a relationship with her, she always has some smart answer. This Mother's Day she showed up at our house without an invitation. I couldn't ask her to leave in front of my in-laws and all their children. What can I do so that she does not ruin this day for our family again?

UNHAPPY IN MIRA MESA

Dear Unhappy,

You have the right to choose what kind of relationship you wish to have with your birth mother, including none. Make it clear to "Betty" that it's not okay for her to drop by without an invitation. If she does, she'll be sent home. Then make good on your promise if she is so foolish as to test your resolve. Your husband, I hope, supports you in this so you can present a united front to this clueless interloper. Maybe have him go to the door to send her away if she comes by again uninvited. If you've decided that you don't want to see her at all, tell her kindly but resolutely, and let her know you expect her to honor your wishes. If she wanted back into your life at this late date, you'd think she'd realize that her only chance would be to make it worth your while by being a considerate charmer you're delighted to know. By not listening to or respecting your wishes, she's being obnoxious and hurting her own cause. Why not hold your next Mother's Day gathering at a favorite restaurant, park, or the home of your in-laws, so that if unwanted guests darken your door, they'll be showing up at an empty house where they can do no harm?

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I'm four months pregnant with our third child. I'm slightly overweight; nothing, like, really obese. Last Sunday I showed my mother-in-law the outfit I plan to wear to my sister-in-law's wedding. It's a pale pink cotton sack dress with pockets at the side. My mother-in-law went bal-

listic. She said that even though I'm pregnant, there's no need to bury myself in something that looks like a potato sack. She said we had to go to the mall, right then, and get something else. I said I didn't want to go to the mall. Her son didn't feel well, and I couldn't go off and leave the kids, two and four, with him. She got in the car and was gone an hour while I cried. She came back with this ugly dress, printed with big red flowers and a huge awful straw hat with matching flowers on it. She got my husband on the couch and said, "Now we are going to have a great fashion show." I came out in this stupid dress. She and my husband and the children clapped, and my husband said I looked beautiful. I hate this dress and hat. Help!

PREGNANT VISTA FASHION VICTIM

Dear Victim,

Here's good news! As a grown woman with children of her own, you get to decide what to wear. Thank your mother-in-law for shopping on your behalf, but tell her she can return the pop-art *schmata* (you're going to say "this lovely dress" to her Highness) because (a) the fabric gives you hives (pregnancy can cause all sorts of funny physiological reactions!); (b) you're not comfortable in it; (c) you're wearing the pink dress. Be calm and good humored. Refuse to let her order you around, but don't antagonize her. You respect her as your husband's mother, but that post comes with no rights as your sartorial dictator. Or say nothing now and just wear what you want to the wedding. If she blows a gasket, smile and stay cool. Simply give one of the above explanations. Then put your arm around her and say, "But let's not talk about what I'm wearing. Today is 'Sandra's' [fill in the name of the bride here] day, and doesn't she look stunning?"

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Ron Fowler

May 1, 1995

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Jack McGrory

forces and focus our energies and efforts to promote the sale of Chargers season tickets. We recognize the critical importance of this pledge, and we are prepared to work on a multi-year ticket sales campaign to increase home game general admission attendance to a minimum of

60,000 per game.

Please accept this letter as our endorsement of the ratification of the proposed lease agreement by the San Diego City Council. The San Diego International Sports Council is prepared to begin work immediately on this project.

May 15, 1995

Statement of **Herb Klein**, editor in chief of Copley Newspapers, which owns the *Union-Tribune*, to the San Diego City Council:

I just want to say two or three things. In our own newspaper we've enthusiastically supported this project. I was here when we first built the stadium, when we brought the Chargers here.

The amount we're really [going to] vote on today is a small part of what you get from just one Super Bowl.

To be a world-class city you need to have world-class sports, you need to have a world-class arena, and this is a major step in that time at a very key point.

I've had a working relationship with Mr. Tagliabue and Mr. Roselle for all of the years that both of 'em have been in office...and so one of the protections you have so you won't have gamblers or you won't have mobsters or whatever coming in as potential owners, number one, is that the Spanoses would not deal with such people, with the family they are.

May 15, 1995

Statement by **Mayor Susan Golding** to



Herb Klein

the San Diego City Council:

Teams in some instances leave in the middle of the night and then leave stadiums built at taxpayer expense empty. I feel that it is extremely important to approve this agreement with the Chargers.

The Chargers clearly are tough negotiators and wanted a great deal more than we were willing or I feel prudently could give. And I think this agreement is a compromise. It was a difficult negotiation, but this agreement secures — and somehow in the media reports this seems to have been lost — secures this franchise for the

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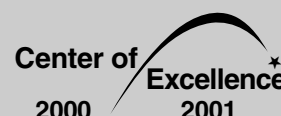
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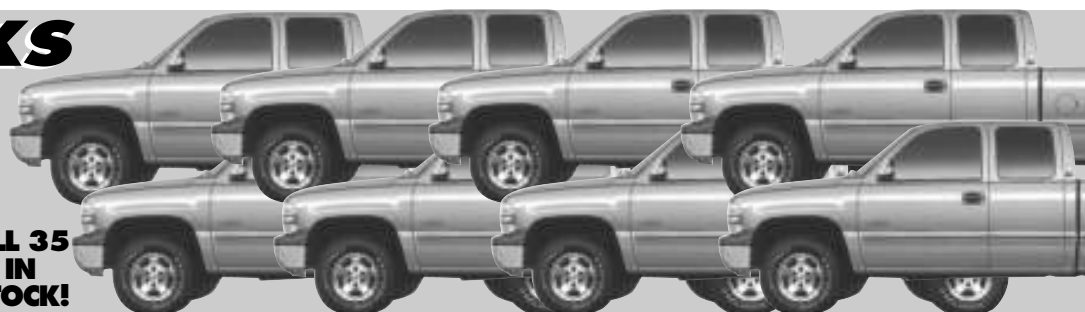
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city of San Diego for another 17 years beyond the current lease. That is an extraordinary length of time in professional football today, and I think we cannot diminish in any way what that means.

May 16, 1995
Barry Bloom
San Diego Union-Tribune

Just moments after he had won hard-fought approval of a new Chargers lease and expansion of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium yesterday,



Alex Spanos

Alex Spanos grabbed the microphone in City Council chambers to deliver a pep talk worthy of his football

team.

"There's one major difference in all this," said Spanos, the club's majority owner. "Winning is everything. We all know that. The Chargers are committed and dedicated to not only going to the Super Bowl every year, but to winning the game when we get there."

San Diego gets the peace of mind that another city will not be able to steal its football team. Even a complicated clause in the lease tied to changing economics in the NFL would allow the city first right of refusal to match any outside offer the Chargers might obtain.

"I can't conceive what it would be like to see the Chargers leave," said Councilman Scott Harvey.

December 29, 1996
Don Bauder
San Diego Union-Tribune

Tomorrow, a citizens' group demanding a referendum on the planned expansion of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium will present the City Council with 50,000 signatures. We must have

such a referendum. And when the Padres ask for a new stadium, as they will, that must go to referendum, too.

The city's 1995 stadium enhancement deal with the Chargers was capped at \$60 million. At some point between August and November of this year, the cap grew to \$78 million, says J. Bruce



Bruce Henderson

Henderson, head of the pro-referendum group. Therefore, the 1995 deal is null and void, he says.

City Manager Jack McGrory says that \$7 million of the additional \$18 million results from costs of Henderson and his conferees battling the first deal in court. However, \$11 mil-

lion comes from "increases in the scope of the project," he allows.

Henderson says the city's deal with the Chargers is wacko. For example, the city says it will guarantee sales of 60,000 tickets a game, but the Chargers set the price of the tickets. "That gives the Chargers a cost-plus contract," he says, permitting them to pay excessive player salaries and pass the risk to the city.

Also, the Chargers after 2003 will have options every four years to shop the team to another city as long as they pay San Diego 60 percent of the amount necessary to redeem the outstanding debt on stadium construction.

McGrory denounces these criticisms and claims that under the new contract, the Chargers will pay the city \$6.3 million a year, up from \$3 million. "That is the best municipal lease in the National Football League," he says.

January 9, 1997
San Diego Reader

As an army of bulldozers,

pile drivers, and concrete-cutting machines massed outside the gates of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium a week ago Monday night, the City Attorney, city manager, and a few lucky members of the city council were preparing to celebrate. As soon as the



Bulldozers at the stadium

Holiday Bowl was over that night, the wrecking crew was poised to begin tearing down crucial parts of the 32-year-old stadium in preparation for the council's controversial \$80 million-plus expansion plan.

Although the ostensible occasion was the Holiday Bowl, at least one of the city officials eating

said one city council aide who scurried from the box just as the cake and bubbly were being wheeled through the box's closely guarded door from an adjoining hallway. "No one is going to stop them from taking down this stadium now. And once it's down, the taxpayers will be forced to pay to put it back together again, referen-

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A jubilant Council-



Byron Wear

man **Byron Wear**, who exited the box with his wife during the second quarter, echoed the theme. Asked what the council was going to do about the referendum petition, which backers say contains more than 50,000 signatures gathered in a little more than two weeks and seeks a vote on stadium financing and expansion issues, Wear replied: “Nothing. Everything’s going forward in terms of the expansion, per our previous decisions.”

As Wear left the box for the movies with his wife, City Manager **Jack McGrory**, widely viewed as

the chief architect of the stadium-expansion deal, arrived with his spouse to join the closed-door celebration. A lusty cheer could be heard as he entered the box. Others spotted sitting in the front rows of the box included coun-



Harry Mathis

cilmembers **Harry Mathis** and **Barbara Warden**, as well as City Attorney **Casey Gwinn**. All have been big backers of the stadium-expansion without a vote, and McGrory and Gwinn are two of the three directors of a so-called joint powers authority, which technically owns the stadium and leases it back to city taxpayers.

During the evening,

the party in the city box hosted a succession of visitors, including *Union-Tribune* editor in chief **Herb Klein**, the ex-Nixon staffer and self-professed sports aficionado whose paper has supported expanding the stadium without a public vote.

January 9, 1997
San Diego Reader

The battle over whether San Diego voters will get a say in approval of that stadium-expansion deal with the Chargers is getting hotter, and local lawyers and campaign consultants are said to be lining up for a piece of the action. Already attorney Leo Sullivan, representing the San Diego International Sports Council, has challenged the validity of some of the 50,000-plus signatures gathered by the Stadium on the Ballot Committee, claiming that some were gathered by interlopers from Los Angeles and that others were improperly dated. A Sports Council affiliate currently runs the exclusive, mem-

bers-only stadium club, scheduled for a multimillion-dollar facelift as part of the expansion plan.

January 28, 1997
Jerry Braun
San Diego Union-Tribune

Bruce Henderson has been



Bruce Henderson

called a liar, a loser, an obstructionist, and a doom-sayer since he first dared challenge the orthodoxy about the Chargers lease.

The editorial page of the *San Diego Union-Tribune* urged him to leave town. The city threatened to sue.

“I’ve never seen such abuse,” he said.

“Where is the man

who’s created this kind of havoc?” Chargers owner



Alex Spanos

Alex Spanos asked with horror last week.

Clamor for a public vote on stadium expansion has snowballed for weeks as the cause swept up ex-mayors, newspaper columnists, talk-show hosts, and finally some 47,000 registered voters.

“Basically, it is a cost-plus contract,” Henderson said. “The city is paying all the costs, plus guaranteeing the Chargers a profit. It is the best possible deal they could imagine, other than we give them the stadium. But I don’t think they want the stadium. I think what they want to

do is sell the team and leave town by 2004.”

Not all of his allies hear those voices emanating from the contract. Nor do city officials, who hotly dispute his version. Nor the Spanoses, who deny any desire to leave town.

January 29, 1997
Letter to Chargers season-ticket holders from Chargers president **Dean Spanos**:

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Dean Spanos

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March 13, 1997

San Diego Reader

How does **Susan Golding** hope to become a U.S. senator? By raising millions from San Diego's biotech fat cats. That's part of a plan revealed by Golding handler



George Gorton

and ex-boyfriend **George Gorton** in an interview with *Roll Call* magazine. "According to Gorton," the magazine wrote last week, "Golding has a file of about 7000 donors from her bids for local office and will make further inroads among the Westside Los Angeles Jewish community, the entertainment industry, and San Diego's flourishing biotechnology firms."

Golding's strategy of hitting up San Diego business interests for campaign cash "worked just fine for **Pete Wilson**," Gorton added. But Stockton multimillionaire and Chargers owner **Alex Spanos**, expected to play a big part in Golding's fundraising, is taking a low public profile. "One potential pitfall for Golding," *Roll Call* notes, "is the controversy swirling around her handling of a contract to expand the stadium where the Chargers play, a dispute that has made local headlines for months."

March 20, 1997

San Diego Reader

Over the past two years,

Poway contractor **Douglas Barnhart**, along with 13 relatives and employees, has pumped \$2745 into city councilwoman



Douglas Barnhart

Barbara Warden's campaign war chest. During the same period, the Barnhart group gave a total of



Barbara Warden

\$2750 more to Warden's city council colleagues and City Attorney **Casey Gwinn**, adding up to one of the largest group donations to city hall politicians. Warden says the Barnhart money came to her because many Barnhart employees live in her district. Now comes word that earlier this month, only weeks after a judge ruled against putting the Chargers contract on the ballot, Barnhart and two associates were quietly awarded a no-bid, \$125,000 city contract to provide "schematic drawings explaining how the Cantilevered Seating" at newly christened Qualcomm Stadium "will operate."

May 22, 1997

San Diego Reader

At a time when the city library budget is coming up short, taxpayers are picking up the tab for a variety of moving expenses run up by the Chargers coaching staff during the stadium expansion. Furniture rental for temporary trailer offices for staff



Stadium expansion

and coaches is running \$44,200. Renting the trailers themselves is costing \$112,710. Building pedestrian ramps, decks, interior partitions, along with "miscellaneous accessories" for the trailers, ran \$70,000. Installing phones and TV satellite gear cost \$13,019.35, and taxpayers are forking over another \$7750 for "voice and data communications" from an outfit called Teledata. Under standard city policy, none of the work was put out for public bid.

August 14, 1997

San Diego Reader

It was early May, and San



Jack McGrory

Diego city manager **Jack McGrory** was worried. He and the city council had put city taxpayers on the hook for guaranteeing the sale of 60,000 seats for each Chargers game, and now he had to deliver.

But by May, McGrory knew he was in trouble.

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The general admission seats, which were the subject of the taxpayer guarantee, were not selling well at all, and the Chargers were spending their efforts marketing luxury suites and boxes not covered by the guarantee. A promised effort by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce to sell the seats had not materialized, and the San Diego International Sports Council, which had once promised to help sell the tickets, was now behind the scenes, demanding cash up front to get involved.

The solution? According to copies of electronic mail and other public records divulged by city hall last week under threat of legal action to enforce the state's public records disclosure act, McGrory hatched a secret plan: pay thousands of tax dollars to the Sports Council, even

though the public had never been told of the costly scheme and the city council had never approved it, at least not in open session.

According to the records, during the early part of May, the pace was hectic and the direction was clear: get \$15,000 to the Sports Council without delay and without notice to the public. There were no written proposals or consultations with others and no council hearings. Instead, McGrory first e-mailed his assistant **Ernie Anderson** on May 12, ordering him to come up with the funds.

"How do we get the Sports Council an advance to start their marketing efforts asap?" McGrory wrote Anderson at 2:24 in the afternoon of Monday, May 12.

"Do you have a number in mind?" Anderson wrote back at 5:00 p.m. the

same day, asking McGrory to tell him how much money to come up with.

"15,000," McGrory responded at 9:13 that evening.

"Who is doing the footwork for you on this?" Anderson wrote McGrory at 6:03 p.m. the next day, May 13. "We need to put together an agreement, and as soon as that happens we'll give them the dough.... If I'm doing the footwork, who is the contact with the Sports Council, and what do we expect them to do?"

McGrory didn't answer Anderson's question about what the Sports Council was expected to do for its money. Instead, at 6:30, he wrote back: "Can you do it and deal with Bruce and Ky?" The reference to "Bruce" apparently was to **Bruce Herring**, another trusted McGrory aide often given top-secret fundraising projects, such as patch-



Bruce Herring



Ky Snyder

ing the huge funding holes created by last year's Republican convention. Ky appar-

ently was **Ky Snyder**, the Sports Council's executive director.

Two days later, Anderson wired McGrory back with news of how things were going.

"fyi, I spoke with Ky and advised him we are going to contract with him during FY97 in the amount of \$15,000 for marketing the Stadium. This is within our administrative authority to do and will not require Council action. It is NOT an advance of FY98 funding. We will finalize the contract and give him the money early next week. He said he will ACCELERATE his plans to accommodate that time frame."

On June 17, according to a copy of a memo in the City's records, Sports Council executive Ky Snyder provided Bruce Herring with a mixed report on the Sports Council's progress in selling the tickets.

"As we discussed at our last meeting, I have attached a copy of commitments pending and refusals in our marketing efforts. The main resistance to date is that medium-sized companies are not prepared to invest in blocks. We are having success in the payroll deduction area and believe this will create the most benefit in the long term."

As of today, the City has not revealed how much it will spend on the Sports Council or another marketing agent during fiscal year 1998, which began on the first of July. The City's Anderson says that the council has so far approved \$150,000 for this fiscal year, although he isn't sure of the details. That amount, of course, is much less than the millions of dollars taxpayers may be forced to come up with if the marketing efforts are unsuccessful.

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cessful and a significant percentage of the 60,000-seat attendance guaranteed by the City does not materialize. McGrory has left that worry to his successors. He quit shortly after the Sports Council deal was revealed here in June.

September 16, 1997
Editorial
San Diego Union-Tribune

We got off to a bad start for the regular-season home opener: Not enough tickets were sold, television

coverage was blacked out, the city may have to shoulder some cost for empty seats, and it was a lousy game.
The fans booed, and the team owner harumphed. But let's keep things in perspective. The deal between the city and the Chargers lasts until 2020. Barring dire circumstances, the Chargers are our team at least until then. Since that's the case, we might as well enjoy it.
The stadium expansion and long-term lease represent a major new

commitment to the Chargers by the city and the people of San Diego. Right now, with new coaching, an expanded stadium and a financial deal that some people don't like, the Chargers and their fans are in a transition period.
The Chargers, the chamber and the sports council promised a major effort to sell enough tickets for the stadium to reach the city's 60,000-seat guarantee. So far, that effort hasn't gone far enough, and the city may have to pay for it.
A privately funded program by the Chargers and local businesses to send a thousand kids to every football game would go a long way toward winning the support of San Diegans.

September 25, 1997
San Diego Reader
San Diego's first openly gay city councilwoman, Democrat **Christine Kehoe**, is pondering whether to run for Congress next year against GOP incumbent **Brian Bilbray**, and she's already hired the polling firm of Evans-McDonough to test the waters. At least one Coronado resident reports getting a call this week from the Berkeley-based pollster, which is asking voters' opinions on everything from Kehoe's gayness to her never-say-die support for the Chargers' stadium deal and its 60,000-seat ticket guarantee.
November 20, 1997
San Diego Reader
Word from good sources at city hall has it that the county grand jury has launched a major inves-



NFL volunteers

tigation of corruption charges involving the city's ticket guarantee contract with the Chargers. Under threat of subpoena, city officials have reportedly handed over hundreds of pages of secret minutes from the many closed sessions held by the city council in the months leading up to the approval of the controversial deal, which requires city taxpayers guarantee 60,000 seats be sold for each football game. And many city officials themselves expect to be subpoenaed in the case. "This one is really big," says an excited official. "I think they're trying to blow the lid off this place."

December 11, 1997
San Diego Reader
Although the Chargers' fortunes are sinking, stadium expansion costs continue to rise. The city council says it's trying to pinch pennies by using volunteers to paint the place, but expenses are rapidly mounting elsewhere. Handicapped advocates have sued the city, charging that the stadium upgrade was unfriendly to the disabled. Nobody's yet saying what the ultimate cost of fixing problems with seating and access might turn out to be, but informed sources say it could be millions. An

A strained marriage
Chargers, private firms must boost ticket sales

It was a rocky weekend for the relationship between the people of San Diego and their football team. Things are pretty sour right now.

But this is not a one-day stand. The Chargers and San Diego have a long-term marriage, until the year 2020, to be exact. So as perfect as the fans may be at the team, and the team at the fans, we've got many more years together. Both the team and the fans need to make them good years.

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From the San Diego Union-Tribune, September 16, 1997

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early harbinger: last week the city manager added another \$6000 to an earlier \$15,000 contract with Dealy Development, the consultant retained to review as-yet-unpublicized reconstruction plans.

February 12, 1998

San Diego Reader

San Diego city councilman **Byron Wear**, who is



Byron Wear

facing what is shaping up as a serious challenge to his reelection this year, is tapping members of the wealthy Spanos family, getting \$250 each from **Dean Spanos**, son of **Alex Spanos**, and Dean's wife **Susan**. Poway contractor **Doug Barnhart**, who built the new \$10 million Chargers headquarters at taxpayer expense, chipped in \$250.

April 2, 1998

San Diego Reader

The downtown law firm of Luce, Forward is closely connected to **Alex Spanos**, having repeatedly represented his football team in legal wrangles with disgruntled players. The firm was hired by the city council to defeat an effort by taxpayer activist **Richard Rider** to force the stadium deal onto the ballot. Though the firm also worked for Spanos, representing a legal conflict of interest, the city council, meeting secretly, agreed to waive the conflict and ultimately agreed to pay the firm at least a million tax dollars for its work to keep the stadium and convention-center issues off the ballot.

The law firm succeeded in its mission, convincing superior court judge **Anthony Joseph** to quash the taxpayers' suit against the stadium deal, but opposition to the ticket guar-

antee was mounting. By the middle of 1997, when Golding was required to file her first public accounting of her campaign fundraising, the Spanos connection with Golding was seen in the political world as unsavory.

The Spanos forces held back their contributions during the first half of 1997, and Golding was forced to report having received just \$341,651.

After the midyear disclosure deadline, money from the Spanos clan and their related entities, including Luce, Forward, began to pour into Golding's campaign coffers. Disclosure reports later reveal that in the second half of 1997, direct Spanos contributions totaled \$10,000. Luce, Forward employees gave a total of \$6000.

Charles Bird, a part-



Charles Bird

ner in Luce, Forward who played a key role in arguing both the city's stadium and the convention-center cases in court, denies there was any sort of a quid pro quo between the campaign contributions to Golding and the firm's representation of city hall. "Absolutely not," Bird says, explaining that he thinks most of the Golding contributions from firm members were dated on the same day, December 12, because of a fundraising breakfast held that morning by an unnamed member of the firm. "The law firm makes no political contributions whatsoever," says Bird. "I believe that a partner who has long been a supporter of Susan Golding hosted a breakfast that day and invited other partners of the firm. I wasn't there to attend."

April 30, 1998

San Diego Reader

San Diego mayor **Susan**



Susan Golding

Golding, fresh from a mysterious three-week "vacation" away from pressing duties at city hall, hosted a KOGO radio talk show last week and quickly began hyping the much-maligned Chargers' ticket guarantee as a great deal for taxpayers. Then she took a call from quarterback **Ryan**



Ryan Leaf

Leaf and hyped the team some more. No mention was made of the \$10,000 that relatives and employees of team owner **Alex Spanos** gave Golding's now-dead U.S. senate campaign last year.

May 14, 1998

San Diego Reader

San Diego city councilwoman **Christine Kehoe**



Christine Kehoe

ran afoul of the *Union-Tribune* earlier this year when she came out against the controversial Chargers ticket guarantee. *Union-Tribune* editorial writers claimed in January that the move was "political hypocrisy" and "tawdry grandstand-

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ing” motivated by Kehoe’s congressional aspirations. “Despite Kehoe’s pandering,” went the editorial, “the stadium expansion is actually a very good deal for San Diego.”

October 22, 1998
San Diego Reader

When the Chargers went to the Super Bowl in 1995, Mayor **Susan Golding** grabbed a free seat to Miami



Susan Golding

on the plane of owner **Alex Spanos**. Later, when a reporter started asking questions, then-city manager **Jack McGrory** asked Spanos to bill taxpayers for a \$1000 first-class fare. This Monday, Golding

returned from the World Series in New York, accompanied by Padres bigwigs on a chartered jet. The mayor’s office was mum on how she paid for the junket.

January 4, 2000
Letter from county supervisor **Ron Roberts** to Mayor **Susan Golding**:

During the last three years, the public has been led to



Ron Roberts

believe that the ticket guarantee is a great deal for the City of San Diego and that the Chargers are guaranteed to stay through the year 2020. Unfortunately, both of these claims seem to be myths.

It has become increasingly clear that the contract’s ticket guarantee is in fact a serious ongoing financial liability for the City. Now is also appears that the contract contains a loophole allowing the potential for the Chargers to leave San Diego within the next few years.

March 27, 2000
Letter from **Daniel S. Barrett** to Assistant City Attorney **Leslie J. Girard**:

Barrett Sports Group, LLC (BSG), is pleased to present this engagement letter to provide consulting services to the City of San Diego (the City).

The City is interested in evaluating stadium lease alternatives in connection with the San Diego Chargers’ existing lease at Qualcomm Stadium. In this phase, BSG will develop alternative lease proposals to be presented to the Chargers and assist in negotiations, as necessary.

BSG will develop a stadium cash-flow model to evaluate various lease alternatives to be presented to

the Chargers. The model will be developed to allow for sensitivity testing of key variables under a variety of scenarios. The model will calculate the impact of lease revisions on both the City and the Chargers.

BSG will meet with City representatives to present preliminary draft lease alternatives. The lease alternatives will be delivered in presentation style format. BSG will meet with City representatives to develop a strategic approach to present the lease alternatives to the Chargers.

Based on the scope of services described in Phase I above, we would expect that our professional fees would not exceed \$20,000.

April 6, 2000
San Diego Reader

San Diego city councilwoman **Christine Kehoe**, a staunch advocate of the Chargers’ stadium deal until she flip-flopped when it became a political liability during her failed 1998 congressional race against Republican **Brian Bilbray**, returned to the stadium



Christine Kehoe

fray last week. Kehoe, who is currently running for a state assembly seat, was quoted as saying that **Bruce Henderson** and **Richard Rider**, two early critics of the stadium deal, didn’t have “any special insights to the Chargers’ future plans.” That brought a sharp rebuke from Kehoe’s Republican challenger, businesswoman **Michele Nash-Hoff**: “This is another example of Kehoe’s lack of real-world business experience. Why should we expect Mr. Spanos to be loyal to San Diego? He isn’t a San Diegan; he lives in Stockton. He is a pragmatic businessman who does what is best for his businesses, one of which is the

Chargers. However, if you are a city councilmember, state Assembly member, or Congressional member, you should be doing what is best for your constituents, and Kehoe didn’t regarding her votes on the stadium issue.”

April 13, 2000
Suzy Hagstrom
San Diego Reader

Timing is everything. For self-employed journalist **Evan Weiner**, it was good. For Chargers football team



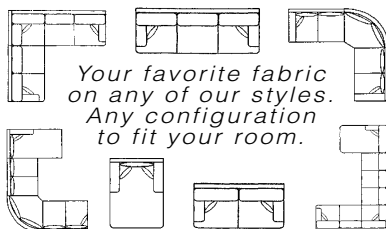
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hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, last month resulted in a scoop for Weiner and a public relations snafu for Spanos and his staff. Spanos expressed his desire for a new stadium to replace the recently remodeled Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, and Weiner parlayed that into a news story for TodaysSports.com, an Internet news service.

Caught off guard, sports writers for the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and the *North County Times* scrambled to catch up. They speculated whether Spanos would take the Chargers to another city and noted the awkward timing of his remarks.

That Spanos would say he wants a new stadium when the city appears overextended financially had at least one radio announcer wondering whether the 76-year-old multimillionaire was hav-

ing "an elderly moment." A television broadcast suggested Spanos's comments to TodaysSports.com were "off the record," meaning not intended for publication. In a subsequent interview with the *North County Times*, Spanos said, "I was not taken in the right context." Chargers publicist **Bill Johnston** told the *Union-Tribune*, "Mr. Spanos feels bad about what happened. It didn't come out the way he meant it." Johnston did not return telephone calls from the *Reader*.

In further damage control last week, the Chargers published a full-page advertisement in the *Union-Tribune* featuring a letter signed by **Spanos** and his son, **Dean Spanos**. "The Chargers' mission to win may require us to build a new stadium that will generate the revenues needed to attract top play-

ers," they wrote. "Given the current climate, the Chargers do not expect the public to pay for such a stadium."

Weiner is annoyed by the notion that Spanos didn't realize he was being interviewed by a journalist. "The National Football League and the San Diego Chargers tried to put a spin on this later," Weiner said. "I don't want to be in a position of defending **Alex Spanos**, but he's a very smart man. He knew exactly what he was doing. He was quite clear, quite firm, quite direct. He's not being spoon-fed at this age of his life."

September 27, 2000
Dick Murphy for Mayor press release:

Citing poor ticket sales by the San Diego Chargers,



Dick Murphy

mayoral candidate and Superior Court Judge **Dick Murphy** today said the Chargers organization might not be in full compliance of their contract with the City of San Diego.

"The City should insist that the Chargers live up to the contract, and if they do not, the City should file suit for damages and recover the ticket-guarantee money we have lost," Murphy said.

"As a person with both legal and marketing expe-

rience, I say the San Diego Chargers can do better, and the City must insist on that even if it means filing a lawsuit.

"The City has already lost approximately \$5 million on the Charger ticket guarantee after only four games this year. This is an intolerable situation and the City must take action."

July 19, 2001
San Diego Reader

Richard Rider, among the first to oppose the Chargers ticket guarantee, is out with his critique of a recent NBC News "Fleecing of America" report on the deal. "The huge error in the story was the assertion that the Charger ticket guarantee cost San Diego taxpayers all of \$2.5 million," Rider says. "Last year alone the taxpayer



Richard Rider



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subsidy was over \$8 million." He also attacks current critics of the agree-

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ment featured in the report, including San Diego County Taxpayers Association head **Scott Barnett** and Mayor **Dick Murphy**. "Barnett and the [Taxpayers Association] supported the Charger deal, going so far as to put out an elaborate (and badly flawed) spreadsheet purporting to show the financial soundness of the deal." As for the mayor, Rider notes, "Murphy has made no effort to try to amend the deal, or to require the Chargers to aggressively market the tickets as mandated by the terms of the ticket guarantee."

March 21, 2002
San Diego Reader

Word from inside the *Union-Tribune* is that the paper is planning a big push for a new city-financed stadium for the



Nick Canepa

Chargers. Sports columnist **Nick Canepa** fired the first shot last month, warning that the team might leave town and proclaiming, "There's something terribly bush league about a town losing an NFL team." And sources say plenty more is in the works, including a series of pro-stadium editorials designed to put heat on the San Diego City Council. Backing the move is said to be Copley Newspapers' "editor in chief" **Herb Klein**,



Herb Klein

a longtime sports nut who was once asked by the city clerk's office to register as a lobbyist if he was going to keep making calls to councilmembers on behalf of the downtown baseball stadium. During Klein's tenure, the paper also waged a successful editorial war for the Charger-ticket guarantee. Because public funding is regarded as being a hard sell in the midst of the current round of city budget cuts, observers note, the paper has been care-

fully downplaying the hiring freeze currently in place at City Hall.

March 24, 2002
Editorial
San Diego Union-Tribune

Now that powerful media, real estate, and financial moguls are seriously talking about building a privately financed football stadium in Los Angeles, Chargers fans and the City of San Diego have cause to worry about losing their team.

For any major metropolitan center, an NFL franchise is an important amenity that helps to attract businesses and spur other economic activity. Most importantly, professional football brings joy to San Diego sports fans, much like a symphony orchestra or the opera bring joy to classical music fans. As far as anyone knows for sure,

Chargers lease

Landlord and tenant should at least talk

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Of course, some San Diegans, if told the Chargers might leave for a better stadium elsewhere, would say *adiós*, along with a few unprintable words. That attitude isn't sur-

James Hahn, Anschutz built the Staples Center, and he's building a \$120 million sports complex at Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson, where the Chargers are expected to move their training camp.

While Los Angeles could get an expansion team, some say that's unlikely because the NFL has finally gotten its 32 teams neatly packaged in eight four-team divisions. If Los Angeles builds a stadium, the tenant may come from another city.

From the San Diego Union-Tribune, March 24, 2002

the Chargers aren't going anywhere.

But there's widespread speculation that, beginning in 2004, when the lease with the city first allows the team to move, the Chargers would go if the ownership could find better digs.

Many would say that since the city signed a contract with the Chargers and fixed up the stadium to the tune of \$78 million in 1997,

we should just hold the team to the deal. The truth, which everybody now knows, is that the deal was oversold, to put it lightly. We were told the deal would keep the Chargers here until 2020 and allow for more Super Bowls because Qualcomm Stadium would be transformed into a first-class facility. But that turns out not to be true. ■

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Murdock & Martha

MY HUSBAND, BOB, AND I have inherited boxfuls of old family photos. They came from Bob's grandmother, who lived into her 103rd year in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and I've been delegated to decide what to do with them. I'm keeping all the ones of Grandma Becky Bolker and her husband Al, Bob's and

"I am a retiring person, not a very good talker, not a pusher, and I got nowhere, and it was very, very deflating."

my favorite relatives. Some of the other pictures, of people unknown to me or Bob, I've sold, because they were salable — 19th-century tintypes and cabinet cards, usually with some prop or other in the picture (a rocking horse, a cigar), which gave it extra interest. A few dozen of the 20th-century images were cashable, too. Al was a Marine in World War I and then served with the American Expeditionary Forces in the 1920s. So he had quite a collection of snapshots of unusual places, Vladivostok and China among them, and early photographs of Asia are highly sought. I did feel a little bad about profiting from the mementos that Al had so assiduously preserved, but I think he wouldn't have minded what happened to them and why. He bought us a needed new computer printer, among other things, and the photos went to grateful collectors.

More problematic are the photos that have no monetary value. What's the etiquette on those, I wonder? I don't think Miss Manners has ever made a pronouncement regarding the right thing to do. So far — and it's been more than a year now — I have not been able simply to discard them on paper-recycling day. It seems so unceremonious, so unlucky. And so they stay.

Here, for example, are "Murdock & Martha," as they are labeled on the back, "at the World's Fair, San Diego, Calif., August 1936." It's tempting to make up a story about them as they stroll along in Balboa Park during the Exposition's final weeks. Almost against my will, I find that I have fictionalized their livest. One thing I have decided in imagination is that they were Easterners, because most of my husband's family was. Second, I assume that they were married, their names going together for decades like "Fred and Ginger." It's just that they look married to me. Doesn't this regularly happen to people in old photos, whether we know them or not? I think it's because they are wearing what to our contemporary eyes look like theatrical costumes.

The alliterative Murdock and Martha in their bright, white shoes might well have stepped out of a movie starring Astaire and Rogers. In the year of their visit to San Diego, *Follow the Fleet* and *Swing Time* were released. These happen to be two films I know nearly by heart. I used to watch them over and over when they aired on *Million Dollar Movie*, the longtime feature of a New York television station that in the late 1950s and early 1960s showed the same movie every night for a week and for most of the day on Saturday and Sunday. I found *Million Dollar Movie* as soothing as a repeated nursery rhyme.

Closer to the reality of the times is the story told to me by a woman in Massachusetts who traveled more than once to California during the Great Depression. I never have seen a photo of her; I only saw her in the flesh. So maybe that's why I find her life story more melancholic than romantic. I'll call her Elspeth Kendall, because she asked that her real name not be used in whatever I might write about her. "I'm not that type," she said on the afternoon we spoke — that is, the type who got her name into the newspaper for something other than her wedding or her death. Not that she ever did marry. She was born on December 24, 1904, so by the time she headed west with her parents in 1936, she was already a so-called old maid.

Elspeth's father owned a stationery store in the Massachusetts town where his only child was born. "He sold Bibles and prayer books, fountain pens and mechanical pencils, boxed stationery and ledgers," she said. "Father's people came from a little coal-mining town in the north of England. One of the uncles died of black-lung disease, and Father's father was determined that his son wouldn't follow suit, so he came over here."

The house where she still lived in the mid-1990s, a multistoried Victorian, was the same one into which she and her parents had moved on July 4, 1923, from one a few doors down the block.



Martha and Murdock

They made the transition using a wheelbarrow, with the help of neighbors. The only things they didn't move themselves were the piano and the refrigerator, the latter because they were getting a new electric one, leaving the old icebox behind. They were living in flush times. Elspeth had recently graduated from high school and started college in Maine. She was training to be a teacher.

After she got her diploma, she suffered a disappointment. She could not find a job nearby. So she worked instead in Rhode Island and elsewhere around New England. She taught through the crash and the first few years of the economic downturn as well. Then, in 1934, she was laid off and came back home to live. In 1935, her father was forced to sell his store. The following year, Elspeth and her parents began to try their luck in Southern California.

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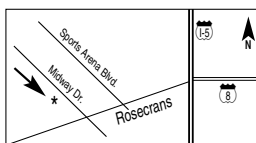
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"My mother's favorite niece had gone out there, so we went," said Elspeth. It turned out to be only the beginning of their back-and-forthing. When they couldn't find work, they returned home to Massachusetts, where things had not improved. There was still no work for either Elspeth or her father. They could wring their hands for only so long. So they went west once more, in '38. Still no luck with employment. So they went back home again, only to return to the other coast yet again in '39 and also in '40.

Each time they went by car. Elspeth drove the whole way. It took about two weeks. "We had a small white dog in those years, and she went with us." It was a time when the first motels were being built. "Before that, there were little houses up in the mountain resorts. Also, people rented rooms in their homes, and we liked that better.

On the day of our conversation she showed me a yellowing newspaper clipping about a man convicted of rape — a former student.

However, out where there weren't many homes, these motels sprung up. Very often we stayed at the same places we had previously. The proprietors didn't remember us, but they remembered the dog."

In the absence of work, she and her parents "studied the natural beauties of the place." They would have liked to buy a house in the state. "We wanted land that would have included a quarter of an acre, but we didn't have the money."

Did Elspeth and her parents know anybody else who was driving cross-country in those years? She answered somewhat obliquely, because my question was oblique. "Before the first time I went out, I went to see a friend who lived way up on the Vermont-New Hampshire border. She had driven out with her mother and come back. I asked her the way to go. In 1938, we went across the mountains. My mother said she didn't want to see another one, except in the distance."

Another part of my fictional story about Murdock and Martha is that they drove too. If they had, they might have passed the Kendalls on the way. Whatever transportation mode the couple chose, Murdock must have been able to make a living during the Depression — not *everybody* was unemployed — since he and Martha could afford to travel for amusement rather than out of desperation. Another employed person was the man who took their photo, which is stamped on its verso "Official Photographer," along with the rates.

It seems that Murdock first spotted the camera, while Martha's hatted head was turned away. (Note that the woman walking some steps behind the couple has her head turned the same way. They were both distracted by the same thing. She is dressed the same way, too, minus Martha's white gloves.) Murdock probably realized in the instant the

picture was taken that he would have to pony up the price of the postcard-size prints or risk seeming a cheapskate. The Official Photographer was probably trained to pick out good prospects from the passing crowd. In the case of Murdock and Martha, he chose wisely.

The Official Photographer's name was John Sirigo, whose name was easy for me to discover during a trip to the historical society, just a few steps from where Murdock and Martha once trod. He was headquartered at the Official Photographic Store in the Palace of Photography. *Palace*, mind you. The term leads me to believe that the photo actually wasn't shot by Sirigo himself. Anyone who commands a palace must have staff. It must have been one of his representatives who snapped the picture of the tourists and then tried to sell them the copies to present to the people back home.

If I can't find a single fact

about Murdock and Martha, I can at least find plenty of facts about San Diego in the period in which they visited the city. So I can put them into a temporary context, at least. Old newspapers are filled with stories about the waning days of the Expo and the colossal financial failure it had been. Expo officials were partly blamed in these stories. City officials took the rest of the heat, for, among other things, disallowing "borderline games" — i.e., gambling — although they did not bow to pressures to close the ever-popular nudist-colony exhibit. Downtown at a city council meeting, Frank Belcher, the Expo's president, spent two hours one August day trying to settle the fair's \$10,000 debt to the city for firemen and police. Still, he dared not argue too loudly, for he was caught in a bind. Unless the Expo company could prove that it was broke, the feds said they wouldn't fund the rehabilitation program that the city badly needed to follow the fair. Meanwhile, a letter to the editor of the *Union* was published, in which citizen E.W. Peterson suggested that the Expo buildings be turned over to 25 Indian tribes. It was not so magnanimous an idea as might be presumed: he wanted the people to be put on display.

In the moments before and after Murdock and Martha got their picture taken, Frank Belcher was plotting, undeterred. He hyped and hyped the fair. On Municipal Employees' Day, Saturday, August 1, there was an afternoon parade, the line of march extending from the foot of Broadway to Sixth Avenue, to Laurel Street, and into the park through the west gate. Thousands jammed the sidewalks that lined the route and cheered the various units. On August 6, thousands of California Moose invaded San Diego for the third annual statewide enclave of the fraternal organization. With them were their wives, mothers, and daughters, who made up their auxiliary, the inelegantly dubbed Women of the Moose. August 9 was National Beauty Operators' Day, a promotion designed to get more hairdressers into the park. August 12 was Tom Sawyer Day, for which David O. Selznick sent two

directors to interview kids for the roles of Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, and Becky Thatcher in his next film. Was it merely a publicity stunt? Doubtless, although screen tests were allegedly given to a few. On August 23, the Cutest Youngster Contest was held, and the winner was Kenneth Carl Johnson, aged two, son of Mrs. Jeannette Johnson of 935 Broadway. On August 25, Belcher was still waiting to honor the two millionth visitor and trying to ignore the fact that in 1935, the total attendance was five million. Time was running out. The fair would close on September 9.

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events, too, and maybe Murdock and Martha read about them at breakfast in their hotel. For one, there was the story of the preteen Marie Alice Willott, who lived at 3728 Eagle Street with her foster mother. On August 3, Marie disappeared. Nobody knew where she was. And the following day, as the morals squad questioned neighbors, the headline read, "Mother Sobs for Marie, 12, as Police Search Spreads."

There was also the report about the second trial of Mrs. Mintee Savage and Miguel R. Baccos, who were accused of complicity in the murder of Paul Arriola, a Filipino dance-hall proprietor. The couple was accused of employing Jose Gonzales, another Filipino, to shoot

Arriola, whose dance hall allegedly was serious competition to one conducted by Mrs. Savage for the Filipino trade. The first trial had ended in conviction; the appellate court had ordered a new one.

In these papers filled with local news, it's harder to find a story about national events, for example, the presidential competition between FDR and Alf Landon, or the release of the novel *Gone with the Wind*. We know now, of course, that Landon would not prevail, his idea to repeal the newly enacted Social Security law proving so unpopular that he himself would later denounce it. Mrs. Mitchell's book, by contrast, would be

a success for many reasons, a minor one being that her editor had convinced her to change her original title from *Tomorrow Is Another Day* and her heroine's name from Pansy.

I imagine Martha reading the novel; maybe she already had by the time she got to San Diego. I picture Murdock reading the non-fiction bestseller of the year, Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. Elspeth Kendall might have dipped into the fiction or she might as easily have assigned herself the Carnegie advice. As she explained what she perceived to be her many failures of professional life, "I am a retiring person, not a very good talker, not a

pusher, and I got nowhere, and it was very, very deflating, although I don't feel I was very inflated to start. I had excellent recommendations, but people read recommendations as they will. And I'm afraid my own presence was a deterrent."

Eventually, she did get a job again, in '42, reentering the teaching profession in Massachusetts, where she was reasonably content until 1962. After that, she said, the students started getting "fresh." On the day of our conversation, she showed me a yellowing newspaper clipping about a man convicted of rape — a former student. Her pessimistic predictions about him as a sixth grader had been corroborated by his crime, and I

could see she had experienced a small, sour satisfaction in it.

When she died, in the late 1990s, Elspeth gave some of her old family photos to her town's historical society. (The historical society is how we met; I was researching a book about the area.) Of course, she couldn't have dictated where the photos she had sent to friends or relatives ended up, no more than Murdock and Martha could.

Bob's mother Ruth says that Al and Becky may not have known who Murdock and Martha were either. Because Becky was the youngest of her siblings, as well as the longest lived, all of their photos were handed down to her; this photo

could easily have been among one of those collections. That knowledge should make it easier for me to throw it away, along with all the others, but it doesn't.

Is it primitive of me to hesitate to destroy them? Am I confusing paper with people? Maybe so. Nonetheless, my decision is made: I won't treat their likenesses cavalierly. I'll keep "Murdock & Martha" under my Plexiglas desk blotter, like a reminder of something — in this case, my own fate. As for the rest of the cavalcade of unknowns that came with this cache, I'll keep those in the closet for someone else to discover. Let a niece or grandniece toss them, if they dare. ■

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What's in a Lunchbox?

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There were three different designs to choose from: Little Lulu, Betty Boop, and Curious George.

Until recently, I packed my son's lunch in the morning, before he went off to school and I went off to work. I'd pack my own lunch at the same time, usually in the five minutes I had while he put on his shoes and laboriously tied his laces. Because of this rushed method, my lunch ended up being pitifully inadequate. Some days it was merely an apple and a teabag. Of course, the spartan lunch seemed like a good idea at seven in the morning when I was feeling fat and tired, but by noon my stomach was screaming to be fed and everything around me started to look edible.

It didn't help that I worked in an elementary school and was surrounded by snacks of every possible variety. In the end, I'd end up eating much more than I would have had I brought even a substantial lunch. For example, by recess I'd have put away half a jelly doughnut from the staff lounge, several carrot sticks given to me by the teacher I worked with, some fossilized Twizzlers from an ancient classroom jar, and a few Tootsie Rolls from a perennial stash in the nurse's office. Then I'd add to this menu at lunchtime with a slice of rubbery pizza left over from hot lunch, some more Twizzlers, and my apple. I'd wash this all down with a cup of tea made with

microwaved water. Nutritionally, I'd probably have been better off with a hospital vending machine.

I could have gone on like this indefinitely, no doubt, despite the sneaking suspicion that I wasn't doing myself any favors with my bad lunch habits, but a couple of events triggered a change in the way I made and viewed both my lunch and my son's

lunch. In the process I discovered a great deal about what goes into the average lunch these days and how, in this age of advanced information and technology, the lunchbox meal seems to have reentered the Stone Age.

The first catalyst for change occurred when I was perusing the stacks in my local bookstore. In between the children's section and

the novelty section where book-mad adults like me get sucked into buying any number of book-related knickknacks, I found a collection of lunchboxes. Not so odd, you'd say; lunchboxes aren't exactly an endangered species. These lunchboxes, however, were different. Each was fashioned in the old style, that is to say metal with a hinged lid and hard plastic handle. There were three different designs to choose from: Little Lulu, Betty Boop, and Curious George. The major difference between these lunchboxes and the ones that had been around in my child-

hood was the size. The lunchboxes I stared at on the table were about half the length and depth of a regular lunchbox, making them not only nostalgic but cute, too. Despite what I thought was an inflated price, I had Little Lulu in my hand and was debating whether or not to buy it. I was undecided until I realized that the lunchbox was full. Inside, wrapped in plastic, was an assortment of all the candies I'd ever collected on Halloween. There was Bit-O-Honey (not worth the time it took to eat it), saltwater taffy (hell on dental work), and Red Hots (way too much cinnamon,

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not enough red-dye flavor). It was a killer package, and I was an immediate victim. I ended up buying three. I kept Little Lulu and gave Betty Boop to my sister and Curious George to my brother.

I was excited beyond all reasonable proportion over my lunchbox. I planned to actually use the thing. Because of its uniquely small size, I had to really think hard about what I was going to put in it. The items had to be small, perfectly proportioned, and all of a certain shape. I couldn't, for example, fit an entire apple in the lunchbox and still be able to close it. A thermos was totally out of the question. What I ended up with then looked very similar to the kind of wooden

shapes we ask children to put together to form a pattern when we are testing their ability to solve problems logically. I had a tiny juice box on one side, nestled next to a high-protein nutrition bar. With the remaining space, I was able to fit in a few thin slices of cheese and some apple slices. Occasionally, I went hog wild and put in some crackers to go with the cheese. The resulting density resembled that of a shot put.

I carried my new lunchbox to school with pride and soon became the object of much curiosity as the teachers unwrapped their Lean Cuisines, ate the staff-room doughnuts, and threw change into the soda machines for Diet Cokes.

"Isn't that the most darling thing?"

"Only a tiny person like you could have such a tiny little lunchbox."

"How can you get enough food in there for a decent lunch?"

"It's so cute, where can I get one?"

Keep in mind, I was well into my 30s when this all occurred. If I had been only slightly younger, I wouldn't have felt the inevitable pull of the past with its attendant hints of comfort and remembrances of a time when things were just plain simpler. I didn't pack my new lunchbox with the items I'd had as a child. Those, I didn't necessarily miss. However, I missed the solace of knowing that someone was

there to take care of me and send me out into the world with a meal. Although I was now my own caretaker, I could still fool myself, via the lunchbox accoutrement, into thinking someone else was doing it.

This was all much more complicated than I'd bargained for when I bought my tiny lunchbox, but it illuminated two very important points. The first was that the lunchbox was still a very potent symbol, not just for me but for all the adults I worked with. The second was that if I was going to put so much effort into packing up my lunchbox, I'd have to prepare it the night before. So I entered a sort of nether-state where I made up my lunch before I

went to bed but still threw my son's together without too much thought right before he left the house. That, too, would soon change.

The current state of the lunch within the box was thrown into sharp relief for me when Caroline, the teacher I worked with, decided that she wanted to teach a unit on nutrition. Our class, a group of six-, seven-, and eight-year-olds, came to us as part of a pull-out program. Each one of them needed extra help with something different, whether that was reading, math, or behavior management.

I told Caroline I thought a unit on nutrition was a fabulous idea, that nutrition seemed to be the last thing on anybody's mind, and that

most of the parents and the teachers could probably use the information themselves. This was a notion brought home the very same morning by Mr. Watchman, a fifth-grade teacher who I witnessed eating a double-chocolate brownie at 8:30 a.m.

"Bill, how can you eat that so early?" I questioned. We were walking from the staff lounge to his classroom, and he scattered soft dark crumbs as he answered.

"It's okay," he said, his words muffled by the brownie, "because I'm only having a Slim Fast shake for lunch."

