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Sidewalk Employment Agency

Squads of men in denim, flannel, and baseball caps with the names Oscar de la Hoya, Budweiser, Corona, John Deere, and Jack Daniel's, as well as whole phrases: *Mi Vida es un Madre*, shuffle with practiced patience on Encinitas Boulevard just west of I-5. Quiet men for the most part, moving slowly among each other, smiling, nodding, speaking in low voices. No roughhousing, no *norteño* music blaring from cheap radios, no soccer-playing with crumpled paper bags as I'd seen workers do years ago on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach. The men here are doing their best to be invisible, unless you're looking for them. They have become, in a way, what J.B. Priestley described as "The Grey Ones."

Some are eating an Egg McMuffin or a Cup-A-Soup and tortillas. They drink thin McDonald's coffee, little darker than their caramel skin. At intervals a funny comment is made about drivers cruising slowly past into the mini-mall, and the men expose gums and teeth in grins of chrome mouthwork or yellowed and gapped like old and damaged ivory keys on a piano. Few of the men smoke. Cigarettes, like dentists, are luxuries. It is 6:00 a.m. and these men, in three different clusters — the Oaxacans, the Guatemalans, and those from Michoacán — are hoping for eight hours of work. The odds are pretty good. *Continued on page 24*

LETTERS

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Naive Mexicans

After reading “Gringos Do Their Thing with Our Boys” (“City Lights,” July 11), I came away amused by such naïve statements from Mexicans such as Jorge Bedoya, a director of a home for homeless orphans run by the state of Mexico, saying: “It’s a very serious problem [boy prostitution]” and “There is a lot of trafficking, and we fall into a term that is called ‘sexual tourism,’ where people from the United States... come here and search for these children.” In Gringoland, United States, there is also “trafficking” of human beings — smuggled here by Mexicans — who support themselves by selling illegal drugs grown and manufactured in Mexico to American teenage kids. These gringos, in order to support their habits, often wind up selling their bodies. Shouldn’t the Reader print the tale of this human flesh peddling as well? We can even call it “Mexicans Do Their Thing with Our Boys.”

John Primavera
North Park

Got Peace?

I just wanted to thank the Reader and Lawrence Ludlow for the letter titled “Terror Crisp” (July 11). I appreciated the viewpoint. I believe our flag-waving politicians contribute greatly to the anti-American sentiment which can cause these terrorist actions. It may help the situation if we read more letters and articles explaining to Americans what causes this anti-American sentiment. Then, hopefully, we could initiate some corrective actions to reduce it. Putting a sticker that says “United We Stand” or a flag on your automobile doesn’t solve anything! It only indicates blind obedience. Anyone know where I can purchase a sticker that says “Got Peace?”

Jay Paasch
Ocean Beach

La Hoyo

I have been reading with interest about the name “La Jolla” in Max Miller’s book (“The Town with the Funny Name,” July 11). I wanted to give my input, because I am from Baja California, so I speak and read Spanish. *Joya* with a *j* means jewel in Spanish. *Hoyo* in Spanish means pit, and the *h* is silent, so we don’t pronounce the *h*. The Indians that you find in Mexico — they are not very educated — they say *hoyo* with an *h* sound. O-y-o could

be pronounced by the Indians h-o-y-o, because they still say it that way.

I enjoy the Reader. It’s very interesting. You give me some pleasure.

Dora Tucker

Amherst Attack

Re: “CD Review: Amherst (2001)” by Mary Montgomery (“Blurt,” July 11).

Within minutes of the first stack of this week’s Reader being tossed by the door of a local 7-Eleven in Ocean Beach, the word was out on the Net! Deaconska, a regular on the local 92.1 message board, was online spreading the news, “Amherst in Blurt!” Apparently, the boys from Amherst made the mistake of sending their four-song CD in to the Reader for review. Most local musicians know of Blurt’s reputation of sending bands through the meat grinder! There was obviously no exception made here.

Ms. Montgomery’s review was sadistic and cruel. How this passes for journalism, or even interesting, remains a mystery in the minds of most readers. For those of us who know Dan Deaton and the work of Amherst, it was clear Ms. Montgomery failed to grasp the artistic intentions and themes inherent in the music.

It appears as if Ms. Montgomery was more concerned with classifying the music instead of getting into the nitty-gritty. There is tremendous confusion within today’s local music scene as to what is considered “emo,” “indie,” “shoegazi,” “punk,” “pop punk,” “hard rock,” and the truth is: Nobody knows! Ask any band! Ms. Montgomery writes, “Much of Amherst’s music could be described as musical expression of apathy.” Hello?! Where’ve you been, sister?! This is a good thing and something that is consistent and supported by other local artists in the local music milieu.

I suppose the most ironic issue here is the fact that just about every local band knows Dan and Amherst regardless of genre. They are respected as artists and musicians, and if the Reader would like to continue to alienate local artists and bands from Blurt’s musical commentary, by all means, continue to publish the mindless gibberish of Ms. Montgomery.

Tredd Lightly
Local Music Nerd

Hetero Denial

This is in response to your article “I Ask Myself, ‘Why Am I Gay?’” (Pop Music, July 11). I think it’s great you published a personal article about a young gay man; however, I was disturbed by the interviewer’s comment about “her friend” being scared of contracting HIV because he’s homosexual. Yes, in San Diego the majority of HIV+ people are male homosexuals, but in other parts of the world this isn’t the case. I’ve had several female friends in Southern California die from AIDS-related complications and countless straight

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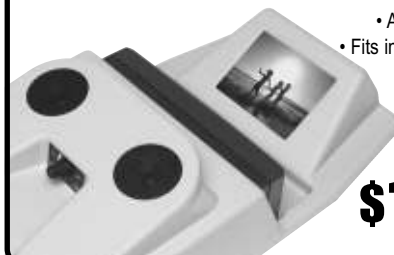


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La Jolla's Hoosier honey As the scandal on Wall Street spreads, both Democrats



Evan and Sarah Bayh

and Republicans are trying to make political hay. But, in San Diego at least, it seems that some prominent Democrats have been the biggest players in the cozy boardroom power derby. First comes **Sarah Bayh**, wife of U.S. Senator

Evan Bayh, Democrat from Indiana. Last week the *Indianapolis Star* broke the news that the senator was able to avoid laws banning gifts and gratuities to members of Congress by having his wife join seven corporate boards, including that of La Jolla's own Corvas International, a "biopharmaceutical" outfit developing drugs for stroke and angina. The company's website describes Mrs. Bayh, who became a director in June 2000, as "a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the College of Business Administration at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana, since 1994" but makes no mention of her husband's job or that she is also on Butler's board of trustees. In addition to the Corvas gig, Mrs. Bayh, 42, is on the board of E Trade, an electronic stock brokerage; Anthem, an Indiana-based HMO; Emmis Communications; Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Curis, Inc.; and Golden State Foods, an Irvine-based provider of food to McDonald's. "She brings to their board a unique background and experience. Any company on whose board Mrs. Bayh serves may not lobby Senator Bayh," the senator's spokesman **Mark Kornblau** told the *Star*. "That is completely walled off." An exception to the lobbying ban is made for Indiana employers

like Anthem, he added. Though corporations by law can't give money directly to members of Congress, they can hire their relatives. "Special interests are absolutely determined to find new and innovative ways to influence members of Congress," Common Cause lobbyist



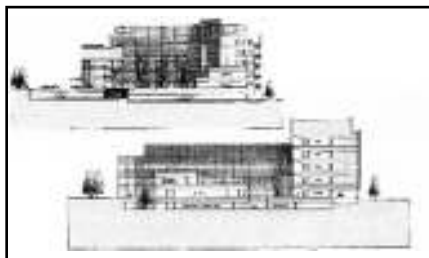
Bill Richardson

Matt Keller told the paper. Meanwhile, **Bill Richardson**, the former Clinton administration UN ambassador who is now running for governor of New Mexico, is still trying to live down his time on the board of Peregrine Systems of Del Mar Heights. Peregrine, controlled by Padres owner **John Moores**, is at the center of an accounting scandal and ensuing federal investigation that has seen the company's stock plunge as low as 30 cents a share. Richardson, who is the brother-in-law of ousted Peregrine chief executive officer **Stephen Gardner**, and who got \$10,000 for attending four board meetings, denies any wrongdoing, but that hasn't stopped Republicans from sniping at him. "Either he's guilty of malfeasance or he's had his head in the public trough too long to know anything about corporate governance," said state Republican chairman **John Dendahl**. "Really, I had no involvement because I was what was called an outside di-

rector," Richardson told the *Albuquerque Tribune* last week.

Nukes on parade La Jolla's **Dorothy Grier**, widow of nuclear-bomb pioneer **Herbert E. Grier**, has kicked in \$500,000 for the new Desert Research Institute near Las Vegas. The *Las Vegas Review Journal* reports that the \$13.1 million institute will feature a 66,000-square-foot laboratory, office, archives, and museum "depicting the role of the Nevada Test Site in Southern Nevada, placing it in context with American daily life and its role in maintaining national security." Grier's husband, a 1934 MIT grad, founded one of the nuclear test site's original contractors ... Word is that ex-VP **Al Gore** made a hush-hush fundraising stop somewhere in San Diego County over the weekend ... New York-based Weight Watchers International has purchased its franchise operations in San Diego for \$11 million. "We are extremely pleased to be acquiring Weight Watchers of San Diego from the Cutler family, one of the earliest Weight Watchers franchisees," president and CEO **Linda Huett** said in a release.

Moores and mortality The UCSD **John** and **Rebecca Moores** Cancer Center, so named after UC regent Moores promised to give the university \$20 million, \$3 million of which is



Architectural drawings of Moores cancer center

still due, has come out on the low end of a national cancer-center survey by *U.S. News & World Report*. The magazine says UCSD, which placed 41, has a "mortality ratio" of .59. That's actually a bit better than the .81 reported at number-one rated M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, which boasts a ratio of nurses to beds of 2.93. UCSD's is said to be 1.56 ... Its computer sales are in the tank, but Gateway sales and marketing vice president **David Turner** just got a consolation prize. He placed 46 on a list of the 50 "most powerful black executives in America" put out by *Fortune* magazine. How to save Gateway? The 46-year-old Turner's plan is to "revamp the 275 or so retail stores and market digital products — cameras, MP3 music players, even TV sets."



David Turner

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Fires Move Faster than Firefighters

By Robert Kumpel

San Diego is not immune to the kinds of fires that have devastated Arizona and Colorado. Richard Hawkins, the chief of fire

aviation management for the Cleveland National Forest, believes the potential exists here for similarly disastrous fires. "San Diego County has about half of California's ten worst fire scenarios."

The situation is so bad that San Diego is at the maximum level of fire preparedness, level 5. "Actually, it's the whole nation that's at level 5, and it's unprecedented. We went to preparedness level 5 in June. This doesn't happen every year, but recently it's been happening almost every year. We bring in the U.S. military to assist, and even international helpers. For example, two years ago in Idaho and Montana, we went to national preparedness level 5 and brought in Australian, New Zealand, and Canadian management teams because there were so many fires. We also brought in thousands of U.S. Army personnel to assist."

The other levels are described as follows: "Typically, levels 1 and 2 are during a part of the year when the fire season is only in a small geographic portion of the country. During the winter months, we're usually at national preparedness level 1. That means we don't have a lot of firefighters on duty each day because there's no need, with exception of the southern states. As we get into late March and early April, and the South is still burning, the Southwest, New Mexico, and Arizona begin their fire season. We typically enter level 2. At that level we're starting to bring on private contractors with helicopters and air tankers for the first time. We don't have many of those resources available during level 1. As we get into the month of June, we start to have fires in Nevada and southern Utah and the southern half of California, and that's when the nation starts

to go into preparedness level 3. We now have multiple geographic parts of the country with air tankers and helicopters on contract with quite a bit of firefighting going on. Usually not more than 5000 to 6000 of our 25,000 wildland firefighters are actually assigned to a fire. As we get into late July, we go

plug and ask for help outside the wildland fire service. City firefighters are generally not trained to do this work." To make matters worse, the ongoing drought has raised preparedness levels in San Diego County for the past four years. The last time the Cleveland National Forest declared that fire season was over was in January of 1998. Currently San Diego is in its driest year of recorded history, as is much of the Southwest.

The gravity of San Diego County's fire danger leaves Hawkins uneasy. "This isn't business as usual. If people haven't cleared the brush around their homes, they'd better. Throughout the west, insurance companies are



Sign in Mt. Laguna, Cleveland National Forest

through to late August at national preparedness level 4. That means that all of the geographic areas in the United States are staffed to the optimum level. All the firefighters are on duty, and all the air tankers and helicopters are under contract. All the fire teams are ready to go — a 25,000-person workforce, primarily federal agency employees with some private contractors. That's the highest preparedness level that we normally operate under."

But 2002 is not a normal year. "At level 5, you pull the

looking at canceling homeowners' insurance as it relates to hazardous fire areas. We're so worried about the consequences of fires this year that we're actually banning campfires at our campgrounds; as far as I know, it's the first time we've done that in the history of our forests. That was a special order signed by the forests' supervisor; just went into effect yesterday. If that doesn't show people how serious the situation is, I don't know what will. This year we are witnessing fires that are

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Kids in Blue Berets

By Ernie Grimm

It's illegal for a child under 16 to work in Mexico. Doubtless, the law was passed to prevent the exploitation of children and

to keep kids in school. But sometimes the law denies children from impoverished homes a chance to help their families. "When I was 10," recalls 13-year-old Angel Delgado Hernandez, who lives with his mother and three sisters in the Colonia Postal section of Tijuana, "I needed to make

money to help support my family. So I went out to find work."

In his search for work, Delgado walked into a Ley supermarket within sight of Tijuana International Airport in Otay. "They told me they couldn't hire me because I was too young," he recalls. "But they also told

me about the program."

The program he speaks of is an agreement between large Mexican supermarket chains — Ley, Calimax, Commercial Mexicana, Gigante, and others — and the Mexican child-protection agency known by its Spanish acronym, DIF — pronounced "deef" — that stands for Desarrollo Integral de la Familia, or integral development of the family, Jorge Bedoya, a DIF official in Tijuana explains. "It's a national program, because in Mexico, there are a lot of kids working to help out their families. They made a contract between the government and these big supermarket chains so that these children would not be left unprotected. The deal was that social services, DIF, would give classes to these children to teach the kids values and instruct them on their rights as workers. And the part of the markets would be to limit the times that these kids would be there, so that they would have time to go to school. And each market must have a person who is specifically in charge of these children,



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOE KLEIN

Empacadores in classroom session



who makes sure that they have their rights respected and that they don't work overtime and that they are fulfilling their other duties, like their schools and their homes."

Their duty at the stores is to bag groceries for the customers coming through the checkout line. But, so as not to violate the child-la-

bor laws, the *empacadores*, as the children are known, are not employees and not paid by the supermarkets. They work strictly for tips. "The government doesn't refer to it as work," Bedoya explains, "because that is illegal. It is illegal for a child to work in Mexico. So it is kind of a gray area, because if these kids do not work,

then their family probably will not eat. So we call it an activity.

"In the supermarket," he continues, "there is no chain of command with the children, so they are basically autonomous. They do have a person, employed by the store, looking after them. But the manager of the supermarket can't tell the kids, 'Okay, go sweep that aisle,' because these kids are in a certain way apart from the supermarket. They are not part of the work structure of the supermarket."

At the Otay Ley, on a Friday morning around 9:30, a dozen kids, evenly split by gender, averaging 12 years of age, stand at the checkstands. The boys wear navy blue slacks, white shirts, and solid blue ties. The girls wear navy blue pleated skirts and white blouses. Both boys and girls wear blue berets. Ley has 22 checkstands, but only 6 are open at this early hour. So two *empacadores* man each stand, taking turns packing the groceries. The customers, after paying their grocery bills, hand a few pesos to the children. "The clients have responded well to the program," says David Zarate, who supervises the *empacadores* program for all 12 Ley stores in Ensenada, Tijuana, and Mexicali. "They understand the reason for having them here,



Empacadores supervisor inspects formation

Fires move faster

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behaving in a way outside the realm of most firefighters' experience. When that happens, you have to take extraordi-

nary action."

Hawkins, 50, grew up near the Sierra Nevada mountains and has worked for the forest service since 1971. He has been in charge of the Cleveland National Forest for the past five years. His other as-

signments have included Sequoia, Sierra, Angeles, and the Shasta-Trinity National Forests. Hawkins spent much of June in Colorado, assisting with the firefighting effort. "I was there working on the fire when they arrested the

woman accused of starting it. I have to say that you're innocent until proven guilty, but all the circumstances point toward her being responsible for that fire. I have no comment on the Native-American in Arizona who

was arrested. I understand that he is a firefighter who works only when there are fires. Most of the federal agencies have a category of employee like that, but I don't have any facts on that case."

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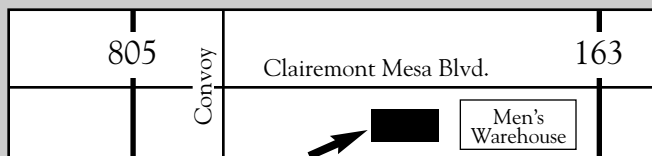
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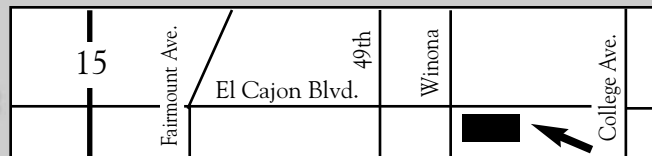
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The forest service, in Hawkins's view, does a good job of screening out potential arsonists from their ranks,

but some manage to slip through the cracks. "The primary thing is we screen people for past felony convictions, because arson is typically a felony. The problem is, we often don't receive the actual printout on their criminal

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The shock of his 32-year career came last year when Jim King, a firefighter from Ramona, was arrested for arson. "My own policy is that I

gather all the first-year firefighters in a room and warn them of all the great ways to end their careers — primarily sexual harassment and arson. Jim King never heard my speech, and that was the first incident of firefighter arson I

ever heard of in my career. We were suspicious when we had a couple of fires break out near one of our fire stations last summer, and we immediately placed the vicinity under surveillance. That came to a conclusion a few months ago with a conviction and a prison term of three years." King had no criminal record when he was hired as a firefighter.

"You can't just watch the movie *Backdraft* and take the movie as fact. There have been a few studies on the psychology behind it — particularly in the Southeast, where there have been a few arsons in the past. It's related primarily to being volunteers and wanting to be a hero in the eyes of the community. But out here in the West, there is no history of anything like that. There's a well-known case involving a fire inspector, John Orr, in the city of Glendale, that was concluded some years ago with a life sentence [Orr is the subject of Joseph Wambaugh's latest novel, *The Fire Lover: A True Story*]. He lit buildings on fire and set brushfires. He was writing a book, and a friend of his read a draft of it and realized that he was living his book. That's how they caught him."

No one knows exactly why fire seasons are getting longer and progressively worse, but Hawkins has a few theories. "Having prevented naturally occurring fires for the last century has been very harmful. It's generated a situation where there's just way too much dead vegetation out there to burn up that should have been removed in a past fire. That kind of messed up the natural cycle of fire."

The problem of "urban interface" with rural areas is also a continual problem for firefighters and one that is getting greater scrutiny from local governments. "There are new standards for brushfires going into effect in a lot of areas of the West," explains Hawkins. "San Diego County has recently passed an ordinance for 100-foot brush clearance, and the [Cleveland] national forest is going to that same level next year. We used to require you to clear 30 feet around your house, but that's not possible on small lots. It relates more to new developments and

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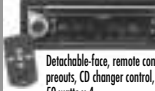
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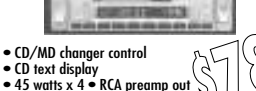


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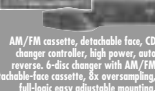
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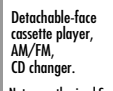
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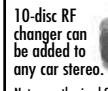


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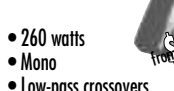


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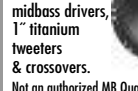


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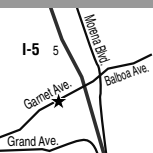
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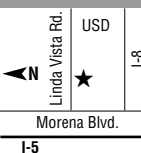
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Fires move faster

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other existing ones where it's possible to do it. The whole idea of urban interface is a huge misconception that the public is being fed by some people who aren't really experts. Urban interface is actually what you see driving up to L.A.: There's a solid area of development directly adjacent to a solid area of undevelopment, and that's the interface between the developed and the undeveloped, but now that's what people are calling any situation where there are houses in the brush. What that really is is called a 'wildland structural intermix,' and that's what makes fighting these fires so hard on us.

"The fire I just came back from near Castle Rock, Colorado, was a threat to 10,000 structures in 72 different communities. These are all little subdivisions that have been built out in the middle of the forest. When you look at San Diego County, there's been a move to prevent that from happening. That Duncan McFettridge guy has run a movement for years to prevent development of the San Diego backcountry. I think the point he was trying to make was, 'Don't let the private lands of East San Diego County all get converted into subdivisions.' They would have to be protected from brushfires, and that's a very hazardous brushfire area. In Colorado, the situation is worse, because there is so much private land interspersed within the national forest lands. That means they're interspersed with flammable vegetation. We've lost over 1000 homes just in the last month to wildfires in Colorado, Arizona, and California. The outlook is for much worse situations to develop."

The most immediate problem of rural brushfires is when a quick-moving fire endangers housing. Much of San Diego's rural housing is broken up into small portions or isolated altogether, as opposed to subdivisions. Protecting homes gets priority over containing the fire — tying up firefighters from stopping blazes early. "Fires move faster than the firefighters sometimes, as we saw at Vie-

jas a couple of years ago and in Fallbrook this spring. A house cannot defend itself without firefighters being there, and that's a mighty bad thing when you live in a county with millions of people, because with fast-moving

brushfires, you normally can't marshal enough fire engines quickly enough to put a fire engine at every house. When it comes to bad scenarios in this county, I can name a bunch of them. The fire can be eating up homes before the

first five fire engines even get into the area. We could be attacking the fire to put it out, but instead, we lose all of our strength protecting the homes. Of course, these fires get bigger, and some escape us and become huge."

Hawkins would not divulge the areas endangered by those scenarios, fearing that he would ultimately be held responsible should someone use that information to commit arson. "The homeowners groups read the

newspapers, and so do arsonists. If an arsonist is looking for a worst-case scenario, I'd sure hate to give it to him. I'm a public servant, and that would be bad public service to state where that would be." ■



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Blue berets

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and they treat the kids well. Also, we put up signs that you see as you walk into the store that explain why the kids in the blue berets are here and that they work solely for your tips.”

One would think a pack of 10- to 14-year-olds away from their parents’ supervision could be disastrous from a store-management perspective. But Zarate says he hasn’t seen many problems with the children in his stores. “We’ve had a few,” he says, “but nothing major. And we don’t fire the kids if there’s a problem. We sus-

pend them for an hour.”

Delgado admits to getting distracted by a friend while working from time to time. “And sometimes the customers get mad if I’m a little distracted...or if they don’t like the way I packed a bag. But most of the time they treat me well.”

According to Zarate, Ley doesn’t receive any tax breaks or incentives from the government for taking part in the program. “We were told about the program in 1994, and we voluntarily decided to be part of it,” he says. “We feel very good about the program and about providing a way to help these kids.”

Zarate concedes that the

store benefits financially because “We would have to hire people to do the work the children are doing.” But that benefit is offset by the fact that Ley pays an employee in each store to be devoted solely to coordinating the *empacadores* and pays Zarate himself to coordinate the whole program.

Six mornings a week, Delgado takes a five-peso taxi ride from his home a couple of miles away to start work on time at 8:00 a.m. He works until noon, then returns home for lunch before heading to school. The four-hour shift is the maximum allowed by DIF. How much money he makes in one shift, he says, “depends

a lot on the day. I average about 40 pesos [about \$4.50] a day. But Saturdays and Sundays are better than weekdays. On a good Saturday or Sunday I can make 150 pesos [\$16.50]. And on the 15th and 30th of the month I know it’s going to be a good day because everybody has just gotten paid.” With a broad grin, he boasts that, after three years bagging groceries, he can spot the good tippers as they walk up to the register. He says he gives “the major part” of the money he makes to his mother and keeps the rest to spend on school supplies.

Zarate says that Ley has hired a number of former

empacadores after they reach legal working age. “If one of the kids turns 16 and asks for a paying job here, he’s going to receive preference over other applicants because he was part of the program.”

But, as much as he says he likes bagging groceries for tips, Delgado quickly answers no when asked if he’d like to come back to Ley and work in the grocery business when he reaches 16. “I want to stay in school and become an architect or a computer programmer.”

Bedoya says stories like Delgado’s are what DIF hopes to accomplish with the *empacadores* program. Without the program, he

believes, a child like Delgado would likely be “on the street begging for money, washing windows, selling Chiclets, looking for some way to make money.”

And once in the situation of trying to make money on the street, Bedoya says teenagers in Tijuana, especially boys, are turning to prostitution with increasing frequency. Instead, Bedoya says, children like Delgado are helping their families and themselves financially without having to leave school. “And they become responsible,” he adds. “They learn the value of work, and they learn to be more careful with their things and their money.” ■

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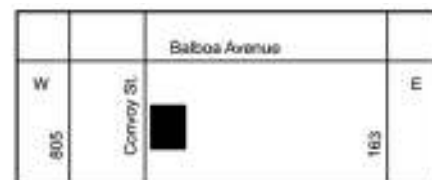
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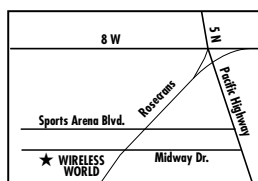
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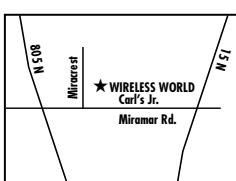
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Hi, Matt:

I am a fearful flyer, and I heard there are ships that you can take from the West Coast through Panama and on to the East Coast and Europe, which is where I want to go. Is this true? I've looked everywhere on the net and can't find any info about ships other than the Queen Elizabeth (\$8000 round trip). What's the story?

— Cinizia Ellero, San Diego

Exactly how fearful are you? This could be the test. Once upon a time, people took boats to get across oceans because there were no planes. The point of the trip was the destination, not the voyage. The voyage consisted of throwing up, sharing bunk space with goats, and eating mildewed bread. Today, the voyage is the point. Cruise ships are floating resorts with enough food to revive a starving nation. And you end up at the same port where you started out. In the modern age, airplanes are where we share space with goats and eat mildewed bread.

I'd guess the ships you're talking about are freighters, not cruise ships like the *Queen Liz*. There are nice enough basic accommodations and food for paying passengers on ships that haul freight all over the world. You could probably assemble a subluxurious ocean itinerary from L.A. to Liverpool for about a third the cost of a cruise ship. On the down side, though, a freighter usually accommodates only three or four passengers, so waiting lists are the norm. And you'll make lots and lots of port calls en route. Because cargo is more important than passengers, if the captain gets a new load in mid-voyage, you might spend an extra week on board so he can deliver it, and there's no guarantee you'll end up where you expected if the ship is rerouted. But if you have patience, big wads of time, plenty of good books, and a sense of adventure, freighter travel might be for you. Find specialty booking agents on the net.

But let me guess, Cinizia — you don't really fit the freighter profile. Which kind of blows your European vacation out of the water. So what the elves and I recommend is that you take all the money you saved by not going on the *QE*, sign up at one of the phobia clinics in town, and let them ease you out of your air terrors. Then you can take advantage of such perks as flying free to Europe as an air courier, which beats eight large spent on a cruise ship or three months on a freighter. Air-courier information can also be found on the net. Hey, we're serious about this. Ya can't take the bus. Bon voyage.

Matthew:

I've got two calendars. One says Thanksgiving this year is November 28. The other says it's November 21. Which is right? The calendar that says it's November 21 this year says it's on November 20 next year. When is Thanksgiving next year?

— Confused Gobbler, the net

Yikes! Whered'ja get that November 21 dud? The Fourth of July's in June, right? We foolishly believed that Thanksgiving is always the fourth Thursday in November, but come to find out it's really on whatever day the president says it is. One of the prez's duties, in addition to sparing the life of the White House turkey in front of assembled cameras and microphones, is to declare when we will celebrate Thanksgiving each year. So if George in that wiseacre frat-boy, haw-haw Texas way of his decides to throw Macy's a curve and declare December 1 Thanksgiving Day, he seems to have that power. Stay tuned.

AM/PM's Just a Minimart to Me

An anonymous contributor submitted the following, re 12 a.m., 12 p.m., noon, and midnight: *You say noon is noon and midnight is midnight. There's no 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 a.m. Well, noon is 12 a.m., m being meridian, but there certainly is a 12:00 a.m. and a 12:00 p.m., and they're both midnight. Twelve a.m. is 12 hours ante meridian, 12 hours before noon of the coming day. And midnight is also 12:00 p.m., 12 hours after noon of the day that is just coming to an end.*

And as if that's not enough, consider this from "Timeless of San Diego": *As I understand it, what you're saying is that neither noon nor midnight exist in time at all. That if we use our Popiel Time-O-Matic to divide the seconds into ever smaller pieces trying to find that elusive point in time during which noon occurs, what we find in fact is that time is pointless and noon never "occurs." We can only determine that it is 11:59 a.m. and some billionths or trillionths of a second before noon or 12:00 p.m. and some billionths or trillionths of a second after noon. That time has length, but no breadth. In which case, the irritation of [the person who asked the question] with those who err in the AM/PM way may have been pacified by you letting your readers know that 12:00 p.m. indicates any point in time after that timeless moment we call noon, the earliest moments of the beginning of the second half of your day.*

Hmmm. Huh? Um, yeah. I'm not gonna argue.

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

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Still Number One

How long is the setup time once you park it?" I'm yelling to a man who is walking on the roof of a new, mammoth, 40-foot RV.

"Once it's parked, you hit a button and you're done. That's all there is to it." The man on the roof is looking for a way to unfold the RV's awning. "If you're motor-home challenged, it takes a little longer."

Welcome to the Silver Strand State Park, a David Westerfield-selected campground, located four miles south of Coronado on Highway 75. If you have a self-contained RV, bus, or camper, you, and as many of your no-good friends as can fit into your motorized bunkhouse, can stay here for 12 bucks per night. In return you get beachfront. I mean ocean-lapping, nothing-between-you-and-the-blue-Pacific but-sand beachfront. I have come to research RV sports and the people who play them.

I shout up to the man, "Where are you from?"

"Orange County."

"What sports do you play in RV world?"

"Drink, eat, sleep."

"Carry on." I nod good-bye and continue walking the line, RVs on my left and right. I've often thought about buying an RV until I look at one up close. That's when I see, in big, blood-red letters, the word *Maintenance*. I don't see open roads and blue highways, I see me, lying on my back, looking up at a dripping crankcase.

"Almost bought one of these." I'm talking to a red-headed young male, who, at present, has his head under a 1970s Winnebago.

The man grunts. Pressing on, "How did you hear about this park?" I note the Winnebago has Arizona plates.

"I have an aunt in San Diego. It's a good deal, \$12."

"How do you like the RV?"

"Well, I've had this for almost a year and a half and I've only put in one transmission."

Indeed. "Let's talk about beach sports."

By the way, this is said with gusto.

The man slowly pulls his head from beneath the RV's undercarriage, motor oil and sweat dripping from his face, his expression showing genuine loathing.

Moving on. The park feels from another age...say, a small town in 1941 Iowa. I walk past one RV and another and another. Doors are unlocked. Outside, next to the RVs, are tables, chairs, benches, bicycles, grills, rugs, coolers, and radios. Everything is unattended.

"We have an antique shop, Quality Elegant Junk, in Moreno Valley, Highway 62, above Palm Springs."

Speaking is Charlie Schneider. I'd guess he's in his 70s. He's tall, has thick white hair, and a formidable white mustache. I ask, "How did you find out about this park?"

"Right next door," Charlie points to a neighboring Pace Arrow, "is Sandy Smith. She lives in Imperial Beach. We've known her from Ramona Ocean Canyon Resort. She told us, 'Well, come on down, we'll spend a week at the beach.'"

"What are your beach sports?"

"Swim a little bit, ride bicycle. Somebody said there are 30 miles of bike trail around here."

This is, by far, the most athletically inclined camper I've met today. I regard a 27-foot, 1983 Fleetwood. Charlie says, "Paid \$12,000 for it, a little over Blue Book, but it had a lot of things done to it. Runs like a champ."

They all run like champs. "I've been thinking about buying one, but every time I get serious, I think about how the pig will cost me multiple thousands of dollars as soon I take possession. Have you had any trouble with yours?"

"No. A couple blowouts caused some trouble, but that was our fault for not understanding how much air we needed."

I am given a tour and introduced to Mrs. Schneider. Later on, Gloria will tell me about the time they were stuck for three weeks waiting on parts and how Charlie spent three days in 112 degrees installing the parts once they arrived.

Moving on. "I like the chair." This is said

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San Diego Chargers	22 to 1
Cincinnati Bengals	35 to 1
Houston Texans	75 to 1

to three young men; Derrick, Bryan, and Damian. Damian is sitting in a recliner next to an enormous RV. I inquire, "How long have you been coming here?"

"Fifteen years. I first came down with my grandma and grandpa."

And now—tah-dah!—we come to the number-one summertime beach sport. "Fellas, if I was your age, and I had a gorgeous RV, and I was parked here, had my buddies with me, everything ready to go, the first thing I would think, is, 'Where are the women?' I mean, lads, I hope I'm not the first one to tell you this, but an RV campground is not a good place to find women."

Someone says, "We saw two this morning."

I wince. "How are you going to deal with this appalling lack of youthful femininity? I assume you'll be going to town in the evenings?"

"No, we're going to mellow out." Damian waves to the barbeque, tables, chairs, food, drink, and toys beyond my capacity to count, "We build it and they will come."

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SHEEP AND GOATS

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Denomination: Association of Reform Baptists
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Year founded: 1996
Senior pastor: Reverend Gene Cook
Congregation: 75 members
Staff: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 15
Annual budget: \$90,000
Weekly giving: \$1700
Singles program: inactive
Diversity: white, African-American, Pacific Islander,
Hispanic
Dress: casual to dressy
Services: Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m.

station KPRZ. Six years ago he established Unchained
Christian Church, a Reform Baptist congregation
that meets in the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center
gymnasium.

"I don't think," he told me, "that our church
is ever going to be a very large one. That's not our
purpose."

Last Sunday morning, well before the ser-
vice, Filipinos, African-Americans, Hispanics, Rus-
sians, and white Americans rattled about the gym-
nasium. They fiddled with the sound system. They
arranged rows of chairs. They arranged potted
trees around the rows of chairs. When new faces
appeared at the door, two or three church mem-
bers hustled over to shake hands and introduce
themselves.

When the service started, the songs these peo-
ple sang were mostly of the repetitive evangelical vari-
ety. But in keeping with Calvinist modesty, the
"praise choir" and band performed at the rear of the
gymnasium, unseen by the congregation. When
the hymns were at long last over, Reverend Cook,
in a tailored gray suit, strode to the podium.

Reverend Cook grounded his sermon — "He

Was Crucified, Dead, and
Buried" — in the book
of John. Riffing back and
forth between Old and
New Testaments, he
explained why the Cru-
cifixion was the "Good
News at its most basic
form."

"Last week some of
us went out and did some
evangelization in Balboa
Park. We talked with
many different people,
shared the Gospel with
them. One of the indi-
viduals with whom we
spoke was a scientist. He
said he might be able to
envision someone sur-
viving death, coming back
from the dead, but only
if the person returned to
a dimension other than
this one. And I asked him
where would be the com-
fort in that?

"What would have
been the significance of
Jesus' death if he had not
been resurrected on this
Earth? Because the point
of Christ's death was that
he returned to tell us that
through him we are spared
the Second Death, the
Judgment of God."

Public discussion of religious matters is some-
thing Reverend Cook seeks out. At least twice a
year he debates one local pastor or another, assert-
ing the Reform view on such issues as the Trinity,
salvation, the salvational efficacy of baptism, and
even the existence of God. On July 27, Reverend
Cook and several members of his congregation
plan to be in Balboa Park for the Gay Pride Parade.

"But we're not going to be there in an in-
your-face way. We're not there protesting the event.
We're just going to be there, mingling among the
crowd, sharing the Gospel with people in a con-
versational fashion."

As a serious Calvinist, Reverend Cook is skit-
tish about coercion.

"I of course don't have a problem telling peo-
ple, when it comes down to it, that if they die with-
out Christ they will face Judgment. But I'm not
out there to save people. Only God can save peo-
ple. Here at our church we wouldn't even give an
altar call. That's too much of an emphasis on the
sinner, and not on God."

— Abe Opincar



REVEREND GENE COOK

Unchained Christian Church
Kearny Mesa
★★★

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

Poor to satisfactory.....(none)
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Reverend Cook has
ditched his Speedos and
Paula Abdul cassettes.
Last Sunday afternoon,
after the 10:00 a.m. ser-
vice at his Kearny Mesa church, I watched Reverend
Cook present to his congregation the names of 13
prospective new members. Each one, he explained,
had completed a ten-week course on church doc-
trine. He said one young man in particular, a for-
mer Jehovah's Witness, had spent many long nights
with him discussing theology. "Something I love
to do."

Several weeks ago, when I first talked with Rev-
erend Cook, he explained that when he became a
Christian he attended an evangelical church.

"But I gradually came to realize that evangelicals
tended to stress that Satan, not God, was in con-
trol of the earth. In my view, evangelicals mini-
mized God's sovereignty. There was also a very
strong tendency to center worship around marketing,
around appealing to popular needs and tastes.
There was an emphasis on numerical growth and
retaining church members at whatever cost."

Reverend Cook started reading Calvinist the-
ologian Charles Spurgeon. He began listening to
the "White Horse Inn," a nationally syndicated
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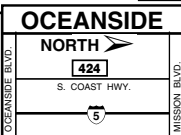
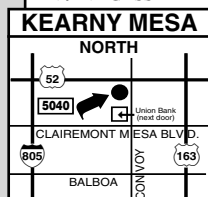
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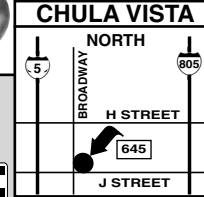
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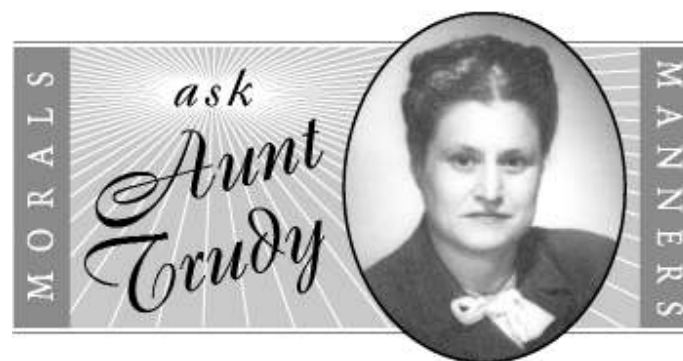
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My son, who is about to enter college in the fall, is very interested in criminology. He devours books on the subject and wants to take classes to prepare for a career in the field. Though his mother and I have been divorced since he was little and share custody, he's always been a good student, and we've never had any serious trouble with him. I have to say, he's been pretty trustworthy and responsible. Lately I've learned, to my surprise and dismay, that he's been corresponding with an inmate at a California prison. When I asked him why on earth he would want to write to and get letters from a convicted criminal, he said, "Dad, you know I'm interested in criminology, and we wrote letters to prisoners as part of a sociology project in high school. I just kept up the correspondence after the project was over. It's fascinating. No big deal." I checked and found out that his remark about this having originated as a high school project was true. But I still don't like this correspondence. It makes me uneasy. I don't want to interfere with Donald's avid interest in a legitimate career field. Do you think this jailed pen pal thing is dangerous? So far I have curtailed my reactions. Should I tell my son to quit writing to this incarcerated guy because as his dad it gives me the willies, or just keep an eye on the situation but leave him be?

NERVOUS SAN CARLOS DAD

Dear Nervous,

How about discussing your concerns with your son? Time for a father-son heart-to-heart. Would he allow you to monitor this correspondence, so that if it starts to take a strange turn, you two can deal with whatever problems arise together? If he shares his pen pal's letters with you, not only will you be able to keep informed about what's going on, but also it would be a great way of sharing one of your son's interests. You characterize your son as a mature, responsible young man. Communicate to him your assessment of him as trustworthy and grown up. Let him know that your uneasiness about this letter exchange has nothing to do with your faith in him, which is strong and well-founded. Your queasiness arises because you don't know this jailed stranger and the terrible misfortunes he's been through and the toll they've taken on him as a human. You worry, therefore, that even though your son's a stellar citizen, the correspondence could have unforeseen consequences. Tell your son that you're not trying to tell him what to do but just want to help him "keep an eye on the situation," as you put it, and maintain a cautious stance toward his correspondent. You can commend his compassion in corresponding with a prisoner (Oscar Wilde, Martin Luther King Jr., and

many other notable people have done jail time), while at the same time expressing your concerns about your son's keeping this epistolary relationship within certain bounds. Good luck. You sound like you are able to respect your son's burgeoning independence and balance his need to make his own decisions with your need to make sure he's not getting himself into hot water.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I am unhappy because I have a lot of embarrassing scars on my legs, and consequently I cannot wear a skirt or shorts because they show. I have a boyfriend for the first time in quite a while. Now that the weather is hot, he really wants to go to the beach for the weekend, but I keep putting him off because I can't stand the idea of my awful scars being on display. I make excuses, but I have done this so many times I think he is getting depressed and annoyed with me. I don't want to tell him my real reason for refusing. I love him, but I don't know what to do about this problem. I've tried lots of methods of camouflaging the scars, but nothing works. I hope you can advise me.

HIDING MY LEGS IN
LINDA VISTA

Dear Hiding,

I'm so sorry self-consciousness about scarring on your legs has made you a prisoner in your clothes. Please consult a doctor right away to find out what can be done, if anything, to make the scars less noticeable. Try your family doctor (or a general practitioner or family practice doctor) who can refer you to a specialist like a dermatologist or a plastic surgeon if appropriate. Many of us have physical characteristics we find chagrining, but such things are nothing to be ashamed of. Presumably your boyfriend loves you for your glowing soul and knows that beauty is more than skin deep.

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Sidewalk Employment Agency

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This is my third day of trying to get workers at three different locations in North County to talk to me. At the far end of the Home Depot parking lot, just off Leucadia Boulevard, as many as 30 men will be gathered along a fence, squatting, leaning, milling, and eating. Occasionally a vehicle rolls slowly past — usually a pickup truck or a van with the name of a landscaping company, cement contractor, or nursery (though more often, the van, SUV, whatever, will bear no commercial markings) — and the driver will extend a hand displaying fingers for the number of workers he needs. None of these employers will talk to me — I didn't expect them to. The workers are less paranoid and will talk, albeit warily, up to a point. That point is usually when I produce the tape recorder or camera.

I am driven to that measure after about half an hour of loitering, wearing a baseball cap that says "Dietrich Corporation General Engineering Contractors," which I picked up at the Salvation Army thrift store. I sport a few days' growth of beard, with a long, full mustache, and T-shirt, jeans, and sneakers. I don't wear my prescription sunglasses because hardly any of these Latino guys wear them — except some of the younger ones — and I hope to fool no one among the hopeful workers; to them, I look like Newt Gingrich. But I am hoping to *pass* with some local suburbanite looking for a gardener or a bricklayer or someone to chop the bamboo roots out of the yard to make way for the new gazebo and barbecue area. In other words, someone white and clueless, to whom Italians, Mexicans, and probably Middle Easterners and Jews all look alike.

The third location I try — after being good-naturedly dismissed by the Home Depot franchise of day-labor pools — is on Encinitas Boulevard east of I-5, at the gas station at Calle Magdalena. These guys are from states in southern Mexico, like Chiapas, and wear straw ranchero hats. Their skin is wrinkly suede or relief maps of dry riverbeds and unpaved back roads. They hardly speak at all. I am told by one of the Tijuanaenses that a fruit shipper whose foreman is also from southern Mexico always hires these men.

Laureano Díaz Velazco is 70 years old. None of the groups want him in their midst. An old one is unlikely to get hired, and the others distance themselves, like Japanese businessmen in the company of a CEO who has lost face after a failed merger deal. Díaz's only crime is the passage of time and old ways. Díaz has a green card — a work visa, or *papeles*. He has had it for 12 years and has worked in Texas and Las Vegas. When he was young he owned a bracero card, those work passports that FDR's administration began issuing to Mexican workers during WWII in order to fill jobs left vacant as Americans went overseas to fight Hitler and Tojo. When asked if he speaks English, he says, "Pretty good." Turns out, those two words are pretty much his whole repertoire and he proceeds to speak in *rápido* Spanish. Too fast for me, but I get the gist. He wants me to hire him for gardening, painting, or janitorial work. At all of these jobs he is "pretty good." He makes a flabby *músculo* of his right biceps. I expect him to drop and give me ten one-armed push-ups like Jack Palance at the Oscars. I give him some money just to talk to me, tell me his *historia*. He takes the bills but eyes me curiously. He's never been hired just to talk before.

"¿Porqué?" he asks me, and I tell him I am an *escritor*. He nods, satisfied.

A man named Luciano keeps following me around. He is happy and free with Spanish sexual references to women and their body parts, positively chatty, but not with work skills or job histories. I'm not sure why he feels he can share such rabid,





macho sexuality with a gringo, a complete stranger, but at least he's talking. Eventually he walks down the road, beneath the overpass of I-5, and toward the mini-mall.

The elderly Díaz then resumes his story. He is telling me that up until six years ago he was blind and walked with a white cane. He was healed at a revival meeting in Texas and saw "the light of God" (*la luz de Dios*). His mother was also cured of some indefinite malady against which all medicine was powerless. They were both washed from their heads to their waists in river water. He falls to his knees in front of me, makes the sign of the cross, and draws a numeral nine in the dirt. "It was at nine o'clock in the morning that my sight returned. It is my lucky number. I charge nine dollars an hour. I can see perfectly." He turns his face up to me and his eyes are tired, moist with emotional recollection, and milky with traces of cataracts. To my relief he gets off his knees and paces slowly. He gestures for me to sit on a hollowed-out palm tree stump and listen. He tells me God was "a white hand" and that his brothers witnessed the healing but saw no God. He shows me a crude scapular necklace of stitched suede, brown with pale thread in the shape

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of a shield and crucifix. It is well-thumbed and filthy.

Fascinating as his story may be, I can see why the others consider him daft and bad luck, relegating him to exile by the pay phone and palm stumps on the east side of I-5.

The key to getting work on North County's street corners and off-ramps is patience; exhibiting nuttiness is bad form. When it comes to patience, these guys are like monks compared to most Americans, who can't stand or sit still for more than three minutes in a row without making a cell phone call, rushing off to buy and consume something, or expending a \$2 gallon of gas to drive to Starbucks for a \$4.50 double decafé/half caffè latte mocha caramel Frappuccino. What the guys around me on the sidewalks west of I-5 and on the grassy banks rising above them are doing is talking with each other in low voices, sometimes with laughter, some of them eating, many of them reading.

Now, these guys know as well as the Home Depot platoon that I am as Mexican or Central American as Pat Boone, but they show me what they are reading: comic books, *novelas*.

I look over at the middle-aged but fit-looking Escalante. His reading material is a fully illustrated story, about the size of a CD case. It is called *Delmonico's Erotika* with the lead story, "Sanaciones Profundas y Húmedas." Coupled with the cover illustration of a large-breasted, naked blonde wearing rubber gloves, sitting on the chest of a man, also naked, at least his chest, and with a bandaged head, I get the idea. On occasions when I've been in a hospital, sex was probably the last thing on my mind, but human sexuality is a wondrous thing, to say the least. Escalante offers me another novella he has finished. This one looks good. It is called *La Novela Policiaca: Diamantes Malditos*. It seems to be an African-adventure thing. About cops and evil diamonds? Clearly it is time to refresh my Spanish. I've been at a huge disadvantage here for days.

A truck pulling up interrupts my attempt at the opening scene of the novella. Four workers separate from three others in their group. They appear to have recognized the vehicle. The driver doesn't bother to signal with fingers, or in any other way. He nods a curt hello. He knows the four men. The truck is white and dusty. No exchange of

words is evident as the men from Mexico climb into the bed of the truck, one in the cab next to the driver. The truck pulls away at a leisurely pace, on its way down Encinitas Boulevard. The driver, a man with sunglasses and a shaved head, one tattooed arm out the window, again nods a cursory recognition to other men.

I ask Escalante where they are going. "Cardiff, I think." "What do they do?"

It takes me a full minute to translate his answer. He helps with hand gestures and drawings in the dirt, rectangles and straight lines. I get it. The men will be installing rebars and cinder block at a construction site.

Another 15 minutes pass and it seems like an hour. I am the only one exhibiting boredom or impatience. I return to my Spanish lesson.

The first panel, in what is — I don't care what else they call it — a comic book, depicts a black man, shirtless, digging a trench with a pickax. "*Hombres miserables trabajan en condiciones infames bajo el calcinante sol africano.*" Jesus, I'm almost hopeless, but I roughly translate, "Miserable men work in infernal? flaming hot? no, infamous conditions, eh, something about rocks or stone...beneath the African sun." I congratulate myself on getting the sense of it, but my back is killing me. I've been sitting cross-legged on this grass bank for less than an hour. God help me if some dumb gringo actually hires me to work.

I look over at another of these literary gems sticking out of Escalante's back pocket and I can read the title: *¡¡Perra Brava!! Era lesbiana y marcaba la carne que se queria comer.* Oh brother, "Brave Dogs? Age of lesbians?" That can't be right. I can see a mean-looking chick wielding a pair of scissors in the illustration, but this is no help. Since not even Escalante will talk to me for more than a minute anymore, I use the time to concentrate, to see if I can retrieve memories of the high school Spanish I slept through and the street Spanglish of the Mexican surfers I used to live next door to down at K-38, back in '87, before the condos were built there. Okay, *brava* can mean *brave* or *defiant*; *perra*...let's see, yeah, it's a female dog, or a bitch. So he's reading "Defiant Bitches!" The rest is something about branding the flesh you want to eat? With scissors?

I've been here at the mini-mall, or over at Home Depot or Calle Magdalena, since 7:30. It is now 9:30. Escalante tells me he expects to be here until 11:00 a.m. before he gives up, but some guys will stay longer — as long as it takes.

I'm beginning to feel like Dian Fossey among the mountain gorillas (and if you take that as a racist statement — don't; I'm not saying these men are gorillas, okay?). I must insinuate my presence among them slowly, respectfully (if not actually keeping my head lower than theirs) until they get used to me, decide I'm no *la migra*, no competition, and no threat. A young laborer named Don tells me that gringos sometimes come out here looking for work too.