Caroline began her unit with a discussion of the food pyramid. Of course, she was something of a lunch nut

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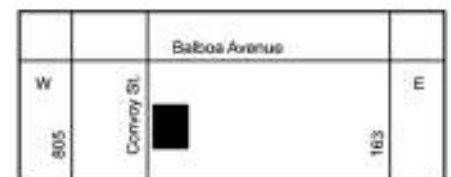
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herself. Every day she brought in a picnic-style cooler filled with enough food to support a family of four for a week in the event of a nuclear disaster. Thus, Caroline's lunch provided a good model for the lesson she thought she was going to teach. When we had the kids bring in their lunchboxes, however, the lesson plan shifted abruptly. For example, Sara had sliced kiwi fruit in her lunch, but she also had fruit chews, a fruit roll-up, fruit juice, and one giant oatmeal cookie ("Because I didn't give my

mother a hard time this morning," Sara explained). Technically, the fruit chews, fruit roll-up, and fruit juice didn't count in the fruit group, each having less than 10 percent real fruit in its contents. Caroline was puzzled. "We'll come back to you," she told Sara. Kyle's lunchbox offered up a can of caffeine-free Diet Coke and a prepackaged Rice Krispie treat. Caroline could not find a way to make the Diet Coke fit on the pyramid. Technically, it wasn't even a food. (I should mention here

that Kyle's mother was a nutritional counselor for young women with eating disorders and was extremely upset when Kyle came home to tell her that what he had brought in his lunch was not considered a food by his teacher.) David, who breakfasted at Burger King every morning on the way to school ("I have to take him or else he won't get out of the car and go to school," his mother said), brought in a cooler that matched Caroline's in size. In fact, it was fully half

as large as his whole body. Inside was an instant ramen soup mix and a thermos full of hot water. As was usual, David's mother had neglected to send a spoon. "Noodles," Caroline proclaimed, "go in the bread group." It was Marissa, however, who was really the star and the envy of the group. Marissa had brought a packaged lunch direct from the supermarket shelves. The little container sported sections for small taco chips, taco sauce, and shredded

cheese. Also included were a plastic bottle of punch and some Oreos. There wasn't one child at the table who didn't covet Marissa's lunch. Every one of them knew of these treats and the others in the same series: a pizza lunch, a deli-meat lunch, and a burrito lunch. Caroline turned the package over to read the long list of ingredients, most of which, once again, didn't involve actual food. The odd-est thing about Marissa's lunch, though, was that her parents owned a Mexican restaurant. I wondered about

the logic her parents used in sending this particular item to school. Caroline asked the kids to bring their lunches to class every day for a week. She was hoping that, with their new information, they'd start toting more balanced lunches to school. It didn't quite turn out that way. All week, we saw more of the same. I started paying more attention on my lunch duty with the rest of the school population and saw similar trends: prepackaged lunches with chemical additives and



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Anita: I think it's terrific when somebody has a passion for something. And in my heart of hearts, I've always wanted to be involved with a musician. And not only is John a

musician, but he loves my dog and cat, which is important!

John: I proposed at the Incubus concert on October 21, after I had had a few beverages. Anita didn't take me seriously, so I said, 'O.K. I'll ask you again tomorrow at 8:47 a.m.' And that's exactly what happened.

Anita: It was the second wedding for both of us. We decided to elope. We went to the Justice of the Peace in Kearny Mesa. People say that's so impersonal, but it was actually quite nice because we

could focus just on each other.

John: Even though there was just the two of us and this lady in a robe, we sat there crying.

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attractive packaging, juice that was really water and corn syrup, and sweetened yogurt in tubes. Of course, I saw sandwiches, too, but not nearly in the numbers I expected. Peanut butter and jelly, it seemed, was just not stimulating enough. What I didn't see at all were Twinkies, or any of the other snack cakes I had coveted as a child. Perhaps, I thought, that was now considered junk food.

Curious to discover if similar lunch trends lurked outside of my school, I traveled through all the supermarkets in my area and found the shelves stocked with rows and rows of the same brightly packaged processed foods I saw in the lunchroom. The selection extended to breakfast as well with cute little packages of half-dollar-sized cold pancakes, complete with an indentation of syrup on the side and cinnamon rolls with two kinds of coating (white frosting and "apple"). Nobody ever sang the praises of baloney or Ding Dongs, I thought, but, really, was it any worse than the stuff I was looking at? I compared ingredient lists for the old-time snack cakes and the new cinnamon rolls and found the snack cakes came out on top. At least they contained beef fat, a recognizable ingredient more common in food than in nuclear reactors. I came to the conclusion that the lunchbox contents I was seeing were just a reflection of some of the most basic trends in our society. Everything had to be faster, shinier, bigger, and brighter. Why make pancakes when you could buy them in a container and the kid could eat them in the car on the way to school? Why bother making a cake from scratch when you could buy a cookbook explaining how to dress up a boxed mix? Why send a loving letter in your child's lunchbox when you could buy "Lunchbox Notes," a book containing perforated prewritten notes written for just that purpose?

I never thought there would be a time when the ingredients on a Devil Dog actually looked healthful. I wondered what the next generation would come up with when they packed lunchboxes for their own children. It wasn't an appetizing thought.

For me, Caroline's nutri-

tion unit proved educational in ways she never imagined. Unfortunately, it also sparked the ire of several parents. Nobody, it seemed, wanted to be called on what they sent in their children's lunchboxes. I felt the same way and took my son's lunchbox to task.

Although I would never have sent him to school with some of the prefab lunches I'd seen in the supermarket, I had been guilty of some infractions. I, too, had been seduced by the fruit chews, for one thing (they were made with some fruit juice, I reasoned). He also had a box of punch (real fruit juice, though), trail mix (sweet dried papaya, nuts, and raisins), chopped celery, and Fritos. In all, not bad, I thought, although I stopped buying the fruit chews and substituted the Fritos with natural corn chips. And then, once a week, I forced myself to bake. I made carrot muffins, zucchini muffins, and banana bread. I wanted him to have something made by me every day.

I wish I could say that I kept this up, but, like most of today's parents, I yielded to time constraints and exhaustion and, after a while, the baking became a monthly rather than weekly event. Yet, Caroline's nutrition unit had made a deep impression on me. Every time I put my son's lunch together, I counted the food groups. More important than the nutritional components of my son's lunch, however, were the emotional components. As soon as I purchased the Little Lulu lunchbox I knew this to be true. I wanted him to sense the love I felt for him when he opened his lunchbox, and I wanted him to eat good food. This is what my parents wanted for me, I'm sure, even though they made mistakes with me just as I would make mistakes with my son. Mistakes were inevitable and part of the evolutionary process, not for lack of trying. Nor would any of my missteps occur while I could taste the memories of my own lunches in the boxes and brown bags of the children 30 years younger than I. Some things really don't change, snack cakes notwithstanding.

What's in a lunchbox?
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book about his job at the San Diego *Sun*. *I Cover the Waterfront* became a best-seller and hit movie. It changed his life. He stopped doing journalism, returning on occasion to write local interest columns, and wrote 27 books, averaging almost one a year in the crusty, simple style that became his trademark.

“He’s the first guy I looked up in San Diego, even before I became a civilian,” remembers Neil Morgan, who was at the time (1945) serving at Miramar. “He was gruff and funny and drank a lot. Had croquet games on his sloping lawn over the sea — sometimes the balls went over too.” Raymond Chandler, who lived a block down the hill, at 6005 Camino de la Costa, called him “a tall, angular sourpuss with moth-eaten hair and very surly manners.” Chandler, who played tennis with Miller, may have expressed authorial territoriality.

Miller was drawn to water. Neil Morgan: “He loved to take a rubber raft out through the surf and fish.” He was also one of the main pro-

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“But no great pole vaulter ever has come from there,” or school songs. Scripps has a pier, and probably the respect of oceanographers worldwide, “but it *thinks* ocean, and nothing but ocean, all day long.

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Max Miller, c. 1930

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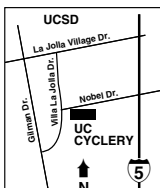
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really is such a town.”
He offers a similar proposal for the La Jolla Caves where, in 1947, “cormorants by the hundreds roost on the side of the cliff.” The Caves aren’t dark, deep, or mysterious; they’re just “high,” which leads to “visitor

letdown” after seeing them. “All they have, actually, is natural beauty.”
The Caves need “romance, with sacrifice and broken hearts” — some legend, either “murder or a miracle,” to attract pilgrims from around the world. If a murder, then

“a royal one,” involving a Spanish queen and buried treasure. If a miracle, then one “like those they have in France or Italy, so that the ocean salt water inside the Caves could henceforth be known to do something to people who drink it.”

Miller concocts these yarns because, while San Diego “has outgrown its diapers and is a city now,” La Jolla in 1947 “has no traditions.... Or it could be that the traditions of the little town are just beginning and may not come to a head until 50

years from now, if they do come to a head.”
Except for people living on the margins of La Jolla society — Perky Adams, a beachcomber (a new word, at least to Miller), and an Auntie Mame figure he calls Mrs. Billings — Miller doesn’t

talk much about people, except to say the “help” hired for parties may be the true insiders. “The help knows as much about all of us as we know about ourselves. Maybe the help even knows more. For the help is in on the knowledge of what

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is said about us after we leave the premises of each performance.”

La Jolla has two worlds, Miller claims, “and one is the underwater world,” which he prefers to write about. “There are some of us, raised here in the extreme West, who have our own affections, too, and they have to do with just the opposite of people.”

He describes Garibaldi — “golden and numerous and brave” — at the Cove, “clawless” lobsters and abalone (or “abs”), the latter in abundance around the Casa de Mañana, “one of the largest

hotels here.” Dangerous moray eels, lurking off Windansea, compete with divers for “abs.” He says seals “do not mind being patted as much as they hate being stroked.” And that jocund sea lions can do serious harm while playing tag with unwary swimmers.

This undersea bounty, it turns out, existed in the 1920s. “Those were the days of the goggles, and not the face-glasses, and when abalones were more plentiful on the underwater rocks along here than at present. And when fish-and-game wardens, in reverse order,

were not as plentiful. “The devastation during the past two years has become such that today we natives see more empty shells than living ones.... The situation has gotten so now that whenever I see a pair of swimfins go down underwater I pray that the diver will come up empty handed.”

Miller writes immodest proposals to boost La Jolla’s visibility but finds they’re unnecessary. His town with the funny name — which does not mean “the jewel” in Spanish — attracts visitors enough. It started just after World War II. “The crowds have become ever thicker.” They “take pic-

tures of each other...and take a long time in posing, in arranging their smiles, in fixing their hair, in wanting to look — simultaneously — both happy and noble.”

Seen from the perspective of 2001 and an always-choked Ardash Road leading straight into La Jolla, you wonder what Miller means by “crowd.” But the sense of things closing in affects him deeply.

“There should be on earth someplace for some of us to live which does not change every day and where in the morning we can look out and see at least something which is still familiar. But ever

since I started writing this book, changes have taken place which make me almost wonder if I am here or somewhere else.”

Signs abound. They are dredging False Bay, which will soon become Mission Bay. The building of houses, the “pounding, pounding, POUNDING” of hammers, makes him mad. Driftwood is scarce. Poachers steal from locals’ traps and start “lobster wars.” And strange boats appear along the shore. “I used to recognize every boat and who owned it. I cannot do this any longer, partly because of the war-surplus sales in yellow rubber boats.

They put a different hue on the ocean, especially on weekends, giving it almost a smallpox effect.”

Miller wrote almost every day, then walked the two or three miles to La Jolla Cove and swam, then walked home. Increased activity at the Cove becomes his yardstick. He sees countless painters “forever trying to do what they cannot do, make an ocean seem wet,” and tourists, many of whom sit in wooden lookout pavilions on the cliffs with their backs to the ocean.”

He’d love to write national ads for the Chamber of Commerce, claiming that La Jolla is “pestilence-ridden, scourged by locusts, swamps with water-moccasins and cottonmouths, and typhoon tidal waves resulting in chickens in the bedroom every Friday.”

He’d love to but can’t. All he can do is note changes. “So if we of La Jolla now have reason to think that the entire world suddenly has decided to descend upon us, and to go nowhere else, maybe some of the puzzled little guys in Pompeii had the same notion long ago and were saying, “Ye gods of Vesuvius, damn it, but I like things as they used to be around here.” ■

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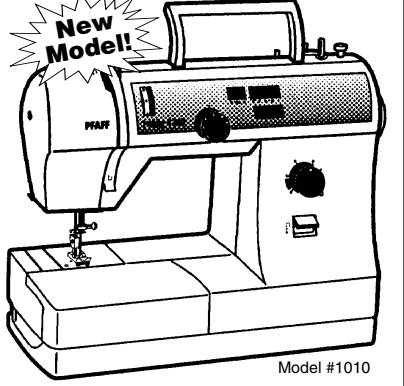


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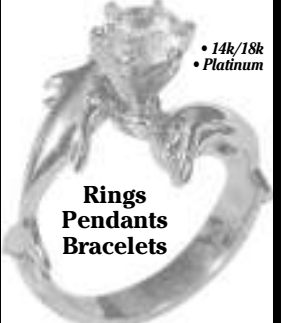
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He next vamped the intro to "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and nodded at me to join. It was a tune every 1950s kid knew by heart. And what an effortless tune, with its scale-wise melody, its marching rhythm, its held and syncopated notes in each phrase, its diminutive range, its lovely self-conscious line, "of thee I sing." Indeed, the music is the country; the making of the music makes My



Country exist. The sung lines, "Land where my fathers died" and "Land of the pilgrims' pride," were the reasons *why* we "let freedom ring." Tune tied lyric to point. Music could bullet its way to the patriotic heart faster than any politician's

speech. Music, even the commonest, spoke to that part of me (it was there, even at eight) that wanted music to say *more* — history, geography, idea. I must have sung it well, for the pastor announced I was in.

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I thought *in* meant that sinfully purple choir robe whose tight collar chafed, whose pleats draped to the floor. No way. *In* meant learning to sing and to listen, simultaneously, to your neighbor sing, a challenge that would continually fascinate me. The sound of a room resonating during rehearsal, our ears ringing like gongs, is a glorious thing. Tone and rhythm nearly transport us off the ground. Bodies are sanctified, minds freed. I remember, every December, for the three years I choired, that we'd rehearse with passion such Christmas stalwarts as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." To

which the pastor would exclaim, "Do that at the concert and you'll bring the house down." The pastor *knew* what we were capable of. But we knew he'd been kidnapped by our fire, because we seldom kindled that flame publicly. We were, after all, a Presbyterian choir, much piety required. Too often, the doxology and those stilted hymns dulled the audience, who sat there dumb, as though they were listening to church music. Audiences expected illusion, so we obliged and behaved like Titian's pensive cherubs. But in rehearsal we pleased our leader and ourselves. I quickly learned the difference

between show and soul.

What is the soul of music? Put the child on the train; get him all aboard while it's idling; make sure he holds on when it goes; once he's flying along, tell him it's best not to look back. The train is song, chant, round, jig, lyric, rap, carol, hymn. Pull in, pull out, stop 'n' go 'n' keep on going. *Chugga-chugga, chugga-chugga, Chugga-chugga, chugga-chugga, Chugga-chugga, chugga-chugga.* Such a mechanized metaphor does not disparage the act. The ongoingness of the tune, melody and chords, is its end. The enactment. The soul buoys when the choir

is rehearsing, the garage band rocking, the sidemen jamming at 3:00 a.m. To be in the song and moving it forward, pulsing with its pulsing heart — that's the purpose. Or so it seems.

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Jazzed by such communion, I joined junior high band in seventh grade and was given a flutophone. This mass-produced plastic instrument was bought cheap by schools in large quantities and was simple to play. The tooter had the girth and length of a chair leg; it made a shrill and a chirp, particularly when blown in an ensemble of preteens, whose musical ungainliness it ampli-

fied well. The flutophone featured a carmine line that outlined its bleach-white body, a bell big enough for a boy's thumb, and a two-scale maximum so no overblowing was required. I played it well enough (I believe our leader, Mr. Benton, used the flutophone to gauge our wind talent), for soon I was fitted with a clarinet.

At 13, I spent a year with the black bone. I loved that clarinet. Loved swiveling its five pieces together at the lightly greased cork joints. Loved exploring its sensual body with my hands. It had some hard danger, professional and serious,

unlike the flutophone's fop. The clarinet wasn't easy to play; its complicated key mechanism required hands less jittery than mine. To play it well I'd have to settle down. But not before its busyness enchanted me — the bright nickel-silver key work; the cottony pads under the keys; the long bars that levered keys and pads to open distant holes together in unexpected release; the clicking sound of the action when I played a run of notes; the granadilla wood; the beak mouthpiece; the tapered cane reed.

At home I'd practice the basics — the simple repeated notes of the sec-

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ond clarinet part, the third or the fifth to harmonize with the slightly better clarinetists who honked the melody to "Ain't We Got Fun." But at band practice, I got frustrated because, besides playing, we had to listen for many different instruments at once — clarinets, trumpets, flutes, trombones, oboes, horns, tubas, plus a number of strange percussion sounds. We also had (what I thought was) a sophisticated score, and we

were only as good as each person's chops, musician's lingo for individual skill. Forget about performing: we fell apart in rehearsal every time. It was *hard* practice — start, stop, start, stop. How often Benton arrested our movement with frustrated waves or music-stand *tap-tap-tap's* of his baton. Eventually, though, he had to let us go: we'd overblow; we'd rattle the keys; we'd mistime our cues; we'd forget our place; we'd screech

and bleat and hit B instead of B-flat and *get-loud* or *get-soft* all at once, and every so often our will to power the *sounds* of the locomotive might produce some thrust. But, overall, we clunked along like a Corvair. We felt sickened at hearing, day by day, just how lousy we were.

We wanted, like sea otters, to frolic in the melodic waves. But it wasn't happening. So a new tack replaced it — a retreat into

ourselves. Some (me included) began *unlistening* to those around us and discovered that music could be — more than communal sport — a thing we devoted ourselves to alone. Sequestered in my room (door shut, drapes closed), it wasn't hard after school to discipline my time with the clarinet, as I worked through the instruction books. The method began with "Fre-re Jac-ques." Fingers cover all the holes (remember, blow

not hard but blow not soft or else it'll squeal) and begin with that mud-trawling G below middle C, hold one beat, then lift a finger for A, then, sail hoisted, hold another beat, then lift a finger for B, the flag-flapping third above the root, and in just three notes, two whole steps, you've got the tune on its way.

The mechanics were tough. It took weeks to coordinate one's tonguing and breathing to sustain the clar-

inet's creamy dark sound. It took weeks to manage wetness — moistening the reed before blowing, articulating the note without smothering it with spit. But through the labor I could feel my confidence swell. What rarely sparked with others could be harnessed on my own. I played scales, took lessons, listened to Benny Goodman records. I heard music in my dreams, in the bus brakes, in the drugstore soda-water machine. And

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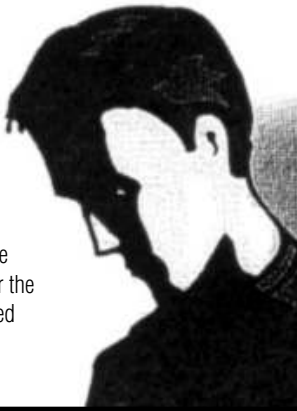


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one night (in my womb-room) I discovered another part of music's solo, what practice could perfect. On the final page of my *Learn to Play Clarinet*, Book One, was the Sicilian chestnut "Santa Lucia." After several months I had mastered the whole book, and "Santa Lucia" required technical refinement only another month of work would bring. I found that if I took very deep breaths for three minutes before beginning, I'd have enough air to sustain those beautiful *appoggiaturas*, the notes that linger before they resolve, giving the lilting melody its uplift and its sorrow. It was intimi-

dating to play, but it got easier the more I trained my emotion to be *in* the tune. I must have played "Lucia" correctly one hundred times and thought nothing could be as seductive as a song without words.

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That is, until a month later, when the Beatles premiered on *Ed Sullivan*. Nineteen sixty-four, my dad got transferred from Wisconsin to St. Louis (his higher-paying job furnished his three sons their own rooms), and again, I holed up alone with my 45s and my E.J. Korvette's turntable. But now I was roused by the louder, more sociable guitar-and-vocal-

group harmony of the British Invasion. My mother had been worried that I was stuck in what she called my "shell," hardened from "too much" closed-door practice. (What else was the door *for*? I wanted to say.) I'd quit baseball, so I wasn't going out much anymore. My parents didn't care for the mop-top music, but when I asked for an acoustic guitar for my 15th birthday, they obliged, and I kissed the clarinet good-bye.

The Mel Bay Music Company store in Kirkwood, Missouri, and most Saturdays, Mel himself was there, behind the counter. He was a sullen-eyed atheistic sort of man whom I recognized

from the photo of a sullen-eyed atheistic sort of man on every page four of his line of string-instrument books: *How to Play Banjo*, *How to Play Guitar*, *How to Play Mandolin*, *How to Play Bass*, *How to Play Tenor Guitar*, *How to Play Tenor Banjo*, *How to Play Dobro*, *How to Play Hawaiian Slide Guitar*, *How to Play Ukulele*. Amazing! Learn fretboard technique and one could play any string instrument in innumerable combinations with any other. Mel Bay the musician apparently had some chops. In close-up photos, his hands, with warty knuckle-backs, showed how to hold the plectrum (the

pick) and how to make the chords. See, then do. And, as I did with Book One for clarinet, I plowed through the pages, working to get the instrument in my fingers.

On those Saturdays I hung out at Mel Bay's, I met Mark Henderson, who liked to show off on his pearl white electric the lead guitar part to "Walk, Don't Run" by the Ventures. (Eventually I would order an electric similar to his for \$114 and, after it came in a machine-gun-shaped cardboard box, blubber with joy when I plugged it into my amp and slammed *chhhhaanngggan* A chord, fifth position.) Mark, would you show me? Sure, man.

Wrap your hand around the neck like so, loosen your grip (it's like a woman, he said, so be gentle), put this finger here, this finger here, this finger here, and that's a C7 bar chord. How much easier to have my fingertips positioned on the fretboard than to stare at Mel Bay's mitts in the method book.

After learning the chord-playing style of rhythm guitar, one day I put the plectrum down and placed my right-hand fingertips on the strings. This style was called fingerpicking, and its exponents were part of the early-1960s folk music boom. My ear gravitated to recordings: Mississippi John Hurt's

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The acoustic guitar felt right: its literal embrace — held on lap, tucked against chest, enwrapped in arms, finger-tipped to life — anchored me. The guitar was territorial and expansive, and I devoted a chunk of my life to it: folk-rock band; talent shows; occasional concert soloist; restaurant and club player; arranger and composer of fingerpicking solos; recordings (nothing commercial); guitar teacher; member of a three-man hokum street band, the Genial Stoopid Brothers, who ended their 45-minute set of Jazz Standards Wackily Rearranged with an off-to-the-races version of “Sweet Georgia Brown,” including my manic ukulele solo, backed up by violin and steel guitar. (He’s bragging, but he’ll soon refrain.) A guitarist during my 20s (throughout the 1970s), I would play as much alone as I would with others. More alone, actually, for I rarely found others who worked to my standard, except my pals in the Stoops. Most young musicians are giddily undisciplined; their reach seldom exceeds mimicking hit records. In the first rock-and-roll band I formed in 1965, the guys wanted to cover tunes by Paul Revere and the Raiders, among oth-

ers. So, after transcribing bass, rhythm, and lead guitar parts from the records, I taught them the songs. (Don’t trust him; he can’t stop bragging.) Once I had the band trained, I began augmenting our Top 40 repertoire with my own tunes. One, whose melodic germ and title remains in my mind 36 years later, was the irrepressibly obvious “I’m Alive.”

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I can’t shake the feeling (maybe you can’t either) that this is sounding a bit Whitney Houston-ish, as though Orphic destiny had me arrowed a musician, and thus (you might assume) I’d end up one. *End up* feels deathly antithetical to a story as it happens. But it’s true. I wasn’t only a musician. Another Siren of the Sublime called. Age 15, I fell in love with reading — novels as well as nonfiction — often gladly shelving the guitar to read. My two favorites, which I feasted on in high school, were W. Somerset Maugham’s *Of Human Bondage* and Truman Capote’s *In Cold Blood*.

Maugham’s fiction tells the story of a club-footed medical student who, in his romantic life, falls in love with a waitress, who later becomes a prostitute and spurns his hopes for marriage; Capote’s “nonfiction novel” is about a robbery-turned-multiple-murder by two psychopaths, their subsequent trial and execution by the state of Kansas. These books did have one element in common, in addition to the verve of the writing. An elegiac tone. And yet their authors did not separate the loss into a single-movement *andante cantabile* as Tchaikovsky did. Hopelessness permeated nearly every scene, sorrows multiple and multiplying and *total*. I remember at the time wondering if there were a musical equivalent to this sort of sustained elegy, which, in the act of reading, might go on for days, much longer than any music could. I looked beyond “I Want to Hold Your Hand” to the mighty Beethoven. His symphonies progress, in part, with “thought” — opposing ideas in the first movement are developed, then recapitulated. Eventually four movements articulate the quadrants of an emo-



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tional cosmos. But other than the dramatic terraces of soft and loud, minuet and march, what was the music thinking? *Was* the music thinking? Could it be like the prose I was enchanted by, a mode of thought and feeling?

In Maugham's and Capote's books, the tragedy of the characters was so compelling that their moral decay lit my thinking toward the opposite: to be the sort of person in whom such demise must not occur. *There* was the phrase, *to light my thinking*. These books offered direction, ideas, history, argument, ethical ambiguity, and rectitude. Though fatalistically caged, the stories pulled me toward reason as well as the sensual: that feeling of living inside another's yearning and pain. Taken to heart, I might measure my impending life by the shapes and strategies these books gave me.

Suddenly there was something that equaled music's come-hither. I knew music was *in* my blood and body, but music didn't exactly

make sense of my life or reflect what I felt were the moral and emotional imperatives of my experience that needed (no, required) reflection. I saw that reading could give me something deeper than music could. Reading mirrored and reciprocated the analytical faculty that was developing in me. There was danger, though, in its depth. My critical reading over-thought-over everything. Indeed, my desire to analyze what I read was as strong as my desire to play music. Music rose like oil, analysis settled like rock. Still, the importance of what was not-music, the mystery of my mind, took longer for me to recognize, as though *that was its point*. A decade of choir and flutophone and clarinet and guitar and their yummy aggregates of sound and touch finally lessened their grasp.

I didn't abandon the guitar. I just laid it aside, went to college, and read my brains out. For several years I replaced fingerpicking with reading as well as writing, stories and poems,

a journal, a (much-revised but never much better) novel at age 20. I think "I'm Alive" (permit the grandiosity) for reasons we all are alive: to activate our individual sensibilities. In me, the trunk of sensibility grew split trees, mixing crowns and shades. Driven to grow, I have wanted to create objects musical and literary as much as I have wanted to know what makes good music and good literature *worthy* of the ruling, though I believe we need no training in their enthrallment.

When I entered college, I worshipped music as much as I revered literature, and nothing either art did caused me to separate them as though one were seed, the other husk. I still feel that unity. The meditations of Kahlil Gibran and the nocturnes of Frédéric Chopin, to cite two ecstatic extremes, maintain an equipoise. The sublimes of writer and composer compete not. In seraphic realms they blend as one. As Dante writes, "The voices seemed all to form the same song, so perfect

was their accord."

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During college, that laboriously drawn-out divorce between passion and reason, my seamless mental state was shaken by my first love. Her name was Terri. She was my age, 21, and attended Antioch College in Ohio. We met in Columbia, Missouri, where I was attending the university, and we fell in love one January night, holding each other for hours in an unheated room. Our mutual hunger for literature drew us together. She was learning Greek so she could read the New Testament in its original language. I was infatuated by anything modern. Though we lived several states apart, our three letters a week fertilized our love. I sent her James Agee's *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, the most lyrical work of documentary journalism ever written; she sent me his *Collected Poems*. Her dedication, "Thomas, To consider the distance as an extension of skin. This — touch. Love love Terri."

Such promise permeated our infrequent meetings. Juliet and Romeo, we'd caress face, hair, arms, hands, lips (and no more) for hours. From her head came the only lock of hair I snipped and sealed (for later veneration) in a box. (I still have it.) Together, we fused; apart, we wasted. When I asked to consummate our love — we *would* sooner or later, wouldn't we? — she was uncertain, frightened. My request seemed to change her, though today I realize she suffered her own crisis of calling, which was not about me. (How much everything *was*, in those days.) An adolescent Terri had been saved by the Holy Ghost in a tent revival. Antioch in the 1960s, she found out, was keen to pervert her Christian values, not help her practice them. So she left the college and decided upon marriage with a committed virgin like herself, a dunking I failed. Wearying of my attempts to convince her otherwise, she declared it over, after which neither book nor symphony could

console me. I dropped all my classes and hitchhiked south, ending up on a boat servicing floating oil derricks in the Gulf of Mexico. Moving on helped. In the clannish confines of male labor, little personal gets said.

One night, aboard a boat pitching in rough seas 100 miles from New Orleans, lying in the soiled sheets of my fantasy, I vowed life was not worth this relationless seclusion. It was certainly not worth any further haunting of the existentialist's domain. I had been exhausted by reading those literary antiheroes — Dostoyevsky's Raskolnikov; Camus's Meursault; Norman Mailer's Norman Mailer — whose intellectual destiny was to know how unravelable their separateness was.

The more I wrote autobiographical fiction or diary fact about losing Terri, the more I re-experienced it. So I headed for Nashville and a little shop called Gruhn Guitars, on Broadway, where my seaman's wages bought

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me an ax. And that guitar — *prestissimo* — made my reading-and-writing woe disappear. While I relearned John Fahey's fingerpicking version of the old Negro spiritual "I Wish I Knew How It Felt to Be Free," losing Terri got absorbed in the rolling rhythm, in the rocking tone, as it did for countless others before me who suffered *for love*.

Over the next several years, I poured myself into writing songs and instrumental pieces; I also arranged, played, sold, and taught hundreds of piano rags, jazz classics, and swing tunes for guitar. Hours engrossed in picking out the guitar accompaniment to a song — practice practice practice was pure joy. My passion drew others, who had me over for parties, took lessons, wanted to be around my songful outpouring. Such clubbiness emboldened other things. The most important — I met a beautiful dark-haired woman and decided I would woo her away from her inattentive, unmusical husband. And my way of woo would be to play *for her, to her*, use my luster as a lure. I knew the snake charmer's song could entrance anyone: it had bewitched me.

On Saturdays I used to play at an antique shop she ran with her husband in the small mid-Missouri town where we lived. I would compose or improvise pieces while she stripped furniture and her hubby jawed with the occasional customer. One day she asked me to help her buy and move a loom on which she wanted to weave rugs. It so happened that her husband had hurried to St. Louis that morning to visit his ailing mother. She and I got a late start, and to close the deal, she shilly-shallied for two hours until the owner cut his price in half. We dismantled the oak-beam beast and loaded it ourselves. Driving back in the dark, I sang her a new song I'd written, a plaintive ballad about the French poet Arthur Rimbaud and a fight he had had with his parish priest (I imagined an Armageddon between poetry and faith). The surreal scene and rueful melody had come to me in a dream. She called it my "dream song," saying it was the most beautiful tune she

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had ever heard. "It makes me feel," she said, "like some part of you wanted only me to have it."

She was right. Just then she pulled the van over, unsure, she said, whether her taillights were working. We both went to the rear. The red lights glowed, the engine pattered. I said to her, "Can I show you something on this side of the van?"

She walked with me. "What?"

I stood before her, slipped two fingers into the unbelted loops of her cut-off jeans, and tugged her toward me, saying, "This." I kissed her until she kissed me in return.

In one day we slept together; in one month she filed for divorce; in six weeks she moved in with me. It was what the writer-me wanted with Terri and the musician-me got, embarrassingly easy, with someone else.

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The Haven, an adobe restaurant on Santa Fe's Canyon Road, and in a corner of the

dining room, this still-determined, still-nervous guitarist played instrumentals for patrons who talked, ate, and ignored me. Occasionally one of my guitar students came in for coffee and dessert and marveled at my supersonic version of Fats Waller's "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie." At 28, having cohabited and moved from Missouri to New Mexico with my future wife, I'd become a showboat soloist. I could play complex jazz chords and a melody at the same time on my six-string Steinway. Most students I taught preferred the guitar as a hobby. But I pressed them to perfect each level: after fingerpicking Doc Watson's "Deep River Blues" it was time for Blind Blake's "Did-die Wa Diddie." I'd done it; there was no reason they couldn't master the instrument too.

The objective of being a showboat was twofold. For one, the money: my girlfriend wanted me to (at least) match her salary as a weaver, so I played five gigs and gave 20 lessons each week. (My

wages, though, never equaled hers.) And two, the more you played, the better you got. Besides, you believed good players played as much for themselves (as anybody else): if an audience wasn't listening, then performing—that self-sell you do as the "professional"—was no different from practicing. The guitarist, available for weddings—how many of those did I play! "Here's your \$40; did you get enough to eat?" Or après-ski, which pitted you and your talent on a corner riser against red-faced, beer-sucking skiers, afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00. You knew because you weren't plying them with John Denver hits that they'd tune you out. But not a problem. You attuned yourself.

Then, a guitar-teacher friend astounded me one day by saying that playing the same tunes in a club every other day was the worst thing any serious musician could do. Why? Because all you did was reinforce your mistakes. During Villa-Lobos's "Étude No. 4," you'd try to keep all those repeated chords

crisply spaced and cleanly voiced, but, eventually, you'd blow the shift from one chord to another. And then, the next time, you'd repeat the same mistake. Unless you fixed it. But how? The last thing you wanted to do was to practice that pop-classical schmaltz you played in public. Why? Even "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" drowned in the syrup after the one-thousandth go-round. And this wasn't only a guitarist's complaint. The locution for pianists who knock out standards at the Hilton is *piano bar*. One celebrated player, Max Morath, quit the restaurant-bar scene forever, to play concerts, that is, for people who'd pay to hear *him*. Why? Because, as Morath allegedly quipped, "Piano bar is death." It wasn't long before you felt the same: "guitar bar" had subsumed your life; entertaining the masses had become your function.

My friend was right. After a year of such performance, I was disillusioned and hoped to follow Morath's lead. I noticed the child's

love of tone and pulse draining from me, which meant my desire for books and literature, the guardian of my heart, returned. To a shelf of unread books I ran, studying Marshall McLuhan's writings (especially *The Gutenberg Galaxy*) in order to know why the medium was the message, why the fountain of artistic creation welled up when new and old technologies merged. Television and the oral tradition, for example. I sensed my mind, which tagged ("You're it!") literature then music then literature then music, was engineering its own merger. Playing guitar instrumentals was what everyone was doing. What could I do that was truly, totally original?

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Into this brew, early 1977, my girlfriend ladled the one thing that would make her happy. A family. By year's end we had twin sons, Jeremy, first, Blake, 17 minutes later. Kids gave me the excuse to get out of the gigging biz and reenter college; my goal, a graduate degree and a

career teaching. First I went to a college in Santa Fe for two years and began acing courses in music theory, sight-reading, music history. I also began studying piano. Then for my final year I transferred to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, commuting 60 miles each way. There I took courses in modern and contemporary music; symphony, opera, chamber music; performance and conducting; composition and counterpoint. Tom-Tom son of Lars (my kids liked it whenever I acted goofy) remembers how hard it is to discern (though his overeducatedness has forgotten it) the counterpoint of J.S. Bach from that of his renowned two sons, C.P.E. and Johann Christian. On that test he got a C+. And through it all he practiced guitar and studied piano: sight-reading, scales, Bartók's *Mikrokosmos*, Mozart sonatinas. If Bach could endure this regimen as an adult while fathering 20 children, then certainly Tom-Tom the Piper's Son could do it with

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his progeny.

But the daily drive was killing me. So in Albuquerque I rented a room for \$50 a month (the roaches crawling nightly in the trash can were *gratis*), then returned to Santa Fe for three days. The kids missed me. Usually we did a lot together, especially music games; songs; little fingers trying real ukulele chords; lessons in the Suzuki method on quarter-size violins, for which I played piano accompaniment when an ensemble of three-year-olds performed. The only fun I had was with my sons. So said my wife. Who also said that when I came home from my "other" life, she would get her three-day break and I would clean the house.

At the University of New Mexico, I was drawn into the lair of New Music, the latest child of the avant-garde. The avant-garde arose in the early 20th Century with Dadaists like Marcel Duchamp, whose found objects (displayed in galleries) challenged the notion of art's meaning and the author's purpose in making that meaning. The avant-garde achieved its Ameri-

can perch most notably in the 1960s, after our culture had let freedom ring. Suddenly there were "concerts" in which people strung taut wires on a stage and eight dancers "played" them with their bodies. Suddenly there were "happenings" in which an innocuous 16-bar tune by Erik Satie was repeated by rotating pianists in the lobby of a university music department for 24 hours. My avant-garde hero was Charles Ives, the New England composer. Ives believed a composer's duty was to write what his mind heard and not worry whether its difficulty strained the capacity of musician or listener. Ives also wrote books and articles, and I cherished his analytic bent to understand why he composed as he did. I also went a little gaga over John Cage. The most eclectic of composers, Cage once advertised that he would be performing a concert in Berkeley. The audience entered the hall and saw an unusual sight—the instruments of an orchestra set on chairs as though the musicians had left them there during intermission. The

audience sat. The audience waited. Twenty, 30 minutes passed. A few wandered onto the stage and began exploring the instruments, playing a note or two. Others joined, musician and non-musician alike. With no tune in common, they improvised. For more than an hour. That, it finally dawned on everyone, was the performance Cage had wanted and, in a way, had written. I learned later that while we were playing our John Cage composition, he was taking part in another concert in New York City.

This was the means to the avant-garde, that anti-rational element born in all

modern arts, which seeks to cloud or subvert the individual art's traditions and utility. I could do that.

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Indicative of the new possibility was a work by a student-composer in the early 1980s. His guitar performance consisted of playing a famous Bach prelude, stopping midway through to switch on a vacuum cleaner (waiting by his side) and inflate a plastic medical glove (the glove he tied off and let float to the ceiling), and then, switching off the vacuum cleaner, finishing the prelude. It was pure Cage: take a recognizable tune, interrupt it with something

absurd, and, with the absurd fresh in mind, return to the tune with wild-opened ears. With these creations we had as much fun as we had conceit, for few other than us (and our loved ones, forced into service) patronized our concerts.

After all, you didn't really need an audience; your imagination required no listener who "liked" what you were

doing. Again Ives was my example: his listeners didn't gain their aural skills for his music until after his death. Buoyed by an eternity for my success, I wanted to forge something that replicated how several arts had got commingled in my head.

The time: June 1981. The place: a concert hall at St. John's College in Santa Fe. The player: Marcia Miku-

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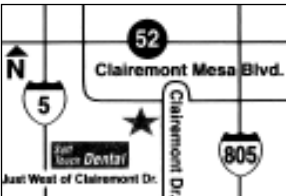
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lak. The work: "Kandinsky's *Several Circles*." The title: the title of a work of art from another medium. The goal: to mix the media of text, music, and painting and, thereby, pay homage to Wassily Kandinsky, the Russian painter who discovered non-representational, or abstract, art. The point: to belabor my confusion.

In my "Kandinsky" Mikulak was instructed to do an array of unorthodox tasks — musical, vocal, physical, and psychological —

at the piano. The score first had her act as if she were controlled by an unseen puppeteer, who moved her arms and hands to play things she was powerless to stop; she gave herself audible directions: "you sit, you play"; unusual statements came from her mouth as did sentences in other languages. Next, the score had her battle for control of her body and emotions, audibly and physically until — and this was "open to the performer's interpretation" — she actu-

ally *felt* in control. To this end, the score asked her to mutter/shout phrases, drum on the piano's wood frame, play a long passage whose forward movement in one hand was silenced by a new rhythmic figure in the other, which, in turn, illustrated the image of Kandinsky's painting *Several Circles* (1926), projected on a screen above the audience. In addition, on tape, and in combat with her, were collages of sounds, the broken-apart syllables of Werner Heisenberg's Uncertainty

Principle, and Kandinsky's statement about the bearing of the abstract artist (the kernel for the work): "One no longer needs nature as an intermediary if one is able to relate to the All."

Someone once described the avant-garde as a place of "pleasureless hedonism." And its main goal, to make everyone, the performer especially, uncomfortable. Mikulak's rendition was stellar. She relished doing what I wanted her to do, played with daring and mystery, accuracy and abandon. I was astounded. So, too, were the reviewers. Wrote one, Mikulak presented the piece "as a kind of *Krapp's Last Tape* with a grand piano. As 'Several Circles' only char-

acter, Mikulak, playing a pianist well past wit's end and tormented by isolation, harangues herself bitterly for her only reason to live: 'I sit. I play.' " The reviewer noted that when she did play something, it was "an incredibly saccharine parody of a gay, impressionistic piece." "Raving in tongues," she attempted to "play seriously, but the music got ugly and monotonous." The reviewer saw (rightly, I think, though I'm biased) that the piece asked the pianist, for 25 difficult minutes, to explore her self-doubt as a performer. Another critic reveled in the tension between the real Mikulak and Mikulak's puppet-self. Chief gloat for me came when the reviewer

noted, "The composer had replicated in music Kandinsky's circles of energy."

* * * Believe it or not, with this piece, the University of California, San Diego, accepted me into its Ph.D. program in composition. So family and I came west in 1982. You'd think I would have been ecstatic. And I was, for a time, until I started thinking what "Kandinsky" had wrought. The work troubled me on the way out — past the lemon groves and the chaparral, past westering station wagons and U-Hauls stuffed with the lives of other avant-garde composers, all three of us. As a risk, I was fine with it. It (the self-dramatization of a per-

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former's psyche) needed airing. But the piece scared me, in part, because it was wild and unknown. I wondered if I wouldn't be disappearing into the abstraction of the arts I had created for myself to appear in.

At UCSD I began study-

ing with a Mexican composer, Julio Estrada, a swarthy man, European-educated and mestizo-mysterious. My first composition, I decided, would be a rhythmically and tonally ambitious work for solo viola. I showed him my sketches,

and he liked discussing the notes and rhythms on the page while imagining their sounds. I told him how much I revered Charles Ives, and he steered me to Ives's music for quarter-tone pianos, tones in between the chromatic ones. I fell in love with

the eerie, dense sound-textures Ives created and, consequently, reconfigured my viola piece to use quarter tones, not as adjuncts to standard notes, but as individual entities themselves. When I presented more sketches to Estrada, he

searched for growth in my ideas. He didn't find it and chided me for not getting sufficiently lost in my creation. To illustrate his point (I noted this in my journal), he played at the piano Richard Wagner's famous wandering chords from the

"Prelude" to *Tristan und Isolde*, singing out as he went, "Who knows where he's going. It's wonderful. Where am I? the music keeps asking. I am lost... I must be lost. Oh, to be lost in a composition is the most wonderful thing of all. *This is*

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He told me to let the music go, stop pigeonholing it into what it doesn't want to be. (Was I really doing that?) What I needed, he said, was more continuity and growth in the rhythmic and melodic fragments I had created, transforming them into something inevitable — a melody, a section of turbulence, then one of calm, a structure — without losing the freedom

of being lost. That's the essence of New Music, he said. My composition must learn its constructive process from within, as it unfolds, and I should never shackle it to a pre-existing form. (But I wasn't doing that! I was lost in the piece, honest, really I was!)

I was stunned, riding the bus along the coast to Encinitas, where my five-year-old sons were starting kindergarten. I couldn't stop thinking that the life

of freedom I'd hoped the avant-garde would bring me was spiraling out of control. I took inventory. I no longer touched any musical instrument. I pretended that I could hear tones and harmonies, even quarter-tone nuances. I would sit with a pencil and blank paper and sketch ideas, rhythmic/graphic/prose notations of my thoughts. (Today the sketches look like an alien's diary.) I would hear people talk on the bus

and then write a piece in which they all sang/spoke their thoughts simultaneously. At the aviary in the San Diego Zoo I transcribed several bird songs; then I roughed out plans for a small speaking ensemble to recite lines from Theodore Roethke's poetry to the accompaniment of three instrumentalists who rendered the bird songs. I'd heard from a brass quintet who had given another piece of mine a quick reading that

it was unplayable. I was a millennium probe, my own Leonardo drawing, tumbling toward a new galaxy. John Adams, the American composer who left the avant-garde, famously described its milieu once as "so far divorced from communal experience that it didn't appear on the national radar screen." Barring the once-a-year academic recital, my compositions had no occasion. I was writing pieces that, after being played once,

no one was *ever* likely to play again.

After I did the dishes at night and sang with the kids before bed, I sat at the kitchen table and scrawled the day's quota of ideas in my notebook. Transcribing what was in my mind was the only way to ground me. If I could make the inchoate take form, I might stop spinning. I polished my viola work, christening it "Jeke," the first two letters of Jeremy, the last two letters of Blake.

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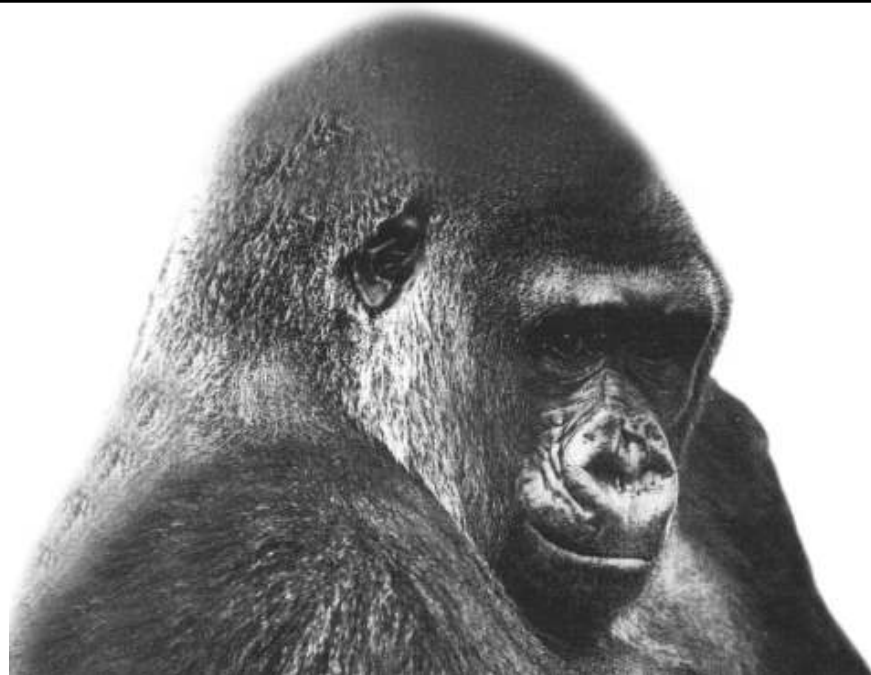


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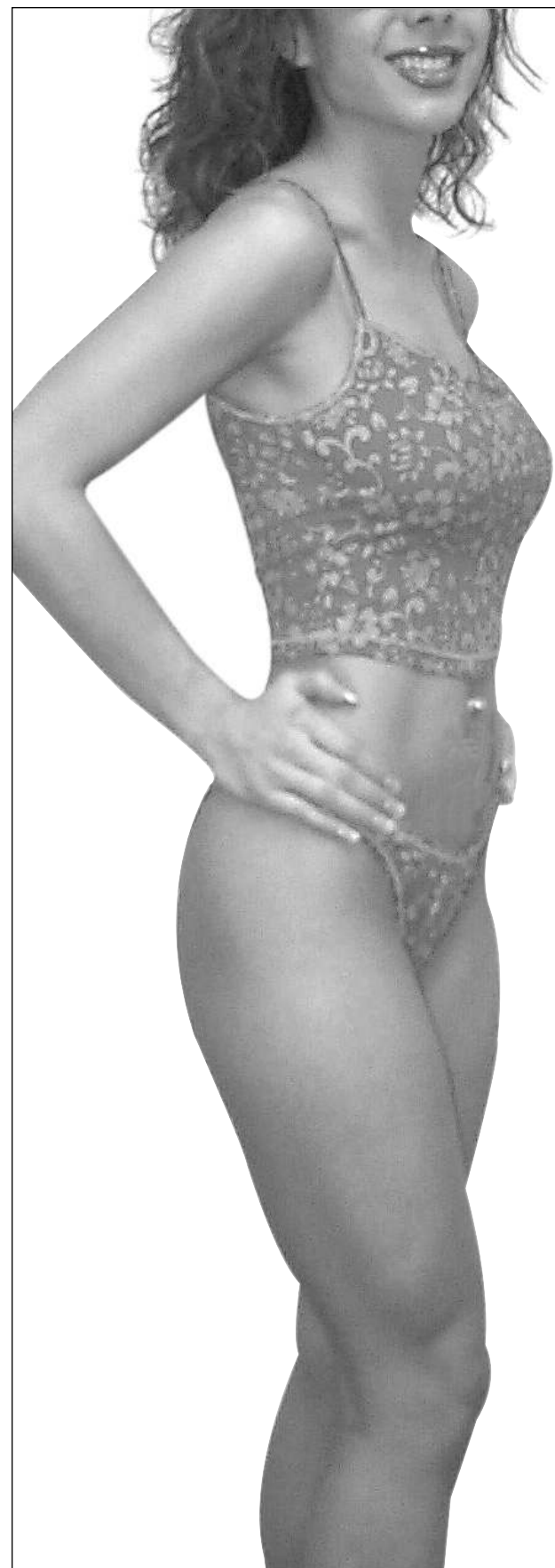
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The night of its premiere, a blackout black stage with a lone overhead light on the violist. One minute in, I realized he hadn't had enough time to learn the piece. Two minutes in, I started cowering in my seat. The piece was lost, just as Estrada had said. It was also tortured, delirious, in search of its tonal identity. As I listened, I could hear in it the contour of my confused self, a fractious boil of mind and sound. I'm sure no one else heard this, but I did, loud and clear. The one soul who had the nerve to speak to me afterward wondered whether I had given the player a piece of music with instructions to purposely play it out of tune. If so — I think he was complimenting me — it was a radical notion. I was left, then, wondering for myself what it meant. I had worked for weeks on this 12-minute piece only to find its player frustrated, its audience unresponsive, its composer bewildered. Did it need more work? Should I can it? I couldn't tell. One faculty member later told me he was impressed with its rhythmic complexity but then asked why it needed so many quarter tones. *Because it's new!* Isn't that why we're here? To be free of our pasts? To be creators?

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Reader, maybe you're not so different from me. You, too, have suffered something in your life that resembles my crack-up in the arts, something that kept turning your attention away from what you felt (but didn't entirely know) your attention should be trained on, something that felt right or necessary to turn *toward* because turning was part of a larger scheme in which attention (for one thing) and desire (for something else) work together like gears, reminding us that our concentration is never as clearly engaged as the moment when it's being dared by an ever-present lure to veg or quit or die or, in my case, simply let go. (The writer works at his table while respites beckon — food, a walk, TV, Internet, sex. He's human so he gives in once in a while. But his task every hour is to exile these sirens and stay put long enough to finish his work.)

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stop. They pull and ply until we give in. One siren plied my wife. And kaput went the marriage. The story of her ending it coincided with our move to San Diego, which I believed would salvage our bond. Instead, she initiated her (secret) plan to split up once we found new, individual opportunities in the golden land. Paralleling her disappointment with our marriage, my musical feeling also dissolved. The sound-

touch evaporated from my body and with it love for my wife. I snuggled my guitar into its plush-lined case one day and watched half (or some portion of) my sensibility lie down with it.

Music is a child's game, played by adults, and thus the boy's kingdom of train and touch is laid bare. It was (permit the despair) the final plane ride of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and the Big Bopper, who would go all-

for-one into the sky-grave.

The day the music died came post-separation during the first weekend I shared with my sons. We spent part of the day in an orchestra room at UCSD. The room was stocked with student-made instruments, used in one of the school's undergraduate classes for non-musicians. We plunked on the xylophones and marimbas, made of cardboard tubes or different-sized coffee cans, with bamboo mal-

lets. We buzzed our lips on the long corrugated hose used to clean swimming pools but now made to work like a didgeridoo.

After an hour, I was drawn to the piano, on which I wrote a simple song I called "Little March" with these lyrics:

Jeremy and Blake, I love you,
Jeremy and Blake, yes I do,
yes...I...do.

I had gone from the heights (depths) of multimedia Kandinsky to the depths (heights) of a sappy lullaby in two-four time.

The boys and I talked briefly about the hard stuff. I said, Your mother and I (a phrase I choked on) would live apart because we were unhappy together. Apart we might be happy, but apart during the week from you two I was unhappy, so I wasn't much happy either way, and so on, until I turned

the faucet off. It was too much too soon. Don't worry — their bright, sad eyes looked plagued with worry — we'll see each other every Saturday and Sunday I promise, and we'll do lots together: the beach, camping, movies, playgrounds, reading, singing. Whatever you want, we'll do.

"Little March" was the last music I ever wrote or played. I knew my musical life was over when I felt the compulsion in my fingers,

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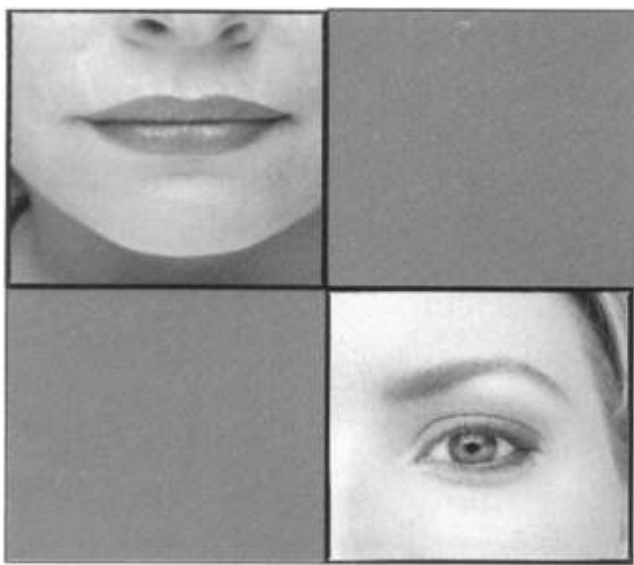
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always ready to pluck the guitar strings, had gone. My arms, my fingers, my tapping toes had no will of their own anymore. Part of me felt this loss would be a punishment for the divorce, a pain I thought I deserved. But today I know better. At the core, the pulsing musical tone of my childhood—that herky-jerky sway with the tune during rehearsal, that big-breath *appoggiatura* at the close of “Santa Lucia”—had, like an unused limb, withered away.

And yet I was relieved to let my body leave what it no longer wanted to be and go where it craved going—into that ungovernable expanse that Natalie Goldberg calls the writer’s wild mind. I haven’t regretted the loss of music. But I do think about my boys, that we sang together before bed so often.

A Saturday evening, in 1983, Blake and Jeremy, aged six, are putting the sheets and the blankets and the pillows on the foldout mattress of the foldout couch. Baths finished, they want to stay up and play in their pajamas as long as possible. But it’s late, and we’ve already sung several numbers from Dr. Seuss’s *Cat in the Hat Songbook*. It’s time for quieter fare. Our book *Lullabies and Night Songs* has new settings of traditional tunes by Alec Wilder, with drawings by Maurice Sendak. On the bed, I’m between them and they’re nestling close, their cheeks massaging my arms, their feet bobbing in rhythmic joy. I say, as we go, See how the words are the same as the notes we sing. “Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh; shadows of the evening steal across the sky.” They watch where I point, but they know the melody by heart, for we’ve sung it many times. They snuggle and hold my arms with a fastness that seems to keep us and the universe in place. And the universe *does* stop, as long as they remain this age, as long as they are pressing their bodies against mine and the tone and the pulse from their singing voices flows back inside us, and we keep on the train, rolling and riding and rocking along, the music the words, the words the music, their differences never apparent so long as we never look back. ■

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to participating in the evening's festivities. I will refrain from describing the potential graphic horrors that would follow out of consideration for your readers' sensibilities, especially if they are reading this around supper-time, but can you see how the resulting run on colostomy bags in the D.C. area could strain the nation's medical system to its capacity, as well as the physical impact it could have on the intestinal fortitude

of the leadership of the Free World? I hope this information is helpful in the endless war against the endless enemy! I know we have already given up a big piece of the Fourth Amendment via the Patriot Act legislation, but maybe further restrictions on our civil rights are now in order! Anyway, let's get on with it and bomb Baghdad! Or was it Tehran? Damascus? North Korea? Oh, who cares! Let's bomb all of them heathens! Oh, I love Christian holy war!

Name Withheld

Skinheads Not Racist

While reading an article titled "Hatecore" (Pop Music) by Jay Allen Sanford in the May 23 issue, I became extremely angry, and not for the reason one would probably assume. I was angered at the perpetuation of an extremely incorrect and harmful stereotype that skinheads are racist. The terms "skinhead" and "racism" are not synonymous, although used interchangeably in this article. Being a skinhead does not require racist views; in fact, it goes against racism. Yes, there are people who are racist who call themselves skinheads, but

these people are not representative. The extreme majority of skinheads are not racist, yet they and the bands that they form are never discussed in the media. And when the article refers to a hatecore festival at which "Antiracist bystanders shouted angrily at band members and were rewarded with beatings administered by skinheads," some of those "anti-racist bystanders" were probably skinheads.

I am so tired of the media perpetuating such a stereotype because reporters are too lazy or ignorant to properly research the subject and repre-

sent it fairly. What about oil bands such as the Templars, of which two of the three members are black and also skinheads? Or Dropkick Murphys, whose drummer is a skinhead? These bands do not have racist lyrics. In fact, the song "Pride" by the Templars promotes antiracism. Or what about antiracist record labels like Insurgence Records? And what about skinhead organizations that have formed entirely to stop this stereotype and promote racial tolerance like SHARP (SkinHeads Against Racial Prejudice)? These groups are never talked about despite being much more representative of the skinhead population. Instead, groups like WAR and bands like Skrewdriver are the only ones who get media attention.

This article is equivalent to writing an article that uses the words "Muslim" and "terrorist" interchangeably and talks about Muslims as if they are all terrorists, which they are not.

It is not hard to research this subject. There are tons of websites by real skinheads who share their views and history. And the books *Spirit of '69* and *Skinhead Nation* by George Marshall are also very informative.

Michelle Terrell

Entrapment Cosmetics

This letter is in response to your May 23 "Blurt" article

about the Hennessey's Tavern problem with underage drinking. I've been a bartender for ten years in different bars in North County, and I've never had a problem with serving underage people. In the last probably year and a half in Carlsbad, where I've worked the last six years, there have been a total of 16 or more violations written to any of the numerous bars in the downtown area. That's really very high.

The Carlsbad police are not following the guidelines that are set forth by the ABC when running a sting operation. The reason why I know this is because I've taken the ABC LEAD class, which is an alcohol-awareness class that plainly outlines what to look for and how the local police department should go about running a sting operation. The Carlsbad police violated the ABC guidelines on Cinco de Mayo by, first of all, sending in a decoy on Cinco de Mayo. One of the guidelines is that they will not hassle bars on days when they are overly busy, which Hennessey's was that day. Also, they will go to a bartender or a server, not to a bar back. And the person that is going in is not allowed to wear makeup or have facial hair, which the girl had makeup on.

There are many bar owners in Carlsbad who will be moving on if this does not stop, and there's no reason for this

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harassment. The only problem with serving minors in Carlsbad is caused by the police department itself, because they're not following the guidelines set forth by the ABC.

Brian Carlsbad

Tear Cocktail

I'm calling in response to the May 23 Hennessey story in "Blurt." No matter what Mr. Tardy says about his unfair treatment by the Carlsbad Police Department, it will just come off as some greedy bar owner willing to do anything to make a buck, up to and including serving some minor. This cannot be any further from the truth, but to the public, it will just look like sour grapes from some slimy owner who got caught and is trying to lie his way out of it. The Carlsbad police know that they can smugly hide behind their shield of justice, fully aware that all they need to say is "we're just protecting the public" and the regular citizen will buy it.

The facts really are that Mr. Tardy is a proud, enthusiastic supporter of Carlsbad, donating time and money to almost any local charity that asks him. He's a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he hosts a golf tournament annually to support the local Boys and Girls Club, in addition to supporting the Carlsbad High School athletic department. The last thing he, or any of the local bar owners, wants to do is illegally provide alcohol to a minor.

But the honest truth is that the Carlsbad police are being extremely overzealous and unfair, almost to the point of dishonesty. They are not following the guidelines set forth by the ABC and are basically preying on local bars at will. They're handicapping any business that serves alcohol in the name of safety.

I'm a longtime patron of downtown Carlsbad, and the anxiety and fear I see on every bartender and cocktail server's face takes away from my enjoyment of the night out. Twice I've seen cocktail servers break down in tears because some patron has yelled at them for carding them, the second time after the door host had done so already. To that end, a lot of prospective bar employees are choosing to avoid Carlsbad when looking for work.

This is not a case of some sinister crime syndicate being broken up by a heroic and courageous police force. Instead, it is a case of honest, hardworking business people being bullied and harassed by a shady police department that hides behind statements like "using appropriate enforcement to keep bars in line and safe places to eat and drink." This sounds wonderful to the public; too bad it's not true.

Barbie Walling

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Norte (Restaurant Review, May 23). In the '50s, the family of a college friend was from central Mexico, and I dined with them often. The food was so-o-o-o good, so different from the usual restaurant fare — until I found La Especial a few years ago. Now I eat there often or stop for takeout. Always great food and, for me, a taste trip to the past. Truly an “*especial*” place.

Gene Eagles

No Apologies

This is a response to the “Cultivated Hate” letter (May 23). That letter was, in turn, a response to my original letter to which the *Reader* (May 16) coined the heading “Hates Duncan” in which I expressed my extreme dislike for Duncan Shepherd’s movie reviews.

I hate *lots* of things. I hate creamed corn. I hate Milwaukee in the winter. I hate when people don’t signal. But there are degrees of “hate,” and this isn’t the kind of hate that you try to stamp out. Hate may not be the most preferred emotion, but it’s natural if you’re human. Unlike pot, violent video games, pornography, and Marilyn Manson music (ahem), it doesn’t inevitably lead to bigger and badder things if you “hate” woolen underpants. But we’re arguing semantics here, since my feelings are for Duncan’s reviews, and it’s more of a

strong bile-inducing dislike. Otherwise, I couldn’t give a damn.

The *Reader* chose to publish my letter, but I would have been just as content with Mr. Shepherd getting a forwarded copy. I was not aware it was published twice, or if it even was. But now that you’ve made me the poster child for free speech, I’ll say it. Free speech is the medium that allows each of us to weigh up all the arguments and draw our own conclusions. Nothing I said in that letter was racist or profane. Duncan was not thrust into the limelight through no fault of his own, he *chose* to be a movie reviewer for the *Reader* (and the *Reader* in turn chose him for some ungodly reason), and as such he will be subject to continual criticism. So, if you were expecting an apology from me, you will not get one. I do not apologize for my independent thought, nor do I apologize if I let that thought slip into spoken or written word, and you should give the *Reader’s* readers a bit more credit for having minds of their own.

That being said, to claim that publishing a letter is in any way going to cultivate an army of Duncan haters is, well, laughable (but strangely appealing...)!

Michael
Doesn’t Take Himself As
Serious As Some People

Dry Meltzer

This is a bit late — I was out of town when Richard Meltzer’s rant on aging came out (“Autumn Rhythm,” May 2) — but he needs to hear this:

Yes, Richard, since you ask, you are a drunk. Anybody who spends three afternoons a week sitting in a dim bar debating another barfly is an alcoholic. You are not, however, an old drunk. The world, after all, is run mostly by people older than fifty-six. What’s eroding your mind and body is not your age, it’s nigh half a century of systematic poisoning; alcohol abuse causes both neurological damage, and muscle atrophy, you know. At fifty-six, you shouldn’t be starting to rot, you should be right on the cusp of the most productive ten years of your life.

As to those barroom forums you love so much and their “alc-assisted” depth, significance and “finitude”: You’ve discovered you can’t write drunk; you just end up with pages of garbage. What makes you think you can talk drunk any better than you can write — besides, of course, alcoholic hubris? Richard, trust me, if someone were to videotape one of those afternoons of boozy philosophizing and play it back to you sober, you’d find it virtually unbearable to watch.

And that’s just what you need to do — get somebody to

make that videotape, and watch it till, as you would put it, you puke. You don’t have a family to do an intervention, having made the mistake of modeling your life (and writing style) on Jack Keroak, Charles Bukawski, et al, so there’s nobody to save you but yourself (AA? For an iconoclast you? Hardly)

To free yourself would require shedding not just the chemical dependency, but the lifetime of romance and bravado with which you have invested it. Those are illusions which have to fall, anyhow, though, as the bills for all these years of excess come due. And once you’re clean, brain cells do regenerate (recent discovery) and so does muscle tone, to an amazing extent — yes, at your age. And the need for chemical solace disappears as natural brain chemicals come back into ballance.

There’s no need to descend into decrepitude right now, Ritchard; this isn’t about age. If you could get clean and dry, the next twenty years could be the best of your life.

Name Withheld
Poway

Richard Meltzer responds: Hey, sport — who’s the drunk? You can’t even spell “Kerouac,” “Bukowski,” or “alcohol”...or my first name the same way four times. Take your sobriety act on the road... it’s terrific.

Male Wish

I’m calling in regard to your article “If I’d Been Born a Woman” (May 16). I would like to know, are you going to follow up on “If I’d Been Born a Man”? I think that would issue just as much or more challenging information, because I was born a woman, and I sure as the world would have preferred being a man and had the liberty and freedom to do what I wished and not be dictated to by the white-collar genre that has been walking the streets the last 50 years.

Ruth Sewell
Sunset Cliffs

Bloody Philosophies

Mr. Huete of Spring Valley longs for the eradication of Christianity (Letters, May 9). He states that the 20th Century was one in which Christianity caused “more bloodshed than all the wars combined.” Really? What a fantastic claim! Where did this occur? The 20th Century I grew up in saw many wars from WWI to WWII to Korea to Vietnam to the Persian Gulf. I thought such non- and even anti-Christian philosophies like Fascism, Nazism, and Communism brought a great deal of bloodshed. Maybe I was blind to a bunch of unspecified bloodshed Christians were causing that evidently, in Mr. Huete’s 20th Century,

led to more bloodshed than these wars combined.

I do know of a lot of orphanages, hospitals, private schools, medical-mission efforts, and feeding programs for the poor that were started and sustained by a whole lot of churches in the 20th Century. These aren’t what’s always highlighted in the press. Instead, when you find a hypocrite, that’s front-page news.

I suppose, in Mr. Huete’s world, we would be progressing intellectually and physically if we just let the producers of pornography and the owners of strip clubs do all that they pleased, because certainly these have the community’s well-being and progress at heart. Perhaps you would welcome these businesses setting up shop next door to you, Mr. Huete, but I don’t believe (and I think there are more who would agree) that the families of my community are well served by these enterprises.

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Opening Ceremony for Mule Hill and San Pasqual Trails

On Saturday, new trails in San Dieguito River Park will open, and one day last week, Jason Lopez prepared to trim back the chaparral in time for the festivities. “The first section was built in February 2001, so there’s over a year’s growth on it already,” said the senior park ranger.

The Mule Hill Historic Trail and the San Pasqual Valley Trail are part of the planned 55-mile Coast-to-Crest Trail, which will run all the way from the ocean at Del Mar to Volcan Mountain, just north of Julian. Lopez characterized the two trails as “linear” — one segues into the other at about the five-mile point. Even without the signage, you’ll know you

be dried for Pier 1-style arrangements. ‘Sunset Safari’ is one of the prominent ornamental crops.”

Lopez sounded happier to report that trail users will also pass by an organic vegetable farm and an orange orchard.

The City of San Diego owns most of the agricultural land in San Pasqual. Farmers lease the land. “The lease holders kind of act like private-property owners, but that is public land,” said Lopez.

An official statement on the San Dieguito River Park website says, “A protocol for trail closure when an area near the trail is being sprayed with pesticides was developed and approved by the County Farm Bureau, County Farm Advisor’s Office, and the affected farmers.”

The website also notes that the deal struck with farmers provided for the construction of fencing, some 27,000 feet of it. The fencing is meant “to protect against theft of produce.” But 27,000 feet? That’s almost half the trails’ length, which totals 11 miles.

Lopez was asked to describe the fencing. “One part of it is wooden log-pole fencing with chain link in between. Another part of it is strictly chain link. Some of it is just two-rail log-pole. And in the wild lands area, there is barbless wire fencing.”

This last kind of fencing isn’t intended to separate trail users from farmers’ crops. “It’s meant to prevent people from going into areas that are set aside for wildlife.”

Lopez talked about the beauty of the trails but mentioned the fencing



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVE ALLEN

Mule Hill trail, San Pasqual Valley

again when he was asked if there were any parts that aren’t particularly scenic. “Well, traveling along the fencing, you get mesmerized by it a little bit,” he admitted. “There’s the view, but the fencing kind of captures your eye, at least at first.” It’s five feet tall.

There are plans to train growth over certain sections of it, but, said Lopez, “Right now, the logistics of doing that are beyond our capabilities. It would be hard to get plants started, especially in a drought year. The species would have to be a climbing native plant, like raspberry — we’re not going to plant an exotic species out there — but raspberry is a water-dependent plant.” Irrigation would be necessary, in other words. “And we don’t have the infrastructure along the trails for that. We’re restricted

by the natural resources.”

Another less-than-scenic part of the trails skirts some private land and a dairy. “We had to go along the road instead of through the pasture.”

At the opening this weekend, shuttle-bus service will be available at the end of the trails to bring participants back to their vehicles. There will be speechifying, ribbon-cutting, and flag-raising. People in period costumes at the San Pasqual State Battlefield Visitor’s Center will give history presentations. And outdoor writers Jerry Schad and Tom Leech will act as trail guides.

The next section of the Coast-to-Crest Trail will be built in the area west of Lake Hodges Dam. Lopez couldn’t say when that project would begin. “It’s a difficult section, with lots of steep terrain and rocks and a river crossing. We have some funding, but it’s only just enough to get started and look at the issues.”

Mule Hill and San Pasqual were reported to have cost \$900,000, but Lopez said the total actually came to \$1.3 million.

— Jeanne Schinto

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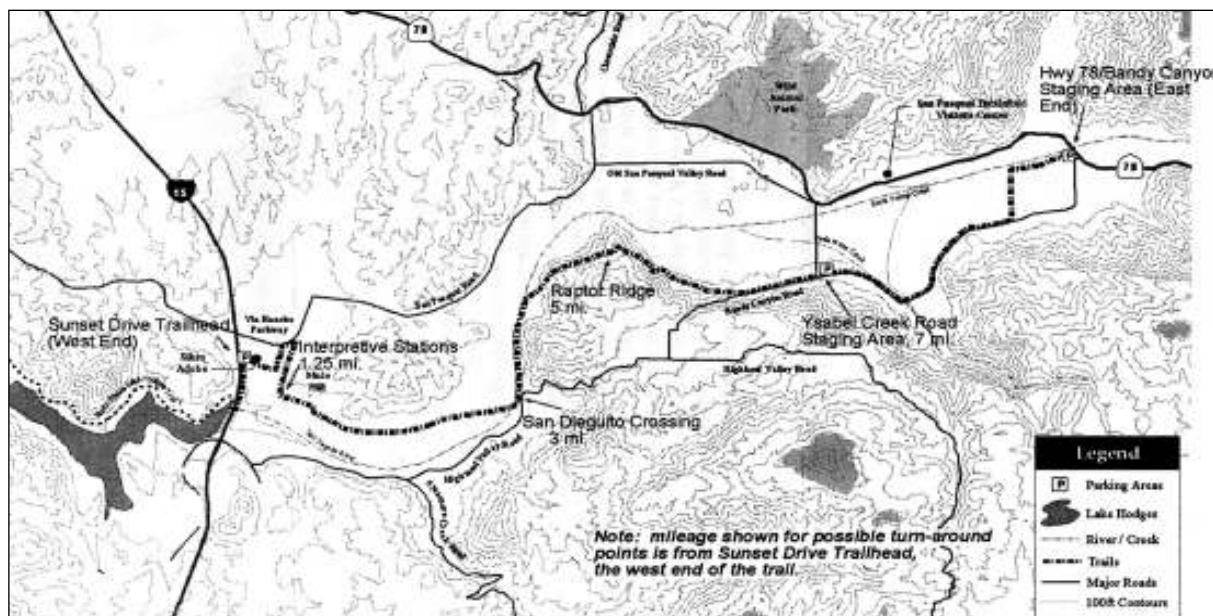
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have reached the juncture, he said, because you’ll see “the broad sweep of the San Pasqual Valley,” including “a really big view of agriculture.”

The close proximity of the trails to agricultural land makes them unusual if not unique. “I’m not sure if there are any other trails that interface with agriculture like these trails do. So it’s definitely a test for the future.”

The trails start just east of I-15 on the north side of Lake Hodges and extend eastward through the valley to Highway 78 at Bandy Canyon Road. What kinds of crops will hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians see along the way? “One of the more profitable crops is sod, unfortunately. A lot of grass is grown in San Pasqual,” said Lopez. Another big crop in the region isn’t food, either. “It’s flowers to



Map of San Pasqual Valley trail

Calendar
LOCAL EVENTS

Events that are underlined occur after June 6.

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complete description of the event, including the date, time, cost, the precise address where it is to be held (including neighborhood), a contact phone number, and a phone number (including area code) for public information to READER EVENTS, Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186-5803. Or fax to 619-881-2401. You may also submit information online at www.SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

GETAWAYS

BAJA

Festival Binacional de Mozart, Mainly Mozart's annual Festival Binacional de Mozart gets underway on Saturday, June 1, with a concert at 7 p.m. at Real del Mar. Violinist Martin Chalifour and pianist Joanne Pearce Martin will present the recital. The program includes Mozart's "Violin Sonata in B-Flat," "Duo Concertante" by Stravinsky, Elgar's "Chansons de Matin et Nuit," and the "Violin Sonata in D Minor" by Saint-Saëns.

Find Real del Mar at km 19.5 on

the Tijuana-Ensenada toll road. Tickets are \$22. Mainly Mozart is also offering a package with transportation, dinner, and concert for \$75. For reservations and information, call 619-239-0100. (BAJA CALIFORNIA)

Score Baja 500, this annual 500-mile off-road car, motorcycle, four-wheeler, and truck loop race in Baja California runs June 1 and 2. Viewing is free for spectators. For more information, call 818-225-8402. (ENSENADA)

The Ten Top Libraries in Baja are offering books for all ages during the book festival running Saturday through Sunday, June 1-9, along

Avenida Revolución between 7th and 8th Streets. The festival includes art exhibitions. For more information, call 011-52-664-688-1721. (TIJUANA)

Dirt Road Racing, horse racing is planned on Sunday, June 2, on Coahuila Street #119 Fraccionamiento El Pedregal. Events run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for spectators. Dial 011-52-665-653-1782 for more details. Racing is also slated for June 16 and 30. (TECATE)

Las Barajas Paint and Photo Exposition, this exhibition at the Galeria de Arte de la Ciudad features "nationally and internationally known Mexicali artists." The show closes on

Friday, June 7. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is free. For information and directions, dial 011-52-665-553-5044. (MEXICALI)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: *Bears*, with screenings Tuesday through Friday at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. 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 x50. (TIJUANA)

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nates with a cooking contest among Rosarito Restaurant Association chefs for the mushroom festival on Sunday, June 9, 1 to 8 p.m. Numerous mushroom dishes will be available for sampling on Paseo Calle Primera (between Alvarado and Blancarte Streets), and there will be live musical entertainment. The \$13 tickets include four food sample coupons and four beverages. For more information, call 011-52-646-174-0448. (ENSENADA)

OUTDOORS

Spring Wildflowers, few in number this year, may have dried up in most areas of San Diego County, but in the cooler coastal enclaves such as Cabrillo National Monument and Torrey Pines State Reserve, a few specimens remain. Look for paintbrush, purple nightshade, coreopsis, sea fig, popcorn flower, and red monkey flower, among others.

Oleander bushes, now beginning to bloom in gardens and along roadsides in the interior valleys and desert, will continue putting on a good show through the summer. Good displays of white, pink and red varieties can be seen along the medians of Interstate 8 in east El Cajon and along Interstates 5 and 15 in parts of North County. Oleander's toxic characteristics are well known: all parts of it are poisonous if ingested.

Wild Rose, a California native, is blooming in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist,

lowland areas and along small watercourses and ravines, wild rose shows off small, fluorescent-pink flowers. By June or July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

Explore a Mountain Canyon when the Audubon Society birders head to Noble Canyon on Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m. to noon. There's a new bridge over the streambed, allowing access to a nice birding area for possible sightings of black-chinned sparrow, Lawrence's goldfinch, mountain quail, and more.

Meet the group at the Noble Canyon Trailhead. Take I-8 and exit at Pine Valley. Go under the freeway to Old Highway 80. Turn left and drive just over one mile, cross the bridge, and make a sharp right turn at the end of the bridge onto Pine Creek Road. Proceed about 1.4 miles and watch for the trailhead sign. Turn right and proceed a short distance to the parking area. Bring water and lunch. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Free. 619-692-3246. (PINE VALLEY)

Fire Prevention is the topic when a retired forest ranger presents a demonstration and discussion on Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m., in William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). The day-use fee is \$2. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Observable History, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, on Saturday,

June 1, at 10 a.m., starting at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Go Wild, learn about local wildlife when Project Wildlife speaks at Lake Jennings Park on Saturday, June 1, at 6 p.m. Find the park at 10108 Bass Road. Call 858-694-3049 for details. Free. (LAKESIDE)

Boots and Paws, take a ranger-led interpretive walk with your dog and learn about the importance of dog care when in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, June 1, at 8 a.m. Bring water for yourself and your canine friend, along with a bag to pick up after your pet. Join the group in the Kumeyaay Campground parking lot, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. Dial 619-668-3275 for details. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the Plant World around the Mission Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger during a native plant walk on Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Many native plants from different habitats around Southern California are found in the park. Find the center at One Father Junipero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Celebrate Our Trails and the volunteers who maintain them by commemorating National Trails Day on Saturday, June 1. Activities are planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the adobe in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (behind Canyonside Park) and at the preserve's staging area (12020 Black Mountain Road). There will be vendor booths, exhibits, food, music, a wagon ride,

tours of the ranch house, sheriff's search and rescue personnel and animals, rock climbing, and much more. Free. For information, call 858-484-7504. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Urban Foresters, Unite! Join People for Trees to plant trees on Saturday, June 1. There are two sites this week: at 4439 Olney Street at 8:30 a.m. and at 2603 Murray Ridge Road at 10 a.m. Free. Bring drinking water, shovels, gloves, and sturdy shoes (if you have them). For information, dial 619-222-8733. (PACIFIC BEACH, SERRA MESA)

Whaddaya Know About Cattle Tunnels? Hike in Carroll Canyon to explore the cattle tunnels under the railroad line and learn about the Chinese immigrants who built the railroad when Will Bowen leads a hike in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m. to noon. Meet near the fire station at the corner of Carroll Canyon Road and Scranton Road. For information and directions, call 858-484-3219. Free. (MIRA MESA)

The Urban Art Trail Is the Thread running through East Village, the area that was the warehouse district for San Diego from the late 1800s to the late 1900s and is now the site for the new ballpark. Explore the area with Patty Fares, who plans a 2.5-mile Urban Safari with detours for historic tidbits and viewing the new developments on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (EAST VILLAGE)

Rescuing Wild Animals in Trouble is the job of Wildlife Assist volun-

teers, with two orientations planned on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy (in Cardiff-by-the-Sea Towne Centre, 2031 San Elijo Avenue) and at the Clairemont Community Service Center in Clairemont Town Square (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. 619-921-6044. Free. (CARDIFF, CLAIREMONT)

Master Tracker Ab Taylor presents his step-by-step "Mantracking and Track-Aware" seminar on June 1 and 2, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Novices are welcome to the classes, running 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 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)

What Happened at Mule Hill in 1846? Find out when the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Valley trail officially opens with events on Saturday, June 1, at 9 a.m. Docents will be on hand to divulge historical information at 10:30 a.m.

Jerry Schad and Tom Leech will lead hikes beginning at 11 a.m. down the generally flat, ten-mile-long trail for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

Shuttle service will be provided at the end of the trail (by reservation). To reach the Sunset Drive trailhead, take I-15 to Via Rancho Parkway, and go east. Turn right at the first light, Sunset Drive and park along the street. Free. Call 858-674-2275 x5 to make reservations and obtain information. (ESCONDIDO)

Nature Hike, local naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including June 2, at 1 p.m. With over 30 years of study in the area, he'll explain the lake's history and the mountain ecosystem, including birds, plants, and animals. The three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars if you have them.

The hike is free, but there is a \$6-per-car day-use fee. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center is at 15027 Highway 79. Call 788-581-9904 or 619-447-8123 for details. (JULIAN)

"Tecolote" Is a Pre-Columbian Word meaning "owl." Take an easy hike through the western portion of Tecolote Canyon Natural Park with the Canyoners on Sunday, June 2, 8 to 9:30 a.m. This outing takes place in a side canyon containing a rich diversity of natural vegetation and birds; coyotes are regularly seen

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romping along the creek. To reach the trailhead, take I-5 to Tecolote Road and follow it east past the ball fields. Park in the nature or recreation center lots. Free. For information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BAY PARK)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on Sunday, June 2, at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest planets in the sky, shine close to each other in the western sky at dusk during the next several days. On Monday, June 3, the two reach a minimum distance apart of less than 2 degrees — equivalent to the diameter of four full moons placed side-by-side. In areas away from the coast where the twilight sky is not obscured by the usual gray marine layer, this will be a curious and compelling sight.

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including June 5. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors' infor-

mation center, located in Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

DANCE

“Offener Mund: A Night of Dance” is being presented May 30-June 1 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. “Offener Mund” celebrates the unique voice and vision of the San Diego postmodern dance community with works by Andrew Wass, GROUP, Deborah Loshe, Tonnie Sammartano, Colleen Phillips, and Rikke Jeppesen. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets are \$10 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Dances of Lebanon and the Eastern Bedouin Peoples are offered by Cedar Productions from the Art/Dance Academy on Friday, May 31, at Hajji Baba (at Fourth Avenue and C Street). Raks el Anwar presents this “Orientale”-themed folkloric show with Sophia and live music by Paul Hajji and percussionist Walid Assaf. The music starts between 9 p.m. For reservations, call 619-595-7887 or 760-757-4470. (DOWNTOWN)

Contradance, Jump Fingers make the music and Graham Hempel calls

for the contradance planned on Friday, May 31. 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. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

“Bellydancing Fusion” is promised when the Urban Tribal Dance Company performs on June 1 at the Gargoyle Gallery (1845 India Street). Performances begin at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. The cover is \$5. For information, call 619-234-1344. These shows take place on the first Saturday of each month. (LITTLE ITALY)

Learn West African Dance Moves to live drumming when guest artist Abdoulaye Camara from Guinea, West Africa, teaches a workshop on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake). All ages are welcome. The fee is \$15. 858-793-0178. (ENCINITAS)

Neither Experience nor Partners Are Necessary for the Latin partner dance workshops planned by Phil Hatcher on Sundays through June 23, 4 to 5:30 p.m., at Eight Elements West (6830 La Jolla Boulevard #201). Dance the Argentinean tango on June 2. The fee is \$15 per class. To reserve a space, dial 858-459-0899. (LA JOLLA)

Dance, Dance, Dance, All Things Swing and More hosts grand-opening festivities on Tuesday, June 4, with free dance workshops from 7 to 9 p.m. and dance practice (9 to 11 p.m.). The dancing takes place at the Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

A Variety of Jewish Performances designed “to dazzle audiences” is planned for this year's Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival. The festival continues with “Klezmer Ballet” June 5-9. San Diego Ballet and the Freilachs klezmer band unite for these performances.

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 7; at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 8; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, in the Lyceum Space at the San Diego Repertory Theatre at Horton Plaza. Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

“Thanks for the Memories,” it's the theme for the spring dance concerts planned by dancers at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (2425 Dusk Drive). Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 and 6. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. Call 619-470-0588 for reservations. (PARADISE HILLS)

Zydeco! The Bon Temps Social Club hosts its weekly “Thursday Club” get-together at the Balboa Park Club (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). Doors open at 7 p.m., with dancing to a mixture of Creole and Cajun music from Louisiana and East Texas from 8:15 to 10:30 p.m. The requested donation is \$3; kids are free and welcome. Partners are not required. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

“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. See *Götterdämmerung* on Saturday, June 1, 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)

The Acidic Black Comedy *No Man's Land* focuses on an abandoned trench between enemy lines with a Serb and Bosnian playing “the blame game” in a comic tit-for-tat struggle while a wounded Serbian soldier lies helplessly on a land mine.” The “ferocious political satire” screens for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street) on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. Free. 619-236-5800. In Bosnian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

In Search of Universal Truths, twentysomething filmmaker Chris Roe and his Baby Boomer father Richard Roe (in the midst of a wicked midlife crisis) take a six-month trip around the world in *Pop and Me*. In this travelogue, the duo interviews men of various cultures and socioeconomic classes in 26 countries in search of “universal truths about the bonds between fathers and sons.”

The Independent Film Society hosts a screening of the film on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m., at the UltraStar La Costa Cinema (6941 El Camino Real, at Alga). “Pop” Richard Roe will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is \$12 general. Call 760-942-5988 for information. (LA COSTA)

Take an Unflinching Look at the turbulent existence of a group of orphaned Kurdish siblings in the Bahman Ghobadi movie *A Time for Drunken Soldiers*, screening for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. The film is in Farsi and Kurdish with English subtitles. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Dusk Films, the “Summer of 2002 Outdoor Film Festival” series at the San Diego Museum of Art continues with Jean Cocteau's *Orpheus*, set in Paris in the late 1940s. The film starts at dusk on Thursday, June 6. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-696-1935. Free. In French with English subtitles. (BALBOA PARK)

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*. 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

What to Do Before Leaving Home, learn all about “Travelin' Italy” with Margo Classe when the author presents a slide-illustrated seminar today, Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Class is author of four travel guidebooks to the best budget hotels in Europe. Admission is free, but call 619-239-5635 for the required reservations. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Sculptures and Paintings by Becky Guttin are on exhibit at the Galerie D'Art International through Tuesday, June 25. Guttin is said to redeem "from death the memory of objects that have been cast aside." Guttin presents a free artist's lecture on Saturday, June 1, at 4:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 592 Carlsbad Village Drive; 760-434-2282. (CARLSBAD)

"Adoptions: Challenging the Myths and Understanding the Options" — it's time for the 18th annual adoption forum sponsored by the Adoption Coalition of San Diego on Saturday, June 1, at UCSD's Price Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's keynote speaker is Sharon Kaplan Roszia, author of *Cooperative Adoption and The Open Adoption Experience*. The fee is \$55. For information, call 619-542-7772 or 858-535-3033. (LA JOLLA)

Floating? There's a float-building workshop planned on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m., at the MainStreet Oceanside offices (216 North Coast Highway). Novice and experienced float builders are invited to attend to learn or share expertise. Free. 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Write It Out, the San Diego Book Awards Association offers an "Almost Free Outdoor Writer's Clinic" on Saturday, June 1. Writers, poets, agents, and publishers will lead the sessions, conducted at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Upas Street. There will be entertainment and cold drinks. The fee is \$20 general, \$10 for students. To register, call 619-479-7960. (BALBOA PARK)

Yours, Mine, Ours, marriage and family therapist Donna Dennis McBeth and Allen McBeth present a "blended family seminar" on Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Bonita Wesleyan Church (5305 Sweetwater Road). Topics include "How to Be an Effective Step-Parent" and "Practical Tools for Step-Family Harmony," among others. Free. To register, call 619-479-8208. (BONITA)

Explore "Earth as Seen from Space" when NASA astronaut Robert Parker speaks on Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m., at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Parker worked in the Apollo and Skylab programs in the 1960s and 1970s, flew on two Space Shuttle missions, and now works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. The talk is included in regular center admission. Call 619-238-1233 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Back to Basics, the North San Diego County Genealogical Society hosts a beginners' class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For information, call 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Professional Art Critic Joan Grine critiques random pastels brought in by members when the Pastel Society of San Diego meets on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., at the De Anza Cove community room (2727 De Anza Road). 858-488-3864. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Learn to Paint a Seascape in watercolor when Charlotte Yaggi presents a demonstration on Monday, June 3, at 10 a.m., in Gallery 23 at the Spanish Village Art Center. Free. 619-232-3522. (BALBOA PARK)

Ahoy, Matey, Flotilla 16-03 of the U.S. Coast Guard auxiliary offers a boating skills and seamanship course at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays from June 3 to July 15. Subjects include boat construction, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, aids to navigation, and more. There is a modest materials charge. Take the course at the San Diego County Health Building (3851 Rosecrans Street). To register, call 858-672-2660. (SAN DIEGO)

What Does It Take to Publish a Book? Authors Lee Silber and Andrew Chapman — with 14 books between them — present "Behind the Books" on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m., at the Creativity Center (243 North Highway 101, suite 10, behind the Java Depot). A different aspect of the book business will be covered each Tuesday in June. The fee is \$49 per seminar, or \$149 for the whole series. To register, call 858-792-5312. (SOLANA BEACH)

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"Petroleum — What It Is and How We Get It" is the topic when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a course June 4, 6, and 11 taught "by an expert with 30 years of experience in the petroleum industry." The fee is \$35 for adults. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Morphology of reptiles through examination of external structures and dissection of an internal anatomy when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers a class on Tuesday and Thursday, June 4 and 6. The fee for nonmembers is \$25. Register by calling 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Get to Know Carlsbad, the Carlsbad Newcomers meet on Wednesday, June 5, for a program by the Carlsbad Historical Society. The talk will be followed by a tour of the Magee historical buildings and St. Michael's Church. Wear comfortable shoes for this guided tour. The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. for socializing; the meeting starts at 10:15 a.m., in Heritage Hall at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). 760-754-2806. (CARLSBAD)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting).

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"The Value Approach" is the topic when local artist Wesley Ben Cradic speaks for the Foothills Art Association on Thursday, June 6. Cradic will do a still-life in acrylic. The group gathers at 7:30 p.m. in the Lamp-lighters Community Theater (8053 University Avenue). 619-464-7167. Free. (LA MESA)

Planning a Trip to Italy but speak no Italian? The Italian Community Center is offering "Italian for Travelers" on Wednesdays, July 17, 24, and 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will learn fundamental Italian grammar, sentences, and words to gain information and directions, shop, and more. No previous knowledge of Italian is required. The fee is \$65 per person. Find the center at 1669 Columbia Street. Call 619-237-0601 to reserve a spot. (LITTLE ITALY)

IN PERSON

Set Sail on a Musical Journey to America when the J*Company presents premiere performances of the new "Jewish musical" *Hello, Tomorrow* by Sean Hartley. The play tells the story of Jewish immigration through the seven Belarsky children who travel from Russia to New York to be reunited with their father.

Enjoy the singing in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community

Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 30; at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 31; at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1; and at 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. Tickets range from \$11 to \$15.50 for nonmembers. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. (LA JOLLA)

Music from the '20s to the Present is promised when the Monettes Women's Chorus presents "Jazz Etc." on Friday, May 31, at 7 p.m., at the Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Tickets are \$3 for adults, free for those under 12. Call 619-388-4833 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

Native Tongues, this poetry reading hosted by Adrian Arancibia of the Taco Shop Poets is slated for Friday, May 31, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Performers include Adolfo Guzman López, Linda Torres, DJ Tuberc, and others. The requested donation is \$7. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., readings begin at 8 p.m. Call 619-230-1869 for details. (DOWNTOWN)

Know Any One-Eyed French/Indian Navigators? Meet "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. Slosberg plays au-

thentic 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)

The Featured Poet is Magan Webster and Brazilian artist Aline Spellmeier exhibits work when Poetry Unlimited Art and Music convenes on Friday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). An open reading follows. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

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)

Enjoy a Relaxing Evening with storytelling, music, and snacks when Joan Wilson and Fred Laskowski tell stories interspersed with music at Ocean-song on Friday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. Find the store at 1438 Camino del Mar; 858-755-7664. (DEL MAR)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Black Ice, Staceyann Chin, and Suheir Hammad perform for this concert on Saturday, June 1, 8 p.m. at the Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets are \$32, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Live Pain-Free, Pete Egoscue describes and demonstrates his "E-cises to regain a pain-free body" on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Egoscue is author of *The Egoscue Method of Healing Through Motion and Pain Free for Women*. Free. Call 858-270-8642 for details. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Dressed in Traditional Filipino Costumes, the eight-voice Community Christian Fellowship Praise Team presents a short concert on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m., at the Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Expect to hear gospel and traditional songs from the Philippines in both English and Tagalog. Free. 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Jazz It Up when the Kokopelli Latin Jazz Quartet performs on Saturday, June 1, at 5:30 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Call 619-424-7242 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Improv Is on Tap when San Diego Playback Theatre performs on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church (3295 Meade, at 33rd). The scenes are based on suggestions by audience members. Admission is \$8. For information, call 619-298-1207. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

One-Act Showcase, see one-act plays directed, written by, and featuring theater school students of the North Coast Repertory Theatre and their mentors at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, and at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4 and 5. *Rhythms of the Heart* and *The High Tops Are High on Top* are presented at each performance.

Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for children. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe; call 858-481-1055 for tickets. (SOLANA BEACH)

Voices and Spirits Will Soar when Rabbi Shefa Gold leads a participatory "Evening of Sacred Chant" on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m., at Congregation Dor Hadash (4858 Ronson Court). The chant will be preceded by a drumming workshop led by Rachmiel O'Regan at 7 p.m. (bring your own drum). Tickets are \$18 for adults, free for those under 13; for both the chant and drumming workshop, pay \$30. Call 619-640-0123 for information. (KEARNY MESA)

Battle of the Slams, the team from Las Vegas meets up with San Diego's own during the poetry slam on Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). An open reading follows each round of the bout. Admission to this team fundraiser is \$3. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

The Red and Black, the Vista High School Regimental Band performs on Saturday, June 1, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre (found at the foot of Mission Boulevard off I-5). For information, call 760-726-5611. (OCEANSIDE)

Poetry at Marston House, Rae Armantrout presents a poetry reading on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., on the terrace at the Marston House (3525 Seventh Avenue). Armantrout has published eight books of poetry. Admission is \$10; for reservations, call 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

Take in a "Seaside Chat with Walter Cronkite" when he converses with

Scripps director Charles F. Kennel on Sunday, June 2, at noon, in front of the Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Cronkite is in town to receive the second annual Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest. Free. 858-534-3624. (LA JOLLA)

"So Shall Ye Reap," Barbara Cefaulu presents this "play about spiritual growth and reincarnation" when the Edgar Cayce Association for Research and Enlightenment meets on Sunday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m., in the community room at La Jolla Village Square (8657 Villa La Jolla Drive). The suggested donation is \$5. 619-669-0331. (LA JOLLA)

Enrichment Series, head to the Poway Center for the Performing Arts for music by the Touch of Class barbershop quartet on Sunday, June 2, at noon. The \$25 tickets include lunch. Call 858-748-0505 for reservations. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

Watching Ground Zero, photographer Joel Meyerowitz has been engaged in a nearly year-long daily documentation of New York's Ground Zero. Born in New York in 1938, Meyerowitz considers himself a "street photographer" in the tradition of Henri Cartier-Bresson and Gary Winogrand, although he works exclusively in color.

Meyerowitz presents a slide-illustrated lecture to talk about his career and his current project on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m., at the Museum of Photographic Arts. General admission is \$9. For more information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Original Music in Italian, French, Spanish, and English is promised when Kyle VanBuskirk presents a concert on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

High School Humor, the National Comedy Theatre hosts its first High School Improv Tournament on Sunday, June 2, noon to 7 p.m. "Uninformed" players from eight high schools throughout the county will compete. Tickets are \$6. Find the National Comedy Theatre at 3717 India Street. 619-295-4999. (MIDDLETOWN)

Take a "Musical Journey from Coast to Coast" when the San Diego Choraleers perform on Sunday, June 2, at 3 p.m., in the auditorium at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Listen for selections from *South Pacific*, as well as singing by the Women of Note, Radar and the Blips, and the Inflections vocal jazz group. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Call 858-271-1632 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

Battle of the Mariachis, the third annual Mariachi Invitational promises over a dozen mariachi bands competing on Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Viejas Outlet Center (5005 Willows Road). There will also be ballet folklorico. Free. For information, call 619-420-4586. (ALPINE)

"Cabaret My Way," Karen Giorgio presents a concert with Joe Fos on piano, Bill Andrews on bass, and guest Ric Henry on Sunday, June 2, in Saville Theatre at San Diego City College (at 15th and C Street). Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. For reservations, call 888-742-6697. (DOWNTOWN)

"A Night of Poetry" is promised at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito on Monday, June 3, at 7 p.m. The poets are from a recently completed poetry seminar. Find the church at 1036 Solana Drive; call 858-569-1248 for information. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

Plays — as Opposed to Readings — are on tap when the Carlsbad Playreaders present "Encore 02" on Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The featured plays are from the San Diego Actors Festival. Admission is a \$5 donation. Call 760-434-2881 for details. (LA COSTA)

New Works Exploring the Jewish Experience are featured in staged readings planned for the 2002 Streisand Festival of Jewish Plays. The festival begins with *Welcome to America: Memories of a Bintel Brief*, written by Barbara Lesser, on Monday, June 3.

The play starts at 7 p.m. in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets are \$12.50 per performance; pay \$36 for all three plays. Call 858-362-1348 for reservations. The series continues on June 10 and 17. (LA JOLLA)

Relieve Your Emotional Pain when Gloria Arenson, author of *Five Simple Steps to Emotional Healing*, speaks and signs her books on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Busy on Tuesday? Meet Arenson on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North; 619-295-2201). Arenson specializes in "Meridian Therapy." Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

The busy author will also discuss and sign her books on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m., at the Borders found at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive. Free. Call 858-618-1814 for details. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Accidents Happen, Teflon, Gore-Tex, and Silly Putty were all created, entirely or in part, by accident. Richard Farson discusses and signs *Whoever Makes the Most Mistakes Wins: The Paradox of Innovation* on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for details. (LA JOLLA)

Finding the Groove, the BladeRunners perform for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, June 4. There will also be shorter sets with other local bands and "pickup groups" from the parking-lot jam sessions. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. Call 760-726-8380 for details. (ESCONDIDO)

She's Communicated with "Spirits from the Other Side" since childhood, and now trance medium Suzane Northrop will sign and discuss *Second Chance: Healing Messages from the Afterlife* on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Bookstore (1440 Camino Del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

The Extraordinary Survival of five Polish Jewish siblings in Nazi Germany's death camps is chronicled in *Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chmielnik*. Author Suzan E. Hagstrom discusses and signs her book on Wednesday, June 5, at 1 p.m., at the Point Loma Library (2130 Poinsettia Drive). Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"Jazz in the Park: Guitar Summit IV," guitarists taking part in this summit will include Jimmy Patton, playing two guitars at once; Peter Sprague; Steve Peavey; and others. The music begins at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, at the San Diego Museum of Art, in the Sculpture Garden Court. Tickets are \$10 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

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Valid on cosmetics only

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reading on Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., at the Other Side, 4096 30th Street (at Polk). Presfield started Cedar Hill Press, which has published many minority voices, while incarcerated for 20 years "on a minor drug charge"; this is his first visit to S.D. since his release. Sign-ups for an open reading start at 7:15 p.m. No cover. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

"The Lingo," Tomás Riley and Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets host this open-mike poetry event at Voz Alta on the first and third Wednesday of each month, including June 5, at 8 p.m. The Able Minded Poets will be on hand as well. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-231-1869. Admission is free. (DOWNTOWN)

A Class Concert is planned by UCSD Jazz Ensemble students, directed by Jimmy Cheatham, on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Admission is \$5 general. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

His Music Defies Simple Description, but Leo Kottke is well worth seeking out. The guitarist/singer/songwriter plans a concert on Sunday, June 9, at 7 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Kottke performs solo, relying largely on the 6- and 12-string guitars that brought him his initial success, and his wit is just as sharp as his picking. Tickets are \$26 and \$30, available by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Is He the Funniest Man Alive? *Entertainment Weekly* laid this honor at the feet of Robin Williams, who plans a concert on Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). The show features explicit content and is not for those under 18. Tickets range from \$55 to \$108, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"Fresh from the Baroque: 1930s — Avant-Garde" — this concert by Les Folies features the sweet-voiced recorder, the *flauto dolce* of the baroque. In the late 18th Century the recorder lost ground and an orchestra seat to the transverse flute, remaining neglected for the next 150 years.