"Sometimes, yes, they get the work, but not too much. They don't want to do too many things. They're not the best workers so they don't come back because everybody knows and they don't get hired no more. One Anglo guy was a good mechanic and a plumber. He died. *Drogas.*"

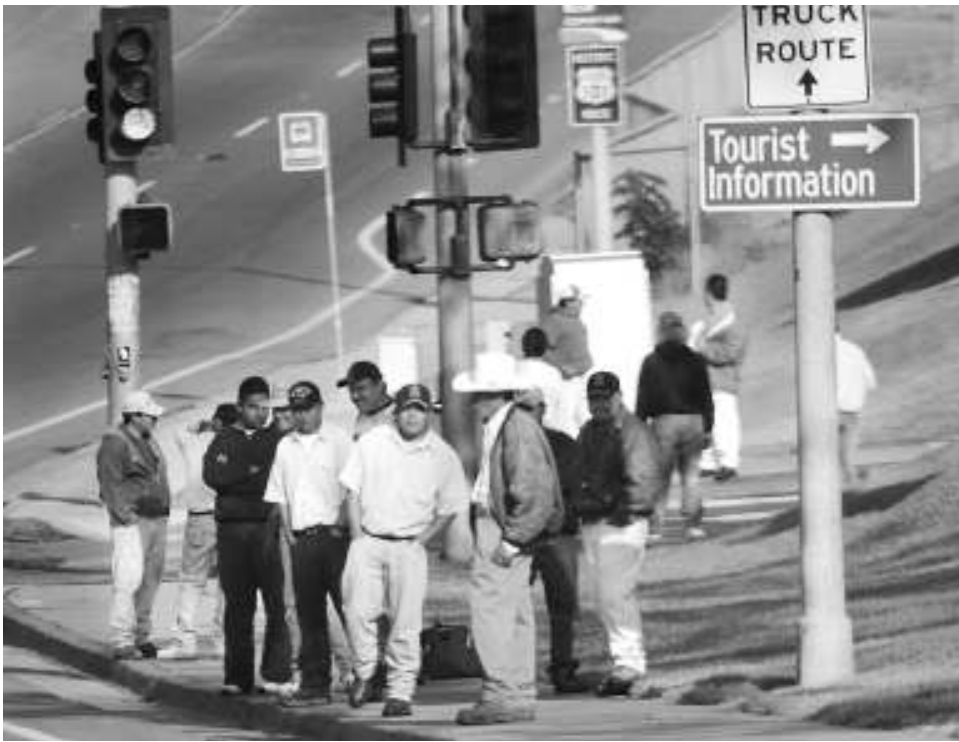
Speaking of plumbers, I meet the sole representative this morning of the Cuban contingent. His name is Leo, and when he calls himself a "piper," it turns out he means plumber. He wears a black cowboy hat, and his face is scarred from acne or maybe chicken pox. The older day workers (Guatemalans, Oaxacans, etc.) don't let him into their circle. Being Cuban is a very different deal, and they're not quite sure what to make of him. A group of young Tijuanaenses isn't so fussy. These kids are all under 20 and Leo is probably in his early 40s, but the border kids have, possibly, a more blurred or soft-focused sense of nationalism and separatism. Leo comes here seven days a week but works an average of only three days. He asks nine dollars an hour, but usually accepts only seven or eight. He says he pays taxes, that his papers expired but he has had them renewed. "If you have a green card, you have to pay taxes," he points out. He then adds that he misses Cuba.

"At first I couldn't wait to get to the United States. It seemed everything I liked was here. But now I'm here and everything is so expensive. At home in Cuba you work eight hours a day in a factory and make \$250 a week, and here it is a little better, but the rent here is too much, and

gasoline and food.” Leo has been here for four and a half years, and his sentiments have changed. “I don’t like the U.S. anymore. I love my country, Cuba. I don’t love Castro and the politics, but I want to go back in the future when I can save the money, but it’s hard to save money here.”

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Businesses are now opening in the mini-mall. I see a guy unlock a kind of Mail Boxes Etc. store where you can buy containers, send a fax, rent P.O. boxes, that kind of thing. I walk over and introduce myself. I am momentarily pleased at the look I get, which is like, “What does this shabby dude from Honduras want with me?” You can fool some of the people some of the time. His name is Dave and he seems relieved when I speak to him in the impeccable Chicago English of Dennis Franz.



Corner of I-5 off-ramp and Encinitas Boulevard

Dave has been at this location for seven years, and I ask him if he has any comments or opinions about the men outside, hanging around looking

for work.

“You have to be more specific in your question, otherwise it will take me six months.”

“Are you rooting for

them to get a job? Do you want them to just go away? Do they hurt business at all?”

“They hurt business. Not necessarily mine, but

a lot of people are afraid to go ‘up the gauntlet,’ it’s called. It’s a lot better now than it used to be. They used to line each side, and if you even blinked at them, they’d jump in your car. So women and a lot of men wouldn’t drive in here because going up the gauntlet was a disaster. We spent a lot of money through the [private security] guard to keep them on the public street and off the private street.”

I look out the window and see 11 men on the sidewalks. I guess that’s okay with Dave.

“One of the guards earlier,” I say, “was telling me they will sometimes chase after cars, knock on the doors and the windows, the roofs or hoods, stuff like that.”

“Well, I don’t know about that. I don’t have time to go look. I’ve had women who’ve driven

trucks in here with their small children and they come around the corner and they [workers] will jump in the car, and the women will slam on their brakes and yell and scream because they don’t want anybody in their vehicle. That was years ago. That hasn’t happened lately. We [the mall business association] spend thousands and thousands of dollars [on security] to keep them out there.”

A customer, Diane, whom Dave seems to know, comes into the shop. I ask her if she’d mind offering her opinion about the work hopefuls lining the gauntlet outside.

“I always wave, they’re friendly. I give them food sometimes,” Diane says and leaves with her mail.

“You need to research your facts, maybe,” Dave chides me. “You see, they have territories. The Mex-



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icans are in one place, the Guatemalans are in another place..." He trails off as if he has exhausted his knowledge of Central American geography. "When I came into this center seven years ago, there was a dead man with a knife in his gut, right here on the corner, 15 feet that way." He gestures out the window. "There were prostitutes in the back of the building, Mexican prostitutes, oh yeah. Three minutes, ten bucks. The line would form for these girls, and there would be lots of people in the line. It's so much better now. They have rules they can live with, and we have rules that we can live with. Basically, the guards make the difference. In fact, the skateboarders are now more of a problem than the Mexicans. We deal with the Mexicans — or Guatemalans, really — and then the skateboarders in the afternoon.

The skateboarders do more damage..." Here Dave goes off on a bit of a rant on skateboarders and I try to appear attentive, but I surreptitiously thumb the tape recorder off.

I steer him back to the labor hopefuls outside, and he wants to clear up a misconception right here and now. "Some people think they are way underpaid, \$2 or \$4 an hour, and they're doing hard labor. Well, they're asking \$15 — they usually get \$10 to \$12 — and they work half days and they get fed. The bad workers never get picked up. If you find workers there past nine or ten o'clock, they're the bad workers. The good ones get here at 6:30 or 7:00 in the morning, and they get picked up like crazy. They're getting paid good. There've been a lot of Anglo-Saxon people coming down here to get work, because they get



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paid good. I've seen guys like you spend a couple of days down here, and when they get a job, they're amazed at what people pay.

"Some of the Mexi-

cans or Guatemalans drive here, they rent a room together, and share a car. It costs them a hundred bucks apiece for the room, and there are four or five guys

in the room. Their expenses aren't that high and they only work three days a week, but they get paid 10 to 12 bucks an hour — and they get fed!"

I can't escape the impression that Dave envies these guys or that possibly he is suggesting that I leave the dirty racket I'm in and jump on board this gravy train down the sidewalk.

I walk back down among guys I haven't tried talking to yet. Some are from Tijuana, or so they say; one guy says Puebla, another says Tepic. They're friendly enough and after a little joking banter about my *pinche español*, I ask them about *la migra* and if they have papers. They say Immigration comes around every couple of weeks, sometimes more often, but it is no problem for them — they have papers. I then ask the rude question, "What do they look like? Can I see?" None of them produces so much as a Mexican library card. The only genuine papers I've seen belonged to Díaz, the old guy who was miraculously

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healed of blindness. I change the subject.

A tough-looking man, maybe 45, named Rafael seems willing to talk to me as I offer him \$5 and maybe something at Wendy's. He says he isn't hungry, and my \$5 doesn't buy me much conversation. His English is like my Spanish. I ask him where he is from and he tells me Guadalajara. I ask him how long he has been here, in the United States, and he says, "A long time." Okay, so I ask him how he got here, and he says, "Aero Mexico to Tijuana." Any problem getting across the border? He purses his lips as if to indicate minor inconveniences but finally says, "No. No problem." I have heard this from nearly everyone I ask, and I will hear it many times again. "Do you get much work here?"

"Yes, I am a good worker: carpenter, bricks, cement,

electricity, landscaping."
"Where do you live here?"
"Oceanside, an *apartamento con amigos*."
"How many friends

live in your apartment?"
"Sometimes two or three. Sometimes more."
"How many more?"
He laughs and turns his head, then back at me.

"I don't know."
Trying again to get at the length of his stay or residency in the United States, I ask him if he has family in Guadalajara. "All of my

family is there," he says with an unhappy expression.

"You send them money." It isn't a question; it is an assumption.

"Yes."
"Wife? Children?"
"Yes. Yes." He is just about at the end of what my five bucks buys.

"When was the last time you saw them?"
Again he turns his face away, lifts his straw cowboy hat off his head, and runs his sleeves over his forehead and eyes, as if wiping away sweat, although it is a cool, overcast morning. When he turns back he is silent, his eyes are moist. Great. Here is a man who looks like he could tear the lungs out of a Doberman with one hand, and I've just made him cry. "Never mind. Thank you, Rafael."

I read more newspapers than usual while sitting cross-legged on the

grass on Encinitas Boulevard. They are an alternative to the illustrated Spanish novellas, and I'm making little headway through *Lou Carrigan: WANTED: Oeste legendario*.

Two men, white, are standing on the narrow island on Encinitas Boulevard, about a quarter mile distant from each other along the strip. They are selling newspapers to commuters who come off the freeway and stop at the lights. A few days ago I bought the *U-T* from one of them. A headline caught my eye: "INS TO SPEED SPECIAL WORK VISAS FOR AN EXTRA \$1,000: Fees will boost services, hiring; critics fear program favors rich."

This was from the New York Times News Service and was by Eric Schmitt. The lead text read: "WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization



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"In a pilot program aimed at raising money to reduce the years of waiting for other immigration services, the agency will process certain work visas within 15 days instead of in two months or more, the current standard." According to several workers I speak with, it generally takes much longer than two months. But here's another interesting sentence. "Of the \$80 million in fees expected, \$20 million will be used to hire 450 workers to process all types of

petitions. The money will also be used to buy computers and finance antifraud efforts."

So they'll be rounding up those fraudulent asparagus pickers in the Imperial Valley? Maybe there will be money left over to bust those welfare mothers driving Cadillacs while the Soviet Union bides its time playing possum and Star Wars goes begging.

I wander down the sidewalk and consider getting on a bus, calling it a day. I decide to walk to the terminal, maybe a half-mile west. Along the way, I pick up a yellowing newspaper scrap on the sidewalk. It is the *Union-Tribune*, and it is a couple of weeks old. On the front page, in an

Associated Press wire story by a Giovanna Dell'Orto, I read, "12 IMMIGRANTS DIE OF EXPOSURE TO HEAT CROSSING ARIZONA DESERT. Twelve

"The woman, weakened from hours of walking in the desert heat with no food and almost no water, told her father she had seen dead relatives coming to her in visions."

illegal immigrants died in the Arizona desert after crossing the border from Mexico, and rescuers searched last night for others who might be stranded in temperatures that

climbed as high as 115 degrees, the Border Patrol said." Apparently they came up with 11 survivors, all "in serious condition." I look out at the honking,

smugglers abandoned them. The *coyotes*, who said they were going back for water and never returned, pointed them toward I-8, which was a hell of a lot farther away than the *coyotes* said. "Southern Arizona became a popular crossing point for illegal immigrants after crackdowns in the San Diego regions..."

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I return two or three times a week for the next two weeks. Usually I pick up an abandoned *U-T* on the bus or at a bus stop. On Wednesday, I catch a story by Gregory Alan Gross with the headline: "DYING IMMIGRANT HAD HAL-LUCINATIONS: She told father she saw dead relatives."

"...The 19-year-old,

undocumented Mexican woman, weakened from hours of walking in the desert heat with no food and almost no water, told her father she had seen dead relatives coming to her in visions.

"When De La Cruz was unable to keep up with the rest of the group, her father, her cousin and another family member stayed behind to help her. [Border Patrol spokesman] Grijalva said, 'The smuggler refused to wait for the woman to regain her strength and forced the rest of the group to keep moving.'

"Eventually, De La Cruz started to hallucinate, Grijalva said.

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"She told her father that she was being visited by dead relatives, that they were coming to talk to her..."

"When she collapsed for the last time, her father ran for help, unaware that they were one-eighth of a mile from a fire station..."

The day is overcast and muggy. Few people are picked up for work. Two trucks cruise the mini-mall parking lot. One is marked "Terry's Landscaping," the other "Quality Concrete

Flooring." They stop in front of the still-closed Quick Fix espresso stand. One of the drivers is talking into a cell phone. The workers wave at them; two approach the stand, but it seems the drivers are not interested in these men. My guess is that they are looking for particular men who aren't here today. Both trucks leave, having picked up no one.

The previous afternoon I called the public information office at the Border Patrol and spoke

with an Agent Bowman. I was curious as to why I had yet to see the distinctive aquamarine vans and sedans of the border cops.

The U.S. Border Patrol San Diego Sector Headquarters' Agent Bowman says, "We don't have a separate policy for guys standing on a street corner in a shopping mall or guys standing on a corner downtown. It's a matter of reasonable suspicion. Like, if one guy doesn't look at the patrol car, won't meet the agent's eyes, or is shifting

nervously, something like that." Nor does the Border Patrol keep separate figures for arrests in shopping-mall parking lots, as opposed to running across the freeway in San Ysidro. "In fact, most of those guys looking for work are legal; they have papers. They're either residents or citizens."

When I ask why then so few speak any English and most are reluctant to talk to me in any language, Bowman says, "Well, maybe you did happen on some guys that were illegal." It wasn't a long conversation. Over the years, with a few exceptions, my conversations with the Border Patrol have been almost zip with the field agents and real brief with the public information guys. That's the way it is.

The day is shaping up to be a depressing one. Every time I ask someone how he came over the border, I get the same answer: "No problem." Usually with a shrug as he looks away. Everyone has papers, everyone is as legal as Pepsi-Cola. No complaints. I do get one interesting answer from

a guy named Diego. I speak with several guys named Diego, but this one is short and squat and smiles around what looks like a small fortune's worth of gold teeth. He tells me he came across the border in a *f  retro*. I have no idea what the word means, and Diego has no English. An 18-year-old kid translates for me. "He says he came in a coffin."

"A coffin? Like for dead people?"

"No, it's for live people, but some die from the smoke, the engine smoke." Turns out what he's talking about is the common name for a false floor in a panel truck with a space big enough to fit two bodies, maybe three, all riding little more than a foot off the road. If the vehicle has a funky exhaust pipe, or burns oil, it becomes the Euthanasia Express from TJ to North County. Diego grins and nods as the kid translates. It's like, "Yes, that's me, I'm Houdini!"

All I can say is, "No shit? Wow."

Stretching my legs, walking around the park-

ing lot, I notice that the barbershop is being unlocked and opened for the day. Barbershops should be good for information, or at least opinions. I introduce myself to the proprietor, named Wayne. We hardly get to talking when an elderly fellow walks in for a haircut, though it looks as if he had a haircut yesterday.

The guy sits down and Wayne says I can ask him questions while he works on the head, who does not offer his name.

Wayne has been at this location for 13 years. When asked about his general sentiment concerning the labor pool, he says, "I wish they would not hinder the traffic coming up and down and not be obnoxious. But they do. And the guards now can't do anything. They're ordered to leave them alone. They got signs out there saying No Stopping and they stop there anyway in the red zone, and nobody can do anything about it. It blocks traffic, everything gets backed up while the negotiations are going on —

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even out to the boulevard. And the guy who owns the company that owns this whole thing, they don't want no lawsuits. They're afraid or something. It would be okay if they stayed on the sidewalk along the boulevard and not along the ramp up to the mall, but... They used to stand across the street in front of the hotel there until some Marine Corps guys ran them off, over to here. They'd go out and they'd just pick 'em up physically and carry them across the road to here. They got the message in about four days.

"Those guys out there," he gestures with his scissors at the men looking for work, "think they've got every right in America. More than you or I do. A lot of them aren't even documented and even if they were, why are they on private property causing a nuisance? I've seen people have strokes out here because

sort of communist takeover, when I figure the truth lies closer to the word naïveté. Many of these men along the boulevard have all the sophistication of eight-year-olds co-opting a sidewalk corner for a lemonade stand. I want to say to Wayne, "Hey, they're not dealing crack out there," but something tells me not to. Instead I ask him, "Where would you lay the blame. Who is responsible for this situation? The city and the owner?"

Wayne nods his head in a curt affirmation. "I think they are."

As I walk back down the gauntlet to read a bit more of *Lou Carrigan: WANTED*, a very heavy man in a Dodgers T-shirt and flattop haircut with shaved sideburns, a man I haven't spoken with, cuts an enormous, loud fart. This ignites laughter up and down nearly the entire block. Diego (another Diego) says something

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"think they've got every

right in America."

of those guys chasin' 'em. I've seen people get the doors ripped off their cars. Now they got this lawyer, I can't remember his name, and every time something goes down and we [business owners] decide those people have to get out of here, he'll file a lawsuit on their behalf."

"He's an ambulance chaser." This is the first time the customer in the chair has spoken.

"Then there was this Catholic priest comin' down here, givin' 'em clothes and food and everything and just encouraging them. We finally got him out of here.

"They tell me in Spanish," again he's pointing with the scissors, "that that's their place of business. They say, 'This is your place of business and that is our place of business. You stay here and we stay there.' "

I try to stifle a laugh, and the barber gives me a look like "What the hell's wrong with you?" I'm thinking, Wayne considers this a

about "...*dispare llamas por el culo!*" A reference to flames shooting out of the guy's asshole.

I'm assuming the well-timed flatulence as I passed the man was a comment on how welcome he felt my presence to be among all of them. I pick up my *U-T* and my western *novela* off the grass and head toward the bus terminal. In the paper, staff writer Onell R. Soto has a story: "FORMER LAWYER ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE: He is accused of killing worker near labor hall.

"Vista — A former lawyer now living out of his truck shot an unarmed laborer after a short argument in Carlsbad, looked around, and then calmly walked into a portable toilet, witnesses testified yesterday.

"Joseph Butler French fired the shot, said Celso Morales, one of three migrant workers who testified they were standing

outside the City of Carlsbad Hiring Center when the shooting occurred June 3 [2001].

"...I had to do this," said French, who told the judge he kept guns for his protection from people at the hiring center.

"...He's been living out of his vehicle at that location for several months," said Carlsbad police officer George Hart Jr.

"He said some of the workers there had complained earlier that French threatened them with guns.

"Hart said that when he arrived at the hiring center that evening, Flores-Cabrera had been shot in the chest and was lying on the ground. He had stopped breathing and no longer had a pulse, he said."

I transfer buses and head to Carlsbad. I know where the hiring center is because I've been directed there by curbside job applicants who kept telling me, "You should go to the Hiring Center" or "You should go across the street, interview those guys" or "Go to

the Home Depot." In other words, go anywhere but where I'm standing; leave me alone.

The Hiring Center in Carlsbad is on a lonely patch of land with a few industrial buildings spaced at wide intervals from each other. The center itself, funded by the City of Carlsbad, is a trailer with an awning of corrugated metal and some cheap, plastic chairs for the men waiting for work. You have to be documented to get work out of the center. Many of

the clients, those looking for laborers, are private homeowners in need of landscapers, bricklayers, etc. In the morning, potential workers are assigned a number, and then the numbers are raffled off. The first winner gets the first job request, unless the job requires a car and that winner has no transportation. In that case, they go on to the next number.

The man on duty today is Eli. He is new and doesn't want to speak for the center because he's not sure if

he can explain the operation accurately. He has to check with his boss. Okay, but I ask him if he knew this shooter, the ex-lawyer, French.

"Oh, yeah," he says, his public relations smile evaporating. "That guy was a time bomb." And that is all he'll say on the matter.

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Claudia Smith at the California Rural Legal Center has been all over migrant worker issues for years. Hers is the energy, inspiration, and outrage behind the website www.stopgatekeeper.org. She tells me briefly of the lawsuit brought against the City

of Encinitas by the American Civil Liberties Union when that city passed a curbside hiring ban in 1992. "It was a constitutional argument. We won. Basically, the argument was that as long as it wasn't a safety hazard, that people had a right to free speech, even solicit — as long as the work they were soliciting was legal. I don't think any of the other cities in San Diego tried the same thing. It was a very clean, quick ruling."

"What about loitering?" I ask her. "Could they use that as an ostensible charge to move them along or remove them altogether?"

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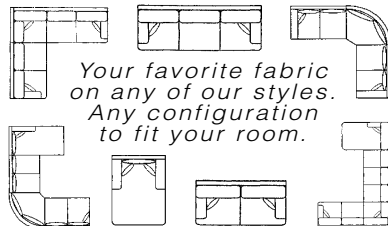
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“That’s a different thing. You’re not loitering; you’re standing there for the purpose of looking for a [legal] job. That’s a subterfuge sometimes, though, yes. A number of times in the last ten years, we — the ACLU and the CRLC — have had to call either the sheriff’s department or a local police department and ask, ‘Hey, what’s going on here? As long as they’re not obstructing pedestrian or vehicular traffic, they have a right to stand on a sidewalk and solicit work.’

“There were problems in Rancho Bernardo, problems on El Cajon Boulevard, problems in Rancho Santa Fe and Vista, on and on. It comes down to, day laborers may not be aesthetically pleasing to you, but they have the constitutional right to stand on a sidewalk and a right to commercial free speech. But sometimes they can

had a myriad of cases where employers will hire them for five days, promise to pay them on the sixth day, and nobody shows up. Now they don’t know for whom they’ve worked, they can’t really tell you where they worked, because when they get in those vans and trucks, they don’t know where they’re going. I’m always in awe of my clients. Their capacity for rejection alone. They’re so vulnerable, also, to hate crimes. People throw bottles at them and garbage.

“But the other thing you were asking about, the Border Patrol?” In an earlier conversation I had asked about complaints as to border police, or *la migra*. “This was about five years ago, around Carlsbad. What they would do was they would drive up in unmarked cars, or vans, and regular clothes, they’d do the bit where they hold out the five fingers or ten or whatever, and peo-

“But if they are *patrons* of the shopping center — they buy a cup of coffee at Wendy’s? They have the right to drink it in the parking lot and discuss whatever they want to.”

get them for jaywalking or littering, that kind of thing.

“What the workers cannot do is go into the parking lot of the mall, say, and transact business. That’s private property. But if they are *patrons* of the shopping center — they buy a cup of coffee at Wendy’s? They have the right to drink it in the parking lot and discuss whatever they want to. Most businesses will sell a Coke to someone and not think twice if they drink it outside, discussing whatever. But not day laborers? That’s civil rights discrimination, a violation of the Unruh Act.”

Smith recounts stories of entrapping and abusing workers.

Two workers at “the Country Store in Carlsbad were prosecuted some years ago for falsely imprisoning one of the day laborers. They put a paper bag over his head and handcuffed him to a rail and wrote a sign on him that read, *No mas aquí*. And then we’ve

ple would just jump in. They’d drive a few miles, pull over, and say, ‘Okay, we’re the Border Patrol. Who has papers?’ That wasn’t legal and we got that stopped very, very quickly. But just imagine, even the legal, documented ones were just left there miles from where they were picked up to somehow make their way back.

“Another concern I have is those raids they hold on Encinitas Boulevard, very close to the freeway? Well, people just start running. The Border Patrol has an obligation to weigh all the potential risks. Including risks to the undocumented worker.”

Logging on to the *stopgatekeeper* website, scrolling through the news items and photos, it is clear that the phrase “border safety” is an oxymoron and that what I have written above is pretty much a lighthearted romp. ■

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In 1936, Governor James Alfred banned horseracing in Texas. As a result, for the next 40 years some of the richest, most powerful men in the world flew to San Diego in their private planes. Many “racing refugees” stayed at the Casa de Mañana hotel in La Jolla, and all went

to the Del Mar Racetrack as to a shrine.

by Jeff Jane Wolfe: “No one pretended they had come from Texas, young or old,

pretended they had come to La Jolla to rest and recuperate. They went to indulge in a sport famous for its element of risk...and no one enjoyed a day at the track more than Clint.”

Clint was Clinton Williams Murchison Sr., a Texas-oil multimillionaire who, with his two sons, John and Clint Jr., became the prototypes for the TV series *Dallas*. Two stories circulate about Murchison and the Casa de Mañana. In one, he stopped going there when

the hotel couldn’t give his entourage enough rooms. In the other, he tried to buy it, but the owners refused to sell. In either case, Murchison built his own hotel, the Del Charro, on Torrey Pines near Ardath Road. In Spanish, *charro* is a “gentleman horseman.”

Today it’s the site of Del Charro Woods, a 70-townhouse condominium complex. Originally the area was a riding school for girls, the La Jolla Stables, on the outskirts of town. Murchison converted stables into bungalows in 1951 and built a Spanish-style, tile-roofed luxury hotel with a kidney-shaped swimming pool. In the words of Allan Witwer, who managed the Del Charro from 1953 to 1959, each accommodation provided guests with “private lanais, patios, or sun decks for secluded lazing.” Colorful silks from America’s racing stables draped the walls of the Paddock bar. Eucalyptus, pepper, olive, and

fig trees and six landscaped acres concealed patrons from passers-by. The promise of privacy, along with a daily tab that excluded all but the super rich — a bungalow cost \$100 a night in 1960 — became attractive lures for the famous and infamous.

Guest lists were hush-hush. But word circulated around town that John Wayne, Zsa Zsa Gabor, or Elizabeth Taylor had been spotted — or Betty Grable, Jimmy Durante, or Joan Crawford. Wolfe: “Crawford always carried her own flask of vodka, and while she was usually reserved at the start, as the contents began to disappear, she became increasingly extroverted.”

The hotel also attracted what became known as the “Del Charro Set”: national politicians — Richard Nixon, among others — Texas oilmen, and organized



Hotel Del Charro

crime. About the only mob figure not invited was Roy Cohn. Anthony Summers: “He was turned away at the door because he was a Jew.” Murchison, who contributed to George Lincoln Rockwell’s American Nazi Party, “had a ‘No Jews’ policy at the Del Charro. No blacks were admitted, either, except servants.”

SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

- 1. Summers. “Edgar had been a regular visitor to [La Jolla] since the ’30s and told the press it was a place where he felt ‘God was near.’ ”
- 2. Summers. “Racing got [Hoover] overexcited... An in-house joke had it that the FBI agent whose hair grayed fastest was the man who had to get the Director to the track in rush-

- hour traffic.”
- 3. Clint Murchison Sr. “Money makes strange bedfellows. People should spread it like manure. This would make everyone happy.”
- 4. Hotel Del Charro staff: “Our father, who art in Dallas, Murchison be thy name.”

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In the summer of 1953, Joseph McCarthy vacationed at the Del Charro. Murchison, an ardent anticommunist, supported the Wisconsin senator for a while. At night, guests sipped cocktails by the torch-lit pool. Wolfe: McCarthy, his glass always full of bourbon, "was a terrible bore, telling lengthy off-color jokes, often in the presence of ladies. Clint disapproved strongly, and more than once left the party disgusted."

McCarthy also liked to relieve himself from a lanai.

One night, he regaled everyone with his exploits in the Army-McCarthy Hearings. After "many drinks too many," he began insulting his wife, Jean, then threw her, clothes and all, into the pool. The next morning, a Murchison aide told the senator to 'pack your bags and get out.' "

The bungalows stood at the base of a hill, behind the hotel. Murchison took bungalow D. His lifelong friend, Sid Richardson (a Texas oil wildcatter/entrepreneur worth, like Murchison, over \$500 million), took C. Every summer, from 1953 until his death in 1972, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover and his "companion," FBI deputy Clyde Tolson, stayed in bungalow A. For free.

Columnist Jack Anderson: "Murchison picked up Hoover's tab year after year at the Del Charro near their favorite race track... at the same time some of the nation's most notorious gamblers and racketeers have been registered there."

Murchison and Hoover became friends at the Casa de Mañana. And although Murchison received large loans from Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters Union and was often linked with underworld figures Vito Genovese and Carlos Marcello, Hoover considered Murchison "one of my closest friends."

Summers: "The oilmen started cultivating [Hoover] in the late '40s, inviting him to Texas as a household guest, taking him on hunting expeditions. Edgar's relations with them were to go far beyond what was proper for a director of the FBI."

Hoover's bungalow had three bedrooms, two baths, a living room, fireplace, kitchen, and two patios. Hoover told Murchison he loved the place, with one reservation: "I'd have to rate it second to my favorite hotel in Florida [the Gulfstream, where Hoover "wintered"], only because there, when you walk out of your room in the morning, you can pluck an orange right off a fruit tree."

Murchison ordered manager Allan Witwer to plant plum, peach, and orange trees at the hotel — that night. Wolfe: "When [Hoover] stepped out of his door the next morning, he found the garden full of trees thick with luscious fruit."

According to the *New York Times* (12/31/63), in 1954 Hoover told Murchison, "If I had the money that's spent at race tracks, I could do a wonderful job of building character among the nation's young people." Not long after, Murchison and Sid Richardson offered to buy Del Mar Racetrack's seasonal lease from Al Hart, head of a group that owned the license to the track, and (quoted in Summers) "a liquor distributor with links to the Chicago mob."

Witwer (quoted in Summers): "At first Hart practically threw them out of his office. So Clint said, 'If those fellas won't deal with me, we'll sic old J. Edgar on 'em' — and sent two FBI agents to call on Hart. I heard this from the agents themselves afterwards. Then Hart sold."

Murchison and Richardson ran Del Mar behind a front organization, Boys Incorporated of America, whose board of directors included Texas governor John Connally. Funds from the track went, allegedly, to underprivileged boys. George E. Allen (quoted in Demaris): "Sure, the Boys' Clubs would get something, but it was a tax racket. One time they wanted to buy all the tracks in the United States. George Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury, wouldn't let them do it."

Murchison named Marine general Howland "Howling Mad" Smith, hero at Guadalcanal, as president of Boys Inc. They

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paid him \$200 a month for his name. The general resigned when he learned that, although the track cleared \$640,000 at one meeting, Boys Inc. didn't make a dime. When the general blasted Murchison in a news story, Hoover told the *Morning Telegraph*: "I know Clint quite well, and I think he would be the last person in the country to use such a plan as a clever tax or business subterfuge. In fact, I spoke to Clint about devoting some time to youth work, and the charitable corporation of Del Mar is one of his answers."

"Actually," Hoover con-

tinued, "from a law-enforcement standpoint, a well-conducted racetrack is a help to a community, if only for the reason that the people at the track are finding an outlet for their emotions, which, if they weren't at the track, they might use for less laudable escapades."

Hoover claimed to make only \$2 bets at the track. He even had himself photographed at the \$2 window, advocating "temperance and moderation in all things."

Witwer (quoted in Summers): "We all used to laugh about that. At Del Mar, when he'd been authoritatively tipped,

Hoover would place two-hundred-dollar bets (over \$1000 at today's rates). To avoid being observed making large bets...he would send companions — often FBI agents — to place the bets for him."

Many insiders confirm that, under Murchison and Richardson's control, certain races had guaranteed results. And when the fix was in, a select few, like Hoover, would be "authoritatively tipped."

Peter Dale Scott: "All of these anticommunist politicians, but J. Edgar Hoover above all, exposed themselves to political blackmail by visiting the

Del Charro in the company of mobsters. Hoover even had a special detail of FBI agents to ensure that mobsters would not come up to him in public at the racetrack."

Noel Twyman: "Based on investigations by the Justice Department after Hoover's death, Hoover had received financial favors from organized crime in the form of racetrack tips, information on fixed races, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of free rent for his annual vacations in La Jolla, through Clint Murchison, partner of organized crime in business ventures. Hoover also

received 'safe' oil deals through Murchison."

Clint Murchison Sr. died in 1969. The Hotel Del Charro closed in 1974. J. Edgar Hoover died in 1972 and went to his grave claiming there was no such thing as organized crime. ■

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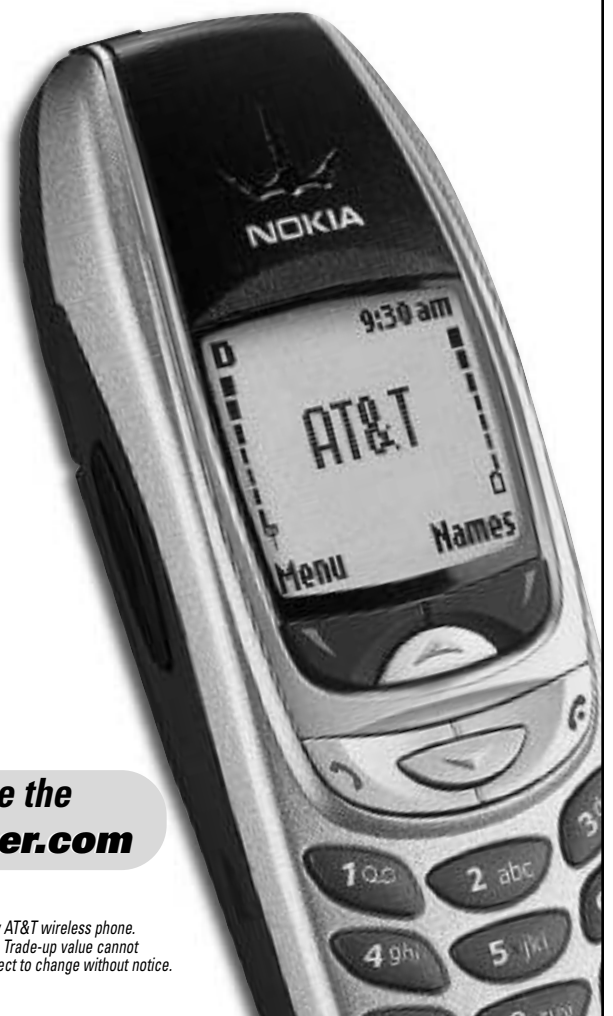
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Max Miller arrived in San Diego in the 1920s and went to work as a reporter for the *San Diego Sun*. In 1932 he wrote *I Cover the Waterfront*, the book that made him famous. Until his death in 1967, he wrote a book a year and lived many of those years in La Jolla, the town he writes about in his 19th effort, *The Town with the Funny Name*. Its 38 essays, divided by chapters, "range from faintly bawdy but civilized anecdotes to nature appreciations which would not have to blush beside Thoreau," wrote one reviewer. The *Reader* hopes to hasten Max Miller's rediscovery by reprinting these essays, continuing over the summer.

CHAPTER 9

The next time I saw Perky was at a cocktail party. As usual he came alone. This has been his custom. He usually comes alone but does not always leave alone.

In this town of few unattached men, an invitation to Perky apparently is a convenient thought to any hostess. This could have been different perhaps if he did not know how to get along at these affairs. But he knows how to conduct himself a lot better than I do.

If the liquor is not to his liking, if it happens to be colored stuff dipped out of a glass bowl, or if it hap-

pens to be some other mixed-up concoction, he merely pretends to be drinking it. For at heart he likes his drinks straight, or with water, and they say this also had been the way with his father. But, then, the memory of Perky's father always is being brought to somebody's mind somehow, and I am sorry never to have met the old man, or even to have seen

him. For even though he may have owned at one time too many local tracts of land for his own taxable good, I am not concerned with that, other than with the possible influence on Perky. Seeing what had happened to his father may have been one of the reasons (yet it is just a thought) why Perky wants to be bothered with nothing of that sort, or at most with only

very little.

But with what so haphazardly is called "social activity" in this town, I would say that Perky gets around a lot more than I do. By this I mean, bluntly, that he receives more invitations. But in this I am not being truthful. His patience may be another factor. For he never seems to become annoyed or outspoken about anybody or anything, and this is what I often am doing, unfortunately, and especially while drinking too many glasses, and without realizing it, and it never seems to help.

For there are times at these cocktail parties, especially if in some well-to-do home, when I feel for sure I am only bluffing or dreaming, and when my whole background shrieks out at me and says: "What the hell right are you doing here?" Nor is there an answer except to drink a few more than I should, all of which gives that false courage which also can lead to too definite opinions at times. And the social ham, I am afraid, can come out all over me. For I certainly was not born to any of this.

And not having been born to it, and not even having had the time to try to acquire it, I remain forever curious about this mystical something



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about which I know nothing — this spectacle of financial security in others. Financial security, if merely for a couple of years, is one adventure I would like very much to have. And often, while looking back, I sometimes think it is the one adventure I have not had.

But just the same, this town has given me my first experience, limited though it is, in seeing fairly rich people close up in their fairly rich homes. And so how tempted I often am to write something about rich people, some fabulous novel about weekends in summer homes, and rich anxieties, and all the rest of it, and simply because I know nothing whatsoever about the subject, or how it feels to be that way.

Yet if everyone limited himself to what he really knows, how little would ever be written. Or broadcasted. Or said on a lecture platform.

But in my own case I would like to appear, if merely once and merely briefly, as a criterion, a connoisseur, a man of leisure, a snob, or as somebody who



Aerial view of La Jolla , c.1960s

has but to pick and choose, and no expense considered. Or, after failing in that ambition, the next best thing would be to try to write one of these many books we read about such people, and have them going all around the world in their own yachts or their own planes and meeting duchesses and buying statues.

Yet always, and as an everlasting reminder of how out of keeping this would be, is that shack on a Mon-

tana prairie where I lived so many of my days as a kid. For this shack was a shack, and that is all it was. It was not a cabin or a two-room house. It was a shack with four strands of baling-wire holding up the tin chimney against the winds, and each wire attached to a corner of the square roof. And all around us was nothing but the prairie flatness, miles and miles and miles of it, with neither a shrub nor tree nor trickle of run-

ning water. But then at the time, and at that age, and having known little else, I naturally presumed that all the world was like that anyhow, and so it made no difference.

As long as we have nothing with which to make comparisons, we have nothing over which to feel sad.

And we definitely did not feel sad about ourselves then. Instead we felt lucky, even happy, every time we had something

tucked away somewhere to eat which, in winter, was mostly oatmeal gruel. But we felt lucky to have the sack of it there, and in defiance of the enemies outside which were snow and moving snowdrifts.

I can, then, never write a society novel, and as much as I would like to. For \$30, or even \$20, if we had it, was something which would keep us through the winter. And the sum, after having heard it repeated so often by my parents, still amounts to just that — a sum necessary for the whole winter. For such is the memory association of ideas. I regard all this as comedy now, for it is comedy. Yet my mathematics as a result are so freakishly adjusted that even at one of these cocktail parties, with their peculiar expense, I look at the tables of things and automatically judge them as “three winters” or “four winters” or whatever the quick estimate may be.

And none of this, to be sure, is the smart train of thought for anybody who might like to bluff it out that he belonged.

But Perky at these parties, I know, is not bothered in the least that way. Yet ironically he is still the one around here whom out-of-towners first of all would regard as the town’s beachcomber or ne’er-do-well or bum.

CHAPTER 10

Sometimes life in this town is likened to being aboard ship during a long cruise, as for instance one of those former around-the-world cruises. We cannot avoid seeing each other or running into each other wherever we go, wherever we turn. As a result we may know more about each other than we should know. Even for our own good this can be true. If we did not know so much about some of these other people we could assume that they are happier than they are.

We look at some of the fine homes, and we think how contented or how satisfied the people must be who live in these homes. Such thoughts used to be my thoughts, I remember, until through the years I underwent this gradual adven-



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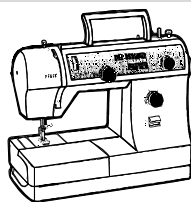


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ture of absorbing more about these people — the same as this cocktail party.

It was simply a case of my having been late in learning, of course, what everyone else has known all the time, namely that everyone's life has a catch to it somewhere, that nothing mortal can be perfection, and that some of the people I previously may have envied are now people I truly can pity. Yet how stupidly long I have been in learning it! — in learning the simple truism that each life always has some hidden catch.

The catch may be some insane relative. The catch may be some painful and lingering ailment. The catch may be some terrible and personal thing which occurred in the bygone and which is not forgotten and which others have not forgotten. The catch may be any one of a number of nasty crosses or maybe even several of them, and all within one home with a beautiful lawn. Yet I may not have

ing or riding automobiles beyond our very definite border, our deck. This is the Edge, and we have no other overland direction to move but sideways or backwards. And aboard here the old among us have little to do now but wait. They could walk off the ship, of course, yet this will not make them younger.

At first I was going to be cynical about all this, and cynical about the cocktail parties such as this one. For anybody who has attended one cocktail party here virtually has attended them all. In a sense they remind you of a traveling troupe which puts on the same show with the same cast time after time, and with identically the same dialogue.

The only slight alteration is the locality, meaning the home or meaning the stage. But in time the circuit calls for a repeat performance at each of these.

The hors d'oeuvres are identically the same at each performance, the type of

THE SEA IS THE SEA, AND IT IS NOT A FOREST.

learned this at all, and as childish as I have been about learning it, if not for the shipboard-like quality of this town.

The shipboard aspect is furthered physically by our surroundings. Almost everywhere we look, or in any direction, is either the ocean or something relative to the ocean. We are located out on a broad peninsula. We form a subdued V out here, or rather an inverted V, and it is the ocean which confines us here. And without realizing the snobbishness of it, we likewise are divided into first-, second-, and third-class passengers, and with either money or influence being the reason, as on any other liner.

Perhaps the life in small midland towns also can be likened to being aboard ship. I would not know. But I would assume that the comparison could not be as paramount as it is here. For the sea around us here is the sea, and it is not a prairie. The sea is the sea, and it is not a forest. Here we do not go around walk-

drinks usually are identically the same, and usually the table is spread identically the same — at one end sliced ham, at the other end roast turkey — and even the hired help, which helps serve these things, is identically the same.

This help, hired for the occasion, moves from home to home the same as the invited cast. And so it comes to be in time that we are as familiar with the mannerisms of the help as we are with the mannerisms of the guests. We are all on very good speaking terms with the help, and it is smart to remain that way. For it will be someone else's turn to hire the same help for next time, or at least try. If the same help already is engaged, and therefore unavailable, then the proposed cocktail party will have to be arranged for a date when the same help is available. This is how it goes, and it is a ritual. The help furthermore 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



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

But having been away from town for quite some time I was not at all displeased with the invitation to attend this cocktail party. Nor was there any telling when I would be invited to another. For in this town, as regards invitations, I am what might be called a borderline case. In other words I am not a "must." I am not one who "just simply has to be invited." I can be, or I cannot be, as nobody really owes me a return invitation to anything, and partly because the local cocktail circuit does not include my own home.

Besides, whenever I do

attend (which means whenever I am invited) one of these cocktail parties, I try too hard to overcome that same old bugaboo, that same old feeling of sham, by drinking too many and talking too much. All of which can be, as any of us knows, quite fatal socially, emotionally and in the morning. For, unlike so many who do make the local cocktail circuit, I still have to work for a living, an item which calls for getting up early next day.

These cocktail parties usually are supposed to begin at 5:00, according to the announcements. But this means that the curtain on each performance does not really rise until 6:00,

and the performers begin trooping in about that time. Some secretly make a habit of eating a small dinner before they come, and this may be rather wise. For around eight, when they

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should be going out to eat, they are so satiated with the customary stuffed eggs, the customary colored tiny sandwiches, and the customary olives, that nobody really cares anymore

whether that night he eats a regular dinner or does not eat one. Yet all of this indecision is part of the show too. The performers discuss whether or not they are going to someplace to

nately I entered at that awkward moment when the same cast of guests, and with the same type of glasses in their hands, were casually glancing towards the entrance now and then to see if by chance anybody new was going to enter. This was still the same as in the old days. Nothing had changed.

Nor had the opening words of greeting changed: "Well, well, well, haven't seen you for a long time. Well, well, well, have you been away?"

It might be that I had not been invited for a long time. Or it might be, as in the current circumstances, that I actually had been away. But in either event

my own answer would make no difference, and I was not expected to make one. For immediately we began asking each other how we were — for, oh yes, it was all clear now. None of us had forgotten his lines. But I did need a drink with surprising rapidity.

And it was just then, as I was reaching for a glass, that I first noticed Perky.

Often at some house gathering all of us are aware of how people who are at a loss or nervous or bored will begin petting a dog or cat, and talking with it, and for no apparent reason perhaps other than that the cat or the dog is neutral, does not talk back, and does not even give much of a damn.






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Yet we who have known their ailments all along, and their real ages as well, and their secret little tragedies, we no longer may feel as cynical as we may feel sad. For by this time next year some of the people, of whom we could make fun now, will have vanished. They will have been buried or cremated. And these stupid parties with the same colored sandwiches, the same colored drinks, will have been the fade-out. We may hate a person very much, we may stay awake hating him and his greed and the methods he may have used in the past for reaching his present security, and then all at once he is no more. We read of it in the morning.

But all of this too is but part of the life aboard this ship, and Perky alone seemed neutral and everlasting.

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| JOHN CLARE

...who's to know

how to read sorrow rightly, or at all?

| SEAMUS HEANEY, "KNOWN WORLD"

Nothing ever will be the same. That's what the characters in my novel say after Neal shoots Toby. "Nothing," they say, "will be the same. Not ever." By the time Toby is shot in my novel, you know that Coraville is such a small town that no one, in at least some, slight way, does not know Toby or Toby's family.

That one eighth-grade boy shot another eighth-grade boy did in fact happen in the small town where I used to live. In small towns, news travels fast. I knew less than an hour after it happened that the boy I call Neal shot the boy I call Toby. I heard the shot. I heard the siren on the ambulance that took the body and the pieces of head to the hos-

pital. But I didn't know what happened until my next-door neighbor called to me from over the fence (the fence was an inconvenient height that hit both of us rather unflatteringly at the bosom and therefore not a good fence for leaning over). I was in the side yard, cutting what would turn out to be the last that season of the tall orange African marigolds, and I was strongly aware of the foliage's skunky odor. Marigolds *do* smell skunkish. "My God," my neighbor said to me (probably, she was wringing her hands, but I am not sure she was). "That ambulance that went by a while ago?"

"Yes?"

"It had a boy in it who I taught in sixth grade. I taught his two brothers and his sister, too. My God."

This shooting happened more than a quarter-century ago. I did not remember what the town paper wrote about the incident, so I ordered a Xerox copy of the *Coraville Daily Eagle* for the Monday after the Saturday the boy I call

Toby was killed (the *Eagle*

did not have a Sunday paper). The newspaper, even shrunk down to the Xerox-copied 15- by 17-inch pages, looked pretty much as I remembered it — there on the front page Toby smiled out at me from his seventh grade school picture. BOY KILLED IN SHOOTING ACCIDENT ran above the photo in letters as big and blocky as those that must have been used to announce Pearl Harbor or Hiroshima or

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to me on the

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'That's the right

thing to do, Dad.' "

the getaway of the last helicopter, rotors whirling, as it lifted up through rain squalls off the roof of the U.S. embassy in Saigon.

The story about Toby and Toby's death was what you'd expect, as you can see from the excerpts below.

Toby's family — mother, father, two brothers, one sister — was described as "in seclusion," awaiting arrival of his maternal grandparents and his aunts and uncles and cousins for the funeral, to be held on Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church. Toby's family's history was recounted — his father's World War II service in the Navy on Okinawa and his B.A. and Ph.D., the latter at University of Michigan. The couple met at Ann Arbor, married in 1952. They arrived in Coraville soon after their marriage when Toby's father accepted a position in the math department at the little state college whose redbrick buildings were the town's tallest inhabited structures (the water tower was taller).

Speaking from the front lawn of the family home, the boy's father said, "Toby's last words to me on the morning that he died were, 'That's the right thing to do, Dad.' He'd knocked over his sister's bike, rough-housing, and when the bike fell, the tail-light broke, so Toby asked

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"I was shocked," said Toby's Jayvee football coach, who described Toby as a "small but tough" running back and wide receiver on the seventh and eighth grade Jayvee team. The coach choked up before he could continue. "All the kids I've coached, they may not know it all the time, but I loved them and wanted them to have a chance to grow up and accomplish something."

Toby's seventh grade annual lists football, basketball, track, Journalism Club, Science Club, and yearbook among his activities. He was sixth grade Mardi Gras King and seventh grade Homecoming Prince.

"Coraville's a small town, a good town. It's a close community," the principal of Toby's junior high school said. "We're feeling it hard."

Jimmy Scott Myers, minister of First Presbyterian Church, who has known Toby all his life, said that Toby was a regular Sunday school and church attendee. "He was a boy everyone looked up to, and our congregation is offering its prayers of gratitude for his life among us and for his family in their time of travail."

Gus Huppert, Coraville police chief, said the shooting was "an unfortunate accident" and that an investigation is underway. Huppert added that he did not expect anyone to be charged in the youngster's death.

No one mentioned that days after his son's funeral, the shooter's father obtained a restraining order against Toby's father and Toby's two brothers. No one mentioned that Toby's father and brothers threatened to shoot the shooter. (And why wouldn't they want revenge?) No one mentioned that when Neal shot Toby, the boys had been drinking beer and vodka and smoking marijuana that Danny filched from his father's fishing-vest pocket. That these events and circumstances were not revealed I don't think is all that important.

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does make a difference to my story. For two reasons. One is that my heroine's son would not have been present when his best friend was shot had he not been asked to contribute his dad's dope to the Saturday-afternoon party. Another reason is that had Danny not provided the marijuana, a small chance exists that Neal would not have shot Toby. I don't think that the marijuana itself, the drug, contributed to Toby's death. Little was smoked, and what was smoked was not all that potent. And, Neal did not partake of the marijuana and in fact waved the joint away when it was offered to him. But had the boys not been as focused on rolling joints and shutting their eyes as they inhaled so as to appear cool, one of them might have gotten Neal to quit screwing around with the gun. Who knows?

What we (writer and reader) do know is that Danny all his life mourns Toby. Off and on through his teen years, his 20s and even into his 30s, Dan sometimes imagines that he meets up with Neal. Where

he meets him, it is always dark — for instance, an alley near garbage cans, the cans set against a brick wall. Dan grabs Neal by the collar and pulls Neal's face toward him. Neal's face has no features because Dan does not remember the features. He does not recall the greasy dark hair and the triangular shape of the face, with its broad, pale forehead and narrow and pointed, almost nonexistent chin. "Like a weasel, he looks like a weasel" is what Dan remembers, but he has only a vague idea of how a weasel looks.

Dan never wonders if his father's marijuana contributed to his friend's death. To the several therapists whom he consults, he never mentions the marijuana and indeed he may have forgotten how he plundered his father's fishing vest for the Baggie filled with dried leaves, how he emptied some of those leaves into an envelope from his mother's stationery box, how he stuffed the envelope deep down into his jacket pocket, climbed onto his bike, and pedaled to the

back yard shed where Toby and Neal and a half-dozen or so other boys were partying after an early-morning bird hunt. Given how introspective Dan is, this forgetfulness surprises me. What oblivion fogs my own past actions? If I were to go back in time, wouldn't I more than once be surprised at what I would see myself do? Like Dan, we forget, and like Dan, we are blind to so much about ourselves. You know how you happen to catch sight of your face in a department store's plate-glass window or in the oval mirror in your entry hall? And for a moment your face appears at an angle you've never glimpsed it at before? And you can't believe how deranged you look, how feral and unkempt and terrified. The thing that bothers you, that bothers me, is that we don't suspect that we sometimes appear in this way.

The *Eagle* didn't have color presses. Except for the full-page grocery advertisements printed in the nearest big city, a four-page insert that showed yellow

bananas and red tomatoes and reddish-purple standing rib roasts, the *Eagle* was black and white. That Monday was a clear day with high temperatures in the mid-70s. From reading the copy of the paper I'd had mailed to me, I could tell that the Indian summer breezes that had warmed necks and shoulders and smalls of backs on the Saturday afternoon when the shot was fired warmed these same necks and shoulders and smalls of backs again on Monday. Clouds were not hinted at; no white gaseous streaks were adrift at the sky's edges. Grass, of course, at that time of year would still shine a jewel-bright emerald, brilliant green. That's if people kept it watered. Otherwise, grass would be stiff and brown and dead. But the grass we're talking about won't be dead; the grass we're talking about is grass grown in neighborhoods where lawns are regularly fed nitrogen and potassium and are mowed with well-adjusted reel mowers and are thatched and weeded and raked to a dense green lus-

ter, where front yards (including that lawn on which Toby's father stood to speak to the *Eagle's* society reporter, a young blonde with a large bosom), and back yards too, are a man's pride.