The program planned on Satur-

day, June 22, is devoted entirely to the modern repertoire. Les Folies will perform works by contemporary American and European composers from the 1930s through the avant-garde, including jazz originals and transcriptions. Ensemble members include Janet Beazley, Inga Funck, Claire Rottembourg, and Ulla Sinz.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15 general. For information and reservations, call 619-224-5830. (DOWNTOWN)

Every Stage of Jimi Hendrix's Career is chronicled in Steven Roby's *Black Gold: The Lost Archives of Jimi Hendrix*. The book authenticates the lost sessions, previously unknown recorded collaborations, and rare film and video documents of this influential rock guitarist. Meet Roby when he discusses his book on Sunday, June 30, at 5 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

The Crack of the Bat, the San Diego Padres host the Colorado Rockies in Qualcomm Stadium on Thursday, May 30, at 2:05 p.m. The Milwaukee Brewers arrive for games May 31-June 2, at 6:05 p.m. on Friday, at 7:05 on Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The home stand continues with baseball fun against the San Francisco Giants June 3-5. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and at 2:05 p.m. on Wednesday.

The 27th annual 101 KGB SkyShow follows the Padres/Brewers game on Friday, May 31. There will be music and fireworks for everybody on hand at the end of the ninth inning (or whenever the game ends).

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)

Unwind on the Water during a two-hour guided social kayak paddle hosted every Thursday by Aqua Adventures Kayak Center (1548 Quivira Way). Paddlers meet at 5:30 p.m. and paddle on Mission Bay from 6 to 8 p.m. Beginners welcome. Bring a flashlight. The fee is \$10 (free if you bring your own kayak). For information, call 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

Cowboy Up! The Camp Pendleton Rodeo takes place on June 1 and 2,

with a full slate of rodeo fun including team roping, bull riding, bronc busting, and shoot dogging. Performances begin at 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The rodeo grounds are found about 12 miles from the front gate (off I-5). Tickets are \$9 military, \$11 for civilians, and \$5 for children. Call 760-725-5094 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

Run or Walk! The Fifty-Plus Fitness Association hosts a run/walk on the first Saturday of every month, including June 1. The four-mile outings start at 8:30 a.m. at 15th Street and Ocean Avenue and last a little over one hour along the beach. Wear good running or walking shoes; all levels of ability are welcome. Participants are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant after the walk. For more information, call 619-742-4151 or 858-454-5433. (DEL MAR)

Rev It Up and Go to Cajon Speedway on Saturday, June 1, for pony and train races, and competition in sportsman, street, and Grand American modified categories. 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)

There's No Fair Catch, and no punting is allowed in arena football. The San Diego Riptide meets up with the Hawaiian Islanders on Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$50, available by calling 858-404-0232. (SPORTS ARENA)

Soccer Spirit, the San Diego Spirit, one of the teams of the Women's United Soccer Association, hosts the Atlanta Beat on Saturday, June 1, at 3 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)

Bring a Bike, Bird Book, and Binos when the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts "birding by bike" on Saturday, June 1, at 9 a.m. Participants will ride along the many South Bay bikeways

and stop for excellent birding opportunities. Free. For directions to the start point, call 619-409-5903. (SOUTH BAY)

Everything's Cricket, Old Chap, the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home games on June 1 and 2. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The first team meets up with the University Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team meets up with the Friends team on Sunday. Games begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. (bring a lunch!) at UCSD's Warren Field. Free. For information, call 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

Rock and Roll and Ride, join Sierra Club bicyclists for a jaunt on Saturday, June 1. Cyclists will gather at 9 a.m. in the parking lot immediately north of the Mission Bay visitors' center (at East Mission Bay Drive and Clairemont Drive) and ride to the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Sports and Fitness Expo at the San Diego Convention Center via Point Loma and the Cabrillo Monument. Expect a socially paced ride of about 25 miles. For information, call 619-223-5264. (MISSION BAY)

Get Out! The Kumulani Outrigger Club trains three days a week on Mission Bay. Training starts at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The outrigger canoes launch from the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, just northwest of DeAnza Cove. The first two visits are free. For more information, dial 619-497-1506. (MISSION BAY)

More of a northerner? The Makana Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Club is looking for new members who like to compete. The group practices all summer long at Ocean-side Harbor. Workouts for newcomers start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The first four paddles are free. Call 760-941-0715 x3003 for details. (OCEANSIDE)

Take a Hilly Ride to Ramona up Del Dios with the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Sunday, June 2. This 75-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). Free. 619-291-3594. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Rock, Roll, and Run, the fifth annual Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is slated for Sunday, June 2, starting at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park and finishing at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD). The 26.2-mile race begins at 6:30 a.m. and includes music by 26 bands along the course. Registration is closed, but call 858-450-6510 for cancellation spaces. (BALBOA PARK)

Hey, Dude, there's competition planned in the Oceanside Pier beach area when the Pro-Surfing Tour of America hits the waves through Sunday, June 2. Competition runs 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spectating is free. 831-728-9001. (OCEANSIDE)

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)

SPECIAL

Look, Up in the Sky, it's time for the eighth annual Ramona Air Fair, May 31 through June 2, at the Ramona Airport. Friday's events run from 5 to 10 p.m. and include a dance, a hot-air balloon launch with "nightglow effects," and fireworks.

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Daytime events on Saturday and Sunday are free and include fire-fighting demonstrations, military fly-bys, static displays of all sorts of aircraft, and skydiving exhibitions. There's a dance planned on Saturday night (with the same admission prices).

The Ramona Airport is found two miles west of Ramona on Montecito Road. For details, dial 760-789-7099. (RAMONA)

Summer Star Party, view celestial objects through the 21-inch Buller telescope at SDSU's Mount Laguna Observatory and see a slide show in the auditorium at sunset on (most) Friday and Saturday nights through August 31. Staff members are on hand to answer questions, and visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars for "sky tours."

Tickets are required for admission and are available free from the U.S. Forest Service visitors' information office on Sunrise Highway in Mount Laguna. They are distributed on a first-come basis for viewing the same evening (for space availability, call 619-473-8547).

To reach the observatory from San Diego, take I-8 to the Sunrise Highway exit (Highway S1); drive northeast on Sunrise Highway about nine miles to Morris Ranch Road. Turn east onto Morris Ranch Road for about one-quarter of a mile to the observatory's visitors' parking lot. Bring a sweater or jacket and flashlight. For further information, call 619-594-1415. (MOUNT LAGUNA)

What's New in sports and fitness? Find out when the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Expo takes place on May 31 and June 1 at the San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Guests will find more than 100 exhibits geared to sports and fitness, interactive displays, product samples, tips and techniques, and more. Expo hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. 619-525-5000. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Color Your World with Quilts," the Chula Vista Quilt Guild hosts its annual show Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church (276 F Street). The requested donation is \$4 general, \$3 seniors. For information, dial 619-267-8887. (CHULA VISTA)

A Community Yoga Class and meditation is offered for all levels every Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Shanti Community Yoga Center (897 South Coast Highway 101). Admission is by donation. 760-438-5420. (ENCINITAS)

Sheet Music, Books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals are among the items on offer during the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library's quarterly book sale on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Cheers for Charity, wine tasting, microbrewery beer sampling, auctions, and entertainment are planned when this fundraiser for San Diego-area children's groups takes place on Saturday, June 1, 7 to 11 p.m., at the San Diego Hall of Champions. Tickets are \$50. For information, call 858-792-1050 or 858-452-0640. (BALBOA PARK)

Fête a Bountiful Floral Heritage when the Encinitas Flower Celebration takes place on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Organizers plan greenhouse tours demonstrating "how plants and flowers are produced." The fee for this tour is \$15 general. Call for space availability and reservations.

An open-air floral marketplace is planned at the corner of Leucadia Boulevard and Quail Garden Drive, with demonstrations, flower and

plant sales, and booths. Admission to the marketplace is free. For more information (and the aforementioned reservations), call 760-753-6041. (ENCINITAS)

Care for a Lemon Tart? The Community Resource Center hosts its sixth annual English tea on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m., in the garden at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church (2775 Carlsbad Boulevard). Expect to snack on scones, tea sandwiches, cream roles, and other confections. Tickets are \$25. For reservations, call 760-753-1156. (CARLSBAD)

Head for the Hills, er, Mission Hills, anyway, when the Friends of the Mission Hills Library host a book sale on Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find the library at 925 West Washington Street. 619-692-4910. (MISSION HILLS)

Only the Finest Examples of arts and crafts are included in the juried arts show that is part of the eighth annual Magnolia Festival of the Arts + Jazz. The festival — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 — includes work by over 50 artists working in a variety of media, jazz by Hollis Gentry III (at 1 p.m. on Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday) and other bands, and children's art activities. Admission is free. Questions? Call 619-440-6161 for answers. Find the party of Rea Avenue. (EL CAJON)

What Is Militaria? It's the term used to describe the field of military collectables. The San Diego Historical Militaria Collectors Show and Sale takes place on June 1 and 2 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). All manner of items will be on offer: flags, helmets, uniforms, bayonets, wings, documents, buttons, and much more.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 877-859-9909. (MISSION VALLEY)

Book Sale, the San Carlos branch library plans its monthly book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. Paperbacks and hardbacks of all types are offered. The library is found at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-442-1860. (SAN CARLOS)

Who's Got the Best Howl? Find out when the 11th annual basset hound rescue picnic takes place at Morley Field (west of the tennis courts), with competition in the longest ears, best howl, and basset-to-owner racing categories. Join the fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. Admission is free; contests are only open to bassets (\$1 per category). For information, call 619-286-8638. (BALBOA PARK)

Taste of Carlsbad, head to the Carlsbad Company Stores (5600 Paseo del Norte) for this eating extravaganza. Over 20 local beaneries will offer their wares, and there's a student art sale as well, on Saturday, June 1, 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets for adults: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; children \$5. For information, dial 760-438-0063. (CARLSBAD)

Spectacular Specimens, the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society hosts its annual show on June 1 and 2 in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Specimens from around the world will be on offer, and experts will be on hand to answer questions. Free. Show hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. 858-270-5544. (BALBOA PARK)

"Makin' Waves," it's the theme for the all-breed and household pet cat show hosted by America's Finest Felines. Meet up with a leopard-spotted Bengal, a British shorthair, or a hairless Sphynx cat; vendors will be on hand offering their wares. Admission

is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. The show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, at Lindo Lake County Park, 9841 Vine Street. 619-445-1508. (LAKE SIDE)

Welcome Summer, the 23rd annual Fiesta del Sol is slated for June 1 and 2, at Fletcher Cove (found at the west end of Lomas Santa Fe). This year's theme: "Fiesta del Sol Celebrates Arts Alive," with the auctioning of 24 banners created by local artists (bidding begins at \$100). Organizers promise ongoing musical entertainment in a wide variety of styles (noon to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday), arts and crafts (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), children's activities, food for sale, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 858-755-4775. (SOLANA BEACH)

Open Studios, this multifaceted event hosted by UCSD graduate students in visual arts is slated for Saturday, June 1. Organizers plan a panel discussion going "Beyond Border Art" (7 p.m.), film and video screenings (8 to 10 p.m.), a curated group show, and open doors to the studios of over 40 graduate students (5 to 7 p.m.).

Who will be this year's "Iron Installation Artist"? The panel of judges reveals the answer to this question from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. The collaborative *Love Hotel* boasts 12 separate mobile interiors connected so that viewers travel through each room and experience its particular theme or environment. The various venues for the event are centralized in the visual arts facility at UCSD. Admission is free. For further information, call 858-534-2862. (LA JOLLA)

Psychic Times, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled at Alexandra's BookStore noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Head to the Treasure Room full of "appraised books, art, and literature" when the Del Mar Library hosts a book sale on Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the last half hour, all paperbacks are offered for \$1 per sack, and all hardbacks are half-priced. Find the library at 1050 Camino del Mar; 858-755-1666. (DEL MAR)

The House of Denmark presents a program of Danish music, songs, and dances for the lawn program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. Danish foods will be offered for sale. Admission is free. Call 619-234-0739 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Living History in San Pasqual, cannon-firing drills, demonstrations of crafts and skills from the 1800s, history lectures, entertainment, volunteers in period attire, and authentic food for sale are all part of San Pasqual History Days, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2\!s>p.m. on Sunday, June 2, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park (15808 San Pasqual Valley Road). Free. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Too Cheap to Spring for Opera Tickets but love the singing? Each of the San Diego Opera's five main stage productions of the current season may be heard on Ian Campbell's *At the Opera* program on radio station KPBS-FM (89.5). Listen for Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto* on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-232-7636.

The Proud and the Beautiful, the Region One Championship of International Arabian Horses continues through Sunday, June 2, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Horse Arena. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For

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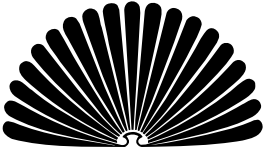
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June 27: **A SHOT IN THE DARK**
July 11: **SHOOT THE PIANO PLAYER** (Francois Truffaut)
July 18: **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME**
July 25: **A MAN AND A WOMAN**
August 1: **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**
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FROM THE DUST JACKET: The day after Islamic terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center, Tamim Ansary of San Francisco sent an anguished e-mail to 20 friends, discussing the attack from his perspective as an Afghan American. That message, spread via the Internet, reached millions of people around the world.

Born of the first marriage between an Afghan man and an American woman, Ansary grew up in the “lost world” of prewar Kabul. When he emigrated from Afghanistan to America at age 16, he thought he was leaving Afghan culture behind forever. In 1979, however, at the height of the Iranian Revolution, his unresolved identity took him on a journey through the Islamic world. In the years that followed, he struggled with issues raised by the Soviet war in Afghanistan, the growing community of Afghan expatriates in the United States, and the radical ideology emerging in Islam and within his own family.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Any carping about this being an instant book should be quelled when readers actually encounter Ansary’s considered prose, prose he himself contrasts to the e-mailed commentary he fired off on September 12 that found its way to millions of readers around the world. The e-mail, printed here in an appendix, included such comments as “When you think ‘Taliban,’ think ‘Nazis.’ When you think ‘bin Laden,’ think ‘Hitler.’ And when you think ‘the people of Afghanistan,’ think ‘the Jews in the concentration camps.’” Ansary, the son of a Pashtun Afghan father and Finnish-American mother, lived as a Muslim outside of Kabul until the early ’60s, when he left on scholarship to attend an American high school, eventually going on to college (Carleton) and becoming an educational writer (“If you have children, they have probably read or used some product I have edited or written”) with a family of his own in San Francisco. This book chronicles, with calm insight and honesty, Ansary’s feelings at all points: his childhood spent within his “clan” (“our group self was just as real as our individual selves, perhaps more so”), a narrative of his often fascinating trip (“Looking for Islam”) throughout the Muslim world that makes up the bulk of the book, and dissections of the differing paths taken by his sister, brother, and himself. While Ansary’s political insights can be detached or perhaps purposefully aloof, his descriptions of having lived in and identified alternately with the West and the Islamic world are compelling.

FROM BOOKLIST: People sought solace and understanding online after the terrorist attacks of September 11, sending original e-mails and forwarding others, including, unbeknownst to the Afghan American who wrote it, an electrifying letter that made the crucial distinction between the Afghan people and the Taliban. So vivifying and unique was Ansary’s missive, it quickly assumed the form of a global electronic chain letter, pushing this San Francisco–based children’s book author and columnist for *Encarta* into the spotlight, where he appeared with the likes of Bill Moyers and Oprah. Now, writing once again with astonishing rapidity, clarity, and discernment, Ansary uses his compelling life story as a conduit for exactly

the sort of insights into Afghanistan and the roots of Islamic terrorist groups that readers crave. As the son of an Afghan father and an American mother (the only American woman in Kabul when she arrived in 1945), Ansary embodies the East, the West, and the struggle between them. Born in 1948, he lived in Afghanistan until he was 16, and his radiant memories of that “lost world,” a fluid and timeless realm of family (as in clan) and stories (“Instead of television, we had genealogy”), are redolent with a nurturing form of Islam, the opposite of extreme fundamentalist ideology. As Ansary conjures his boyhood, describes his student years in the U.S., chronicles his harrowing yet revelatory journey through various Islamic countries in 1980, and relives his painful break with his Islamic fundamentalist brother, he seeks to fathom and honor both facets of his bicultural heritage. Gracefully written and very powerful, Ansary’s meditative memoir reaches deeper and illuminates more brightly than any news report or political analysis.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Tamim Ansary lives in San Francisco with his wife and two daughters. On the morning that we talked I began by asking a silly question. “Afghan hounds, do they have them in Afghanistan?”

“Yes, they do. We had an Afghan hound. Hungria [the dog that was the family pet when Mr. Ansary was a youngster in Afghanistan] was an Afghan hound. They don’t look like Afghan hounds look here, however, because they stopped exporting them, or they prohibited the exporting of those hounds sometime in the 19th Century. Here in the States they were bred to be show dogs and the features were exaggerated, so they got longer and longer and thinner — thinner snouts and longer and longer hair. But in Afghanistan they were bred to be hunting dogs. So they look more like normal dogs. They look like Irish setters. In Afghanistan there are two kinds — or there were when I was there — and one kind was short-haired and one kind was long-haired. Hungria was a short-haired Afghan hound.”

I asked about the gorgeous photograph on the dust jacket. “Who is that boy?”

Mr. Ansary did not know who the boy was. “The photo-

more information, call 909-699-6400. (DEL MAR)

Buddhist Cultural Bazaar, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego hosts this annual event on Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with tours of the *hondo* (altar area of the temple), martial arts, *taiko* drumming, Japanese dance, bonsai, lectures, foods (for sale), games, and crafts for children. Admission is free. Find the temple at 2929 Market Street (at 29th Street); call 619-239-0896 for information. (GRANT HILL)

“Ride for the Wild,” help raise funds for a future Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary during the poker run planned on Sunday, June 2. Participating motorcyclists begin the ride at 8 a.m. at the Fallbrook Outrider (434 East Mission Road) and take a scenic ride through Fallbrook, De Luz, Pala, and Bonsall, collecting playing cards

along the way. The ride culminates in a barbecue with live music in Live Oak Park. For more information, call 760-728-6211 x3. (FALLBROOK)

Taste of Gaslamp, the ninth annual Taste of Gaslamp runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. It’s a self-guided tour of 30 eateries. The \$25 tickets include samples at each restaurant, walking map, and recipe book. For tickets and information, call 619-233-5227. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

One of a Kind! The annual spring crafts sale — featuring ceramics, blown glass, and jewelry created by UCSD faculty members, students, and independent artists — runs Tuesday through Thursday, June 4-6, in the Crafts Center at UCSD. More than 40 craftspersons will be represented. The sale runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The center is found on UCSD’s Revelle College campus,

off Eucalyptus Grove Lane. 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

Columbus Sailed the Niña, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria* to the New World from Spain in 1492. A hand-built, full-scale sailing replica of the *Nina* sails into the Oceanside Harbor for public tours through Saturday, June 8. Tour hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 general, \$3.50 seniors, \$3 for students; children under 5 free. (OCEANSIDE)

Books en Plein Air, the 14th Annual Open-Air Book Fair is slated for Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 50 booths and book dealers from throughout Southern California will be on hand to offer their wares, and local authors will read from their works. Where? Find the fair in the 3800 block of Fifth Avenue (between Robinson and University). Admission and book appraisals are

free (three-book limit). Call 858-454-0347 or 619-296-1424 for information. (HILLCREST)

FOR KIDS

Puppet Time, Tom Jensen’s Puppets present *Aqu-electric* through Sunday, June 2, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Explore *The Magic of Ventriloquism* when comic-ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs June 5-9.

Shows begin at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday through 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)

Explore the Sandy Shore at low tide along Mission Bay when the San Diego Natural History Museum leads an outing. Participants (in grades one through six with an adult) will look for the marine life living underneath the sand on Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$20 per child/adult pair. To reserve a spot, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (MISSION BAY)

Storytelling in the Galleries, professional storyteller Marilyn McPhie tells stories from around the world and teaches “how to create paper-folding stories” on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The event is included in regular admission. 619-696-1935. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate the Release of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* when Borders Books and Music hosts activities on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. There will be activities, contests, and more. Find Borders at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Theater for Children...By Children, singers, dancers, and actors aged 8-18 perform in the Christian Youth Theater productions. *Annie Warbucks* is being presented at the La Paloma Theatre (417 South Coast Highway 101), and *Tom Sawyer* may be seen in Mayan Hall at Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road).

The plays close on Sunday, June 2. Tickets range from \$6 to

\$11.50. For reservations and information, dial 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (ENCINITAS, ESCONDIDO, CHULA VISTA)

Fine Art and Mix-Ups, the Museums of Contemporary Art offer Free-for-All First Sunday activities on June 2. Architects Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown are interested in changing perceptions about buildings as well as their furnishings, such as chairs. Participants will transform a chair with a unique vision and design at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). (LA JOLLA)

The theme is “Mixed-Up Masterpieces” at the MCA Downtown. Participants will use collage to transform color reproductions of well-known artworks into new works of creation. Find MCA Downtown at 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN) Events run from 2 to 5 p.m. at both locations; the galleries are open free of charge from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 858-454-3541.

All Aboard! Face painting and circus crafts are promised when the San Diego Model Railroad Museum presents “Circus Family Day” on Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants may build model railroad cars and view the circus trains and animated buildings in the toy train gallery. Admission is \$4 general (or bring your ticket stub from Fern Street Circus and get half off the fee), free for those under 15. Dial 619-696-0199 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors’ center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

“Wizards and Spells: Magical Tales” are on tap when storyteller Harlynn Geisler entertains those three and older on Tuesday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m., at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

Who Are the Monsters in Your Neighborhood? What kind of music

can a jar full of cookies make? Found out when Sesame Street Live presents *Everyone Makes Music* June 6-9 at the San Diego Sports Arena. Children learn about patience, cooperation, and teamwork in this musical production starring Elmo, the Count, Cookie Monster, Big Bird, and other favorite characters.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12, \$16, and \$20 (opening-night seats are \$11), available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, “Make It Move” is an interactive exhibit from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibition explores the world of simple machines, with experiments to create a “super spinner” and in general to “make things move.” See the show through Sunday, September 8.

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, minicity, and renovated children’s marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Children’s Museum of San Diego, painter, sculptor, and illustrator Branan Freeman presents “Explorations” during the month of June. This multimedia exhibit features an array of colorful work on paper; the collection of abstract paintings involves color, shape, and design.

The celebration of theater arts entitled “Puppetry, Circus, and Storytelling” features Pam McIntire’s puppet exhibit, highlighting four decades of puppet magic. The exhibition includes more than 100 unique puppets, props, script samples, backdrops, sets, photographs, and a working stage and continues through June.

Continuing exhibits include “The Book Stop,” “Improv Theater,” and “Cora’s Rainhouse.” Find the museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

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graph,” he said, “was one that I originally got to put in a children’s book about Afghanistan that I published ten years ago, and I never met the photographer — Ben Pendleton. I went to a committee for something or other — people organized to help Afghans in D.C. — and they had a file of archives and I saw that one. I contacted Pendleton through the mail, and he gave me permission to use the photograph.

“Now, ten years later when we were looking for a photograph for the cover for this book, I thought of that. The photograph itself had been hanging on my wall in San Francisco all these years. I went to try to find Ben Pendleton again. The committee that I had contacted him through is, of course, long gone, and the phone number that I had for him was no longer in service. I did Internet detective work, and I found a little town in Pennsylvania, and there was a number for a Pendleton. So I called it. I said, ‘I’m looking for Ben Pendleton.’ The woman who answered said, ‘This is the right phone number, he’s my son.’ I said, ‘Oh, great, do you know where he is?’ And she said, ‘Well, you know Ben, he’s off in the woods, living in a cabin, he doesn’t have a phone.’ I said, ‘No, actually; I don’t know Ben.’

“What happened then is that I had a two-hour conversation with Ben Pendleton’s mother, and it was a really warm and wonderful sort of experience, to get to know this family and to hear about this guy through his mother like that. I asked for the permission and later he called me. I found out how he had gone to Afghanistan.”

“So how did he get to Afghanistan, Ben Pendleton?”

“Just a young guy being adventurous. He and a buddy decided to hike from someplace in Pakistan to someplace in Afghanistan. Maybe a little naïvely, because there was a war going on. They started hiking through the mountains, and they fell in with the rebels and spent time with them. He told me that later he went back, in 1992, after the communist government fell, and spent more time with the rebels. Ben now works on carpentry. This was his life’s big adventure.”

In the photograph, the bird that sits atop the boy’s head, Mr. Ansary said, is a pigeon. “In the actual photograph,” he explained, “it’s the whole boy standing there, and he’s got another pigeon in his hand. And he’s so delighted with his pigeons. Pigeon-keeping

is a hobby in Afghanistan. I used to keep pigeons when I was a boy. I had 20. We had a pigeon coop at the back of the yard. I had little notebooks, and I kept records of my pigeons and what they looked like and what their names were. Then when new pigeons were born I would add them to the record.”

I asked about the fabric from which the turban in the photograph was tied.

“It’s an Afghan fabric,” Mr. Ansary said. “But as I look at it, I see that it’s an unusual turban. Because it has a very rough look. Most turbans use a cloth that’s kind of silky.”

“Would you wear turbans like that on the boy in the photograph when you were a boy?”

“No. We were of that class that was moving away from that. We were urban and upper class. Wearing the turbans was lower class and rural or traditional. I had plenty of relatives who dressed that way. They came from the country into the city, and they stayed with us, and they wore turbans. But my father and his four brothers, they were those members of our family who worked in the government. Some were educated in the West. My father and his second-oldest brother were educated in America, and then the youngest brother was educated in Switzerland. The other two never went out of the country. One was a general, and there was another guy who went to work very soon after my grandfather — my father’s father — died.”

Mr. Ansary’s paternal grandmother, K’koh, a destitute young girl who after her marriage lived comfortably, was left poverty-stricken when her husband died. But her children restored her to her comfortable state. Ten years after her husband’s death, Mr. Ansary writes, “Her first son was a general, her second the celebrated intellectual Khan Kaka, her third a successful government official, her fourth the dean of the College of Literature at Kabul University, and her youngest a mathematics student in Switzerland.”

“That’s such a success story,” I said.

“I’ve always thought,” said Mr. Ansary, “that her life story would make a novel, but somehow I never got around to that. She was an amazing woman. She was five feet tall. Sweetness itself. A little saint. The kind of person about whom, when she died, they

went and buried her and had their ceremony around the grave, and they came back from the grave, saying, ‘Oh, there was a miracle. The dirt for her grave started to fly by itself.’ She was no sooner buried than legend immediately sprang up about her.

“When my mother came to Afghanistan, she couldn’t speak a word of the language. When she first arrived in the compound, she remembers my grandmother coming across the room to her son, my father, and she did this kind of ritualistic gesture that involved putting her hand on him and then pantomiming pouring water on herself. What that gesture meant, my mother learned, was that my grandmother was saying, ‘All the trouble and all the

pain that you’ve had when you were gone, I’m taking that and pouring it on myself, so that I’ll take that pain.’ Of course, she was really, really nice to my mother. It was she that made my mother be part of the family.”

I asked about the title.

“*West of Kabul, East of New York* — what I meant by that was ‘West of Kabul,’ meaning not really in Afghanistan, but someplace in the West. ‘East of New York’ is not really in the United States; you go east from New York, you’re out of the United States. So I meant that title to suggest somewhere between these two worlds. I like the title because there’s a fairy tale called ‘East of the Moon, West of the Sun,’ or something like that. I thought it had a ring of fairy tale or legend. And for me, now in retrospect, looking back, that world that we lived in, the world of my childhood in Afghanistan, had that mythical sort of feel to me. So I thought that title might evoke those impressions.

“Before I wrote this book, and before September 11, I had an idea for a book that would be based on several journeys that I had

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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

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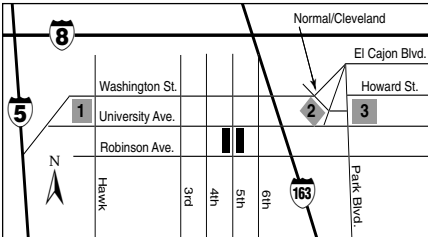
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taken. I realized that I had not included the journey from Afghanistan to America. I said, ‘Now, why is that? I should definitely write about that one. That’s a big trip.’ And then I discovered that I couldn’t remember much about the actual trip. I know it happened, but I didn’t remember any actual events.

“That made me say, ‘Gee, I wonder what I remember about before that trip.’ After that it became kind of a project, a hobby, a pas-time for me. I would wait until I had true leisure time, when I had good energy, after I had spent a satisfying amount of the day doing the kind of work that makes a living for me. And if I had done that, then I felt I had given myself permission to indulge. I indulged by sitting down at my computer and starting anywhere and writing down everything I could remember. That was all I was out to do. I wasn’t giving it shape of any kind.

“I was taking any association and saying, ‘Oh, yeah, that guy. Now, what do I remember about him?’ I rediscovered my memory in that way. That process put the memory in writing. You can only do that once with memories. Because after that, you remember yourself remembering. You begin to reshape them and give them sentimental form.”

“Form,” I suggested, “when applied to memories is by its very nature sentimental.”

“True. So that was raw material. When I decided to write this book, I had that raw material to explore in mind and then put into the shape for this book. Otherwise, before then, I grew up and became a grownup and didn’t remember much about my past or didn’t stop to think about it that much.”

How did Mr. Ansary happen to become a writer for children?

“Because I got into educational publishing. I did that because

I was a freelance writer, looking for anything to write when I was a young man. One assignment was to write chapters for a health textbook. It was one of the few assignments that paid pretty well. A lot of magazine writing or newspaper writing, you can’t make a living. But this one, there was decent money in it. I wrote these chapters. The company called me and said, ‘Oh, we lost our entire editorial staff. Why don’t you apply to come to work and edit these health books?’ So, with trepidation, I interviewed and I got that job.

“For the next nine years, I worked on textbooks. When I quit that job and became a freelancer, at first it was a freelance writer doing work on reading programs, social studies, things of this nature. Eventually I proposed writing books for a library publisher. From that I got more of those opportunities. And segued over.”

“How many children’s books have you written?”

“Many of them are in a series. There’s a ten-book series, there’s a six-book series, there’s an eight-book series. And there are a couple of individual, stand-alone books. Altogether, it’s probably about 30 or 40 titles.”

Seeing film from Afghanistan on television, I said, must be upsetting.

“In a way,” said Mr. Ansary, “the most upsetting time was the couple of years before this all started, because the images weren’t on television, but the information was there for me. And nobody knew about it or cared. It had been really bad longer than I knew because at a certain point, when all of my relatives got out, then to me it became a news story, and I read about it in the news. When you read in the news, ‘Fighting broke out in Kabul between two factions. They say that a thousand people were dead,’ it’s sort of like, ‘What does that mean?’

“Through some channels, I began to get a more personal connection to Afghanistan. It started to dawn on me how incredibly horrible this thing was that had happened there. Especially after the Taliban came in. So once the Americans went in and this campaign started to oust the Taliban, and Afghanistan was so much in the news again, it actually became a time when it was possible to believe that there was some hope, because, one year before that, I was looking at the Taliban and saying, ‘They’re terrible

folks, their program is so awful, but what can you expect from people who come to power who have their childhood?’ They had the worst possible childhood, the people who became the Taliban.

“Something in me said, ‘Afghanistan won’t have a hope of anything until this whole generation passes away. We have to wait for the next generation.’ But at that point, I’m reading about the orphans and all the land mines and the disability and the life under the Taliban. And it dawns on me, ‘Wait a minute, what about these kids now? When they grow up, how are they going to be more healthy?’ They can’t even walk. So it seemed, like, wow, there’s no hope here. This is the end. I’ll never see it again, and I don’t know what will happen. I know I’ll die. So, right now, even with all the tremendous problems that Afghanistan still faces, at least there’s a possibility of a way out of all this. So it’s not as upsetting as it was before.”

Among Afghans, does Mr. Ansary hear resentment toward Arabs and Pakistanis?

“There is tremendous resentment toward both of those groups, yeah. Most of all for the Pakistanis because they’re right next door. Afghans also resent those Arabs that came in.”

“They brought trouble.”

“Yes, they brought trouble, but they were trouble before they even brought trouble. In the city of Kabul, the Pakistanis and the Arabs came in, and they had money. They bought the city. Afghans who lived there couldn’t even hold on to their own homes. When the economy caters to those few people who have lots of money, prices go up, and most people can’t afford it. So there was that kind of resentment.”

“I would think that there was a lot of bin Laden money that filtered into Kabul and the surrounding countryside.”

“Absolutely. Definitely.”

“Bin Laden money bought the country for a battleground, and a playground...”

“And,” continued Mr. Ansary, “a training ground and a holding-up ground, and a whatever. And, of course, the Osama money went to the Taliban. So the Taliban had cars, they had houses, they had all those things.”

— Judith Moore

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 macro-

scopically, 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 History 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.

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Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego’s colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp’s San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and “New Town,” early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, 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)

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Love of a Nation

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The youth lose their heads for your sake.
I come to you and my heart finds rest.
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when I remember the mountaintops of my Afghan land.
If I must choose between the world and you,
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— Ahmad Shah Durrani

Life’s No Life When Honor’s Left

Life’s no life when honor’s left;
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Nation’s honor and nation’s fame;
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With thoughts of these I do remain;
Unvexed with cares of loss or gain.

— Khushal Khan Khattak

The Coming of Winter

When Libra travels from the sun, then does winter come.
The world, once weak with summer’s heat, grows

strong again;
Man eats with joy and finds the taste of water sweet;
Lovers embrace again, arms and lips entwined.
The warrior welcomes now his coat; the horse, his winter trappings;
The one feels not his armor; nor the other his saddle’s weight.
From SWAT the falcon now returns, like traveled yogi coming home;
And in the radiant moonlight hours comes the heron screaming in the sky.

— Khushal Khan Khattak

“O my idol! A cloud from Paradise
Has bestowed an emerald gown on the earth.
Deserts are like blood-stained silk
And the sky has the fragrance of musk.
With a mixture of musk and red wine
An artist has drawn an image of my love on the desert.
The world has become peaceful
For both the tiger and the deer.
For such occasions, we need a sun-faced idol,
And a moon, leaning on a cushion of sun.
We must have an idol with cheeks like rubies,
And red wine to match the cheeks.
The world has become a peacock,
With roughness here and smoothness here.
Mud smells of roses,
As though kneaded with rose water.”

— Daqiqi of Balkh

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 an-

cient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist’s extensive study of this ancient “City of the Gods” that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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, 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 flying 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 avia-

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. View four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad

Roam-O-Rama

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


San Jacinto Peak ranks a close second after San Geronio Mountain on the roster of Southern California high points, but its more sharply defined and imposing bulk makes it instantly identifiable from almost anywhere. Upon witnessing the sunrise from the summit one morning, the famed naturalist John Muir exclaimed, "The view from San Jacinto is the most sublime spectacle to be found anywhere on this Earth!"

Despite his propensity for superlatives, Muir may have been right. We may never know. Since his visit in the 19th Century, more than 20 million people have come to settle within a 150-mile radius around the mountain. Air pollution dims today's view, even on the clearest days. Still, hundred-mile visibility is not uncommon — out to the Channel Islands in the west, down to the northern sierras of Baja California to the

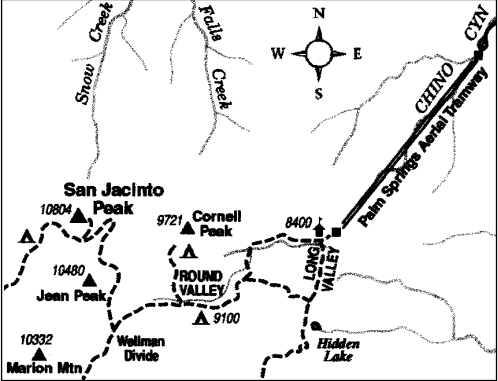
south, and east into Arizona. San Geronio and the San Bernardino Mountains rear up in the north, 15 to 20 miles away, blocking vistas of the Mojave Desert.

Every summer, thousands of people take advantage of the "easy" trail to San Jacinto Peak, six miles one way from the mountain station of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (8516 feet) to the summit (10,804 feet). Well-conditioned hikers accustomed to high altitudes will find this a moderate trip. Others, including those with modest or no goals, can still get plenty of pleasure out of shorter trips that don't stray very far from the mountain station. The slopes hereabouts feature some of the most inviting high-country forests and meadows south of the Sierra Nevada.

First, drive up Tramway Road north of Palm Springs to the lower station of the tramway, elevation 2643 feet. After purchasing a ticket (good for the round trip), ride the tram to the mountain station, which features such amenities as a restaurant and a gift shop. A paved pathway leads 0.2 mile down from the station to the San Jacinto State Wilderness ranger hut in Long Valley, where you must obtain a wilderness



Summit of San Jacinto Peak



permit for any travel beyond Long Valley. From the ranger hut, follow the wide trail leading toward Round Valley (about 2 miles) and Wellman Divide (3.3 miles). At Wellman Divide you turn (right) north. The never-too-steep climb ahead takes you through thinning timberlands to a junction just south of the summit. Veer right, follow the steeper path up along the east side of the summit, pass a stone hut, then scramble from boulder to boulder for a couple of minutes to reach the top. Hopefully the weather will allow you to rest a spell in the warm sun, cupped amid the jumbo-sized rocks, and savor the lightheaded sensation of being on top of the world. Make sure that you leave the summit of San Jacinto Peak in time to hike back and catch the last downhill tram ride.

Call the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (760-325-1391) for information and operating hours.

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, 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 North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 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 Basílica 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 wobegong 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)

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Don't Let Your Daughter Marry a Flying Dutchman

Vertical or horizontal this time? A fast one or a slow one? Red or blue?

The first comment to make about San Diego Opera's *The Flying Dutchman* is that, in its most important musical components, this production was first-rate. The two main characters — the cursed sea-captain and the young Norwegian woman whose devotion saves him — were brilliantly sung. The veteran Robert Hale, his robust bass-baritone instrument in splendid form and his vocal acting skills even more compelling than in the past, gave vivid life to the Dutchman. Hale's delivery of the tempestuous scene, *Die Frist ist um*, had all the moment-by-moment subtlety of expression we have heard up to now only in the performances of the great Hans Hotter. Rita Cullis's Senta was powerfully characterized; the English dramatic soprano's large, ripe, flawlessly produced voice embodied the heroine's monomaniacal passion with seething energy, yet at the same time its timbre conveyed the freshness of her youth.

The demanding choral work was executed with stunning skill by the San Diego Opera Chorus (its chorus master, Timothy Todd Simmons, is one of the company's greatest treasures). Celebrating her 20th year as San Diego Opera's resident conductor, Karen Keltner summoned up all her formidable talents to conduct the complex score with knife-sharp accuracy and thrilling drive, taking meticulous care to balance the forces in the pit and those onstage, and drawing from the always reliable orchestra the finest — most thoroughly symphonic — playing I have heard from them. The notable flaws in the singing of a couple of the lesser characters (Daniel Sumegi's vigorous and well-phrased Daland — Senta's father — damaged by curiously repulsive vocal resonances, and — as her suitor, Erik — John Keyes doing his desperate best

with a wreck of a voice thoroughly out of control) were peripheral defects in a consistently exciting realization of the opera's music.

The dramatic elements of the production, which were in the charge of director David Edwards, challenged the audience by forcing them to look more deeply than usual into the psychological meanings of the story.

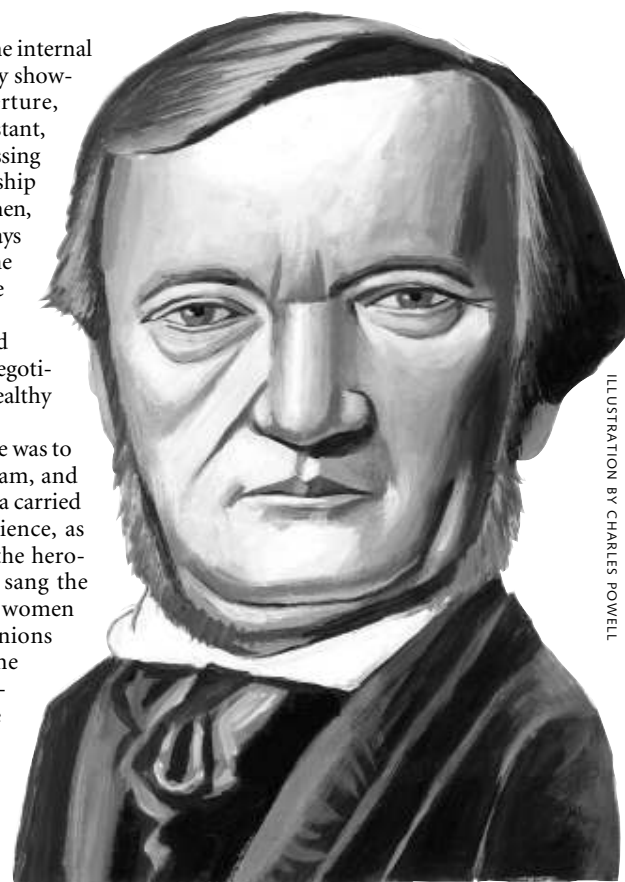
Such an approach is — at least in its larger outlines — fully justified, for Wagner's music dramas in general take their shape from a projection of psychological (often unconscious) forces on the screen of myth. This is particularly so in the composer's representations of male-female relationships. Virtually all Wagner's women are extraordinarily perverse in their choice of men: their erotic passions are directed at their brother, or their nephew, or their husband's nephew, or an ideal savior they have envisioned in a dream, or a man who has spent years in sexual debauchery with the goddess Venus. The only woman in Wagner who makes a more-or-less normal object choice is Eva in *Die Meistersinger*, and she falls in love with a *singer*!

None of Wagner's women is more neurotic than Senta, who conceives a passion for the legendary Dutch sea captain cursed by Satan to sail the ocean perpetually, unable to die, and allowed to put foot on land for only a single day every seven years. Senta has heard about him in a ballad that has totally engulfed her imagination, and her obsession is magnified by a portrait of the pale, grim Dutchman that — by ill luck — happens to be hanging in her father's house. Inspired by an overwhelming yearning for heroic, self-sacrificial action, she has decided that she is the chosen one who will save the Dutchman by abandoning her life to him. (Remember that she has never met the man and does not even know whether he truly exists.)

Director Edwards emphasized the internal nature of this preoccupation first by showing Senta, during the opera's overture, transfixed by her longings for a distant, lofty ideal, and embracing and caressing a scale model of the Dutchman's ship with unmistakably sexual heat; and then, during the first act (in which Senta plays no part), seating her at the side of the stage where she could react to the Dutchman's arrival on the Norwegian coast, listen to his anguished monologue, and observe Daland negotiating to make her the fabulously wealthy captain's bride.

The theatrical effect of this device was to give the action the quality of a dream, and from then on everything in the opera carried with it an aura of visionary experience, as though it were all taking place in the heroine's troubled mind. When Senta sang the ballad about the Dutchman to the women in the spinning scene, her companions disappeared into darkness, and the singer was isolated in the eerie bluish-gray light of her own reverie. She pressed her body against the portrait, as though it were living flesh; she venerated it, as though it were a sacred icon; and when the Dutchman finally appeared, introduced into the house by Senta's naive father, Rita Cullis's every movement had the unnatural slowness and ritual compulsiveness of someone in a hypnotic trance. Of course, she did not drown herself in the sea, in the opera's final moments (much to the disappointment of some audience members); there was no sea here, other than the flooding waters of her fantasy; her collapse was a self-induced hysterical suicide, with no need of a naturalistic explanation.

While the concentration on Senta's internal life wonderfully illuminated and magnified her character, the notion that the whole story is to be taken as her dream (a cliché device in modern opera direction — Jean-Pierre Ponnelle once directed *The Flying Dutchman* as the dream of the Steersman!) necessarily creates problems in the narrative. While Wagner's libretto includes many suggestive references to dreams and dreaming, this is a matter of atmosphere, not a systematic narrative device. If — as Edwards



Richard Wagner

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Wagner, "The Flying Dutchman" Civic Theatre (San Diego Opera)

Conductor, Karen Keltner; director, David Edwards; set designer, Constantinos Kritikos; costume designer, Zack Brown; lighting designer, Marcus Dilliard; chorus master, Timothy Todd Simmons. Cast: Daniel Sumegi (Daland), Joseph Hu (Steersman), Robert Hale (Dutchman), Ilse Apéstegui (Mary), Rita Cullis (Senta), John Keyes (Erik).

seemed to indicate — only Senta was real, and all the other characters (as we saw them) were simply figments, what then happens to the Dutchman, whom Wagner characterizes with a remarkable fullness of detail, and (whether intentionally or not) with an insistent stress on the pale captain's abnormal psychology? An objective Dutchman, independent of Senta's image of him, could not quite fit into the director's scheme.

The psychological depiction was nevertheless there, for it is indelibly in the libretto and the music, and Robert Hale's intense acting contin-

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ually brought it out. Still, the director did not trouble to underline it — and for a full psychological probing of *The Flying Dutchman* such underlining is necessary. Most audience members are content to take the legend literally. Yes, the Dutchman has been cursed by the devil, and yes, an angel has promised him that if he can find a woman who will be true to him unto death he will be saved, and yes, he has been searching in vain for such a woman through centuries of mythical time. But the mythical framework encloses a psychological portrait of a profoundly self-centered man, neurotically distrustful of women, and sure that no wife will ever live up to his expectations.

What he wants and needs is his wife's willing death, for his sake; nothing less will do. He has been married many times, but every one of his wives has balked at the ultimate sacrifice, confirming his fixed conviction that women cannot be trusted. (He will ultimately reject even the pathologically faithful Senta, when he finds out that she had previously pledged herself to another man — you see? they're all alike!) The only satisfaction the Dutchman has derived from his monotonous serial matrimony is his conviction — expressed with savage vindictiveness — that all those wives, having broken their oaths, are now roasting in hell.

These aspects of the Dutchman's character, while certainly not suppressed in the production, received none of the emphatic attention given to Senta's quirks. When Edwards had the Dutchman and Senta convulsively fall to the floor in

each other's arms, the effect was manifestly romantic and erotic, whereas it should have been grotesque and obscene, for what we were really seeing was a woman who needed a man in order to become a martyr, and a man who needed a woman in order to get out from under a curse, and neither of them at all concerned with the other as a person.

Visually, this production had numerous virtues and numerous defects, all of them extreme. The strong, evocative sets, originally designed by Constantinos Kritikos for the New Orleans Opera, were of the minimalist, non-naturalistic school. The deck of Daland's ship was just a raked stage, with the chorus's staggers sufficing to evoke the pitching and rolling caused by the storm. In the spinning scene, there was only one spinning wheel (the rest of the female chorus were idly busy rubbing their hands along the spun yarn, as though to underscore the mundaneness of the occupation). Daland's house was merely a facade, with a stairway; when the Dutchman came in, and the dramatic focus shifted from ordinary social life to the mutual neurotic fixations of hero and heroine, the house-front flew up, leaving only the stairway on a bare stage. Operagoers who want illusionistic sets that literally look like 19th-century sailing ships and Norwegian coastal towns were understandably annoyed. But this sort of staging of Wagner's operas has been around for half a century, ever since Wieland Wagner's innovations at Bayreuth, and it has the inestimable advantage of burrowing down to what the composer was genuinely trying to do, and leaving the picturesque externals aside.

To this basic design, David Edwards made a number of significant additions. He was

responsible for the huge red-silk drop, fluttering in the wind, that took the place of the Dutchman's ship at the hero's first appearance. When, in a moment of high visual drama, it fell to the stage, Robert Hale draped himself in it, and later, with Daland's help, gathered it up. What was so good about this device? It suggested the ship, without realistically showing it. Its color conveyed a visceral sense of the passion and violence of the Dutchman's existence. His subsequent use of it as a cloak demonstrated that the ship and the Dutchman shared a single destiny, that they were one and the same. The billowing reflected the turbulence of the action, the emotions, and Wagner's stupendous score. This invention by the director offered a prime instance of how a visual device can enhance drama and music, by translating dramatic and musical values and meanings into physical equivalents.

It's too bad one can't say the same about Edwards's other chief invention. Throughout the production, rectangles of variously colored light were continuously appearing in the background against a jet-black backdrop. Ingeniously managed by invisible automatic winches, these rectangles were sometimes vertical, sometimes horizontal bands, sometimes gigantic squares; they opened out of nowhere, expanded at various speeds, remained for a while, then contracted again to a point and vanished. The intention seems to have been for them to function as visual leit-motifs. The red perhaps meant passion; the yellow, redemption; the blue, nature. The placement and shape had some relationship with the action going on downstage; the speed was perhaps correlated with the music.

It was a striking device, at least at first. After a while, it

palled. After a further while, it became highly irritating. The repetitiousness and the unpredictable variety became boring and distracting. One found oneself inadvertently wondering, "Where's it going to be next? Will it be vertical or horizontal this time? A fast one or a slow one? Red or blue?" — and meanwhile, the characters, the action, the words, and the music tended to fade into the background. Indeed, this device gradually assumed the role of the most prominent element in the entire production, which was surely a grave distortion.

Moreover, consider the aesthetic characteristics of the device, which were constantly communicated to the minds of the audience at a subliminal level: rectilinear, rectangular, smooth, slick, mechanical, blank, empty, impassive, cold. Are these the aesthetic characteristics of *The Flying Dutchman*? They are, in fact, radically contrary to the style of the drama and the music, constituting an ironic, post-modernist playing against the text, which had nothing to do with the essence of this Romantic opera, and which undermined the director's own psychological take on the story.

Ditto for the battens of lighting instruments, boldly displayed before the audience before the opera even began. What they told us was "mechanical, efficient, analytical, the theater as artifice, illusions laid bare." But what does any of that have to do with a Romantic, mythical, psychological opera that is meant to move us at the deepest unconscious level and carry us away? It might suit *The Love for Three Oranges* or *Ariadne auf Naxos* (which are all about the making of theater), or a drama by Brecht designed to alienate the audience from theatrical illusion and to make them conscious of some sociopolitical truth. It

didn't suit *The Flying Dutchman* one bit.

One further directorial decision left me bemused. Senta's boyfriend, Erik, is a healthy young huntsman, with an ardent, straightforward, sincere love for her. His person, like his music, is intended as the very opposite of what we experience in the Dutchman, and Wagner shapes things like this so as to accentuate the weirdness, the unhealthiness, the abnormality, the otherworldliness of Senta's psyche. Why would any girl choose a flying Dutchman, who looks like death warmed over and who is using her the way a plumber uses a wrench, in preference to a robust, handsome, earthy guy who is crazy about her?

But for some reason, the director of the San Diego production conscientiously deprived Erik of all attractiveness. This Erik was middle-aged and dumpy. He was dressed not as a rustic huntsman but in frock coat and vest, like a stuffy bourgeois mayor in an Ibsen play. He carried a walking stick and seemed lame. (These choices were by no means dictated by tenor John Keyes's actual looks: as Lohengrin, a couple of years ago, Keyes appeared on the Civic Theatre stage as young, golden, and preternaturally handsome.) Given such an Erik, the most well-balanced woman in the world might well prefer the slim, dashing, charismatic Robert Hale.

Could it be that, once again, we were being forced to see the world from Senta's perspective? For her (the director may have been showing us), Erik represented the stolid, routine world of unambitious normal life that she so longed to escape. Hence, in her eyes, that is what Erik looked like. But since he also looked like that to us, and since we had no means of knowing that — objectively — he was supposed to be a lovable hunk,

we were deprived of the psychological insight Wagner built into the characterization and the action. I'm afraid this is what always happens when a director has a "concept" and feels obliged to push it through to the end, even when it contradicts the author's clear intentions. ■

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Contemporary and Classical Compositions are on tap when violin and viola students of János Négyesy and Päivikki Nykter perform on Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m., in Erickson Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Admission is free. Call 858-534-4830 for more information. (LA JOLLA)

Mainly Mozart Is Here, the organization's annual Festival Binacional de Mozart gets underway on Saturday, June 1, with a concert at 7 p.m. at Real del Mar. Violinist Martin Chalifour and pianist Joanne Pearce Martin will present the recital. The program includes Mozart's "Violin Sonata in B-Flat," "Duo Concertante" by Stravinsky, Elgar's "Chansons de Matin et Nuit," and the "Violin Sonata in D Minor" by Saint-Saëns.

Find Real del Mar at km 19.5 on the Tijuana-Ensenada toll road. Tickets are \$22. Mainly Mozart is also offering a package with transportation, dinner, and concert for \$75. (BAJA CALIFORNIA)

The Westgate Hotel Series commences with this same program on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. (1055 Second Avenue). The selections may also be heard on Wednesday, June 5, at 4 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Admission to the concert on the 5th is free! (DOWNTOWN, ESCONDIDO)

The Downtown Series features the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra performing on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. each night, at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). Musicians Timothy Day (flute), Martin Chalifour (violin), Roland Kato (viola), and James David Christie (harpsichord) will present a recital of Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B-Flat" and the "Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D," as well as Hadyn's "Concert in C" for viola and harpsichord and "Symphony in G," and Mozart's "Epistles Sonata in C." (MIDTOWN)

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The series continues with a performance of works by Bach, Milhaud, Vivaldi, and William Grant Still. The performance begins at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, at the Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). The requested donation is \$10. For information, dial 858-552-7975. (CARMEL VALLEY)

"I Love Opera," hosted by the Small Opera of San Diego, takes place on Sunday, June 2, at 7 p.m., at the Academy of Sound and Music (3554 Kettner Boulevard). Singers of all ages perform opera arias, art songs, and Broadway favorites, and a professional accompanist is provided. The suggested donation is \$5. Call 619-725-0777 for an audition appointment and information. (MIDDLETOWN)

Selections by Locatelli, Handel, Beethoven, Milhaud, Martinu, Cui, and Brahms may be heard when the UCSD Chamber Ensemble performs in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center at 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. Dial 858-534-4830 for more details. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton performs in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, June 2, beginning at 2 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Women in 17th-Century Italy" may be heard when La Monica presents a concert with selections by Strozzi, Leonarda, and Caccini on Sunday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m., at St. James by-the-Sea (743 Prospect Street). Members include soprano Phoebe Jevtovic Alexander, violinists Susan Feldman and Ondine Young, cellist William Skeen, luttist Bruce Burchmore, and harpsichordist Avi Stein.

Tickets are \$20 general, but no one will be "refused entry for lack of funds." Questions? Call 858-270-4519 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Traditional Indian Music may be heard when students of Kartik Shashadri present a class concert on Monday, June 3, at 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general. Questions? Call 858-534-4830 for answers. (LA JOLLA)

Singers, a class concert directed by Philip Larson is slated for Tuesday, June 4, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Tickets are \$5 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Fresh from the Baroque: 1930s — Avant-Garde" — this concert by Les Folies features the sweet-voiced recorder, the *flauto dolce* of the baroque. In the late 18th Century the recorder lost ground and an orchestra seat to the transverse flute, remaining neglected for the next 150 years.

The program planned on Saturday, June 22, is devoted entirely to the modern repertoire. Les Folies will perform works by contemporary American and European composers from the 1930s through the avant-garde, including jazz originals and transcriptions. Ensemble members include Janet Beazley, Inga Funck, Claire Rottembourg, and Ulla Sinz.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). Tickets are \$15 general. For information and reservations, call 619-224-5830. (DOWNTOWN)

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Portable Gallery

We all know people who greedily collect postcards of places they have never seen — “AHOY TAHITI!”

I've been thinking about the tenacity of certain images in our mental life. I look at a great many paintings, sculptures, and photographs, never sure which ones will outlast others on the screen of consciousness. In recent months, among those that have lived strongly in me are two etchings by Rembrandt included in the San Diego Museum of Art's *Age of Rembrandt*, which I closed in January. In *The Three Trees*, pliant crosshatching and nested filaments become a rendering of the completeness of physical reality. Different weathers, vegetation, the human figure, art-making, and manmade structures are all included in the summing-up. The other etching is a portrait of Rembrandt's aged mother. It's not expansive and inclusive like the tree picture; it's congested, contractile, self-involving. The old woman's eyes lie at the center of layers of curvilinear incisions — her collar, hair, forehead, brow. The downcast eyes slide our attention to the hand clenched at her breast. She looks as if she's holding on to her own reality.

Art images we carry in memory guarantee an emotional charge on request. But the taking in of such images is a fairly elite activity. For many people a visit a museum or gallery is a special event. Another order of imagery is just as tenacious. Most of us keep under our noses, or just above them, objects and images

that slant into our inner life in a particular way. Snapshots of family, friends, or lovers don't simply recall a distinct personality or remind us of the space he or she occupies in our emotional lives; they make us feel a nearly palpable presence, as if to touch the image is to touch the person. If it represents someone who has passed, it momentarily restores that life to ours and maybe reminds us of our own passage to come.

On the walls of artists' studios, above writers' desks, in shops and office workers' cubicles, wherever anyone spends roughly the same number of hours working as when asleep, there's usually a picture postcard. If the written message faces out, the lines of print or script compose an image of the person who wrote them. The characters shape in memory the character of the person writing. A tourist picture, demure or wild, tweaks us to migrate briefly from the familiarities of habit to, say, a sunny beach scene done up in parrot greens and jolly blues with maniacal banner graphics: MARTINIQUE EXOTIQUE!

These things are also *memento mori*, little death reminders. They recall something absent or gone and faintly spark an awareness of mortality, more easily talked about (as I'm doing here) than held in mind as sustained moment-to-moment knowledge. They are instances when the accident and randomness




The Three Trees, Rembrandt

that rattle our lives are suspended. For writers, picture postcards can be meditative objects; for visual artists, examples of desirable form. For anyone at all, they are fixed points in the felt life. We all know people who greedily collect postcards of places they have never seen — “AHOY, TAHITI!” — as if to see the image is to fully imagine the place and therefore, somehow, experience it.

Van Gogh called the humble objects he painted his “saints.” Broken-down boots, old horse, monkish bed and chair, grieving man,

jug of flowers, tree. Saints are mental presences we invoke to intercede between us and another life. They watch over us, sponsor our actions, pray back at us. “I want to paint men and women,” Van Gogh said, “with something of the eternal that the halo used to symbolize.” The objects he took as motifs reminded him of what's elemental and irreducible in human existence, what the desirable poverties are. If we keep close a reproduction of his room at Arles, or a sunflower picture, or a self-portrait where he wears his doggy look, we remind our-



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Rembrandt's mother

selves how the human hand and invention can transform stark essentials into explosively celebratory presences.

Artifacts, too, are saints of a kind, especially if they're fragmentary or of faraway origin. Under my nose here at my work table I have a sand dollar — its subtle, sea-fashioned relief and combed edges look hand-tooled — given to me by someone who picked it up 30 years ago, just before

leaving her native Taipei to come live in America. When I rub my thumb over its surface I'm looking to feel the excitement and melancholy of migratory-ness. Many of us beach-comb, I think, in a pretty mindless way, hoping that when we later look at our gatherings we'll feel the charge of beautiful, happened-upon, pocketable things, like the seagull skull I have here, a *emento mori* of a classic kind.

Then there's the pot shard of Coptic origin, a gift from an artist friend who wanted to commemorate my visit to his home town of Verona. Fulvio, a superb watercolorist, picked it up many years ago while adventuring alone and nearly penniless in Sudan. His work (like that of one of his heroes, Alberto Giacometti) creates complexly orchestrated effects with minimal means. In giving me that palm-sized chunk of ceramic, he was also observing a tradition of gift-giving. Fulvio was a good friend of Pierre Matisse, the painter's son and famous art dealer who represented Balthus, Derain, Giacometti, Roualt, and many others. That evening in Verona, Fulvio handed me a 1950s matchbox and asked what was special about it. Nothing, so far as I could tell, until I opened it. Inside, on the bottom, was a minuscule sketch by Giacometti (about whom we had been talking), a gift from Pierre, who had been given it by the artist. In certain indigenous cultures, a gift can't remain with one possessor too long. To retain its power, it has to circulate.

I make no special claims for these things. The vague force they have in my life is no less resonant than a rabbit's foot, Smurf figurine, clamshell-cum-ashtray, squeeze toy, and such tchotchkes are to others. None is really complete in itself. We imagine around them persons and activities and climates. Bus tokens, driftwood, toy trucks and soldiers, rocks or

mossy branches, plaster statuettes of Elvis or the Infant of Prague, poker chips, sea glass, bar coasters. They are saints that angle us into a slightly different state of awareness and enhance our way of being in the world. The imagination is itself a restless energy. It always wants to complete the pot, the gull, some story of beach and sea and road. It drives us toward the object of our desire: coherence.

My mind doesn't have to "treat" those Rembrandt etchings, because they are already complete. But the imagination also possesses a useful agency: it applies its store of images to daily life, and so the picture gallery in my head is available whenever I need to re-see images that waken me to a moment. Like the stuff on my work table, the Rembrandts are in their own way pocketable. ■

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GALLERIES

"Visual Hip-Hop and Jazz: Urban Art and Lifestyles" features new paintings by Charles Rucker and Justin Rowley. This show at the Charles Rucker Gallery (3275 Adams Avenue, suite K) opens with a reception for the duo on Friday, May 31, at 6 p.m. The artists are working to portray urban and inner-city life, which they feel is "underrepresented in art galleries." Additional viewing is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, and by appointment through June. 619-846-8008. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Congruity in Nature..." The Patterns We Find," an exhibition of works by Catherine Varvis Herrera, opens with a reception on Friday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m., at La Jolla Fiber Arts. The show closes on Saturday, July 6. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Find the gallery at 7644 Girard Avenue; 858-454-6732. (LA JOLLA)

Ten New Works by Jason Farai may be seen at the Playa Gallery through Saturday, July 6. Meet the artist when the gallery hosts an opening reception on Friday, May 31, at 6 p.m. The show includes new paintings and three-dimensional reliefs on wood. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For appointments and additional details, dial 619-339-1136. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Open Studios, this multifaceted event hosted by UCSD graduate students in visual arts is slated for Saturday, June 1. Organizers plan a panel discussion going "Beyond Border Art" (7 p.m.), film and video screenings (8 to 10 p.m.), a curated group show, and open doors to the studios of over 40 graduate students (5 to 7 p.m.).

Who will be this year's "Iron Installation Artist"? The panel of

judges reveals the answer to this question from 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. The collaborative *Love Hotel* boasts 12 separate mobile interiors connected so that viewers travel through each room and experience its particular theme or environment. The various venues for the event are centralized in the visual arts facility at UCSD. Admission is free. For further information, call 858-534-2862. (LA JOLLA)

"Contain Yourself," it's the theme for an exhibit of baskets, boxes, and bowls at the Many Hands Cooperative Gallery. Meet the participating artists an opening reception set for Sunday, June 2, 1 to 4 p.m. The show closes on Wednesday, July 3.

The gallery is found at 302 Island Avenue, suite 101; 619-557-8303. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. (GASLAMP DISTRICT)

"Summer Fling!" Susan E. Roden shows seascapes and koi and waterlily ceramics, and Gloria Cassady exhibits "everlasting candles" and pottery in Gallery/Studio 30 through June. Meet the duo during an opening reception planned on Sunday, June 2, 4 to 7 p.m. Find the gallery in the Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place; 619-702-7006 or 619-702-7007. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

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“Icons of the Southwest” — including recent paintings “of meaningful places, people, and objects on the road from San Diego to El Paso” (the artist’s hometown) — by Michael Steirnagle go on exhibit in Palomar College’s Boehm Gallery with a reception on Thursday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the icons through Tuesday, June 25.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2304. (SAN MARCOS)

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 Avalos 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 information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in “African Art — The Pulse of a Continent,” continuing through Sunday, 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 1500 A.D. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in stone, metal, and fiber depicting fish and other sea life as well as fishermen. Many of the forms are musical instruments. “Pre-Columbian Art — Marine Animal Forms” continues through 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 provocative, playful, and often iconoclastic designs of the design firm of Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates are highlighted in the exhibition opening on Sunday, June 2. “Out of the Ordinary: The Architecture and Design of Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates” includes drawings, models, photographs, videos, furniture, and other objects. The exhibit includes the multimedia installation *The Architect’s Dream*, created for the exhibition “as a presentation of favorite things: historical architecture, iconic objects from everyday life, and some of the firm’s own buildings and projects.” See the show through Sunday, September 8.

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)

San Diego Museum of Art, 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 visual 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.

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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*.

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Neurotic Monster

Tartuffe brims for the equivalent of a religious experience only to find himself in a comedy.

They're just clouds, or a June-gloom fog-bank nudged shoreward by a coastal eddy. But in Robert Brill's scenic design for *Tartuffe*, the clouds could also represent a gathering storm. Molière's comedy takes place in 1669. La Jolla Playhouse director Des McAnuff reset it in pre-Revolutionary France. As in George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House*, where characters frolic, oblivious to the advent of World War I, tremendous changes lurk around the corner for Molière's self-absorbed bourgeoisie.

The play's about delusion. Orgon is convinced his newest friend — the hair-shirted, bug-eyed Tartuffe — is a saint. Orgon and his mother, in fact, form a two-person cult and will do anything for their guru. And even though everyone else calls him a "bigot," a "fraud," and a "carping hypocrite," charisma's in the eye of the beholder. And Tartuffe builds that bond ("Each day he grows more gullible," he boasts about Orgon, "one can lead him by the nose"), Orgon feeds on Tartuffe's pseudo-piety — and there's nary a deprogrammer in sight.

Why does Orgon see what others see through? Today's easy answer: he and Tartuffe have a neurotic interlock. Each feeds symbiotically off the other. But Molière blurs motivations, resists facile answers, which might

explain why the play took five years, from 1664 to 1669, to get produced. Many in the nobility saw themselves in Tartuffe's hypocritical ploys and in Orgon's blind fawning. Never one to pull a punch, in a preface Molière wrote,

"The persons who are mocked by it have made plain that they are more powerful in France than all whom my plays have satirized up to this time." Fortunately for Molière, his biggest fan was King Louis XIV, "the Sun King," who saved the play for production — and who saves Orgon in Act Five.

In McAnuff's smart staging, *Tartuffe* isn't just about the tandem leads. It's also about the family that suffers from a loose cannon of a father; social class hierarchies with varying states of awareness (the lower down, the more observant they get); and how the family, in spite of all protestations, allows Orgon's addiction to continue. Denial isn't just a river in Egypt? Well, "enable" isn't just Cain's brother.

McAnuff and a talent-rich, multicultural cast create a hilarious, character-driven comedy. John Campion makes Orgon's mother, Madame Pernelle, a steam engine with one wheel off the tracks. Nadia Bowers makes Mariane, Orgon's daughter, an inept ingenue, showing that waffling uncertainty runs in the family. Even the more rational characters — Elmire (Klea Scott), the *provocatrice* Dorine

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Jefferson Mays, Klea Scott in *Tartuffe*

Tartuffe, by Molière, translated by Richard Wilbur

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Theatre, UCSD

Directed by Des McAnuff; cast, Jefferson Mays, John Getz, Klea Scott, Paget Brewster, Jonathan Adams, John Campion, Nadia Bowers, Dikla Marshall, Jimmi Simpson, Jim Parsons, Michael Keyloun, Mike Genovese, David McMahon, Alex Smith, John Staley, Kelli Ruttle; scenic design, Robert Brill; costumes, Jess Goldstein; lighting, Chris Parry; sound, Robin E. Broad; movement, Charlie Oates; vocal coach, Eva Barnes

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(Paget Brewster, excellent), and Cleante, the play's *raisonneur* (Jonathan Adams) — sprint on a collision course with chaos.

Jefferson Mays is an outstanding Tartuffe. The character is a monster, every bit as fright-

ening as the beast from *20,000 Leagues* or the shark in *Jaws*. But Mays does a wonderful thing: along with the earmarks of *faux spiritualisme* — including a huge cross he lugs around — a real person lurks behind

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the casuistical conniving. Mays gives Tartuffe dreams, fears, and unsatisfied sexual urges so grave that the role he fakes mirrors an unwanted celibacy.

In the play's funniest scene, Tartuffe tries to seduce the teasing Elmire. It's clear she's his true idea of paradise (one of Molière's insistent points: people shouldn't worship objects, or other people, with "false adoration"). Tartuffe brims for the equivalent of a religious experience only to find himself in a comedy — duped as much as he duped Orgon — and laughed at from the house seats. Mays's reaction, and response, which only a first-rate actor could achieve, show how it feels to be "tartuffed."

Tartuffe is one of the theater's great comic characters. But when it was first produced, Molière played Orgon, in some ways an even more threatening monster. Orgon's a recent fool. His past suggests a decent father and citizen, even a smidgen of political intrigue. It's as if, for reasons unexplained, Orgon fell into a parallel universe, where everything's its opposite: sincerity becomes hypocrisy, and love feels a lot like hate.

If an actor makes Orgon just a blathering idiot, *Tartuffe* falls flat, in part because you'd wonder what his obviously intelligent second wife could see in him. Where Mays finds some humanity in Tartuffe, John Getz puts menace into an essentially comic character. To prove he's lord of his castle, and deserves unconditional obedience, Orgon slaps servants and abuses his authority to "absurd extremes." At the same time, Getz keeps Orgon a shade under-the-top, so his portrait might resonate across the footlights.

Molière wrote during France's Augustan Age of Literature. He framed farce in rhyming couplets. McAnuff relocates *Tartuffe* at the end



Beehive

of the Age of Reason. On Robert Brill's set, stark geometries abound: straight lines, squares, rectangles, even a hedge-maze, in the rear. Brill's design honors the rational (and the rhyming symmetry of couplets). McAnuff's staging, by contrast, does to reason what Tartuffe does to Orgon.

Along with glorious period costumes and some superb acting, one of this production's hallmarks is expanding activity. If someone didn't know English they could still follow the story visually, in the way actors move: at first they scurry about in small circles and semicircles; later, like ripples reaching across a pond, they speed up, becoming as frantic as a steeplechase run backwards. Then, in the later scenes, the whole stage moves, counterclockwise, on a revolve.

Only the arrival of Louis XVI could restore order. But, as Brill's clouds suggest, not for long. And in case anyone missed that point — and possibly to reference 9/11 — as the audience files out of the Mandell Weiss, the Who sings about people falling on their knees and praying that they "won't get fooled again." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back

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then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

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Imagine those TV sitcoms of the early '60s, say, *The Donna Reed Show*, or *Leave It to Beaver*. Problems arise and vanish, and smiles are as prevalent as beehive hairdos and Nash Ramblers. Now imagine the women in these sitcoms, terrified by the Cuban Missile Crisis and the threat of demolition, talking openly about their lack of sexual fulfillment — to husbands as shaken by their honesty as by their requests for oral sex. Doug Field's 70-minute comedy pivots on the cusp of the '60s sexual revolution.

The Fritz Theater and director

Mike Kelly capture the era with a crisp, funny production, ruled by Formica, flash-cuts, and farce. At times the play's notions are stronger than the writing, but a good cast keeps the panic moving at a brisk pace. I've never seen Julie Ann Compton perform before but hope to again and again. She's terrific as Jennifer Barnes, textbook traditional wife who discovers that cooking and cleaning aren't the "tentpoles" of a marriage. Compton shifts from '50s-chipper to '60s-liberated with impressive ease. Robert Borzych (with a smile he wears like a clip-on tie) and Deja Ginsberg (who reached the '60s earlier than the rest) do capable work. Paule Doss's precise period costumes and Ginger Harris's sudden-shift lighting (some of the best ever at 6th @ Penn) also contribute.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Fault Line One-Acts

The Fault Line Theatre presents *Heroes, Incorporated*, and *The Road to Hades*, both written and directed by Ted Falagan.

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The Goddess of Flowers

Asian American Repertory Theatre stages local playwright Thelma Virata de Castro's drama about Flora. "A flying man haunts her dreams, forcing her to turn to an unlikely friend for help." Andy Lowe directed.

MMPAC, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, THROUGH JUNE 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (JUNE 2 AND JUNE 9) AT 2:00 P.M.

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 potpourri 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 30; 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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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 di-

rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.
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NCRT: Student One-Acts
The North Coast Repertory Theatre showcases work created by its theater school: *Rhythms of the Heart*, by Carina Kolodny and Chelsea Stone, and *The High Tops Are High on Top*, by Jackie Cuccaro and Michael Hertel. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, MONDAY, JUNE 3, AND TUESDAY, JUNE 4, AT 7:00 P.M.



Godspell

Neville's Island
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. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH JUNE 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

O Solo Walt Jones
UCSD's department of theater and dance presents a solo performance event, directed by Amy Cook and

Antonia Grace Glenn. The title pays tribute to Walt Jones, chairman of the theater and dance department. GALBRAITH HALL 157, UCSD, THURSDAY, MAY 30, THROUGH JUNE 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Pageant
Beauty pageants rank among the safest of targets. Robert Longbottom's satire tears into the genre but raises the stakes twice. While his contestants send up the various competitions — talent show, Q&A, swimsuit — the actors are in their own contest, "Miss Glamouresse," judged each night by the North Coast Rep's audience. One other thing: men play the six female con-

testants. 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 replaced Don Ward; also due to popular demand, the North Coast Rep extended its run three times, making it the longest running show in NCRT history. **Worth a try.** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH JUNE 9; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Sandwiched Light
Lamplighters Community Theatre presents Evan Keliher's "comedy of life and death." The Grim Reaper visits a retirement home. Jack Banning directed. LAMPLIGHTERS, THROUGH JUNE 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! The Tragedies
What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semi-circle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Sunday, June 9, at 2:30 p.m., Aeschylus's *Libation Bearers*. **Worth a try.** 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-688-9210.

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Tartuffe
Reviewed this issue.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 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, cal-low youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.
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Worth a try.
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"They couldn't even play to a click track."

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the inside track

locally and distributes it in California, Arizona, and Las Vegas. He says he just got bit trying to help out local band 18 Bonez.

"I saw them at DML Studios [in Escondido]. They sounded like Korn, but the lead singer had charisma and personality. His voice wasn't that great, but those things can be fixed in the studio."

He hooked the band up with studio engineer Michael Basquette, who had worked with Incubus. Rasmussen arranged to have Basquette

produce a four-song EP for 18 Bonez, which was recorded in Las Vegas and released on Rasmussen's Whiskey Records.

"We had a signed deal that said I would put up the money, and we would split the profits 50/50. It also said if they got signed to a major label, I would get a chunk of

change."

Rasmussen said he even put the band up in a Las Vegas hotel for a week while they recorded.

"I told them to get rid of the Korn bass line and write some songs that were more emotional, more pop."

The result, said Rasmussen, "sounded awesome."

It was so good, in fact, that Rasmussen said he got weaseled out of his band and his investment.

"As soon as it was done, I

played it for someone who played it for Adam Haft, who works with Godsmack's management. He [Haft] went behind my back and took it



18 BONEZ LEARNS TO KEEP TIME

to Ed Eckstein, who used to run Mercury Records."

The upshot: 18 Bonez jilted Rasmussen and Whiskey Records to work exclusively with Eckstein and Haft. "Adam got through to the band. He told them to 'leave this guy.' Ed Eckstein is a billionaire. It's a David and Goliath. I was the small guy trying to do good. The giants won on this one."

But what about the "chunk of change" clause that Rasmussen had with the band?

"They got Creed's attorney, and he shot holes

through it. I ended up with nothing... I talked to the band about a buyout [figure]. We agreed on a certain amount. I sent them an

agreement, but they never signed it. I have since cut out all communication with those guys."

Lead singer Mike Daley sees things differently. He admits 18 Bonez was thankfully lifted out of its Korn rut. But he credits producer Basquette, not Rasmussen.

Regarding the hard feelings, Daley says, "I think he's looking at it the wrong way. He's looking at it through hurt eyes. He needs to look at the big picture first. We just felt working with him would be a longer

process to get where we wanted to go."

Daley admits Rasmussen should get compensated. "Our lawyer is working things out. Technically we're still on Whiskey Records.... I think he paid, like, \$2000 on the recording. He's going to get that and a little more."

18 Bonez appears with Life Hates Me June 8 at Casa Picante in Santee.

— Ken Leighton

Joe Vasquez has a tough love approach

to the bands he hires each Friday and Saturday: "You get one chance to pull in ten or more people. If you can't do that, you can't play the bar for six months."

On the other hand, "One punk band came in and drew 100 people. They walked out with 500 bucks."

Patrons pay a flat \$5 admission fee. They are asked which band they came to see. Each band gets 100 percent of the \$5 cover after the first ten.

Vasquez, 31, is a fireman for the Lakeside Fire Department and also works

at the Viejas fire station. He's played in local bands since he was 19. His love of music led him and a partner to buy the Playhouse, a once-struggling nightclub on El Cajon Boulevard.

"I've had bands try to strong arm me [for a guarantee]. When I tell them it's not going to happen, they hang up. Ten minutes later they call back and say, 'Okay, we'll do it.' At first I thought



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Knuckleheads from New York are coming in. This really good band called the M-80s is coming in. I've never had to make a guarantee."

Vasquez says he is the only fireman or policeman he knows involved in bar ownership in San Diego.

"That was one of the major selling points in getting the business loan. Every city across the country has their own fireman bar.... Here, if you show your badge at the door, you get in free, and you get a free draft beer.... Some of the firemen call me Rock and Roll Joe."

Star Crossed, Happy Ending, and Grand Prix appear tomorrow; My Friend's Band and Leroi on Saturday; Powerthud on Sunday.

— Ken Leighton

"I was told...I would no longer be employed by Clear Channel." It was a very

tearful meeting for many people, including myself." Longtime Z90 music

director Mark "T.J." Lindemen described his meeting with Clear Channel executive Jim Richards on

"They have gotten rid of community events like Jump Rope for Heart, which we did with the American Heart



THE LAST REMAINS OF Z90

Association. We would go to various elementary schools with our van and a DJ and do rope jumping

demonstrations. We'd play music for the kids. We'd go out at least six to seven times a month. They have already canceled all of them."

"I can't talk about it without permission from my supervisor," said Kathy Figueroa, youth market director for the American Heart Association, San Diego. But she admitted the Jump Rope for Heart series had been suspended. Of the old Z90 regime she said, "They were just a dream."

New Z90 program director Rick Thomas did not return a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

"Here you have a multibillion-dollar company hanging signs off

barbed-wire fences. It's pathetic."

Darrel Goodin is general manager of KSON. Most local FM stations are now connected with Clear Channel. KSON is not.

Last Thursday KSON announced it would be selling tickets to see tonight's Kenny Chesney show at the Coors Amphitheater for less than \$10. While the best seats had sold out, KSON announced that everyone else who didn't mind sitting on the grass above the seats could see the show for just \$9.73 (KSON's FM frequency). Last Thursday the road to Coors was crammed with Chesney fans. They were greeted with roadside banners promoting KSON's competitor — Hot Country 99.3 — which was just taken over by Clear Channel a week earlier.

"This is the kind of weak promotion [former Hot Country owner] Victor Diaz would do. We had Coors Amphitheater packed to see Alan Jackson. Then Victor would fly overhead with his little airplane banner thinking that somehow he could get people to tune in to his station. It's the same thing with this. It's pitiful."

Radio station managers used to be cordial to each other. Now the gloves are coming off.

Inside Radio, a nationally distributed daily radio news service, last week suggested

that Jefferson Pilot (KSON, KIFM, B-94.9) was meeting with other non-Clear Channel stations to organize a challenge over the San Diego Clear Channel radio empire. It said the coalition might confront the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission.

"It's no secret that Ed Tremble is pretty pissed," said Goodin about the local chief of Midwest Television, owner of Star 100.7 and KFMB-AM. While Goodin would not get specific, Goodin said he and other broadcasters may make contact with local congressmen and with Howard Berman, the L.A. congressman critical of Clear Channel's control. "We think it is clear the spirit of the law is being violated. There is no way they should be allowed to have 14 stations. [The FCC allowance] is a poorly written law. It is up to the government to fix it. The government has a job to do."

Mike Glickenhous, general manager for Clear Channel, had no comment.

— Ken Leighton

If the San Diego Chargers want to learn some fancy footwork before next season, they should talk to team owner Alex Spanos. The 78-year-old Spanos is an accomplished tap dancer who



SPANOS DOES SOME FANCY FOOTWORK

has shuffled off to charity functions all over the world with comedian Bob Hope, his friend and teacher.

Spanos credits Hope with teaching him his first steps back in the late 1970s when the two were stranded in a Denver airport. Hope showed Spanos a basic time step, and the duo spent two hours in the airport practicing. Spanos was so hooked, he started taking lessons from the comedian's choreographer.

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at hoofing that by 1979, Hope said, "Get me two straw hats and two canes," and the two came up with a routine for a benefit in San Francisco. Hope told reporters, "We're going to let the audience decide whether he should give up real estate for a life on the stage." Spanos was a well-known S.F. real estate mogul.

Spanos has since performed with Hope all over the world, though the duo hasn't performed recently because of Hope's health.

So far, no one has expressed interest in becoming Spanos's new dance partner, even though some insiders think Charger running back LaDainian Tomlinson might benefit from a little soft shoe.

Spanos has just had his autobiography, *Sharing the Wealth: My Story*, published by Regnery Publishing, which features a forward by Rush Limbaugh. On Regnery's website, Ted Nugent's book *Kill It and Grill It* gets first billing. Spanos's tome comes in at seventh.

— Dave Moyer

URL watching — Mosh King

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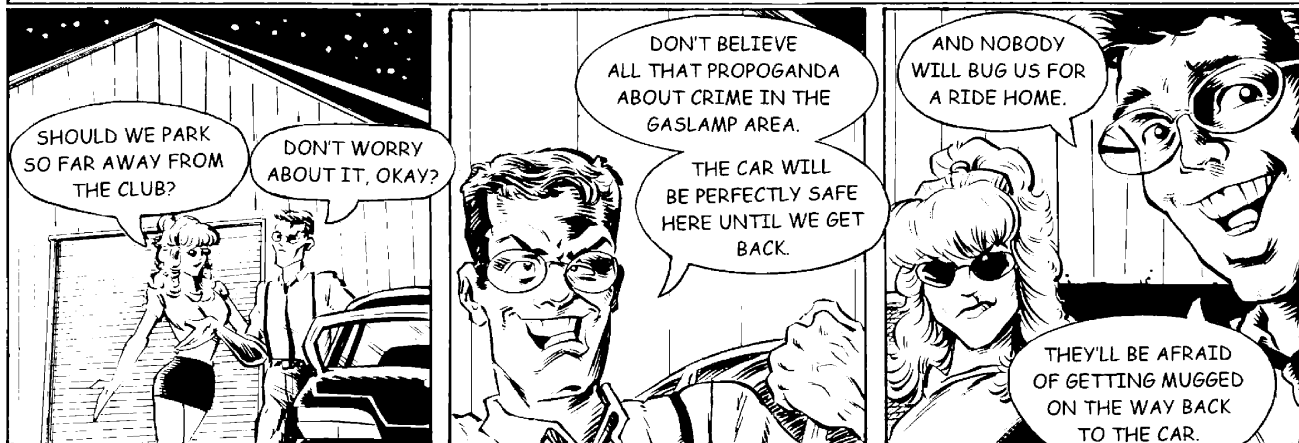
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Posted on Mosh King's bulletin board are complaints, such as this: "Handicapped Discrimination at Rock and Roll Shows." Trashed (his user ID) writes, "A friend of mine can only purchase one extra seat in the handicapped section at several venues in Southern California.... Is it discriminatory to limit the number of seats that a handicapped person can purchase for a show, when the general public is allowed to purchase four or six tickets in the area adjacent or adjunct to where they have

designated the handicapped may sit?"

(Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or that focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

CD review: Bedroom Heroes, *Sea Change* (Swim Slowly Records, 2001)

Long, airy, and earnest debut songs from three UCSD alums (plus a guitarist imported from Miami) who used to rehearse in university lecture halls and dorm bedrooms.

They've been described as producing "darkly romantic melodies engulfing poetry that broods on post-apocalyptic isolation and

alienation." In other words, Philosophy 101 meets poetry elective: "it burns where you see, where i go / swim slowly in the sea, undertow / you find me in cars, where i go." And that's lyrical next to "then blocks of sugar will rain castle walls / and cups of your sleep start to fill."

The band is banking heavily on indie credibility. They released this CD on their fledgling label, Swim Slowly Records, which vows to support good independent music and "to produce and distribute records for bands and artists that we like." They've also made *Sea Change* available for free downloads from their website, which turns out to have been a wise gambit. A post at the site addressed to

Ryland Bouchard, vocals/guitar/keys, reads, "You kinda sound like Morrissey, not that that's a bad thing, rather quite the opposite. I like it. Oh, and there's that thing you do when you sing that sounds like you're gulping for air like you're going underwater and I think that's really sexy. Do you have a girlfriend?"

— Justin Wolff

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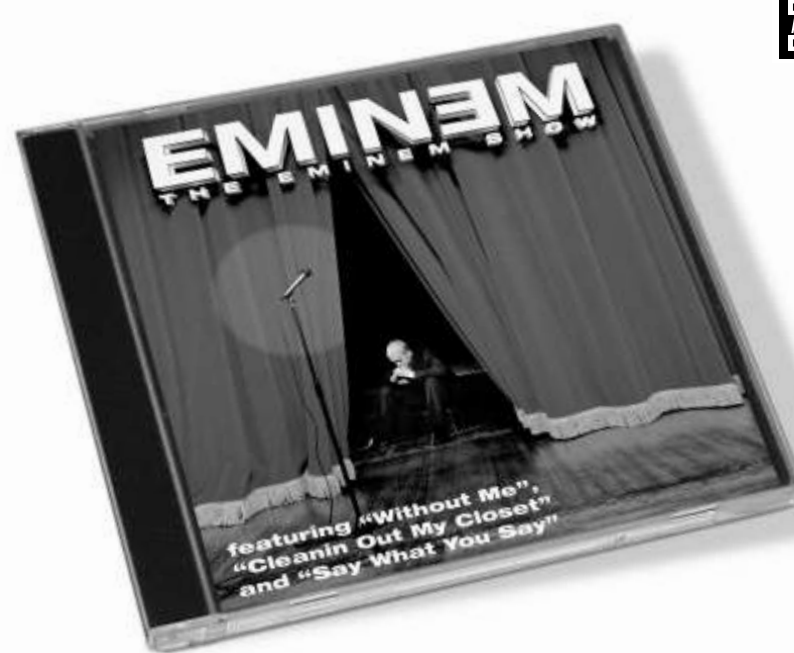
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Walking toward Avenida Revolución in Tijuana, I notice several musicians seated around a fountain in the Middle of Plaza Viva Tijuana. Two of them have accordions, a few more have guitars, and there is a large string bass lying sideways on the ground next to a snare drum. Each man wears a cowboy hat and looks despondent. Except for the vendors, the square has few tourists today.

Ernesto Medina, their spokesman and drummer, says that their group is named Los Reyes (the Kings) — a name taken from accordion player Reyes Gastélum. "We don't have a leader. We're all the same."

When I ask him to describe norteño music, Medina hands me a sheet of paper covered with some sort of musical notation without the regular staff seen in most sheet music. There is a bass clef and at the top it reads, "Moderato Cha-Cha."

"To people who know how to speak the language of music, that's *contemporánea* cha-cha moderato for solo drums. I give this to people who go to school to develop their schools. It's not easy — can you tell? It is *arte* — *arte* means ability."

Confused, I ask how norteño music is different from other kinds of Mexican music. "It all depends on the group. See, I play *contemporánea*, but I'm with country music when I play with them." He points to the band. "We sound different; we don't sound norteño. We use snare drum, bass, 12-string guitar. I use an entire drum set. I've played since I was a baby. My grandpa, my dad, my teachers all teach me to play. I play guitar, bass, and accordion. I went to University of San Diego and Southwestern College. I've read a lot of American books, and I've written a lot of music. I specialize in drums. I don't really like commercial music, but that's the only music that people can live on. The paper I gave you, that's what I like. *Contemporánea* is the hardest in the entire world."

After ten minutes of talking in circles, it's clear that Medina cannot explain to me what norteño is but will do anything in hopes of a tip. "Two dollars is good, but three is better."

Walking further toward Revolución, a man named Jesús strides alongside me to offer the services of a taxi or direct me to the multiple fleshly pleasures his city offers. I ask him about norteño music.

SCENE

ROBERT KUMPEL

"In this part of town, you find a lot of groups. When you drive by, you can make a contract with them. Mariachis, all the groups that you find in the bars

here." He leads me to the Plaza Santa Cecilia (Sta. Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians), where men dressed in traditional mariachi outfits and more casual attire hold their instruments and pass out business cards in hopes of a gig. A man in a cowboy hat holding a guitar hands me a business card. It reads, "*Rodantes de Tijuana, Grupo norteño. Representante Frederico Martínez. Todos sus Eventos Sociales. Tel. 630-67-96.*"

Still, no one can tell me what norteño music is, and no one will play without being paid.

On Revolución at 2:30 p.m., a vendor holding several silver necklaces says that every place here has norteño music at night, but not now. In front of the Club Escape, Agustín, a pitchman tries to describe norteño music. "There is three guys — accordion, guitar, and bass. That's it. It's good music, similar to country. It comes from the north of Mexico, Chihuahua, and Monterrey. It's popular in Tijuana, but the most popular kind of music here is mariachi. Mariachi is for dancing. Every people will give you different answer."

Enrique, an older man talking with friends in front of the Hotel Rio Rita, describes norteño as "like country music — like American country music. There is a lot of difference between norteño and mariachi. Mariachi is 100 percent Mexican."

At the corner of Revolución and Carrillo Puerto, Walter is selling leather boots from a small stand. He says his boots range anywhere from \$75 to \$600. His description of norteño is the most precise yet. "Norteño is very popular. It's what everybody in Mexico is relating to. It's the most popular music. It comes from a long time ago. Some of it is part of the narco culture. They pay money to the singers to make *corridos* — that's when they describe the life of the



Norteño musicians near Plaza Santa Cecilia in Tijuana

narcos in a song. Usually *corridos* are based on a true story. Norteño fans like western boots like these. They like exotic skin hats and belts."

The search for a more knowledgeable source leads back to the States — specifically to the offices of La Nueva 106.5. Instead of trying to describe norteño, program director José Gadea turns on a CD. The music is instantly recognizable — there is a basic, polka-like rhythm that is accentuated by the sound of an accordion. There is singing and the sound of bass, guitar, and drums as well.

"The right name for this kind of music is norteño, but it is also called *música norteña*, using the female gender in Spanish. If you see any group with an accordion, it's norteño music. They also have bass, drums, and acoustic guitars with amplifiers. That keeps the traditional sound. Sometimes they use electric keyboards, but it's just a support instrument."

Gadea mentions again that the most popular type of norteño song is the *corrido* — a song that tells a story. The most popular type of *corrido* is currently the *narcocorrido*, a song that tells the story of a drug smuggler — sort of the

"gangsta rap" of Mexican music.

"It's more norteño or *banda*. *Banda* is the music of brass bands, popular in Sinaloa and the Pacific coast of Mexico. Usually *narcocorridos* use the two most strong rhythms, which is first norteño, and *banda* second. The lyrics of these kinds of songs are too strong or too hard and violent. The situation in Mexico is now so bad that the government is asking radio stations not to play these songs."

While the narco songs may be a popular trend in norteño music, those who want the widest audience perform other types of songs. "The best group is Los Tigres del Norte. Right now they are the most important. After them is Los Tucanes de Tijuana. There is also Ramón Ayala, who sings Tex-norteño. Tejano is very close to norteño, but it is different. Tejano is more *Norteamérica*, like Selena's music."

Norteño's origins lie in the north central interior of Mexico, specifically the states of Chihuahua and Durango. Gadea says that those are the places where the music started, but the main influence came from Spain. The rugged terrain of those states is reflected in

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the type of clothing that norteño performers and fans like to wear.

“The typical dress is the sombrero. It looks like a cow-boy, but not the American cowboy. They like boots, Levi’s maybe, and a very important part is the belt buckle. You can

Because if they don’t like me, they will lose my friendship

Norteño music has its panoply of immortal hits — “classic” songs that still get airplay years after their initial popularity. One example is “*Golpes de el Corazón*” (“Blows to the Heart”) by Los Tigres del Norte. Gadea says the song is at least ten years old, yet it’s still popular.

“When Los Tigres first came on the scene, they started

“The government is asking radio stations not to play these songs.”

spend five, six, seven, eight hundred dollars on a hat! You can buy boots from many kind of animals, and those are very expensive. The flashy look is more narco, because they want to project money. They wear lots of jewelry.”

Gadea pulls out a CD single by Lupillo Rivera. “He is from East L.A., and he is the most important narco guy right now.”

The single, “*Sufriendo la Solas*,” shows a handsome, mustached man wearing a light suit and matching cowboy hat seated at a small table. He is holding a lit cigar in one hand and a shot of tequila in the other. “He is promoting alcohol, cigarettes, you know. He is trying to look very elegant. This is not a *narcocorrido* song, because he understands that if he wants to get airplay he has to do other kinds of songs. Now he wants to go on the radio. But he wears the same styles.”

According to Gadea, “You can produce a dance at the convention center and draw six to eight thousand people with this kind of music. In Los Angeles, San Francisco, or San Jose, you can easily get 15, 16 thousand people. And you have to pay \$40 to \$50 per ticket. This is the biggest market for the Mexican music industry in the States. It’s very happy music, very traditional, and you can have any kind of songs with this music. There are original *corridos* that go back to the revolution, praising the heroes of the revolution.”

In Gadea’s pile of CDs, I pull out a disc entitled *Jefe de Jefes* (“Boss of Bosses”). The Mafia-esque title captures my attention. The band is photographed in black and white, glaring at the camera. Inside is a photo of Alcatraz island. As the lyric sheets unfold, there is another photo of the band standing on the steps of the Alcatraz exercise yard. The translated refrain to the title song reads:

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My tante Erika turned 75 the other day, so I brought her a bucket of Mozart, seeing that it was a special occasion. My taste is Bavarian, and she loves nothing more than her Mozart. Some readers may remember my tante Erika. She is not really my tante but much more tante-like than my own surviving ancient aunts who, if they can remember or actually see that it's me, scowl. They have little use for me: I am a no good, a wastrel, an ingrate. But my tante Erika loves me. She calls me Divine Augustus, Imperator. "Have you a new poem for me, divine one?" she will always ask.

We almost lost my tante recently, but the doctor gave her a good report. "The old bitch is still here," chirped Erika merrily. There was mischief in her voice, and my tante is, at the very least, mischievous, but I was very glad to have her sticking around for a while. Everybody needs a loving tante. And when she's a chic, cultured, shrewd old tante, all the better.

Upon receiving the news of her good prognosis, my friend Maureen and I decided to take our tante to a baseball game. She had never been.

It was, of course, a disaster. Erika neither knows nor cares about the game of baseball. Like most women, she'll sit still for a soccer match because she enjoys the young male legs and torsos. But she was most querulous for the duration of our stay at the ballgame, which was not to its conclusion, not even almost. "What's going on?" she would ask. "Nothing's happening. Why do I need to sit still for this shit?" Maureen would take Tante for a long walk, check out the food concessipons, the local color. This didn't work either. "Why are all these idiots screaming?" Tante would ask as a ball got past the center fielder and rolled out to the right centerfield wall. "Doesn't it remind you just a little bit of a Hitler rally in Nuremberg?" I asked. "No," Erika said defiantly, "Hitler rallies were models of organization. This is crap."

It is 50 years this April that my tante Erika

first came to the United States as a refugee from Germany. She was sponsored by a Jewish family in Chicago. Erika had a Jewish father and a Catholic mother. She was very grateful and fortunate to make it through as part of the quota allowed German refugees, almost all of whom were young women. Erika would have been 25

at the time. Over time she would make her way west to California, where she would work as an editor for the University of California in different settings over the years until she retired about 10 years ago.

"No opera?" Tante Erika sings her questions when she's being provocative or showing impatience. No opera. Of all Mozart, she loves the operas most. No opera. Oh, well... But still, Tante had a pile of Mozart to go through, not least his compositions for wind, her favorites.

Nothing in this life is for free; my mother told me this. Erika was going to be made to perform for this pile of CDs, even if she was my tante and even though it was her 75th birthday and 50th anniversary as an American. We decided on the setup.

Last time, when my tante discussed great conductors of the Nazi era in Germany and Austria, we arranged for Erika to leave

extended messages on my voice mail. She tends to get overexcited and flustered if I ask her questions on the phone. That worked out pretty well. This time we arranged to have her record her impressions on a little tape recorder and send me the cassette. Like her nephew, my tante is technically challenged, but, with some minor glitches and imprecations, the *Wisdom of Tante* was revealed.

The first tape began touchingly. In a voice tentative, a bit quivery with emotion, Tante confessed: "This is difficult to do. Mozart's music is almost second nature to me, and whenever I hear it I feel at home. I can put myself together."



Mitsuko Uchida



Andras Schiff

Erika applied herself first to Mozart's *Piano Sonatas* and Mitsuko Uchida's celebrated performance of them for Philips. "These first six sonatas," Tante said, "were composed in Salzburg, when Mozart was 18 years old or so. They were a commission from Baron Durnitz. Mozart taught the Durnitz children, and Mozart would join the family socially for recitals. A commission," Tante added, "that Mozart never got paid for, incidentally." Tante is always looking after her boy Amadeus.

"Uchida's performance is very, very lovely, but a bit too much pedal. She gives these sonatas so many people regard as easy a vigor and clarity that makes one realize just how difficult and accomplished they really are."

I should tell you at the outset that my tante, no matter how much she enjoyed the Uchida performance, is going to prefer the Andras Schiff performances for London Records. She has made her mind up about Schiff. "He could be your brother, divine one," she says. "He looks just like you." Well now, if I had a good-looking brother in a monkey suit with lots of hair, maybe so. Our people come from the same part of the world, but never mind. Tante goes for Schiff, whether it's his Mozart, Schubert, or Bach; no one, nothing, will derail her.

Tante compares their respective performances, Uchida's and Schiff's, of Mozart's *Piano Sonata K279 in C-major*. "Uchida's performance," Tante offers, "is the more recent, from the mid-'80s. Schiff recorded the sonata in January and February of 1980, when he was not yet a star. Uchida was already a star who had graduated from the Mozarteum in Salzburg." Let me interject here, Uchida may or may not have graduated from the Mozarteum in Salzburg. Tante doesn't always get her facts straight, sometimes out of forgetfulness, sometimes willfulness. I can tell you, with some measure of certainty, that Uchida was born in Japan in 1948, where she first trained on the piano, later studying in Europe with Askenase and Kempff and winning prizes at the Leeds and Chopin competitions.

Apart from her Mozart performances, her renditions of Chopin are also highly regarded. Schiff was born in Hungary in 1953 and, after training at the Liszt Academy in Budapest with Pál Kadosa, went to study in England with the harp-sichordist George Malcolm, who had the greatest



Malcolm Bilson

influence on his playing. Schiff is a more Romantic player than Uchida, which is central among the reasons my tante goes for his playing. His performances of Bach, Schubert, and Bartók are even more revered than his Mozart interpretations. His large reputation developed on the heels of his debut at Carnegie Hall in 1978.

Of the Uchida performance, Erika describes it as more "conventional" than the Schiff, whose performances in general tend to be distinctive and unusually expressive for a contemporary player. Erika continues, "She [Uchida] seems to have recorded under ideal conditions at the Mozarteum. The halls are small with lots of wood. I've been there. The resonance the wood provides is marvelous." I don't doubt my tante visited the Mozarteum in Salzburg, but the Uchida was recorded in Henry Wood Hall in London. Regardless, the sound is superior on Philips; they're superb with their piano recordings; check out their Brendel. "The difference in their styles is tremendous," says Erika, leaving no doubt that it's her darling Andras (which she pronounces, properly, *Ahn-n-drach*) she prefers. ■

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The White Stripes /359/, **Brendan Benson & the Wellfed Boys**, and **Whirlwind Heat**: 4th & B, tonight, Thursday, May 30, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David J & the Velvet Cosh /151/ and **Tristeza /300/**: Belly Up Tavern, tonight, Thursday, May 30, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

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, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

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, 9:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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.

TUESDAY

The Pet Shop Boys /576/: Copley Symphony Hall, Tuesday, June 4, 8 p.m., 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-235-0804 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

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, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING
CONCERTS

JUNE

"X-Fest 2002" featuring **Cake**, **Jack Johnson**, **Unwritten Law /261/**, the **Doves**, **Sugarcult**, the **Vines**, **Face**

to Face /393/, **Trik Turner**, **Elbow**, and **Mix Mob /190/**: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, June 8, 3 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

"San Diego Blues Fest" featuring the **Nik Simon Band**, **Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra /641/**, **Lafayette & the Leasebreakers /930/**, **Daryl Johnson**, **Little Charlie & the Nightcats**, **Steve Copeland & Raging Sun**, **Lucky Peterson**, **Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm**, the **Tommy Castro Band /938/**, and the **North Mississippi All-Stars**: Embarcadero Marina Park South, Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., downtown San Diego waterfront. Festival hotline, 619-283-9576; www.sdblfest.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.