In my novel, I want to make sure that I get this bright, steamed-green-bean green color for the grass and a porcelain blue for sky. I want that blue painted clear to the edge of the page. I want to make the colors more like illustration colors than true-life nature colors. On that warm Monday afternoon with temperatures in the low 70s and the sky without clouds, I want picture-book intensity. I want to walk you down the residential Coraville streets. I want to walk you right behind the boy — he smells sweaty — who throws the papers (his hands need washing). On lawn after lawn after lawn, on that vivid, picture-book green grass, Toby's black-and-white face, again and again and again, stares up at you.

In life, when this event occurred, I suspect that

everyone who saw the photograph of this boy with his brush-cut light hair and straight-toothed smile believed that he'd seen him somewhere. He was a boy who looked familiar. Had on that Monday afternoon you driven into town, perhaps as a traveling salesman, and sat at the Hiway Grille and ordered a beer and a bacon-and-cheese Grilleburger and country fries and sipped at your beer while you waited for your food and looked at Coraville's newspaper and studied Toby's photograph, you would have known this was an All-American boy. If you choked up when you sang along with "O Little Town of Bethlehem" or "God Bless America," and if, when you read the story, you were drinking your second beer or drinking your first beer on an empty stomach, a lump might have risen in your throat or a tear burn at the corner of your eye.

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very block on which the shed stood where Neal shot him. Because that block was two blocks from the junior high school, some of these youngsters developed routes to and from school that allowed them to avoid the “death corner.” Others simply walked (or rode bikes) as fast as they could go when they neared the corner. Several soundlessly recited prayers. Remember that these boys and girls, almost every one

of whom recently had entered puberty, also recently would have become hormone inebriates. Even before Neal blew open Toby’s brain pan, even before minuscule shreds of Toby’s brain tissue got stuck in the stainless steel links of the expansion band of Danny’s Timex, these boys and girls already suffered the ups and downs of teenage emotions, the terror of the mirror, the shame of oozing pimples, of underarm and crotch

stink, the worse shame of sexual stirrings. These novice adolescents, after Toby’s death, feared going to sleep, feared the bedtime hour, feared the bed itself, the soft feather pillow. Parents sat at the edge of beds; moms and even dads soothed, rubbed arms, lifted hair off foreheads and massaged out worry wrinkles. These boys and girls dreamed they were shot in the head, or they dreamed that they shot someone in the head. Heads

were ripe watermelons or jack-o’-lanterns or their fathers’ faces or their mothers’ or a hated teacher or beloved friend or a petulant and spoiled little sister. They dreamed that shooters, both masked and unmasked, broke into classrooms and shot everybody. They dreamed that bayonets pierced their bellies and their intestines fell onto the oval rag rug spread on the floor by their bed. Blood ran knee-deep. They swam

upstream through rivers that ran floodtides of thickened blood. Several delicate girls could not even wear red, so fearful were they that they might think about blood. The shooting was bad for everyone. As a mother of a classmate of Toby’s said to me at the time, you could tell that doubt had crept in, that a mother’s or father’s power to reassure had lost its power. These children had been robbed. “Nothing,” she said

to me, “will ever be the same. Nothing.” Around town, I saw the dead boy’s parents. The father, as you recall, taught math; the housewife mother busied herself in the League of Women Voters and save this prairie grass and save that wildflower groups (I knew this from reading the town’s newspaper). We’d been introduced, but I do not remember where; surely at a party after a college drama-department pro-

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duction of a Molière play or a music-department concert during which panic attacks sometimes rattled me so that I gulped for air and thought I'd throw up in my tweed or moiré satin or plaid wool lap. We knew each other to speak, to nod and say hello, but we didn't know each other enough that they would come to our house or we would go to their house. We just saw each other, around town, at the grocery store, or, as I suggested, at a party after some college event. Before their son got shot, they were, when I saw them, only people whose names I knew. I paid them no

mind, and my guess is that neither of them could even attach a given name to my then still unlined and lightly freckled face. My guess is that when they saw me, if any name rose up in their thoughts, it was my husband's last name and what he did for a living and that he was not unwilling to donate a few dollars to save wiregrasses and goosefoots. A year after Toby was killed, my husband Jack and I went to the Rotary talent show. Why we went is that everyone went. Toby's parents sat two rows ahead of us. Toby's sister sang "Ave Maria," and you could tell by the choked-up feeling

in the auditorium and the knowing looks people gave each other and tears running down cheeks that everyone who knew about the shooting was thinking about Toby. On another occasion, late one cold and sunny morning, I saw Toby's parents walk out of the bank, which, still in its original 1909 building, looked like a bank in a Western movie. The father, that day, walked with his head down, and he and his wife, the mother, held hands. I noted the hand-holding as odd, because in Coraville middle-aged couples didn't walk around town holding hands. They just didn't.

It wasn't done. After the killing I do not recall that I ever, once, saw Toby's parents not together and not holding hands, his hand gripping her hand. His eyes would be on the ground and she looked straight ahead, as if she were a Seeing Eye dog. Also, although this will not surprise you, within a few months after Toby's death, his mother and father looked old. They lost weight. Their skin sagged off their jawbones. Every day Danny does not much miss his dead sister Caroline, who, by the time Danny's 14, will have been dead four years. Every day he does miss Toby, who

will have been dead for one year. Caroline and Toby are buried 12 blocks from where Danny nightly digs his face, nose down, into his feather pillows and tries to sleep. He thinks about Toby; he thinks about Toby's foot bones, leg bones, arm bones, hand bones, ribs, spine, fleshless now beneath the granite tombstone. He wonders if Toby tries to communicate with the living, if he's calling out to his sister or his father or to one of his brothers or to Danny. He wonders if the dead speak in voices pitched so high that only dogs can hear them. In dreams Toby returns

to Danny. Someone has tied a gauzy white bandage around Toby's brow; the bandage is filthy, and Danny, in his dream, realizes that the tightly wrapped cloth holds together the pieces of Toby's head. On some nights in some dreams Toby transmogrifies into a Civil War soldier, photographed in black and white by Matthew Brady. Although Toby's legs do not seem injured, he leans against a handmade crutch, its wood a hard ash that has been whittled. At the far edges of his dream, Danny sees soldiers, in torn and dirty and blood-spattered Union blue, hauling a canvas litter across

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a gutted landscape. Danny edges through the heavy floodwater of his dream. He treads the powerful waters, moves inch by inch forward. He comes within sight of the body on the litter. The body is a teenage boy's body. The head is a shattered cameo. Danny, in his dream, tries to fit the pieces back together. Some one piece always is missing. Sometimes two pieces are missing.

To remember Toby's

face, his actual eyes and nose and white-toothed smile, Danny has to get out the yearbook that commemorates the year Toby was in seventh grade and flip to the two In Memoriam pages and study Toby's photographs — the big, full-page color portrait, which was Toby's school picture the year he died, and the page made out of small candid snapshots of Toby — Toby, in his band costume with his absurdly huge tuba;

Toby, hunkered over a tray at a lunchroom table with Danny and two other boys; Toby, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie and bowing on one knee, in the front row in Business Club. Danny looks at the photographs so often that the book falls open at the Toby pages.

After Danny graduates from college ("graduates college," they say in Coraville) and stands 6'2" and weighs 170 and calls himself Dan, he returns every

summer to Coraville. Typically, he stays for a week. He sleeps in his old bed in his old bedroom at the end of the hall on the second floor. On Dan's tall dresser three stacks of coins — pennies, nickels, dimes — remain, apparently untouched from the time of his last visit. Dan, on purpose, has left this coin skyscraper trio atop his dresser. He was in his early 20s when he first stacked these coins. He has a bet going with himself

that no one will move the dimes and nickels and pennies, and, given the dust that's built up around the stacks, no one has. He suspects, too, that no one comes into his room, even though that room is steps away from the room where his parents sleep (and where he was conceived).

One summer morning in Coraville, Dan sits on the couch, its mustard velvet upholstery bald from several decades' friction

against its plush. He places the dusty yearbook on his knees. The book falls open under his hands. Toby's face, enlarged to almost fill the book's page, stares up at him. Allergic (as am I) to dust mites, Dan sneezes. The sneeze sprays across Toby's tanned cheeks and blond, buzz-cut hair. The wet specks spot the photo. When Dan feels another sneeze coming on, he turns his head away. ■

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This is not one of those articles. This is the story of a dinner, starting with the gathering of the ingredients. I arrive at the front door of Heather Siegel's apartment building — "in the wilds of Escondido" — at four in the afternoon. I ring the bell, and a minute later, she arrives and lets me in. From the door, it is a few steps to the row of silver mailboxes fastened to the wall of the entranceway. Heather opens her box and removes the flyers within — she has a P.O. box for the rest of her mail. Together, we sit down on the bench situated against the opposite wall, there to inspect the grocery-store flyers for attractive sale items.

Just after we begin to sift through the flyers, another woman — tall, short-haired, radiating presence — comes to fetch her mail. She and Heather know each other, but to me, she identifies herself only as "Ms." "First I was a Miss,



Heather Siegel

then I was a Mrs., now I'm a Ms.," she explains, laughing. While she chats with Heather, a handsome UPS man arrives bearing a small package. "Are you 304?" he asks Ms., noticing the mailbox she is opening. "It's for you."

"You're kidding!" she exclaims. "It's kismet, destiny. What am I getting?"

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The UPS man departs, and Ms. tells a story. "I used the L'Oreal Casting Color Spa in my hand. The ball was weird and it slipped out of my hand, and I sprayed my wall with brown hair color. What price vanity?"

This was the first time I colored my hair in about ten years, and it was just this spurt. I'm there with gloved hands, I can't touch anything, and I looked up and was, like, 'No-o-o-o-o!' I managed to get it out with Clorox paste. I called L'Oreal and said, 'I think there's a flaw.' "

"Well, you're going to

"Heather's car," as she refers to it, "a gold, four-door Saturn" outfitted with a wheelchair lift and a disability license plate, is near the end of the row.

live here for a while," says Heather, suggesting that the occasional stain on the wall should not be a source of worry.

"I've been here 11 years already. Don't you think I've paid my dues?"

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was “a lovely senior community,” says a wistful Ms. “I had five kids and raised them...” Eleven years ago, she moved into this complex, which offered “high-density, low-cost housing for seniors.” (At 51, Heather is not a senior, but the complex also accepts people with disabilities, both mental and physical.) Now, “just about anything goes. We have one maintenance guy for the whole property; they pay him \$9 an hour.” She runs her finger along the top of the mailbox and displays the resultant coating of dust. As she talks, a narrow wisp of a young man — hard to believe he’s much older than

20 — comes to place a letter in the outgoing mailbox. Upon seeing Ms., he says “Hi.” “He’s been here already,” says Ms., referring to the mailman. “Oh.” “I’ve got [my mail] in my hands,” she continues, as if to offer proof. The man looks at his letter. “He’ll pick it up tomorrow,” consoles Heather. “Okay, yeah.” He places the letter in the box and walks out the door. “That’s our latest tenant,” says Ms. to Heather after the man is gone. She turns back to me. “What’s basically happened is that all

the good ideas of creating low-cost housing for seniors are now out the window. I kind of want to get out.” But whether she will ever leave is a questionable matter. “Nobody moves from here who’s not dead,” states Heather. “We’ve had something like four deaths in the past six months.” “Have you seen *The Golden Girls*?” asks Ms., turning to me. “You know

how the mother was placed in Shady Pines when she didn’t behave? We’re beginning to think this is Shady Pines, only we haven’t been told yet. Not even light emerges from this place — nobody gets out alive! Plus, it’s just a goofy bunch of people — ‘eccentric’ if we were rich, but since we’re not, probably just incredibly neurotic, and some over the line of neurosis. What’s

the saying — “The neurotics build the castle, the psychotics live in it”? We’ve got some people living in the castle in here.” Psychotics and youngsters aside, this is home. “Have you seen the building they’re building across from the hospital?” asks Heather. “I looked into it. They don’t have balconies. My apartment is wonderful; it’s very big compared to what they could build now for the cost. God’s going to be really good to me and give me a few hundred thousand dollars — ha, ha! Time for my medication!” Ms. departs; Heather

finishes sorting the flyers she wants from those she doesn’t, and we walk slowly down the hall and out a side door, which opens onto the parking lot. Immediately to the left is a row of parking spaces covered by a sort of solid awning. “Heather’s car,” as she refers to it, “a gold, four-door Saturn” outfitted with a wheelchair lift and a disability license plate, is near the end of the row. From the car, we can see the patio leading to Heather’s ground-floor corner apartment. “Distance is very important to me. The power station at San Onofre went out this morning, and we were all in the dark. If there

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was a guy in a wheelchair living on the third floor, he wasn't going anywhere. I always make sure to live on the first floor wherever I'm at; this time, I even got a corner. From that window to the door to my car, you can't get any closer. I put up with a lot of shit just to get what I want."

Heather offers to show me her license and registration, sees me into the front passenger seat, asks if I have enough room, announces "door closing," closes the door, walks around to the driver's side, gets in, starts the car, and we are off on our shopping trip. "I want to point out that this

car is modified for the use of hand controls," she says. By manipulating a lever mounted just behind the steering wheel and attached to the foot pedals by steel poles, she can accelerate and brake by hand. A knob has been mounted on the steering wheel to aid in steering; "my understanding is that when cars originally came out, they had these sorts of balls on them.

"Once I started using hand controls," she explains, "the state didn't want me to go back and use regular foot controls, because your mental processes become oriented toward [one or the other]. So I have a restric-

tion on my license." This can be a source of trouble. "What happens if my car is in the shop? What happens if my car is in an accident? What happens if my car just dies and I need another car?" The answer is to rent a car, but it must be a car with hand controls. "There has been federal legislation that says if somebody asks for a car with hand controls, then you have to offer them a vehicle with hand controls." The catch is that "I have to give them 48 hours' notice, during the week. I am restricted; I can't just casually drop in and decide I want to rent a car." Advance planning is required, but

how do you plan for a breakdown or an accident?

Planning is more feasible with regard to the matter at hand. "Getting out of my house and buying groceries is a very calculated consideration." For example: today is "Wednesday, versus a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday," when store traffic is heavier. Though Ms. provided an unexpected delay in our departure, we are still arriving ahead of the after-work rush, and in daylight. "It's important to be seen. It's easier to get cooperation." Daylight is a luxury, however; store traffic is the crucial factor. "These are all handicap parking spaces," she notes as we cruise past the front of Albertson's. "We have one, two, three, four — that's twice as many as we usually get right by the store, and you'll notice that they're all full. There are two over there [across the driveway], and

it just so happens that that guy is pulling out." Otherwise, all six would have been full, and we would have had to park elsewhere.

Heather parks, and we make our way across the driveway and into the store's cavernous foyer. She leads me toward the two motorized carts parked in the far corner. "Two carts, very good. Two is more than one, and one is more than none. We're going to assume that they're both working; that's not always the case. And it's being charged — these are the things I look for. They've put a permanent key in, so I don't have to find someone to get a key for me."

These are the two great bugbears that Heather seeks to avoid: competition (for parking and carts) and assistance. Timing is the weapon against the former; the cart is a great help in the struggle against the latter. "People who are disabled have

a wide variety of personalities. Some people enjoy the socialness of [asking]; some people are like guys who don't ever want to ask for directions. I don't want any help. Every time you involve another person, there's a personal interaction: who they are, who you are, what they smell like, what they talk like, everything else like that. I'm not a very social person. Number one, I want independence. I didn't come here for a social exchange; this is a business exchange. I have to be polite, because society requires me to be polite. But Heather Siegel does not like to kiss ass. I'm an S.O.B. and a misanthrope, because I hate people and would love to be just left alone, but my disability forces me to have interactions that I don't really want to have."

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or not, she felt inspired to have. "I moved to Southern California approximately ten years ago. The cart situation was dramatically different. I worked very hard to bring it to the stores' attention — I'm not the only person, of course. The situation is much better today. I think stores have finally figured out that if you give Heather Siegel a cart, Heather Siegel will shop in your store. Remember all the flyers that I flung out? If they don't have a cart, I don't shop there."

Heather raises one of the cart's armrests, eases herself into the seat, and buzzes into the store. First stop: the meat department. Heather picks up a package of boneless, skinless chicken legs at \$1.49 a pound. "Certain items I can get at one store or another," she comments. But "I consider the meat department at Albertson's to be better than Vons — that comes from being a shopper." Though it means extra trips (and extra planning), she will also venture to Henry's for produce and Trader Joe's for good jelly. "Every woman can tell you that to get what you want, you have to shop at several different stores. You're getting the truncated version; this is non-list shopping here. If I had more time, I would discuss it with my mother," who lives in Rancho Bernardo. "What did she see on sale, what did I like that was on sale, the whole schmeer."

And though she passes down the pet aisle, scanning the cat-food selection,

she prefers to buy proven-der for her two cats "at either Target or Wal-Mart. They have pet departments. It's not even that the prices are better. Psychologically, I don't like buying stuff from the grocery store that isn't groceries."

The chicken legs are located in a low-slung refrigerated display case, but the yogurt fills an entire section of the dairy department, and Heather cannot reach the topmost shelves from her cart. "Now remember, I am mobile. If I couldn't get up and I wanted [yogurt] up there, I would have to ask someone for assistance. I was told that there's somebody who brings a cane with him when he comes; if he can't reach it, he knocks it off the shelf with his cane."

We pause at the day-old bread display. "I always take a look, because it's exciting — you never know what you're going to get here. If I wasn't on a calories-restricted diet, this [would be] the best place in town. Not only do they have good stuff, but this table is 50 percent off. If you wanted this pie — on occasion, I've gone to people's houses and brought them a pie, because it's a half-price pie. You're getting a \$5.00 pie for \$2.50."

We pause again for bananas and then make our way to the out line. Heather points out a woman operating an electric wheelchair, accompanied by a young girl. "She's working with her child; she is someone who would not be able to reach the shelves on her own." A minute later, a very large

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woman passes by in the second of the two motorized carts. "If I came in at this point, those carts would not be there. I would have to sit and wait. I've never had to wait more than 30 minutes," but still, that's 30 minutes longer than an able-bodied person would have to spend at the grocery store.

The line moves quickly; we arrive at the cashier. Heather's speech — brusque and quick up to now — softens and slows, but it

loses none of its directness. "Hi, I need some help taking the items out, please."

The cashier motions to another employee. "Cody, will you unload this basket for me, please?"

Heather addresses Cody. "Hi, good afternoon. Will you be packing my groceries today as well?"

"Yes, I will, probably."

"Okay, I have a special way I would like you to pack them."

"Okay."

"I would like paper bags inside of plastic bags."

"Okay."

"I want them super-lightweight: one bag for that, one bag for that, one bag for the other. When in doubt, give me another bag."

She turns back to the cashier, who asks, "Did you find everything you were looking for?"

"Very good." She turns to me. "They always ask that. Usually, if there's something I couldn't get, [I'd let them know]."

She has Cody unload a few yogurts from one bag and start another. She pays, then asks, "And Cody will help me?"

"Cody will help you out with your groceries. Have a good day."

"Thank you."

Before she leaves, she checks the receipt for any mistakes. Then she leads Cody to her car and has him put the groceries into the backseat. She thanks him and gives him the cart to drive back into the store. As we drive back to the apartment to put the chicken and yogurt in the fridge before heading off to Vons, we pass an elderly gentleman motoring along the sidewalk in his own motorized cart or scooter. On his lap is a small dog in a cage. "I think he lives in my building," says

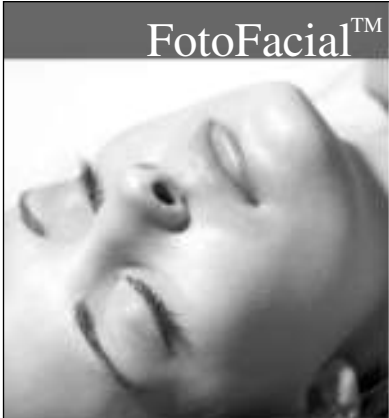
Heather. Heather owns a similar scooter, but she doesn't take it over the top of Highway 78 to Albertson's. "That really does require a car, or a scooter with more oomph. And you might get there and not have enough oomph to get home. I have a degree from SDSU. I had a different scooter when I went there, and many a time, that scooter could not handle the hills of SDSU."

Home now, Heather loads the groceries into a two-wheeled shopping cart she has stored in her backseat, then wheels the groceries into the apartment. Then it's on to Vons, where

we find three carts, though only one of them is a new model with a raiseable armrest for ease of entry. The cart is also the easiest to access, and we navigate the aisles with expertise born of experience — canned mushrooms are not shelved with the canned vegetables, they're with the canned tomatoes in the pasta aisle. After the mushrooms, it's on to the canned peaches, the instant oatmeal and the Dixie Fry, a sort of Shake 'n Bake. Finding this last item means asking for help, but the request and the assistance both go off smoothly.

On our way out, Bill, the employee helping Heather

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bring her bags to the car, steps out into the driveway in front of the store to make sure that traffic does not fail to notice Heather and her cart. "Thank you, Bill," she says, with evident sincerity. "You're doing a really good job."

As Bill drives the cart back, someone calls out good-naturedly to him from a car window, urging him to hurry it up. Heather is irritated. "Everybody thinks they have the right to insult you and make comments. Would you walk up to some old man and say, 'Walk faster, old guy'? Would you walk up to a black guy and say, 'Hi, black fella; I've seen blacker ones than you'? But

people will walk up to someone in a disability device and make some kind of disparaging remark. It's always in a joking fashion — as if, somehow, it's perfectly all right because they added laughter to it.

"Another famous one is that sometimes, when you're in a wheelchair, they like to bend down when they talk to you, so they can have eye contact. I know I'm in a chair. I know I'm sitting down. You don't have to bend down — I consider that patronizing. I mean, if you really felt it was necessary because you wanted to see me better or hear me better...but I consider it pandering and unnecessary."

When we arrive home, Violet, one of Heather's two cats, is waiting for us in the window. Ordinarily, Heather likes to be home for the 5:30 news, but tonight, we don't get in until 5:55. She turns on the television for the 6

is going to be chicken, mushrooms, and peaches. We bought the peaches and the mushrooms and the chicken, so you got to see all the stuff."

Heather lives in a one-bedroom apartment. There are four rooms: a long liv-

ing/dining room; a small, square kitchen; a bedroom and a bathroom. The 13-inch TV sits in the far corner of the living room, tucked in between a VCR and an alarm clock and anchoring one end of Heather's office — a row of shelves and desks that stretches from the corner to her bedroom door. On the shelf below the TV, a scanner/copier. Next to the TV, a fax machine sits under a lamp; a printer abuts the fax machine. Next comes a computer tower, followed by the monitor and keyboard. To the right and slightly lower sits another computer. Papers are everywhere — "this is called the horizontal filing cabinet — that's a joke I heard." The piles hint at an order discernible only by the maker.

A sizable box of VCR tapes peeks out from underneath the TV shelf; Heather tapes her soap operas, *All*

My Children and *One Life to Live*. And though she reuses her tapes, "There are times when, if I have nothing better to watch on video, I'll just pick up an old VCR tape and say, 'Oh, that character has changed,' or 'They don't have that person or that story anymore.' Here's a nuance in the story that I never quite caught." After taping, "Usually I watch them at least three times to make sure I get it all. When you're a soap-opera addict, everything counts." Besides the soap tapes, three videos from the Rancho Bernardo library stand next to the TV: *Adam's Rib*, *The Big Sleep*, *The Apartment*.

Two chairs and a couch

Earlier, when Heather gave me the tour of the bedroom and disabled-access bathroom, Princess followed us closely.

o'clock news on ABC, then heads into the kitchen.

"Do you have any dietary restrictions?" she calls in to me.

"No."

"Well, the main course

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line the wall opposite the office. The chairs are covered with bedsheets; the couch has been patched with duct tape and is partially occupied by more piles of paper. The cream-colored walls are bare except for two clocks, a calendar, two framed paintings of Parisian scenes and a framed magazine cover featuring a smiling little girl. The pale carpet is stained. Heather does not often have visitors. "I can't remember the last time I sat down here and had dinner with another human being. I've had people over for a party — maybe a year and a half ago, we had a spontaneous one on a Saturday afternoon. I had just had my carpet cleaned, and I said to myself, 'I want to show it. I want to have a party because I have a clean carpet. It's never going to happen again.' I went up and down the hallways saying, 'I'm having a party! I'm having a party! Come on down!' So we sat around here on a Saturday afternoon, and we celebrated my clean carpet." Still, "I've been here about five years myself, and I think I've had less than five episodes of that happening."

She does, however, see her mother on a regular basis. "It was approximately eight years ago today that my father died. They lived in Rancho Bernardo, and I lived in the South Bay, and I liked the distance. But after my father died, my mother said that she was tired of paying the toll bills. So, I had to move within the local-calling area of Rancho Bernardo. Some people are connected by the umbilical cord; we're connected by the phone cord."

Another desk — considerably smaller — occupies part of the dining room. On it are more papers, the mail, and some family photos. Here, the walls feature Heather's framed diploma from the University of Illinois, a picture of two silhouettes facing one another, and a stylized print of an adobe hut. The round table is pushed up against the wall and covered by a floral-print tablecloth. There are two chairs.

Heather has handed me a binder containing her profile-portfolio. It opens with a sort of résumé: "...Heather e. Siegel, editor and publisher of *The*

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Heather returns to the living room from the kitchen and sits down in her desk chair. "I'm going to relax for a minute and have a cup of tea while watching the news." She notices me noticing the letters. "That's a representative sample. I give talks to people about how they, too, can be proactive."

The portfolio also includes letters to Heather, one of which is from an independent-living counselor from the Access Center. It begins, "I recently had the opportunity to review your video, *Heather Siegel's Battle to Get in the Front Door of the Library...*"

"Would you like a copy of my video?" She rises and ambles out the sliding-glass door that leads to her patio and the outdoor storage closet. As she opens the closet, she exclaims, "Oh! Big thrill! You want to know about disabilities? I have something to show you. Guess how many legs I have in my closet. I'm serious."

"Ordinarily, I would say none."

"Here's a pink leg," she says, removing what appears at first to be a hard plastic boot from the closet. The "leg" turns out to be a kind of brace that fits around the back of the calf and is open in the front; there are Velcro straps at the top and bottom of the calf-covering section and another to fasten the bottom portion to the foot like a sandal. She pulls out more legs — a clearly medically intentioned opaque white plastic model

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Earlier, I had asked

Heather to characterize the exact nature of her disability. She answered, "I would say, while I don't have multiple sclerosis, I have a lot of symptoms associated with MS. It would be acceptable to say I have a mobility impairment and I have a

vision impairment, and those are things that affect people who have multiple sclerosis." When she puts on the video for me to watch while she brings in the groceries and starts making dinner, I get a little more information.

After the opening music and titles, which let us know we are entering Heather Siegel's home in National City (the video was made in 1993), the camera shows us Heather in bed. "Good morning," she says. "My name is Heather Siegel, and

my day begins like everybody else's day — having to get out of bed. But getting out of bed, for me, requires something special. I need assistance: mechanical assistance from my various braces, made for me by Baja Orthotics; and help

from a friend. Yes, to get out of bed, for me, is a very special occasion."

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the chair. "Thank you, thank you. Okay, let's go get my hair done."

The video then goes on to document Heather's difficulties in getting on the trolley — trouble getting out of her car, the lack of a curb cut next to the handicapped parking space at the station, the long trek to the spot where the lift-equipped trolley car will stop. "How could I possibly do this alone?" asks Heather. "The answer is: I can't. I am dependent on a personal assistant and a wheelchair." The trolley arrives, and she documents her troubles in getting on board — backing onto the lift, etc. Later, we learn that she was unable to board the return trolley because "there were already two persons using a wheelchair on the train." Again, she had to wait. Upon arriving in National City, she gets stuck crossing the tracks and has to be pulled across backwards by her assistant.

Cut to mournful steel guitar and strings behind a montage of black-and-white photos showing Heather on crutches, her right foot wrapped in a large cast. In one photo, she is attempting to negotiate a set of outdoor stairs in the Chicago winter. The voiceover comes in over the music. "The number-one question people have been asking me for the past five and a half years is, 'If you can walk, why do you use a wheelchair?' I don't call this walking. When I was employed at the United States' EPA, I was ambulatory and I was independent. Since my work-related stress fracture, this is what my life has become. I certainly have lost my independence. I am totally dependent upon others — upon the kindness of others, upon the tolerance or intolerance of others, on mechanical devices, and on the vagaries of medical science and biomechanical supports. It's not much of a life.

"I was the one who resisted the wheelchair. It was my doctors who insisted that if I was going to have any kind of a functional existence outside of a nursing home and wanted to maintain my independence, that I consider the use of a manual wheelchair as a necessary device. The doctors understood my frustration.

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The doctors understood my anger. But I don't really think the doctors understood what it was like to be half a person, halfway in and halfway out of life."

I gather from the video that frustration drove her to Southern California, which she envisioned as a land of omnipresent curb cuts and pleasant weather

(she was half right). Frustration then drove her to pursue a paralegal degree, "so that I [could] become more active in the community." And finally, frustration drove her to contact the local TV news departments. The video contains segments from a News 8 feature on her battle with UCSD over the distance from their central library to the nearest handicapped parking space. "The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 guarantees me, as a disabled person, equal access to a quality

education. The ADA has suggested 200 feet as a reasonable distance," she tells reporter Jack White. "The problem is that it's 890 feet from this [space] to the front door of the library." At the end of the segment, Jack White says to the news anchors, "Obviously, Steve and Carol, we have not heard the end of all this. It's going to be an ongoing battle. We will keep you up to date on Heather Siegel's battle to get in the front door of the library." Carol smiles. "Well, it seems to me that Heather

is up for the fight, too, Jack." "Heather is indeed up for the fight." Cut to text on black screen: "The U.S. Department of Education accepted your complaint on February 11, 1993...The battle continues..." Heather made the video because "at the time, I had a complaint against an employer. The employer did not believe that I was disabled. I decided that if a picture is worth a thousand words, then a moving picture must be worth five thousand words." She grants

a certain flair for the dramatic but notes that the assistants who appear in the video were "real, live people who I wrote real, live checks to." Heather then puts on a second video, *Heather Siegel, Paralegal*, in which she advises people scheduled to appear in small-claims court on how best to conduct themselves and present their case. (The video reveals that Heather herself was once a plaintiff: she hit a pothole, sued the City, and won \$1000.) "If you follow my advice today," she promises, "you will feel more confident, you will have credibility with the judge, and more important, you might change the factors that brought you into court.... I spend at least one afternoon a week sitting in the small-claims court, watching people go in and watching people go out and watching people make the same mistakes over and over. "I have sat in on over 2000 cases in small-claims court," Heather tells me. "I made personal friends with the judge. All the judges are male, and they have these little clerk-type people that support the judge. The clerk-type people said to the judge, 'Oh, she's in the court because she's got a crush on you.' So one day the judge walked up to me and said, 'Do you have a crush on me? Is that why you're in my court?' "No. I'm in here to try to figure out how you make some of the more stupid decisions that I've come

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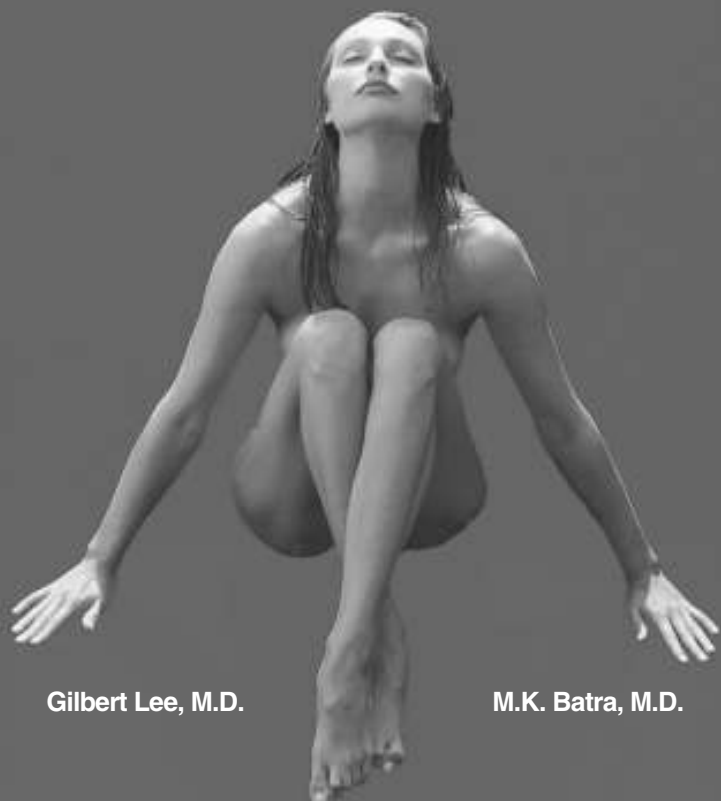
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“Well, if you want to know why I make stupid decisions, why don’t you come and read the files?”

“Really? May I?”

“Sure. Tell those twerps in the office that it’s okay by me.”

“So that’s how I started reading all the files in the small-claims court. I got a chance to read every decision he made and figure out how he made those decisions. I was trying to figure out how the system worked.”

Dinner is served: a baked boneless, skinless chicken thigh topped with a sauce made from instant oatmeal and Dixie Fry; sliced peaches and button mushrooms. “We’ve done our best to coordinate,” says Heather. “At least the fork and the spoon and the knife are there — and the glass. Do you say any form of grace?” she asks.

“I do.” I bow my head and begin a silent blessing.

“Do you want to say it so I can hear it?”

“Okay.” I say grace.

“If you want more of anything, just ask, and I’ll get you more.”

Heather’s cats, Princess and Violet, have already eaten. Normally, they share her table, but since I am here, they were fed earlier. Princess is a domestic long-hair; Violet — the Computer Cat, so named because of her fondness for lying on top of the monitor while Heather works — is a black and white Manx. Both originally belonged to other people. “I’m the Second-Hand Rose of cats. Violet is Betty’s cat. Betty lived alone at the top of a hill in Rancho Bernardo. She didn’t have any friends, and she had two barking dogs. I know this because the barking dogs bothered my mother. She always said, ‘The only way we’re going to solve the barking-dog problem is, one of us is going to have to die.’ Betty went first.” Heather’s mother believed that “The dogs were buried with Betty — but she had a cat.”

“What happened to the cat?” asked Heather.

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Violet joined Corky in Heather's home; the two cats were the best of friends. When Corky died, Heather brought in another cat, a male, but it got into fights with other cats. "I had to actually go through the trauma of giving somebody a cat back." She had better luck after getting Princess, a female she found through a newspaper ad.

When Heather began her story, Violet was outside. Within moments, she

was inside and crowding Heather's feet. "She came back in the house to make sure that if I told her story, she heard about it personally. Yes, I am telling your story," she says to Violet. "That is correct, that is correct. Make sure I get it right." She addresses me. "It's their house; they let me live in it."

"Do they sleep with you?"

"Let's put it this way: they let me crawl into the bed at night. There's no question about who's in charge in this household." Earlier, when Heather gave me the tour of the bedroom and disabled-access bathroom, Princess followed us closely. "After all, this is her bedroom. Somebody walking into her bedroom, she wants to know about it."

Heather struggles to get the cap off a new bot-

tle of apple juice on the table. "Single women have two things we can't do — we can't play strip poker by ourselves, and we can never get apple juice open. So if you'd like to open my apple juice, we will remember that." Once the juice is open, she mixes it in her glass with diet lemon-lime soda.

"I haven't gotten many opportunities to clean up for a man at dinnertime."

I'm still curious about her disability and the extent of her recovery. "Did you get better through surgery?"

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work, I'm not going to do it' — including me. If I can't get this apartment just the way I want it, I just don't do it. I no longer said, 'I'll live with an unbearable situation.' I don't want to use a wheelchair, so I won't. I can't take a shower without modifications [to the stall], but it's my bathroom.

requiring me to have two clean napkins." In the kitchen, she shows me the stove, which qualifies as a disabled-access appliance because the controls are located at the front of the unit, making them accessible to someone in a wheelchair. "The dirty dishes are my own," she notes. "I once had to go to a deposition — the place where I lived had a flood, and the water was so high that it washed the dirty dishes out of the sink. At the deposition, they had the nerve to ask me how many dirty dishes there were. I said, 'You don't understand the philosophy of dirty dishes. If I gave a damn about the dishes, there wouldn't be any dirty dishes. But since I don't give a damn, I don't count how many dirty dishes I have. It defeats the purpose! If you're going to have

dirty dishes in the sink, the last thing you do is worry about them."

Heather's portfolio also includes an edition of her weekly newsletter, *The Siegel Sidebar*. "I have created a newsletter of just what I did this week. If it happened during the week, it'll get into the newsletter. The goal was to become a published author. So, to get people to read my stuff, I'd send them jokes and other things to keep them busy and then an original story. Therefore, I can now refer to myself as a published author. I started out with family members and friends. There was some controversy, [people saying], 'I didn't ask to be put on your [mailing list].' So now it has an unsubscribe option on the bottom of it. My idea of success is that people I send it to do not say, 'Unsubscribe.'" She esti-

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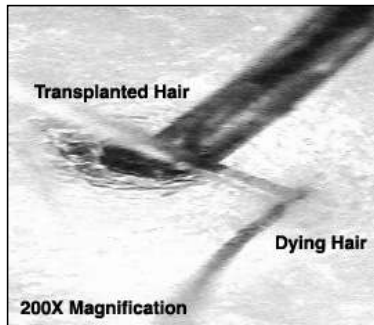
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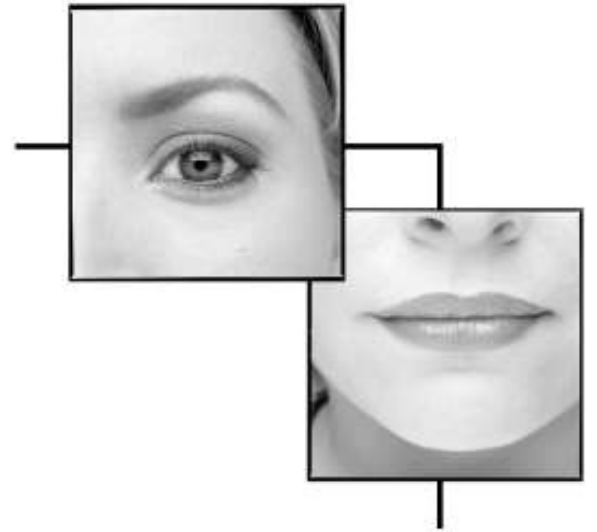
The original stories are more memoir than anything else, though Heather notes that "since the beginning of my writing career, people have always said, 'I can't tell what part is true and what part isn't.' I say, 'Good; that's the idea. You're not supposed to know the answers. The purpose of a story is, it's a story. If you know all the answers, then you've defeated my purpose.'"

A recent issue of the sidebar opened with an original story, an account of Heather's flight via mass transit (two buses and a train) into Orange County to follow up on a successful date. The story was followed by feedback from a couple of readers, then a Joke of the Week about a rabbi and an IRS agent. Next came Quips and Quotes (several from the National Association of Women Writers), then Things We Can Learn from a Dog ("Thrive on attention and let people touch you"), followed by Equal Time for Cats ("Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God").

Her successful date meant fewer entries in what is perhaps the funniest section, Diamonds in the Sandbox, a list of rejections she has received from a computer dating service, all accompanied by her captions. ("Does he think he is being cute?" above "Not interested...too-o-o-o-o-o-o far away.") Then news stories, an update on her lawsuit against Lawrence Welk ("I'm suing them to follow their own policy"), Letters to the Editor, a newspaper column about slain journalist Daniel Pearl, and finally, Heather Siegel's 2002 Speaking Schedule. The audiences include NCR retirees, the San Marcos Lions Club, the Third Marine Division, the Villa Rancho Bernardo Nursing Home, the Carlsbad Lions Club, the Vista Women's Club, and the Buena Vista Hadasah, among others. After February 1, 2002, Heather e. Siegel requests an honorarium or contributions to her favorite cause.

Before I leave, Heather plays me a tape of one of her speaking engagements. She opens by joking about how early it is and how hard

the *eyes* have it.



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it was for her to get up and get to the meeting. But she doesn't sound tired; she sounds positively peppy. "Maybe we should do a little exercise, something to wake us up? You're already sitting down, but these are sit-down exercises. For example, is there anybody out there who needs to stand up to swallow their pride? Or shake the hand of the person next to them and find out who's got the warmer hand?"

She asks if any regard themselves as leaders of the community. Nobody raises a hand, so she asks if any are willing to defend the position that they are not leaders of the community.

"Heather, we're all retired."

"Well, you know, Moses, I keep hearing about that." Laughter... "I believe you're all leaders of the community. You just need permission from yourself to recognize the power that you have. When you were working, did you have time to come to a meeting at ten o'clock in the morning? You have power that people who are working do not have. You have a certain amount of freedom, so maybe leadership comes from that.... Let's pretend that everybody in this room [is a leader]...and we are going to, all together, write a letter to the editor. I'm sure we can find something we can say to the community leaders in Escondido." There is in her delivery no trace of the misanthrope; onstage, she is every inch a people person.

When I get home, there is an e-mail from Heather waiting for me. It opens, "Dear Matthew: What better way to honor my father, Sidney S. Siegel, than having dinner with you on the eve of the 8th anniversary of his passing, 02-28-94. My father was an editor and publisher of a local neighborhood newspaper in Chicago, Illinois, and a member of the Rancho Bernardo Press Club. My family grew up with *The Northtown Economist*. I am sure my Dad would have approved of *The Siegel Sidebar*." A few days later, I receive my first issue of *The Siegel Sidebar*; the e-mail is reprinted under the heading "Dinner With Matthew." ■

— Matthew Lickona

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male and female friends in Africa and Europe who died from AIDS-related illnesses. In fact, I've had more straight than gay friends/relatives contract the syndrome (and I've had many gay friends). I'm concerned about what I see as denial when people still associate HIV with being gay. Yes, at present, HIV is more widespread in the U.S. in the gay community. But AIDS-related complex is now the second leading cause of death of black American women in the U.S. (I haven't confirmed this statistic — a client of mine who is a researcher passed on this information.) I think all of us need to be practicing safer sex, regardless of our sexual orientation, and be careful of how many people we expose ourselves to sexually. To associate HIV with only the gay community is to give straight people a false sense of security and possibly encourage riskier behavior. I saw this same dangerous attitude in East Africa in the 1980s, and look at

the devastating result.

Julie Wynne

Wise Googled

Thanks for publishing the critique (Letters, July 11) of Naomi Wise's review of the Kaiserhof ("The Kaiser Kid," June 20). At least the one you published was not as damning. Ms. Wise should attend cooking school, at the very least, if she is ever to understand food.

I think she still owes the Kaiserhof an apology. After all, it is their business she is impacting in a very amateur way.

Google just doesn't get it if you haven't been there and done that. Especially when it comes to restaurants.

Wayne Geiselman

Who's August?

We know so little about the mysterious August Kleinzahler, but after reading his stimulating essay on Bach and Bartók ("Scandalous Freak," Pop Music, June 27), I was fascinated to learn that he is a reputable American poet from New Jersey. Force him to allow you to reprint his autobiographical short story, "Too Bad About Mrs. Ferri."

J. Weiss

All-Star Farce

Re "Sporting Box," May 2. When I was young, in Colorado, we had a minor-league team but no major-league one, so we could and would root for any major-league team and pretended to be whatever pitchers or hitters we wanted, regardless of their "color." We were colorblind, in the early 1970s. We loved Mays, Mantle, Aaron, McCovey, Jackson, Blue, Hunter, Clemente, Bench, Stargell, Gibson, Marichal, etc., etc. We were big-time baseball fans.

But, as we grew up, the players' salaries bloated, and it became obvious that the successive major-league players' love of the game, much less their fans, began to wane. Some may have politely refused due to time constraints to sign autographs, but nobody *charged* the fans money for autographs back then, to my knowledge! I can't imagine that a child wanting a player's autograph should have to have a \$5 bill in his pocket to get it! Would Roberto Clemente charge kids money for his signature? Absolutely not! One would be a rare piece of steaming compost to do that!

Why, that would prove that one was in it for the money, would it not? But that's exactly where things are, and have been — even beloved Padres have pulled *that* low maneuver.

Ah, well. I saw on the news tonight that the farce that is now called the All-Star Game was stopped as a *tie!* Unbelievable. Today's MLB, and Bud Selig, are clueless. My money has been spent elsewhere for years. The last major-league game I attended was with my daughter. The Padres lost their 100th game of the season that evening. That was not why I stopped going. I stopped because of remarks made by a Padre about the fans shortly after that to the press, published in a San Diego newspaper, something like, "As far as I'm concerned, the fans can go (bleep) themselves. They haven't been here all (bleeping) year."

Well, we were there.

I haven't been back and don't even feel that my younger kids need to learn how to play baseball anymore. And they don't seem to be missing anything. Hard to believe, when I think how much I loved it as

a kid growing up.

And why strike? Is the \$2 million—average player salary not enough? Too many months at work in a year, not enough months off? They are *way* out of touch.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that games with a ball "stamp no character on the mind." Many of today's professional ballplayers are proving him right.

Geoff Hill

Dude Jest

I'm very upset with Duncan Shepherd. Like, you know what, man, let me tell you something, dude. I mean, c'mon, *Spider-Man*, just entertaining movies for families and stuff like that. You give everything bad reviews, you know, and, like, I mean, c'mon, movies I haven't heard of before, you know. I mean, give the world a break.

Let me tell you something, I have a Ph.D, you know, and like, I like movies, I like taking my kids to movies, you know. It's, like, you know, why can't we all go out and have fun? You know, I read the

Reader all the time. You know what? Your articles bum me out. You know, your movie reviews, you know, and I'm sure you hear a lot of this stuff from other people too, and, like, you know, maybe you're going to, like, shrug it off your shoulder or whatever it is. But, like, let me tell you something, man, it's like, give me a break. I mean, I have seen several great movies, by great directors, okay? It's, like, you know, you give, like, four stars to movies I've never even heard of, you know, I mean, you know, things they play up in Hillcrest and stuff like that. There's nothing wrong with that, but my God, when you've got a blockbuster, you give it one star! Maybe a circle, you know? I mean, it bums me out. It bums my kids out. It bums my wife out. I mean, what's up with that, man? I don't even want to look at your articles at all. Give it a break, dude. Lighten up, bro, that's all I'm saying.

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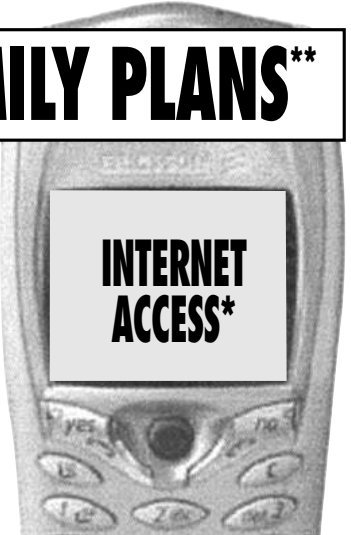
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play,
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merriment,
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Sly: Well, we'll see't. Come, madam wife, sit
by my side, and let the
world slip, we shall ne'er be younger.

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the first go. According to society
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understanding what somebody's
saying to them, whereas if you try to
read it in the script and follow along,
you get lost." You're an actor now,
performing for the benefit of your
audience.

This summer marks the society's
second season, and there are eight plays
on the schedule, of which *Shrew* is the
fourth. Brewer founded the society to
give people a chance to participate in
theater without committing a sizable
chunk of their lives to the endeavor.
There is no memorization; actors hold
on to their scripts — printed with
same-line explanations of curious
words and phrases — as they perform.
There are no rehearsals; prior to each
scene, members of the crew —
director, stage manager, and property
master — sit down with the actors and
briefly lay out the scene's action and
backstory. Backstory is often
important, as there are no assigned
roles, and most people play a given
character for only one scene. (For
continuity, the character always carries
a role marker — maybe a red shawl for



From the July 13 Comedy of Errors performance

Katherine, a white one for Bianca.)
Why Shakespeare? Part of it has to
do with the venue — in front of the
Botanical Building in Balboa Park. The
location means plenty of pedestrian
traffic from which to recruit actors —
"We get a lot of tourists," says
Brewer — but it's not a place to be
spouting sailor-talk. "Shakespeare," he
notes, "is almost guaranteed to be
accepted at the family-clean level.
There's the occasional insult thrown
around..."

Petruchio: (to a tailor; read this aloud in
mock anger): Thou liest, thou thread, thou
thimble,
Thou yard, three-quarters, half-yard,
quarter, nail!
Thou flea, thou nit, thou winter-cricket
thou!
Brav'd in mine own house with a skein of
thread?
Away, thou rag, thou quantity, thou
remnant,
Or I shall so bemeate thee with thy yard
As thou shalt think on prating whilst thou
liv'st!

"...and it can get a little bit randy..."

Katherine: (read this aloud with a friend): ...I
knew you at the first. You were a moveable.

Petruchio: Why, what's a moveable?
Katherine: A join'd stool.
Petruchio: Thou hast hit it; come sit on me.
Katherine: Asses are made to bear, and so
are you.
Petruchio: Women are made to bear, and so
are you.

"...but it can be accepted." It's Shakes-
peare, after all.
Continues Brewer, "The other
thing was the simplicity of the plot
lines and, really, the simplicity of the
characters." He says that one of last
season's most successful shows was this
selfsame *Shrew*, and "One thing that
makes it work well is there's not a lot of
threading in the plot. It's in
compartments; you can come in where
Petruchio is wooing Kate and have a
great time without having to know
everything that came beforehand."
Direction is kept to a
minimum — it's mostly a matter of
getting people to stand in the right
place. The actors are then left to their
own devices. "You can get a really
bright person in there reading and have
an emotional scene and have them pull
it off brilliantly, and in our experience,
the audience likes that just as much as
somebody who's been killed in the
scene and hams it up while he's dead.

There's the full range of how to play it,
even as you go through one show, and
that's fine."
Brewer and the rest of the crew
show up and start setting up at 2:00
p.m.; meanwhile, the house manager
goes out and starts recruiting. The crew
usually takes parts for the first few
scenes, hoping that by then, enough of
a crowd will have gathered to fill most
of the roles. "There's always people that
walk by and see what's happening and
become interested. Out in front of the
stage — behind the audience — we
have a big board with all the parts that
are available. One thing that kind of
helps us in our project is that when
you're pulling in actors from the
general public, they have instant fans:
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— Matthew Lickona

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Deep in a Dream: The Long Night of Chet Baker



James Gavin

drawing on hundreds of interviews and previously untapped sources, James Gavin gives a hair-raising account of the trumpeter's dark journey.

The story of Baker's demise — a heretofore unsolved riddle — is revealed here at last. So is the truth behind his tormented childhood, the pain of which haunted his entire life. Gavin explores the birth of the melancholy trumpet playing, the fragile tenor voice, and the otherworldly personal aura that catapulted Baker to fame. Sexy, angelic, needy, and forbidding all at once, Baker became known as the James Dean of jazz. Like Dean, he struck

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a note of menace in the staid '50s; behind his ultracool, handsome façade lay something ominous, unspoken. The mystery drove both sexes crazy. But his only real romance, apart from music, was with drugs. And in mesmerizing detail, Gavin narrates the harrowing spiral of dependency down which Baker tumbled, dragging with him those who dared get close.

From his golden promise to his eventual destruction, Baker's life mirrored America's fall from postwar innocence. *Deep in a Dream* is the portrait of a musician whose singular artistry and mystique have never lost their power to enchant and seduce us.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: James Gavin, from his Westside Manhattan apartment, began our conversation by saying, in his beautifully modulated voice, that he'd been a struggling freelance writer *for his whole adult life*. He was born, he said, in Yonkers, New York, in 1964. He spent his childhood, he said, “living as deeply in the past as possible, because, well, see, when I was ten years old, that was the year that Bette Midler had her hit record of ‘Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.’ That caught my fancy. My mother and father told me that this was an old song by a group called the Andrews Sisters, popular during World War II. Someone bought me an Andrews Sisters album. I was looking for my own little world to escape into that none of my schoolmates could share, and that was the one. I became infatuated with music of the World War II years, the big bands and vocalists and love songs. Here I was — 11, 12, 13 years old — and I was collecting old 78s and listening to old radio shows and more or less unaware of what went on in the real world.”