Leo Kottke /844/: East County Performing Arts Center, Sunday, June 9, 8 p.m., 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277 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.

Bob Schneider /148/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, June 12, 8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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 /111/**, **Ja Rule**, **Ashanti**, **India.Arie /941/**, **Craig David**, **O-Town**, **Aaron Carter**, **Soluna**, **Seven & the Sun**, and **Paulina Rubio**: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, June 14, 6 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Keb' Mo' /967/ and **Maia Sharp**: 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/ and **Bacilos**: Open Air Theatre, Friday, June 21, 8 p.m., 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.

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Chayanne: Cox Arena, Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 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.

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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.

The Rugburns /263/: The Casbah, Thursday, July 4, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Billy Ray Cyrus: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, July 5, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Breeders /509/ and **Imperial Teen /556/:** 4th & B, Friday, July 5, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Cranberries /194/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 6, 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.

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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.

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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/, **Jurassic 5 /176/**, **Cee-Lo,** and **Truth Hurts:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 20, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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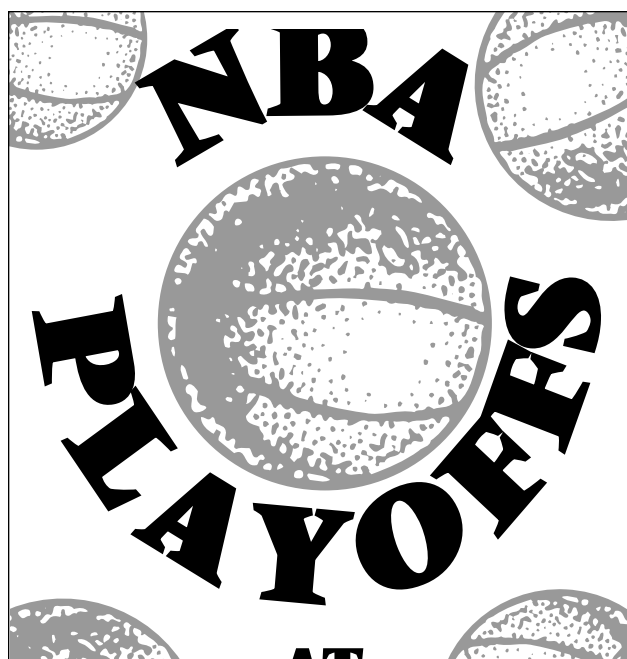
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Air Supply and **Christopher Cross:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002: 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.

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Breaking the Code: Tio Leo's Lounge
119**Buckfast Superbee:** Brick By Brick
The Cadillac Tramps: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Casualties: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Cattle Decapitation: Brick By Brick
Chaotic Order: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Cheerleaders: The Casbah
Clusterfunk: Dream Street
The Cocktail Preachers: Blind Melons
Cold Harbor: The Scene
Cold Shower: Surf N' Saddle
The Color Red: Brick By Brick
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The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons
Death on Wednesday: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Deeper Purple: Brick By Brick
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Down in the Lab: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Ego Spy: Dream Street

The Fabulous Rudies: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
FCS North: The Casbah
Fist Fight: Winstons
Formula: The Casbah
Fryday: Blind Melons
307**The Get Up Kids:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, The Scene
Grand Prix: The Playhouse
Gut Rot: Brick By Brick
Handful: Neimans Bar and Grill
Happy Ending: The Playhouse
Harmony 24: Winstons
Hot Box: Dream Street
Hot Rod Circuit: 'Canes Bar and Grill, The Scene
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Icarus Line: 'Canes Bar and Grill
151**David J and the Velvet Cosh:** Belly Up Tavern
294**The Jealous Sound:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Just A Joke: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Kamala: Brick By Brick
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Lovelight Shine: Brick By Brick
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The Mates of State: The Casbah
344**May Pole:** 'Canes Bar and Grill

Eric McFadden: Winstons
The Millionaires: Tio Leo's Lounge
308**Munkafust:** Blind Melons
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309**No Knife:** The Casbah
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319**Surf Report:** Tiki House, Blind Melons
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The Michael Bliss Band: Surf N' Saddle
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill
498**The Joey Bowen Band:** Buffalo Joe's, Winstons
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Footloose: The Del Dios Country Store
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547**Hot Rod Lincoln:** Tio Leo's Lounge
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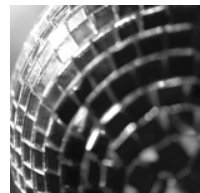
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POP/TOP 40

- 613**Peter Case:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
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Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
- 610**Howard Jones:** Belly Up Tavern
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- 606**Liquid Blue:** Fogerty's Pub
Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop
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The Mix: Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge
Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill
Rising Star: Humphrey's
- 622**Robberecht the Pianoman:** The Westgate Hotel, Dakota Grill and Spirits
Stage 4: The Room
Superfunk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ/ BIG BAND

The Christopher Adler Trio: Galoka
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

- 666**Lori Bell:** Inn L'Auberge
Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's
The Dick Braun Band: Viejas Casino
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
The B3 Four: The Bayou Jazz Bar
- 703**John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado
Calima: Trattatoria La Strada
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
- 667**Gilbert Castellanos:** Lila's, The Bayou Jazz Bar, Dizzy's
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
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- 638**Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House
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- 644**Hollis Gentry:** Croce's Jazz Bar
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The Jazz Project Big Band: Dizzy's
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- 695**The Chris Klich Jazz Quintet:** The Alley
Ned Landau: Miracles Cafe
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
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- 718**Tim Maglione:** Jimmy Love's
The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott
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- 660**The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
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- 641**Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe
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- 659**Rick Ross-Piano:** The Inn at the Park, Moray's Lounge
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Brett Sanders: The Alley
- 698**Ron Satterfield:** Inn L'Auberge

- The Shelltown Horns:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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- 655**Tony Taravella:** The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
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Trio du Jour: The Raintree, The Beach House
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The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea
The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio: The New Bristol Hotel
The Vanguard Players: The Bayou Jazz Bar
The Louisa West-Jimmy Patton Duo: The Boathouse Restaurant
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE/ SKA

- Bananeiras:** Juke Joint Cafe
Jah Blood & Fire Angels: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Elevation: Galoka
- 732**Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations:** Blind Melons, Buffalo Joe's
Gregory Isaacs: 4th & B
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Triston Palma: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
- 740**Psydecar:** Winstons, Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Rocker T: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
747**Semisi & Fulabula:** Robbie's Roadhouse, The Beach House
Jah Soldiers: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

- 762**Junior Brown:** Belly Up Tavern
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- 790**The Mustangs:** Cornstock Bar and Grill
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ACOUSTIC/ FOLK

- 817**Paul Abbott:** Dizzy's
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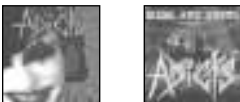
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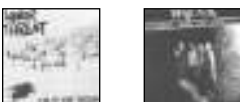
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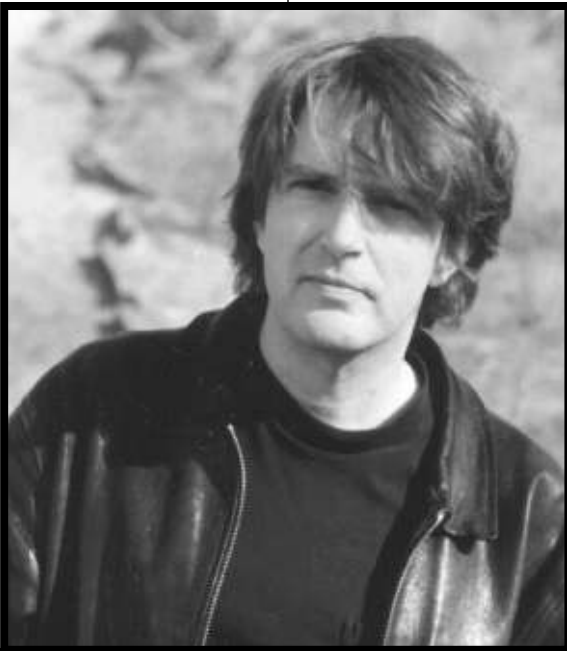
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Tommy Price: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits
893**Lisa Sanders:** Dizzy's
Satish: Miracles Cafe
Chuck Schiele: Dizzy's
Sven-Erik Seaholm: Dizzy's
861**Jose Sinatra & the Troy Dante Inferno:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse
Leni Stern: The Alley
Matthew Stewart: Dizzy's
821**The Strange Woods:** The Camelot Inn
Teagan & Friends: Lestat's Coffeehouse
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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES/SOUL

Beyond Blue: Etta's Place
924**The Blonde Bruce Band:** Viejas Casino
Blue Frog & Company: Buffalo Joe's
Blue Largo: Patrick's II
Bluebelly: On The Rocks
The Blues Brokers: Patrick's II
965**Whitey Conwell:** Buffalo Joe's



Peter Case, May 31, Java Joe's Coffeehouse

Coupe de Ville: Pal Joey's
932**Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters:** Chateau Orleans
The Fremonts: Viejas Casino
912**Fuzzy and the Bluesmen:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Hugh Gaskins: Sandbar Grill
Groove Alley: Patrick's II
914**Robin Henkel:** Sassafras Bar and Grill, Dizzy's
Hot House: Island Sports & Spirits

Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: Cannibal Bar
Johnny "B" Blues: Cannibal Bar, Coyote Bar and Grill
939**Candy Kane:** Fat Katz
Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill
The Latanya Lockett Band: Humphrey's
The Loma Tones: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
947**The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Fat Katz
The Missiles of October: Patrick's II
910**Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors:** The Kraken
921**Len Rainey & the Midnight Players:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery
913**Shelle:** Juke Joint Cafe
Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II
Logan Smith's Blue Funk: Robbie's Roadhouse
Sonny & the Rumble Tones: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.
945**Soul Persuaders:** Humphrey's
Todd Stedman & the Fattones: Belly Up Tavern
916**The Swingin' Kings:** Coyote Bar and Grill
Texas Twisters: Patrick's II
946**Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors:** Winstons, Patrick's II
Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill

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EVERYTHING ELSE

Andy Anderson: The Inn at the Park
Kenny Ard: The Inn at the Park
Kayla Black: Kelly's Steakhouse
Joe Cano: U.S. Grant Hotel
Ron Council: The Inn at the Park
Joe Cromwell: Kelly's Steakhouse
Carol Curtis: The Inn at the Park
The Edge: Jimmy Love's
Vicki Eriqat: House of Munich
Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel
994**Kjell Holmes:** House of Munich
Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado
983**Gordon Kohl:** House of Munich
La Combinacion: Sevilla
999**Latin a Go-Go:** Juke Joint Cafe
Tony Lencioni: La Casa del Zorro
Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel
Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel
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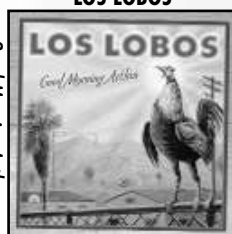
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Every time I turn it on, VH1 is playing either *Driven: Britney Spears or No Doubt: Behind the Music*. Both of these shows creep me out. I mean, No Doubt has lots of telegenic drama in its history, but I don't expect a career retrospective about artists who are under 35 — much less Britney's age.

There's also a *Behind the Music* about **Garbage**, but between Britney and No Doubt, I haven't seen it. I wonder how the makers manage to stretch an hour out of it, because the story was clear from the beginning. **Butch Vig**, after producing the most important rock album of the '90s, Nirvana's *Nevermind*, decided to make music something like that contained on the second most

important rock album of the '90s, My Bloody Valentine's *Loveless*. Vig assembled some guys, but they needed someone in front, a singer with personality. And, since the musicians were all aging men, it would be fortuitous if that singer were a young, good-looking woman. They found her on MTV. Her name was **Shirley Manson**, and she was singing with a band called Angelfish. Did they know then that her intelligence and mixture of toughness and vulnerability would make her the Chrissie Hynde of the late '90s?

That story line is worth some TV time, sure, but there's something final about a documentary. It's as if Garbage's public persona is now preserved forever on video. All that's left to do is listen to the music — but now that the band has been on *Behind the Music*, doing so feels like nostalgia.



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The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm. Thursday, 5 O'Clock Shadow, jazz, swing. Friday, Trio du Jour, jazz. Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic. Sunday, Rick Ross, jazz. Wednesday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, David J and the Velvet Cosh with Tristeza, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, Steve Kimock, acoustic. Saturday, 9:15 pm, Dennis Quaid & the Sharks with Todd Stedman & the Fattones, blues. Sunday, 8 pm, Junior Brown with Jim Lauderdale, country. Wednesday, Howard Jones, rock, and guests.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, Jim Earp, acoustic.

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Right Minded: Fridays, DJs Insite, Jersan, Danny Massure, and Sae-What?! spin hip-hop and jazzy downtempo/trip-hop; 21 and up. The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-801-3865. Event information, 619-220-4944. [www.mergelifeandmusic.com](#).

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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*.

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*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 9 pm to 11 pm, *Teagan & Friends*. Friday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *the Clovers*. Saturday, call club for information.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Junior's Farm*, rock. Saturday, *Rox*.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Starcrossed*, *Happy Ending*, and *Grand Prix*. Saturday, *My Friend's Band*, *Leroi*, and *Serial Carpens*.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/heavy rock. Friday, *the Abuse*, *Turam*, *Cold Harbor*, and *Pushed*. Saturday, *Trans Am*, *Tristeza*, *!!!*, and *the Pines of Nowhere*. Wednesday, *The Get Up Kids* and *Hot Rod Circuit*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at

9 pm. Friday and Saturday, live 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* and *Cat Cave Sammy*, rockabilly. Friday, *Buddy Blue*, blues. Saturday, *Breaking the Code*, *Liquid BBQ*, *the Millionaires*, and *Uncle Jesus*, alternative.

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. Friday, *Bass*, folk. 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, call club for information. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*. Saturday, *Joey Bowen* and *the Disco Pimps*. Sunday, *Whitey Conwell*. Monday and Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Elijah Emanuel* and *the Revelations*.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise

noted. Thursday, *Vertibird*, *Jesse Sykes & the Sweet Hereafter*, and *Formula*. Friday, *No Knife*, *Via Satellite*, *Waterline Drift*, and *FCS North*. Saturday, 6:30 pm, *the Mates of State* and *the Applesed Cast*, 9:30 pm, *Dale Watson*, *Danni Leigh*, and *7th Day Buskers*. Sunday, *DMX Krew*, *Bogdan Racynski*, *Cylob*, and *Ovica*. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Tori Cobras*, *the Cheerleaders*, *the Lack*, and *Tender Buttons*.

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Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Neon*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday, *Hollis Gentry*. Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Comberos Quintet*.

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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm, *Danielle LoPresti & the Masses*, pop. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Abbott*, *Peter Arnold*, *Tim Corley*, *Peter Bolland*, *Robin Henkel*, *Danielle LoPresti*, *Joe Mersch*, *Lisa Sanders*, *Chuck Schiele*, *Sven-Erik Seaholm*, and *Matthew Stewart*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, *John Opferkuch*, *Gilbert Castellanos*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Tim McMahon*, jazz. Monday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jazz Project Big Band*. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, *the San Diego Concert Jazz Big Band*.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Sunday, *Gregory Isaacs* and *Soul Shakedown*.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. 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, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

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, *the Blues Brokers*. Friday, *the Missiles of October*. Saturday, *Nik Simon Band*. Sunday, *Groove Alley*. Monday, *Blue Largo*. Tuesday, *Texas Twisters*. Wednesday, *Blues Ambassadors*.

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.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Son y Clave*. Tuesday, *La Combinacion*. Wednesday, *Latin Fusion*.

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.

South Bay/Coronado

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *DJ T* and *DJ Beer*, 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, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, *Hot House*, R&B.

Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge, 1322 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-427-4200. Friday and Saturday, *the Mix*, pop rock.

East County

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Friday, 8 pm, *Patti Zlaket*, acoustic. Saturday, 7 pm, *Jim Earp*, acoustic.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock.

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, *the Hound Dogs*, 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, *Coyote Moon*, country.

On the Rocks, 518 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-579-3537. Friday, *Bluebelly*, blues. Saturday, *50-51*, rock.

Plum Crazy East, 1678 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. 619-442-7676. Saturday, 9 pm, *Avalanche*, rock.

Second Wind, 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Deep Sixx*, classic rock.

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Let Them Eat Cake

June is the start of summer and the month of dads, grads, and brides. If August is a month of sundaes, June is a month of cakes. And while you're choosing a cake, what could make this decision sweeter than to sample a few slices on the spot, or even enjoy a light breakfast or lunch while you cogitate. This survey covers some of the area's best-known French bakery/café; it's just a little taste, and if I've missed your personal favorite — well, I didn't want to make this a term paper. (And tasting 49 pastries in one week was more than enough. It's a dirty job, but...)

Baking is the most rigorous and mysterious of all cooking arts. Dough is probably the least forgiving culinary medium and demands the precision (and patience) of a lab scientist. Anyone who cooks — including you and me — can come up with a brilliant dish now and then, but only after mastering the strict exigencies of technique can a baker finally let loose and become a dessert chef, unleashing the creativity to transform a good cake into a memorable one.

And yet, in this area of cuisine, there's no accounting for tastes. I prefer light, insubstantial pastries with a minimum of sugar; others seek out the densest, sweetest confections they can find. The descriptions below (in roughly alphabetical order) should help you to zero in on the candidates whose styles suit your own preferences.

MICHELLE COULON PASTRIES

7556 Fay Ave. #D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098

www.dessertier.com

Bakery/café, breakfast and lunch year-round, French/Belgian dinner menu on summer weekends.

HOURS: Monday–Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday (through this summer), 8:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

PRICES: Readymade cakes start at \$25 (for 6", feeding 6–8). Breakfast items (muffins, scones, crisps) \$1.50–\$5, lunch items \$6–\$12, dinner entrées \$15–\$18, desserts \$4–\$7.

BEVERAGES: French wine, Belgian ale, Belgian hot chocolate, Illy espresso, cold drinks.

"CAKE ALBUM": Yes, all occasions.

SECRET WEAPON: Perfect quiche; fresh, ripe fruits in cakes.

Michele Coulon is the daughter of Don Coulon, retired owner of Ocean Beach's Belgian Lion



Pie fight

restaurant. When she was a young girl in Paris, she developed a passion for desserts while her mother was attending pastry school there. Michele would spend vacations in Belgium with her grandmother, who spoiled her and her siblings with irresistible Belgian waffles and fruit pies. Although educated at SDSU as a computer programmer, she was drawn back to the kitchen and to the creation of desserts. For a decade she worked out of the Belgian Lion, but when that was sold a year ago, she moved her shop — and her father's huge espresso machine — to La Jolla. You'll find the store behind an octagonal sandwich shop that anchors a small shopping plaza across the street from the Vons parking lot.

The very light, multilayered white cakes typically feature handmade buttercream icing, cream fillings, and garnishes of fully ripe fresh fruit — for example, the strawberries on the Gateau Aileen that I tasted were soft and sweet (while at several other bakeries they were hard and tart). The coconut in the coconut cake tastes

fresh and vibrant. Chocolate tortes are dense, rich, and sweet, made with palpably fine-quality chocolate. There are also cheesecakes, fruit tarts, chocolate truffles, ice cream "bombes," cookies, and a selection of a dozen-odd "mini" cakes — petits-fours miniatures of the full-size cakes, a great way to sample all the flavors. No preservatives or artificial ingredients are allowed in the door.

There are a few tables inside the shop and plenty more out in the plaza. The café side of the business is run by a third-generation Coulon chef, Michele's son

Nathan. At lunch he offers European-style salads, housemade paté, vegetable soups (based on "whatever looks good at Chino Farms that day"), and two or three substantial entrées. These often include his grandfather's famed cassoulet and his own seductive quiche Lorraine (with spinach, cheese, and Siestel bacon), featuring a light, satiny filling in a crumbly crust. Recently he started preparing weekend dinners as well, "for fun," says Nathan. "We're doing this

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for the summer, and afterwards I'm going to France for a while." (The bakery will remain open and continue serving lunches during his absence.) He usually offers four entrées of the French persuasion — accompanied by breads from Los Angeles' famed La Brea Bakery, since bread is one item that the Coulons don't bake in-house.

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS

2929 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7001

www.extraordinarydesserts.com

Bakery/café/gift shop, serving pastry from breakfast until late.

HOURS: Sunday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m., Friday until midnight, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–midnight

PRICES: Readymade cakes start at \$25 (6", to serve 6–8). Individual desserts average \$7.

BEVERAGES: Kona coffee, Torrefazion Italia espresso, Adams Organic coffee, Mariage Freres teas (60 varieties)

"CAKE ALBUM": Yes (wedding cakes only). Order two weeks ahead; some items available with 24-hour notice.

SECRET WEAPONS: Ripe fresh fruit and ethereal textures: blood orange ricotta torte, Fraisier berry torte, "Caribe" chocolate mousse cake with tropical fruits and passion-fruit juice.

After studying pastry-making at the Cordon Bleu in Paris, Karen Krasne opened Extraordinary Desserts in 1988. She regularly returns to France to continue her training at LeNôtre and Bellouet. Her desserts are strictly French in technique but inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco.

Krasne's ethereal fruited ricotta tortes must be the real "angel food" cakes. Instead of heavy buttercream, she tops them with barely sweetened whipped cream flavored with the juice of the garnish fruit. Even when working with chocolate, she often keeps the textures light and the flavors bright, e.g., her "Caribe" cake features layers of dark chocolate cake soaked in passion-fruit juice, filled with buoyant chocolate mousse infused with banana and mango flavors. The ingredients are clearly of the highest quality — you can taste the difference between these and,

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say, supermarket cakes. The coconut cake, for instance, isn't just sprinkled with coconut shreds, but includes coconut milk, coconut cream, and roasted coconut decorating the airy layers of vanilla Genoise.

Her café in Hillcrest offers plenty of tables indoors and a lovely shaded patio. The café menu changes daily, featuring slices of tortes and cakes, fruit tarts, cookies, crème brûlée, cobblers, bread pudding, mousses, and ice creams. For breakfast, there are usually scones, muffins, Danishes, and shortbreads.

Along with house-baked sweets, Krasne offers a custom line of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — and a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects ranging from teapots to T-shirts. Kenyan bone teaspoons and grass baskets, tea-scented soaps, a tiny reclining Boddhisattva sculpture, and Buddhas painted on rough wood panels were among the terribly tempting tchotchkes available when I stopped in.

FRENCH GOURMET BAKERY
960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725, ext. 3
www.thefrenchgourmet.com
Bakery/full-service restaurant (classic French menu) next door at French Gourmet Restaurant.
HOURS: Monday, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Tuesday until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday–Saturday until 9:00 p.m., Sunday until 6:00 p.m.
PRICES: Readymade cakes start at \$18. Breakfast pastries 65¢–\$2.50. Individual dessert pastries \$3–\$4. Restaurant breakfast items \$6.50–\$11.

BEVERAGES: Coffee, espresso, wine.
“CAKE ALBUM”: Yes, for all occasions.
SECRET WEAPONS: Brioche bread; online ordering.

Founded in 1979 by French chef and businessman Michel Malecot, the French Gourmet is at the northwest edge of Pacific Beach. It's a bread and pastry bakery, café, restaurant, and caterers all rolled into one, with the added “edge” of online ordering. At breakfast, you can pick up the pastries of your choice and take them next door into the restaurant, or you can settle in for a full breakfast there (with eggs, omelets, crêpes) until 3:00 p.m. Lunches and dinners at the restaurant feature classic French dishes.

The breakfast pastries are Parisian “continental breakfast” classics, ranging from miniature croissants and brioches to a full loaf of brioche bread, a hard-to-find item that's the key to making the best French toast you've ever cooked. (And if you happen to be serving foie gras, a crouton of brioche is simply de rigueur nowadays!) It's only one of the gorgeous array of breads behind the counter, including several loaves braided into fanciful animal shapes. For lunch, bakery selections include individual chicken pot pies and quiche Lorraine. I tried the latter and found it a rather ordinary, weighty cheese pie of the genre that inspired the adage “Real men don't eat quiche.”

Cakes are heavier and much sweeter than those of Coulon and Krasne. A coconut

cake featured five layers of lemon cake, filled with vanilla-coconut cream and canned peaches, and topped with sweetened shredded coconut similar to supermarket brands. In the chocolate cakes, the chocolate reminded me of Nestle's non-pareils, but my neighbor Ichido (who joined in the cake-sampling orgy) thought it tasted more like See's and liked it for that reason. The fresh fruits in the fruit tarts that we tried were visibly underripe and rather tart, but they'd been soaked in a sugar syrup so that they all tasted the same, with only a hint of their original flavor. (This step could keep a wedding cake from becoming a tropical disaster.) Afloat over a pond of sweet *crème patissiere*, the fruit gleamed gemlike under a clear gelatin glaze.

FRENCH PASTRY SHOP
5550 La Jolla Blvd. (at Forward), La Jolla, 858-454-9094
www.frenchpastryshop.com
Bakery/full-service restaurant, classic French menu. Catering and banquet services available.
HOURS: Tuesday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Mondays until 6:00 p.m., weekends 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
PRICES: Breakfast pastries average \$3, breakfast entrées \$4–\$10. Pastry prices about same as French Gourmet.
BEVERAGES: Coffee, espresso, tea, cold drinks.
“CAKE ALBUM”: Yes, also can decorate cakes based on photos or magazine clips.
SECRET WEAPONS: Crêpes, “Baba” (brioche), fruit tarts.

The French Pastry Shop has

been in business in the Bird Rock area of La Jolla for a quarter of a century. For the past decade, its owner has been Didier Feral, a native of France, born to a wine-making family. He happened to drop in when the restaurant was nearly new, was hired on the spot, and has worked there ever since (along with many of the bakers, who've been there since the start). His aim, he says, is to continue the tradition of Paris's great Le Nôtre patisserie here in San Diego.

The bakery also doubles as a full-service restaurant, with a large seating area indoors and a shaded patio outside (reputedly the first outdoor dining patio in San Diego, established 1981). Breakfast is served until 4:00 p.m. I tried a ham-and-spinach crêpe and found in it a true taste of Paris. The crêpe was whisper thin, the spinach a buttery purée, and the flavorful sliced ham (lining the inside of the crêpe, rather than chopped into the filling) spoke with a lilting Gallic accent. The sugar brioche and the almond croissant that I took home were also excellent.

Pastries here tend to be very sweet but moist and not too heavy. My favorite by far was a “baba au fruit,” a tart made with puffs of brioche, fresh fruits, and whipped cream. The seasonal fruits were glazed to give them a gloss, but they were ripe and juicy, and the whipped cream wasn't excessively sweetened. I also enjoyed a moist dark-chocolate rum cake — if sweeter than I like, it was light enough to make me happy. However, the Black Forest cake

(I think that was its name) had a chocolate pudding layer that tasted of powdered cocoa, and an exterior covered with commercial-tasting chocolate sprinkles of the Baskin-Robbins ilk. Fans of really dense, sweet pastry might go for the Napoleon here, although I'm not sure that little Mr. Bonaparte could even lift it.

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The breakfast pastries include a fine brioche and an outstanding almond croissant, done exactly as you'd find it in Paris (or Manhattan's ritzy Upper East Side). The pastry is buttery, and the almonds aren't merely studs on the exterior but recur in the interior as a generous ribbon of almond paste running through the fluffy pastry layers. (But you can't sleep too late if you want to grab these items — they usually sell out well before noon.)

Pastries here are sweet. The cake layers are typically light and moist, but most are topped with icings (such as weighty buttercream) rather than whipped cream. I did enjoy a charming three-layer chocolate cake with whipped cream and fresh raspberries between the tiers. Not to my taste, but certainly to *somebody's*, was a dense, cocoa-flavored double-fudge cake, designed with the chocoholic in mind. The berry tartlets, with just slightly under-ripe fruits, were absolutely “normal” for the genre — that is, you've enjoyed their like at hundreds of restaurants and catered parties. Going counter to the trend, a rectangular pastry topped with Granny Smith apples was one tart tart, but it was just fine at breakfast with a cup of strong black coffee to sweeten it. ■

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Lamb Omelet

You could fit a squawking parrot and its cage into my hollow gut.

Corner of 30th and Polk. Sunny, breezy Friday morning. Patricia and Paul look so danged contented sitting there, on the wooden deck of this Greek café, slurping their coffees and munching a mess of eggs and potatoes and things, I can't help leaning over the rail and asking them.

"How much?"

"Well," says Patricia, "nine dollars for the two of us. That's for three eggs, hash browns, and three bacon each. And coffee. We're here every day for breakfast."

As a matter of fact, I had heard about this place. My buddy Tom at the happy hour was raving about the \$5.50 chicken-fried steak breakfast he'd had here. "Came with three eggs and hash browns and toast," he said. "You beat that anywhere, I'll buy you breakfast."

So seeing as how you could fit a squawking parrot *and* its cage into my hollow gut, I navigate my way through the door. Inside it's like the outside, lots of blue and white, Greek-style, but also well-used, woody, low-ceiling, cabin-comfortable. Lots of "Specials" signs run along the counter in front of the kitchen. The place is basically three rooms, scattered with white-tile-topped tables and retro green and wood chairs.

I sit down in the cozy first room. Next door this guy Donald and his buddy Albert are hoeing in to big plates of chow. Donald is back from a visit to the Vets' hospital. He's still suffering

from Agent Orange from Vietnam. He's got the "three poached eggs and bacon" (\$3.25). Albert works for Pacific Ship Repair. He ordered a lunch dish, tuna salad and french fries (\$3.50).

"We're here all the time," says Donald. "Blanca and Mailo, they're good people."

"There's something about this place," says Albert. "You just feel at ease here."

Blanca, Mailo's wife, comes over with the menu. She has a kindly, pretty, strong face. Like, the serene expression you'd see in one of those religious paintings. Makes

me think "Venus de Mailo's." I start checking the specials Scotch-taped to the counter. I see Patricia and Paul's "three eggs, with bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, \$3.25." I ask for a coffee (99 cents, refillable) and decide to do it by the menu.

And, ho boy, menu prices are great as well. Two biscuits with gravy, \$2.75. Or \$3.50 if you add two eggs. Three-egg cheese omelet with hash browns and toast and jelly, \$2.99. I mean, come on. I couldn't cook it that cheap. Or three eggs any style, with same sides, \$2.45. With ham, bacon, or sausage, \$3.50. And there's Tom's chicken-fried steak, three eggs, hash browns, toast, \$5.50. That might buy you one egg in the Gaslamp.

It turns out Mailo and Blanca are not Greek but from Michoacán. "I worked in a Greek place in Ocean Beach for 15 years," says Mailo. "So I learned Greek cooking. Then four years ago my

brother — he lives around the corner here — told me this place was for rent. I talked to my father-in-law. Borrowed \$7000. We used credit cards, everything. If it didn't work out, we were finished. I based the menu on the O.B. place. Greek and American. Lots of specials on the walls. I told my wife, 'Cross your fingers.' That first day we opened, we stood here, so nervous. Then people started coming in. What a sight!"

"Mailo started the 'Mailo's cheeseburger,' with avocado and bacon, and the half-pound steak burger, with fries, potato salad, or cottage cheese, both for \$4.99," says Blanca. "They helped. That cheeseburger's incredibly popular."

"It's been hard. Sixteen-hour days," says Mailo. "But now, thanks to God, we have paid everybody back."

"Uh, have you decided yet?" says Blanca.

Well, fact is, that cheeseburger sounds too good, even though we're talking breakfast, technically. And if not that, Tom's chicken-fried steak and eggs.

But, hold it, I mean, what do Greeks eat for breakfast? Blanca points to all the gyros dishes. Like "Breakfast Gyro" with two eggs, lamb in there for sure, tomatoes, onions, wrapped in a hot pita, plus hash browns, \$4.75. Or three eggs any style with gyros, hash browns, and toast,

same price. Come to think of it, I've always been a lamb man. Just never had it quite so early in the day.

I'm my usual decisive self. "Give me the, uh....," and then I see they have a gyros omelet with feta cheese and hash browns for \$4.99. "A lamb omelet?"

"Uh-huh."

"Well, okay, yeah. Lamb omelet! Live a little."

What was I worrying about? Blanca gives the order to Jesús, the cook, and before you can say "Venus de Milo," it's on my table. Two steaming plates. One has the hot pita bread and a bowl of feta cheese, the other has the hash browns and a three-egg omelet *stuffed* with chunks of lamb. So you rip off some pita, slurp on some feta, stab a chunk of egg 'n' lamb, and you're on your way. Actually, it tastes yogurty when it's all together. Somehow I'm glad it's around 10 o'clock. Couldn't have taken it earlier. But it sure puts to sleep the clanging in my stomach.

Then I have a thought. A bad thought. Carla loves lamb. She finds out I've eaten lamb, she'll tear me limb from limb.

"Bring her Saturday," says Blanca. "Eat out on the deck. It's always crowded."

Yeah. Maybe I will. That should soothe my little lamb chop. ■

The Place: *Mailo's Café, 4095 30th Street (619-528-1602)*

Type of Food: *Greek, American*

Prices: *Plain breakfast omelet with hash browns, toast, \$2.50; gyros omelet with feta, hash browns, \$4.99; chile and cheese omelet, \$4.75; pork chop with three eggs, hash browns, toast, \$4.75; chicken-fried steak with three eggs, same sides, \$5.50; Mailo's cheeseburger with avocado, bacon, fries, or potato salad or cottage cheese, \$4.99; roast beef dinner with soup or salad, mashed potatoes, veggies, dinner roll, \$5.99; quarter chicken Greek style with rice, salad, pita bread, \$4.50; gyros, \$4.25*

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Cream Business

“Retailers sent their supplies back to Kunde and said, ‘We’re never carrying your product again because you’re supporting this guy.’”

John Lindsay, owner of Vintage Wines on Miramar Road, was understandably upset. Unless Assembly Bill 1922 could be stopped, he and a host of other retailers across the state would be in serious trouble. By instituting primary source law for foreign wines, AB 1922 would eliminate the secondary market, the market created when small U.S. importers found previously sold wines in other countries, bought them up, and brought them back to the States.

Such a market was crucial to retailers like Lindsay. Often, the authorized U.S. importer would receive only a small allocation of a highly prized wine, and after taking care of major accounts across the state, the importer would have none left for a smaller shop like Vintage Wines. Without the secondary market, Lindsay would be cut off. (And while larger retailers like the Wine Club might receive 10 cases of a wine like Château de Beaucastel, they could very well have customers for 90 more. Again, the secondary market was needed to save the day.)

Lindsay said that small-production, highly desirable wines are “our niche in the marketplace. They give us the cream we need to have to stay in business.” Wine collectors, you see, are not necessarily loyal to their local wine shop. They go where the wine is. Lindsay told the story of a particular Australian wine whose price was doubled by a profit-hungry wholesaler. Lindsay had to pay \$75 a bottle wholesale, even though the wine was available in Australia for \$38 retail. “The public found out about it through the Internet and started ordering the wine direct from Australia.” Even after shipping,

the price came to only \$43 a bottle. “I have sold as much as 60 or 70 cases of that wine in a year at \$50 a bottle,” he recalled. “I am now at the point where I have sold probably 10.”

If AB 1922 passed, said Lindsay, the same thing would happen on a much larger scale. “People will get the wine one way or another; they’re just going to get it from the most favorable source. They’ll get it from New York, they’ll get it from Chicago, they’ll get it from Washington, D.C. The retailers in California will miss that business.” Some retailers worried about the creation of a black market by the newly criminalized importers.

Opponents of the bill predicted a host of other unpleasant consequences. Small importer/distributors rely on the profit from secondary-market wines to allow them to represent smaller, less lucrative California wineries. (Such wineries are often too small to get picked up by the giant distributors.) If the small distributors lost the gray-market profit, they would be unable to continue carrying the small wineries. Shops like Lindsay’s would lose another niche — if Vintage and Vons carry the same big-production wines, why not get your Cabernet along with your cabbage? The wineries themselves might go out of business. Even the importer/distributors might go under. Further, restaurants and retailers would no longer be able to stock older vintages, since the big importer/distributors simply don’t carry them. In the end, said the opponents, the bill would prove disastrous to everyone but a few high-end foreign producers and the major importer/distributors with whom they worked.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

Primary-source laws meant no competition, and no competition meant no checks on prices and profits.

The organization formed to oppose AB 1922, the California Fine Wine Alliance, got to work. They hired a lobbyist. They talked to the press. They found a similar bill that was vetoed by Governor Deukmejian in 1985. Retailer members talked about boycotting the distributors and alerted thousands of consumers via their mailing lists, consumers who liked living in a state with a free market for wine. The Family Winemakers of California — an organization formed when small wineries broke away from the Gallo-influenced Wine Institute — joined the protest, ruling that the bill ran counter to their goal of freeing up wine distribution. The Appropriations Committee hearing on the bill, originally scheduled for May 8, got pushed back to May 15. Still, the bill was expected to clear the assembly, where its sponsor, Marco Firebaugh, is majority leader.

The battle was shaping up to be a regular David and Goliath affair: big distributors vs. little importer/brokers; the pro-AB 1922 Wine Institute (which counted the bill’s sponsor, Diageo, among its members) vs. the Family Winemakers of California; volume-oriented supermarkets vs. variety-oriented wine shops. But instead of impassioned populist speeches in the legislature about America’s proud tradition of defending the little guy, the war was decided in a more oblique — and in some ways more fitting — fashion.

Wine is often referred to as a social beverage, and California’s wineries are often designed with that maxim in mind. The wineries offer picturesque settings for all sorts of events, be they weddings, charity auctions or...fund-raisers. According to a member of AB 1922’s opposition who wished to remain anonymous, “A lot of the congressmen and senators rely on wineries for doing affairs up north. They do a lot of social events with the wineries,” social events that bring in significant political contributions.

When the Los Angeles *Times* weighed in against AB 1922 in an editorial that ran on May 10, it closed by mentioning that one California winery, Kunde, was scheduled to host



Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh

a fund-raising affair on May 21 for AB 1922 sponsor Marco Firebaugh. (Kunde had agreed to host the event based on Firebaugh’s status as chairman of the assembly’s Hispanic Caucus and claimed to have been unaware of his involvement with AB 1922.) Seats were going for \$5000 a couple, \$10,000 for sponsors.

“Basically, all the members of the coalition who were retailers sent their supplies [of Kunde wine] back to Kunde and said, ‘We’re never carrying your product again because you’re supporting this guy.’ So Kunde was suddenly faced with losing the top 20 wine retailers in the state as outlets, and they said, ‘Hey, we never signed up for this.’ Kunde canceled their event for Firebaugh.” (Kunde, which had by then discovered Firebaugh’s sponsorship of the bill, claimed to have been already in the process of canceling the event.)

“I’m sure the congressmen looked at this and said, ‘If we don’t oppose this bill, we could stand to lose all of the money that comes in from the various wineries and their social events.’ We believe that was the last nail in the coffin.”

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with

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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 pankofried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief.

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JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

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ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled carne asada, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and oriental dressing in a "cilantro tortilla." Open seven days. Friday happy hour free buffet 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggis, 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)

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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Ask owner Kulbir about his 14-year-old yogurt culture and its health benefits. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

NORTH COASTAL

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/01)

CALIFORNIA BISTRO Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for \$25 (bev-

erage not included), half price for kids. It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.W.

J. TAYLOR'S L'Auberge Del Mar Hotel, 1540 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. "Small plates" dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — E.W. (6/00)

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is

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LA BONNE BOUFFE Town and Country Shopping Center, 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly. Lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-916. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It’s just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o’ beans — savory black beans, Cuba’s staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There’s no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The

“Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe,” rightly subtitled “a meal in itself,” is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don’t miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

SAKURA BANA 1031 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the most friendly eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you’re a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day’s freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you’ve consumed the delicate raw filets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don’t feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts “the largest California sushi bar,” as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining

room offers northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

ST. GERMAIN’S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love “continental breakfast,” this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes.

Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences, so generous portions are second nature. And weekends after 4:00 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA) 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, 16 pastas; wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials; excellent lamb. Very loving management. A treasure. Same menu lunch and dinner. Call for hours and directions. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (6/98)*

VIGILUCCI’S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning: That’s Italian. The pastas are luscious — try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing — and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Additional (smaller) branches in Carlsbad and Solana Beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (10/01)*

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don’t overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado*, *cabeza*, *pastor*, *carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They’re beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* (“raise the dead”) seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as “North County’s Finest Steak House.” It also seems to be the area’s community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, pool-room, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck à l’orange, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn’t it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don’t miss this small but chic French restaurant. The

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GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is the place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

LUNGREN BROTHER'S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. This way-out-in-the-tulies Italian restaurant is a great place to sing karaoke because 1) nobody knows you and 2) this is country. Just suck up your spaghetti and relax with the locals. Check out the Bay of Naples *trompe l'oeil*, which owner Bob painted from a picture on a place mat. It's all so cozy you don't care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house's gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches,

lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

VALENTINO'S 11828 Rancho Bernardo Road, New Mercado, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-3200. Located in a shopping center that will remind you of Beverly Hills, Valentino's has a lovely interior, good salads and pastas, and fine entrées which include chicken Vesuvio and homemade cannelloni. A separate room holds a pizzeria. Lunch, Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is *carne asada*, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, *chiles rellenos*, *sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

CUVEE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090, www.cuveerestaurant.com. Seasonal but rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine designed to accompany an interesting wine list priced at low retail plus \$8 "corkage" per bottle; same corkage for BYO. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant, but quite noisy. Reservations urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind restaurant. Dinner Tuesday

through Saturday. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Von's), Suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133, www.diningsandiego.com/cyber67.htm. In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea-bass (and a rich, slightly-sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Service is competent and cordial. Diners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — N.W. (6/01)

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly

specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and "Seafood Mediterranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. — E.W.

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. Shabu shabu is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into

sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of shabu shabu entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York cut beef and chicken. Price is \$28.95, \$10.95 for children. Add \$10.00 for one and a quarter pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — E.W. (6/99)

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialties, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

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ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (8/01)

THE BEST LITTLE RIB HOUSE 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Diane/Ross Center), Clairemont, 858-581-9444. It's small, modest, and lost in a meandering mall, but this little rib house delivers on taste. You get nine basic rib choices of chicken, beef ribs, pork ribs, or different combos. They also do pulled meat, taken off the bone, on the plate or in sandwiches. First time, take the number 7 sampler: beef rib, pork rib, and chicken, along with cornbread and two sides such as wedge country fries or macaroni salad. The standout is the pork. Some customers swear by Good-Time Charlie's sauce — a BBQ elixir that Gail's pappy Charlie Coyle perfected 65 years ago. The chipotle, molasses, and mustard seeds will kick your taste buds awake. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — E.W.

HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-272-1412. "Life's too short to drink cheap beer," says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar's greatest hit: "San Diego's Famous 1/2-lb. Steerburger." The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat's crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, lettuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course, dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Closed Sunday. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (8/00)*

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous, go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food — Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

THE BEACHES

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744, *www.chateauorleans.com*. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand streets), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday. Dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish

market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

FRONTEIRA BRAZILIAN BBQ 3778 Ingraham (at La Playa), Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. Live large at this pleasantly plain-looking Brazilian *rodizio*, addressing a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, even shrimp. (Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade.) The gargantuan spread also includes a U-shaped buffet with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as beef with okra or oxtails with plantains, with exotic but oddly homey flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce from the ledge above the salad buffet). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Arrive relatively early for dinner (some buffet items run out by 8 p.m.). Call for weekend reservations or to request a vegetarian meal. Open daily. Low moderate, a steal for the quantity and quality. — *N.W. (8/01)*

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad \$8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard at San Jose Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: Zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

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RESTAURANTS

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414, www.thetinfish.net. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (7/01)

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twigg's Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve.

Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

BLUE FIN GRILL 3770 Hancock Street (near Kurtz), Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. This blue and white cinder-block place hides out near the parking lot of the Sports Arena. It's crowded on Swap Meet weekends, peaceful during the week. The inside is cheery blue, white, and woody, with a huge stuffed marlin on the wall. Try breakfast specials like hamburger steak with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or nice light buttermilk hotcakes, two sausage links, and an egg. But the big draw is fresh Icelandic cod. You'll see the crew filleting the fish every morning for their lunchtime special: fish and chips with salad. Grandma, who started the Blue Fin over 30 years ago, created the "secret" way of cooking them. Breakfast and lunch only, closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HORSE AND COW BAR AND GRILL 2734 Lytton Street, Loma Portal, 619-224-6409. This hard-to-spot place "runs deep," like the customers it serves — submariners. Here is where the "Silent Service" lets off steam — noisily. The H&C has probably the world's greatest collection of submarine memorabilia. Subs' banners, bells, lighters, even the deepest flush toilet in

the world (it belonged to the USS *Dolphin*). The sub-like interior is dark, with walls painted camouflage blue-black. Snacks include mozzarella sticks, fried mushrooms, onion rings, chicken nuggets, and wings. If you're hungry, the flop-over-the-edge steaks and burgers with fries are generous. Not that it matters. What you're really digesting is the atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson (corner of Arnel), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURGERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs,

sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. — *E.B.* (12/01)

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hot cakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on butter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Or later in the day, the New York strip and sirloin steaks with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with sultanas and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot is really three restaurants in one. One is a basic fish house with encyclopedic fish posters and paper place-mats, serving seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, etc.). Another is an old-style seafood restaurant, with lace curtains, tablecloths, and some richer fish dishes (e.g., with hollandaise). The third is a slightly hip Italian eatery with a charcoal-gray track-lit ceiling and black-background fish upholstery, serving standards (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.) plus nightly specials. Fish here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. Moderate. — *A.M.* (5/01)

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *A.M.* (7/01)

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking Duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (BTW, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — *N.W.* (6/01)

PHO HOACALI 4126 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-2620. This place isn't glamorous, but there's an ease about it I like. And the kitchen is dependable, *consistently* good. Try their complex, clean-tasting chicken noodle

soup or the light, intricate *bungio*, a bowl of rice noodles and spring rolls with spicy dipping sauce. The chicken in lemon grass with hot pepper is also particularly good. Their menu lists 24 beverages, which are simple, but artfully made. I'm partial to their limeade. Pho Hoacali is a lesson in how the plainest ingredients, intelligently balanced, can produce something unforgettable. — *M.N.* (6/99)

POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes or the famous mushroom and onions hamburger with baked beans. Great family country drive destination. Open for breakfast and lunch. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Open Saturday from one hour after sunset to 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but



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THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the

seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded port tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

WOODSTOCK'S PIZZA 6548 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the

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CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate with skins-on breakfast potatoes doing the in-filling. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. And conversation? The fun's in the buzz you overhear from antique dealers in nearby booths. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

BALE'S CAFE 3926 30th Street, North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones café offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak and egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ pork chop, egg, and shredded pork with rice. Mr.

Pham knows what Americans like — before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, and dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in

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OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street, North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffis should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At

lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("*koitiow bahat sai kho*"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Seven days. Expect a line on weekends. — *E.B.* (10/01)

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever, has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend

the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N.* (5/99)

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — *A.M.* (11/01)

THE GATHERING 902 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who enjoys entertaining his diners. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable and the oblong bar at the center of the room seems straight out of *Cheers*. For Sunday brunch, it's a toss-up between the "Mission Hills Omelet" (snow crab sautéed in butter, sherry, and tarragon, with dilled-hollandaise sauce) and the "Goldfinch Omelet" (Canadian bacon with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and hollandaise sauce). Open seven days, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are

way-big with funky titles, like the "T'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue, Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. Dinners (slightly more expensive) are also generous. Try chilled gazpacho, then pork chops, baked potatoes, and a dessert of mince pie with mock brandy topping, all part of the deal. Also good: Sunday's roast leg of lamb. Open seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/01)

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, www.kemosabesandiego.com. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest,

619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking: touristic Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/00)

MONTANAS AMERICAN GRILL 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open daily. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinners nightly. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (11/98)

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills

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THE VEGETARIAN ZONE 2949 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-7302. The V-Zone's motto is "in harmony with the earth." So, sorry — no meat, no bleached white flour, white or brown sugar, or iceberg lettuce. On the other hand, you can be sure what you do eat is "free from chemical preservatives or dyes." Spinach mushroom lasagna and sesame mock chicken are — surprise! — great. Even desserts can be yummy, including a three-layer carrot cake and a cocomint pudding. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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12TH & BROADWAY RESTAURANT (The sign says only "Restaurant".) Corner of 12th and Broadway, 619-232-5998. At these still-scurzy crossroads, this place shines. Red, white, and clean. The walls are white, the seats are red, and the long U-shaped counter is vast and could seat a platoon. Tiny Teresa Gonzalez has been running the place for forty years and featuring the Breakfast Special (two large eggs, two sausage links, hash browns, toast and jelly) for twenty of those. She's 77, but she keeps this great

old-style all-counter eatery going, often single-handed. Try her Spanish omelet, generous cheeseburger, or burrito plate. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-0382, www.acquaal2.it. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu, while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there, and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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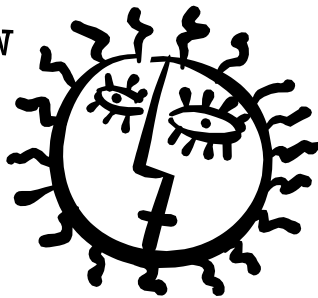
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Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prud'homme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice as good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambience is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here: Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in “*la nueva cocina Mexicana*,” a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilitacoche* (“corn fungus,” but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This rep-

utable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581, www.edgewatergrill.com. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner, entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 India Street (at Fir), 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest *panini* (“small bread”) sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try “The Moroccan” with grilled eggplant, zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or “The Spanish” with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aioli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have:

French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B. (5/02)*

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the “Y” to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast/lunch weekdays, breakfast only weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225, www.greystonethesteakhouse.com. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly “suits” with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — *N.W. (12/01)*

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

JUKE JOINT CAFE 327 Fourth Avenue (across from Cost Plus), Gaslamp District, 619-323-7685, [*cafe.com*. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood \(but the Gaslamp is lots safer\). They call their cooking “West Coast Soul Food,” but it's still mighty South Coast, too, including a just-about-perfect filé gumbo, thick and rich, flavored with genuine Louisiana sausage. Good jambalaya, fried foods \(try fried pickles and gizzards for a down-home treat\), huge steaks, and live music for a hip crowd make this a tasty scene. Full bar. Reservations strongly advised. No cover charge with dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. \(3/01\)*](http://www.jukejoint-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (corner of 13th and C), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue and white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come here to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas, or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). — *E.B. (11/00)*

LEE'S CAFE 738 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-1621. This beautiful place is a thorn between two roses. Located mid-Gaslamp with luxury Euro-*restaurantes* on either side — heh heh — here a big plate of baked chicken, or chicken-fried steak, or baked ham, with gravy, potatoes, veggies, rice, salad, bread and butter — and macaroni and egg flower soup go for almost nothing. Breakfast is a bargain too, offering sausages, eggs, hash browns, and all the coffee you want. “Uncle Lee started 40 years ago,” says Lily, who runs it. God bless Uncle Lee. Open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals, and the food is very, very good. I sug-

gest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

REDFISH 731 Fifth Avenue (at G), Gaslamp District, 619-234-7226, www.redfishamerica.com/sandiego.html. At this sprawling New Orleans-style restaurant/nightclub (one of a small national chain), the varied music playing over the speakers before showtime is consistently tasty. Alas, one can't say the same for the cooking, so order with care. Best dishes include a rich, smoky crawfish etouffée, interesting okra gumbo, and mainly-decent salads and appetizers. But authenticity and taste go blazing in a tomatoey jambalaya with the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-a-lug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SICILIAN VILLAGE DELI 895 Fourth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-4002. This was located in the Farmer's Bazaar in East Village until the ballpark knocked them out of left field. Now they're one of the best values in the Gaslamp. Though the owners aren't Sicilian, two of their most delicious dishes carry the flag: the Sicilian Sandwich (tuna, olive oil, capers, tomatoes, onions) and the Chicken Siciliana (chicken breasts sautéed in a brandy sauce with soup or salad, garlic bread, and a choice of fries, rice, or spaghetti). Eating outside is interesting for people-watching — a reality-check after Horton Plaza. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8:00 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your “head feels like an old potato” and your “tongue like a button hook” (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hang-Over Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Breakfast and lunch, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715 Fourth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-4440. The owners of Panevino operate this chic restaurant with its light menu and wide variety of dishes. You can make a meal from appetizers. The pastas are the best bets. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619- 435-4900, www.baybeach-cafe.com. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

CHEZ LOMA 1132 Loma Avenue (at Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-0661. The historic aura of this cute period bungalow remains seductive, but the "French" menu is mired in the more recent past, circa 1970. Some appetizers are sprightly, but entrées are inconsistent and can be indifferently executed with subpar ingredients, e.g., a cassoulet de mer may pair undercooked white beans with overcooked seafood of questionable quality. Some best bets are Irvine's signature dishes of salmon with a mild barbecue sauce and

roast duck with a trio of sauces. Veggie accompaniments (swampy reheated-tasting rice, limp carrots, soggy sugar-snaps) bear an eerie resemblance to Lean Cuisine. Early bird bargain-priced dinners. Reservations advised. Fairly expensive but not dressy. — *N.W. (6/01)*

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PANCAKES 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their 8-12 egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced happy hour specials (3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

L'ESCALE Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. This is the casual dining room that faces the pool at this first-rate hotel. Menus are constantly changing, so call to discover what type of cuisine is available. Jazz night on Friday and Saturday evening, with dinner specials. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show diners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 3rd Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast and lunch only, Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view

of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play gaucho and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly-decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs) and the savory sausages are flown in from Buenos Aires. You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

TIJUANA

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BIRRIERIA GUANAJUATO Avenida Abraham González 102, Colonia Francisco Villa, Tijuana, 630-7070. At this clean, family-style restaurant high in the Tijuana hills about three miles southwest of the border crossing, the food is in the style of Guanajuato (in central Mexico), and the menu consists solely of pot-roasted baby goat (*cabrito*) in a Mexican barbecue sauce and melted-cheese pancakes (*gorditas*). It's authentic, tasty, fresh, and unbelievably

affordable. Be sure to arrive early, since the food sometimes runs out. It's worth the out-of-the-way drive to enjoy these delicacies. Take the downtown off-ramp to Third Street and continue for exactly 11 blocks to H Street/Colón. Turn left (south) on H at the "Super-Lub" for one block, then turn right on 4th Street (Díaz Mirón/Rampa Altamira). Turn right again at the stop sign by the Pemex gas station. Go all the way up the hill (Rampa Altamira) and veer right after the large "Universidad de Tijuana" sign. A few feet further, turn left onto Avenida Paris and go four blocks until the street veers right into Calle Roma. One more block, turn left onto Avenida Londres, continue for three blocks, then turn right onto Emetrio González for one block. Turn left at the orange-painted dry cleaners and go uphill on Avenida Río de la Plata to the top (about six blocks), where the road turns right onto Calle Manuel W. González. Continue one block, then turn left at the Calimex market onto Avenida Abraham González. Go four more blocks and the restaurant is on the right side of the street. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/00)*

CAFELA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución, between Calle 3 and Calle 4, Tijuana, 685-6654. Robust tacos, enchiladas, *chiles rellenos*, tamales, egg dishes, and steak have been prepared at this unpretentious but good café for decades. La Especial is a favorite for families who want to eat at low cost. The stairway leading down to the dining room opens on Revolución, and the covered bazaar that extends beyond is a prime tourist attraction. Open Sunday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup,

and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Portions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and its wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — *E.W.*

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado... it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

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Top honors this week go to the French suspense film, *Time Out*. I use the "suspense" label advisedly, because the suspense, as I am calling it, never rises much above tepid. Tepid suspense, all the same, is still suspense. Suspense tends to stop being suspense only when overheated beyond the bounds of the human.

The reliable gauge of it, always, is our degree of interest in What Happens Next. The very human hero here (the mild-mannered, bland-looking, balding Aurélien Recoing, who could pass for the younger brother of Larry Miller, if you know who that is) is a recently laid-off business executive who, unable to face his wife, father, entire family with the truth, has fabricated instead a tall story of a new job with the United Nations in Geneva. We don't know any of this when we first meet him (asleep all through the opening credits in the reclining passenger seat of his car), but we know it a long time before his wife, father, and the rest of the family know it. We are taken in, as it were, as confidants, even

co-conspirators. For a while he is able to stay afloat financially with a phony investment scheme, though he is neither cold-blooded nor crafty enough to bilk anyone but friends and acquaintances. The first person to see

through the scheme is an eavesdropping stranger in a hotel lobby, also a smuggler of brand-name knock-

offs, who has a proposition of his own. These same general ingredients could readily, on the Hollywood hot plate, have been boiled away to a vapor. They fully retain here their lifelike savor: the universal human need of a place in the world, a position, a purpose. Director Laurent Cantet, a new name to me, perhaps draws things out more measuredly and lengthily than necessary, but he maintains a firm control throughout, never loses hold of our interest in What Happens Next. So, a new name, Cantet, but one I should not have to be prodded to remember.

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron, a DreamWorks animated feature in the old hand-drawn style, is a horse odyssey after the fashion of the thrice-

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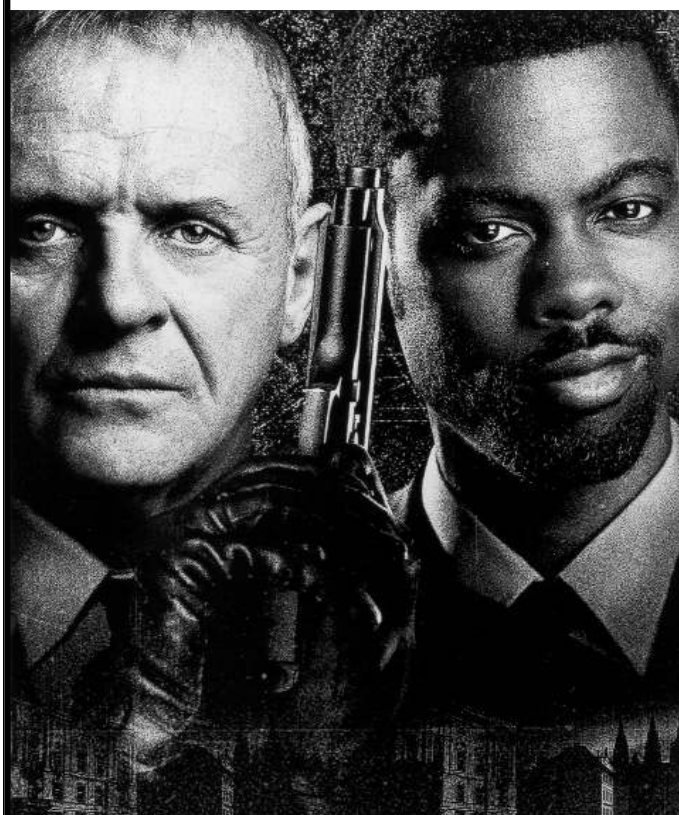
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filmed Will James novel, *Smoky*, with the four-legged hero falling into many hands on his roundabout way home (which looks to be in the vicinity of Monument Valley, nowhere near the vicinity of the Cimarron River), but with the main difference that in this case the only good master is no master. Even the puckish, Peter Pannish

Indian, with whom the horse reaches a mutually beneficial rapprochement, is not granted the privileges of ownership. (The horse is called Spirit because, among other reasons, he can't be broken.) But this is a precociously PC horse: the Indian is good, the white-eye is bad, the railroad is the snake in the Garden of Eden. He is

also a thoughtful, if naggingly single-minded, horse: his interior speaking voice is the tranquilized one of Matt Damon ("They say the mustang is the spirit of the West"), and his interior singing voice is the constipated one of Bryan Adams ("Here I am, so young and strong./ Right here in the place where I belong"). Thankfully, there

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are no cute animal sidekicks, voiced by stand-up comics, on whom to press his views. He keeps himself, as they say, to himself. Some of the images of equine speed and grace — the horse outpacing the shadow of an eagle, for instance — are nicely done. And the drummed-on theme of freedom is irremovably germane to the Western genre. And Hans Zimmer's epic score, with its echoes of *Lonesome Dove* and *Silverado*, is doubtless idiomatic. Yet the best I can say for the movie as a whole is not that it is a Western but that it made me want to see one. Or ten. This one, a mere hors d'oeuvre, is at great pains to banish the melancholy complexity of the genre, to deny its hard truths that the beckoning of the wide open spaces carries with it the inevitable tightening-up of those spaces, that the freedom of the frontier is inseparable from the peril of it, and that the taming of it is the only story worth telling. (Proof of its worth is the thousand ways it can be told.) This one, more simply, is strictly for

kids. Of all ages.

Insomnia resettles the Norwegian *policier* of a few years ago, and of the same name, under the midnight sun of Alaska. Fair enough. (The icy moon-scape of the opening aerial shots is no less otherworldly.) Both versions, however, complacently advance a lack of sleep as an explanation for all questionable behavior on the part of the protagonist, a big-city homicide cop helping out on a small-town murder case. (A cop who, as I put it in my review of the previous version, "goes bad and goes worse and keeps on going and going.") Al Pacino plays up the sleep deprivation for all it's worth, and a good deal more, looking as if he's trying to win a marathon staring contest and speaking in a come-and-go drawl that sounds less regional in origin than medical or medicinal. Robin Williams, as the coolly taunting and manipulative murderer (a cliché in any language), keeps himself pretty well under control, though he doesn't bring enough to the role to justify the against-type casting. His smirk could mean he's got something up his sleeve, or it could just as well mean he hasn't: joke's on us. There are a couple of intense action scenes that take full advantage of the setting: the foot



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chase in the fog over rough terrain (best scene in both versions) and a second foot chase across the logs in the river, and then breath-stoppingly *beneath* the logs. But a faithful remake, a close copy, is not what we would have expected as an encore from Christopher Nolan after his devilishly clever *Memento*. (Naming the sleepless cop "Dormer" will not pass as cleverness.) It is, on the contrary, exactly what we might have expected of any foreign-born and/or independent

filmmaker who wanted to slither into the Hollywood mainstream.

Michael Apter's *Enough*, which fairly begs for the critical response of "too much," comes very close to the filmmaker's most recent effort, not just chronologically (one week separating their local opening dates), but also alphabetically: *Enigma*. Where the earlier British thriller, though, was boringly understated, the newer American one is boringly oversteated. (So much for force of directorial person-

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ality.) An empowerment potboiler lifted above a USA Network original only by the star power of Jennifer Lopez, it chronicles the heroine's time-lapse evolution from greasy-spoon waitress to satin-sheets bride to blank-check homemaker to cheated-on, battered, and verbally abused spouse. First major warning sign: her husband declines her request to join him in the shower, even after she has already got her robe halfway off. (The men in the audience will turn on him faster than the women.) Once the monster is unmasked, he's pure "Boo!" Billy Campbell, a television nice guy, going bad in tandem with another television nice guy, Noah Wyle, invests the part with a rub-it-in-your-face smugness and sadism: "You wanna fight? I'm a man, honey. It's no contest." You wanna bet? She's J.Lo, buddy. Give her a month of martial-arts instruction and a rematch. (Her getaway plan in the middle of the night is a dilly: wedging a trickling water bottle between the toilet seat and porcelain bowl while she sneaks down the stairs with her daughter, a ruse that can be counted on to buy her a half-minute head start.) Nothing about all this — the narrative poverty, the moral cowardice, the two-faced finale, the common coinage of the foreboding background music, the pep-pill pop songs, the bowled-over trash cans and crashed-through chain-link fences of the mandatory car chase — would be quite so depressing if it were not coming from a director who once did stuff like *Coal Miner's Daughter* and *Gorky Park*, and who still today carries on (doesn't he?) the documentary series of *28 Up*, *35 Up*, etc.

CQ, written and directed by Roman Coppola, is the second apple, after Sofia Coppola's *Virgin Suicides*, to fall from the tree of Francis Coppola and to roll down the hill into the ditch. Set in 1969, when the writer-director would have been three years old, it throws up a rickety bridge between the navel-gazing underground film à la *David Holzman's Diary* and the trendy sci-fi spy spoof à la *Barbarella*. The truth-seeking undergrounder, played by that uncharismatic sloucher and murmurer, Jeremy Davies, happens improbably to be the film editor of the big-budget spy spoof on location in Paris, and even more improbably to be promoted to the helm when the "revolutionary" Godardian director (Gerard Depardieu), in his need to "subvert the expectations of the audience," runs afoul of the De Laurentisian producer (Giancarlo Giannini). The undergrounder, it ought to have gone without saying, is no more equipped to handle such a project than Roman Coppola is: the evidence, under the film-within-the-film title of *Codenamed* [one word] *Dragonfly*, is right in front of our eyes, and in abundance. Young Coppola at least demonstrates that he has boned up on the cinematic esoterica of his infancy: cameo roles, as an example, for L.M. Kit Carson and John Phillip Law, stars of the aforementioned *David Holzman's Diary* and *Barbarella*, respectively. But who could be imagined to want to watch this movie? Anyone who knows enough to have a nostalgic interest in it will also know enough to discredit it. ■

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Son-of-Angry-Young-Man protagonist (Hugh Grant, sugaring every effrontery with his innate sparkle). The dual narrators, man and boy, chain the movie to its literary source (a Nick Hornby novel), though co-directors Paul and Chris Weitz provide a visual touch or two. With Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, Rachel Weisz. 2002.

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Bottle Rocket — A fledgless lark involving three callow lunkheads embarking together on lives of crime. The debuting director is Wes Anderson, who affects jazzy, jaunty, New Wavy mannerisms which of

course by this time are pretty Old Wavy, or Shore Drifty. And he favors squared-up and steam-pressed compositions for a homely deadpan American Gothicism. (The setting is for the most part indistinctive Texas.) Anderson's chief collaborator is Owen C. Wilson, co-screenwriter and lead actor (a kind of psychopathic Ricky Nelson with a Hitler's Youth blond brush-cut), as the self-appointed mastermind who has worked out a seventy-five-year crime-spree prospectus in a spiral notebook. A closing-time bookstore heist (the take is modest, though not infinitesimal: "Do you have a bigger bag for atlases and dictionaries and stuff?") finances a lie-low in an out-of-the-way motel, where one of the trio (Luke Wilson, Owen's brother in real life but mere buddy on screen) develops a crush on the Paraguayan housemaid and pitches in on her chores. (There is yet another Wilson brother, Andrew, in a lesser role.) It's a long

wait until their next caper: a lunch-hour raid on a meatpacking plant in co-ordinated canary-yellow jumpsuits, sponsored by a small-time Mr. Big (James Caan, the one familiar face). The sense of humor may be — surely is — a little off-center, but the sense of strain at that particular latitude and longitude is as painful and ultimately deadly as at any middle-of-the-road locale. And the humor is not a *lot* off-center, in any event. 1996.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/31, 1:30 AND 7 P.M.)

Box of Moonlight — Middle-aged nerd (pocket pen set, daily uniform of white dress shirt and black slacks) loosens up after a chance encounter with an outgoing dropout in a Davy Crockett costume. John Turturro's robotic posture and movements have the physical expressiveness of a silent-cinema clown, and his dance, when he really cuts loose, is a riot. But the surrounding absurdities and oddities (a doggy dish of Oreo cookies in milk for breakfast) are piled on so high as to become the humdrum norm. With Sam Rockwell, Catherine Keener, Lisa Blount, Annie Corley, Dermot Mulroney; written and directed by Tom DiCillo. 1997.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 5/30, 7 P.M., AND 5/31, 9 P.M.)

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.

● (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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HARBOR DRIVE IN)

CQ — Reviewed this issue. With Jeremy Davies, Angela Lindvall, Elodie Bouchez, Gerard Depardieu, and Giancarlo Giannini; written and directed by Roman Coppola.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/31)

Dogtown and Z-Boys — Stacy Peralta's documentary on the early days of skateboarding.

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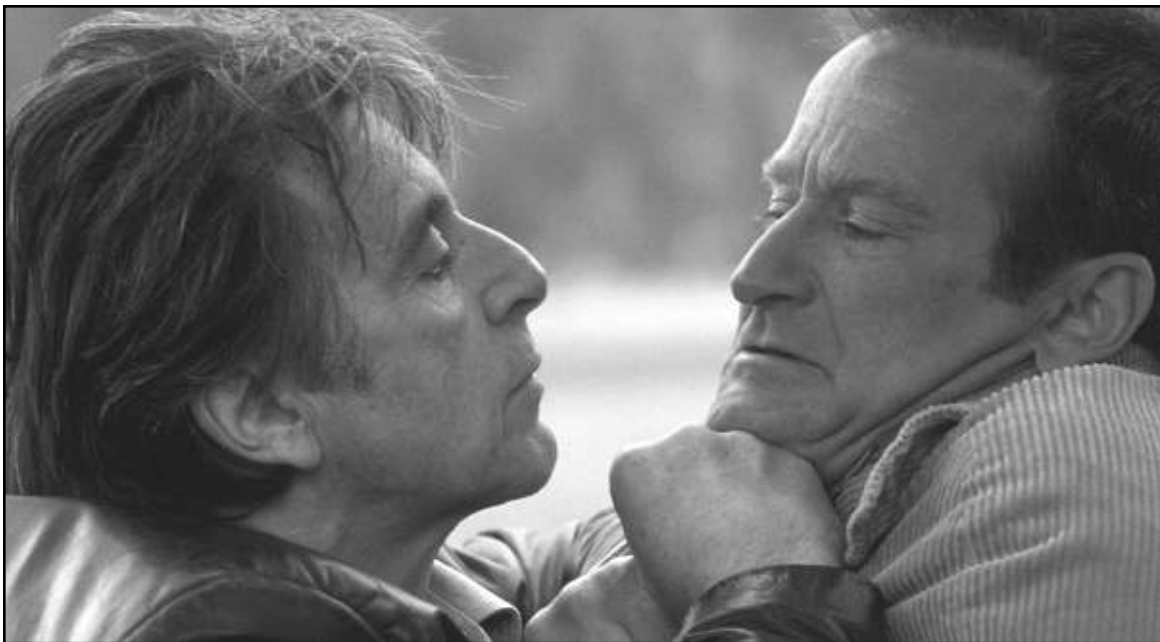
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In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the nearby *Charlotte Gray*. We even meet the protagonist, a woolly-headed math whiz (“With numbers, truth and beauty are the same thing”) recovering from a nervous breakdown, exactly 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 willow blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter’s wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Plot convolutions aside, it’s historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of *Charlotte*. But that’s not to say it’s cinematically more interesting. 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. With Jeremy Northam; written by Tom Stoppard; directed by Michael Apted. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

rusty tin can). Those two examples are especially apposite in a movie shot through with a sense of pain and nostalgia over the loss of innocence, and shot through with a sense of crisis and urgency over the battle to hang onto it. The precocious twelve-year-old hero (Sean Nelson) already when we meet him possesses a deadened impassive

gaze, even when just shooting the breeze with boys his own age or trying his wings at amatory flirtation. Is it too late for him? ("Anything lost," according to the tenets of paternal wisdom, "can be found again. Except time.") The plot eventually thickens, but the character inversely thins. As the architect of his own fate, a schemer, a

manipulator, a master strategist, he ceases to be believable as a mere child. And the lessons learned from his chess-master father (Samuel L. Jackson, essentially playing the Larry Fishburne role from *Searching for Bobby Fischer*) cannot fully account for his cunningness and sangfroid. Cannot account remotely. He becomes a sort of Spirit of Childhood, a guardian angel, an avenging angel, all rolled into one. Even then, the tear he sheds at the fadeout is nearly as humanizing, nearly as redeeming, nearly as touching, as that of Kim Novak at the end of *Bell, Book, and Candle*. 1994.

★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 6/5, 7 P.M.)


The Importance of Being Earnest — Oliver Parker's screen treatment of the Oscar Wilde stage comedy, with Rupert Everett, Colin Firth, Reese Witherspoon, Judi Dench.
(COVE; HILLCREST CINEMAS; FROM 5/31)

Insomnia — Reviewed this issue. With Al Pacino, Hilary Swank, Robin Williams, Maura Tierney, and Martin Donovan; directed by Christopher Nolan.

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The Lady and the Duke — Eric Rohmer, practically the poster boy for Verbal Cinema, tries his hand at a special-effects movie. That's not to say that it's any less talky, stilted, static, and stagy than Rohmer's norm: a fact-based tale of the French Revolution, taken from the memoirs of one Grace Elliott, an English aristocrat transplanted in Paris near her former lover, the Duc d'Orléans. Rather than try to find unaltered locations in which to re-create the 18th Century (unaltered, that is, apart from an additional two centuries of age), Rohmer has opted to position his people in computer-generated cityscapes and landscapes similar in principle to Hollywood standard practice. Similar, but also dissimilar. The concept is the same — real people inserted into illusory settings — but the intention to deceive is very different.



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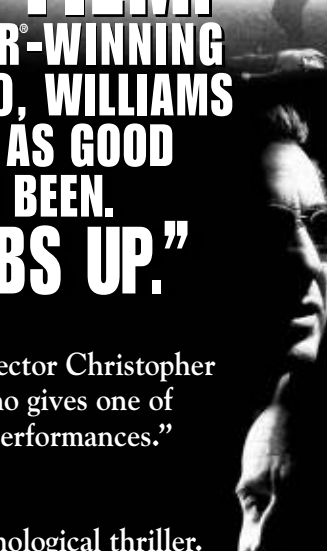
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Enough — Reviewed this issue. With Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell, Juliette Lewis, Dan Futterman, and Noah Wyle; directed by Michael Apted.

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Fresh — In basic outline a conventional thriller about drug dealings in Brooklyn, but renovated almost to a condition of like-new. Screenwriter Boaz Yakin (of Clint Eastwood's *The Rookie*), here making his directorial debut, has bright ideas about virtually everything, some of them studied or showoffy, but none of them sloppy or secondhand. Sometimes the abstractness and audacity of them approach the visionary: the filling-in, right at the start of the movie, of a contemporary cityscape piece by piece, suggesting a sort of time-lapse passage from small-town virginity to urban defloration; or the several superimposed mental images of railroad tracks representing the possibility of flight, escape (realistically, the tracks are where the hero stashes his drug-delivery wages in a



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Rohmer makes no pretense of passing off his fakes as real. They are plainly paintings, a long way short of photorealism in detail, and increasingly sketchy as the perspective recedes. The “reality” they evoke is that of the visual documents of the period: paintings come to life. Or more precisely, paintings populated and animated. The effect, always a little strange, at times a little silly, is something like the sight of Bob Hoskins in Toontown in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, or Jeff Bridges inside the computer in *Tron*: the French Revolution by Game Boy. All this goes down easier, though, than the digital-video image in the non-CG interior scenes: the anemic color, the flattened forms and perspectives, the literally chintzy surface of the image. The rough equivalent, in short, of the grainy blown-up 16mm with which Rohmer has sometimes chosen to work, and which helps the viewer (not with total infallibility) to divide Rohmer’s seemingly homogeneous *oeuvre* into his better efforts and his lesser. Lucy Russell, Jean-Claude Dreyfus. 2001. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 5/30)

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



The Son’s Room

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, THROUGH 5/30; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/31)

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; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; POWAY 10)

No Man’s Land — The Bosnian conflict in a nutshell, or more like in a foxhole. Two mortal enemies take turns getting the drop on each other in a trench in the neutral zone, while one of their wounded comrades lies immobilized on a booby trap. U.N. peacekeepers and international news reporters, speaking in other tongues, roll up for a look-see. Director Danis Tanovic, a native of the region and a veteran combat photographer, comes down on the side of absurdism, and he comes down heavily. Homiletically. The allegorical grip on the situation tends to squeeze the life out of it. Good, clear, vivid color, though. With Branko Djurik, Rene Bitorajac, Filip Sovagovic, Simon Callow, and Katrin Cartlidge. 2001. ★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 6/2, 2 P.M.)

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. ● (HARBOR DRIVE IN)

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



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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 something a young person might enjoy, it only endears Moretti the more. With Laura Morante, Jasmine Trinca, Giuseppe Sanfelice. 2001.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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, elastic 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 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 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



Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron

universe. And Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable 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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Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones — The saga grinds on, in state-of-the-art digital video: crisp and detailed yet somewhat overcast, monotoned, seemingly covered in a sort of pinkish-complected skin, like an unboiled wiener. The particulars — the diminished role of the reviled Jar-Jar Binks; the teen romance between Queen Padmé (now known as Senator Amidala) and an Anakin Skywalker who has inexplicably caught up to her in age; the emergence of the latter's Dark Side in the form of adolescent petulance (or in the form of Hayden Christensen's impersonation of Ryan Phillippe); the casting of Count Dracula in the role of Count Dooku (Christopher Lee); the rebel army of identical, skeletal robots whose parade-ground drills are George Lucas's latest extraction from Leni Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will*; a new, improved, computer-animated Yoda to come to the rescue at the climax, with inverted syntax intact ("Around the survivors, a perimeter create"); and an up-in-the-air resolution ("Begun, the Clone War has") similar to the middle one in the earlier *Star Wars* trilogy, right down to the severed limb — are best left to the addicts. The unhooked will remain untempted. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson. 2002.

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A Time for Drunken Horses — The hard life of Kurdish tire smugglers on the mountainous border of Iran and Iraq: in specific, the hard life of a parentless family of five siblings who need some fast cash to afford a life-prolonging operation for an incurable crippled brother. Some striking imagery (e.g., those tractor-sized tires steepled on the backs of mules), together with some battering emotional appeals: children crying, children shivering, children slapped, children scared, children crying and shivering and slapped and scared all at once. Written and directed by Bahman Ghobadi. 1999.
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Time Out — Reviewed this issue. With



Time Out

Aurélien Recoing, Karin Viard and Serge Livrozet; directed by Laurent Cantet.
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Undercover Brother — Blaxploitation spoof directed by Malcolm D. Lee, with Eddie Griffin, Chris Kattan, and Denise

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10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45 (4:30) 7:25, 10:15; **Insomnia** (R) Fri. 11:30, 2:15 (5:00) 7:45, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 2:15 (5:00) 7:45, 10:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. 11:35, 2:20 (4:40) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 11:35, 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 11:35, 2:20 (4:40) 7:20, 9:50; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. 11:15, 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:20; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri. 11:45, 2:10 (4:50) 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:45, 2:10 (4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00 (4:00) 7:00, 10:00

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); **Undercover Brother** (PG-13); **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G); **Insomnia** (R); **Enough** (PG-13); **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones; About a Boy** (PG-13); **The New Guy** (PG-13); **Unfaithful** (R); **Spider-Man** (PG-13)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Enough (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (1:45) 4:45, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:30) 7:50; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:45) 8:10; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:50) 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:50) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:05; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:30, 5:20) 7:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (1:55) 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:35) 8:00; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:30, 3:30) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (3:40, 5:55) 8:10

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
The Cherry Orchard, Thursday; **Circuit** (Not Rated) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
CQ (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:50, 7:50, 10:10; **Dogtown and Z-Boys** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:45) 10:05; **Enigma** (R) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:25)

ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/31)

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.

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **The Importance of Being Earnest** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; **The Son's Room** (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:45) 7:45; **Y Tu Mama Tambien** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Mon. (1:20) 4:20, 10:00; Tue. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Wed. (1:20) 4:20, 10:00; Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Box of Moonlight, Thursday, 7 p.m., and Friday, 9 p.m.; **Bottle Rocket**, Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Fresh**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bears (Not Rated) Sat.-Tue. 11:00; **Space Station 3D** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Call theater for program information

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Call theater for program information

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:50) 7:30, 10:20; **Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:35, 7:20, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:20, 10:25; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:35; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 1:45, 3:20) 4:30, 7:15, 7:40, 9:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 1:45, 3:55, 4:30) 7:15, 7:35, 9:55, 10:30; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 4:45, 7:00, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:00, 9:10; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 11:45, 12:45, 3:30, 4:15, 7:05, 7:35, 10:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 1:40, 4:05, 4:40, 7:05, 7:40, 10:15, 10:45; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:10, 10:10; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:30) 7:45, 10:20

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 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 Good Life. The would-be moralist is overwhelmed again by the exhibitionist. 2002.

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Y Tu Mamá También — Mexican horny-teenager comedy tells of two buddies, one affluent and one not, who, to their astonishment and delight, are able to entice



Unfaithful

the ripe Spanish wife of a bumptious philanderer to accompany them on a trek to

an imaginary beach named Heaven’s Mouth. En route, she offers a sexual tutorial

that brings the know-it-all boys to such depths of self-revelation as to uncork a

Grossmont Trolley

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Changing Lanes (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:35) 8:00; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:35, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:50) 8:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 2:20) 5:20, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:45) 8:20; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sun. (11:10, 1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:25, 5:20) 7:30; **The New Guy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:30, 7:35, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:55) 8:40; **Unfaithful** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:40) 8:10

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G); **Insomnia** (R); **Spider-Man** (PG-13)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Enough (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; **The New Guy** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennergy Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
The Sum of All Fears (PG-13); **Undercover Brother** (PG-13); **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G); **Insomnia** (R); **Enough** (PG-13); **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones**; **About a Boy** (PG-13); **The New Guy** (PG-13); **Unfaithful** (R); **Spider-Man** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Call theater for program information

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Ice Age (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00; **The Rookie** (G) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 9:30; **The Scorpion**

King (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:50, 7:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
The Scorpion King (PG-13); **Changing Lanes** (R)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. (1:45, 3:45) 5:50, 8:05, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:45, 5:50) 8:10; **Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; Sun. (2:30) 5:00, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:15) 7:40; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:10) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:55) 7:30; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:55) 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:25) 8:20; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:15, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:25, 5:20) 7:15; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 5:00) 8:00; **The New Guy** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:20, 10:35; Sun. (1:40, 3:50) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:50, 5:55) 8:15; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:10) 7:50; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 8:00, 10:05; Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:45) 8:05

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Enough (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Insomnia** (R) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri. 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sat. 9:45, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun. 9:45, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sat.

11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri. (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:35, 9:50; **Enough** (PG-13) Fri. (12:35, 2:55) 5:20, 8:10, 10:40; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55; **Insomnia** (R) Fri. (1:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; Sat. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50, 10:40; Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50, 3:45) 7:15, 9:15, 10:15; Sat. (12:45, 3:45) 7:15, 9:15, 10:15; Sun. (12:45, 3:45) 7:15, 9:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 7:15, 9:15, 9:50; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri. (1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:45, 5:25, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50; Sat. (11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:15) 4:45, 5:25, 7:20, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:25) 7:20, 8:15; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri. 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55, 10:45; Sat. 12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:55, 10:45; Sun. 12:15, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 1:15, 3:30, 4:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 2:45, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20; Sat. 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20; Sun. 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 2:45, 4:40, 5:40, 7:25, 8:20, 10:00; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:50, 7:50, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:50) 7:50, 9:45; **Unfaithful** (R) Fri. (2:00) 5:05, 7:40, 10:35; Sat. (11:55, 2:25) 5:05, 7:40, 10:35; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:45

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Enough (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; **Undercover**

Brother (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Spider-Man (PG-13) Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 4:50, 7:30; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri. 4:30, 6:30, 8:45; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:30, 8:45; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:40; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri. 3:30, 6:45, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 8:00; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:45

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Insomnia** (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45; Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri. 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:15, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri. 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30, 10:45; Sun. 9:45, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:15, 7:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
Enough (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00,

geyser of vomit. (The intrusive, third-person, know-it-all narrator heightens the feeling of patronization.) Filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón, unlike the makers of American horny-teen comedies, tries at all times to serve the characters and the story rather than simply to twist the arrow off the laugh meter. Or to put it another way, he tries at all times for realism, even when trying for raunch. And the two young actors — Gael García Bernal and Diego Luna — are revoltingly convincing. But the character of the woman — the starved-looking Maribel Verdú, whose entire intake of calories appears to go straight to her bosom — is something of a contrivance, perhaps a more complex contrivance than some, but not a more believable one, for all that. There are numerous points of cultural interest along the road to the beach (which turns out to exist after all), though the pallid color and casual camerawork fail to make the most of them. 2001.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Zebrahead — A low-key approach to the matter of race relations among Detroit high schoolers. The unknown actors (excepting Ray Sharkey as the Jewish record-shop owner and father of the protagonist) attain a degree of naturalness despite looking too old and having to maintain a sociological forum. Michael Rapaport, N’Bushe Wright, Paul Butler; written and directed by Anthony Drazan. 1992.

★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 6/6, 7 P.M.)

10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 10:45, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 9:45, 10:45, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30; **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00

Flower Hill 4
2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **Unfaithful** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
About a Boy (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. 12:40, 3:05, 5:40, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (5:45) 8:10; **Enough** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 4:20, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:20 (5:25) 8:15; **Insomnia** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; Sun. 12:50, 4:00, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:45 (4:45) 7:45; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55; Sun. 1:45, 4:35, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 2:15 (5:35) 8:25; **Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron** (G) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:35 (4:40) 7:40; **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10; Sun. 12:30, 3:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (5:15) 8:30; **Undercover Brother** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; Sun. 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:50 (4:55) 8:00; **Unfaithful** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 2:00, 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:05 (5:05) 7:55

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Dogtown and Z-Boys (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 6:45, 9:00

OCEANSIDE

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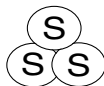
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Yolanda Todd

Specials Projects Coordinator

Fashion Valley

People are outside more; they tend to get their errands done in the morning, so when the June gloom lifts off, they can enjoy the day. I notice people shopping for more produce, though business dies down when the sun's out. Overall, people are in better moods; working for a nonprofit, I find that people are more generous in summer. They really look at how much they have in their lives, and they want to give a bit more.



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Across

- One of three from a genie
- "The Red Badge of Courage" author
- Algebra and trig
- Peruvian of old
- Sank the putt, with "out"
- Woodshop tool
- Place to hibernate
- Decorate
- Spread (on)
- With 29-, 37-, 45- and 55-Across, a lament from Milton Berle (1908-2002)
- Washington D.C.'s Fleischer
- Canonized mlle.
- Japanese fighter
- See 20-Across
- 1847 Melville novel about a mutiny
- Small thing: Suffix
- Org. that keeps an eye on pilots
- See 20-Across
- Simpson's judge
- Ledger entry: Abbr.
- Tiny bit
- See 20-Across
- Latin land
- Voluminous ref. set
- _____ nutshell
- See 20-Across
- Shake off
- Not _____ (mediocre)
- 11,000-foot Italian peak
- Worldwide: Abbr.
- Take potshots (at)
- Love's inspiration
- Squeal
- West Coast footballer
- Swanky

Down

- Novelist Cather
- Aloft
- Isaac Asimov genre
- Loser to a tortoise
- Like a virgin
- Dangerfield who doesn't get any respect
- Heaps
- Kid's ball material
- Pulitzer winner Buchanan
- Spain's capital
- Orthodontists' org.
- Lao-_____
- Book after Philemon: Abbr.
- "This _____ We Do It" (1995 Montell Jordan hit)
- It makes ratings of rats

- Phrase on a diet food label
- Hindu's knowledge
- Slightly
- AAA job
- "_____ sight!"
- Nth deg.
- New: Prefix
- "_____ Waterfront" (1954 Oscar winner)
- Cow heard?
- "Boomerang" actress Eartha
- Was in possession of
- Cable channel for film devotees
- Sean "Puffy" Combs, A.K.A. P. _____
- Scoreboard line under RHE, maybe
- "Animal Farm" author
- "Well, _____-di-dah!"
- "There's _____!" ("We're doomed!")
- Vacillate
- It may be the start of something
- Prohibitions for Junior
- Covered (in)
- Org.
- Morrison or Braxton
- Slicing request
- Hold on to
- Three sheets to the wind
- Top-of-the-chart number
- Cardinal's insignia

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.
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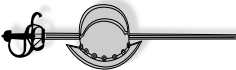
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VOLUPTUOUS GREEK GIRL seeks male for friendship, laughs, fun, dinner, shows, golf, dancing, romance, concerts, coffee. Please be 35-45, emotionally available, ready for summer love. (6/5) 📞23734

TURNING HEADS AT 60. Class, secure, romantic, seasoned sensuality, 112lbs. Seeking good-looking, class act, in-shape man, 60-65, nonsmoker, for travel, concerts, sunsets, movies. (6/5) 📞23777

RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN, 48, 5'8", blonde, proportionate, very attractive, intelligent, independent, great personality, looking for man with Midwest values for lasting relationship, lead to happy marriage. (6/5) 📞23756

SUSHI QUEEN WANTING to go to Bali. Looking for Gilligan type to travel the globe. Must love exotic foods and fine wine. (6/12) 📞23790

SINGLE, 25, LATINA MOM. Love outdoors and great conversations. Seeking spontaneous, charismatic, fun, successful man to share lonely days and nights. (6/5) 📞23785

HUNKY BLACK MALE desired by slender white female into boxing, football, baseball, playful passion. Must be strong, aggressive, sexy, honest, funny, intelligent, drama free. 30s-40s. (6/5) 📞23741

CLASSY, FLIRTATIOUS AND attractive lady, 44, seeking man ready for relationship. Have sense of humor, outgoing, enjoy outdoors along with quiet time at home. (6/12) 📞23823

CAREFREE, DEBT FREE, outgoing lady seeks goal-oriented gentleman for long lasting friendship (?). You're 5'10"+, 37+, no additions. (6/19). (6/12) 📞23815

BEAUTIFUL, PETITE BLONDE, educated, 34, blue eyes, Meg Ryan look-alike, great sense of humor, seeking white male professional, 40-45, financially/emotionally secure. Serious relationship. (6/5) 📞23749

LIFETIME PLAYMATE WANTED. Attractive blonde, 5'2", 125lbs., great legs, sincere, lovable. Seeking gentleman, 55+, nonsmoker, active, healthy; travels, theater, honest, emotionally/financially secure, romantic, generous. (6/5) 📞23774

TALL, 28, PROGRESSIVE school teacher, Spanish biliterate, nonreligious Jew seeks positive, communicative, open minded, courteous, diverse traveler to dance, cook, explore with. Nonsmoker, 29-35, 5'10"+. (6/12) 📞23817

ARE THERE STILL ANY sensitive, caring, nice men, 40-60? Just need one for companionship, friendship, more. 44, white, not perfect. Pacific Beach. No drinking/drugs. (6/5) 📞23778

PRETTY, BLACK, DIVORCED, long legs, 5'6", slim. Seeking man, 5'10"+, 45+, who's seeking old-fashioned, romantic relationship. Race unimportant. 45, loving, thoughtful, happy, enjoy life. (6/5) 📞23780

SEXY, SINGLE AND SMART professional, divorced white female, athletic, looking for male with similar interests for dating. (6/5) 📞23765

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, 40, seeks handsome, younger man, 30-40. Must be fit, athletic, employed, handsome and want a relationship. Me: Professional, fit, fun. (6/5) 📞23781

FIT, 36, BROWN/BLUE, professional. Seeking great guy with integrity, humor, financially secure, fit, kind, handsome, who wants lifelong relationship—marriage, kids, the whole shebang. (6/5) 📞23742

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, WILD... that would be me! I am 42, 5'7", 150lbs. Love to ride my horse, Harleys, dirt bikes. How about you? (6/12) 📞23795

SUMMER AND FUN, MY FAVORITES. Hispanic, 47, would like to meet kind, honest, ethical, considerate Caucasian/Hispanic gentleman. Nonsmoker, social drinker, no drugs/criminal record. (6/5) 📞23740

SEXY, PETITE BRUNETTE with blue eyes. You: College educated, 32 to 40. Gentleman only. (6/5) 📞23736

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, honest communication, personal growth,

adventure, fun, relationship seminars, community, play, self-expression, freedom, friendship, partnership. (6/5) 📞23762

I AM A FIESTY REDHEAD. I am a perfect 7, have cute feet, love being barefoot. Love pampering; I could use new shoes. (6/12) 📞23805

HONOR, INTEGRITY, LOYALTY. Polynesian beauty queen, artist, dancer, gourmet cook, educated, never married, seeks handsome, athletic, never married, classy, quality gentleman, military background plus. 38-53. (6/12) 📞23804

EXCITING, TALENTED, UPSCALE beauty, positive, feminine and romantic, unbelievable 52, 5'4", 135lbs., Mexican, green eyes. Seeking white/Hispanic male, 49-56, 5'10"+, nonsmoker. (6/12) 📞23814

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 37, 5'6", auburn/green. Likes: Working out, cooking, sushi, having fun with friends. Seeking tall, attractive, fit, 38-45. Similar likes. Interesting and funny. (6/12) 📞23793

ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD, 40s. Outgoing, adventurous. Movies, dining, sports, weekend getaways, comedy clubs. Seeking tall, outgoing, professional, secure, romantic, fun-loving man for friendship/ endless possibilities. (6/12) 📞23818

ASIAN, 5'8", 49, intelligent (crosses on walking man), active (cooks, cleans, vacuums, mops), passionate (screams at rude drivers). Seeking true love (buff and rich). (6/12) 📞23809

NOW CASTING: Male lead for ongoing improvisational production. Adventurous, amusing, passionate, upbeat, spontaneous, playful type. Our fiery star is 42, Rubenesque, easygoing, mischievious and affectionate. (6/5) 📞23764

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, 50s, SLIM, seeks young, handsome male actively engaged in high-energy dancing, classic rock and '80s music. San Diego. (6/5) 📞23773

ATTRACTIVE, FIT, intelligent. Share personal growth, zest for life, adventure, hiking, travel, plays, concerts, beach. 40s. You: Handsome, clean shaven, non-judgemental, Christian values, active nonsmoker. (6/12) 📞23803

SIMPLE GIFTS LOVE 35-year-old, quiet, honest, Christian, divorced; seeking companion for fun dates (movies, walks, hik-

ing) and possible serious relationship. (6/12) 📞23831

SEEKING MONOGAMY. Sexy, single white female. Enjoy good food, wine and romance. Seeking monogamous relationship with a special man, 40+. (6/12) 📞23800

TALL, NICE-FIGURE, GOOD-looking lady says, "Let's fall in love" if you are 55+, healthy, wealthy and wise. Or two out of three. (6/5) 📞23731

LOVING, LIVELY LADY, SLENDER, 5', cute, 48, unencumbered. We're conversational, financially solvent, educated professionals. You're fit, 40s-50s, liberal nonsmoker, humorous, nonreligious, romantic, nature, travel, art. (6/5) 📞23735

ALMOST APHRODITE! Rebellious, red hair, green eyes, slender. Like classic cars, sports, wild music, kids. Seeking brave, caring, 28-38. Tell me what makes you happy! (6/12) 📞23808

FUN-LOVING BEAUTY, 5'3", 112lbs., long blondish hair, athletic, healthy, 49, jeans-dresses. Many interests. Seeking optimistic, handsome, compatible gentleman, 40s-50s, possible relationship. North County. (6/12) 📞23816

OCEAN BEACH. POINT LOMA. Down to earth, attractive, sweet, loving, classy, witty, crazy partnership. Self-expression, communication, honest partnership sought. Me: Blonde, blue, 5'7", attractive, curvaceous. Share love, adventure, freedom. (6/5) 📞23771

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, blue-eyed, somewhat shy, college graduate, traditional values, slim, seeks educated, moral man, not overweight, nonsmoker; likes classical music, nature, sightseeing. 38-49ish. (6/12) 📞23826

SEARCHING FOR SOUL MATE. Looking for someone (45-60) who likes bicycling, rollerblading, camping. Someone who wants more out of life than just another shallow relationship. (6/5) 📞23745

TRAVELLER, ART DOCENT seeks attractive, fit, interesting man for travel, adventure and a glass of good wine. Petite, slim, attractive, 55, looking for a relationship. (6/12) 📞23820

LET'S ENJOY THE SUMMER! Single mom with 3-year-old, 41, professional, petite, athletic, outgoing, loves sailing, skiing,

travel, music, family; seeks similar counterpart, coastal. (6/12) 📞23806

CLASSY, SENSUAL, FUN-loving blonde seeking educated, tall, handsome, outgoing, financially secure man for outdoor events, theatre, movies, travel, dining. Nonsmoker, 50-65. (6/12) 📞23788

ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, sensual, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white professional, 35-53. Let's enjoy food, music and explore. (6/12) 📞23813

FEMININITY AND STRENGTH. 32, strikingly beautiful. Cultured, modern thinker, loving spirit, contemporary Catholic seeks best friend, future husband: Professional, articulate, loves life, tall, devilishly handsome. (6/5) 📞23784

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size Brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (6/12) 📞23791

LONG SEXY LEGS! White female, 20s, very sensual and sexy. Love outdoor/indoor activities. Seeking male, 20-30, for romance, friendship, companionship and more. Race unimportant. (6/5) 📞23760

I'M A SIMPLE LADY, down-to-earth type, looking for my match. (6/5) 📞23763

FUTURE BLACK PRESIDENT (United States) needs buddy for his mom. She: European, blonde, eclectic, adventurous, unconventional, degreed, 5'8", 38. You: World citizen, intellectual, conversationalist, nonsmoker. (6/12) 📞23829

SINGLE MOM, 46, 5'6" with curves, blonde, green, Christian, positive, love to laugh, seeking loving relationship with like-minded man to share beach, movies, fun, life. (6/12) 📞23819

OVER-60 PLAYMATE BY SAME. For sharing: Sunsets, music, laughter, movies, street fairs and more with attractive, healthy, slender, 5'6", educated, Ms. Share expenses. (6/5) 📞23769

TIRED OF LONELY? ME TOO! Me: 53, classy, blonde, blue, upbeat. You: Sense of humor, honest, sincere. Us: Beach walks, movies, music, intimacy, get-aways, etc. (6/12) 📞23798

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BEAUTIFUL, BRITISH, PETITE blonde, late 40s. Goldie Hawn look-alike, seeking financially and emotionally secure guy who wants a permanent relationship. (6/5) **☎**23747

SEXY SURFER GIRL seeking serious, long-term, monogamous relationship with avid surfer. You: 30s, nonsmoking, employed, coastal residence. Beach walks, sunsets, boating, biking, camping. (6/5) **☎**23758

FRIENDS FIRST; NO EXPECTATIONS. Young 50, slender, fit, attractive, outgoing, spiritual; hiking, concerts, travel, adventure. You: Youthful, clean shaven, spiritual, humorous, spontaneous, non-judgemental, fit, nonsmoker. (6/5) **☎**23732

KIND, ATTRACTIVE Ph.D. with sense of fun/adventure, cultural interests, bright mind. Blue eyes, brown hair, 5'6", 40s. Seeking compatible, warmhearted professional, 5'10"+, healthy, 48-55. (6/12) **☎**23801

IF YOU ARE AN AVAILABLE bachelor in dental, medical or law, and would like to meet a very sexy and fun lady, try me! (6/12) **☎**23797

BLONDE BEAUTY SEEKS her prince. 5'6", blue eyed and more than a handful. Wry, sarcastic humor, intelligent, independent yet likes to be taken care of. (6/5) **☎**23786

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HERPES, 50+, PACIFIC BEACH, laid-back professional, secure, fun. Looking for keeper. Tennis, skiing, biking, walking, tunes, beach, mountains, sports. Similar to share life. (6/5) **☎**33287

ATHLETIC, HANDSOME, GENTLE, zest for life, fit, healthy, listener, 43. Seeking exceptional, petite, alluring, adventurous lady, 35-40, tired of overgrown boys, knows better lifestyle exists. (6/12) **☎**33345

PLAYFUL, CARING, passionate, intelligent, sensual, open minded, handsome(?) 53, 5'9", 170lbs., (619). Love nature, arts, sciences, humor. Desire slender, cute(?), 45ish playmate to love forever. (6/12) **☎**33338

SINCERE, HONEST, intelligent black male, 43, 5'8", seeks sincere, honest, attractive, physically fit lady, 35-45; dancing, dining, movies, conversation, fun, friendship, possible relationship. Race open. (6/5) **☎**33317

WIDOWER, HEALTHY, ACTIVE, retired, unencumbered, financially secured, South Bay homeowner, nonsmoker, Jewish, in 70s, 5'10", 180lbs., seeks lady counterpart for companionship, travel, cruises, etc. (6/12) **☎**33331

CHRISTIAN, ITALIAN. Likes: Music, dancing, concerts, movies, outdoors, sports, travel, happy hours, dining. Looking: Slender, attractive, sweetheart lady. Share fun, fellowship; friends first. Nonsmoker. (6/5) **☎**33300

ATHLETIC, ENTREPRENEURIAL guy, 40s, desires attractive, shapely, natural gal (30s) who craves a fun life and a baby in her future. No previous children, please! (6/12) **☎**33360

WANTED: FEMALE ATHLETE, ages 30-45. Interests: Outdoors activities, also dining out, travel. Must be very fit, muscular OK; down-to-earth. Race open. (6/5) **☎**33247