“You were listening,” I suggested, “to the likes of Jack Benny and his sidekick, Rochester.”

“*The Jack Benny Show*, yes, with his great guest singers like Margaret Whiting and Fred Allen. Red Skelton had Anita Allen — all of those big comedy shows had a girl singer.”

“What, back then, was it that girl singers sometimes were called? ‘Canaries?’ ”

“Chirps, canaries, yes. All those un-PC expressions at that

\$5 U.S. For more information, call 800-962-2252. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mountain Biking for Kids, children 3 to 16 years old are taking part in the mountain bike planned on Sunday, July 21, beginning at 8 a.m. at Rancho Bustamante. For registration and information, call 011-52-664-630-3496. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Seafood Is Showcased in the 13th Annual International Fish and Seafood Fair — boasting food, mariachis making music, and ballet folklorico — slated for Sunday, July 21, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Rosarito Beach Hotel. The \$15 ticket includes four food servings and four drinks and dessert. For more information, call 011-52-661-612-0700. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Ensenada's Summer Fair, located at Boulevard Costero and Riviera Street, continues through Sunday, July 28. Entertainment includes local and regional singers, bands, and other talented performers, and there will be refreshments, children's rides, and games. Hours are noon to 11 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on weekends. Admission is free. Call 011-52-646-178-2065 for further information. (ENSENADA)

Go Behind the Scenes of Foxploreation Park when Baja California Tours hosts an outing to this working movie studio on Thursday, July 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Participants will go “behind the scenes” to learn about the filmmaking process.

The \$75 fee includes transportation, admission to the park, a guided bus tour, and a lobster feast in Puerto Nuevo. For reservations and information, call 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (ROSARITO BEACH)

The Papantla Flyers, presenting a traditional ceremony with dance and music from the state of Veracruz, return to the Tijuana Cultural Center with performances through August. Shows begin at 3 and 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 1, 3, and 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is 90 cents U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río, in Tijuana. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

“**Whales: Giants of the Ocean**” provide the theme for a photography show on exhibit through September at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Admission is \$1.10 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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)

time for babes. But anyway, as years went on I also found that I loved to read. I learned how to read when I was four. By the time I was in high school, reading and books gave me my life. I wondered, ‘What am I going to do? If I’m a writer, what am I going to write about? I have spent so much of my young life investigating the past, what will I do?’

“I started in college, writing what became my first book — published in 1991, called *Intimate Nights: The Golden Age of New York Cabarets*. I was attending Fordham University in the Bronx. I was an English major, but I had decided what I wanted to do, so it didn’t matter what I majored in. I started writing this book, and it gave me a life, because at the age of 20, I requested my first interview. My favorite singer, then and now, is Carmen McRae. She was then appearing at the Blue Note. When you’re 20, you have nothing to lose and all the guts in the world. I marched into her dressing room and said, ‘Hi, I’m writing this book about singers, and can I interview you?’ She said, ‘Yes.’ I learned later on that she had said no to *People*. Somebody at *People* had irritated her, and she had told the lady from *Ebony* — excuse my language — to fuck off. I marched in and I had no résumé or experience whatsoever, and she talked with me. But I did take this as a sign that maybe this is what I should be doing. I spent the next seven years working on this book and working day jobs and working in bookstores and record stores, and then the book finally came out in 1991, published by Grove Press. I lucked out. It was well covered and received and didn’t sell much, but it got me started. It was on a small subject. It did not set the world on fire, but it got me started. The next three years, I struggled as a freelance writer, and it took me all that time to come up with the idea for Chet Baker.”

“How did that happen?”

“Pure desperation. I was having a rough summer in 1994. I was scared to death because I had no money and not much work. I was 30, and I felt I was failing. I wish I could tell you that I had a passion for Chet Baker and he was a lifelong hero, but at that time I knew almost nothing about Chet Baker. I had two albums that I

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OUTDOORS

Cumulonimbus Clouds, or thunderheads, are most likely to form over San Diego County's deserts and mountains during the latter part of the summer season, beginning about late July. The clouds appear by midafternoon — often the result of moist tropical air entering the county from the south or southeast. If intense, these cloud buildups are accompanied by enough rain to flood the desert washes and mountain drainages. When the weather pattern allows the movement of moist air beyond the mountain barriers, even coastal San Diego County can experience the cool spatter of raindrops and spectacular evening lightning displays.

Cicadas, the insects that sound like tinny buzzsaws in the brush, have been putting up a racket around San Diego lately. Occasionally mistaken for the tail buzz of a rattlesnake, the sound is merely that of a male calling to potential mates. Some 30 species of cicadas inhabit San Diego County, but none are of the famous periodical type that emerge en masse every 13 or 17 years to serenade parts of the eastern United States.

Tiger Lilies Are Often Found on the trail when Audubon Society birders head to Palomar Mountain State Park on Saturday, July 20, to bird-

watch from 8 a.m. until the early afternoon. Possible sightings: cliff swallows, hairy woodpeckers, Western tanagers, brown creepers, and purple martins.

Meet the group at the School Camp/Doane Pond day-use parking area within the state park. To reach the spot, take I-15 to Highway 76 and head east; drive 20.6 miles until the Palomar Mountain State Park sign and turn left. Proceed up the mountain to S-7 at the top; turn left and then another immediate left at the corner store (do not go to the observatory). Drive 3 miles to the park entrance and then 1.5 miles to Doane Pond.

There is a day-use fee. Expect hot weather and moderately strenuous walking. For more information, call 619-692-3246. Bring water, lunch, and insect repellent. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

In the Heat of the Summer, naturalists lead hikes in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, beginning at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Call 858-694-3049 for information. Free. (POWAY)

Oaks and Plants are the subject when naturalist and geologist Jack Pomeroy leads a moderately strenuous 3.5-hour hike on Saturday, July 20. Participants will learn about common chaparral plants and their differences. The outing starts at

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liked, but I liked Carmen McRae a lot more and Peggy Lee and a lot of other singers.”

“June Christy.”

“I loved June Christy. She’s maybe in my top three of singers. All these singers touched me, but I didn’t know much about Chet Baker except superficial things that everybody knew — that he was this beautiful, tarnished, golden boy from the 1950s who had led a tempestuous life as a drug addict. I didn’t know much about what happened to him in later years. This was 1994; Chet had been dead for six years.

“I knew that Chet Baker was more popular in death than he was in life and that you were starting to hear a lot of his music and that there was this fabulously sordid tale that had not been told. An angel or a devil flew onto my shoulder and told me that I should do this. I called William Claxton, the photographer who had taken so many photographs of Baker. I didn’t know Claxton at all. But anyway, I called him and I asked, ‘Do you think anyone is writing a book about Chet Baker?’ and he said, ‘Not to my knowledge.’ I knew that anybody who was writing a book would have to go back to Bill. Then I went into overdrive, and I went to the jazz library at Rutgers University. I looked in the clippings file, and I found all these clippings, mostly from the 1950s. In the early 1950s, Chet Baker was the Great White Hope, and at the end of the 1950s, he was a gutter junkie and lower than low in the public eye. I thought, ‘Hmmm.’ I threw together a proposal, and Knopf bought it fast. I was off on what became *Deep in a Dream*. It took me six years. I became as obsessive about Chet Baker as anybody who actually was in his life.”

“You almost have to be obsessive to do this kind of book, don’t you think?”

“If you’re going to do it well, you do, because you need to find every shred of evidence and material that you can.”

“It’s like being in love.”

“Tell me about it. Boy, can I relate to that. That’s what happened to me. Especially this story is so murky and so mired in untruths and so full of people who aren’t telling the truth, Chet

Baker being at the top of the list. It was an incredibly exciting six years of my life. It brought me to Europe for the first time and second time on these wild tours, going on sleeper trains from city to city with my bag around my shoulder. I didn’t have a computer. I was doing it all longhand. I don’t have a laptop to this day. I couldn’t have carried one more thing. I was carrying a mobile home around my shoulders. I was sleeping on people’s sofas.”

“As Chet Baker did.”

“Exactly like he did. However, he maintained this kind of life for decades. I did it for a few weeks at a time.”

“I don’t know how he did it.”

“In a way he had no other choice, because as driven as he was to play, he also had an incredible need for drugs. So he took every job that he could. He would from time to time have pretty good booking agents who became completely exasperated with him because in addition to the itinerary they laid out for him, he would take every piddling job that he possibly could and fill in all the cracks. He would go on mad driving sprees to make it from one gig to another. He needed the money to stay high, and he also had this intense compulsion to play music.”

I said that I realized, reading Mr. Gavin’s book, that Baker, all the many times he played Paris, for instance, never visited a museum.

“He didn’t. I don’t think Chet Baker ever even read the newspaper. I don’t think he had any interest in anything beyond his immediate needs. Heroin addiction, in a way, simplifies your life. Because it becomes number one, and everything else falls by the wayside. Chet Baker didn’t have time or interest to do anything other than play music and stay high, and people who walked into his life simply became accessories to that. I don’t think Chet Baker had a clue about current events. He knew a little bit about what was going on in contemporary music, and he commented on it astutely, but that’s something that he had a vested interest in. So the guy’s life consisted of playing music, getting high, and not much else.”

“Did he listen to records?”

“People gave him records, and he listened to some, left some

behind, gave others away. I don’t think he took in much of the outside world even in that sense. He listened to his own recordings. Often in the 1970s and 1980s, when he was on the road, he would have his shows taped, and he would listen to them in the car on a pocket tape recorder and evaluate his playing. Beyond that I don’t think he spent time going to other musicians’ concerts. There was so little input coming in from the outside world. He was in a cocoon of his own making.”

In 1966 Chet Baker lost his upper teeth in a scuffle. I asked Mr. Gavin about this.

“Chet Baker, by then, was truly washed up in America. He was a relic from the 1950s. Chet had gotten a job at a rather posh nightclub in Sausalito called the Trident. He was not even the headliner. He was the guest of João Donato, and the engagement wasn’t terribly successful. Chet Baker was spending the money that he had to go to a sleazy hotel in the Fillmore district and score. He was so broke that he was breaking into doctors’ offices and people’s homes. To cover his tracks he burned down a pharmacy where he had presented forged prescriptions. That’s how paranoid Chet Baker was at that time. Anyway, the big part of Chet Baker’s myth was this story about his teeth. He made himself out to be the victim, as he often did. He said that he was going to score and that these black thugs attacked him. He told various versions of this story. In the 1970s he admitted to his saxophone player that he had masterminded a crime to rip off a drug dealer and that this was the revenge. So many of the fabled Chet Baker stories turned out to be not true.”

But his upper teeth *were* gone by 1966. I asked Mr. Gavin what this did to Baker’s embouchure.

8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Pass trailhead entrance. To reach the trailhead, take I-15 to the El Norte Parkway exit; drive about one-half mile to Broadway, and drive north four miles to Cougar Pass (a dirt road); turn right and drive about one mile to the dirt parking lot on the left. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Dust Off Your Binos! Bird watchers and nature lovers are invited to take a nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, July 20. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Practice Your Detective Skills to find out about nocturnal wild animals living in Mission Trails Regional Park during a tracking workshop led by ranger Barrett on

Saturday, July 20, at 8 a.m. The workshop starts in the Kumeyaay Campground’s day-use parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Bird Walk, David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk from Kumeyaay Campground on Saturday, July 20, at 8 a.m. Participants will look for breeding birds along the banks of Kumeyaay Lake. 619-668-3275. Free. Find the campground at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Local Pollution Solutions, San Diego BayKeeper is offering volunteer water monitor training sessions for its Citizen Water Monitoring Project. Participants learn sample field collection and laboratory techniques used to assess water quality in local creeks, bays, and coastal waters. The training takes place on Sat-

urday, July 20, 9 a.m. to noon, at the San Diego BayKeeper offices, 2924 Emerson Street, suite 220. To register, call 619-758-7743. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Put on Your Digging Duds and join People for Trees to plant trees on Saturday, July 20, at 8:30 a.m., at 6311 Dennison Street. Free. Bring drinking water, shovels, gloves, and sturdy shoes (if you have them). For information, dial 619-222-8733. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m., starting from the park’s visitors’ center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

Walk Back Over 100 Years when Urban Safaris leads a three-mile walking tour of San Diego’s first suburb, a.k.a. University Heights, on Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$10. For reservations and

directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Enjoy the Sunset from the top of Volcan Mountain when Mike from the San Dieguito River Park leads a five-mile round-trip hike on Saturday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. Bring a snack. Dial 858-674-2275 x5 to make the mandatory reservations and obtain directions. Free. (JULIAN)

Learn to Track Coyote, Bobcat, mountain lion, and other native species with experienced trackers from the San Diego Tracking Team during a volunteer training workshop on Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Meet at the Adobe Ranch House in the preserve. To reach the spot, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. 760-788-9949. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Last Chance! Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society’s Silverwood Sanctuary, open September through July. Silverwood offers ten miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature walk, an observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

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

A Volksmarch Is, simply put, a non-competitive walk along a pre-marked route. Walk, jog, or run at your own pace in Imperial Beach during 5k and 10k events hosted by the San Diego County Rockhoppers on Sunday, July 21. The walks start anytime be-

tween 8 a.m. and noon at Albertson’s (at the northwest corner of Coronado Avenue and Saturn Boulevard).

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

The Full Moon rises dramatically in the east at about 8:00 p.m., just after the time of sunset, on Tuesday, July 23. Notice the effect known as the moon illusion — the seemingly magnified bubblelike image of the moon looming over distant features on the far horizon. The illusion resides in your head; there is no true magnification of the moon in its horizon position.

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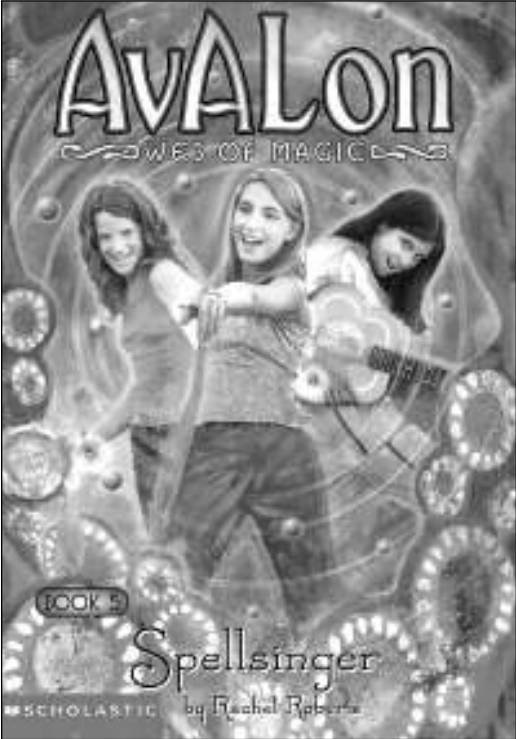
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“He had lower teeth but he had upper dentures. Most people think he had a full set of false choppers, but he didn’t. It is almost miraculous that he learned how to play the trumpet again. Learning how to play the trumpet with your teeth is so hard, but without your teeth and with dentures, I can’t imagine how he did it. He had such a sheer force of will at that time that I think he thought that learning to play the trumpet again is the only thing that would save him.”

“He was right.”
“Yes, if he hadn’t had that, then he would simply have been a failed father, a failed husband, a failed musician, all the things that his own father was. It certainly took him many years before he could play well again. I’ve heard private recordings of Chet in the early 1970s. They sound pretty bad. In the great years of Chet Baker he had this beautiful, effortless, liquid tone that was so pure; there was not a blemish on the surface of this tone, and it all flowed out of him without his even having to think about it. On one live tape that I have from Los Angeles from the late 1960s, his playing sounds ravaged. He’s having trouble sustaining long lines; sometimes he blows and air comes out. It has a honking quality to it, and you feel the struggle in his playing.”

Chet Baker scarcely read music. “When he was in college at El Camino,” Mr. Gavin said, “he studied music. He abandoned it because he thought that he was above that. Miles Davis went to Juilliard, and Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker and the great men of bebop were virtuosos on their instruments and knew everything about music. Chet Baker thought that he could do better than they did, all by himself with no help from anyone else.

“In later years, after he became addicted to drugs, he hocked his horn many times and would play whatever instrument he could get his hands on. It’s part and parcel of the life of a drug addict, because when that physical need is screaming out at you to be satisfied, you’ll do anything to get relief. That includes robbing, stealing, cheating, and selling your trumpet, which he did over and over again.”

“The trumpet is a taxing instrument.”

Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Tuesday, July 23. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Mountain Views and Valley Views, take a walk above Mission Valley and down memory lane with Bruce from Walkabout on Wednesday, July 24. He grew up in this neighborhood and will lead this ramble over the “new” Adams Avenue bridge and into residential

“Yes, and if you don’t practice every day, you slide. I have concert videos of Chet Baker from the 1970s and the 1980s. At that time he was too tired and too ill to bother practicing, not that he ever did, and the first two or three numbers can be painful to hear because he’s warming up onstage, and the sound that he’s making is pretty terrible. Then he usually warms up into a semblance of himself.

What did Mr. Gavin think was the attraction, among musicians, for heroin?
“Before the bebop era, swing musicians smoked a lot of reefer and that was basically it. But starting in 1945, ’46, things changed. Bebop was such a weird sound. It was terribly intimidating, even to people like Louis Armstrong. Swing musicians were mostly threatened by bebop because it was hard stuff. It sounded weird, and it went against all the values that swing-era musicians had, which is mainly playing the melody and embroidering around with little pretty things. That’s what Harry James did.
“But bebop, it was furious music, and it was so underground and above almost everybody’s heads. So the public at large could not understand this music, and these musicians were truly struggling, and Charlie Parker, who was the god of them all, came along, and he could play this music so effortlessly that he knocked everybody out. They also knew that he was taking this drug that they only knew a little about and that he used. People began to connect the two and to believe that in order to play that way, you must have to use this drug.
“Enough former bebop musicians have told me this, so that I believe that Bird [Charlie Parker] didn’t lead them by the hand, but by example. They got the idea that they could maybe play like Bird if they took heroin too. Bird was 34 when he died. A lot of them didn’t make it that far, and some of them did survive to this day. They will now tell you in their maturity that heroin didn’t make them play like Bird.”
I asked Mr. Gavin about what’s called “the junkie beat.”
“One of the Chet Baker albums that I did grow up with has that junkie beat. It’s called *Chet*. It’s an album he did on Riverside

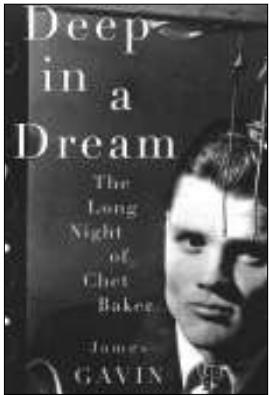
in the late 1950s with these fabulous New York musicians like Bill Evans, Philly Joe Jones, Pepper Adams, and others. Chet was totally stoned at that time, and he was an out-and-out junkie and living in New York.
“There’s a Bugs Bunny cartoon where Bugs Bunny and Roadrunner are floating through the air on ether, and that’s what I think of when I think of the junkie beat, because everything is very slow. These musicians had such a great sense of time that they kept the time, but it was all as if they were floating through ether. It’s very sensual and very sexy. It’s great make-out music. Real time as we know it doesn’t exist. Everything is slowed down, and it can sweep you along in this fog. That’s why that’s still my favorite Chet Baker album. It’s so sexy. There’s also this aura of danger about it. When I first heard this record I thought, ‘Wow, these guys are out of it.’
“He stopped using drugs for short periods. He always did it because somebody was telling him, ‘You can’t do this.’ He didn’t want to stop. He felt, ‘If I can not bother anybody and do this, then why doesn’t everybody leave me alone?’ I can, in a strange way, see the logic of that.”
“Was he clean with his needles?”
“Not always, no. But he always made sure that he was the first one to use the needle.”
“Well, in his day that was ‘careful with your needle.’ ”
“But not too mindful of the people that you’re with.”
The AIDS epidemic had already killed many a junkie by the time Baker died, and Baker, of course, was a junkie right to the end. “I was curious,” Mr. Gavin said, “when I was told that when his corpse was returned to California, that there were purplish bruises. But his last woman swore that he was HIV negative.”
“The corpse was pretty old by the time they flew it from Europe, wasn’t it?”
“Yes, the corpse was getting pretty dog-eared by that time. It had been jostled around in transit, flown here, flown there.”
Chet Baker always had a woman by his side and in his bed. He beat them, he cheated on them, he got them to be mules for
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DANCE

Last Chance Dance, visiting guest artist and master dancer Abdoulaye Camara returns soon to Guinea, West Africa. Camara leads work-

shops with live drumming on Friday, July 19, at 6 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center (1105 2nd Street) and on Saturday, July 20, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Coast Athletics (613 Westlake). All ages are welcome. The fee is \$15. For information, call 858-793-0178. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance, Steve Barlow calls and a community band makes the music for a contradance on Friday, July 19, at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners’ instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6.



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his drugs, he treated them like dirt. I asked Mr. Gavin what he thought made “bad boys” like Baker so appealing to women.

“A lot of things. In the 1950s, girls were supposed to be good girls and do what their parents told them to do, satisfy church and society and get married to a nice guy and have lovely children and live happily ever after. On the other hand, their hormones were raging at age 16 and 17, and they wanted to rebel, to show that they weren’t these little robotic, obedient creatures, and

when somebody like Chet Baker came along...A, he was a jazz musician, which signaled trouble at that time; and B, he looked beautiful and demonic at the same time. You would see on one hand the soft, sensitive, beautiful young man, and on the other you would definitely pick up the signal of danger. He was also somebody that needed to be taken care of, and I think he aroused the maternal instinct in some women. It’s hard, too, isn’t it, to find a sensitive man who’s up there onstage, showing his feelings? That was an incredibly romantic notion to women and to men.”

“Gay men,” I said, “seem attracted to him now.”

“Yes, I think they were attracted to him also, in a highly understated, clandestine sense in the 1950s, because there were few, if any, gay role models or icons. Underground as Chet Baker was, even at his peak, if you got ahold of *Chet Baker Sings*, and you heard this voice that was an androgynous voice, and then you looked at the pictures of this terribly sensitive guy on the album cover in a white undershirt, well...”

I said that I was amazed to learn that he’d made 150 albums.

“Many weren’t real albums. He would do a club date, and they would record it and release it as an album. A lot of those albums

were either bootlegs or he did them for the quick money that somebody would offer him. He’d take it. He didn’t care. They do a disservice to the Chet Baker legacy, a lot of them, but I think even the worst of those albums, if you want to slog through them — and I sure did — will have some little phrase that will make your hair stand on end.

“But Chet Baker wasn’t like Miles Davis. Chet Baker didn’t have a career plan. Miles Davis is an example of a musician who had a master plan. Every phase of Miles Davis’s career was planned...”

“Except,” I said, “for the dope.”

“...except for the dope. And then he became a gigantic coke freak in the 1970s. He had a townhouse that is right here in my neighborhood. He was drugged out in the ’70s. But otherwise, musically speaking, he moved from phase to phase and did everything. Even in the latter years, when he was playing music that I don’t particularly care for, he could tell you exactly why he liked that music and what it was supposed to mean.

“Chet Baker basically was playing the same stuff at the end that he was at the beginning. He had grown deeper in his expression, but he had no course charted at all. He floated through life day to day. This was truly a jazz life in the sense that he lived his life the way he lived it on the bandstand. He was doing everything in the minute. I always live either in the past or the future, so that notion appeals to me in a funny way, to be able to drown yourself in the here and now, not knowing if you’re going to be alive in one hour.

“I think that Chet Baker did whatever suited him in the moment. Period. End. That was it. But that, in a way, is what jazz is all about. The best jazz musicians I have complete awe for, because you’re up there, and you have to make it all up as you go along. When jazz is good, that’s what it’s about. Chet Baker created these beautifully formed poetic solos. Again, when he was at his best, these solos, which he was creating on the spot, are so beautifully shaped, it’s as if he worked them out beforehand. He never did.

“Nothing that I write flows. Nothing comes spontaneously. I have to sift through multiple drafts, and that is the opposite of

what Chet Baker did. He went up there and did it. I sit here and slave over it. The greatest jazz musicians throughout time have done this. That’s the magic and excitement of jazz. When it’s good, you completely pull off the brakes and sail ahead and go with your split-second whims. I could never do it. That’s why when I watch great singers on a stage who sing with complete abandon, I feel a twinge of envy. If I could pick up a saxophone or get up and sing beautifully, I sure would love to do it.”

Most biographies of people who lived in the last half of the 20th Century mention where their subject was on the day Kennedy was assassinated. These mentions have become set pieces in biography. I said to Mr. Gavin that I found it interesting that he did not mention the assassination.

Mr. Gavin laughed. “Chet Baker would barely have been aware of who the president was. He hated America and would not have felt a glimmer of patriotic anything. He thought that he had been victimized by America.”

“Did he dislike blacks?”

“He had conflicted feelings. Some of his greatest heroes were black musicians. But only a few of the black guys dug Chet Baker, and many musicians put Chet Baker down, and I think it stoked up a lot of racist feelings in him.”

“How do you feel now that the almost seven years of work on this book is over?”

“After the book was handed in, it was like the kids had gone off to college. I felt I was going a little off my rocker. It was withdrawal is what it was. I didn’t know at that time — I do now — what I was going to write another book about. I had this big, empty space in me with all this energy swirling around it that had nothing to attach itself to.”

“You didn’t have dope or a trumpet.”

“So I had to face it cold, which is something Chet Baker certainly never knew how to do. I was incredibly nervous in the weeks and months before my book came out. I was scared to death because I thought, ‘What if they don’t like it?’ ”

— Judith Moore

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A Night of Zealous Improvisation is promised when Berkeley-based “improvisation guru” Ruth Zaporah presents “improvisational dance theater like you have never seen it” on Saturday, July 20, at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. Expect a “spontaneous collage of movement, sound, and language” communicating “depths of human experience with power and immediacy.” The program includes a guest performance by Head on Off.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 619-852-7312. (DOWNTOWN)

Israeli Dance Night with Dalya is planned on Saturday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Folk Dance Center.

You’re invited to “dress Hawaiian” and bring your favorite ice cream or a snack to share (that goes with ice cream). Admission is \$5. For information, call 858-638-1810. Find the center at 4569 30th Street. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

All Things Swing and More... you’re invited to dance the West Coast swing, Lindy, hustle, and Balboa at 7 and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, at the Portuguese Hall. Classes are \$12 to drop in (less for the monthly series). There’s open dancing for everyone from 9 to 11 p.m. (\$3 to \$5 donation). Expect DJ music for all dances listed. Find the hall at 2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

Summer Hip-Hop Performance Workshops are being offered at Dancing Unlimited. Work to get onstage and perform at the Celebrate Dance Festival in Balboa Park slated for Sunday, August 25. You’ll “learn

what it takes to be a professional hip-hop dancer, have fun, and meet new friends.” Classes meet at 8 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, July 24. The fee is \$12 per week. Dancing Unlimited, 4569 30th Street. 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

It’s a Real Fais Do Do! Bon Temps Social Club instructors offer a half-hour of beginning and intermediate/advanced Zydeco coaching on Thursday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. The San Diego Cajun Playboys make tunes for dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). \$10. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Dancin’ With the Pros, the annual master teacher series hosted by City Ballet begins with lessons led by the esteemed Susan Jaffe, open to the public for observation on Saturday, August 3, 2 to 4 p.m. Next up,

teacher and choreographer leads classes on Wednesday, August 7, at 6:30 p.m. Dancer Fernando Bujones takes the floor on Wednesday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Find City Ballet Studios at 941 Garnet Avenue (the entrance is on the alley). To make the suggested reservations, call 858-274-6058. The fee is \$25 per class, or \$65 for all three. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

Movies before the Mast, Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic tale is adapted in *Muppet Treasure Island*, screening for the “Movies before the Mast” nautical film series on the deck of the *Star of India* Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20.

Gates open at 7 p.m., with the movie commencing at dark. The film is projected onto a special sail aloft in the ship’s rig, and a nautical cartoon accompanies the feature. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 for seniors, children 15 and under, and members. The *Star* is berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive, at Ash Street. To make the required reservations, call 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (Updated), head to the Sunday Matinee for Whit Stillman’s “Proustian exploration of urban manners and discarded innocence,” *The*

Last Days of Disco, starring Chloë Sevigny and Kate Beckinsale. Catch the flick at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a “Smoldering Labyrinth of Tangled Emotions”? If you answered yes, catch *Lantana*, an Australian film starring Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, and Kerry Armstrong, when it screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, July 22, 6:30 p.m. Free. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Pictures at the Prado II, take in a three-course meal at the Prado Restaurant Patio Terrace and then see *The Birdcage* when this series continues on Wednesday, July 24. The meal begins at 7:45 p.m., with the film at 9 p.m. The \$50 fee per person includes the meal, tax, tip, and movie. To make reservations, call 619-557-9441 x1. The series concludes on August 28. (BALBOA PARK)

Onscreen Summer Operas, comic operas are being presented in large-screen video format by the UCSD department of music in Erickson Hall (B-210) at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. The series continues with Giuseppe Verdi’s *Falstaff* on Wednesday, July 24, from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Free. For more information, dial 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

“Johnny Stecchino” starring Roberto Benigni screens for the Italian Film Series on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian without English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

The French Connection, it’s the theme for the “Summer of 2002 Outdoor Film Festival” series continuing at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with the exhibition “Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting.” This week, see Claude Lalouch’s 1966 film *A Man and a Woman*, starring Anouk Aimée and Jean-Louis Trintignant. The film — dubbed in English — commences at dusk on Thursday, July 25. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-232-7931. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Summer Films are being shown at the SDSU Continuing Education Center. See Woody Allen’s 1982 take on A Midsummer Night’s Sex Comedy at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, in the CEC classroom at 16776 Bernardo Center Drive, suite 110A. The moderator is David Blitzblau. The fee is \$12. For information, call 858-487-0464. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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 Saturday, August 31.

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

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LECTURES

“Pet Emergency!” Does your home emergency plan include your pets? Learn techniques like pet CPR and how to pack a pet first-aid kit when the San Diego Humane Society hosts another “happy hour” lecture. The talk starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. Find the society at 887 Sherman Street; to register, call 619-299-7012 x249. The fee is \$15. (LINDA VISTA)

Celebrating the Life...painter, printmaker, author, teacher, and political activist Harry Sternberg died in November 2001, “having lived a joyous and art-filled life.” In conjunction with the current exhibit of Sternberg’s art at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, there’s a lecture and “celebration” planned on Friday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. Free. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Made in China, Cheryl Reiff and Glenn Torbett will present a multimedia slide-illustrated lecture entitled “The Stone Forest in China — Believe It or Not” for the Sierra Club on Friday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo’s Otto Center (left of the zoo’s main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Searching for Peace: The Works of Thomas Antel and Bobby Neel Adams” features photographs taken in Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Mozambique, with “humanity’s capacity for violence...evidenced

through thoughtful and dignified photographs,” on exhibit at the COVA Gallery. The duo presents an artists’ discussion on Friday, July 19, 6 to 8 p.m. Find COVA at 840 G Street (in the Arts College International Building). Free. 619-234-0928. (DOWNTOWN)

How Are the “Shadow Sculptures” by New Mexico artist Randy Cooper created? Find out when the artist gives a demonstration on Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m., at the Fingerhut Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). Call 858-456-9912 for information. Free. (LA JOLLA)

The 75-Year History of Crystal Pier provides the topic for a slide presentation hosted by the Pacific Beach Historical Society on Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m., at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library; 4275 Cass Street). 858-272-6655. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

One Small Step, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Ambassadors Captain Dorice Odell, James Butts, and Grace Chen will celebrate the anniversary of the day that *Apollo 11* landed on the moon with a talk on the “NASA JPL Solar System Program” on Saturday, July 20, at 1 p.m., for the “Weekend Talk” series at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The talk is included in regular center admission. Call 619-238-1233 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

A Poetry-Writing Workshop is planned by the Magee Park Poets on Sunday, July 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. For reservations, call 760-434-2881. (CARLSBAD)

“UFO Investigators: The Next Generation” is the subject when children’s author Eric Elfman speaks for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) on Sunday, July 21, at 6 p.m.,

at the Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Elfman’s latest book is an *Almanac of Alien Encounters*. Admission is free. Questions? Call 760-753-2456 for answers. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Matters of Controversy — the monthly dialogue series continues when Professor Charles D. Smith focuses on “The Palestinian-Israeli Impasse: Background and Prospects” on Tuesday, July 23. Smith is author of *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict* and is a member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The event starts at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). For information, call 858-459-4650. Free. (HILLCREST)

How Did the Reformation Affect Our Ancestors and the decisions they made? Carol Putko will examine “The Reformation in England and Europe” when she speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, July 23. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

A Common Language is one way to promote cohesion in a country, yet some countries have two or more official languages. Belgium has survived for 170 years with the Walloons speaking French and the Flemish speaking Dutch. William A. Jordan will discuss “Belgium — A Tale of Two Languages” on Tuesday, July 23, for the North County Coastal Forum

of the World Affairs Council of San Diego. The meeting starts at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

Get to Know a Scientist when Judith Zyskind speaks on Tuesday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the offices of Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison (12390 El Camino Real). Zyskind is an SDSU professor of biology, the “scientific founder” of Elitra Pharmaceuticals, and director of the SDSU Biosciences Center. Admission for nonmembers is \$35. To make the required reservations, call 858-964-1342. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Learn to Laugh, Dance, and Meditate yourself into a “different state of attitude of gratitude” when the San

Diego Laughter Club meets on Tuesday, July 23, 7 to 8 a.m., at the Elephant and Castle (in the Holiday Inn, 1355 North Harbor Drive). Free. For information, call 619-235-9393. (DOWNTOWN)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Camera Club meets to share projected 3-D slides on Wednesday, July 24, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish Village). This month, Ken James presents “Under the Sea.” For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Courtside Seats,” take your place when docent Edward Powers examines the courts of Northern Italy, the region where Bartolomeo Veneto lived and worked, for the “Art in the After-



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Otherwise in coming to find one you may love another.
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If you are a woman, whom you have been waiting to love.
So always standing in front of something the other
As words stand in front of objects, feelings, and ideas.
One wish may hide another. And one person's reputation may hide
The reputation of another. One dog may conceal another
On a lawn, so if you escape the first one you're not necessarily safe;
One lilac may hide another and then a lot of lilacs and on the Appia
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May hide a number of other tombs. In love, one reproach may hide
another,
One small complaint may hide a great one.
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One blaring red uniform another, and another, a whole column. One bath
may hide another bath
As when, after bathing, one walks out into the rain.
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Hide Life is incredibly complex, as in the prose of Gertrude Stein
One sentence hides another and is another as well. And in the laboratory

One invention may hide another invention,
One evening may hide another, one shadow, a nest of shadows.
One dark red, or one blue, or one purple—this is a painting
By someone after Matisse. One waits at the tracks until they pass,
These hidden doubles or, sometimes, likenesses. One identical twin
May hide the other. And there may be even more in there! The obstetrician
Gazes at the Valley of the Var. We used to live there, my wife and I, but
One life hid another life. And now she is gone and I am here.
A vivacious mother hides a gawky daughter. The daughter hides
Her own vivacious daughter in turn. They are in
A railway station and the daughter is holding a bag
Bigger than her mother's bag and successfully hides it.
In offering to pick up the daughter's bag one finds oneself confronted by
the mother's
And has to carry that one, too. So one hitchhiker
May deliberately hide another and one cup of coffee
Another, too, until one is over-excited. One love may hide another love
or the same love
As when "I love you" suddenly rings false and one discovers
The better love lingering behind, as when "I'm full of doubts"
Hides "I'm certain about something and it is that"
And one dream may hide another as is well known, always, too. In the
Garden of Eden
Adam and Eve may hide the real Adam and Eve.
Jerusalem may hide another Jerusalem.
When you come to something, stop to let it pass
So you can see what else is there. At home, no matter where,
Internal tracks pose dangers, too: one memory
Certainly hides another, that being what memory is all about,
The eternal reverse succession of contemplated entities. Reading
A Sentimental Journey look around

When you have finished, for *Tristram Shandy*, to see
If it is standing there, it should be, stronger
And more profound and theretofore hidden as Santa Maria Maggiore
May be hidden by similar churches inside Rome. One sidewalk
May hide another, as when you're asleep there, and
One song hide another song; a pounding upstairs
Hide the beating of drums. One friend may hide another, you sit at the
foot of a tree
With one and when you get up to leave there is another
Whom you'd have preferred to talk to all along. One teacher,
One doctor, one ecstasy, one illness, one woman, one man
May hide another. Pause to let the first one pass.
You think, Now it is safe to cross and you are hit by the next one. It
can be important
To have waited at least a moment to see what was already there.
— Kenneth Koch

From *One Train*, published by Alfred A. Knopf, by Kenneth Koch

Born: February 27, 1925
Died: July 6, 2002



From *the New York Times*: Kenneth Koch, a poet of the New York School whose work combined the sardonic wit of a borscht-belt comic, the erotic whimsy of a Surrealist painter, and the gritty wisdom of a scared young soldier, died Saturday at his home in Manhattan after a long battle with leukemia.

noon” series at the Timken Museum of Art. The lecture begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. Admission is free. 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Life and Times of the great French impressionist painter when San Diego Museum of Art curator Claudia Leos presents “An Introduction to Renoir” in Spanish on Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m., at the museum. Leos will highlight works in the current exhibition “Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting.” Free. For more information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

A Special Summer Concert is planed by local jazz luminary Peter Sprague for the San Dieguito Performing Arts Association on Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church (6628 Santa Isabel Street). Tickets are \$20. For information, call 760-752-5078. (CARLSBAD)

“Finding Your Voice,” Kerry and Roby Warren present this vocal con-

cert on Friday, July 19, at 8:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Admission is \$8. Call 760-736-8863 for details. (CARLSBAD)

“Save the Male — The National Tour” hits the 101 Artists Colony for a performance on Friday, July 19, at 8 p.m. The tour — featuring spoken word, music, and comedy — is “guaranteed to leave you feeling good.” Tickets: \$5. Find the Colony at 25 East E Street; 760-632-9074. (ENCINITAS)

Summertime, and the Music Is Easy, free concerts are offered all over the county at this time of year. The 17th annual TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with flamenco music by Novamenco on Friday, July 19. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at Magee Park (at Carlsbad Boulevard and Beech Street). Call 760-434-2904 for more information. (CARLSBAD)

Trolley Barn Park is the site for the Summer in the Park concert series. The Mar Dels present classic rock oldies on Friday, July 19, at

6 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner. The park is found in the 1900 block of Adams Avenue. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)


The Concerts on the Green series at Prescott Promenade on Main Street continues with rock and roll by the Good China on Friday, July 19, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Hailing from Lake Charles, Louisiana, Lil’ Malcolm and the Houserockers blend the best of tradition and a nouveau style of zydeco with a bluesy, funky edge. The band

performs for the Sounds in the Park 2002 Concert Series on Saturday, July 20, at 5 p.m., in Rancho del Oro Park (found at College Boulevard and Avenida Empressa). Bring a blanket and relax on the grass. For information, call 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

The Rhythmakers plan a concert on Saturday, July 20, at 6 p.m., at the Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Recreation Center (10152 Rancho Carmel Drive). 858-538-8219. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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Saturday, July 20, at 2 p.m., for the annual summer concert series at Chula Vista Center (at Fifth Avenue and H Street). 619-427-6700. (CHULA VISTA)

The “Music in the Park” concert series continues with music by the Rhythmakers Band on Sunday, July 21, at 4 p.m., in Memorial Bowl (373 Park Way, just off Third Avenue, between G and F Streets). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea features jazz by Peter Sprague on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). Dial 858-454-1600 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

Cookies and lemonade will be served when the El Cajon Historical Society presents a “Summer Concert in the Park” on Sunday, July 21,

2 p.m., on the Prescott Promenade on Main Street (one-half block east of Magnolia Avenue). The concert promises performances by the San Diego City Guard Band and the La Mesa City Limits Barbershop Quartet. Bring lawn chairs. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

“Sundays at Six” — the series continues when Trio Vivace presents “classical chicks with a musical mix” on Sunday, July 21, at 6 p.m., at the Harry Griffen Park Amphitheatre (9550 Milden Street). Bring a picnic basket (no glass) and a blanket. Free. 619-667-1300. (LA MESA)

Dixieland jazz may be enjoyed when High Society performs on Sunday, July 21, at 5 p.m., in Standley Park (3585 Governor Drive). Call 858-552-1652 for information. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

“A Black Woman’s Cry for Peace” by high school educator Julia Dudley is being presented on Saturday, July 20, at 8 p.m. at the Educational Cultural Complex (4343 Ocean View Boulevard). This “soul-searching rite of passage excursion describes the destiny of the play and its characters, who have many faces that eventually mesh into the main character played by Dudley.” Tickets are \$15. For information, dial 559-250-8401. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Southern Gospel Quartet Music is promised when Blackwood Legacy performs on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m., at the College Avenue Baptist Church (4747 College Avenue). An offering will be received. Call 619-582-7222 for details. (COLLEGE AREA)

Are You (At Least) 18 Years Old? If you answered yes, you’re invited to

the reading planned by R.L. Buss, author of *Life between Cigarettes*, on Saturday, July 20, at 8 p.m., at Red’s Espresso (1017 Rosecrans). Free. For information, call 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

Ella’s Mujer Series, this performing arts series featuring women continues with poetry by Carolina Rivera, Lizz Huerta, and Diana M. Delgado on Saturday, July 20. The readings begin at 8 p.m. at Voz Alta, located at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is \$7 general, \$5 for students and seniors. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

What’s in Them Thar Hills? Find out when Leland Fetzer, author of *A Good Camp: Gold Mines of Julian and the Cuyamacas* and *A Year in the Cuyamacas*, signs his work on Satur-



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day, July 20, at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Blues in the Pines, the fourth annual blues bash at Menghini Winery is slated for Saturday, July 20. Organizers promise live blues performances and jam sessions by Greg Serrato, Mama’s Boys, Earl Thomas, and others and “barbecue, fresh air, and beautiful scenery.” Gates open at 11 a.m., with the bash running from noon to 7 p.m. Find the winery at 1150 Julian Orchards Drive. Admission is \$14 general, free for children 12 and under. Questions? Call 760-765-1857 for answers. (JULIAN)

Show Up, Sign Up, Step Up and get involved in theater when the Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society presents *The Taming of the Shrew* on Saturday, July 20. According to organizers, “All parts are open during the show, which runs from 2 to 7 p.m. in front of the Botanical Building.” There are no parts to memorize. For information, call 619-778-6558. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate African Cultures with food, music, and dance when Africa Fete performs on Saturday, July 20, at noon, outdoors at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). The Tribe of Judah will be on hand to perform reggae music. Free.

For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

“Made in America,” comedian Carrot Top brings his latest multimedia tour and “raucous revelry” to Humphrey’s on Sunday, July 21, at 8 p.m. Find Humphrey’s at 2241 Shelter Island Drive. Tickets are \$35, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

Q: What’s the National Costume of Norway? The answer is the *bunad*, and it’s what the Algard Jentekor choir from Norway will be wearing when performing on Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church. The program will include classical gems by Schubert, Dvořák, and Grieg; folksongs of Norway; and arrangements of hymns and gospel songs.

Find the church at 320 Date Street (at Fourth Avenue). A free-will offering will be received. For more details, call 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Wildlife Artist and Plein Air Painter Joe Garcia will sign his new book, *Mastering the Watercolor Wash* on Sunday, July 21, 2 to 6 p.m., at the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery. An exhibit of illustrations from the book will be on display. Find the gallery at 30352 Highway 78 (at the junction with Highway 78; 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

Quail Concerts, the summer concert series at Quail Botanical Gardens continues with a concert of light jazz by Holly Hofmann and Peter Sprague on Sunday, July 21, at 5 p.m. The \$20 ticket (for nonmembers) includes the music, light supper, and coffee. Find the gardens at 230 Quail

Gardens Drive. To make the suggested reservations, call 760-436-3036. Don’t bring food or beverages, chairs, or blankets. (ENCINITAS)

A Reading, Signing, and Live Musical Performance is promised when author Rachael Roberts (*The Spell Singer*) and singer/songwriter Debra Davis (*Avalon Web of Magic*) perform on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive; 858-618-1814). Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Busy at 2 p.m.? The duo will also appear at 5 p.m. on the same day at the Borders Books and Music located at 1072 Camino del Rio North. Call 619-295-2201 for information. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Summer Organ Festival, the 15th annual festival at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion continues when organist Ben van Oosten performs on Monday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 619-702-8138 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Insights into Zen Philosophy will be imparted when Edward Espe Brown shares late Zen master Shun-ryu Suzuki’s *Not Always So: Practicing the True Spirit of Zen* on Tuesday, July 23, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar). Brown edited Suzuki’s book. Free. Call 858-755-2707 for further information. (DEL MAR)

Unleash Your Infinite Potential after author Ivy Helstein reads from and signs *Infinite Abilities* on Tuesday, July 23, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

The Rage of Children who become “adults in rage” is illuminated in *There Were No Parents Here*, which author

Janice Higgins will sign and discuss at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Tuesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Weekly Jazz Series featuring saxophonist Russ Gonzales begins at Voz Alta on Tuesday, July 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Mystery Author Mark Richard Zybro signs his new Tom Mason/Scott Carpenter book *Here Comes the Corpse* on Tuesday, July 23, at 6 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. Call 858-268-4747 for details. (CLAIREMONT)

Fleeing from a Hippie Childhood in New Mexico, Juniper Tree Burning reinvents herself as a girl named Jennie in a New England boarding school. Goldberry Long will discuss and sign her book *Juniper Tree Burning* on Tuesday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

More Mystery, author Neil McMahon signs and discusses *Blood Trouble* at Mysterious Galaxy Books on Tuesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. Find the gallery at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Rated X for Explicit Sexual Language! Head to Twigg’s Tea and Coffee when Fred Smalley presents his “spoken-word adventures as a stripper in the etheric bordellos of the fourth-dimensional reptilian commando women” on Tuesday, July 23, 8 p.m. The performance includes “Mongolian as a World Language”

and “The Rock Star Again Known as Prince,” among other selections.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Find Twigg’s at 4590 Park Boulevard (at Madison). Admission to “Space-whore” is \$5. Call 619-296-0616 for information. (NORTH PARK)

Twilight in the Park, this summer concert series continues with a performance by the MADA Youth and Community Choir on Tuesday, July 23. Art Deco and the New Era perform on Wednesday, July 24, and Carl Ross and Friends take the stage for country and western fun on Thursday, July 25.

Concerts run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for more details. (BALBOA PARK)

Blues in the Park, Mighty Sam McClain, described as “the master vocalist of Deep Southern soul-blues,” performs for this San Diego Museum of Art series on Wednesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. For information, call 619-232-7931. General admission is \$18. (BALBOA PARK)

Traditional American Folk Music and a sing-along are promised when Harper and Wilkie perform on guitar, banjo, and dulcimer on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5289. (CHULA VISTA)

The World’s Largest? The Fourth Annual Summer Poetry Slam gets underway at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, at the La Paloma Theater (471 South Coast Highway 101). Admission is free. The winner takes home a cash prize from audience donations. For rules and further information, call 760-944-6027. (ENCINITAS)

Author Betty Byrd shares her grandmother’s life story in *Trinity’s Daughter*, which she’ll sign and discuss on Wednesday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Free. Call 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Expressions Unlimited, graphic artist and poet Veronica Cunningham is the featured artist for this open-mike jam session on Wednesday, July 24, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

World War II Veteran Sanford Margalith recreates a battle in the English Channel six weeks before D-Day in *Captains*, which he’ll sign and discuss at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

“Three Mo’ Tenors,” classically trained tenors Victor Trent Cook, Rodrick Dixon, and Thomas Young will perform seven different musical styles including Broadway, jazz, blues, soul, spiritual, gospel, and opera in concerts planned on Wednesday and Thursday, July 24 and 25, at the Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range \$25 from \$77, available by calling 619-570-1100 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

“Word Spoken,” this all-age event starts at 8:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, including July 25, at Cafe Crema (1001 Garnet Avenue, at Cass). Free. Expect poetry and

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Laugh It Up when Vicki Barbolak, Patrick DeGuire, Wally Wang, and others perform for the FAIR comedy dinner buffet show planned on Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m., at the Pala Casino events hall. The \$49 tickets include entertainment and dinner. Find the casino 15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76. For reservations, call 800-649-6463. (PALA)

A Night of Mystery and Magic is promised when magician Andrew Goldenhersh performs feats of slow motion and sleight-of-hand on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m., in the David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Tickets for nonmembers are \$10.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children. For reservations, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

Laughing for Mama, Scott Kennedy and Matt Bragg will perform at the Comedy Store on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The \$15 tickets benefit Mama's Kitchen. For information, call 619-233-6262. Find the Comedy Store at 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

Got Jazz? Bill Caballero's Latin Jazz Jam takes the stage at Voz Alta on Thursday, July 25, 8 to 11 p.m. You're invited to bring your instrument and jam onstage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

Discover Yourself and create a more spiritually fulfilling life when author and master of yoga and meditation Erhard Vogel discusses and signs his

Journey into Your Center on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. (ENCINITAS)

Timeless and "Fiercely Contemporary," Andrew Winer's *Color Midnight* stars Conrad Clay, who is diagnosed with colorblindness at the age of ten. Winer will visit Warwick's Bookstore to sign and discuss his debut novel on Thursday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Imagine an Environment in which creative thought and self-expression take on many forms, titles, and definitions. It's what the organizers of Life Stage hope to achieve, with a blurred line between art and life. Life Stage — running July 26-28 at Sushi Performance and Visual Art — is described as a multimedia/multidisciplinary event with "process, performance, music/sound, spoken word, dance, visual and conceptual art, writing, and most importantly viewer participation."

Events run from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday and 1 to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For information, call 858-279-6589. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

Boys in the Basement, the San Diego Padres are in Los Angeles for a game against the Dodgers on Thursday, July 18, at 7:10 p.m.

The Arizona Diamondbacks are in town for games July 19-21, beginning at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Sat-

urday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Qualcomm Stadium. The Los Angeles Dodgers have games against the Pads at 7:05 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, July 22 and 23, and at 2:05 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Padres head to Arizona for a series against the Diamondbacks with games July 25-28.

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)

The Nation's Best Show Jumping Horses and Riders will be at Del Mar Horsepark on July 20 and 21 for the first three rounds of the United States Equestrian Team's selection trials for the World Equestrian Games (held in Jerez, Spain, in September).

The first round of the selection trials begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday and is open to riders in contention for the World Equestrian Games; the second round commences at 10 a.m. on Sunday, with the third round getting underway at 1:30 p.m.

Reserved seats are \$30, general admission is \$15 (available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). For information, call 858-792-4288. Find the park at 14550 El Camino Real, one mile east of I-5 at the Via de la Valle exit. (DEL MAR)

Surf's Up, Bro, the U.S. Surfing Championships and U.S. Team Trials take place from Saturday through Friday, July 20-26, at the north jetty at Oceanside's Harbor Beach. Competition runs 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dial 888-987-7873 for more details. (OCEANSIDE)

The Super-Modified Racing League hits the track at Cajon Speedway on

Saturday, July 20. There will also be Grand American modifieds and WRA racing. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

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

The Home Season for the San Diego Gauchos concludes with a game against the Central Coast Roadrunners on Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m., in Titan Stadium at EastLake High School (1120 EastLake Parkway). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for those 14 and younger. For information, call 619-336-9861. (CHULA VISTA)

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Over the Line, Week II, it's time for the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's 49th annual over-the-line tournament, with competition planned on July 20 and 21. Irreverent team names and "uniforms" are just part of the fun. Tournament play runs from 7 a.m. to dusk on Fiesta Island. For more information, call 619-688-0817. (MISSION BAY)

There's No Fair Catch, and no punting is allowed in arena football. The San Diego Riptide has its final home

game on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m., against the Arkansas Twisters, at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$50, available by calling 858-404-0232. (SPORTS ARENA)

Board and Brew the Long Way, join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists for a ride promising lunch in Del Mar on Saturday, July 20. The 50-mile ride begins at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. Call 619-291-3594 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Cricket Time, the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home games on July 20 and 21. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The first team meets up with the Santa Barbara Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team

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meets up with the CSU Fullerton 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)

Slide into Home Plate at Qualcomm Stadium! The Race for the Pennant with the San Diego Padres 4-mile run/walk planned on Saturday, July 20, starts at 8 a.m. in Qualcomm Stadium; the race finishes at home plate. Participants receive a ticket to the July 21 Padres vs. Diamondbacks game. For information, call 760-736-3548. (MISSION VALLEY)

Attention, Runners, Walkers, and Couch Potatoes! USA Fit announces the beginning of its next 25-week training program. Participants start with a one-mile placement run and train like crazy for a marathon or half-marathon in January 2003. Orientations begin at 8 a.m. at Hospitality Point (on Mission Bay) and at Poinsettia Park (at Hidden Valley Road and Camino de los Ondes). The fee for the entire program is \$90. For registration, call 888-792-2900. (MISSION BAY, CARLSBAD)

Testing Both Horse and Rider, the Sunnyside Saddle Club hosts horse shows throughout the year. The next event is set for Sunday, July 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. Find the arena in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road, at Central Avenue). Admission for spectators is free. For more information, call 619-479-1125. (BONITA)

Where the Rubber Meets the Road, the second annual Get Your Kicks on Route 56 event is slated for Sunday, July 21. The 5k run/walk starts at 8 a.m. at the west end of Highway 56, at Carmel Valley Road and El Camino Real (just east of I-5). Race-day registration starts at 6:30 a.m. For more information, dial 760-736-1001. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Mountain Biking 101, the Mountain Bike Assistance Unit and Cuyamaca Rancho State Park host the annual seminar and ride on Sunday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to noon (and beyond), in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. Topics include mountain bike maintenance, outdoor preparedness, trail etiquette, repairs, and more. Rides are planned through the park in the afternoon (bring your bike, helmet, water, and lunch). Free. 619-523-1744. (CUYAMACA MOUNTAINS)

Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club hosts the Surf Polo Cup on Sunday, July 21. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., while the featured polo match starts at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divot-stomp starts at 4 p.m., when guests are invited to

take the field and replace the divots.

General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. For information and reservations, call 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Take the Plunge, learn the basics of snorkeling and experience local marine life on a "face-to-face mask" adventure hosted by the Birch Aquarium Museum on Sunday, July 21, 8 to 10 a.m. No previous experience is required, but participants are required to bring their own snorkeling gear. The fee is \$25 for those 10 to adult. For reservations, call 858-534-7336. (MISSION BAY)

Ready Your Best Hat for the "One and Only Truly Fabulous Hat Contest" on opening day of the 2002 sea-side racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Wednesday, July 24. Racing fans are encouraged to display their creativity on their heads in the Paddock Parade; contestants must bring their *chapeaux* to the Plaza de Mexico grandstand between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to fill out an entry form. All entrants receive two one-day general-admission passes to return to the races.

The meet continues through Wednesday, September 11. The horse racing takes place Wednesdays through Mondays; post time is 2 p.m. daily except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m. p.m.

General admission is \$5 for adults, free for those 17 and under. Find the Del Mar Racetrack at the San Diego County fairgrounds,

Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. For information, call 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

Take a Full Moon Evening Paddle on Mission Bay when Hike Bike Kayak San Diego leads an outing on Wednesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. Participants will watch the sunset and then paddle around the bay under the full moon. The \$65 fee includes equipment and instruction. To reserve a spot, call 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

SPECIAL

Reader's Choice, this book discussion on the works of Barbara Kingsolver starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, at the Rancho San Diego Library (11555 Via Rancho San Diego). Bring a novel and three discussion questions of your own. To register, listen to three suggested questions, and ask other questions, call 619-660-5370. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

From Tin to Tiffany, over 200 antique dealers from the United States will be exhibiting at the Del Mar Antique Show and Sale, running July 19 to 21, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Organizers promise glass, crystal, jewelry, art, silver, furniture, and more. The antique and collectible identification booth returns; the charge is \$5 per item.

The show opens at 11 a.m. each morning, continuing until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and until 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will be glass,

porcelain, pottery, and jewelry repairs offered on site. Admission is \$8, free for children with adults. 760-943-7500. (DEL MAR)

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)

"Honoring Mother Earth," the third annual powwow runs July 19-21 at El Cajon High School (1035 East Madison Avenue). All dancers and drummers are welcome, and there will be arts and crafts booths, food vendors, a mountain man encampment, contest dancing, and more.

Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For information, call 858-621-6748 or 619-447-4136. (EL CAJON)

Designer Tag Sale, the annual American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) clearance sale and "Grandma's Attic" is slated for July 20 and 21. Look for "bargains on furniture, fabrics, area carpets, lighting fixtures, mirrors and all sorts of treasures."

Sale hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, in Diego Delivery's parking lot, 8160 Miralani Drive. For information, call 858-646-9896. Admission is \$2. (MIRA MESA)

Whaddaya Know About Non Bo? The Non Bo Club's annual show and sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Non bo is described as "the Vietnamese art of making miniature sceneries." Call 619-421-6296 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

The Many Art Studios and Guilds of Spanish Village Art Center are hosting an open house on Saturday, July 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be live music, a silent art auction, and refreshments. Find the village at 1770 Village Place (between the San Diego Natural History Museum and the San Diego Zoo). Free. 619-231-6961. (BALBOA PARK)

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Fire Expo 2002, fire and burn prevention education and programs of the Burn Institute benefit from this event, which is slated for Saturday, July 20. More than 70 fire engines, water pumpers, and other fire-fighting apparatuses arrive at Qualcomm Stadium in a parade at 2 p.m.

From 1 to 7 p.m., Fire Expo 2002 offers games, live entertainment, plus fire safety and burn-prevention information. Firefighters will also demonstrate equipment. Free. For more details, call 858-541-2277. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Smallest Show on Earth? Head to the "Paper Theatre Festival" — described as the "smallest show on Earth" — planned by the Arts Libraries at UCSD. According to festival director Scott Paulson, "paper theater was a popular form of drawing room entertainment in many countries 200 years ago. Small-scale models of famous theaters were elaborately designed and printed using the finest color printing presses. Families and friends would cut and glue the theater together and mount plays using paper dolls and the scripts that were provided in the kit."

This festival features classic productions and new works written and designed just for the festival. Replicas of famous theaters — some as small as your hand, some as big as a television — will be used to mount brief opera productions, ballet productions, Shakespeare plays, and more.

A special little opera set was created for singer Ava Liss and opera coach/accompanist Chris Allen to

perform brief highlights from Bernstein's *Candide*. Also on Saturday, July 20, an original paper theater set design from the 1800s will be used when "jaw harp virtuoso" Danny Barber provides musical narrative for Hans Christian Andersen's "Simple Simon."

The festival convenes on Saturdays through August 24, at 1 p.m., in the lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Don't be late, because the shows are under 30 minutes long. Admission and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Sandcastle Season Is Officially Here, and the 22nd annual U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition takes place at the Imperial Beach Pier on July 20 and 21. On Saturday, the sandcastle parade starts at 10 a.m., and the children's sandcastle contest begins at 2 p.m. Fireworks are promised after dark.

The sandcastle competition gets underway in earnest on Sunday. Masters' competition runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with amateurs plying their sandiworks from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Awards begin at 4 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Shuttle buses are available both days at all I.B. bus stops from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on both days; the fee is 25 cents each way. For information, call 619-424-6663. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Give It a Shot, head to the 400-acre Jewel Valley Ranch for the "Try It Out Expo" on July 20 and 21. There will be demonstrations and many opportunities for guests to try all

kinds of outdoor activities including rock crawl, quad drag racing, a Wild West cowboy show, a kids' zone, sand rail, dirt bikes, fishing demonstrations, off-road skateboard racing, and much more.

Events begin at 9 a.m. both days, concluding at 6 p.m. on Saturday and at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 8 to 12. For information and directions, call 619-741-6886. (BOULEVARD)

We Still Love Them — Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, the Come Together Beatles fan club hosts its eighth annual Beatle-Fair on Sunday, July 21. Special guests this year include Louise Harrison, George's big sister; Jackie Lomax; Gordon Waller (half of the Peter and Gordon duo); Beatles "expert" Charles F. Rosenay; and others. Listen for music by BackBeat, Rockola, and other bands. Expect a Beatle marketplace, an exhibit of Beatle memorabilia, movies, and music.

The fest runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door (available through Ticketmaster). Questions? Call 619-687-3687 for answers. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Zapotec Word Signifying "Offering" or "offertory," *Guelaguetza* "traditionally was a ceremony and celebration held each year in Oaxaca to pacify the gods in return for sufficient rain and a bountiful harvest." The third annual CSU San Marcos *Guelaguetza* is slated for Sunday,

July 21, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Events include a parade of the different Oaxacan dance groups and musicians, music and dance performances, foods, arts and crafts, education booths, and more.

Admission is \$5 for adults, free for those under 10. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. For more information, call 760-470-0368 or 760-822-3922. (SAN MARCOS)

Native Songs and Dances may be enjoyed when the House of Colombia offers a program on the lawn of the International Cottages at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21. Admission is free. Food will be for sale from noon to 4 p.m. For information, call 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Maritime Music, pirate "re-enactors" will visit the sea chantey festival planned on Sunday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on board the tall ship *Star of India*. Visitors are invited to sing along, pull on lines to help set the massive sails, see rope-making demonstrations, and be decorated by "pirate face painters."

Tickets are \$6 general, with discounts for seniors, kids, and military. Find the *Star* and the Maritime Museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive

(along the Embarcadero); 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Along, Little Doggies, the San Diego Dachshund Club hosts the 14th annual dachshunds' picnic on Sunday, July 21. Bring your leashed doxie, friends, lawn chairs, and water and snacks for the canines to the corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way at noon. Dial 858-755-9270 for further information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

The Marron Adobe Is the Oldest and last remaining adobe along Maron Canyon. The site is part of the 1842 Agua Hedionda land grant from Mexican governor Juan Bautista Alvarado and has been in continuous possession of the Maron family for 160 years.

There's a fandango planned at the Marron Adobe on Sunday, July 21, from 4 to 7 p.m., with a catered dinner and entertainment by traditional charros with their horses, flamenco dancing, and more. Tickets are \$25. For reservations and space availability, call 760-941-3117 or 760-941-5378. The adobe is found seven-tenths of a mile west of Col-

lege Avenue, on Haymar Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Stamp Collectors Beckoned, the monthly San Diego Stamp Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, with many stamp and cover dealers offering their wares. Find it all at the Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Admission is free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Blast from the Past, these car and motorcycle shows take place every Wednesday night, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Third Avenue (between F and Park Way). All pre-1977 vehicles are welcome. Trucks and four-wheel drives are the featured vehicles on July 24. 619-422-1982. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

Read and Critique, join members of the Grand Avenue Writers' Collective of Escondido for a read and critique group for writers of fiction, memoir, and any form of prose. The group gathers on the second and fourth Wednesday each month, including July 24, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments club-

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house (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

Dancing White Stallions, coming down through 425 years of history, the famous Lipizzaner Stallions perform on Friday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena (3500 Sports Arena Boulevard). Tickets are \$17.50 and \$19.50 general, with discounts for seniors and children, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

“From the Land Kissed by the Sun,” this exhibit of one-of-a-kind textiles by artist Christie Dunning is on display through Tuesday, July 30, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. The La Jolla artist used a “helio-graphic printing process on fabric” with plants from her garden and sun-sensitive paint. The resulting fabric is sewn into hanging panels that the artist often embroiders.

Garden hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

A 1930s Stately Red Brick Colonial Revival-style home is the site for the San Diego Historical Society’s 29th annual showcase. The Ione Gilfillan Brown House was home to three generations of the Brown family, designed by female contractor Ione Gilfillan Brown, and is among several of her surviving Coronado properties. The home features 17 design spaces.

The Showcase 2002 lecture series features landscape historian and historic preservationist Vonn Marie May examining the influences and philosophies of Colonial America and suggesting how to adapt and integrate them into modern-day gardening plans and practices. The talk starts at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, and is included in the price of admission.

Find the home at 1901 Monterey Avenue. Tour the home through Sunday, July 28. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, with hours extended to 7 p.m. on Thursday. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 619-533-7355.

Now for the rules: No people under eight years old will be admitted, no photographs may be taken, and your shoes must be flats. (CORONADO)

Choo Choo! The All-Gauge Toy Train Association hosts an exhibit of toy trains and memorabilia through July at the Clairemont Library (2920 Burgener Boulevard). For information and viewing hours, call 858-581-9935. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

FOR KIDS

Tomorrow...the Starlight Theatre offers the tale of that lovable orphan, *Annie*, July 18-28. Shows begin at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.). Tickets range from \$14.50 to \$41.50 on Thursday and Sunday; tickets on Friday and Saturday run \$10.50 to \$44.50; children 12 and under are half price for all of these performances. For reservations, call 619-544-7827. (BALBOA PARK)

Get the Skinny on “Comical, Magical Ventriloquism” when comic-ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs through Sunday, July 21, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express presents *The Really Hot Jungle Show* July 24-28.

Shows begin at 11 a.m. and at 1 and 2:30 p.m. 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)

In Search of Hedwig, several species of owls make their homes in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Grab your cloak and a flashlight for a hike in search of owls in the preserve set for Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m. The walk is for those seven to ten years old, accompanied by a parent. Free, but call 760-739-5451 to make the required reservations. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Learn 23 Secret Lessons on how to handle the joys and sorrows of being a child when the San Diego Junior Theater presents the fast-paced musical *How to Eat Like a Child* through July 21. The production features book by Delia Ephron, John Forster, and Judith Kahan, with music and lyrics by John Forster.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Casa del Prado Theater. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

Music Makin’, listen to *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss during the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Saturday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. Participants will make musical instruments to join the orchestra. Find the shop at 10775 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Seaside Stories, listen to Suzanne Tate’s *Stevie B. Seahorse: A Tale of a Proud Papa* during an event for kids kindergarten through first grade on Saturday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m., at the Birch Aquarium-Museum. Participants will discover how seahorses are born and how they eat, swim, and hide from enemies, as well as making a craft.

Roam-O-Rama

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

Indians called it Mountain of Moonlit Rocks, an appropriate name for a landmark visible, even at night, over great distances. Later settlers dubbed it Cobbleback Peak, a name utterly descriptive of its rugged, boulder-strewn slopes. But for more than 100 years now, the peak has appeared on maps simply as Woodson Mountain, in honor of a Dr. Woodson who homesteaded some property nearby well over a century ago. Today, this local landmark draws significant numbers of hikers, who can ascend the peak from a variety of directions.

The light-colored bedrock of Woodson Mountain and several of its neighboring peaks is a type geologists call Woodson Mountain granodiorite. When exposed at the surface, it weathers into huge spherical or ellipsoidal boulders with smooth surfaces. The largest boulders have a tendency to cleave apart

along remarkably flat planes, leaving gaps several inches to several feet wide. Sometimes, one half of a split boulder will roll away, leaving a vertical and almost seamless face behind. It’s no wonder that local rock climbers consider Woodson Mountain (a.k.a. Mount Woodson) to be the best place in the county for bouldering challenges.

Don’t come here during the midday hours of summer. It’s simply too hot. Instead, arrive very early in the morning, when Woodson’s 2894-foot summit often pokes above a dense blanket of stratus clouds. Or try the evening time slot, starting around 6 p.m., when your effort in reaching the top will be rewarded by a spectacular sunset over the Pacific. Tuesday, July 23, and Wednesday, July 24, are particularly auspicious for an evening visit, as you can witness the full moon

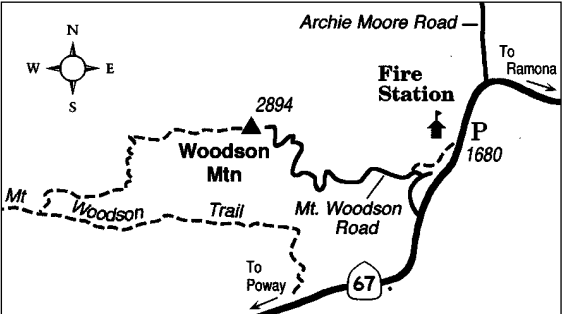
rising in the east while at the same time the sun sets in the west.

The following directions refer to the most straightforward and popular route to Woodson Mountain’s summit. Park in one of the large turnouts on the east side of Highway 67, three miles north of Poway Road, opposite the entrance to the California Division of



Granodiorite, Woodson Mountain

Forestry fire station. Carefully cross the highway, and follow the beaten path south past the fire station to a paved road, closed to motor vehicles. Continue 1.5 miles up this road to Woodson’s antenna-topped summit, some 1200 feet higher than your starting point. To obtain the optimum western view, walk about 0.2 mile farther west along the narrow summit ridge, past various antenna towers, to reach a vantage point overlooking Poway and much of the North County.



The fee is \$20 (with adult free). The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way. For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

“Crocodile Hats and Stories About That” are promised at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m. This family program for those in kindergarten and older with an adult includes the creation of elaborate crocodile hats with the Rad Hatter and listening to reptilian tales. The nonmember fee is \$22 per child/adult pair. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Illusions provide the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, July 20, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will “make a free science experiment” to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

He’s a Real Mischief Maker, and on Sunday, July 21, the Cat in the Hat will attend the story time beginning at 2 p.m. at White Rabbit Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-3518 for information. For children three and older. (LA JOLLA)

Monkey Business, listen to *Curious George visits the Zoo* and do some

thumbprint art of the lovable simian at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Tuesday, July 23, at 11 p.m. Find Barnes and Noble at 1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Sky Hunters, Nancy Conney brings live birds of prey to the La Jolla Library at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24. She’ll address their methods of nesting, hunting, and eating. Find the library at 7555 Draper Avenue; 858-552-1657. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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

Mush! What would it be like to drive a team of huskies across the frozen tundra? Find out when Harry Schlitz brings his Mountain Mushers dog sled team to the Mira Mesa Library on Thursday, July 25, at 3 p.m. Visitors will see the equipment used in sledding, learn about dog sledding and animal care, and get close to a real sled dog. Free. Find the library at 8405 New Salem Street; 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, documents and photographs of American and Chinese-American aid to China during the Sino-Japanese War are gathered in “Supporting the Motherland,” on exhibit through October. The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vintage photographs, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in “From Barn to Cyberspace: Lemon Grove Schools Evolve.” The current Lemon Grove School District has its roots in the town’s once-thriving orchards. William Hurst, an early pioneer in the local fruit-growing in-

dustry, offered his barn in 1893 as a schoolroom, and a district was born.

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

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

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June 2003. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

“The Healer Within” is based on osteopathic medicine, introducing visitors to the body’s self-healing abilities and explaining “how you can use these to improve your health.” Touch a large model of the heart, take a virtual journey through the body, and test your knowledge of the human body through August.

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

San Diego Automotive Museum, an overview of women’s myriad relationships with the automobile is offered in “Women and Wheels,” on view through Sunday, September 22. The show features a 1911 Maxwell, a 1907 Thomas Flyer touring car, a 1916 Saxon Roadster (important in depicting the automobile’s role in advancing the suffrage movement), a 1957 Cadillac Biarritz, and many more. The exhibit includes displays, costumes, photographs, vintage ad-

vertising art, and a variety of automobiles.

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

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

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

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city’s image during a century of movie making is charted in “Filming San Diego: Hollywood’s Backlot.” From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county’s diverse topography and conducive climate. Ongoing.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain’s New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with treasures from Asia. “Treasures of the Manila Galleons” focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja California about 1575, the earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck;

Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the “Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival” are on exhibit through January 6, 2003, on the museum’s 1898 ferryboat *Berkeley*.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego’s waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, hand-carved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the “Hecho en México,” continuing through February 2003. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum’s permanent collection, described as “the largest of its kind outside of Mexico.” In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

During World War II, it was determined that the Navajo language

could be used as an undecipherable code due to its extreme complexity. Navajo code talkers were able to encode, transmit, and decode a three-line English message in 20 seconds, while previous machines and codebooks took up to 30 minutes. To honor all Native Americans who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, the museum pays tribute to the late Johnny R. Manuelito Sr., one of the original 29 Navajo code talkers, in “Navajo Code Talkers from World War II.” The show remains on display through mid-July.

The permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features five galleries filled with “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego’s backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road.

For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Romero is willing to take big risks to bring out the inner life of the music.

Gustavo Romero is back to complete his cycle of all the Beethoven piano sonatas — a wonderful way to spend one's late Sunday afternoons in July. Once again, the venue for this treasurable Athenaeum series is the concert hall of the Neurosciences Institute, with its intimate atmosphere, flawless sightlines, and vivid acoustics.

In his four concerts last summer, Romero played 15 of the sonatas, which leaves 17 for the four concerts this year. Instead of going through the 32 chronologically, from Opus 2 (1794–95) to Opus 111 (1822), Romero has tried to balance each program with sonatas representing the composer's early, middle, and late periods. This scheme cannot be carried out rigidly, of course. There are only five piano sonatas belonging to the late period (which begins around 1816), while the early period (which extends through 1802) includes four times that number. (Beethoven's middle period, which begins with the "Eroica" Symphony and the "Waldstein" Sonata, includes seven piano sonatas.) Consequently, the opening concert of the current series was made up of four early-period works, one middle-period sonata ("Les Adieux"), and nothing in the distinctive style Beethoven developed in his final decades.

REVIEW

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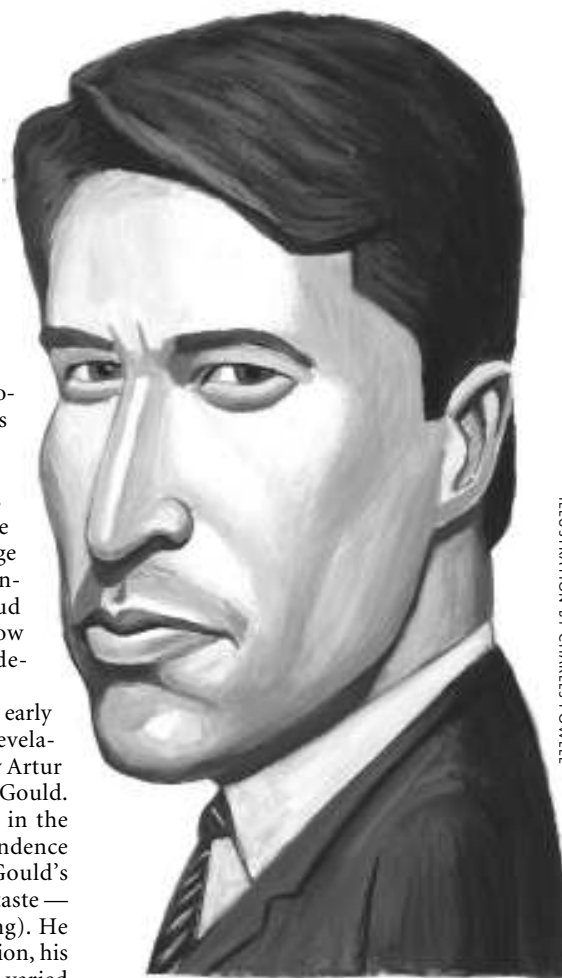
There is nothing in this to complain about, for Beethoven's early sonatas are of exceptional brilliance, as powerful and innovative — in their own manner — as anything that came afterward. Furthermore, Romero is particularly impressive in the way he plays these earlier works. I don't mean to imply that there is anything less impressive about the way he plays the more familiar sonatas of the middle and late periods (his "Les Adieux" on this program was sensational). But the earlier sonatas flourish under the exceptional advocacy Romero gives them. In fact, he is so committed to these works, and plays them with such energy, such expressiveness, such zest, and such a relishing of their incessant surprises and idiosyncrasies, that at the end of several of them in a row the listener's mind is limp with a happy but exhausted repletion, as though after a 20-course meal of the boldest and most varied cuisine.

Romero's own musical personality reveals itself even more thoroughly in the early Beethoven sonatas (and in Beethoven in general) than it has in his previous, equally exciting Bach and Chopin series for the Athenaeum. His ability to underline meaning and direction in every detail of a phrase is especially

welcome in music that so often, and so suddenly, changes direction and expands meaning. His meticulous reverence for the score, even when Beethoven's ideas and indications seem bizarre and startling, makes sure that none of the composer's dazzling originality is smoothed away in some externally imposed sense of classical decorum. At the same time, Romero's identification with Beethoven's imagination is so strong, and he himself is such a Beethoven-like artist, that he is willing to take big risks to bring out the inner life of the music. He loves to plunge into spectacular passage work, to intensify dramatic contrasts, to get really loud or really soft or really fast or really slow when the inherent musical thought demands it.

In all this, Romero's treatment of the early Beethoven reminds me of analogous revelations achieved in the same repertoire by Artur Schnabel, Wilhelm Kempff, and Glenn Gould. He is like Gould in his precision and in the uncompromising freshness and independence of his vision (though he has none of Gould's eccentricities, mannerisms, or flaws of taste — nor does he sing or groan while playing). He is like Kempff in his extreme concentration, his power, his lyricism, his clarity, and the varied expressiveness of his touch. Most of all, he is like Schnabel, another great risk-taker, with his sense of Beethoven's revolutionary dynamism, and of the composer's emotional and spiritual profundity.

One may take as typical of Romero's approach his performance of the Sonata No. 4 in E-flat, Opus 7, which he treated not as "early" anything but as a big, dramatic, expressive,



Gustavo Romero

Gustavo Romero: all-Beethoven program Neurosciences Institute (Athenaeum)

Sonata No. 4 in E-flat, Opus 7; Sonata No. 19 in G Minor, Opus 49, No. 1; Sonata No. 6 in F, Opus 10, No. 2; Sonata No. 12 in A-flat, Opus 26; Sonata No. 26 in E-flat, Opus 81a "Les Adieux"

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ebullient adventure. In the first movement (and throughout), his *sforzandi* had explosive force. His *staccati* were brisk and dry as a good white wine. Every eighth-note rest was given full value (Romero did not soften the intended effect by constant use of the sustaining pedal, which he used quite parsimoniously). Mordants in rapid passage-work sputtered by with a delectable pungency. The theme of the *Largo*, with its huge pauses, had an infinitely touching quality in its starkness, as though the mind were groping for expression. The textural contrast between right-hand *legato* and left-hand *staccato* was exquisitely lucid. The bare, *pianissimo* high E-flats, with their slurred grace notes, had just the spookiness the writing implies. The following movement — no longer a minuet but already a *scherzo* — was at once blithe and sassy. The movement's minor-key trio section was full of fire and turbulence, with the radical change of expressive tone superbly dramatized.

In the final *Rondo*, Romero played the theme with Schubertian lyricism and delicacy; the beautifully calculated *rubato* just before each of its returns had such charm that I found myself smiling with pleasure. The hand-crossing dialogue of bass and treble was replete with the irrepressible Haydnesque humor of the young Beethoven (there was more of it in the marvelous Sonata No. 6 in F, Opus 10, No. 2 — above all in the uproarious *finale*, which the pianist took at a breakneck pace). By the end of the whole work, Romero's vitality and eloquence had made a persuasive case for taking this early (1797) sonata as major Beethoven, and as an embodiment of a broad range of intense human experience. ■

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Summer Pops, the big-band sound comes alive when the San Diego Symphony series showcases "The Big-Band Sound: Serenade in Moonlight" on Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20. Lynn Roberts and Michael Maguire lend their voices to songs including "Moonlight Serenade," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and "One O'Clock Jump."

Tenor Daniel Rodriguez, a.k.a. the "Singing Policeman," joins the symphony to "share his operatic rendition of 'God Bless America'" and other inspiring songs on Sunday, July 21. Rodriguez is a New York City police officer.

All concerts include fireworks. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. (gates open at 6) at Navy Pier (960 North Harbor Drive). If you'd like, bring a picnic (no glass containers or alcohol). Single tickets range from \$15 to \$59. Tickets are available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Q: What's the National Costume of Norway? The answer is the *bunad*, and it's what the Algard Jentekor choir from Norway will be wearing when performing on Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church. The program will include classical gems by Schubert, Dvořák, and Grieg; folksongs of Norway; and arrangements of hymns and gospel songs.

Find the church at 320 Date Street (at Fourth Avenue). A free-will offering will be received. For more details, call 619-232-7513. (DOWNTOWN)

Beethoven, Completed, last summer, native son Gustavo Romero presented part one of his "Athenaeum Beethoven Festival." This year, the pianist returns to

complete his Beethoven cycle, with the remainder of Ludwig van's piano sonatas. The "Athenaeum Beethoven Festival," part two, commemorates the 175th anniversary of Beethoven's death.

The series continues on Sunday, July 21, at 4 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). The program includes Opus 28 ("Pastorale"), Opus 54, Opus 12 — No. 2, and Opus 106 ("Hammerklavier"). Tickets are \$25 per concert. For reservations and information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Love Opera? Opera arias, art songs, and Broadway favorites may be heard when the Small Opera of San Diego presents "I Love Opera" at the Academy of Sound and Mu-

sic (3554 Kettner Boulevard). Singers of all ages perform on Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m. A professional accompanist is provided. The suggested donation is \$5. Call 619-725-0777 for an audition appointment and information. (MIDDLETOWN)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams performs the weekly concert on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

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Soul Image

O'Keefe camps it up, as haughty glamour-puss, coquette, and Mystery Woman, always coiled in her self-awareness as photographed object.

Alfred Stieglitz (1864–1946) is one of our great photographers, but his achievement, I think, rests on relatively few photographs. Pictures such as *The Steerage* and *The Terminal* have become foundational in the mental lives of many of us. At his best, Stieglitz possessed a seer's gift to look into the life of things and make an image of its essences. His career was a textbook illustration of the movement from 19th-century pictorialism, with its smoky-parlor, impressionist effects (his soft-focus portraits of young girls are shrouded with a winsome innocence common to the time) to straight photography and the formal austerities of high modernism. But Stieglitz wasn't satisfied with being just a photographer, and in the history of American photography his extra-photographic activities were at least as important as his work.

Gertrude Stein's famous crack about Ezra Pound — that he was a village explainer whose utterances were useful if you lived in a village, and if not, not — could also be aimed at Stieglitz. After studying engineering and photography in Berlin from 1882 to 1890, he returned to the States on a mission to elevate photography to a fine art and to jolt artists into creating a uniquely American art on a level with the experimental sophistication and energy of Braque, Matisse, and Picasso. To this end he established in 1902 a society of art photographers, the Photo-Secession, and opened on Fifth Avenue the Photo-Secession Gallery, commonly known as "291," where he championed the work of young artists such as Marsden Hartley, Arthur Dove, John Marin, and Georgia O'Keefe.

"291" was Stieglitz's aesthetic laboratory, theater, lecture hall, and court. He was promoter, proselytizer, theorist, all-purpose haranguer, and giver of the law, the kind of force of nature where the force is felt more than the nature. Few artists dared argue against Stieglitz's pronouncements until it was safe to speak out, which meant after he was dead or his career-brokering power had waned. The youthful Georgia O'Keefe, who said

she "would rather have Stieglitz like something — anything I had done — than anyone else I know of," years later admitted that his ideas "contained a good deal of contradictory nonsense." And the testy maverick Walker Evans said, "He should never open his mouth. Nobody should, but especially Stieglitz."

Stieglitz's best work was the New York street scenes of the 1890s and the cloud studies he made at Lake George in the 1920s. I'm partial to the New York pictures because they are essences of northeastern winters. But they're compelling also for their formal canniness. Stieglitz believed a photograph was made twice, first onsite, then in the darkroom. The negative of *Winter on Fifth Avenue, New York* a picture of a horse-drawn carriage in a snowstorm (Stieglitz stood three hours in position to catch the right moment), diffused and flattened out its visual information; his radical cropping of the print, roughly a third of the original negative, snapped the pictorial data into a dramatically impacted chiaroscuro. The crenelated slush is so finely articulated, it looks like a little arctic garden. And his best-known picture, *The Steerage*, quite apart from its superb structure — the stanchion supporting the gangplank has the same Y-shape as suspenders worn by a man down in steerage; the gleaming straw boater worn by a man on the upper deck harmonizes with the smokestack and other industrial forms — is a plangent yet unsentimental representation of immigration and displacement. The image is foundational in my consciousness because it illustrates the story my grandmother told me about her own crossing as a young woman to an alien place.

Stieglitz called his cloud studies "equivalents." He believed that the photographic image could carry the precise emotional or spiritual charge the photographer experienced when making the exposure. Reading an image was a way of reading a soul. Subject matter was inconsequential. Revelation was everything. I don't see a shape of spirituality in these very small pictures; I see apparently infinite momentary recastings of

transient physical reality. Each image is a different world of weather about to come undone. They recall what Stieglitz called "picturesque little scenes" that he had made earlier in Europe. He (like a thousand artists before and after him) made canal views in Venice. His eye moves vertically and stacks the two Venices, the one that rides the water atop the one in the water. His submarine city consists of streaky, attenuated battlements as El Greco might have imaged them. But he could just as handily and with equal passion make a rather mawkish picture like *Venetian Gamin*, of a street kid with a scarred face, dressed in rags belted with a rope. What saves the picture is the child's bold refusal to be owned by the photographer's sentiment: he's not exposing himself to the lens, he's living his life at it.

The portraits Stieglitz did of O'Keefe between 1918 and 1930 are the least interesting of his pictures. O'Keefe camps it up, as self-absorbed artiste, haughty glamour-puss, coquette, and Mystery Woman, always nestled in her self-awareness as photographed object, even when she's only modeling her hands. She knew how to cast a celebrity's stare, daring the lens to pick up any trace of authenticity. Stieglitz, of course, collaborated in and encouraged this glamorization. When he uses her image for its formal values, as in a 1922 portrait where she stands next to wood siding, he makes an issue of the contrasts between wood and flesh, identity and utility. The reductiveness is trivial.

O'Keefe's name figures so largely in the title of the current show at the Museum of Photographic Arts, *The Photography of Alfred Stieglitz: Georgia O'Keefe's Enduring Legacy*, because when Stieglitz died in 1946, she became keeper and overseer of his artistic estate. She quickly created sets of Stieglitz's work, representing the range of



Winter on Fifth Avenue, New York, 1893

The Photography of Alfred Stieglitz: Georgia O'Keefe's Enduring Legacy
Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park
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his career, then distributed them to American museums at a time when few of them collected or exhibited photos. Her custodial passion didn't stop there. The detailed protocols she established for handling and preserving Stieglitz's negatives and prints are still in general use today. She made it possible for the art of photography to create an album of its own ongoing self-invention.

Stieglitz was sometimes a visual ideologue. His 1902 image of a locomotive pulling into a rail yard, *The Hand of Man*, and a 1920 view of the New York skyline, *City of Ambition*, seethe with an American triumphalism. Both pictures have Stieglitz's trademarks: smoke, steam, iron, glass, the solid and the vaporous — the horses in the winter scenes I mentioned above are blan-

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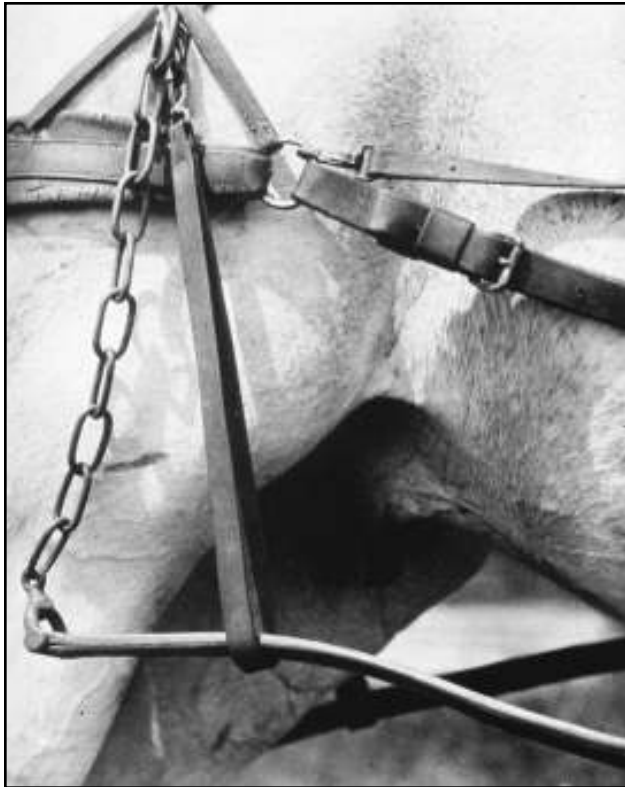
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The Steerage, 1907



Spiritual America, 1923

keted in steam — as if all that is solid does indeed melt into air. Because photography was such an endorsement and record of material reality, Stieglitz, Man Ray, Minor White, and others were intent on investigating its immaterial dimensions. (This is one reason behind the “equivalents.”) Stieglitz’s poetics and unsubtle politics collide in the polemical *Spiritual America* (1923). This image of a white gelding

is so tightly cropped that we see in extreme, almost prurient close-up its hindquarters cinched in a harness, its penis sheath just barely visible. The camera peeps into the fold between hindquarter and loin as if searching for potency that isn’t there.

This may sound like so much armchair psychologizing, but Stieglitz was mad about horses his entire life, thoroughbreds especially. (His

father, a successful cloth merchant, Sunday painter, and patron of the arts, was the first Jew admitted to the New York Jockey Club.) He once wrote from Paris about four work horses, stallions, he saw on a Parisian boulevard: “The horses stood there, throbbing, pulsating, their penises swaying half erect.... All the horses in [New York] are geldings.” Stieglitz was enthralled by a working or racing horse’s fe-

rocious musculature and, cliché that it is, a stallion’s sexual power. The America of *Spiritual America*, especially by contrast to the Parisian scene, is a place of raw force emasculated, strapped into submission by materialistic pursuits.

Quite a few of Stieglitz’s pictures lean, like *Spiritual America*, toward overstatement. It’s no surprise that Stieglitz, as editor of *Camera Work* — one of the most im-

portant art magazines of its time — dropped an article on the symbolist painter Odilon Redon, a much greater artist than Stieglitz, who was completely at ease with spiritual indefiniteness and had a subtler understanding of the unseen that’s alive in the seen. Stieglitz possessed a blunter, more totalizing, American-style intelligence and was in certain ways an example of the simplistic American provincialism he so detested. ■

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The Summer Exhibition at the Tasende Gallery — featuring sculpture by Fletcher Benton, Anthony Caro, and Niki de Saint-Phalle; paintings by Barbara Weldon, Roberto Matta, and Richard Pousette-Dart; and wall reliefs by Andres Nagel — opens with a reception on Friday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

View the show through August from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Find the gallery at 820 Prospect Street; 858-454-3691. (LA JOLLA)

An Aggressive Use of Color is said to “transform raw emotion into human form” in the strong figurative abstract paintings by Reed Cardwell. Take in “A long body of work” while Cardwell’s work is exhibited at the Burton Gallery through Tuesday, September 10. Meet the artist at an opening reception set for Saturday, July 20, 5 to 8 p.m.

Find the gallery at 307 South Cedros Avenue. Call 858-794-7204 for more details. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Earth Spirits” provide the theme when featured artist Carolanne Gano exhibits her work at the San Diego Art Institute, along with Sammy Pasto, who refers to his work as “modern cubism.” The guest juror for the Regional Artists show is Michael Wheelden. Work by students of Sunnyside Elementary School is displayed in the David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery. Meet all the artists at a reception slated for Friday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

The show concludes on Sunday, July 11. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

Rethink Garbage in All Its Guises when the Muse Factory hosts a show beginning on Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m. What does it mean to “Speak in Trash”? Find out in this exhibit of work by seven artists, on view through Monday, August 19, by appointment only. Find the Factory at

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Find the gallery at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets). Call 619-233-6679 for details. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (GOLDEN HILL)

Haiku Is a Contemplative Poetry that “valorizes nature, color, season, contrasts, and surprises,” usually in three lines. The Parisi Sculpture Garden and Gallery is sponsoring a haiku competition culminating in a public unveiling on Saturday, July 20. The winning haikus will be exhibited next to sculptures; there will be new instal-

lations, land-sculpting of the grounds, open artists’ studios, and more.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gardens and gallery at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. For more information, call 858-259-0031. (DEL MAR)

“Cats: Nine Lives for Art,” this exhibition of artwork celebrating cats by nine artists working in a variety of media is on display through Tuesday, July 30, in Gallery 21. Meet the cat-loving artists during a reception planned on Sunday, July 21, at 4 p.m. For further information, call 619-702-7006. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

Working in Acrylic and Mixed Media, Betty Hock and Jackie Myers will exhibit their recent paintings beginning with a reception on Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m., at the La Jolla Art Association. See their work through Sunday, July 28. Regular gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. daily. Find the gallery at 7917 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

“Equine Images: The Horse in Contemporary Art,” featuring work by

eight artists, opens at the Susan Street Fine Art Gallery with a reception at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. See the show through Wednesday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment. The gallery is found at 415 South Cedros Avenue; 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in “African Art — The Pulse of a Continent,” continuing through Sunday, September 8. Highlights include a beaded chief’s robe from Nigeria’s Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

The James L. Greaves Collection is a unique assemblage of more than 230 pre-Columbian objects dating from the First Century to about A.D. 1500. Primarily fashioned from clay, the collection also includes works in

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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, “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 current featured exhibition. “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, the well-known personal and professional collaboration between Alfred Stieglitz and Georgia O’Keeffe plays a key role in the exhibit on view through Sunday, August 25. “The Photography of Alfred Stieglitz: Georgia O’Keeffe’s Enduring Legacy,” boasts 110 images from the 1890s to 1935, including Stieglitz’s early European work, images of Lake George and New York City, and portraits. Cameras used by the photog-

rapher and a selection of photographic processes — including autochrome, carte-de-viste, carbon print, gelatin silver print, lantern slide, photogravure print, and platinum print — are included to explain Stieglitz’s creative processes and technique.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, the fine art of hand-painted guitars and skateboards is explored in “Rock & Roll.” Curators are Robert Perine, graphic artist for Fender guitar ad campaigns in the ’60s, and Michael Fee, working with the Southern California skateboard industry and designers of some classic skateboard decks. Take in the exhibit through Sunday, August 4, at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore Pierre-Auguste Renoir’s impact on the American art of the first half of the 20th Century in “Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting.” Consisting of 41 paintings — only 12 of which are by Renoir himself — the exhibit demonstrates how American painters working in a variety of styles participated in the “idolization” of Renoir between 1904 and 1940. See the show through Sunday, September 15.

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.”

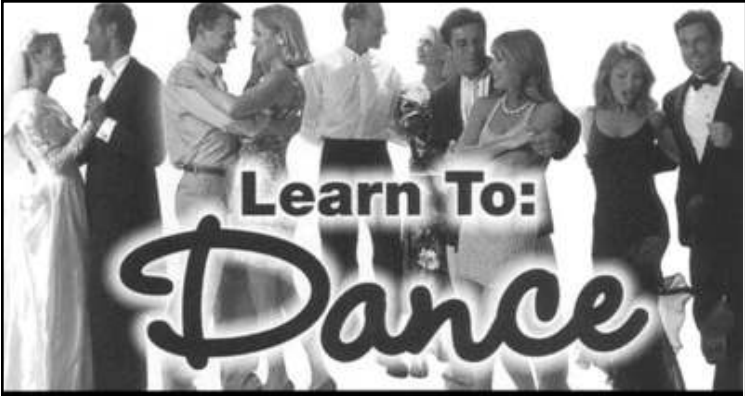
The diversity of print techniques practiced by artists working in San Diego over the past 100 years is revealed in “A Good Impression: A Century of Printmaking in San Diego.” The show boasts approximately 60 prints, 30 of which are rarely seen works from the museum’s collection; artists represented include Harry Sternberg, Italo Scanga, and Françoise Gilot. The show concludes on Sunday, October 27.

At once erotic and ascetic, both supreme god and intoxicated recluse, the figure of Shiva is one of the most compelling and contrary in Indian mythology. Images of Shiva and his family exploring Shiva’s many forms and manifestations are included in “Shiva: Destroyer of Time,” opening on Saturday, July 20, and concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum’s Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

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Timken Museum of Art, “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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Sing Something After Cow

"I like marginalized artists; have been one myself."

People assume that art will flourish on merit alone, that quality overcomes all obstacles. But that's not true. Without nourishment at every phase, art can perish. To make a play demands work: from getting a moment emotionally true, to hanging a door sturdy enough for the frantic slam-mings of farce. Computers help these days, but most theater is still done by hand. And the process takes time, money, and the occasional miracle.

On Wednesday evening, June 26, after 14 singers performed excerpts from a work-in-progress, the audience filled Sushi's space with hearty applause. People involved with *The World Is Round* from Sledgehammer, however — among them the composer (Pea Hicks), director/librettist (Scott Feldsher), and dramaturge (me) — clapped our hands raw. We'd just seen something special. The group had learned an entire opera and performed it at a festival in Los Angeles, and then at Sushi, in 17 days.

"Way cool," said Feldsher, hugging and thanking cast members.

"Amazing," said Hicks. "Here we'd asked these people, for very little money, to devote a large chunk of time to learn this weird, confusing, complicated music, which isn't

necessarily that much fun to sing. We asked for so many leaps of faith. They really transcended the piece!"

The performers *were* a gift, especially since they never got a full production, lengthy run, or reviews. Plus, for a week in Los Angeles, they worked from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. — "ridiculous hours for singers," said Hicks —

much of that time on their feet. The group developed a collective inner pride. They wanted to get it right even though, or because, *TWIR* is unlike most opera, or theater.

The project began in a used bookstore in 1994. A stack of square, pink and blue books caught Feldsher's eye: a children's story by Gertrude Stein. "They couldn't have been very popular. Ten to fifteen were lying there, almost brand new." The tale sounds simple: Rose, "almost ten," hears that the world is round, and the news frightens her. So she grabs her favorite blue chair and climbs a mountain to find out for herself.

Feldsher, a huge Stein fan ("I like marginalized artists; have been one myself"), also saw a quest, like Joseph Campbell's *Hero with a Thousand Faces*, in which Rose has a "dark night of the soul" and gains new understanding. Something else: Rose never speaks, she sings, "which could make a good



Gertrude Stein

opera." Feldsher shelved the idea "until the right time. Luckily we found that time."

For the past six years, Feldsher's been artist-in-residence at Skidmore College. In 1997, the drama department asked him to direct an American classic. When he taught an advanced-directing course the year before, his students loved Stein's theories. "She's an underappreciated theatrical visionary and, in my opinion, is an American classic."

Stein (1873–1946) wrote 77 plays. Even

when she started, in 1913, Stein pulled theater inside out. Following her work is the opposite of reading for plot. She avoids simple, take-out meanings and focuses on the immediate — she called it the "continuous" — present. As her repetitions of sounds and images wash over audiences like music, or a mantra, Stein hoped to induce an "intuitive state of mind."

One example: Stein's famous line, "a rose is a rose is a rose." Burlesque comic Irv Harmon complained, "I can go along with those

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first two roses of hers, but when she gets to that third one, she loses me." The roses, which recur throughout *TWIR*, don't go anywhere. Instead, they loop back to the present, which becomes the same yet slightly different, like consecutive frames of a movie.

"Now you all have seen hundreds of poems about roses," Stein told a gathering of students, "and you know in your bones that the rose is not there. Now listen! I'm no fool. I know that in daily life we don't go around saying 'is a...is a...is a...' I'm no fool; but I think that in that line the rose is red for the first time in English poetry for a hundred years."

Stein was among the first to appreciate Cubist painting, and the first time she flew in a plane Stein saw "all the lines of Cubism" on the landscape. You see everything, she said, "yet you know what you are seeing is only a little part of what's going on. So with a play. If it is at the outset 'all there' as a landscape is, everything and anything can take place" at any point. The approach lets each audience member have a unique experience.

After reading a number of Stein's plays, Feldsher decided to stage *TWIR* as an opera. The department loved the idea, and he had what most non-mainstream projects lack: initial funding. He called his friend and collaborator Pea Hicks and shouted, "We got the commission; we're doing an opera!"

Ask how many times they've worked together



Pea Hicks, Scott Feldsher



The World Is Round castmembers

and they reply: "so many" (Hicks) or "who knows?" (Feldsher). Since 1990, Hicks has composed music for at least 17 of Feldsher's shows. "Pea and I are VERY different personalities. He's more analytical and dispassionate. I'm a little more harebrained and completely unreasonable. I come up with the big sweeping ideas,

then he asks the right questions and knows where the aesthetic needs lay."

Both have gravitated toward opera — and formed a partnership, OperaZero — because, says Feldsher, they're dissatisfied with "the literal-mindedness and lack of imagination" of theater, "even the audiences. In opera three characters sing

what they're feeling at the same time and weave in and out of each other's melody lines, as in *Don Giovanni*, and the audience never questions it."

Hicks agrees: "Musical theater goes: dialogue/song/everybody claps. That doesn't interest me at all." For *TWIR*, he envisioned a minimalist tapestry of over-

lapping vocal phrases — "not exactly Philip Glass, but in that mode." The dense texture would combine Stein's repetitiveness with lyrical passages. But there was a problem: *TWIR* is atypical Stein. It's linear, has meanings, and lacks the multi-perspective, Cubist dynamic of her plays. So he and Feldsher decided to make the piece more "Steinian."

They invented three Roses and three choral "threads." Rose 1 starts at the beginning; Rose 2 starts a third of the way into the story; Rose 3, halfway in. Each circles the others, intersecting on occasion, and finally converging on the mountain. Then they break apart and return to the mythical beginning where, says Feldsher, "once upon a time is eternal."

Hicks set the form with strict rules. He describes his score as "kind of like the Big Bang. It starts with chaos and in time makes more cohesive sense — not complete cohesive sense — but more."

Because several things happen at once, the score has a Cubist quality. Hicks and Feldsher hope that the music, combined with Rose's journey and Stein's repetitive words in different "threads," releases multiple possibilities for an audience. Free to choose, a person can flow with Stein's Zen-like trance or follow one of several paths up the mountain.

At the first San Diego rehearsal, vocal director Jim Mooney worried that the score might hypnotize the singers. "When I was a kid," he told the cast, "I loved the way magic could mystify. So I bought books about it. I wanted the *real* magic I thought magicians were doing. But I found that the tricks aren't magical at all;

they're about diverting attention, about being in the demystified zone."

"With this show, with the way words and music flow, it's easy for us to become mystified. But we can't, not for a second. We must remain in the demystified zone."

Before it can advance, new work must go public. Staged readings are essential for new plays. The truism is a fact: something may shine in print but never "play" on a stage. To make that crucial step, operas require ten times the resources as play scripts.

At Skidmore, Feldsher's aggressive staging put singers above and behind the audience. He and Hicks were pleased with the show but had no critical distance on the work. "Inevitably in those situations 'good' translates as 'done,'" says Feldsher. "You're just happy it's there and has life." But he and Hicks felt *TWIR* could use some "fiddling." They also knew back in 1997 that, given the expenses involved in mounting an opera, they might never finish what they started.

"The next problem," says Feldsher, "was the impetus to fiddle. It's hard to work on something without a goal in sight. We needed the pressure and focus of another production. Kirsten's interest was the catalyst for this set of revisions, and the ASK workshop became the vehicle."

For "many, many years," Kirsten Brandt, artistic director of Sledgehammer Theatre, has applied to ASK Theater Projects for a grant. Committed to developing new work, each year ASK has a "Common Ground" Festival at UCLA, inviting six "ensembles" from

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It was the best news, but Hicks and Feldsher had just under three weeks to rehearse, two in San Diego, one at the festival. "We knew we'd be roughing it," says Hicks, "like camping or summer stock. The company'd have to put up with long rehearsals and a cramped deadline."