PERFECT GENTLEMAN, TALL, dark, handsome, athletic, professional, spiritual, classy, confident, honest, passionate, intelligent, positive, clean, organized, never married, no kids, seeking beautiful soul mate, 25-35. (6/12) **☎**33361

REAL ESTATE ENTREPRENEUR/counselor, humorous, fit, educated, wealthy/frugal, loves travel, biking, hiking, camping volunteering, the environment/ beach. You: Similar, under 38, nonsmoking, nonpretentious. (6/12) **☎**33394

INTELLIGENT, AMBITIOUS black male, 45, husky. You: Mellow, large or small, with muscular legs, any nationality. I will be your king and cater to you. (6/5) **☎**33320

LET'S PLAY ELIMIDATE. I'm 6'2", 180lbs., nonsmoker, 49, successful, nice

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COLLEGE TEACHER, CAUCASIAN, brown hair/eyes, 5'11" seeks serious relationship with 30-36-year old woman with a kind heart and great attitude. (6/12) **☎**33391

BILLIARDS, BOWLING and movies, fun, dining and so on. I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking. You: Fun, sexy, honest, seeking fun and to know someone. (6/12) **☎**33392

AFFECTIONATE, ROMANTIC, monogamous, mixed race, African-American, 63, 6'4", 195lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (6/5) **☎**33301

YOUNG, 43, 5'11", 168lbs., nice appearance, childless, athletic, landlord, investor. Enjoy outdoors, animals, dining. Wish to meet down-to-earth, energetic, nonsmoking lady, 35-45. (6/12) **☎**33365

NO HEAD GAMES HERE! 38, honest, affectionate, genuine, family oriented and stable. Camping, hiking and swimming. You: Similar interests and qualities! (6/12) **☎**33384

LIFE IS SHORT, but I am not! Tall (6'7"), slim, happy, healthy and active, nice guy looking for an intelligent, fun and active gal. (6/5) **☎**33316

REAL ESTATE ENTREPRENEUR and songwriter looking for a lover with attitude and similar interests. Asian or Latina preferred for long hikes at Torrey Pines Beach. (6/5) **☎**33265

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LADY, age open. To enjoy jazz, brunch, movies, horse racing. White male, 60, seeks companion, nonsmoker. Friends first, possible long-term relationship. (6/5) **☎**33269

CALIFORNIA HILLS, deep blue sea. High tech, nature, all part of me. Dancer's grace, swimmer's body, 50. Seeking voluptuous, sensual companion for caring communication. (6/5) **☎**33314

SINCERE, HANDSOME, WHITE male, 33, enjoys chatting, dining out, movies, the outdoors. Seeking loving, down-to-earth, fit lady in 20s-30s for friendship/romance. (6/5) **☎**33251

HANDSOME DOCTOR, 38, tall, blue eyes, nice Jewish boy, guitarist, pianist, sensitive, compassionate, good listener, fit, honest, loyal, seeks intelligent, growth-oriented, sensitive, loyal female. (6/12) **☎**33408

SOBER, SOLVENT, single white male, blue eyes, 6', bookish. Dinners, movies, culture, but enjoy walks with friendly partner. (6/5) **☎**33309

HANDSOME HIPPY, YOUTHFUL 60, seeks younger woman for fun, conversation, friendship. Expect love not war. Slim, graying, smart, happy. You: Petite, thin, intellectual, fun, flirtatious. (6/12) **☎**33371

ATHLETIC BUILD, 48, triathlete, many interests, handsome, strong, sweet, emotional type, sincere, sensitive, have photo. Seeking girlfriend to share happy times; 30-40, attractive, genuine. (6/5) **☎**33308

SUCCESSFUL, SENSITIVE, intelligent, good natured, affectionate. Light brown, blue, 5'9", nice appearance, trim and youthful at 54. Relationship minded, fi-

nancially secure, childless, North County homeowner. (6/12) **☎**33363

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST, producer of junior Christian teaching Bible lesson program on Cox Cable needs a Christian Science girlfriend, slender, faithful, white or Asian or Hispanic. (6/5) **☎**33288

Passionate Heart, Gentle Spirit

Handsome, successful entrepreneur, youthful 56, 5'11", fit, healthy lifestyle, loves films, music, dancing, nature, stimulating conversation; seeks smart, slender woman for friendship, laughter, love. (6/12) **☎**33333

SINCERE, HANDSOME, SPIRITUAL, tall, sane, healthy, financially secure professional, pianist, businessman, no baggage, witty, seeking mate to share my exciting life and more. (6/5) **☎**33250

FUN GUY! HONEST, sweet, sincere, attractive Jewish male, 32, enjoys walks on the beach, swimming, movies and '80s music. Seeking honest, sincere, classy woman. (6/5) **☎**33291

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl, 4 years. 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (6/5) **☎**33254

THE WHITE GUY may be right guy. 6'2", 210lbs., Caucasian, 47, thoughtful, longish haired, conservative but not narrow minded, thinks black is beautiful. Try me. (6/12) **☎**33346

I'M 34, ATTRACTIVE, playful, curious, progressive, honest, kind, dependable, articulate, affectionate, nonsmoking, teetotaling, friendly, successful, spiritual, intelligent, healthy, funny, vegetarian, thoughtful and loving. Let's talk. (6/12) **☎**33355

NEW TO AREA! 29, 6', FIT, single, black, male professional is looking for someone special to be with. Must be fit also, and able to laugh. (6/12) **☎**33389

SO YOUR FRIENDS SAY you're pretty with a great personality, but you're lonely. Circle this ad. Call me if you really want to change your life. (6/12) **☎**33411

MR. ENTHUSIASM. Young-40ish-looking man, tall, friendly, likable, romantic, outgoing, seeking lovable, good-kissing, home-cooking woman to show me fun-filled San Diego. (6/5) **☎**33292

MY LADY: 39, 48, 52, 63, 64, Crab, Christian, Jew, white, nonsmoker; Herpes OK. Me: Nonsmoker, 56, Sagittarius, Christian, bald, educated, short white/blue, 6', 180lbs., Type O. (6/5) **☎**33322

SINGLE WHITE MALE, retired, 5'8", 50+, seeks youthful, adventurous, affectionate, open-minded black lady, any age, physically available for travel, fun times, North County. (6/5) **☎**33259

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN LADY, 30-45, fit, good sense of humor, for friendship, dating, with single white male, caring, affectionate, successful, muscular, blue eyes, let's talk. (6/12) **☎**33382

33-YEAR-OLD OUTDOORSMAN seeks adventurous for stimulating conversation while hiking, sea kayaking, mountain biking and/or rollerblading. Love of books a big plus. (6/12) **☎**33325

SINCERELY YOURS. Friendship, fun, romance, excitement and surprises await. Just one quality, fit lady of natural beauty. Handsome, fit, fun gentleman, 44, ready for relationship. (6/5) **☎**33249

JULIAN, DESCANSO, Pine Valley. 44, 5'11", fit, healthy, nature lover, hiker, camper, some backpacking, light drinker, no baggage. You have similar interests, fit, attractive, romantic. (6/12) **☎**33352

HOT AND HANDSOME, YOUNG millionaire with old-fashioned values, 44, 6'1, 195lbs., seeks slim beauty to share romance, travel and much laughter. (6/5) **☎**33253

JOHN PRINE, GUY CLARK. Love the outdoors. 6'1", 190lbs. Mountains, RV travel, live music, songwriters, small towns, storytellers, movies, dancing, good people, peaceful, passionate. (6/12) **☎**33366

A COLD OCEAN CLEANS the soul. 42, fit, down-to-earth, over-educated, humble, surfing accordionist father wants to share ocean, evenings, music with you. (6/5) **☎**33270

6'2", WHITE MALE, 50ish, classical pianist, romantic, happy, handsome, educated, athletic and fit, balanced. Love ethnic variety, international travel. You: Similar traits, shapely, good natured. (6/12) **☎**33342

LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, Chinese food, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (6/12) **☎**33347

SENSE OF HUMOR PERSONIFIED! Tall, easygoing, attractive, monogamous guy, 39, likes movies, beach, workouts, bike rides, Disneyland; seeks active, attractive, humorous lady, 30-45. (6/5) **☎**33278

CHRISTIAN, RECOVERING alcoholic, 43, gentle, kindhearted, down to earth, not shallow, hate TV, like nature, hiking, reading, Scripture, personal growth. Seeks Christian woman, similar interests. (6/12) **☎**33387

I WOULD SAY THAT I'M ONE of those good guys you're searching for in San Diego. Fit, fun, attractive Hispanic professional, 35, 5'11". Race unimportant. (6/5) **☎**33267

HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting committed relationship. (6/5) **☎**33248

LIKE LONG WALKS, classic films, nutrition and tea. 43-year-old, white Christian male seeks white Christian female, 32-44, with similar interests. (6/5) **☎**33264

CAUCASIAN, 42, ACCOMPLISHED, physically fit, communicative, educated, speaks French/Spanish; enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, motorcycles, mountain biking, sailing, gardening, traveling, wine tasting. Seeking outdoorsy woman. (6/5) **☎**33258

PLAYFUL, FUN, WHITE MALE, 39, 5'10", seeking Asian or Latina full-figured woman who is also passionate, outgoing, caring and looking for a new friend. (6/12) **☎**33395

NICE MAN WANTS WOMAN to share horse activities. It's that simple! (6/12) **☎**33396

LOOKING FOR FEMALE, 40-55, for travel and trips. Like walks, togetherness, a soul mate, good humor, charming, good health. (6/12) **☎**33327

LONELY GENTLEMAN, 51, widower, honest, sincere, loves outdoors, skilled martial artist. Seeking a nice, sweet, petite, 25-50-year-old woman for lasting relationship. (6/12) **☎**33349

WANTED: CHOCOLATE on vanilla. Handsome, slim, financially secure engineer seeking black, sexy, curvaceous, open-minded lady, 30-47, for friendship, candlelight dinners, super fun lifestyle. (6/12) **☎**33369

TOTAL DEVOTION. Strikingly handsome, 6'1", 185lbs., 46, emotionally/financially secure, extremely attentive. Seeking tall,

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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$487.50/month. Found large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, need roommate to move in with. I have all furniture and a cat. 619-688-0727; 619-235-2415, x21634.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS/HILLCREST. \$550, 1/2 utilities. Share large 2-story, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, charming townhouse. Fireplace, hardwood/tiled floors, washer/dryer, patio, air conditioning, dishwasher. Small, quiet, gated complex. Female nonsmoker. Have cat. 619-297-7996; 619-927-7996.

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VISTA, FOOTHILLS. \$1000 includes utilities. 3 bedroom home on an acre. Country home with pool, spa, fruit trees. Private entrance and bathroom. 760-414-1241.

WANTED: Female nonsmoker seeking home or condo (own bath) in already established situation. Preferably in Del Mar or La Jolla. 858-793-7799.

WANTED: Female seeking room in nice place to rent in 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Cardiff, Encinitas or Leucadia area. Can pay \$600, maximum. 760-431-2473; 760-822-2425; 619-235-2415, x15073.

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WANTED: Male seeks other males to find and rent a place in Scripps Ranch/Mira Mesa area. Up to \$450/each. Reed, 619-806-0253.

WANTED: Willing to pay \$500/month. Female seeking another female to share a place in Downtown/Hillcrest area by July 1. Call Stacy, 619-300-2466.

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CLAIREMONT. \$1885. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with family room and den. Fenced yard, pet considered. 2-car garage plus boat or RV parking. Agent, 619-223-2524.

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CLAIREMONT. \$750 and up. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Blinds. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Available now. No pets. 7322 Mesa College Drive. 858-279-6299.

CLAIREMONT. \$1645. 6030 Mount Aguilar. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry, 3 parking spaces, dishwasher. 858-270-5500.

CLAIREMONT. \$995. Clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Attached garage, laundry hookups, stove, refrigerator, front yard, back patio. No dogs. 4409 Clairemont Drive. 619-449-2053.

CLAIREMONT. \$2000. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse-style condo with double car garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, back patio, deck, swimming pool, 3772 Balboa Terrace #F. Available 6/1. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. Garden, small yard and patio. Washer/dryer. Gardener. Small pets OK. \$1250. Available 6/7/02. \$1250. 619-260-0979.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200-\$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Completely remodeled! Small yard, garage. Walk to park and shopping. No pets. 4429 Manitou Way. Agent, 619-469-7790.

CLAIREMONT. \$1500/month, plus utilities. Beautiful light 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Canyon view. New bathroom, new carpet, fireplace, garden, Washer/dryer, refrigerator, use of garage. Large patio. No pets. 619-569-6902 or 619-388-2203.

CLAIREMONT/LINDA VISTA. \$1050. Large upstairs unit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1-year lease. No pets. No smoking. Available mid-June. 7827-67 Stalmer Street. 858-715-0735.

CLAIREMONT. \$795-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedrooms available. Short drive to the beach. Great area. Bring your pet. Also, a few houses available. Dishwasher, laundry, privacy, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

CLAIREMONT. \$1700. 3 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

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FASHION VALLEY. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, just painted, pool, spa, patio. 619-542-2416.

FASHION VALLEY. \$950/month. 1 bedroom condominium, very large at The Bluffs. Pool, tennis, weight room, sauna and jacuzzi. 1 underground parking space. Third floor unit with 180 degree view of golf course. Will consider pet. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1000 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with 1 off-street parking space. No pets. 1330 Eureka Street #18. 619-298-5820.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1500. City Scene. 7084 Camino de Grazia. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with garage. 619-640-7530.

FASHION VALLEY. \$875. Lower, bright, refurbished 1 bedroom near USD/bus. Berber, laundry room, parking. Indoor cat OK. 5946 Lauretta. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1675. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with new carpet and appliances. Washer/dryer in unit, 2 balconies, 1-car garage and view of the valley. 1117 Via Las Cumbres. Agent, 858-560-1178.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1500. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher. Fireplace. Coin laundry. Garage. 5720 Lauretta. www.delsolpm.com or Del Sol Properties, 858-270-2071.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Near USD. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, refrigerator. 1-year lease beginning 6/7. No pet! 5865 Lauretta Street #2. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836 x14.

GOLDEN HILL. Historic property. Large studios, and 1 bedrooms, just renovated. Hardwood floors, skylights, laundry. Near Balboa Park and downtown. Studios start at \$700. 619-804-0115.

GOLDEN HILL. \$699. 2 bedroom, miniblinds, ceiling fans, canyon sundecks. Also, 1 bedroom \$499. Properties shown, Saturday 9-10am, Sunday 5-6pm. 1841/1847 Bancroft Street. 619-239-4259.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Panoramic views. 2000 square feet, huge deck. Victorian upper 2 floors, office plus huge loft. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, security system, laundry, parking, gated. 1044 23rd street. Available 8/1. \$1875. 619-239-8532.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$925. Quaint, 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Washer/dryer in unit. Storage. Patio. fitness room, 2 gated parking spaces. Available 6/1. Alex, 619-224-3037.

GOLDEN HILL. Move-in special! Starting at \$700/\$350 deposit. Large studios in restored, historic, 1930s building in heart of Golden Hill. Walk-in closets. Completely remodeled kitchens and baths including hardwood and ceramic tile floors. Must see to appreciate. Pets considered. 2528 C Street. 619-741-3511.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Vantaggio Suites Broadway. Short-term rentals/corporate housing. Studios, from \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 baths, from \$1075. 2 bedroom, 2 baths, from \$1500. Weekly and month-to-month rates. Each unit fully furnished with PC and wireless DSL Internet

access, telephone, TV, fully equipped kitchen. Controlled access entry building. Fitness room. Laundry. Convenient location, 2650 Broadway. 619-238-0111. Visit our website at: www.vantaggiosuites.com.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio \$650. In gated community. Lush landscaping, patio and balcony, 2 laundry rooms and barbecue area. Pets under 20lbs. OK. Call Mitch, 619-231-2567.

GOLDEN HILLS. \$745. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage-style unit. Carpet, private patio, gated courtyard, laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. 2921 A Street. 619-239-6208; Agent, 619-686-8950.

GOLDEN HILL. First month 1/2 off! \$675-\$775. Deposit \$400-\$500. Refurbished studios and 1 bedrooms, 1 baths. Close to downtown. Newly carpeted, painted. Gated. Laundry. Full kitchen, bath. Stove. Refrigerator. Small complex. Available now. 2855-2865 A Street. By appointment, 619-294-4146.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. Dogs welcome! 1 bedroom units completely remodeled, new tile, carpet, appliances, ceiling fans, and more. Private patios, reserved parking, dog run. Close to downtown and major freeways. 1005 33rd Street. 619-275-5757.

GOLDEN HILL. \$645. Cozy, secluded, facing patio with trees. Tiled kitchen, bath. Skylight. Storage room, laundry, secure. On the hill (west of 25th Street). 2437 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. 1 bedroom garden apartment. New wood floors, parking available. Near downtown and freeways. Very private. No pets. Also, \$950 with parking and views to Coronado. Call Ramiro, 619-232-9489.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. \$695. Studio-style 1 bedroom in restored Victorian building. Hardwood floors. 12-foot ceilings. Granite countertops. Laundry. Shared yard. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675/up. Sunny studios in 1920s building. Hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen with maple cabinets, ceramic countertop. Tiled kitchen and bath. Large closet, clawfoot tub. Secure with laundry, roof deck. On the hill (west of 25th Street. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Lovely 1 bedroom. Gated. Laundry. Close to Balboa Park, golf course, downtown, bus line. 1231 25th Street. 619-234-1995.

GOLDEN HILL. \$895. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath with laundry hookups. 2754 Broadway. Agent, 858-560-1178.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. 1 bedroom. Very clean. Walk-in closet, off-street parking. No pets please. Available now. 619-698-6429.

NORTH PARK. Studio, \$675. Utilities included. New carpet. Gated entry. Laundry facilities. Quiet and quaint. Available immediately. Pager, 619-293-8902.

HILLCREST. From \$775. Studios, 1 bedroom apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$1100-\$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath located in the heart of Hillcrest! 9-foot ceilings, central air. Fireplaces, balconies in some units. Gated parking and entry. Skytop Jacuzzi, laundry. Small pet upon approval, 4050 Third Avenue. Janine, 619-295-2500.

HILLCREST. \$810. 1920s, upper 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, large closets. Clean and quiet, indoor cat OK. Assigned off-street parking. Third and Washington. 619-226-1021.

HILLCREST. \$725. Studio. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Roof garden. Laundry. Private deck on roof. New carpet/paint. Views! 536 Maple Street. Tom, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$1850. 1 bedroom pent-house. Quiet, charming building. No dogs. Roof garden. Laundry. Private deck. Views! 536 Maple Street. Mark or Tom, 619-232-1665.

HILLCREST. \$815-\$850, 1 bedroom. Landlord pays gas, water, trash. Hardwood floors, tile, bright, tall ceilings, new appliances, new kitchen. Laundry on site. Cat OK. 4170 Park Boulevard #2, #4. 619-269-4314; 619-741-7011.

HILLCREST. \$795. Studio. Very large, separate kitchen, wood floors, vaulted ceiling, lots of charm. 619-962-1887.

HILLCREST. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment, walk to Balboa Park, downstairs, gated, laundry. Street parking. Available now. 3533 Sixth Avenue. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$960. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, near zoo. Gated. Laundry room. 3634 Park Ave. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, near zoo. Gated. Laundry room. 3634 Park Ave. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100.

HILLCREST. \$510. Studio. Full bath and full kitchen with stove and refrigerator. Wood floors. Water paid. No pets. Agent. No fee. 619-223-2524.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Extra large apartment, 2 master bedrooms, 2 baths. Laundry room, covered parking. Pet OK. Close to hospitals, shopping. 635 Bush Street (off Dove). 619-542-1102.

HILLCREST. \$825. Three open houses for hardwood floors, 1 bedrooms. See celebrated Casa Grande Apartments, 1751 University Avenue, Monday-Saturday 12-1. Saturday only, 1:30-2, see spacious 1 bedroom, 4029 Eight Avenue. Then at 2:30-3 Saturday only, see canyon 1 bedroom, 3102 First Avenue. For photos, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. Open house, Saturday, 1:30-2. Spacious, bright 1 bedroom, air conditioned, off street parking, \$825, 4029 Eight Avenue. North of Washington Street. Cat OK.

HILLCREST. \$950. 3967 Centre. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry, barbecue, some off-street parking, controlled access, courtyard, custom paint, award-winning community! 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. \$1150. Premium corner 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Tandem underground parking. Perfect location. Available soon. Call immediate appointment. Must see! 3989 Richmond Street. 619-299-8952.

HILLCREST. Move-in special! \$300 off first month's rent. In the heart of Hillcrest. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$950. Studio/1 bath, \$725. Ceiling fan, walk-in closet, air conditioning, lots of storage space. On bus lines. Minutes from Fashion and Mission Valley, 548 University Avenue. Call Monica at 760-213-5180 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. Move-in special! Half month off first month's rent with 6-month lease. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1100. Nonsmoking building. Great location. On-site laundry, off-street parking. 4043 First Avenue. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, adorable unit with garden view, quiet, high ceilings, built-in shelves, walk-in closet, breakfast nook, hardwood floors, patios, laundry. No pets. Available 5/24. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

HILLCREST. \$1275. Nice, unfurnished large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New ceramic tile in bathrooms and kitchen. Full-size appliances. Balcony. Gated building/parking. Quiet. Great location. No pets. 1756 Essex. Available 6/4. 619-298-4256.

HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom duplex. Spanish courtyard. No pets. 3855 First Avenue. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. Classic San Francisco-style apartment. \$1195. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great location 1 block from Balboa Park. Hardwood floors, washer/dryer, parking. Completely renovated. XILA, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. \$775. Spacious studio. Heart of Hillcrest. Close to shops. Newly decorated. New hardwood floors. New appliances. Walk-in closet. No pets. 3824 Fourth Avenue. 619-296-2200.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Remodeled. Hardwood floors. Breakfast nook. Laundry facilities. Street parking. No dogs. 1815 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$785. Extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/vinyl. Assigned off-street parking space, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs in Victorian home. Balcony, hardwood floors. Very unique. 3730 8th, walk everywhere. Drive by and call. 619-295-6771; 619-889-6771.

HILLCREST. \$1325. Duplex, upper, sunny 2 bedroom. Formal dining room, new carpet, laundry hookups, ceiling fans, appliances, walk to park/shops, parking. No pets. 619-491-0462.

HILLCREST. \$675. 1 bedroom. Upstairs, gated. New appliances, wood floor, balcony, laundry on site. Parking. No pets. Available 6/1. 2837 University. Credit check. 858-705-4535.

HILLCREST. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath 2 story apartment in gated building. Includes garage. Berber carpet. Balcony. Lots of light. No pets. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large immaculate unit in quiet building. Spacious kitchen/dining area. Barbecue patio, laundry, parking. 4219 Georgia. Near Henry's Manager, 619-299-1004.

HILLCREST. \$1450. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Second floor of beautiful home; front deck. New kitchen. Organic vegetable garden. No smoking. 3718 Vermont. 619-299-4843.

HILLCREST. \$835. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Enjoy your summer in our sparkling pool. Great location in quiet area. 4166 4th Avenue. Les, 619-298-7868.

HILLCREST. \$795. Large studio. Great area. Quiet complex. Walk to shopping. 3685 7th Avenue. 619-297-0274 x100 or evenings and weekends, 619-291-2058.

HILLCREST. \$725-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedroom homes, walk to everything, great freeway access. Also, a few cottages available. Hardwood floors, laundry, balcony, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$645. Studio available. Best location, hardwood floors, laundry. Free utilities, kitchenette, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$795/up. Upper studio and 2 bedroom, 2 bath in the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, pool, laundry room, assigned carport, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. Indoor cat OK. Sleepy Hollow Apartments, 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$485. Studio, utilities included. Cozy and charming studio in classic Victorian building. Laundry. Nonsmoking only. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. Reduced! \$1795. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious charming condo. Built-ins. Washer/dryer. Garage. Pool. Jacuzzi. Balboa Park. Private balconies. 3450 Third Avenue. Steve, 619-297-RENT(7368).

HILLCREST. \$900. Cozy, 2-story 2 bedroom, 1 bath behind front house. Near all. Street parking. Indoor cat OK. 1010-1/2 Essex. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST. \$1195. Large, quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Controlled entry. Near hospitals. Pet on approval. 4046 First Avenue. 619-230-9005.

HILLCREST. \$650. Private studio cottage. Garden setting. Claffoot tub. Laundry. 1066 Robinson. 619-236-1186.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 850 square feet. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1400 square feet. Premier location! Laundry. Courtyard. Close to freeways, entertainment, dining, shopping, bus, Balboa Park. Walking distance to downtown. Pets OK. Park Boulevard Apartments, 3525 Park Blvd. For appointment, 619-692-0461. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1087.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. 2 bedrooms. \$1250/up. Beautiful garden courtyard. Intercom entrance. Pool. Laundry. Elevator. Recreation room. Parking. Hillcrest Towers. 1030 Robinson. No pets. 619-295-9673.

HILLCREST/UPTOWN. Studio, \$750. 2 bedroom, \$1250. Available early June. Beautiful location beside lush canyon, end of a "No Through Street." Controlled access, elevator, pool, covered and off-street parking, poolside barbecue, recreation room with television and laundry room. Sorry, no pets permitted. Park View Apartments, 3700 Tenth Avenue. 619-298-6768.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$750. Nice 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors throughout. Stove, refrigerator. Cats OK. Water paid. Available 6/1. 760-746-3080, cell 760-445-7821.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$795. Immaculate 1 bedroom near ocean. Second story unit has hardwood floors. Laundry. Cat OK. Drive by 2457 Union Street (near Laurel). Do not disturb current tenants. Crown Management, 858-454-1900.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$825. Immaculate 1 bedroom near ocean with garage included in rent. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Cat OK. Drive by 2451 Union Street (near Laurel). Move in by 6/7 and receive \$250 off your first month's rent. Bryant, 619-255-5219.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 917 Torrance #1. 1150 square feet. Laundry in unit. Appliances, fireplace. Security building. Available 6/10. 619-992-9927.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1400. Charming two bedroom house with bonus room. This vintage home has hardwood floors, built-in cabinets and a wide covered porch. A cat may be considered. No dogs will be allowed. Please call 619-501-5109.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK border. \$695. 1 bedroom. \$795. 2 bedroom. Spacious, carpeted, nonsmoking units, quiet, gated, garden, 2-story complex. Laundry. Available early June. 619-298-8383.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carpet, verticals, stove, refrigerator, laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4568 Cleveland Avenue. 619-297-3109.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$795. Great unit in beautiful 1920s building. Laundry. Murphy bed. Built-ins. Parking available. Nonsmoking. No pets. 433 Nutmeg Street. 858-492-8746.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$850. Adorable 1 bedroom cottage with antique charm. Great neighborhood. Hardwood floors. Breakfast nook. Nonsmoking. 1730 Meade Avenue. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$485. Utilities included. Cozy and charming studio in classic Victorian house. Laundry. Nonsmoking only. No pets. 2330 Union Street. 858-492-8744.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$650. Charming and quiet upstairs studio in great neighborhood. Small complex. Laundry. Nonsmoking. No pets. 4226 Campus Avenue #B. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$850. 1 bedroom, 2 bath. Excellent location. Beautiful newer controlled access building. gated parking. Coin laundry. No pets. 4022 Albatross. Resident Manager, 619-293-0373.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$795. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, off-street parking, oversized eat-in kitchen. Available 6/1. 3976-1/2 Mississippi Street. Call Steve, 858-490-8141.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$895. 1 bedroom. Live at beach, steps to sand. Recently renovated, in small private complex.

Laundry facilities, parking. 1003 Ocean Lane. Agent, 619-423-9632.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1295, utilities included. Large 1-1/2 bedroom beach cottage. 2 blocks to water. Fenced yard. 227 Elm Avenue. Available mid-June. Agent, 619-423-9632.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$500. Spacious bungalow, 1 bath. Refrigerator/stove. Near ocean and shops. Low deposit. Easy move-in. Quiet area. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Quiet complex, dinette area, large triple closets, barbecue area, storage. No pets. Available 6/28. 1472 Iris Avenue-M. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$850. Cozy studio. 1 block to ocean/bus. Large backyard with storage shed, washer/dryer hookup, vaulted ceilings. 129 Date. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$920. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large unit. Washer/dryer hookups, underground parking, laundry room. Garage for \$50 extra. 619-602-7936.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1700. 3 bedroom 2 bath. Fenced yard, fireplace, pool. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, new carpet, new kitchen, assigned parking. No pets. 619-807-7716.

KENSINGTON. \$1450. New live/work loft, 2 stories. 1 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony, air conditioning, washer/dryer, no pets. Near Starbucks. 858-259-4994.

KENSINGTON/TALMADGE. \$810. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Garage, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, air conditioning, laundry room, gated. 4368 Marlborough. Connie, 858-292-9131.

KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$950. Large 2 bedroom with new carpet, stove, refrigerator. Laundry room, parking. Close to everything. No pets. Call 584-0761.

LA COSTA resort. \$1350. Modern 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished 1-story villa, cozy, quiet. Laundry, carport, pool. 1-2 year lease. No pets. Susan, 760-438-5541.

LA COSTA. \$2150. 3 master bedrooms, twin home. Quiet area. New paint/carpet/lawn. Some ocean view. 2 fireplaces. Laundry. Fenced yard. Garage. 760-602-0252; 858-453-0010.

LA COSTA. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious unit in quiet community. Vaulted ceilings. Cats OK with deposit. Assigned parking. No dogs. Ask about move-in special! Gunney, 760-943-7590; Elaine, 760-402-8325.

LA COSTA. \$1250-\$1285. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful garden setting. Central air conditioning, full size washer/dryer in unit. spa, sauna, pool. Near golf and shopping. No pets. 2385 Caringa Way. Resident Manager, 760-431-7575.

LA COSTA. \$1400. 2 master bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, parking space, fireplace, washer/dryer, balcony, huge closets-storage. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts. Short term OK. Jerrod, 760-889-3989.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. Got new? We're introducing brand-new interiors! Crown molding, Pergo, new appliances, washer/dryer, more. Cybernet Cafe. Pools, spas, jogging trail. Pet friendly! Pay no rent until August 2002! Select homes, restrictions. 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1405. La Cima, 7503 Charmant Drive. 888-372-6243. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

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LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$2400. Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, spa/tub, pool, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, double garage, elevator. Small pet OK. 7555 Eads Avenue. 858-456-0406.

LA JOLLA. \$1075. Modern, spacious 1 bedroom. Near ocean. Immaculate. New Berber carpet and paint. Private balcony. Controlled access. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Agent, 858-454-4200 x105.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, quiet modern, condo. Garage, fireplace, washer/dryer. \$2300. Agent, 858-581-3470.

LA JOLLA. \$1650 includes all utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 2 blocks to beach. Garage, new hardwood floors, laundry room next door. 858-442-6434.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedrooms \$1950-\$2450 or \$3450 furnished. Penthouse spectacular 180-degree view. See Saturday 12-3pm. 600-616 Prospect. 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. \$4500. Brand new 2-story home in the village. Blocks from the beach. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, with ocean views. Call Mike, 702-592-9442.

LA JOLLA. Call for move-in specials! Indulge yourself! Resort-style living! Villas of Renaissance. Lush gardens. Resort style living! 4 pools/spas. Fitness center, saunas. Massage therapist. Personal trainers. Pilates, kickboxing. Step aerobics. Clubhouse, big screen TV. Great social activities. 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. Visit, web site: www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA. \$2995. Immaculate 4 bedroom, 3 bath house in quiet, residential neighborhood. 2-car garage. Fireplace, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. Master bedroom with walk-in closet. Spectacular canyon views. Access to clubhouse pool. Cat OK. Will consider small indoor dog. \$2500 security deposit. Drive by 2285 Via Tabara. Please do not disturb current tenants. Crown Management, 619-999-4291.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 3 bedroom including den, 2 bath, vaulted ceilings. Washer/dryer. Available 7/1. Near ocean, quiet street. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA JOLLA. \$1000. Charming bungalow, 1 bath, skylights, New York style. Custom kitchen, balcony. Great location, must see to appreciate. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA JOLLA. \$3300. Luxury Del Charro Woods. La Jolla Shores. Peaceful. Quiet. Rear location. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home. 2-car garage. All appliances. Long term. Available 7/1. Boone Property Management, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. \$1300. Newly painted and carpeted 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry facilities. No parking. No pets. 7531 Herschel. Available now. Boone Properties, 858-274-6856.

LA JOLLA. \$950. 1 bedroom. \$1400. Bright 2 bedrooms. Apartments in the village. Laundry. Verticals. 7555 Herschel Avenue and 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious and bright. Large private balcony. Garden window. Fun, cosmopolitan location. 2 bedroom. No pets. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive #11. Ask manager for details, 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$2100. 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage. Quaint and charming, at Windansea. Wood floors, 2 decks, peak ocean view, parking, fireplace. Year lease. 619-222-5860.

LA JOLLA. 4 blocks ocean, 2 story house, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2000 square feet, 2 parking spaces, home/office, \$3000. BJ, 858-459-4874.

LA JOLLA. \$1325. 6504 La Jolla Boulevard. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry, courtyard, ocean views, hardwood floors, custom paint, only 1/2 block to Windansea Beach! 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. \$895. 3636 Playa del Sur. Studio, laundry, controlled access, only 1/2 block to the beach! 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, pool, wet bar, fireplace, washer/dryer. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Will consider pet, garage, dishwasher, laundry. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. 1 bedroom. Pool. Steps to beach. Security parking. No pets. Available now. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-456-1432. 858-756-9941.

LA JOLLA. \$1025/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block to Windansea. Upstairs large deck. 510 Nautilus Street. Boone Property Management, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. Charming studio in downtown La Jolla. Walk to beach, shops, dining. No Smoking, no pets. \$895 plus utilities. Available now. Lease. joe@rubycliff.com. 858-729-1979.

LA JOLLA. \$100 moved-in bonus! Nice 1100 square feet, 2 bedroom, 2 bath poolside condo. New carpet, patio, laundry, sauna, handball courts. Close to UTC. \$1355. 8332 Regents Road. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large, upper. Shared 2-car garage. Near Windansea. Lots of light and character. Large balcony. Small dog or cat OK with pet deposit. Available now. Do not disturb. 7062 Vista del Mar. John A. Reis and Company, 858-272-1348.

LA JOLLA. \$825. Lower, light color, large studio. Parking, laundry room. Near Windansea/bus. No pets. 6-month lease. 396 Kolmar. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. 2 bedroom, beautiful, private guest house with view. High ceilings, fireplace, deck, patio, great location, close to beach, freeway. \$1900, utilities included. Available now. 858-587-0241.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse in Woodlands! Double garage, new carpet, pool. Ready to go! Agent, 619-246-8456.

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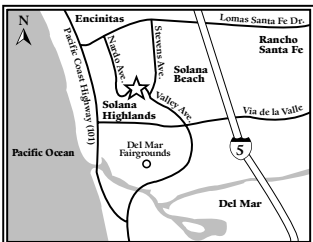
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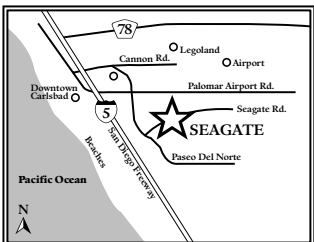
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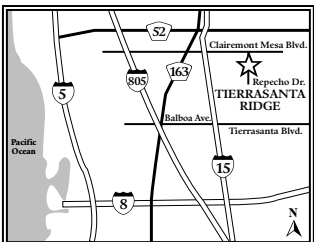
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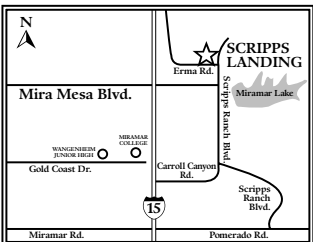
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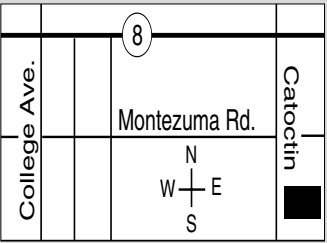
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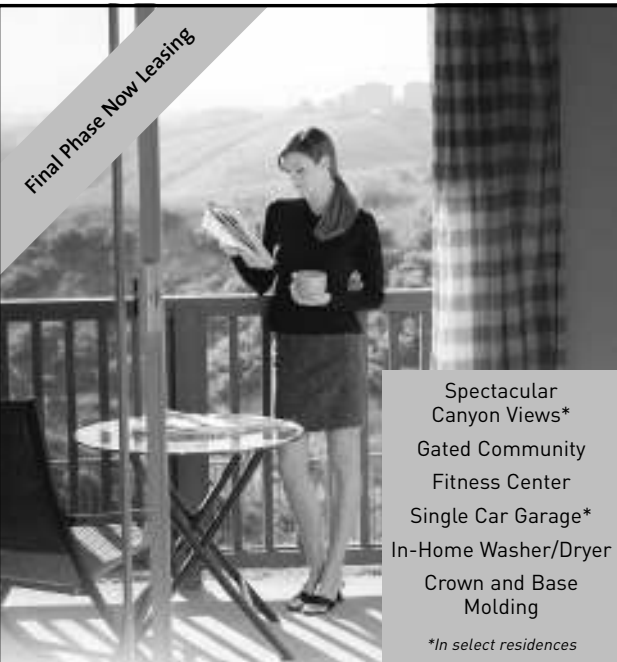
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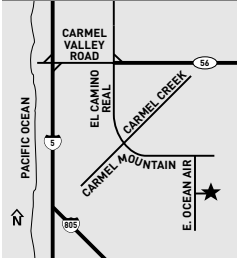
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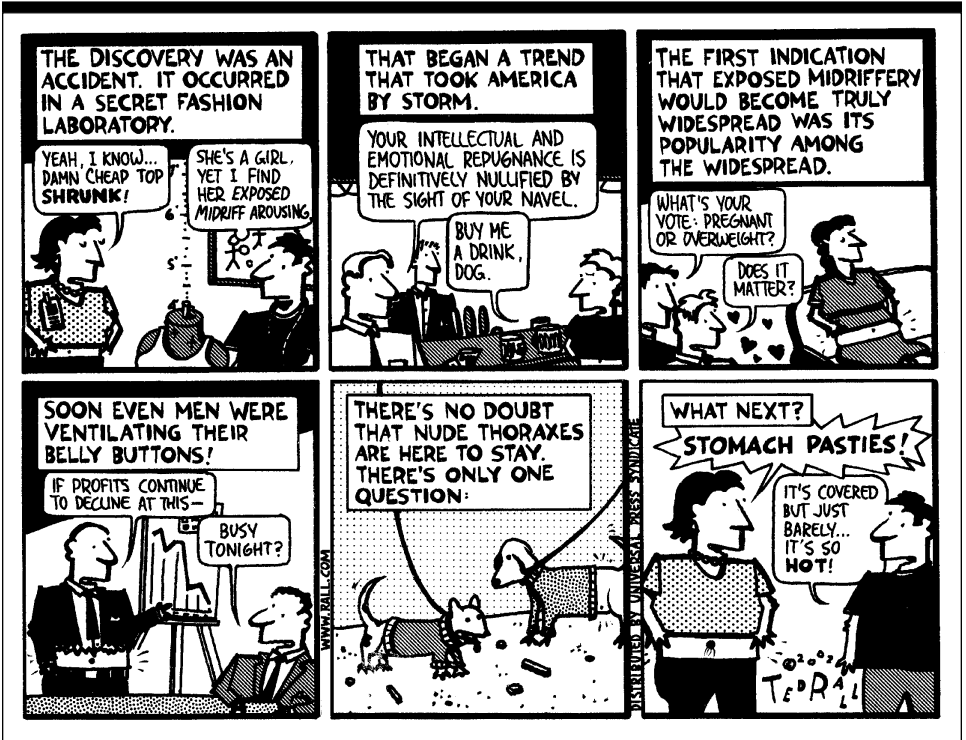
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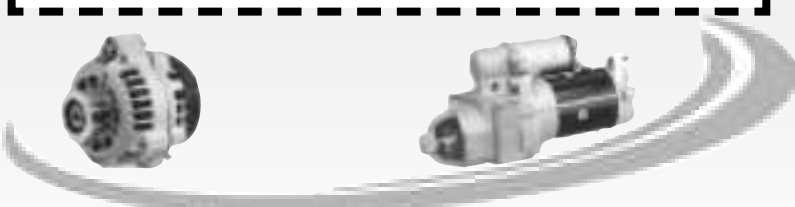
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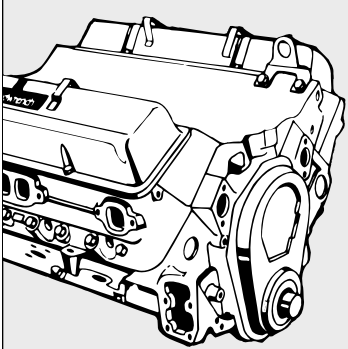


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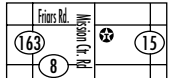
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“They can’t blackmail you if you give them the goods.”

By John Brizzolara

By the time you read this, it may be sunny as hell. But most of May has been cold, gloomy, gray. It suits my predicament. You may call this mild depression or the blues. My mother used to say “a blue funk.” Quaint but apt.

I read somewhere that the more the weather reflects your state of mind, the healthier you are. It is dubious, but at the same time, it appears to have some validity.

There is something almost romantic, Gothic to me about overcast skies. One feels a license to moan like a 19th-century poet, stay in bed, drink gin (which you don’t even like), read a novel, or write one.

I haven’t demurred from whining confessionally in these pages, and I don’t intend to start. I see no point in making more of my life than it is. It’s like something Oscar Wilde said when he publicly admitted homosexuality. To paraphrase, “They can’t blackmail you if you give them the goods.”

I have written this with great self-pity, that I am a drunk and a self-pitying failure. This remains true.

I have also written here that I have a kind of myocardia, a bad heart: it

doesn’t function properly on its own. This is likely due to drinking like a swine for years, but it killed my father too at the age of 49, and he would drink two beers in front of a ballgame on television and go to sleep. That was it.

The point I’m getting at is that I have spent most of May in hospitals, and if it were sunny outside it would spoil my self-pity.

Bankruptcy, alcoholism, heart failure, May gray. These all seem perfectly suited for self-pity, and I can’t seem to pass up the opportunity.

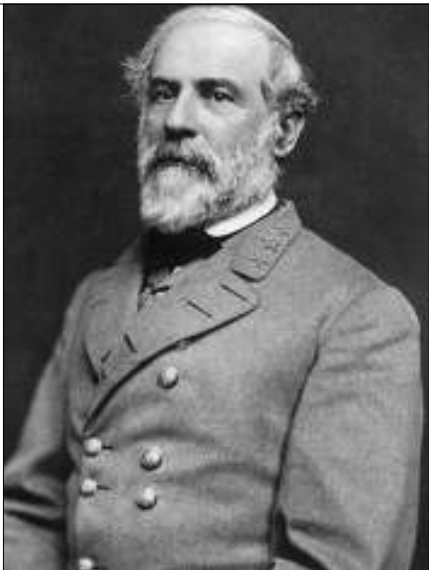
A couple of years ago, I was told my liver had “severe damage.” I stopped drinking for months, and my health, and life, improved. I drank again and went into the hospital, where they told me about my heart failure (only half of it is being used due to slack muscle and some garbled arteries — that’s the best I can explain it). I was given a riot of pills, some with diazepam, Valium, and I threw up my metaphysical hands crying, “What’s the use? I’m doomed!” Doomed like a Victorian poet with TB.

So now I am being detoxed for a week’s worth of drinking, and I’m having my prescriptions juggled and being treated for diazepam, clonepan, etc., withdrawal because, while drunk, I couldn’t keep track of ten prescriptions, each to be taken once or twice or three times a day.

A psychiatrist I know just visited and told me he thought this panoply of drugs was nuts. He did not forget to include that I *too* was nuts. He cut the prescriptions down, way down, and God bless him, he didn’t ask me that tired question: “Why do you think you’re an alcoholic?”

It’s a crapshoot as far as anyone can tell, though genetics plays some role. The American Medical Association has designated it a disease. It fits every criterion and has nothing to do with moral failure or a lack of willpower. This is not a defense, but a fact. Relapse is built into the very definition of the disease.

I was treated for cancer in the late ’80s, Hodgkin’s disease. After 14 months of puking (and more self-pity), I was successfully treated. If I were to hold a contest as to which I would rather have, cancer would win. I’d take the cancer back over alcoholism any day.



General Robert E. Lee

I have a decent room here in this good hospital. My window displays the slow movement of different-shaded clouds through different-shaded tree leaves with a jacaranda not far away. Over the blossoms, the gray moves — no, *struts* like pompous generals convinced their domain is eternal. But jacaranda is my lucky tree, with its tomcat smell and its almost spiritual kind of purple blossoms — like some priests’ vestments. The generals give them more stateliness, gentleness.

Life is dull in a hospital bed. The television in the patient lounge never works, but several patients stare at it for hours anyway. There is nothing to read but recovery material and the *Union-Tribune*. Time goes by slowly, and the May gray army seems to frown down, as if saying that it is the way things are and should be in their kingdom.

It is a slow-motion cure here under these soot, ash, and gun-smoke skies. I will be happy to see the sun again, but there is always the June gloom. I can endure that and more. I know that because I have endured hospital food for weeks.

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My kingdom for a match. That could be the Kelly family motto. There's never one around when I need to light a candle or the fire or the barbecue. In desperation one winter day, I bought a large box of matchbooks thinking the sheer number of them would insure there was always one around. But over the following days, I found them scattered about the house. I knew the kids were curious about these magic fire sticks, and nightmares of houses burning down began dancing in my head. And half of the cardboard matchbooks that I came upon had bent beyond usefulness or had gotten wet. Fed up with the wimpy cardboard matchbooks, I turned to the wooden kitchen match and off shopping I went.

My first discovery about matches was that they're hard to find in stores. Some retailers place their matches near the barbecue supplies, some near the kitchen utensils, and Target sells them in the party-supply aisle.

After hours of trudging, I came to another conclusion. Diamond Brands has cornered the market on kitchen matches. They sell a few kinds of kitchen matches: Strike on Box Matches, **\$5.50** for a four-pack of 32-count matches at Wal-Mart, Strike Anywhere Matches, **\$2.49** for three boxes of 250 matches at Vons,



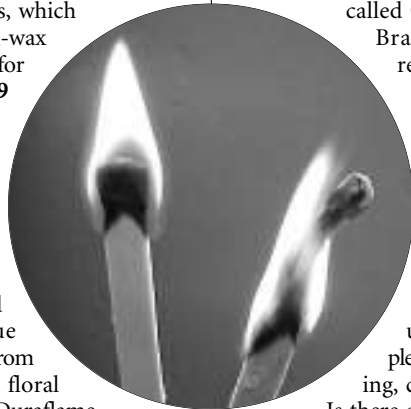
“They are called penny matches because that is what the box cost a hundred years ago.”

and Premium Candle Matches, **\$1.94** for a box of 30 five-inch slow-burning matches at Wal-Mart. Diamond also sells Strike-A-Fire match fire-starters, which is a nontoxic sawdust-and-wax combination that stays lit for 12 minutes. They run **\$3.99** for eight fire-starters at Ralphs. Diamond also makes Grill Matches, which are sold in 50-count boxes of 11-inch matches for **\$2.49** at Ralphs.

I found variety amid the brands of barbecue matches. All were imports from Asia. Ralphs carries a floral cylinder box of 40 Duraflame

Decor barbecue matches with multicolored tips for **\$2.39**. The Warm Hearth Fireside & Patio Shop in La Mesa carries a 90-count box of 11-inch matches for **\$1.95**. They also carry a Davy Crockett—design box of eight-inch barbecue sticks, thicker than the standard variety, costing **\$7.95** for 150 sticks.

Big Lots! sells a box of 90 11-inch matches by Backyard Chef. As I checked out, the salesclerk exclaimed, “Where did you find those barbecue matches? I have been looking all over for those.” Tickled to be of help, I gave her directions as I plopped down some



change for the **\$9.99** matches.

Perplexed by the lack of variety in the standard wooden kitchen matches, I headed into the camping section of Kmart to see if it offered any different brands. They carry a four-pack of waterproof matches by Coleman at **\$2.49**. Each box contains 40 matches. The Sports Authority also offered Wooden Safety Waterproof Matches by Coghlan's. Their price: **\$1.99** for four boxes of 45 matches.

After my match-shopping day, I called Carl Lundberg, Diamond Brand's manager of human resources. “We are the primary manufacturer of kitchen matches,” explained Lundberg. “There are a few imports, but I believe we are the last stick-match factory left in the United States. There used to be match factories all over, but over the years the usage has reduced. People still use them for camping, cigarettes, and cigars.”

Is there a difference among the wooden matches? “The wooden matches are made from aspen wood. There are two types: there is what we call the penny match that comes in a little box that will fit in your pocket. They are called penny matches because that is what the box cost a hundred years ago. And then there are the kitchen matches, which are a little larger match.” What is the difference between the Strike on Box Matches and Strike Anywhere Matches? “On a Strike on Box Match, you have chemicals on the match head and in the striking surface what we call the friction. When you scratch the match head across, the combination of the heat caused by the actual striking and the mixture of the

chemicals causes the match to light on a Strike on Box. You will notice that on the Strike Anywhere Match, it has a little white tip on it. That white tip is a chemical that will ignite when you strike it on anything, then it ignites the rest of the tip, which is red.” Lundberg continues, “We also sell another match product called Strike-A-Fire. We call it a match but it is really made out of compressed wood waste and it is cut into six-inch-long strips. It is soaked with paraffin wax and we put a match head on the end of it. You light it and put it in your barbecue or your campfire and it burns for 12 minutes.”

How are your matches made?

“We have machines that each make 1,250,000 matches an hour. To make what we call a bulb of the match, the head, the matchsticks are dipped into a liquid form. The primary substance in a match head is filler, and there is a minute part, which is sulfur.”

Any potential danger with the sulfur? “No, it is such a small part of the match head that it is not an issue.

There used to be a kind of infection of the jawbone that was linked to a phosphorous that was in there, but that has been changed since the early 1900s. Diamond developed the recipe for [the phosphorous-free match] and gave it away to all the match factories in the world back in around 1911.”

Lundberg says Coleman stopped making waterproof matches because “we didn't think it was environmentally friendly. But you can make your own waterproof matches, by dipping your matches in wax. Just get a candle going and put the match head in the melted wax.”



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