For two weeks in San Diego, the cast rehearsed from six to ten p.m. Erin Cronican, soprano in Chorus One: "We put as much work and spirit into this show, if not more, than any I've done before. Compared to the work we did, the payoff was small: two shows for a limited audience, away from home, make it difficult to see the fruit of our labors. But I was amazed that, after all the stress and work, how pleased I was with the outcome."

"We did pull together," says Amber Wolfe, of Chorus Three. "There is a certain energy when you put 12 feisty women in the same room. We were self-taught. The score called for each section rehearsing separately. It was conquer that score or die."

Wolfe recalls the stress of performance at the festival: "Okay, show's started, doin' fine...section 12, what do I sing now? Here comes my cue...there goes my cue. I sing something after 'cow.' What is the gesture for rainbow? My toes are numb. Section 37, 1-2-3, something about oleanders. Section 55, aerobic workout for the arms, toes still numb. Blinded by sidelight, spacing out..."

Wolfe adds, "I have to say that once I saw the whole picture — finally seeing Scott's staging — I had a motherly feeling for our Rose, wanted desperately to be closer to her onstage."

Gerri Galyean, Chorus One soprano, says the group "claimed ownership" of the piece "in an unusual way." Because of the camaraderie and the goal, cast members also felt frustration. Galyean: "One universal truth about performing new pieces: even when there is enough money, resources, etcetera — and there usually isn't — there is still never enough rehearsal time."

After Skidmore, Feldsher and Hicks assumed the next set of revisions would be minor. The ASK workshop revealed that

TWIR needs extensive structural changes. Feldsher: "One reason it was so great: we weren't working from either desperation or memory. We could be our own critics, our own worst ones at that."

They worked more like "craftsmen than artists," able to see and hear subtle flaws. "A few more radical changes are in order," says Feldsher, "significant cuts in the first part and some liposuction in the middle."

Hicks agrees. The piece should be "mysterious and confusing" but not "tedious and confounding." Both discovered that the process of revisions have not only altered the opera but their relation to it. Hicks found that *TWIR* has evolved a life apart from his original rules, which he now breaks when the piece demands it.

Feldsher, who opted for a flat, stained-glass window staging at the workshop, sees a different self at Skidmore: "I sort of remember what I did the first time and usually like it a lot but sometimes wonder, 'Why did I do that?' It's like having a dialogue with your past."

The ASK workshop was a feather in Sledgehammer's — and San Diego theater's — cap. The work positioned *The World Is Round* for the next step: Hicks and Feldsher are currently laying out tracks on a CD. They will micro-examine every word and note for a full production at Sledgehammer scheduled, tentatively, for next season — if funding comes through in these timid economic times. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Annie

Starlight Theatre presents the musical about an 11-year-old who longs to be rescued from the Municipal Orphanage and its mean-spirited matron, Agatha Hannigan. STARLIGHT BOWL, THURSDAY, JULY 18, THROUGH JULY 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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 vocal. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her

heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

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Fifth of July

Lanford Wilson's comedy-drama — Ur-text for the movie *The Big Chill* — is about the day after the fireworks. It's 1977, and the '60s are long gone. Jean Baudrillard calls this period “the post-orgy world, the world left behind after



Love, Janis

the great social and sexual convulsions.” Wilson explores what happens when hopes don't materialize and, in Baudrillard's phrase, people “re-question their own definition.” Family and friends gather at the 19-room Talley mansion in Lebanon, Missouri. They laugh, drink, bicker, and wonder where it went. One could quibble about Wilson's loose, pseudo-Chekovian writing (you can almost hear a cherry orchard getting chopped down) — and how he breaks tone by injecting melodrama, and forces climaxes with fortuitous events. But under Tim Irving's direction, Diversionary Theatre turns in yet another solid effort. The ensemble cast (especially Dan Gruber as Kenneth Talley and young Moriah Angeline as Shirley Talley), David Weiner's indoor/outdoor sets (the change from one to the other just short of miraculous), and Corey Johnston's costumes make valuable contributions. And K.B. Mercer, as the emotional loose cannon Gwen Landis, is unforgettable.

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Hydriotaphia

In Tony Kushner's “epic farce,” Sir Thomas Browne — “a nasty bloated logorrheic old bugger” — lies on his deathbed but refuses to go gently. “This isn't me dying,” says the wealthy author of *Religio Medici* and *The Garden of Cyrus*, “it's a great deal of money rolling over.” Browne's constipated; his soul wants a divorce; practically everyone in Restoration England craves his holdings; his drowned sister shows up as a nun (from a convent that specializes in assassinating heathens); various couples have sex around, and in, his bed — and Kushner says his nearly three-hour-long comedy's *about writing?* O...K...Though the Muse Theatre hammers at the farce, at the expense of everything else, and though director Michael Scahill fumbles through Act Three, the production's worth seeing for Farhang Pernoon's portrayal of Browne (a narcissist's narcissist genuinely afraid that, were he to die, the world would actually cease), Carolyn Leone-Smith, as the Abbess of the Grassy Knoll, and Allison Riley as the nurse. And also, of course, for the author's views on life, death, taxes, immortality, and — we'll take his word for it — writing.

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The Importance of Being Earnest

Codirectors Sean Murray and Rosina Reynolds have assembled one of the North Coast Rep's strongest casts. Through this summer the actors perform double roles, as *Earnest* runs in repertory with Tom Stoppard's *Travesties*. Although the opening-night performance of *Earnest* was a tad shaky, Oscar Wilde's farce is definitely a show to see and savor. Along with being one of the funniest plays ever written, *Earnest* is cross-thatched with scathing social commentary so subtle it's almost unnoticed (fortunately for the characters, they don't listen to each other; if they did, society as they know it would crumble). Murray's scenic design includes walls so hyper-lime green they resemble a new, heartily tweaked Gatorade. When combined with proper *fin de siecle* furnishings and Shulamit Nelson's white and beige formal period costumes, they create a bifurcated tableau much like Wilde's play: a surreal rationalism. The only persisting opening-night problem: often the cast spoke more naturalistically than artificially. But with Wilde the rules don't apply. It's okay to sculpt a line and to “perform” (as does Annie Hinton's wonderful Lady Bracknell). After all, these carefully ordered sentences might be the only glue holding Wilde's fragile society together.

Worth a try.

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Louis and Irvine

East Side Repertory Theatre stages the world premiere of David Weiner's drama about Louis B. Mayer and Irving Thalberg, during the early years at MGM studios. Wayne Alan Erreca directed.

EAST SIDE REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH JULY 28; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Love, Janis

The original *Love, Janis* that premiered at the San Diego Rep last year was a lot like her music: raw, unpolished, the next second, anybody's guess. The new revised version, here by way of a New York run, is talky, and the performances have a comfort zone feel — push when essential, pull back when not. Aimee McCormick, who acts the role of Joplin, knows where her moments are and often milks them with contemporary attitude, not '60s soul. Andra Mitrovich sings Joplin's songs well enough (though she speaks her lines too fast) but lacks Joplin's rabid energy. Joplin tore into a song like a famished lion with fresh kill. As did Beth Hurt, who sung her in the original as if each tune were her last. The original felt like a spontaneous “happening”; this one's more like a concert, mapped out in detail. Make no mistake, this is a good show. It captures some of the at-

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mosphere of the San Francisco scene, circa 1966-69, the band howls, when allowed, and Janis's complex personality (Texas innocent, libertarian beatnik, icon *malgre lui*; Janis was groovier than thou, though she never held it against you) comes through. **WORTH A TRY.** SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 18; TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Mixed Emotions

OnStage Playhouse presents Richard Baer's romantic comedy about septuagenarians falling in love while movers prepare to relocate the bride-to-be in Florida. Connie Di Grazia directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH AUGUST 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. **Worth a try.**

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS. OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Normal-C

Beacon Theatre presents Courtney McLean's one-woman show about "the hilarity of dating and trying to fall in love, as well as the pressures of being 'normal.'" Kelly Fullerton directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THURSDAY, JULY 18, THROUGH JULY 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-



The Taming of the Shrew

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-724-8218.

Othello

Director Delicia Turner Sonnenberg cast Shakespeare's "domestic tragedy" with women. The choice sounds flashy and *au courant*, but thanks to strong performances, having women play men as "men" opens up themes and relationships in unexpected ways. Being a man, the Women's Repertory Theatre production shows, isn't so much a gender as an unwritten code of conduct. And part of the tragedy is that few men, Othello included, sustain this standard. Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, an African-American and one of San Diego's best actors, plays Othello against another stereotype: a black male. Her Othello's no virile stud (as Iago, and most interpreters of the role, assumes). He's a lot older than Desdemona — and just how well hath he "done his office twixt the sheets"? Although the WRT acting's uneven, the pacing at times stiff, other performances shine: especially Gayle Feldman-Avery's wiley Iago and Gina Alvarado's splendid Cassio, one of the best I've seen, regardless of gender. With emphasis on women playing men, one might overlook one of the show's most intriguing performances. Most Desdemonas are passive, insipid ingenues. Jo Glover's makes much more sense. Young and in love, she wants the world to be as happy. So she does unpracticed cavorting and caring, just the kind of behavior an old General, himself unpracticed in these matters, could misread.

Worth a try.

WOMEN'S REPERTORY THEATRE, ACTOR'S ASYLUM, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH JULY 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT

2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-282-3277.

A Prayer for My Daughter

Thomas Babe's police station/scene-chewer has as many daughters off-stage as violence on-. Someone shot Mrs. Linnowitz. NYPD cops, Francis and Jack, collared two suspects, whom they also suspect of being gay. From 1 a.m. to daybreak, on the fifth of July, the officers interrogate, coddle (even cuddle with), and abuse Jimmy and Sean, while Francis's daughter Marge, his "unlovable friend," threatens to commit suicide somewhere in New England. The play's familiar territory — probably less so when first produced in 1978 —

but though Babe's forced father/daughter and light/dark symbolism gushes from every pore, the script's strong on suspense and opportunities for naked emotion. Brian Salmon, San Diego mainstay, provides the latter, especially in a monologue where his character, Sean, recalls the day his light went out in Vietnam. John Nutton, a new face, does a fine turn as Jack, the slick "good cop," who just wants to head on home. Dale Morris and Diep Huynh also contribute, as do the uncredited costumes, which bring back the late-'70s, and Sally Stockton's focused lighting (though the focusing, itself, could be less obvious).

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JULY 24; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Proposals

Lamplighters Community Theatre opens its 65th anniversary season with Neil Simon's comedy about broken relationships and new prospects. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 4; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Rio Can Be Murder

Mystery Cafe reprises its most popular show. *Rio* is easily the least mysterious of the interactive dinner theater's offerings. It is also, however, the funniest. Author Byron LaDue takes us to Rio de Janiero's Hotel Ipacabana. It is 1946. The war is over, though a German U-Boat was spotted offshore loaded with would-be war criminals. Speaking of loaded, the hotel owner, Fritz ("call me Uncle Fritz") Wright, likes to get high on the venom of poisonous snakes, especially during Carneval. In preparation for which, the hotel denizens break repeatedly into sambas. And there are no unsuspecting types: Nicole Larsonette (Carrie Heath) in Rio to marry handsome Captain Jack Legstrong (Ben Gilbert), who shouts "I'll deck anyone who says Americans are intolerant!" There's Orphio Carioca (Chris Wylie) who fights for truth, justice, and the Brazilian Way. Or does he? There's also the headstrong Rita Sambina (Laura Arnold, back where she belongs — on stage!), Roscoe Carnahan (Darren Phillips), a corporal up to little good, the "Black Widow of Rio," Cordelia Ranchera

(Bonnie J. Stone), and, of course, Uncle Fritz, played by James Pascarella, one of the funniest people in San Diego. The set's a kick. The show takes place aboard the William D. Evans, at the Bahia Hotel. The evening includes a funny show (with the audience making big contributions), a three-course dinner, a harbor cruise, and a mystery to boot! **Worth a try.**

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The Taming of the Shrew

It's becoming a tradition. The Globe Theatres open their summer season with a Shakespearean comedy for people who don't like Shakespeare. The production offers a splendid set — Ralph Funicello's Paduan façade, eroding with Venetian decay, combines with a thrust stage, original Globe floor plan — gorgeous costumes by Lewis Brown (which have, with few exceptions, much more character and personality — and 20 times the detail — than the actors), and moody, Mediterranean lighting by York Kennedy. And it has funny moments (thanks to Dakin Matthews' harried Baptista and Jonathan McMurtry's orange-emblazoned Gremio). But it looks as if the cast, instead of brushing up their Shakespeare, studied *The Compleat Works of the Three Stooges* instead. Ten lines of dialogue don't pass without someone slapping someone else, or biting, or stomping on another's feet, or running into walls, or gouging eyes, or poking ears, or — as Elizabeth Heflin's scratchy-throated, consistently shrill Kate does to Jeffrey Nordling's macho Petruchio — sucker-punching a codpiece. None of which helps define character (or leads to character-driven comedy). Under John Rando's frenetic direction, which treats the text as a minefield and much prefers to cavort outside it, this stuff just happens again, and again, and again. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH AUGUST 4; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go

along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to black-out best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Impro*) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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"The 500-pound gorilla radio is flexing its muscles."

Lee Crowell is the property manager of

Phone lines are now used to get each station's signal to its transmitting tower. The master plan is to replace the phone lines with one tower and 12 microwave dishes.

Crowell said Clear Channel has hired an engineer, a law firm, and other high-paid professionals to help it secure city approval

question of if someone would hit the tower but when."

Stonecrest Homeowner Association member Jim Knotter is a pilot who agrees the tower's suggested placement is a bad idea.

"There were 217,449 takeoffs or landings in Montgomery Field in the year that ended in May. It defies common sense to put a 160-foot tower a mile away from the busiest airport in the county," Knotter claimed it is busier than Lindbergh. He said it has two runways and Lindbergh only has one. "This is a disaster that is finding a place to happen."

Crowell does admit the FAA has approved the relay tower's placement. "But I don't think anyone from the FAA came out to look at it."

"The [homeowner's] association is also concerned about the health effects of having electromagnetic fields broadcast 24 hours a day a couple hundred feet away," adds Crowell.

Homeowner Knotter says the tower would be an eyesore. "If people see a 16-story tower with a bunch of dishes hanging on it, some will say they don't want to live there.... Clear Channel doesn't need it. They're

operating fine now without it. Besides, there's lots of places to put a tower on the mesa."

Last night the Kearny Mesa Planning Committee, a city council-appointed advisory group, passed on its recommendation about the



CLEAR CHANNEL WANTS RELAY TOWER IN FLIGHT PATH

tower to the city staff. That decision could be appealed to the planning commission, which would have the ultimate decision.

Donna Frye's chief of staff Michael Simonsen said the councilwoman had received "a whole bunch of letters in opposition to the tower."

Clear Channel general manager Kevin McCarthy did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

"I know what passes as a manager, and he was not it."

Finch guitarist Randy Strohmeier now feels free to speak out about his former manager. The five-piece Temecula band was signed to MCA Records July 1. Strohmeier says Finch has found management bliss with San Diego native Andy Harris, who played guitar with local band Chune from 1991 to '96. Harris is launching his own Encinitas-based company, Scout Management, with his first client — Finch.

"Rodney...used to run some nightclubs in New York, but he knew nothing about managing bands," said Strohmeier about the New York-based manager Rodney Afshari.

Afshari is vice president and general manager of Freeze Management, a company with offices in New York City and Orange County. Freeze oversees the careers of some 20 rock bands. Many of

them — Glassjaw, Goldfinger, the Riddlin Kids, Custom, Grinspoon, Lefty — have major-label contracts.

Finch released its first album, *What It Is to Burn*, on Drive Thru/MCA in April. Harris said the radio success of the first single "Letters to You" (played locally on 92/1) caused MCA to exercise its option to bring Finch up from Drive-Thru, an independent label based in Sherman Oaks. This was the same way that New Found Glory and Fenix TX arrived on MCA, which is also the home of blink-182.

Finch and Afshari separated without litigation but with some bad blood. "I have no comment,"



FINCH LOSES MANAGER, GAINS MCA

said Afshari. "I don't want to stoop to their level." But after a few minutes, he said, "Randy is the one guy in

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Stonecrest Village, a master-planned community near Aero Drive and I-15 that has 579 homes in the \$350,000 to \$600,000 range. He says the Stonecrest homes are facing property devaluation, and its residents are facing health and safety risks, because Clear Channel wants to erect a 160-foot relay tower nearby.

Stonecrest is near the Kearny Mesa building that houses the studios of 12 of the 14 local stations controlled by Clear Channel.

for the tower. But he said Stonecrest residents would not have even known about Clear Channel's plans for a new neighborhood landmark had councilwoman Donna Frye not alerted them last year.

"At 160 feet, the tower is just 30 feet below the bottom of the glide slope of Montgomery Field," said Crowell. "There have been three plane crashes in that area recently. With the fog that hits Kearny Mesa from time to time, it's not a

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Finch that has no talent. The rest of the band is superb."

"If Randy and Rodney have some beef, that's something I'm not aware of," said Harris. "Freeze Management is a very good company. All I know is it might be hard to manage a band from so far away."

— Ken Leighton

"You have to be made for that job," said San Diego native Andy Harris, 30,

about his post-Chune years. From 1996 to 2001 he was a road manager, overseeing tours by Guided by Voices, Phantom Planet, and the Lords of Acid.

"A lot of people think it's a great way of living, but if you aren't cut out for it you won't last a week....

One time when I was out with Guided by Voices, we had to beat up these guys. They were trying to get in the dressing room and steal things. There was a lot of alcohol involved."

Just like blink-182's manager, Rick DeVoe, Harris will base his Scout



HARRIS ENLISTS BLINK-182 AS CONSULTANTS

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Management company out of his Encinitas home. Coincidentally, Harris's wife, Kristen Worden, works with Rick DeVoe. Before DeVoe, Worden worked in L.A. with Ted Gardner, former

manager of Tool and Jane's Addiction.

Word on the street has it that blink's enterprising founders Tom DeLonge and Mark Hoppus are launching Scout with Harris, just as they launched the local Atticus clothing and merchandise company with other partners.

That's not exactly true, said Harris. "They are consultants."

Harris says he is very lucky to have the blink crew on his side. "I would never make a big decision without talking to them.... Ninety percent of all the managers suck. Either they are lame or their hearts are not in the right place.... If you watch VH1's *Behind the Music*, anytime they interview a band manager, not once do you see 'manager' under his

name. It is always 'former manager.' As soon as a band starts losing fame or fortune, everyone assumes it is the manager's fault."

Harris said as Finch embarks on a worldwide tour, including dates at the Leeds and Reading festivals in England, the band will still claim San Diego as its home.

"If you're a band from Temecula, you don't say you are from Temecula. You either say you are from L.A., the Inland Empire, or San Diego."

Harris said Finch will return to San Diego in the fall, on tour with New Found Glory.

— Ken Leighton

Russell Crowe is in town while filming *The Far Side of the World* at the seaside Fox studio near Ensenada. The crew and the rest of the actors for the \$135 million production remain in Baja during the five months the crew is based in Ensenada — except for Crowe. The Oscar-winning actor gets flown down daily from San Diego via helicopter.

At Neil Finn's July 2 concert at 4th & B, radio staffers of KPRI, 91X, and 92/1 were told they had to wait an hour until they could go backstage and meet the headliner — Crowe and his entourage first wanted a private audience with Finn. (Finn is from New Zealand,

Crowe's birthplace. Crowe's family moved to Sydney when the actor was four.)

"This would have never happened in L.A.," said the radio exec who asked to be unnamed.

The Far Side of the World is directed by Peter Weir (*Dead Poets Society*, *The Truman Show*). Crowe plays the captain of the HMS *Rose*, a 19th-century British navy ship. The same 20 million-gallon reservoir used for *Titanic* holds the HMS *Rose*.

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"They've been controlling the world since the mid-'80s. They have somehow managed to convince us that Carson Daly is somebody worth watching."



KING REBOUNDS FROM DIVORCE AND MTV

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Former MTV host Peter King, 34, is not afraid of criticizing the pop culture

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monolith that gave him international celebrity from 1990 to '94.

"When MTV started, it was original...kids thought they had their own channel. Today kids have figured how manipulative and fake it has become."

A pro surfer since 1985, the La Jolla High grad merged surfing and rock in a local band called Dakota Motor Co. from 1990 to 1996.

"I did a TV commercial for the Surfrider Foundation in '94. That led to an audition for MTV. They asked me to be

a host on *Sandblast*, which was billed as a coed sports/comedy/music show on the beach.... I did 80 shows the first season. Then 50 the next."

After that, King said MTV kept him around for two more years for various on-camera gigs.

Now he's creating his own show.

"It's going to be a California alternative action sports talk show with music. It will be taped at the Wave House in Mission Beach, which is being built just north of 'Canes. My friend Tom Lochtefeld is building it with a wave machine that will make the perfect ten-foot wave in an enclosed area outdoors. That wave [machine] was there two summers ago. By next summer it will be permanent.... The show won't be like [MTV's]

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released one record on Epic three years ago called *Songs from the Pipe*.

"They spent over half a million to make the record. We each got \$40,000 just to sign the deal. I think it sold six copies. The guy who signed us was Roger Cline,

who also signed Social D and the Indigo Girls. I think he lost his job at Epic over us."

— Ken Leighton

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Dancing Bear Blues

I was bleeding from the ears due to the volume of “Rhythm Mom and the Green Snot,” a mariachi band, laboring under alcoholic psychosis.

I once saw a Japanese bass player onstage with James Cotton in a club in Chicago. The diminutive bassist was hefting a white Fender jazz bass, and he looked like a man climbing a birch tree. The kid was great and was later introduced as Toshio “T-Bone” Tashamira. The music was killer (an adjective I surrender into the lexicon when writing about music — or actual killers), but there was something about the visual of this elfin badass of Chicago blues, phonetically singing words he could not have understood.

“’Nother mule kickin’ in my stall...” or “Hope some fool wanna get in a fight, ’cuz I’m ready...ready’z anybody can be...” Or the caper, “I was born in Chicago, 19 and 41...” The guy sang like Steve Winwood, played like Larry “Mole” Taylor, but looked like a cartoon, a benevolent hallucination that made it impossible not to laugh, not unkindly, but like a jackass nonetheless.

I’m not saying my experience in Tijuana with Mamá Cachimba was similar, just reminiscent.

It’s a different world. Ten, even five years ago you could walk down Revolución, hear all kinds of crap from Madonna to Cher to the Backstreet Boys — nothing surprising about it. But the closest thing you would hear to anything like American blues with some veracity would be a mariachi band trying to wrench out “Louie Louie” while laboring under alcoholic psychosis. I found Mamá Cachimba (or Cachimbo, depending on which band member you ask) while strolling leisurely down tourist row one Saturday night. I was bleeding from the ears due to the volume and quality of the various house disco/techno vomit we Americans (some guilty Brits and Germans too) should apologize for exporting. But in front of La Placita, a clean, not overly lit but certainly not dingy family-style restaurant, I heard something surprising, I’ll even say extraordinary.

I’m not saying I *discovered* the band known (and ambiguously spelled) as la Cachimba Mujer Moco Verde — I was just there, and breaking through the strains of “Whole Lotta Love” com-

ing from some sonic cannon next door, I heard an honest-to-God blues group singing a 12-bar Elmore Leonard sort of thing at a more courteous volume. It’s not that they were that good, it was more the dancing bear factor: that is, it’s not how well the bear dances, but that he does it at all.

I walked in, applauded, got a Peñañiel, and ordered drinks for the band. Within moments it was clear that not one of them spoke English, so my mediocre Spanish had to do. The food smelled good, kids were behaving with their parents at tables, both Mexicans and gringos. Drink prices were reasonable, so I bought the group another round and asked if I could interview them as they had just finished their first set.

The language thing, plus the fact I had no tape recorder, just a camera, turned the interview into a cloudy *caldo* of non sequiturs.

The visual I can try and relate by depicting Doctor Ricardo Robles as a long-haired, bespectacled Antonio Banderas (in that movie where he has all those guns in guitar cases), and his cosinger, the 21-year-old Sicki (real name Christine), looks like a novice nun from the 14th Century. The first obstacle was that the translation I got for the full name of the band “Mamá Cachimba — ? — mujer verde” was, as near as I could get it in English, “Rhythm Mom and the Green Snot.”

I got little else during their break except that Robles worked as a general practitioner at a government hospital and that the bass player, Jorge Mérida, 47, was also an M.D. They were being joined by a guest harmonica player with the single name Azcatzim (“Aztec,” he explained).



Mamá Cachimba y la Mujer del Moco Verde



Mamá Cachimba and the Woman of the Green Snot

it need to be changed?)

While we were talking, three hammered American chicks were singing to a karaoke machine; the songs I have, thank God, repressed. Then another karaoke cowboy (a Mexican dude with gold necklace, open shirt, and short, slick hair) sang “The Greatest Love of All” in Spanish. Robles introduced Dr. Jorge Mérida on bass; new at it, still learning, but coming along well. On drums, they had enlisted Chere López.

It was time for the second set, and the place was not exactly filling up, but a few bodies came through the door, among them many musicians, including friends from the band Ohtli, who were named “Best Band of the Year” in 1994 by *El Arca de Neón* (a radio program) in Tijuana.

Ohtli is mostly a cover band: they do Beatles, Eagles, Bob Marley, etc. Kind of a Mexican Rockola. They are fans of Sicki, Ricardo, and the green snot.

The visiting group often plays the San Diego area — Chula Vista in particular.

When Cachimba Mamá climbed back up the six-inch stage and tuned, they began a meandering, two-chord, desultory thing that I was sure

Ricardo praised him effusively. Robles grew up in Tijuana; the fact that he gravitated to blues is not as unlikely as it might first appear. As Merseybeat groups in England were being influenced by American 45s being off-loaded onto the docks of Liverpool, it’s a wonder that there is no pervasive “Iron Butterfly”-type rock in Spanish. (How would you say “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” in Spanish? Would

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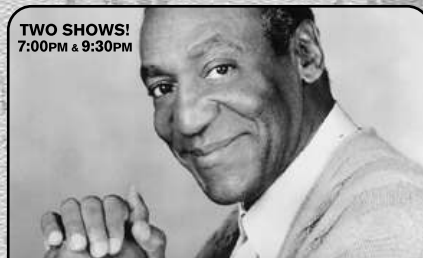
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was to turn into "Season of the Witch" or "Feelin' All Right." It was an original I could neither place nor understand.

Not all the lyrics are in Spanish, however. "Fever" is an

odd approach to a smoldering eroticism. Instead of the band creating a burgeoning sense of desire, an arousal, if you will, of desire, they sounded like union musicians playing in Chicago only to kick back 80% of the club's take. As Sicki worked the lyrics in English, it reminded me of Marianne Faithfull when she sang "Broken English" or Keith Richards in drag singing

almost anything. A bit of Nico with the Velvet Underground and very much Margo Timmons from the Cowboy Junkies.

Something unfortunate occurred then: Robles decided to take a Big Brother and the Holding Company guitar solo on his Japanese or Korean imitation Epiphone hollowbody with the single cutaway. Rob-

les is not a blues soloist. I almost wish Bob Dylan were onstage trading riffs (if that's what you call what these two do) so that they could call across the stage together, "Take it away, Ricardo!" And the "Okay, give it back!"

Robles proves to be quite a good songwriter. His "Si Estuvieras Aquí," or "Wish You Were Here," is a haunting,

heartfelt *balada*. And though it isn't played with any finesse or slickness of arrangement, it was a fine and bittersweet thing to listen to. In fact, that may be the key to Cachimba's appeal to North American rock/blues fans (and there were a half dozen or so this night) as well as Mexican listeners to (what is to them) a relatively new sort of music to pay attention to.

Punk has been embraced almost immediately and almost for a similar reason: the musicianship is not king, but emotion or passion is.

During Muddy Waters's "Mojo Man," Robles and the guest harp player Azcatzim dueling gums to some cool variations on Chicago's blues-style harp — almost immediately recognizable: think Muddy, Butterfield, Charlie Musselwhite. But the influence these Mexicanos brought in had a whisper of border sage, Mexican taxicabs, policemen, *la migra*, bad guys, street barkers hawking everything from T-shirts to knocker bars. In other words, a city sound, all right. And it could be no other city than Tijuana. Neither guys are going to blow Toots Theilman off the stage or the above-mentioned Waters, Musselwhite, or Butterfield, but they've established their own playing field.

Now here's a 1977 book called *The Present State of Music in Mexico* by Otto Mayer-Serra. Otto seems erudite enough, rattling off bits of business about Spanish rhythms, the *corridos* literary model being the Spanish romance, "the salon music in that curious mixture of *jota* and slow valse, the *sandunga* of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec intersubmerged in the languorous sentimentality of the Italian *aria* in the *canción*. But it survives in its purest form in the *huapango* of the Gulf Coast, with the charm of its sung melody heightened by occasional syncopation, a contribution from the Negroes."

That was about all I could find in that volume as to blues insinuating itself into Mexican music. But I found another book, similarly pompous and ingratiating (subtly and only occasionally) to blacks, Mexicans, Indians, etc. It is called *Music in Mexico* (1971) by Robert Stevenson. Stevenson's worthy book concludes, "Mexico is a land with a dynamic, living music... a country whose total musical contribution places her in the forefront of Western Hemisphere republics.... Neighbors on either side can confidently anticipate ever securer reason to congratulate her on the achievement of the past, as well as the promise of the future."

The last song I heard Mamá Cachimba and the Moco Verde perform on my way out was Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," a song hard to fuck up. They sounded wonderfully sloppy as if yes, yes, they're sinners, whatever, and mortal. The Mexicans seem to have so much less problem with mortality than other European and Northern cultures (my own theory) that the puzzled but undefeated chorus accompanied by guitars, harmonicas, and patrons at tables and on stools, in both Spanish and English, managed to turn what might have been a funeral march into a boozy and philosophical celebration. ■



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"I think my dad — he's kind of a bad boy — probably was going around causing trouble in the neighborhood."

Lindsay Tanciango
Age: 16
High school: Morse

What do you think your mother and father were doing at your age?

At my age, my mom and dad were in school. In the Philippines, they stress the importance of going to school first. At least that's what my parents say. I think that my grandparents didn't allow my mom and dad to work because they believed that it would get in the middle of their school.

What kind of trouble did your parents get into at your age?

My parents didn't really get in much trouble as teenagers. I think the only trouble that they got into involved disrespecting and/or ignoring their parents. When they didn't do what their parents told them to, they got in trouble.

Did your mother say that she quarreled with her parents? Your father?

Yes, my mom and dad quarreled with their parents. I think it's normal for teenagers to fight with their parents because of the difference between their points of view.

Did your mother or father say that their parents were strict?

Yes, both my mom and dad's parents were strict.

In the Philippines they have very strict rules that limit a lot of things, especially in a teenager's life. What was the highest level of schooling your mother received? Father?

My mom graduated after four years of college, and my dad graduated after five years of college.

How old were your parents when you were conceived?

When I was conceived my mom

was 28 and my dad was 32. At the time, my mom was a housewife and my dad was in the Navy. Neither of my parents were in school. I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Do you think either of your parents is too strict?

I think that, at times, they can be extremely strict, but most of the time their rules and regulations are decent. I believe that my parents are too strict when it comes to me, since I'm a girl and the youngest of the family. My parents ground me and they don't let me go out with my friends whenever I do something that gets me in trouble.

Do you think your parents know what you do when you are not at home?

I think my parents do know, [but] my parents have no clue about what goes on in my love life. They know how I am doing in school and what my grades are. I do tell my mom and dad what

goes on in school, but I don't tell them who I have crushes on or who's attractive. Sometimes, I tell my parents when I get in a fight with someone, because I need their advice as to how to deal with the problem.

If you could change your parents' behavior, tell me what changes you would make.

I would change the fact that they have doubts in me. I would change the fact that whenever something goes wrong with other people's kids they automatically think I'm as bad as they are and that I'll make the same big mistakes. I just want my parents to trust me and trust that they raised me well.



Lindsay Tanciango

Olivia Baker
Age: 18
High school: Morse

What were your mother and father doing at your age?

I think my dad — he's kind of a bad boy — probably was going around causing trouble in the neighborhood. My mom was pretty quiet; she had a couple of friends she hung around with, but she was more athletic. Probably was into sports.

What kind of trouble did your mother and father get into at your age?

My mom wasn't really much of a troublemaker. But my dad, probably doing stuff like sugaring gas tanks and cherry-bombing trash cans during Halloween and that sort of thing.

Has your mother or father said that they quarreled

with their parents?

My mom, she's pretty close with my grandparents. My dad's side, my grandpa was in the Navy and my grandmother was always working... As far as him really crossing his parents, it was nothing really that big besides to clean his room and do chores.

Did either one of your parents say that their parents were strict?

My parents really didn't say anything about their parents being all that strict. Just more like keeping the family strong.

How far did your mother and father go in school?

My mother, she's got an associate degree. My dad finished high school and got right into working.

How old were your parents when you were conceived?

I guess my mom was in her late 20s and my dad was in his early 30s when my mom got pregnant with me. My parents were working and they were married already.

Do you think either your mother or father is too strict?

My parents are far too strict because of me being the only child. They think the world is out to get me or something.

Do you think your mother knows about what you do when you are not at home?

I'm not really much of a troublemaker, just do basic teenager stuff, like go to the mall, and I wouldn't do anything she wouldn't expect out of me.... My schoolwork, they pretty much know what's going on in school. I don't really tell many



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people if I have a crush on someone for fear that they may know that person and open up their big mouth. If I get in a fight with someone, I usually keep that to myself.
What changes would you make in your parents' behavior, if you could?
If I could change my parents, I would want them to be more willing to let me live for myself.

Katherine Andrade
Age: 17
High school: Morse

Tell me what you think your mother and father were doing at your age.
I think he was working for his family in the Philippines...as a photographer...and my mom, too; that's how they met.
Did your mother say that she quarreled with her parents?
From her words, she actually told me that she had never, ever quarreled with her parents.
Did your mother say that her parents were strict?
My mother said her parents were extremely strict, and thus the reason for her obedience.
What have your mother and father told you about drug use during the years when they were teenagers?
They never did any of it in their lives. I don't think there were any drugs in the Philippines at the time. If there was, I don't think my mother and father's family could afford any.
How far did your mother go in school? Your father?



Katherine Andrade

Both my mother and father accomplished some college.
How old were your parents when you were conceived?
They were 32 years old. The both of them. My father was in the Navy, and my mother worked at a bank. I was born in Bremerton, Washington.
Do you think your mother or father are too strict?
Mother, yes; father, no. My mother will not allow any of her children to have a boyfriend before the age of 18. She will not allow me to be out of the house after dark when I am with responsible people.
If you could change your parents' behavior, tell me what changes you would make in that behavior.
They should be more understanding, for I am a very responsible person, and I trust myself that I will not do anything wrong, but they don't trust me. They exaggerate things too much.

Shauntel Lowe
Age: 16
High school: Morse

Do you know what your parents were doing at your age?
My father was just going to high school and being active in church. My mother was in high school, working on the yearbook staff.
What kind of trouble did your mother get into at your age? Your father?
My parents were pretty well behaved. No run-ins with the law or anything.
Did your mother say that she quarreled with her parents? Your father?
My mother had lots of problems with her parents. They didn't get along too well. My dad was fine though.
Did your mother or father say that their parents were strict?
My mother's parents were very strict on her because she's the oldest daughter. My dad's mother was very biblically governing, so you could consider that strict.
How far did your mother and father go in school?
My father has his A.A., and my mom has some college experience.

What kind of grades did your mother get? Your father?
My dad didn't do so well, but my mom was in the top ten percent of her class.
How old were your parents when you were conceived?
They were in their late 20s, early 30s. My mom stayed at home when I was born. My dad was in the Air Force.
Do you think either your mother or father is too strict?



Shauntel Lowe

My mother used to be very strict, but it has made me into the person I am now. My dad isn't really strict at all. One time, my dad told me to get off the phone because it was too late, but he didn't know the whole story. I can't really say what I would've done. Adults think differently.
Do you think your mother knows about what you do when you are not at home?
My mother always knows where I am and generally what's going on. My love life isn't something she's too involved in, but I don't like anyone too often, so there's not too much for her to know. If I did like someone, I probably wouldn't say anything. If I got into a fight, she would find out eventually. I wouldn't just tell her, though.
If you could change your parents' behavior, tell me what changes you would make.
My mom sometimes takes things to the extreme. She'll tell me the same thing five times or ask me the same question five times. I would have her relax.

Chrystalline Zapanta
Age: 17
High school: Morse

What do you think your mother and father were doing at your age?
My mother was usually the person her family relied on to do the cleaning and taking care of the

family thing. My stepfather was always out playing, riding his bike.
What kind of trouble did your mother and stepfather get into at your age?
My mother says that she got into the same sort of trouble that I did, so I guess she sneaked out with her friends or lied about some things to her parents.
Did your mother or stepfather say that their parents were strict?
My mother's parents were strict but my stepfather's weren't.
How old were your parents when you were conceived?
My parents were in their late 20s when I was born. I think that my father had a job as an architect, and I was born in my house in the Philippines.
Do you think that either your mother or stepfather is too strict?
My mother is really strict, but my stepfather and probably my father aren't, only in certain levels. My mother placed a lot of restrictions on me until I reached 15 or 16. Before that time, it was always hard to wear makeup, wear certain clothes, or hang out with some people.
Do you think your mother knows about what you do when you are not at home?
My parents don't know much about me beyond my school life. I don't feel comfortable talking to them about it because there are times they'll forbid what I'm doing or who I'm going with and that sort of thing.
If you could change your parents' behavior, tell me what changes you would make.
If I could change my parents' behavior, I would change the fact that my mother is too strict or overprotective and the fact that we're not close enough to talk about my personal life. ■



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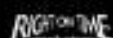
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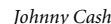
The other café is not fashionable. It is really quite small, with window seats and a few stools. Their coffee is far superior to the other place. I have taken to having a jolt of java in the late afternoon and catching up on the sports scores. You can read the sports section in a café, not *Ulysses*. The clerks are pleasant kids. Between serving customers they do their homework. Sometimes their girlfriends come in to visit them. They are very sweet together, like puppies. They



Dylan had reinvented himself. It wasn't the first time. In fact, Bob Dylan, the musical persona, is an ongoing invention. I have little idea who the man really is, even after listening to him closely and with enormous pleasure for 35 years. I wouldn't be surprised if he hadn't much of an idea on the subject himself. Performers, over time, often turn into their personas. What happened to Dylan is between



I think what I found so pleasing about listening to *Nashville Skyline* is just how good and tight it is musically. Dylan has front-rank



The individual songs don't evince the ambition or complexity of his electric folk-rock classics of the mid-'60s, but he's making better music here than he had before and inventing something of a new musical idiom while doing it. The '60s were about to end. Dylan's artistry and influence would now begin to ebb. But on the heels of *Nashville Skyline* would come Poco; the Flying Burrito Brothers; the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band; Commander Cody; Crosby, Stills, and Nash; and solo female stars like Linda Ronstadt, Emmylou Harris, and, most recently, Lucinda Williams. Sure, it was in the air. There's always an element of synchronism with these things, but Dylan arrived there early and in force. ■

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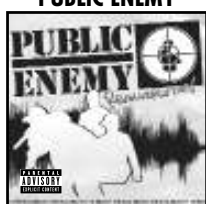
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The Indigo Girls: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 18, and Friday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

FRIDAY

The Royal Crown Revue and Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The Casbah, Friday, July 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Yellowman: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, July 19, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Shortbus: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, July 19, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Loggins: 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.

SATURDAY

Outkast, Lauryn Hill, the Roots [267], Jurassic 5 [176], Cee-Lo, and Truth Hurts: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Billy Idol: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 21, 8 p.m., 5005

Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Frank Black & the Catholics [554] and David Lovering: Brick by Brick, Sunday, July 21, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

No Knife [309], the Jealous Sound [294], and Like Millions: The Epicentre, Sunday, July 21, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

Boz Scaggs [598] and the Noe Venable Trio: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 22, and Tuesday, July 23, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

TUESDAY

Styx: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, July 23, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

LL Cool J [603]: 4th & B, Tuesday, July 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

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Collin Raye [785]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, July 24, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Pinback [398] and Two Guys: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, July 24, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Heart: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, July 25, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

They Might Be Giants [580]: 4th & B, Thursday, July 25, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers: Sycuan Casino, Thursday, July 25, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002, x1139.

Trisha Yearwood [786]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, July 26, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Pinback [398], Two Guys, and Ilya: The Casbah, Friday, July 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

"Jazz at the Athenaeum" with the René Marie Quartet: Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, Friday, July 26, 7:30 p.m., 1008 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Natalie Cole [435] and George Benson [612]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Jewel [895] and M2M: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Geoff Tate (of Queensrÿche): 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Randy Travis [779]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Cyndi Lauper [615]: San Diego LGBT Pride Festival, Sunday, July 28, 8 p.m., Marston Point in Balboa Park. Festival tickets, 619-297-7683.

Norah Jones and Richard Julian: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, July 29, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Lynyrd Skynyrd [599]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, July 30, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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AUGUST

Tommy Castro [938], Coco Montoya [937] and Lafayette & the Leasebreakers [930]: 4th & B, Thursday, August 1, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

David Sanborn [692] and Poncho Sanchez [646]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m., 2241

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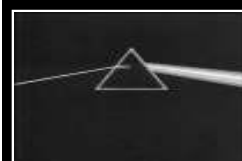
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Marc Anthony /581/: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, August 2, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Deep Purple, the **Scorpions /538/**, and **DIO /567/:** Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy /716/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 2, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Fu Manchu, **Speedealer**, and **Space Boy:** The Casbah, Friday, August 2, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Alicia Keys /605/: Summer Pops Series, Broadway Naval Pier, Sunday,

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Gordon Lightfoot /906/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

"Guitars & Saxes" (featuring **Richard Elliot /650/**, **Marc Antoine**, **Warren Hill /717/**, and **Jeff Golub**) and **Della Coelho:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Michael McDonald /566/ and **Karla Bonoff /462/:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Celia Cruz /788/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, August 6, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

King Chango: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 6, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Herman's Hermits (starring **Peter Noone**) and the **Turtles** (featuring **Flo & Eddie**): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Foreigner /532/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Burning Spear /730/: 4th & B, Thursday, August 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Dashboard Confessional: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Joe Satriani /571/, **Dream Theater**, and **King's X /487/:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 9, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beat Farmers /404/, the **Paladins /962/**, **Modern Rhythm Band**, and the **King Biscuit Blues Band:** 4th & B, Friday, August 9, 345 B



Boz Scaggs, July 22 and 23, Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay

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The Dragons /115/, the **Bell Rays**, and **Sin Sin 77:** The Casbah, Saturday, August 10, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Diana Ross: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 11, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Tragically Hip /148/ and **Wayne:** 4th & B, Sunday, August 11, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

John Hiatt & the Goners /827/ and **Jimmie Vaughan:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 12, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Archer Prewitt, the **Front**, and **M Ward:** The Casbah, Monday, August 12, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Blondie /574/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, August 14, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

The Young Dubliners /438/, **Great Big Sea**, and **Seven Nations:**

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Nina Hagen: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, August 14, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Diana Krall /675/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 15, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Eminem /158/, **Papa Roach /198/**, **Ludacris**, **Xzibit**, and the **X-ecutioners:** Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, August 15, 2050 Entertainment

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Maceo Parker /697/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 15, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Charlie Zaa and **Pilar Montenegro:** Open Air Theatre, Friday, August 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Neville Staples, **Dave Wakeling**, and the **Untouchables:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Saturday, August 17, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Lee Ann Womack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

John Mayer, **Guster**, and the **John Butler Trio:** Open Air Theatre, Sunday, August 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings /129/: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, August 18, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Ray Charles /979/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jonathan Richman: The Casbah, Monday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Fourplay (featuring **Larry Carlton /685/**, **Bob James**, **Harvey Mason**, and **Nathan East**) and **Rick Braun /672/:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Juliana Hatfield: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam /793/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 21, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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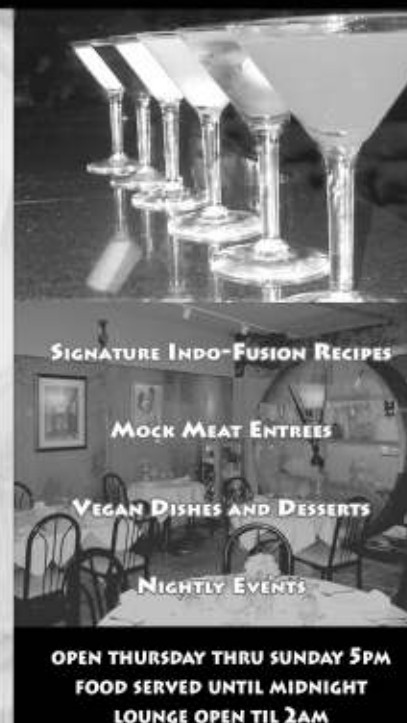
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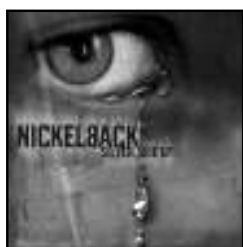
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Peter, Paul, & Mary: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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The Doobie Brothers /588/ and **Venice /432/**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Monday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Joan Baez /844/ and **Richard Shindell**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Lenny Kravitz /590/, **Pink /610/**, and **Abandoned Pools /185/**: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 1, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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The Goo Goo Dolls, **Third Eye Blind /472/**, and **Vanessa Carlton**: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 14, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Girls Against Boys /277/ and **Radio 4**: The Casbah, Tuesday, September 17, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Smokey Robinson /611/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 20, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Bonnie Raitt /591/ and **Lyle Lovett**: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Keiko Matsui and **Craig Chaquico /651/**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Daryl Hall & John Oates /596/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

OCTOBER

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Bobby Caldwell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion /126/, the **Yeah Yeah Yeahs**, and the **Liams**: The Scene, Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Al Jarreau /562/ and **Marilyn Scott /661/**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 6, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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Dickey Betts & Great Southern, the **Marshall Tucker Band /537/**, and **Poco /561/**: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 13, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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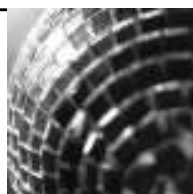
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Avalanche: On The Rocks
 442**Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs:** Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
Big Wheel Wipeout: Tiki House
Bleed Street: Sham Rocks Shack
 554**Frank Black & the Catholics:** Brick By Brick
Blind Date: Etta's Place
Bone: Surf N'Saddle
The Deep Six: Diamond Jim's Nightclub
Delta Nove: Blind Melons
El Jardin: Neimons Bar and Grill
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Faze: Pal Joey's
The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken
Fonebone: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
The 420 Band: Dick's Last Resort
Gregg's Eggs: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Grove: Blind Melons
Dexter Grove: Winstons
 461**Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
Hornswaggled: Brick By Brick
 547**Hot Rod Lincoln:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery, Tio Leo's Lounge
The Dave Humphries Band: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
Wayne Kramer: The Casbah
Laguna: Carvers
Madcap Otis: Winstons
Malo: 4th & B
Mixx: Island Sports & Spirits
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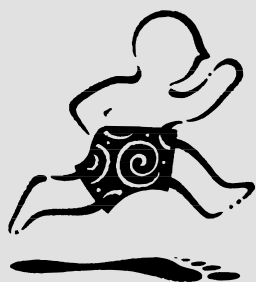
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EXTENSION 4004

POP/TOP 40

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North Star: North Bar Sports & Spirits
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Stage 4: Il Forno
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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ/ BIG BAND

711 **Agua Dulce:** Brick By Brick
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
 666 **Lori Bell:** Inn L'Auberge
Black Mambo: Cannibal Bar, 4th & B
Bohemia Atomic: Il Forno
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
Patrick Burke: Dizzy's

703 **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado, The Westgate Hotel
Calima: Trattatoria La Strada
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
Judy Chamberlain: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
Craig Clark: Caffè Salotto #1
Barry Allen Cohen: Rock Bottom (La Jolla)
The Credit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
Eight Point Eight: Cannibal Bar
The Aubrey Fay Band: Juke Joint Cafe
Filthy Mac Nasty: Galoka
Donnie Finnell & Company East: Bistro 221
 638 **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House
Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge
Forward Funk: Galoka
 644 **Hollis Gentry:** Croce's Jazz Bar
The Tim Gill Orchestra: Neimans Bar and Grill
Dora Hall & Mixed Company: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
The Cynthia Hammond Trio: Juke Joint Cafe
Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe
Jazzmag: Jimmy Love's
Brian Koehler: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.
Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado
The Latin All-Stars: Dizzy's
 718 **Tim Maglione:** Jimmy Love's
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660 **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
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 641 **Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe
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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE/ SKA

Bananeiras: Juke Joint Cafe
Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations: Belly Up Tavern
Herb'n Root: Winstons
 740 **Psydecar:** Winstons, Belly Up Tavern
Reggae Fever: Galoka
 747 **Semisi & Fulabula:** The Beach House
Shine Eye: Blind Melons
Yellowman: Belly Up Tavern

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EXTENSION 4008

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Chris & Heather: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., Salana Beach Coffee Company, Miracles Cafe
Tori Cobras: The Kensington Club
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Ron Franklin: The Hot Java Cafe
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Club Bananeiras: Sundays, live reggae and worldbeat, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-7685.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Richard D, and BCZAR spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Event information, 619-465-5827. www.klubs.com.

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BY DAVE GOOD

Sam McClain has sold everything from real estate to his own plasma during his music career. He tells a reporter how he met Jesus by the roadside in New Orleans: "I was driving home toward Lafayette to see my folks. It started storming. And the wind forced me to pull over. So I pulled to the side of the road, and that's when I saw Jesus looking at me through the window of the van. He was telling me how much I was doing in my life that He didn't like, and that changed my attitude." It was at this point, McClain says, that he decided to leaven his blues with gospel, something like what Ray Charles did in the '50s.

Known as Mighty Sam, McClain has a

commanding baritone from the old school. He travels and records with the **Mighty Horns**, an eight-piece, fat-toned outfit that can punch like the Stax-Volt or Muscle Shoals session bands of years ago.

McClain hit the road at the age of 13, escaping a life of parental abuse and/or chopping cotton. First introduced to music in the church, McClain recorded a Don Gibson/Patsy Cline country song in 1966, made a little noise, and then starved for a number of years. Sobriety proved to be the better option. After cleaning up, McClain went on to record under his own name, beginning in the early '90s. He has since received numerous Grammy, Blues Foundation, and Handy Award nominations, international awards from France and Germany, and was inducted into the Louisiana Blues Hall of Fame. *Rolling Stone* took notice and so did television —



MIGHTY SAM McCLAIN

McClain's "New Man in Town" loaned a little soul to the otherwise white-bread *Allie McBeal*.

MIGHTY SAM McCLAIN, San Diego Museum of Art, James S. Copley Auditorium/Sculpture Garden, Wednesday, July 24, 7 p.m. 619-220-8497. \$18.

Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park, 619-687-5779. Event information, 619-220-4944. www.mergelifeandmusic.com.

Eavesdrop: Wednesdays, espionage stereophonics and downtempo DJs with residents SIX8, AKRANM, Jon Wesley, and Somatik. No cover; 21 and up. The Pirates Den, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, 619-574-6833.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Saturdays, Cabana Boy Geoff. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

GLO: Fridays, superstar guest DJs, house percussionist Sacca, and the

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Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown, 619-294-9590.

Neimans: Last Thursday of every month, *Sweet Dreams*, hip-hop and house with DJs Carr, Sal, and Trend. Room one: 18 and up. Room two: 21 and up. Saturdays until 3 a.m., *Last Call*, North County's only after-hours event; hip-hop, house, techno, and trance. 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Olé Madrid: Thursdays, *Eyes*, guest DJs, movies, and dancers. Fridays, *Biba Club*. Saturdays, *Ritual*, DJs Jose Amezcua and Idol. Sundays, *Industry Night*. Wednesdays, *Bombay*, DJs Rags and guests. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-557-0146.

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Repent: Sundays, DJ Sachamo and Ricky Wrecks spin classic and underground hip-hop, reggae, and soulful house. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Pokez (the Rosary Room), corner of Tenth Avenue and E Street, downtown, 619-702-7160.

Rio Nilo: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays, resident DJs Mikee and Junior spin *quebradita* and *cumbias*; Saturdays, Tijuana Club Music. All ages, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. 4345 Home Avenue, San Diego. Event information, 619-264-8297.

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Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744.

Shay's Lounge: Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., hip-hop, house, and two-step; no cover. Zao's Sushi (above the Spot), 1025 Prospect, suite 250, downtown La Jolla. Event information, 619-892-3837.

Therapy: The best of industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The longest-running industrial-fetish-dance club in San Diego. The first Friday of every month at Club Xanth, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., 18 and up, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163. Event information, 619-465-5827. [www.klubs.com](#).

Vista Entertainment Center: Thursdays, college night, hip-hop, R&B, techno, house, and dance. First Friday of every month in the Upstairs Derby Lounge, *1st of the Month Jam*, mature upscale urban entertainment with DJ Swoll and guest DJs, 21 and up; dress to impress. The last Friday of every month at the Castle, *Friday Night Live*, live bands with DJs Hollywoood and Carr dropping the Bowlistic grooves, all ages welcome. Saturdays, *Bowl 'Licious*, hip-hop, house, and rare grooves, all ages, 21 and up in the bar. Sundays, in the Upstairs Derby Lounge, *Player's Ball* with DJ Swoll. 435 West Vista Way, 760-941-1032.

Voodoo Lounge: Saturdays, DJs Kazy, Sandman, Didi, and guests spin house, techno, trance, and progressive house at the Gaslamp's only open-air nightclub. Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-7226.

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North County

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz. Friday, *Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards*, blues.

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, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Sunday, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Bellefleur Winery and Restaurant, 5610 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad. 760-603-1919. Vintner's Bar: Wednesday, 6 pm to 9 pm, live jazz.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, *Buckfast Superbee*, alternative. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Yellowman* with *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 pm, *Psydecar*, reggae.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Music is blues. Saturday, 1 pm, *Nathan James* with *Ben Hernandez*. Sunday, 1 pm, *Nathan James* with *James Harman*.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, *Donnie Finnelle & Company East*, jazz.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *the Southcoast Guitar Duo*.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *John Foltz*, acoustic rock.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *the Lobster Tank Divers* and *Big Provider*, alternative.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Almost since "Player's Ball," the duo's first single, came out nine years ago, **OutKast** has borne the mantle of the most groundbreaking act in mainstream rap. One adoring critic called OutKast "hip-hop's version of Radiohead." Mind you, the mid-'90s murders of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls left OutKast without any competition.

Still, it's true that **Andre Benjamin** (a.k.a. Dre or Andre 3000) and **Antwan "Big Boi" Patton** have done more than their peers to push the music's limits. And that hasn't stopped them from selling records — an amazing feat that makes comparison to Radiohead unavoidable. OutKast has also been instrumental in turning Atlanta into a

power center on the hip-hop/R&B scene. And their outlandish onstage outfits and hairstyles have done a lot to introduce showmanship to a field that had been dominated by dour, humorless gangsta rappers. Their attempts at social commentary have been more problematic.

The hit single "B.O.B. (Bombs Over Baghdad)" makes no mention of Iraq. The song "Rosa Parks" led to a lawsuit from the namesake leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. (The suit was later dismissed.) Then there's "Ms. Jackson," which garnered a lot of praise for the words "I'm sorry, Ms. Jackson/ Never meant to make your daughter cry/ I apologize a trillion times." A complicated story of three feuding generations, a custody battle, and child-support payments, its sensitive chorus was undermined by practically every other line in the song, including the final one,



OUTKAST

aimed at the daughter: "You can get the hell on, you and ya mama."

The **Roots**, **Jurassic 5**, **Cee-Lo**, **Truth Hurts**, and **Lauryn Hill** also perform.

OUTKAST, Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497. \$25 to \$45.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Laguna*, classic rock. Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, pop.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, *Patsy C. & the Country Express*.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic. Saturday, *Fonebone*, rock.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, San Diego. 858-673-7111. Thursday and Sunday, open mike. Friday, *Ron Franklin*. Saturday, *D.J. White*, blues.

Inn L'Auberge, 1440 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-259-1515. Friday, *Lori Bell*, *Ron Satterfield*, and *John Opferkuch*, jazz.

Jammers Java, 218 A North El Camino Real (in the Wiegand Plaza next to AMC Theaters), Encinitas. 760-942-JAVA. Friday, open mike. Saturday, *Jim Beggs*, acoustic.

Jolt'n Joe's, 717 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 760-743-7665. Friday and Saturday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *the Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Blue Heat*, blues, rock. Wednesday, *Nitelife*.

La Casa del Zorro, 3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs. 760-767-5323. Fox Den: Thursday through Saturday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Lencioni*. Sunday and Monday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *Dick Matson*, piano and vocals.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *Chris & Heather*, folk. Saturday, *Brian Koehler*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Saturday, 8 pm, *Save the Male*, folk.

Mi Fiesta Mexican Seafood Restaurant, 1551 West Mission Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-434-3316. Saturday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the California Rangers*, country, folk.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *Poinciano*, jazz. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Chris & Heather*, folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Sunday, *El Jardin*.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Friday, 8 pm to midnight, *North Star*, pop.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday and Saturday, *S.O.B.*, contemporary.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

Solana Beach Coffee Company, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-792-1553. Saturday, 7 pm to 9 pm, *Chris & Heather*, folk.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *Simply Complex*, alternative. Saturday, *Bone*, rock.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Technicolor Motor Home*, alternative. Friday, *Grove*, *Delta Nove*, and *Rockfish*, rock. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Vegetation*, 8 pm, *Ten Pound Brown*, alternative, and guests. Sunday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Shine Eye*, reggae, 8 pm, *the Enchanted*, *Tom Brousseau*, *Francis Charlotte*, and *Teagan McClain*, folk. Wednesday, *Acid Nine* and *Ladwig*, alternative.

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Friday, *Shortbus* and *Thicker Than Thieves*. Tuesday, *d.fRost*, *Ladwig*, *Goldspot*, and *Animal 32*. Wednesday, *Pinback*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Wild Child*, rock. Saturday, *Eight Point Eight*, salsa. Sunday, on the beach, 1 pm to 5 pm, *the Jackson 3*, pop.

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David J, former member of the bands Love and Rock-ets and Bauhaus, has come out with a new contribu-tion to the music world: an EP CD entitled *The Gui-tar Man*. J states that recur-ring themes found in his music include “the push-and-pull dichotomy of the urban and the rural.... The

8 pm, *Boz Scaggs* and the *Noe Venable Trio*. Wednesday, *Collin Raye*, country.

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the five-track EP is a poor remake of Bread's 1972 hit “Guitar Man,” in which J's voice makes it seem as if the speed on the record player is set too slow.

In the third track, “The Dope Show,” J sings, “the drugs they say / make us feel so hollow / we love in vain / narcissistic and so shallow / the cops and queers / to swim you have to swallow / hate today / there's no love tomorrow / we're all stars now / in the dope show.”

J's vocals come across as forced, almost as if he is try-ing to feign a seductive tone. The tune worsens as the phrase “we're all stars now / in the dope show” is repeated for the duration of the song.

Part of J's credo con-sists of a theory conceived by composer John Cage that suggests that the silence between notes is as essential as the actual notes of a song.

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Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday, and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

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The Tin Fish, 1706 Sixth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-8100. Saturday,



David J, an expert on silence

J prides himself on embrac-ing that sentiment and claims that he possesses “an expert notion on silence.” However, J might want to take the advice of Cage and focus more on silence.

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If somebody didn't tell you about Cafe 828, you'd never find it. And that would be a shame, because it serves extremely good food at gentle prices. This unpretentious bistro is sandwiched between the Ramada Inn and a never-ending construction project, on the very site that helped to doom the critically acclaimed Vignola and sent its chef fleeing to Bertrand at Mr. A's. Just a block east of the Gaslamp's glitziest drag, Sixth Avenue remains a poor relative of a street. Absent nightclubs and Irish pubs, it gets little foot traffic; worse yet, for well over a year, pedestrians and drivers have had to skirt around some 20 feet of waist-high construction fencing, from the corner almost to the restaurant entrance.

I'm pleased that the fledgling Cafe 828 has survived this long. Chef-owner Jay Greenfield, formerly head chef at the highly regarded Bernard' O in Rancho Bernardo, makes everything fresh in-house (well, almost everything), from the meat and seafood stocks to the table breads. "These sweet dinner rolls are so delicious," said my sweetie, "wouldn't it be a laugh if they were popped out of a Pillsbury cylinder!" No fear of that. "Jay bakes the focaccia and our sous chef, Marciel Rivera, makes the rolls, and they compete over which bread is better," the waiter told us.

The long, imposing bar that once belonged to movie star Joan Crawford remains from Vignola (resembling the one where Crawford presided in *Johnny Guitar*). Greenfield can often be found there, dressed in his chef's smock and baggy shorts, chatting with customers as he makes their drinks. The room is subtly different now from the Vignola days — the tables seem larger and more widely spaced, and there's a brighter paint job — but the historic architecture retains its echoes: The conversation of a loud customer schmoozing at the bar is clearly audible at every table.

The menu is deliberately limited to a length that a small kitchen staff can manage, with about a dozen each of starters and entrées. It features almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches — a style that's comfortably rational rather than radical. Presentation is simple and straightforward, with no arty frou-frou in the plating.

Specials are listed on a chalkboard at the doorway — and on weekends, the staff sometimes covers the construction fence with a drop cloth, to lend the chalkboard a dramatic backdrop. The night we visited, one of the specials posted was a potato-leek soup,



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Jay Greenfield

a velvety, thick purée as comforting as a favorite blanket. It was topped with "croutons" of crisp shoestring fries, which, although sizzling fresh, evoked wry memories at the table of the canned potato sticks of childhood Thanksgivings.

A superb pâté of duck and foie gras — another special — turned out to be one of the few items not made in-house but purchased from a specialty food company in L.A. The rough-textured country pâté was fresh and alive on the palate, dressed with a Dijon mustard sauce, and accompanied by spring greens with a sharp mustard vinaigrette. The flavors were authentic enough

to take me back to a September in Paris, when, too poor for restaurant lunches, I'd make a daily *pique* of such goodies from the local charcuterie.

While I pigged out on pâté, my friends went ape over the irresistible fried calamari rings, which follow the soft, cozy style of Italian homes, rather than the hard-crust pub-grub fashion. Sliced to the thickness of hoop earrings rather than wedding bands, and lightly robed in herbed bread crumbs, they're fast-fried too briefly to absorb much grease.

A tart aioli dip mellowed with a scattering of toasted sesame seeds makes a perfect match. Expert timing also distinguishes gently grilled, sweet-fleshed sea scallops, which perch atop a sticky-creamy risotto cooked in shrimp stock and permeated with chunks of chewy local lobster. A dark, slightly sweet port wine reduction lightly dresses the shellfish and forms a narrow moat around the rice island. This is a rare example of deliberately pretty "plating" at 828, but it serves the taste buds as well as the eye.

An entrée special gave us food for thought: pork tenderloin medallions met similarly cut ovals of Maple

Leaf duck breast, both meats juicy and lightly sauced in a classic veal reduction. "Which is which?" asked each of my companions as they took their turns sampling the dish. A good question: The flesh of the waterfowl and that of the wallower tasted surprisingly alike, so that telling them apart became a palate-honing game. No such riddles with sautéed veal medallions, the amiable house version of wiener schnitzel. Under a light breading seasoned with fresh chives, the pounded veal tasted more like meat

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they've flown cross-country, they're a day older and tougher, with their new shells starting to firm up. Still, I keep ordering them, hoping to discover their charm someday. I was glad that I tried them here, even if the moment of revelation was not at hand. The busters were crusted with a salty egg batter seasoned with basil and concealing whole kernels of white corn, and if the coating was a bit greasy and the shells a little too crunchy, the flavors still worked harmoniously together.

A bowlful of tender, pillowy potato gnocchi were technically flawless but swamped in a weighty Mediterranean vegetable stew. Despite copious garlic, the mixture was dominated by eggplant strips in which caloric virtue became a textural handicap. To put it plainly: When eggplant is

cooked in liquid rather than oil, it usually turns slimy. So it was, and it made the stew seem heavy going. "This seems more of a winter dish," said one of my friends. "It seems odd to serve it on a summer's night."

There are five desserts and often a special or two, and all except the crust for a kiwi-lemon tarte are made from scratch. The two we tried were so terrific that I may just start dropping in regularly for coffee. Pecan "cannoli" — crisp, lacy, nutted tuile cylinders with a touch of sweet glaze — were wrapped around a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse, the edible equivalent of Claudia Schiffer overflowing a slinky Lagerfeld gown. A tarte tatin was a classic rendition, served in a warm pie-shaped wedge straight from the skillet, with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. The crust was thin and crackly, the apples were sliced ultra-thin (as for a galette), and there was just enough of the just-thick-enough caramel syrup for luxury, not excess. Re-encoun-

tering this straight-ahead tatin makes you wonder why so many chefs insist on inflicting "creative" revisions on so perfect a pastry.

Someday, Sixth Avenue is going to return to life — a sign at the construction site touts spaces for future shops and restaurants. But the construction is proceeding so pokily that the beams of the new building's top floor are already rusting and visibly sagging, while the whole block suffers. Across the street, a little gyros café has abandoned shop, leaving all the furnishings to the landlord. (Call Turko, somebody!) Even so, it's well worth beating a path — around the mess — to the satisfying eats at Cafe 828.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Jay Greenfield was born in Brooklyn and grew up in New Jersey. "I did some college, and I didn't really do that well," he says, "so I went to work at a little wine bar in Manhattan on 70th Street at the corner of Columbus. My father was a friend of the owner.

I started there washing dishes and making salads and cutting bread — just doing a little of everything. I was young, and it was very exciting for me. After the wine bar was sold, I moved back home and got a job at the Rusty Scupper, a steak-and-seafood house in Jersey. I continued to move up the ladder until I had to decide either this was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life or else go into something else entirely. My dad was very gracious to me, asked if I wanted to go to school, and I decided, yeah, I wanted to go to Culinary [Institute of America].

"I graduated from the CIA in 1986. I came out to do my externship at Rancho Bernardo Inn. It was an opportunity to go somewhere that I'd never been before, and I wanted to go somewhere that the weather was nice. Then I finished school in New York, and when RBI offered me a job, I came back to work there again.

"I also started working part-time at Mille Fleurs at lunch and

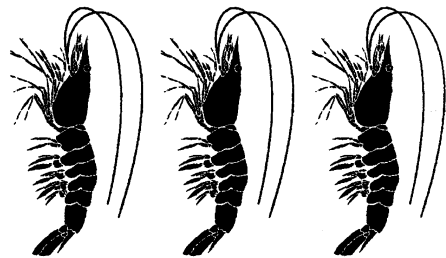
flying over to Rancho Bernardo for dinners, and I decided to go full-time at Mille Fleurs. I worked there with Martin [Woesle] for a couple of years — the tarte tatin, I have to admit, I learned from him. From there I got a chef's position at the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club, right around the corner, and then I went to Delicias. Bernard of Bernard'O recruited me because he was interested in doing the style of food that they were doing at Delicias. I opened both the Bernard'O restaurants, first the little one and then the larger space after the mall was renovated. I worked for him for a total of seven years before I decided to open my own restaurant here.

"This restaurant opened last August. I'd originally hoped to have three people in the kitchen, but right now my sous chef Marciel [Rivera] and I do everything. We make everything from scratch. Marciel has worked with me at both Bernard'O restaurants, he's worked at L'Auberge in Del Mar, and a long time ago at Piret's

[George and Piret Munger's legendary Encinitas restaurant].

"I think there's a place for this restaurant in this area. It's a matter of getting people over here. I think we have a good product — we use top-quality ingredients, and we charge a fair price; we're affordable for everybody. Everything is fresh. I do a lot of shopping myself, and I like to move ingredients out of here really quickly. We start with good products and cook them well. We try not to overprep, and we do everything as close to the order as possible. We try to present the food nicely — but we don't build towers or anything with it. It's a different sort of restaurant — it has more of a homey feel to it, with more friendly service than your average restaurant in the Gaslamp. Instead of catering to tourists and convention business, we're mainly oriented toward local people. What I'm hoping is that more local people will find out about us and feel that this is the place for them." ■

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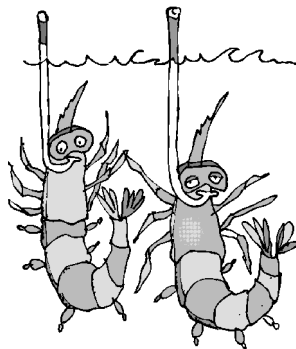
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Cafedelique

Visitors were allowed to ride the ostriches.

Ostriches on Adams Avenue? Cable cars in San Diego? I was walking up Adams and stopped on impulse at a merry little red-and-white place with a couple of white wrought-iron tables outside in the sun. And a name that got me wondering. "Cable Car Café." Say what? This a bunch of San Franciscans getting sappy for home?

Then the name below the name: "Cafedelique." What the...?

Plus the sandwich board outside: "OPEN," it says, with a big ostrich kind of enveloping the word.

That's three strikes. I'm in. I squeak through the screen door and bounce up to the counter. Once again, a big mural on one wall: ostrich characters wearing hats with feathers — real feathers.

"What's with the ostrich feathers?" I ask the guy behind the counter. Trouble is, he's Japanese, and his English doesn't go that far. "The boss will be back soon," he says. So I order a coffee (\$1.10 with refills), ask for a menu, and go sit down at one of the five inside tables. It's just as cheery inside as out: red-and-white tile floor, red-and-white tables, sky blue walls. And through the windows the green of the park blasts at you. Good prices too. Could have had breakfast here. Two eggs, potatoes, and toast, \$3.50. But now we're onto lunch: soup, salads, and sandwiches. Top price is \$6.25, for a turkey Florentine sandwich with "grilled turkey breast, Swiss cheese, wilted spinach, scallions on grilled sourdough bread").

You get potato or pasta salad or coleslaw and chips with that. But most are priced like the tuna-salad sandwich, or the third-pound hamburger, around \$4.25.

Then I see the "Cable Car Cheese Steak" ("sliced beef, grilled onions, and Jack cheese on a homemade hogie roll"), \$5.45. I order that from the Japanese kid. Name's Jun Tomita. He's studying business here. I decide to have a cup of soup too. Today it's cream of tomato, \$1.50.

And, boy, it's good. Creamy. Thick with carrots, peas, corn, and big chunks of potato. Comes with crackers.

The cheese steak is like a good Philly. Pile of beef slices curling out the sides, with sautéed onions and a tender bun that has a nice crisp shell. I also get a pretty interesting pot of pasta salad (macaroni, olives, raw onion, red peppers, celery) included with it.

Matter of fact, I've forgotten all about the ostriches and cable cars when Dave comes past the window. "This is the boss," says Jun. He runs out to help him. The man's laden down with slabs of meat and other food. A third guy joins them. Aaron. They unload, Dave checks the register for the morning's take, then he and Aaron sit down for a moment.

The place is so small, it's not long before we're talking. "I bake the bread myself," says Dave. "Got the recipe from my mom. She got it from her Aunt Vera. Mom called it the 'never fail' recipe. We make everything here. We roast

our beef. I think a lot of customers come in when they smell the wedges of garlic we slip into the beef we cook in the mornings. They can't resist."

Turns out this place is a dream Dave and Aaron have had for years. "Yeah, we grew up together in Red Bluff, Northern California," says Dave.

"The timber industry died," says Aaron. He became a park monitor in Sacramento. Dave worked for the U.S. Parks Service. Channel Islands, Sequoia National Forest. "But we always had this idea of opening a restaurant."

Last year, Dave and Aaron joined up with a friend named Joey, who had experience as a chef, and the three were in business.

"We all put in our ideas," says Dave. "Like, today's cream of tomato soup, that's Joey's. My most popular is the cream of potatoes, leeks, and chives. Aaron's is ginger chicken soup. That's a hot number."

But why the "Cable Car" name? Why the ostriches? "Because they used to have an ostrich ranch here," says Dave. Seems it was a century ago, right across the road where the park is. The Harvey Bentley Ostrich Farm. Ladies' ostrich-feather hats were big at the time. Visitors were

allowed to ride the ostriches.

But how did those visitors get up here? It turns out San Diego *did* have a cable car, just like San Francisco. Powered by stationary steam engines hauling the cable. It ran all the way up from downtown, in the early 1890s. Then electric trolleys took over, and where the park is became a huge trolley barn.

Who knew? Little ol' University Heights. "My wife Candace is a special ed teacher," says Dave. "That's why she painted the ostrich mural, so kids would get curious."

Aaron says on Friday nights, when they have summer concerts in the park, they stay open late and take stacks of hot dogs and cheese steaks across for the concertgoers sitting on their blankets.

"Okay," I say. "But what's with this 'cafedelique'?"

"Ah," says Dave. "When we started, this time last year, we were big on barbecue. So we thought 'café,' 'deli,' 'barbeque.' Cafedelique! Except the barbeque part didn't work out."

The rest sure has. I'm definitely coming back. With Carla. A Friday night. Sit outside, catch the concert, chow down, and dream of cable cars and ostriches. ■

The Place: *Cable Car Café, 1945 Adams Avenue, University Heights, across from Trolley Barn Park (619-291-8607)*

Type of Food: *American*

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Time in the glass reveals perfumed notes, blackberries, and cracked pepper.

The story is depressingly familiar: a California wine receives a high score of 90 or above from *Wine Spectator* magazine, and the next year, the price rises drastically. The 90+ score has given the winery permission to price with the big boys; it's a ticket to stardom. Buyers grumble, but they keep buying, and they keep reading the *Spectator*, and the story repeats itself.

I know that California wineries are not the only ones seduced by profit and that there are domestic labels that have resisted the urge to gouge in the wake of critical success. But the following refreshing refutation of the high-score/high-price connection hails from France.

The 1998, Louis Bernard Côtes du Rhône pulled an 89 from the *Spectator* and, if I recall, came in priced around \$7.99. The slightly higher-tier Côtes du Rhône-Villages got a 90 and was priced at about a dollar more. After a slight bump in '99 (87 for the Côtes du Rhône, 88 for the Côtes du Rhône-Villages), the label roared back in 2000: 89 and a Best Buy selection from the *Spectator* for the Côtes du Rhône, and for the Côtes du Rhône-Villages, 91, a *Spectator* Selection, and #41 on the magazine's annual Top 100 Wines list. Beverages & More in La Mesa, a branch that tends to sell more domestic wine than imported, often runs these two wines on its Club Bev discount, knocking the prices down \$1 to \$7.99 and \$8.99, respectively. The opportunity to drink a 91-point wine for under \$10 does not come along often, but since Louis Bernard made a ton of the stuff, it's an opportunity that plenty of people can take advantage of—at least for the next couple of months until supplies run out.

But wait—there's more. Beverages & More (or BevMo, as it abbreviates itself) wine buyer Bill Hayes says that the chain “started with just the Côtes du Rhône, because we were looking for something that we could make some money on—something that would be a little bit more profitable than if we were running with [just] Guigal,” a more established Rhône producer. “We saw the sales pick up so much that we started to bring in other [Bernard] products as well. Now we carry a Côtes du Rhône from Bernard, a Côtes du Rhône-Villages, a single-vineyard Côtes du Rhône-Villages, a Gigondas, a

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a Rhône White, a Châteauneuf-du-Pape white when it's available, and a Côte Rotie when it's available. Domestically, we try to carry a nice family of wines from the same winery, but it's not as common in imported wines for us to carry a full line like that.”

Such a line. When last I looked, BevMo in La Mesa had six of those eight wines on its shelves (all but the two occasionally available ones). The *Spectator* might as well be writing ad copy for Bernard: besides the aforementioned scores, the magazine gave 89 points to the '00 Domaine Sarrelon Côtes du Rhône-Villages (\$9.99), 90 points to the '98 Gigondas (a more prestigious village appellation within the Rhône region, \$15.99), 92 points to the '99 Châteauneuf-du-Pape (high-end Southern Rhône, \$19.99). The reds are mostly blends of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, but they are hardly carbon copies of one another. I bought a bottle of each and sat down for a side-by-side comparison.

The Côtes du Rhône is a familiar guest at my table; I think it would make a wonderful introduction to the Rhône for people used to the fleshy, plummy fruit of most California Merlot. The flesh and plums are there, but there's a little more acid, a little more spice, with just enough sweet oak to make it approachable. The Côtes du Rhône-Villages, another familiar wine, smells of mocha (oak) and cherries and carries a little more mineral acid—a slightly bigger, tighter wine. The Gigondas and Châteauneuf-du-Pape, both available in limited quantities, are built to age. Time in the glass reveals perfumey notes, blackberries, and cracked pepper in the thickly textured Gigondas and lots of tightly structured but still-pretty promise in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

The sleeper of the bunch, to my mind (and palate), was the 2000 Domaine Sarrelon Côtes du Rhône-Villages. *Wine Spectator* called it “harmonious...with nice, clean ripe fruit that balances subtle oak. Fresh grapey red and blackberry flavors.” A nice enough write-up, but I found myself wondering if we were drinking the same wine. Maybe they didn't give it two hours after opening before they sniffed and sipped. I did, and my



patience was rewarded: big, rich nose, almost barnyardy enough to be Burgundy, with mushroom, sausage, and chocolate-oak notes underneath. Richer still on the palate, reminding me of my beloved Mourvèdre-based reds from Domaine Tempier; lots of leather and roasty flavors overlaid with dried cherry. And all for \$9.99. “Don't you want to buy a case of this?” asked my wife after tasting it. Yes, indeed. Of course, it, too, is available in limited quantities.

I know I'm not breaking any stories here; the La Mesa store has moved a great deal of Bernard wine. And there are lots of great values coming out of France and elsewhere. So why am I so excited about this brand? Because it's just that—a brand. Kendall-Jackson founder Jess Jackson built a wine empire through several shrewd maneuvers: First, he gave people a slightly sweeter Chardonnay, one tailored to their tastes. Second, before he owned land all over California, he bought juice from all over California, then blended it to create a wine that maintained a consistent style from vintage to vintage. (People like consistency.) Third, he marketed a broad range of wines at varying price points—if you bought the California Chardonnay for everyday drinking, maybe you bought the Vintner's Reserve for dinner parties, and the Grand Reserve for holidays.

Louis Bernard is a *négociant*, which means the

company buys wine from various producers to release under its own label. However, Bernard does not simply select from whatever the market has to offer in a given year. Most of its wine is bought from “partner properties,” producers who agree to make wine according to Bernard's specifications in exchange for the promise of a steady demand for their product. Bernard's winemakers travel from winery to winery, tasting grapes, advising on vineyard management and winemaking techniques, and tracking the wine as it ages. Because the company pulls from a broad range of producers, it is able to create a consistent style, particularly at the low end. (Côtes du Rhône, after all, is the largest appellation from which Bernard selects wines for blending, just as Kendall-Jackson's California appellation covers more ground than, say, Sonoma County. The *Spectator* reviews for the '98 and '99 Côtes du Rhône both use the phrase “digs into the earth,” as well as the terms “ripe,” “tight,” and “mineral.”)

Bernard may not be tailoring its wines to please the sweet-toothed, but the company is going for consistency and a broad range of price points for high-quality Rhône wines. And BevMo buyer Bill Hayes says that while Kendall-Jackson “is trying to raise the price point every year, I don't think Louis Bernard wants to do that.” I'm excited because I like the idea of well-priced, well-made wine making a popular splash in a price-mad market. ■

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, 858-459-2768;

2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy ever-multiplying restaurants —namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locales. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park

Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue and white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps) but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies) or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740 (plus locations in Poway, Encinitas, and Vista). Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive),

858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cleave firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffé (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled carne asada, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, 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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THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmenian-cafe.com. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

ARTERRA Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/ Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700, www.arterrarestaurant.com. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are pleasing but not radical. It's a great place to take your boss to dinner. Breakfasts, though, are spec-

tacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine soufflé pancakes may just be the ideal way to jump-start the morning. Open daily, three meals. Expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday,

from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — E.W.

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. Inexpensive. This is the oldest li'l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The cafe is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone, from truck drivers to movie stars, would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) omelet, the 101 original cheeseburger on a grilled bun with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the great Depression dish, biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, www.calypsocafe.net. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really

rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are *carnitas*; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*; and breast of chicken Milanese. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000, www.firenzetrattoria.com. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multi-regional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. The menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs"), and *pain perdu* (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. After 11:00 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I TRULLI TRATTORIA 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An instant hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the

Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and some modicum of creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner or expect an hour's wait on any night of the week. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, 745 First Street, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Closed Monday. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

KNOCKOUT PIZZA 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we *do* do slices."

They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "White-stone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10.00. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Sunday brunch from the menu, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early

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SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisti-

cated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Closed Sunday. Open for lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

TOMIKO 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587, www.tomiko.com. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar.

Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street, Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board—the beach is just across the tracks. Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays, to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast and lunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho

Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DICRESCENZO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style "deli" in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Closed Sunday. Open

Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque, filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at \$126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an

ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, *chilaquiles*, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for weekends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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KOUNTRY KITCHEN 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. And you get atmosphere, too — pop in early and you get a feel for the li'l old town Ramona always was. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

MIIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll

find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F (Albertson's Shopping Center), Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County

Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, goeey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are takeout or delivery. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

TORREY PINES CAFE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no

factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES Costa Verde Shopping Center, 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday. Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, entrées. Lively atmosphere. Bib salad and Max's pizza outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/00)

ELARIO'S BISTRO & SKY LOUNGE 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, Hotel La Jolla (formerly Summer House Inn), 858-459-0541. The 11th floor view carries this restaurant. Good preparation of gourmet American food, fish, seafood, steaks, and chicken. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla East, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open dinners only nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — E.W. (1/00)

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive, George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — E.W. (9/99)

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado (at Girard), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a

slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

THE MARINE ROOM 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas, high prices.... With the arrival of chef Bernard Guillas, the romantic Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. The wine list is sublime, too; just bring your trust fund. Reservations required; resort-casual to dressy. Call ahead to arrange wheelchair access. Very expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, the *niçoise* salad at lunch, or the excellent Sunday brunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for brunch or dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be

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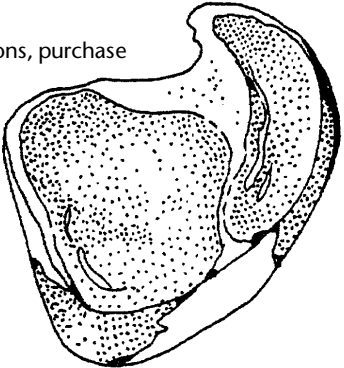
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SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot, a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back, draws a lively, twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futo-maki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, *daikon* sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and *tobiko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farm-house chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farm-house taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Come at sunset — it's a trip. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, *www.aladdin_cafe.com*. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean if rather generic Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best *zabaglione* (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DUMPLING INN 4619 Convoy Street #F, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, stores with jewelry, fresh

fish, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EMERALD CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 3709 Convoy Street, Pacific Gateway Plaza, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. San Diego's best Chinese restaurant for fresh seafood and fish. Live fish, prawns, and lobsters are kept in tanks and prepared minutes after you order. Superb dim sum, served daily, is especially fine on Saturday and Sunday, when 100 items are available. Open daily. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Village, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the *dim sum* served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. 7604 Linda Vista Road, Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large

fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *Mi Ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken. Or order *banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. He will explain all. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT 7330 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #A103, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung Kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love.

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But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably *jook*, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with *boba* (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the *boba* up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837.

This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions tastiest styles. Their Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. Their seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for Westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (4/99)*

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THE BEACHES

CAFE ATHENA Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont Street), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140, www.cafeathena.com. The food is uneven but basically pleasant at this popular Greek destination. Good soups and appetizers (but skip the *taramasalata*), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting desserts. Rather noisy when crowded. Reserve for dinner, especially weekends (or risk an hour-long wait). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218, www.costabravasd.com. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven

and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487, www.eatgogreek.com. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey mous-saka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GRINGO'S 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877, www.gringoscantina.com. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moonoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Val-larta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequi-las, interesting margaritas, and a sensi-ble wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inex-pensive diversion, try the Bakery (ad-jacent to the dining room) where

sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the out-side deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sand-wiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presenta-tion, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of en-trée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First rate bread and bread pudding. Closed Mon-day. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday. Expensive. — E.W.

KAISERHOF 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boul-evard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biergarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are au-thentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial prod-ucts (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pan-cakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reserva-tions advised, especially for patio seat-ing. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sun-day. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lam-ont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restau-rant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really ro-mantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W.

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, www.islandsedge.com. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be in-consistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly au-thentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise,

the cooking style tends to be corpo-rately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu down-stairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Din-ner Wednesday through Saturday. Bar-gain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpre-tentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the co-conut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sam-pler of three different fish species, seared “ahi-style.” The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned “Cantonese-American” fare. Full bar, with well-made “umbrella drinks,” pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (3/01)

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna can-ner, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian fam-ily still owns it, and still knows every-thing about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the “fruits of the sea” and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish and chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. Open seven days, lunch/early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700, www.thethirdcorner.com. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from Thee Bun-galow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seasonal seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbage-wrapped seafood “chartreuse” with sauce Nan-tua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crust-ed salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings

chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from Thee Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/02)

THEE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884; www.theebungalow.com. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable his-toric “cottage,” where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pate to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little in-consistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pates and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a spe-cial blessing. Slightly dressy; reserva-tions strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

ADAM'S STEAK 'N' EGGS 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat al-most as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpen-sive. — E.B. (5/02)

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recom-mended. Wheelchair access difficult

(steep ramp). You'll find upscale, un-usual Mexican specialties in an inti-mate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu cel-ebbrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the high-lights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yu-catecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuitlacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks Margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8:00 a.m, and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos* — cactus pads — and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos — dances — that happened here, as well as the hangings, shoot-outs, and revol-utions. Seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restau-rant serves food that will please any-one on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sand-wiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and din-ner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230, www.kingsfishhouse.com. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a

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OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa's best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian river) serves pretty much everything on *injera*, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don't expect cutlery; the *injera* serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash's *tej* (honey wine, with or without alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: "Soul Food: 99 cents"; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — A.M. (2/01)

CAFE ZIA 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half San Diego State does: just say yes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Breakfast and lunch seven days, dinner Friday through Sunday. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, cornshuckers, horse-collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot

snake skins, deer antlers and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Listen for speeding cars rounding the corner as you cross into the dirt parking lot — and watch for the scorpion in the counter-top. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

GRINGO'S BREW HOUSE 40601 Old Highway 80, Boulevard. 619-766-4030. Inexpensive, open daily. The signs outside read "American-owned" and "Check guns at the register." We're out in border-country here, folks. But just ask for Elizabeth, a spunky black-haired Italian-American, who explains that the signs are "a joke for the Border Patrol." For dinner, try the house-rolled ravioli or lasagna. At breakfast, play stuff-your-own omelet with onions, peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, ham, sausage, bacon, and cheese. Pool tables and a smoking room add to the rustic charm. You can now camp overnight in their yard, or park your RV. — E.B. (11/01)

THE HIDEOUT STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street, La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch *West Wing*, hide from your ex on the smoker's patio out back. On Sundays (2:00 to 7:00 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ORCHARD THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue, #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Laoian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes,

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onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang curry*, and *mee ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to slug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. Loving experience and gastronomically satisfying. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SHERMAN'S CAJUN AND CREOLE BUFFET 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-698-8797, www.shermanscajun.com. According to Sherman Hargrave, the owner-chef, the difference between Cajun and Creole is that Cajuns were country French and Creoles were mixed-race town sophisticates. And their food reflects this background. Must-know: "Gumbo's a soup and Cajun," says Hargrave, "jambalaya's a casserole and Creole. But onions and peppers and celery are the base of both traditions." His all-you-can-eat lunch buffet (including a salad bar) is

the best on-the-job way to get educated. His long center table has everything, from Louisiana gumbo, vegetable gumbo, fried catfish, barbecued chicken, and jambalaya, to beef hot links, baked and Southern-fried chicken, candied yams, collard greens, dirty rice, macaroni and cheese, crawfish étouffée, and really good, crumbly corn bread. And do not leave without a bite of (dangerously addictive) coconut coffee bar. Price includes a choice of soda or coffee. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/02)

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.* (2/02)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

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)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than CalMex or TexMex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish). *Caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing

flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N.* (8/99)

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue, 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday to Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and sea-

soned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Open daily, very inexpensive. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. — *N.W.* (12/00)

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, uptown, Suite 171, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building), is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese-steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, and grilled pastrami cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and early dinner weekdays. Closes 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B.* (9/01)

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (2/00)

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multi-grain, sour-

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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking — tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic — then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CABLE CAR CAFE 1945 Adams Avenue, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too — which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast includes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" three-egg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in — the owners roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Cable Car cheese steak (sliced beef, grilled onions, and cheese on a hoagie roll). Or try the BBQ pork sandwich (with coleslaw, potato, or pasta salad). Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (6/02)

CAFE W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "tapas" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/02)

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tythai.com. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more importantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and very carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the “Chef's Specialty” items on the menu to find the best and rarest dishes. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *Talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *Choo Chee* duck or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/02)*

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for \$9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

GULF COAST GRILL 4130 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-2244. *www.gulfcoastgrill.com*. Like its food — “Sassy southern and southwest cuisine” — the place has a brassy, plunky, bollardy, pelicany, ropey, cozy, jokey Jimmy Buffet feel. And you can either eat rich (“Mississippi mustard catfish,” “New-Orleans style BBQ shrimp,” “Cajun Strip”) or poor — if you hit the place during Happy Hour. Baja clam chowder, grilled vegetable quesadilla, cornmeal crusted brie cheese, fried oysters, and the BBQ baby back ribs are all great sunset bargains. Best Happy Hour seats: patio or bar. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is so-

phisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4:00 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.*

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy), 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner. Low moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (3/00)*

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant — nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Breakfast items available until 4:00 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (6/99)*

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant “napoleon,” and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a mu-

seum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — *N.W. (12/00)*

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

TERRA 3900 Vermont (Uptown Center), Hillcrest, 619-293-7088, *www.terrasd.com*. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday “blues and barbecue” during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

DOWNTOWN

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not mean: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies plus garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

CABO CAFE & GRILL 808 West Cedar (near corner with Pacific Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals) with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. *E.B. (5/02)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway, downtown, 619-239-1782. It's a great place to eat if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food.

Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Three meals to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (corner of F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GARDEN COFFEE HOUSE 634 Broadway, downtown, 619-231-6494. Come around nine in the morning and you're in the tower of Babel. You hear French, German, Japanese — double-kissing foreign students from the language school next door come here for pre-class breakfast. Raziq Fani, an Afghan poet, runs the place. Breakfasts can be “health,” “continental,” or “American.” The “American” promises two sausages, hash browns, and eggs with toast and coffee or tea. It's worth it for the fennel-herbed sausage. “The flavor comes from the valleys of Afghanistan,” says Mr. Fani. Relax in the library section, or play chess, or stay for lunch. Try *quabely*, a rice dish with currants and raisins and carrots and meat, or spaghetti with Fani's own sauce. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine

spot for Italian sorbetto and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbecue beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. “We haven't changed the menu since 1953,” says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6:00 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

HOME QUEST COFFEE HOUSE 1010 Broadway, downtown, 619-232-3222. Okay, it's toward the scuzzy part of Broadway, and caters mainly to people struggling with substance problems, but the place is full of life and positive energy. You can hear it from the sidewalk — people sitting on stools at high tables loudly chewing the fat, chowing down, and smoking. Anybody's welcome, and almost anybody can afford the rock-bottom prices for a breakfast egg with hash browns and toast, or three pancakes, or three slices of French toast, or even a piece of chicken and toast. The dinner menu includes liver and onions, pork chops, or three pieces of chicken plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Open 6-1/2 days (closes after lunch Sunday). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market (29th), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't over-

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KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street, downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. Follow your nose. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. But guess what? It is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They’re cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don’t be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo’s wonderful specialties include *cochinilla pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas*, traditional bells, and old photos of Arturo’s hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. While you wait, listen to Arturo belt out songs from the kitchen. He has a great voice. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LAEL’S RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Hotel, One Market Street, downtown, 619-687-6066. All-you-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., \$21.95. All-you-can-eat prime rib buffet, Thursday night, \$18.95. Wednesday night, all-you-can-eat Italian buffet for \$14.95. Worth trying for lovers of buffets. — *E.W.*

LILO’S NEW AMERICAN CUISINE 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that’s homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark varnished wood, cream walls, sconces, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with bleu cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belpot chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caper-anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy — secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it’s theater-goers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/02)*

MAMA GUCCI’S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here, she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1:00 p.m. — but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti Bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-1653. Not to be missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi; unique hot appetizers; fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue, downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves northern European food. Their “Great Grilled Grueben” — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, “gemütlich.” Also try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa,

sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout eight years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). “I’m Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions,” says Rafael, now 26. “I was never materialistic.” Tip well: all the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. — *E.B. (12/01)*

RAINWATER’S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open daily. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — *E.W.*

REI DO GADO 939 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-8464. This classic *rodizio* (Brazilian barbecue house) serves you more than you can eat — an assortment of salty, simple rotisseried meats and poultry, and a huge, ever-changing buffet. Along with side dishes, salads and heaps of fresh fruit, you’ll find an array of hot entrées, including Brazilian-style seafood (e.g., shrimp in coconut milk) and meat stews. There’s always a pot full of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). Each table sports a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including delicious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed “top sirloin cap.” Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional bever-

age to wash down the meat-fest is the *Caipirinha*, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Little Italy, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *saté* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, www.cafesevilla.com. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but Euro-civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

SISTER PEE WEE’S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister’s special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don’t expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it’s open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee

to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father’s Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef’s tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. À la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy, reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — *E.W.*

D’LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 386 East H Street, Chula Vista, 619-585-1371. The pizzas and pastas are tasty and the salads are huge and fresh. Excellent service. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

FLAMINGO CAFE 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or

lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there’s always a “Sundowner” special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

GRANDMA’S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma’s notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says “Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First.” The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to “Hot Juan” frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their “All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat” special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB’s pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, Kung Pao chicken, or sweet and sour pork. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street, Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving “All U Can Eat” lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say “Refills!” Kung Pao squid, beef broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William’s batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. Miss Philippines (USA), Miss Sweden, and Miss Argentina ate here, so it can't be bad. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado, bina-googan, and sinampalokan* turn out to be sweet and sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. And yes, there is a real Lydia, age 76, mother of six, grandmother of 26, great-grandma of 44. (Give her a hand!) But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented — *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). And now — ¡*bailé!* Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic

grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Live a little! Order a half carafe of Burgundy and sing along with the music — "*Funiculi, Funicula*." Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MARY J'S CAFE 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/02)*

PEOHE'S The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Open daily, lunch, and dinner. Reservations advised. Bargain-priced "early bird" dinners Monday through Thursday, otherwise expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SUSHI SUSHI 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach's only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel backboard, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted bamboo growing out in weird shape — it feels like you've been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delish choices include *katsudon* (breaded pork,

onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki udon* (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo *bento* tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the "tapa" way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the "I.B. Roll," filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

TOMATOES PLUS: A CALIFORNIA BISTRO 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms. To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you're feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweet-savory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. All-you-can-eat Greek buffet daily, lunch, midweek dinner, weekend dinner with entertainment of belly dancers and Zorba's dancers. Plenty to eat. Not gourmet food, but fun. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use

only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

BIG BOY RESTAURANT 9892 Agua Caliente Boulevard (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana. Open 24/7. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattlemen, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfasts include eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

EL TAURINO 7531 Sixth Avenue (off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-7075. Located in the heart of the old section of Tijuana, three blocks west of Revolución, this restaurant provides superb value in an excellent setting. Basically a steak house, it also offers fish, seafood, and fowl. The price of the entrée includes grilled quail, soup or salad, and mammoth amounts of the main course. Almost everyone orders *cabreria*, or try *empapelado*, fish and shrimp cooked in silver foil. Superior service. The menu is printed in Spanish and English, and the maitre d' speaks perfect English. First-rate bargain for high quality. Open daily 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. Continuous service. Inexpensive to moderate except for lobster. — *E.W.*

GRAND BISTRO Grand Hotel Tijuana, 4500 Agua Caliente Boulevard, Tijuana, 681-7000, x4188. Visit this Tijuana restaurant for its formal elegance, mystery, romance. Visit Grand Bistro for its prime rib! The tastiest I've ever eaten. This thick and juicy portion of Mexican beef comes with an outstanding side of "creamed spinach," slow-cooked with bits of smoky bacon and minced onion. Along with a fine Bistro salad and a selection from their excellent and affordable wine list, it's a voluptuous, if fatalistic, meal. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (3/99)*

LA COSTA 8131 Galeana (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. An extensive menu, consistently fresh product, and huge portions have made La Costa the reigning seafood house for Americans. Identical lunch and dinner menus offer lobster, shrimp, grilled fish, fish with sauces, squid, abalone, and oysters, all in a variety of preparations. Price of entrées includes soup, salad, rice, dessert, beverage, and after-dinner drink. Almost always crowded. Open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA DIFERENCIA Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes, and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. Room is often noisy, even louder when mariachi play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/02)*

LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Diners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LA VUELTA 2004 Avenida Revolución, Tijuana, 685-7309 or 684-2611. For an extravagant evening of mariachi music, good food, and high spirits, remember that La Vuelta is open every day, 24 hours a day. Mariachi available daily. Authentic Mexican

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LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso, off 2nd Street, Tijuana, 685-3150. *Callejón del Travieso* translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a *granero* (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful *casera* (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch (to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/01)*

ROSTICERIA LOS POLLOS Avenida Constitución, between 6th and 7th Streets, Tijuana. Relatives of prisoners in the Tijuana jail (one block south) come here to buy treats for their locked-up loved ones. The cops come too, for the cinnamon-flavored fried chicken. Think KFC, but a little sweeter. And with more variety: You can eat just chicken necks if you want. (Their meat slips down like salty fried oysters.) Each plate comes with corn tortillas, and a bowl of wicked red salsa. Ask for Alejandro. He brought the idea up from Mexico City. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

SAVERIO'S RESTAURANT MEDITERRANEO Avenida Carlos Robirosa 260, Tijuana, 686-3604 or 681-8496. This "in" restaurant attracts a young crowd. Pastas and pizzas are available, but the best bets are the fish and chicken dinners that arrive with soup or salad. Top price is \$14.00. Crowded and noisy weekends. Open daily, same menu noon to 11:00 p.m. Sunday to 10:00 p.m. Low to moderate. Take Revolución until it turns into Boulevard Agua Caliente. Continue until you see the Hotel Grand on your right. There, turn left onto the side street Avenida Carlos Robirosa. You'll see Blockbuster Video. Saverio's is across the street. — *E.W.*

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hats at once into the Oscar race: cinematography, costume design, set decoration, leading actor (Tom Hanks, Mr. Dependable), supporting actor (Paul Newman, Mr. Venerable), just about every category but leading and supporting actress (no legitimate contenders: this is a man's world, a man's movie). Yet it does find its stride, right around half an hour into it, as a ritualistic genre piece, a twice-told tale of underworld revenge — you hit me, I hit you back, and back, and back — set in motion when an inquisitive twelve-year-old, his imagination stoked by Lone Ranger dime novels, stows away in the rear seat of his father's car, to find out what the old man gets up to on those mysterious nocturnal errands.

The boy's rightful feelings of guilt over the ensuing events, to say nothing of the father's rightful feelings of wrath towards him, receive short shrift in the aftermath, to clear the way for a warming relationship between the two (master and apprentice, criminal and accomplice), and even some deft touches of comedy, once they light out together on the lam: there's actually a destination, we're asked to believe, by the name of Perdition, a bucolic lake-side locale whose settlers must have lacked a dictionary. Tyler Hoechlin, the unknown actor in the role of the son, bears a striking facial resemblance to *American Beauty*'s Wes Bentley — the burning eyes, the scowling brows — but more vulnerable in proportion to his fewer years. And Hanks, as the taciturn father, is still Hanks beneath the flinty exterior: a mob enforcer with a gooey-nougat center.

The film — or rather, Mendes — unfailingly rises to the occasion in the scenes of violence, adopting a variety of approaches and vantage points to keep the scenes fresh, resisting the urge to charge into the thick of it. And although the anti-*Godfather* finale (at the end of a blessedly non-epic running time) may be a bit soft-hearted, even arguably self-contradictory, it doesn't really ruin anything. And by "self-contradictory," I mean something much more than the curious choice to have

the twelve-year-old character narrate future developments in his twelve-year-old voice; but I ought not go further into it. I don't want to ruin anything, either.

There is, in the last analysis, nothing much to ruin. This is not, for all its striving, a "great" gangster film. It is at least, however, a genuine one, a generic one. It reaches nowhere near the level of, to keep the comparison among Irish gangsters of an earlier generation, *Miller's Crossing*. It tops out nearer the level of *Billy Bathgate* (Jewish gangsters but an Irish protagonist). Its ordinariness, odd to say, is its primary source of strength. The striving for greatness weighs it down as much as pushes it upwards. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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About a Boy — A conscience-free cad

(e.g., inventing a two-year-old son so as to cruise a single-parents support group for dates) is rescued from his self-absorption by a twelve-year-old misfit with a dotty mother. Conventional in form and sentiment, despite such a dark-comic bit as the dead duck in the park (slain by a leaden loaf of mum's multi-grain bread), and despite the breezy, brazen cheekiness of the 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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA 12)

The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (*Swingers*, *Go*) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert Ludlum best-seller about an amnesiac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman's cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But that only accentuates the scent of the social climber: the "independent" who's looking for a hook-up. For all its démodé denigration of the CIA as a band of dirty

tricksters, the plotline is very much an ode to the superspy: far more Bond than Smiley. The hero doesn't know he's one of those, nor even know his own name, after he's hauled out of the Mediterranean by subtitle-speaking fishermen, with two slugs in his back and a Swiss bank code implanted in his hip. His training, however, comes out in a twinkling whenever he needs it: one-man-army karate, human-fly climbing, Grand Prix driving, fluency in any language under the sun. He can even do a spot of women's hairstyling for purposes of altering appearance. And the need arises often, because there's an army of assassins on his tail, for reasons unknown, or anyway unremembered. Watching him extricate himself from one tight spot after another, you have to wonder how he ever managed to drop his guard long enough to get two bullets in the back and lose his memory. The answer, when finally it comes to him in

flashback, reveals an incongruously, and laughably, soft heart. At that point, you have to wonder how he ever got the assignment to begin with. To give Liman his due, this is slick, sleek, fast entertainment, and he therewith demonstrates that he's up to the task of big-budget blockbuster filmmaking — if "up" is indeed the correct location of it. 2002.

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Cherry, Harry, and Raquel — His trademark fast-shuffle editing does wonders to disguise the fact that one-third of this Russ Meyer film was accidentally destroyed in the laboratory. A slight setback, that. To

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plug up the gaps, Meyer belatedly added a voluptuous mute pixie named Haji, who flits mischievously through the movie and establishes a general feeling of inexplicability. The blaringly colored Southwest desert locale and Charles Napier as a lumpy, lantern-jawed Robert Redford are both balmy, in different ways. 1970. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 7/18 THROUGH 20, 7 P.M.)

Cinema Paradiso — A valentine to all movie lovers. Or else a blackmail note. Part-Truffaut and part-Fellini (part-*Day for Night* and part-*Amarcord*), it's a sentimental flashback to a post-war Italian village where, in the eyes of one altar boy, the movie theater supplants the church as the religious house of choice, and the local projectionist becomes a kind of subversive high priest (with a bin full of censored hot parts). Inasmuch as the director, Giuseppe Tornatore, is Italian, it leans more toward, and even a bit beyond, Fellini: broad, loud, vulgar. Also in the Fellini way, it rambles on episodically, and it loses its bearings after the projectionist is blinded (and retires to the sidelines) and the protagonist grows up. And Morricone's mawkish little "love theme" gets repeated and repeated until you want to scream. Plenty of nice old film clips, even though a little skimpy on Hollywood ones, and even though Vadim's *And God Created Woman*, made in 1956, appears chronologically prior to 1954. With Philippe Noiret and Jacques Perrin. 1989. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 7/19)

The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course — Entertaining lessons on Australian wildlife, from cable TV personality Steve Irwin ("It's so hot out here the flies are comin' right into my eyes for a drink"), are interrupted with an unentertaining fictional quest for a spy satellite's data recorder: swallowed by a croc, like the alarm clock in *Peter Pan*. With Terri Irwin, Magda Szubanski, and David Wenham; directed by John Stainton. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION



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The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys — Catholic-school hellions in the 1970s. Peter Care's handling of alienated youth falls somewhere between Larry Clark and John Hughes, though it's not a fixed position: there's an uncertainty of tone and intent. Todd McFarlane's animated sequences, bringing the kids' superhero fantasies to fruition, tend toward flattery, but the performances of Emile Hirsch, Kieran Culkin, and Jena Malone are cast in a colder light. Based on a novel by Chris Fuhrman; with Vincent D'Onofrio and Jodie Foster. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood — The title alone told you that you needed to read no further in the Rebecca Wells novel. But the screen version, written and directed by Callie Khouri, temptingly makes room for one of our premier performers, Ellen Burstyn, in addition to Fionnula Flanagan, Maggie

Smith, and Shirley Knight, troupers one and all. The common lament about Hollywood's lack of use for actresses of their age must be amended with a lament, too, about Hollywood's *preferred* use of them, however infrequent. Case at hand: an overseasoned jambalaya of stereotyped Southern lunacy. Three out of four of the Ya-Ya Sisters (a blood sorority from early girlhood) attempt to mediate a reconciliation between the fourth one and her adult daughter (Sandra Bullock), a successful though indiscreetly autobiographical playwright. This necessitates a rummage through flashbacks and the replacement of our quartet of troupers with an unmatching set of younger actresses (Ashley Judd for Ellen Burstyn, most egregiously). In short, while the film makes room for Burstyn and Co., it doesn't make *enough* room for them, nor comfortable room. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Eight-Legged Freaks — Creature comedy by Ellory Elkayem, starring David Arquette and Kari Wuhrer. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8;

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The Emperor's New Clothes — Alternative history lesson revealing how Napoleon escaped St. Helena, leaving behind a dead ringer to fool his British jailers, and how he returned to France but not all the way to the throne as planned. A well-mounted production, handled with care by television director Alan Taylor (*The Sopranos*, *Sex and the City*, *The West Wing*, *Homicide*), and acted with commitment by Ian Holm, Iben Hjejle, and others. Yet the level of amusement comes nowhere near matching, and thus justifying, the level of absurdity: hard as it must be to find an exact facial likeness of anybody, it would be quite a bonus to find it on so undersized a frame into the bargain. (For Holm, this might not be the most advisable follow-up role to that of a waist-high Hobbit, quite apart from the English accent in which he gripes about English cooking, and the twenty or so surplus years of age he brings to the part.) And if screenwriter Kevin Molony shows good taste in the *New Yorker* cartoon he chooses to plagiarize — "How about never? Is never good for you?" — he shows poor judgment in attempting to pass it along in the 19th Century. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Enigma — Second World War espionage thriller, set on the British homefront at Bletchley Park, otherwise known as Station X, the top-secret cryptography center, where they've now got just four days to crack "Shark," the revised German U-

boat code, before a convoy of merchant ships from the U.S. enters perilous waters. In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the 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 willowy 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. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat) — Any wag who wished to say that this is the best Inuit-language film to have ever come down the pike, might have said equally well, if not as waggishly, that it's the worst. More objectively: the only. The "language" qualifier allows it to dodge head-to-head competition with such superior Eskimo epics as Nicholas Ray's *The Savage Innocents* and Philip Kaufman's *The White Dawn* (subtitled only in part), let alone Robert J. Flaherty's seminal silent documentary, *Nanook of the North*. With its predominantly Inuit cast and crew, headed by director Zacharias Kunuk and scriptwriter Paul Apak Angilirq, it earns points for authenticity, if not, at the same time, for ability to communicate. And it earns more of the same — but again, nothing extra — for a storyline lifted from centuries-old oral tradition: an evil curse, forbidden love, jealousy, treachery, murder, rape, patricide, and incommensurate revenge (reminiscent of the Kenny Rogers C&W oldie in which the singer avenges the rape of his beloved by beating up her attacker: that'll teach him!). One measure of how far the filmmakers are inside the culture is the unapologetic brutality and barbarism: the Inuit equivalent of a knightly joust for the hand of a maiden is to have the rivals take turns punching one another on the temple, undefended. That

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sort of thing, to be sure, affords the spectator a sterling opportunity to test his broad-mindedness. As storytellers, however, even as documentarists, the filmmakers are to a high degree inept. And at nearly three hours in length, the experience is a bit of an ordeal. 2002.

★ (COVE)

Halloween: Resurrection — Eighth installment in the horror series, with Jamie Lee Curtis, Bianca Kajlich, Busta Rhymes, and Tyra Banks, directed by Rick Rosenthal. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9)

The Importance of Being Earnest — Overfurnished production of the Oscar Wilde farce: so much artifice does not require so much circumstantiation. And the jaunty, jazzy musical score is meddlesome at best, muffling at worst. (In any case it has not remedied the play's sag in the second act.) But the good lines are plentiful, and people such as Colin Firth, Rupert Everett, Judi Dench, Anna Massey, and Edward Fox know well how to put them over. Not so much, however, Frances O'Connor or a lightly accented Reese Witherspoon, whose shared strategy relies on elevated eyebrows. Directed by Oliver Parker. 2002.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Insomnia — The Norwegian *policier* of a few years earlier, and of the same name, is resettled under the midnight sun of Alaska. Fair enough. (The icy moonscape 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. 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 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. Hilary Swank, Maura Tierney, Martin Donovan. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

K-19: The Widowmaker — Fact-based story of a near-miss nuclear disaster aboard a Soviet submarine in 1961. (A companion, of sorts, to *Thirteen Days*.) Full of Russian fatalism, isolationism, and hugger-muggerism, in addition to clenched muscles, sweat, and merciless music. A grind, but not unbearable. The only comic relief comes in the coda: the twenty-eight-year reunion of the survivors, all of whom (even those who were rookies at the time) are done up in gray wigs and old-age makeup. With Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard; directed by Kathryn Bigelow. 2002.

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Lantana — Three sour marriages in the Land Down Under. Director Ray Lawrence and writer Andrew Bovell (whose screenplay is adapted from his own stage play) seem to be going for something deep, something fundamental about relationships. But the

degree of coincidence in the multiple path-crossings surpasses the improbable. Eyecatching work from Kerry Armstrong and Leah Purcell, respectively, as a cop's wife and cop's partner. The cop is a cop only in order to keep the movie busy. Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush, Barbara Hershey, Rachael Blake. 2002.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/22, 6:30 P.M.)

The Last Days of Disco — Whit Stillman, the writer and director of *Metropolitan* and *Barcelona*, the American Eric Rohmer, wry, witty, wistful, somewhat smug observer of the follies and self-deceptions of slim, attractive, educated, talkative young things in their quest for romantic fulfillment, has here outdone himself. More than that, he has outdone Eric Rohmer. At a sweeping glance, little has changed. But that's just to say that this fictional universe, ostensibly the Manhattan club scene and its clientele at the outset of the Eighties, is instantly recognizable as Stillman's and no one else's. Clever, playful, deadpan conversations, in clipped, prissy tones, on an unpredictable array of topics. The end-of-an-era scope of the movie might seem to threaten expansion of the Stillman universe, but through his avoidance of society-column celebrities and his concentration instead on the foot soldiers of the disco scene, the filmmaker keeps things tidy and under control, light and maneuverable. And, in a startling departure from her Troubled Teen past, Chloë Sevigny — a no-balance actress, incapable of a false note or an overlarge gesture, gifted

with some of the mute eloquence of a Lillian Gish or a Mary Pickford but none of the mute hyperbole — brings something extra to Stillman's universe, a spark of real life, a touch of naturalness, a tug of creative tension. With Kate Beckinsale, Chris Eigeman, Matt Keeslar, Mackenzie Astin, Robert Sean Leonard. 1998.

★★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7/21, 2 P.M.)

Lianna — Diagnosis of this second specimen from writer-director John Sayles is much the same as for *Return of the Secaucus Seven*. The facile, fast-shuffle dialogue is very much at odds with the shoddy mise-en-scène, and very much outside the capabilities of the amateurish cast. The best delivery of a line (and perhaps best line, too) is a little girl's sullen "No," in answer to her father's question: "Theda" — she is named after Theda Bara; her brother is named Spencer, after Tracy; her father, of course, is a film buff — "do you know what we're talking about?" What they're talking about is the lesbian attachment of a university faculty wife to her night-school Child Psychology teacher, a short-haired Joanne Woodward lookalike. The subject matter is quite modish; the attitude about it somewhat less so, with the motivation for lesbianism traced directly to the horridness of the husband. Does Sayles think he is being magnanimous by dumping the burden on his own sex?

With Linda Griffiths and Jane Hallaren.
1983.

- (KEN, 7/18)

Like Mike — A thirteen-year-old, four-and-a-half-foot orphan (teen rapper Lil Bow Wow) makes chumps of a roster of as-themselves NBA stars: Allen Iverson, Jason Kidd, Tracy McGrady, David Robinson, Alonzo Mourning, Chris Webber, et al. Is it the shoes? (MJ's childhood sneakers?) Is it the bolt of lightning? Or is it just moonshine? With Morris Chestnut, Crispin Glover, Eugene Levy, Robert Forster; directed by John Schultz. 2002.

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Lilo and Stitch — Disney cartoon with a strained and stretched and far-fetched premise, even for a cartoon. A pint-sized extraterrestrial, genetically engineered for devilry, escapes to planet Earth, state of Hawaii, and bonds with an ostracized orphan. The movie spends a lot of time being “edgy” and anarchic, roughly up the alley of an old Warners cartoon, before it settles down to the traditional Disney

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Lovely and Amazing — Nicole Holofcener’s comedy about three grown-up sisters and their mother; with Catherine Keener, Emily Mortimer, Raven Goodwin, and Brenda Blethyn. (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 7/19)

Maryam — Mariam Parris as a young Iranian-American in New Jersey during the 1979 Hostage Crisis; directed by Ramin Serry. (KEN, 7/19 THROUGH 25)

Men in Black II — The embodiment, the epitome, the acme of the “franchise picture,” one of those brass rings that studio executives like to stack up on their lances. So perfect a one, in truth, that it would make more sense to cover the movie in the financial pages than in the entertainment ones. A recitation of components, amenities, selling points could reasonably take the place of a review. Both Will Smith and, after half an hour, Tommy Lee Jones are back, albeit with roles reversed — Smith the blasé veteran, Jones the bemused novice — until the latter’s elective “neuralization” can be undone and his memory restored. Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub are back as well, if that matters to anyone, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and composer (but of course) Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial *femme fatale*, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from *Dune*, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald’s cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable

with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every Quarter-Pounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002.

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Minority Report — A Steven Spielberg vision of the future, via Philip K. Dick, with a legitimate science-fictional idea in it. The idea has to do with an experimental crime-prevention unit in Washington, D.C., in the mid-21st Century — the Department of Pre-Crime — whose task is to stop the murders foreseen by a co-ordinated trio of clairvoyants known as Pre-Cogs, soaking round the clock in a communal bath, in a perpetual twilight zone between sleep and wakefulness. They can’t tell everything. They can’t, for reasons brushed aside in a single snippet of dialogue, foretell any crime but homicide. And they cannot tell *where* the crime will occur, much less whether the Pre-Crime storm troopers will arrive in time to prevent it. They can, though, tell the names of the victim and perpetrator (neatly spelled out on little wooden balls dispatched through a pneumatic tube), and they can tell, to the exact minute, *when* the crime will occur. It’s the detectives’ job to view the mental images (stored somehow in those engraved billiard balls) and to figure out the scene of the crime before the literal deadline. The system seems to be fool-proof, until, at any rate, the Pre-Cogs spit out a perpetrator’s ball inscribed with the name of the lead detective (Tom Cruise, in the military haircut of the first *Mission: Impossible*, and briefly, shadowedly, in the shaved head of boot camp: what a trouper!), together with a victim’s ball inscribed with a name the detective has never before heard. There must be some mistake. At around the forty-five-minute mark, the concern with issues (destiny, determinism, and the like) gives way to a concern with chases, fights, games of hide-and-seek, cheap plot tricks.



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(School’s out. Playtime begins.) Well before that, even, the concern with issues has already had to jostle for space alongside a concern with various forms of spectacle: eye-assaulting special effects, elaborate set design, gizmos and gewgaws, smoky desaturated monochromed color. That’s the price you have to pay in a Spielberg movie — and the price *he* has to pay as well. Never can he work on a movie without overworking it. Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton, Max Von Sydow, Tim Blake Nelson, Peter Stormare. 2002.

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Monsoon Wedding — A gathering of the clan for an arranged marriage in modern Delhi. You won’t be alone if you have a hard time telling who’s who and how they’re

related: even one of the invitees voices the complaint. It’s a standard comic situation (*Father of the Bride*, etc.), almost a can’t-miss one, and the Punjabi exoticism goes far to compensate for all the conventionality. It may not, however, go so far as to compensate for the belated dark turn down the side street of molestation: a new comic convention, but no less a convention, now that every TV sitcom feels obligated to Address Important Issues. The conflict between the old ways and the new, too, is standard for Eastern cinema (Ozu, etc.), although Mira Nair’s scrambling catch-as-catch-can camerawork — 16mm blown up to 35 — leaves no doubt, for even a moment, where her own sympathies lie. The movie comes to a somewhat premature climax, albeit a moving one, at the cathartic celebratory dance the night before the ceremony. It would all feel a lot more barren, though, without the delightful figure of the weaselly wedding planner (“Ten minutes,” he promises, “exactly and approximately”), with his polka-dot scarf, his leisure suits, his calculator wristwatch, his clip-on pager. By himself, this inch-by-inch social climber embodies the strengths and weaknesses of the whole: complacently formulaic yet infused with a palpable humanity. However large a laughingstock, he is not denied his own romantic yearnings and his inhibiting self-awareness. Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz. 2002.

★★ (LA PALOMA)

Mr. Deeds — Steven Brill’s update of the Depression-period Capra-Cooper antique, populism and preachiness intact, is an above-average Adam Sandler comedy, about

a sweet-natured rube who inherits a bundle. (Forty billion, for inflation.) The average is raised in large part by the rest of the batting order, Peter Gallagher, Erick Avari (the one whose hair is only on his face), Winona Ryder, Jared Harris, Conchata Ferrell, Harve Presnell, Steve Buscemi, and most of all John Turturro as a “sneaky” Spanish manservant with a foot fetish. (Spanish? Foot fetish? Homage to Buñuel?) And even though Sandler is no Gary Cooper — much less a Lou Gehrig — Frank Capra makes a helpful hitting instructor. 2002.

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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; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Pumpkin — Post-Fassbinder mock soap opera (or closer to home, post-Waters) about a popular Alpha Omega Pi girl who,



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for her obligatory charity work in the Sorority-of-the-Year sweepstakes, mentors a “challenged athlete,” falls in love with the beauty of his soul, and becomes a pariah in her charmed social circle. Well: a filmmaker (in this case a brace of filmmakers, co-directors Anthony R. Abrams and Adam Larson Broder) will have to make a film about *something*, but really the handicapped boy is no more than a symbol of “differentness,” read into it whatever you please, whatever makes you comfortable, whatever makes you feel good about yourself. The villain is complacent conformity, though the satire of it is guilty of the very same thing. The satire of its opposite, if any, is guilty in the meantime of softness. (Todd Solondz’s *Storytelling* comes readily to mind for contrast: both films feature a blunt-spoken black writing teacher in addition to a handicapped boy and a pitying girlfriend. But only Solondz’s film plays no favorites.) And Christina Ricci, in a Reese Witherspoon blond flip, is far too quick and eager to get to her natural habitat of dark waters. She makes a most unpersuasive Pollyanna. Visually, the film is bright and peppy and pleasant to look at, and it coaxes out a chuckle or two. Hank Harris, Sam Ball, Dominique Swain, Brenda Blethyn. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 7/18)

Reign of Fire — A plague of napalm-breathing dragons plunges the planet into a new Dark Age. The computer-animated dragons are well designed, although (a common drawback of computer animation) they’re a bit fast and agile for their size. Nice opening scene of the first dragon aroused from slumber in the London underground; amusing scene, later, of the grown-ups re-enacting *Star Wars* for the entertainment of their benighted kids. Most of the remainder, though, is derivative and underimagined. And the posturing actors and chi-chi photography underscore the silliness. Christian Bale, Matthew McConaughey, Izabella Scorupco; directed by Rob Bowman. 2002.

Return of the Secaucus Seven — John Sayles’s characters are the Ivy League student activists of the Vietnam War years, who, a decade later, have found niches for themselves in such “meaningful” lines of work as high-school teacher, Vista volunteer, drug counselor, singer-songwriter manqué, and chief speechwriter for a U.S. Senator (Democratic, of course). A

similarity of age, of outlook, of concerns, between these people and the present generation of movie critics has probably contributed greatly to this movie’s fat portfolio of raves. That, and the predisposition of critics to be overgenerous to any movie costing just \$60,000, whether out of their compassion for paupers or their esteem for inflation-fighters. Frugality, though, only becomes a virtue in movies to the extent that it combines with other virtues, and *Secaucus Seven* is basically just a very small movie with commensurately small virtues. Any moviegoer who cannot instantly cozy up to the cast of characters, cannot feel himself to be just one of the gang, will conceivably have great difficulty taking an interest in their meandering discussions of whether or not they want to have babies, what kind of birth control devices they employ, who is, or has been, or soon might be, sleeping with whom, etc., etc. None of these topics, or any of the others touched upon, is worked out dramatically to any satisfactory degree, and Sayles’s hip, chirrupy dialogue is pitched way out of the range of the overtaxed actors and the supposedly down-to-earth, real-people, slice-of-life situations. 1980.

★ (KEN, 7/18)

Road to Perdition — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Daniel Craig, Jude Law, and Tyler Hoechlin; directed by Sam Mendes.

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Scooby-Doo — Kiddie “camp” about a quartet of junior detectives (collectively, Mystery Inc.) and a computer-animated talking dog, who, along with assorted monsters, seems to inhabit a separate plane of existence. A lot of it is apt to go over the little ones’ heads, and for that matter the big ones’, too. What doesn’t go over goes straight on through. With Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, Linda Cardellini, and Rowan Atkinson; directed by Raja Gosnell. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Spider-Man — Repulsively overhyped comic-book adaptation by Sam Raimi. (How would his lighter and livelier *Darkman*, of 1990, have been pushed a decade later?) The hype, which naturally took no notice of the actual product and its worth, is as *de rigueur* as the Danny Elfman musical score and the plasticky, elasticky CG

animation. It’s just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult 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 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.

★ (VOGUE)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Stuart Little 2 — Further adventures of the computer-animated mouse (voice of Michael J. Fox); with Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie; directed by Rob Minkoff. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 7/19)

The Sum of All Fears — A light doomsday snack, unsatisfying even for the duration. One wonders whether, out of post-9/11 sensitivity, or trepidation, or something, the images of a nuclear blast in Baltimore (at a football stadium where “Chicago” is for some reason lined up against “Florida”), not to mention its immediate aftermath, haven’t been scaled back and toned down a bit: an invisible tsunami crashing through the windows of a hospital, overturning cars, knocking a helicopter for a loop, etc. After which the color is drained from the screen, and the predominant tone becomes frigid blue, a visual synonym, perhaps, for sad, morose, mournful. The filmmakers (director Phil

Alden Robinson and co-writers Paul Attanasio and Daniel Pyne) cannot bring themselves to muster up even a rough estimate of the casualties: the fear of all sums. Our general impression is that they are somehow unprepared to face up to their own chosen subject. Any contemporary “relevance” is in any event fribbled away in a plot ripped not so much from today’s headlines as from adolescent daydreams: a neo-Nazi conspiracy to push the U.S. and Russia over the nuclear brink, and one man only who can pull them back, a clean-cut desk-bound CIA yuppie who is thrust center-stage on the strength of a report he once authored on the new Russian president. That man is “Jack Ryan,” hero of a series of Tom Clancy novels, though the casting of Ben Affleck effectively severs all ties with the hero’s prior incarnations in the form of Alec Baldwin and Harrison Ford (old enough to be Affleck’s father). This isn’t just Pierce Brosnan slipping into the Brooks Brothers suits of Sean Connery and Roger Moore, with the twanging “James Bond Theme” providing continuity. This is as separate as *Casino Royale*. Affleck gets strong support, however, from the likes of Morgan Freeman, Liev Schreiber, Ciarán Hinds, James Cromwell, Ron Rifkin, Bruce McGill, and Philip Baker Hall; so strong, in truth, that it stresses the weakness of both protagonist and plot. 2002.

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MOVIES

large slice of sociology out of the Florida coast, similar in size to his slices in *City of Hope* and *Lone Star*. The blacks, the whites, the developers, the sticks-in-the-mud. Their dreams, their disillusionment, their desperation, their secrets, their scars, their villainy, their integrity, their humor — in sum, their humanity. The scenes are well crafted, if a bit stiff and finicky, and the long slow succession of them is somewhat unmodulated and monotoned. (Nowhere as melodramatic as the comparable material in *A Flash of Green*, by the cinematic bard of Florida, Victor Nuñez.) You can imagine the actors would have felt flattered to be asked to take part, flattered to be taken for representatives of humanity. Edie Falco, Timothy Hutton, Angela Bassett, Bill Cobbs, and Jane Alexander have especially good reason to feel that way. Mary Steenburgen, as the driving force behind Delrona Beach’s annual Buccaneer Days (“They don’t realize how difficult it *is* to *invent* a *tradition*”), has the least reason. With James McDaniel, Tom Wright, Gordon Clapp, Mary Alice, Miguel Ferrer, Ralph Waite. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Supervixens — In the early going, Russ Meyer gives the heartening impression of having regained his fittest form, especially in the snappy business around Martin Borman’s Texaco station: a chesty coquette gyrates in the doorframe of the ladies’ room while the ogling attendant squabbles on the phone with his wife, an insatiable man-eater who is at the moment lolling on her bed, striking a calendar-girl set of poses. But Meyer seems to be pressing harder than before for laughs (possibly he has been studying the “appreciations” of his work in highbrow film journals). He quickly exhausts his bag of razzle-dazzle tricks, and, with nowhere to hide or catch his breath in the single-track storyline, he slips into dull-witted and mechanical routine, interrupted only occasionally by a flurry of inspiration. Shari Eubank, a wishful, give-me-something-to-play-with look on her face, is a commendable discovery; and it’s pleasing to see Meyer’s past actors turning up all along the way, but most of them are given nothing to do and the pleasure dims in a hurry. 1975. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 7/18 THROUGH 20, 9 P.M.)

Swimming — More like sinking. A sub-Sundance (meaning Slamdance) independent film by Robert J. Siegel, to do with the plight of a scrub-faced young



Minority Report

woman unconcerned about her looks (baggy overalls and T-shirts), trapped in the teeming fleshpot of Myrtle Beach. Her best and evidently only buddy, a professional

body piercer all too happy to sample her own wares, is soon in jealous competition with a busty new blonde in town and a nomadic hippie hophead. A question of

sexual identity begins to form, but is never quite asked, much less answered. (No fault of Lauren Ambrose, an actress who hides nothing behind her face.) The minutes crawl, the seconds tick. Finally there’s a freeze-frame and it’s over. The puniness of ambition never overtakes the puniness of budget. With Jennifer Dundas Lowe, Joelle Carter, and Jamie Harrold. 2002. ● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Thirteen Conversations about One Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional chopping-up and rearranging are achieved through chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: “Ignorance is bliss,” “Fuck guilt,” “Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others,” “Eighteen inches of personal space,” and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-joint construction — a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it’s hard to be sure you’re really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative.

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Maryam (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **Return of the Secaucus Seven** and **Lianna**, Thursday

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
Thirteen Conversations about One Thing (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:55) 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; Mon. (1:35) 4:35, 10:05; Tue.-Wed. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:05; Thu. (1:35) 4:35, 10:05; **Cinema Paradiso** (R)

Fri.-Thu. (12:45) 4:25, 8:00; **Lovely and Amazing** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; **Sunshine State** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15) 7:05; **The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys** (R) Fri. (4:15) 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 4:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 10:00; **The Emperor’s New Clothes** (PG) Fri. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Tue.-Wed. (1:00) 4:00, 9:50; Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Cherry, Harry and Raquel, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **Supervixens**, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:05 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Bears (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:15; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; **The Human Body** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sun.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (9:40); **Eight-Legged Freaks** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (10:00, 12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Wed. (12:25, 2:50, 5:15) 7:50, 10:10; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (09:55, 12:10, 1:00, 3:40, 4:10) 6:50, 7:20, 10:00, 10:25; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (10:15, 1:20, 4:00) 7:35, 10:05; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (09:50, 12:10, 2:30, 4:45) 7:15, 9:40; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (09:45, 10:15, 12:05, 12:35, 2:30, 3:00, 4:55, 5:25) 7:25, 8:00, 9:50, 10:25; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:30, 3:45) 7:00, 10:10; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (10:00, 12:20, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:15; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:50, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:15; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Wed. (10:05, 1:00, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (09:45, 12:00, 2:20, 4:35); **Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (09:45, 12:50, 3:55) 7:10, 10:25; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (09:55, 10:25, 11:55, 12:30, 2:10, 2:40, 4:20, 5:00) 6:50, 7:35, 9:20; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (10:30, 1:20, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (09:50, 12:00, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:55, 9:30, 10:20; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Wed. (10:50, 12:55, 3:00, 5:05) 7:10, 9:15; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:45, 2:15,

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LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
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Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Like Mike (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (10:35, 12:45, 3:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:05; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:35) 4:40, 5:40, 7:00, 7:45, 8:55, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:35, 4:40, 5:40) 7:00, 7:45, 8:55, 9:45; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:20, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15, 5:20) 7:25, 9:35; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 12:35, 2:35); **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 12:40, 2:40) 4:45, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:40, 12:40, 2:40, 4:45) 7:55, 10:15; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:15, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55;

The former tends to sound “written” and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it’s not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell’s *The Concept of Happiness* as a “jumping-off point.” The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone’s good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on *Clockwatchers*. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Windtalkers — John Woo’s Second World War shoot-’em-up. The premise of the film, in contrast to that of any previous John Woo you will have seen (*Mission: Impossible II*, *Face/Off*, *Broken Arrow*, etc.), brings to bear what we could call a pressure



Reign of Fire

of reality, to push against the director’s cartoony tendencies, and to produce what we might like to hope would be a fruitful

creative tension. Not just the reality of World War II, more specifically the Pacific campaigns on the Solomons and Saipan, but

also the interesting and unexplored phenomenon of the Navajo “code talkers,” whose language proved impenetrable to the

Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:15, 3:25, 5:30) 7:40, 9:55; **The Powerpuff Girls** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15); **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (4:35) 7:15, 9:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:05; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 11:45; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
555 Broadway (619-338-4214)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denmerry Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13); **Eight-Legged Freaks**; **Stuart Little 2** (PG); **Reign of Fire** (PG-13); **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG); **Road to Perdition** (R); **Halloween: Resurrection** (R); **Men in Black II**; **Like Mike** (PG); **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13); **Minority Report** (PG-13); **Lilo and Stitch**; **Scooby-Doo** (PG); **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13); **The Sum of All Fears** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
1025 Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (12:00, 2:35, 5:00) 7:05, 7:30, 9:45, 10:20; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:55, 2:45, 5:10) 7:45, 10:05; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:15, 11:50, 2:30, 3:30) 6:55, 7:30, 10:15, 10:40; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:25, 2:05, 4:40) 7:45, 10:10; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:05, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:35; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:30, 2:00, 4:25) 7:00, 9:25; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:00, 3:00) 7:25, 10:35; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:00, 1:50, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (11:45, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:15, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **Scooby-Doo** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:20, 2:15, 4:30); **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:10, 11:40, 1:50, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:15; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:30; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:35, 2:25, 4:45) 7:35, 10:00; **The Powerpuff Girls** (PG) Fri.-Wed. (11:30)

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Hey Arnold! (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 6:00; **Spi-der-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 7:45; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 10:00

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Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Lilo and Stitch; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13)

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:10; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:40) 5:40, 7:45, 9:40; Sun. (1:45, 3:40) 5:40, 7:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:40, 5:40) 7:45, 9:35; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 4:50, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:55, 4:55) 7:05, 9:00; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 7:40, 9:40; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:30, 9:50; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 2:55) 5:00, 7:05, 9:10; Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:00, 7:15, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:05, 5:05) 7:15, 9:10; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:55, 3:55) 5:50, 8:05, 10:05; Sun. (1:55, 3:55) 5:50, 8:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:50) 8:10, 10:05

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Reign of Fire** (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; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:15,

7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00, 5:15) 7:40, 9:50; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Sat. 5:00, 9:50; Sun. 5:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 9:40; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:00; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (11:50, 2:05) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:40; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:30) 4:45, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:05) 7:05; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:35) 7:45, 9:45; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:20) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:40) 7:45, 9:50; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:40) 7:30, 10:00; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:45, 4:50) 7:00, 9:00; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20) 7:10, 9:30; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:15, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:20, 9:35

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Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:30; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

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San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (800-555-8355)
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30); **Eight-Legged Freaks** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:45, 4:15) 7:00, 9:30, 10:05; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 1:00, 3:50, 4:10) 7:00, 7:20, 10:05, 10:25; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:55, 2:20, 5:10) 7:30, 9:55; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun.

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (760-599-8221)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Sat.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425)
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Japanese. Woo, however, is not really interested in cryptography. His principal interest, apart from his customary bang-bang, is in the by-the-numbers male bonding between two Navajo code talkers (already bonded at the outset) and their individually assigned bodyguards, whose mission is, at all costs, to protect the code and not the talkers. (Get my meaning, mister? Sir, yes, sir.) An all-out war, of course, grants Woo his loosest license yet for his sustained sequences of high-energy chaos. And to some degree, the pressure of reality has served to woo Woo (beg pardon) away from all that fancy “balletic” stuff, even if a submachine gun is still apt to become momentarily a one-handed weapon. Admittedly this pressure hasn’t curtailed his use of slow-motion. Nor has it thwarted that signature moment when two gunmen stick their muzzles in one another’s faces and wait for the other to blink. And too often the director’s assertive personal “style” comes down to jarringly overamplified sounds and oppressively overmagnified images. (Just when you think the close-ups can’t get any bigger, you get one that can’t fit both of the subject’s eyes simultaneously on the wide screen.) The fervency of expression tends to look and sound a lot like desperation. Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Christian Slater, Mark Ruffalo, Frances O’Connor. 2002. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:15; Mon.-Wed. 2:35 (5:50) 8:30; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:40, 3:55, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. 12:40, 3:55, 7:10; Mon.-Wed. 1:45 (4:50) 8:10; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 10:10; Sun. 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:40; Mon.-Wed. 2:00 (5:40) 8:00; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 10:20; Sun. 12:30, 3:50, 7:20; Mon.-Wed. 1:50 (5:00) 8:15; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. 12:00, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00; Mon.-Wed. 2:20 (4:45) 7:55; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50; Mon.-Wed. 2:05 (5:30) 7:45; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. 1:20, 4:30, 7:30; Mon.-Wed. 2:30 (5:20) 8:25; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:20, 3:00, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. 12:20, 3:00, 5:50, 8:10; Mon.-Wed. 2:15 (5:10) 7:40

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-7469)
Dogtown and Z-Boys (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 9:00; **Monsoon Wedding** (R) Fri. 6:30; **Sat.-Sun.** 4:00, 6:30; Mon.-Tue. 6:30; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

431 College Boulevard (760-806-1790)
Eight-Legged Freaks (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:40, 3:00, 8:00, 10:20; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 7:00, 10:15; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:40, 3:10, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:40, 12:50, 2:45, 4:50; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:10, 2:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 10:00, 10:30; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:00, 12:30, 2:50, 3:30, 5:10, 7:30, 8:00, 9:45; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:20; **The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20

Oceanside 16

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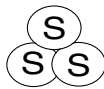
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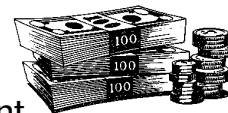
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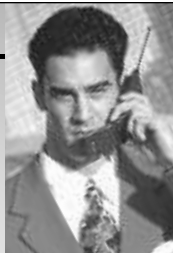
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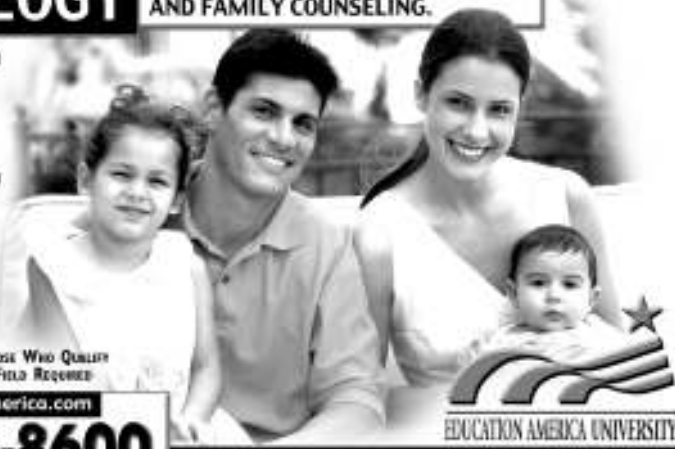
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I was going to the theater — I thought it was the Globe, so I dressed up in chiffon, thinking the play was in the main theater. It turns out it was outdoors, and everyone was in sweat pants. I was freezing the whole night!



Brian Hartsell

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Let me think...all of junior high was a fashion disaster, but even before that, when bike shorts were first popular — you know, the nylon-spandex riding shorts. I wore them with T-shirts. I had two pairs; I was really into it. Now I'm scared to look back on pictures.



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This is really someone else's disaster: me and my friends were at the beach in board shorts, and we saw this French guy in a Speedo. No one should wear a Speedo, especially hairy guys.



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SWEET BRUNETTE, VERY attractive inside and out, seeking white male professional, 36-44; enjoy walks on beaches, travel, outdoors and a sense of humor. (7/31) **☎**34114

LONELY BUT PICKY, magnetic intellectual seeks 46-56, broad-shouldered, warmhearted companion to share life's magic. Is it too late? Nonsmoking, healthy, cultured, artistic, kind, please! (7/31) **☎**34121

REDHEAD, SLIM, WORKOUT, 53, 5'8", professional, loves blues, pottery, art, good food. Looking for black man, educated, funny, handsome, sexy, for laughs, love, lust. (7/31) **☎**34133

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (7/24) **☎**34069

THESE YOU ARE! Me: Lighthearted, shapely, independent, spiritual, blonde, 40s, 5'7" goddess. You're self-assured, financially secure, very tall, dark, 40s, romantic, ready for relationship. (7/31) **☎**34143

EAST COAST ANGEL SEEKS devil. 22, smoker loves partying, bars, lounges, billiards, loud music, living crazily. Passion-

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SEXY, EXOTIC VIXEN, energetic, 25, graduate student, cultured, spontaneous. Seeking affluent, generous, adventurous, educated, classy, older gentleman who can spoil me plus share intellectual conversations. (7/31) **☎**34116

AMAZING WOMAN SEEKING amazing man. I'm 5'7", 27, attractive. You are 28-37, taller than me, thick build, educated, responsible, secure, nonsmoker, non-drinker and funny. (7/24) **☎**34074

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT, I'm told. 50ish, intelligent, creative, spiritual, free spirit, seeking kind, gentle, emotionally mature, noncommitmentphobic, attractive man for sharing partnership, loving life. (7/31) **☎**34137

STUNNING IN BLACK, playful in jeans. Golden blonde, slender, bright, traditional (with edge), seeks coastal professional, 39+, tall, evolved, Dad wanna-be. (Parent plus one.) (7/24) **☎**34100

THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD MEN out there. Let's share cooking, beaches, camping. I'm charismatic, intelligent, kind inside/outside. A glass of wine on bay. (7/31) **☎**34119

ADVENTUROUS, FUN-LOVING, full-figured Asian lady looking for Caucasian or Asian male for dining, dancing, travel, tennis, golf. You: 30-40 with same interests. (7/31) **☎**34118

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, blue-eyed blonde, 5'8", 120lbs. Classy, 52. Seeking handsome, intelligent, active professional. (7/31) **☎**34156

ASIAN, EXOTIC, SULTRY, sensual, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. You're tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous white pro-

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DEL MAR OR LA JOLLA MAN sought by black lady for fun in the sun or under the stars. Let's explore America's finest city together. (7/31) **☎**34129

VOLUPTUOUS, HONEST, PASSION, full figure, black lady needs white male, honest, knows how to love a real lady, financially secure, age 48-50. Let's do it. (7/31) **☎**34148

SMART, SEXY, BIG BEAUTIFUL woman looking for a nice guy for fun, laughing, movies, theatre, live music, camping and much more. Sound good to you? (7/31) **☎**34122

NORTH COUNTY FEMALE, 39, voluptuous, sexy, feminine, full-figured, long-haired brunette, outgoing, caring. Seeking local, tall, witty, sensual, nonsmoker, warm, attentive, adventurous, relationship-minded man. (7/31) **☎**34120

100% ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, fun, diverse lady who's looking for an intuitive, intelligent, handsome guy, 45+, enjoys life, spiritual side, positive outlook on life. Nonsmoker. (7/31) **☎**34111

ATTRACTIVE, TALLISH, 5'8", slender, sweet, affectionate, blonde, professional, unencumbered homeowner seeks interesting, fun-loving, nice-looking, active friend, 40-55, for good conversation, travel, laughter, love. (7/31) **☎**34110

HIGH HEELS TO HARLEYS. Petite, attractive, sexy, fit female wants handsome Harley fun for fun, laughs, love. Confident, passionate, happy, fun? Me too. Let's ride! (7/31) **☎**34124

WANT TO PLAY? Ample, open-minded, adventurous 45, 5'2", loves music, travel, fun. Seeking adventurous, open-minded, North County 38-48, under 6', for fun/more. (7/24) **☎**34102

YES, I'M BEAUTIFUL AND classy but most important, I have big heart with upbeat personality. Seeking man who will appreciate a real lady. 50-60. (7/31) **☎**34113

WONDERFUL WOMAN SEEKS wonderful guy. We're active, healthy, smart, funny, adventurous, flexible, entrepreneurial, attractive, kind. Motorcycle a plus! Why wait? Call! (7/24) **☎**34072

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BLACK'S BEACH. White male, 39, looks 30, 5'8", 138lbs., attractive, seeks 18-45, height/weight proportionate female to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (7/24) **☎**33920

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ATTRACTIVE, CARING, sincere, warm, sexy, white male, 40, 165lbs, 5'11", night worker, seeks petite/slender female, 30-35, for long-term relationship/friendship, developing great relationship. (7/31) **☎**33945

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WHITE MALE, WORLD travelled, Ph.D., scientist, seeking white female, European heritage, 6 figure income, Ph.D., sophisticated; classical music, ballet-loving non-drinker, nonsmoker, for friendship. (7/24) **☎**33885

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KEEP IT SIMPLE. ME? 31, Latino, part-time musician, full-time employed/single parent. You? Honest, caring, understanding, realistic, drug free. Serious women only, please! (7/31) **✆**33957

23, ATTRACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS. Looking for 19-29, attractive lady who loves travel, surf, music, humor, dancing. International preferred but not a must. (7/24) **✆**33864

TALL, OUTGOING, WHITE, 46 years. Looking for a lady who is slim, outgoing, 40-50 years young. Like hiking, walks on beach, traveling. Nonsmokers only. (7/24) **✆**33910

ARE YOU BLONDE/SLIM, respectful, a Rogerian communicator, liberal, healthy in body/mind/soul, not desperate, open to experiences that enlighten/enrich you? Contact me. (7/31) **✆**33966

GOOD COMMUNICATOR, SENSUAL, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful early 50s. You: 35 to 45, nice figure, childless, North County. (7/24) **✆**33884

ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS OWNER, 40, looks 30, athletic, sandy blond/blue eyes, fun loving, positive, seeks attractive lady; kids OK; kind, smart, sensual, passionate, honest, warm. (7/24) **✆**33845

NOVELIST/INVESTMENT MANAGER. Tall, slender, handsome, successful, youthful 46 wishes to spoil book-loving beauty (30-40). Urbane, passionate, romantic, knock-out witty. Authentic. Photo online. (7/24) **✆**33863

NATURAL MAN SEEKS NATURAL woman. Your being intelligent, educated, professional, creative, realistic, unencumbered, health conscious, tall, slim, attractive, and at least 45 would be terrific. (7/24) **✆**33896

GENTLE SOUL, SOFT SPOKEN, easygoing, upbeat, attractive, interesting, confident CEO, seeks slender, trim lady, 48 to 56, for slow dancing, weekend getaways and more. (7/31) **✆**33952

LA JOLLA PROFESSIONAL, 29, athletic, handsome, doctorate, 6'1", 175lbs., blue eyes, dark blond, seeks intelligent, cultured, 20-30ish, athletic/slender Caucasian. Friendship, conversation, jogging, travel, adventure. (7/24) **✆**33921

KARAOKE DUET. Well-dressed, cute, social grandpa, 49, inviting you on stage—Charcole House. Sing together "Love Shack," "Summer Nights" from "Grease." Show your talent. (7/31) **✆**33943

IF YOU LOVE LAUGHTER, fun, good vibrations and jazz, allow this slim, 40ish guy, down to earth, share beauty in the moments. Yes! (7/31) **✆**33936

OLD GEEZER (80s), RETIRED, healthy, very active, nonsmoker, widower. South Bay homeowner, seeks younger chick (65-80s) for companionship, travel, cruises, etcetera. Possible long-term relationship. (7/24) **✆**33865

HARDWORKING, EAST COAST, Jewish guy, 40ish, seeking Jewish woman with family values who loves travel; enjoys spontaneous adventure, getaways. Looking for a love, friend. (7/31) **✆**33940

YOUNG AT HEART. Sensitive, romantic, balladeer, 57, eccentric, witty, fun, considerate, honest, likes kids, dogs, art films, outdoors, friendship; seeks easygoing woman with smile. (7/24) **✆**33860

30-SOMETHING ARTIST looking for muse. We're cultured, refined and laugh for no reason at all. (7/31) **✆**33969

AMAZING CHRISTIAN. UTC. Very cute surfer. Sensitive, funny, honest, fun. 5'9", fit. 34, look 26. Never married. You: Honest, Charming, Beautiful, 20s. Coffee, maybe dating. (7/31) **✆**33980

GOOD-LOOKING, ACTIVE, 35, Asian professional, 5'7", looking for nice, sincere, 25-38-year-old woman who enjoys sushi, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. (7/24) **✆**33879

PHYSICAL ATTRACTION important! She'll be 35-45, attractive, physically minded, enjoy outdoor activities like boating and mountain biking, and just enjoy being together. Interested? Call now! (7/31) **✆**33965

Sincere

White male, 39, 5'11", great shape, degreed, financially secure, here two months, looking for same. Love outdoors, children, exercise, dancing, dinner, movies, travel. Childless, want relationship. Race no issue. (7/31) **✆**33972

HISPANIC MALE, 44, SEEKS white or Hispanic female under 35. Any size and shape. Must be loving, nurturing, affectionate and mothering. Voluptuous a plus. Marriage. (7/24) **✆**33869

I AM A MARRIAGE-MINDED man that believes in God and family. I am looking for a slender woman between 30 and 40. (7/31) **✆**48029

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SEEKING FELLOW FREE SPIRIT: artistic, funny, spiritual, attractive bohemian. Co-written happy ending—family, beach house? Europe, Northwest, San Francisco, cinema, nature, Simpsons. Attractive writer, 28. (7/31) **✆**33960

S.O.S: SINGLE, old-fashioned, 30-something, Caucasian, childless female seeking fulfilling long-term relationship with similar, monogamous, mature male, fit and stable, in early 60s. (7/31) **✆**48019

I AM LOOKING FOR SOMEONE sweet in California. I am 23 and fun. (7/24) **✆**33922

CHRISTIAN, 53, WHITE RN, blessed with health, tall (5'8"), loves the lord before all else, runs, hikes, Cowles Mountain, enjoys outdoor. Two cats: Marmie, Marabelle. (7/31) **✆**34150

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58, WHITE MALE LOOKING for lady for fun, romance, dining out, casinos, weekend trips, Vegas. (7/24) **✆**33889

TRYING HARD FOR A GREAT LIFE, sensitive, Lakeside homeowner wants your caring companionship. 59, 5'11", 150lbs. Enjoy music, movies, talking, sharing feelings. Disabled woman OK. (7/31) **✆**33983

LATINO/ASIAN, 29, 6'1", 195lbs. I'm friendly, fun, honest and sensitive. I would love to meet a woman who would be my best friend. (7/31) **✆**33961

CEO, SUCCESSFUL, TALL, intelligent, handsome, 45, never married. Too busy! Changing priorities. Want to help? You: 30-40, cute, fit, funny, like fine wine. (7/31) **✆**48005

ATTORNEY, 50, self-employed, nonconservative, seeks single white female, 43-49, playful, healthy, nonsmoker, considerate; bikes, hikes; live music, road trips. Hopefully what you want too. (7/24) **✆**33892

FIREFIGHTER, ATHLETIC. 6'+, brown/green. Love outdoors, mountains, skiing, dogs, gym, Harleys. Looking for slender, athletic, sweet, affectionate woman, beautiful inside and out. 26-36. (7/31) **✆**33984

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KEEP YOU SMILING. Tall, good-looking white male, rugged, successful, romantic, sensual guy, 50s, seeks thin, feminine

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PASSIONATE, INTELLIGENT, sober, spiritual, 58", 170lbs., blond/brown, 52, enjoy films, coffeehouses, conversations, walks, nature, classic rock. Seeking intelligent, spiritual, proportionate to height, 38-52. (7/31) **✆**33976

LUTHERAN GIRLFRIEND wanted. Swedish, blonde, church organist, music director, to date handsome Christian male, 35, church organist. I am no drugs, no children, sincere, kind. (7/31) **✆**33953

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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. (7/24) **✆**33851

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SEEKING DREAM GIRL: Petite, cute, average, sexy woman. Me: Hispanic, 5'5", 138lbs., 44, no children, no ties, educated, artist, steady income, caring, passionate, loyal. Call. (7/31) **33942**

OLDER WOMAN DESIRED. I'm 40s, happy, African-American, cute and fun to be with. Great body. Love fun-loving, older woman. Race open. (7/31) **33956**

JAZZ, MOZART, PUCCINI, Renoir, Rodin. Sincere, slim, attractive woman, 37-43: If these interests get your attention, especially jazz, please call this slim, attractive gentleman. Thanks. (7/24) **33844**

REDNECK, 6', 185LBS., seeking redneck girl. Likes: Campfires, antiques, nature, comedy, two-step; passionate. Free tractor ride with this ad. 30 and older. Country lifestyle. (7/24) **33871**

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE? Single white male, 36, seeks single white or Hispanic female, 24-50. I like sports, travel, dining out, movies, long drives. (7/31) **33974**

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TALL, HANDSOME WHITE MALE, conservative, divorced father seeks younger woman for romantic, intimate, sensuous, sexy, relaxed evenings. My place or yours. Kissing, cuddling, enjoying me. (7/24) **33918**

WHITE MALE, 48, BROWN HAIR, hazel eyes, 260lbs., easygoing, seeks same in female. Plusses are long hair (optional), likes country music and motorcycle riding. (7/24) **33923**

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE EYES, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, 38, 6'1", 220lbs., clean-cut, conservative appearance, German-Irish Catholic, affectionate, romantic, seeks very attractive, warmhearted, unencumbered Caucasian female, 22-34, slender, curvaceous, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (7/24) **33883**

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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. (7/31) **33944**

EDUCATED, SUCCESSFUL inventor in the prime of life seeks cute, perky, sensuous soul mate. I'm athletic, funny, passionate and lovable. Let's have lunch and see... (7/31) **48008**

SINGLE, SOLVENT, SOBER white male, blue eyes, 6', bookish, dinners, movies, music, culture, but enjoys walks with friendly partner. (7/31) **33939**

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LATINO MAN, FIT, SLIM, 5'8", 40s, educated, homeowner. Seeking companionship with fun, outgoing, attractive woman; any shoe size. (7/31) **33950**

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AN INTELLECTUAL, GENTLE, playful spirit describes me. Further: Liberal and good humor. Honest, but can lie to parents about how we met. Tall Latino, 40. (7/31) **48007**

WHITE KNIGHT, FINANCIALLY secure, intelligent, handsome, 54, 5'11", 185lbs., seeks to meet damsel in distress, 32-52, 5'5"-5'11", weight proportional, for meaningful relationship too. (7/24) **33919**

YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL: BODY, mind and soul. Brown hair, blue eyes, 6'. Maybe be your lover, maybe be your friend—depends upon the message you send. (7/31) **33949**

CUTE 35-YEAR-OLD SEEKS pretty, slim, older woman. I'm fun and in great shape, and prefer older woman. Looking forward to hearing from you. (7/31) **33954**

PREGNANT? LET'S DATE and/or a relationship. I am 50+, single, no kids, tall and humorous. Love beaches, rivers, mountains and being at home. Call! (7/24) **33891**

A SPECIAL MEXICAN LADY is needed by a special American gentleman. I'm 45, 5'10", 180lbs., honest, handsome, secure and lonesome. Let's talk. (7/31) **48023**

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TWO FUN, FIT, GOOD-LOOKING, North County guys looking for two women, 25-35, to go out and enjoy the great things life has to offer! (7/31) **48031**

HANDSOME BLACK GENT, 5'7", 160lbs., 58, romantic, caring, affectionate, loving, seeking romantic, loving lady into keeping fit, healthy; movies, concerts, theater, travel; long-term relationship. (7/31) **33951**

LIVE FROM BROOKLYN. Caucasian, 45, 5'10", fit, attractive, humorous, Jewish, stable, homeowner, affectionate, outgoing, nonsmoker, seeks similar Caucasian, 30-42, for friendship first with lasting relationship. (7/31) **33998**

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INSIGHTFUL ELVIS MAN seeks nonpretentious, exotic partner for philosophy, movies, dinner and more. Me: Medium build, brown hair, brown eyes. You: Petite to medium. (7/31) **33937**

HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, athletic, natural blond. Caucasian, youthful homeowner with beautiful pool, seeks someone to enjoy with. (7/31) **33948**

LA MESA MALE, 51, 5'8", down to earth, seeks woman counterpart, 43-52, for movies, dining, biking, cooking together, camping, fishing, tennis, social drink, boogie board, nonsmoker, winter dune buggy. (7/31) **33994**

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Wanting to share love, passion/friendship. 50-year-young, divorced, gentle, music/dance lover, Latino. You: 35-45, attractive, liberal, medical profession. Green eyes a plus. (7/24) **33905**

CHRISTIAN, HAPPY, POSITIVE, good natured. Concerts, dancing, movies, outdoors, sports, travel. You: Sweetheart lady. For: Fun, friendship first, fellowship. Nonsmoker. (7/31) **48001**

ITALIAN/AMERICAN, 48, 6', 182lbs., athletic, attractive; dancing, foreign films, comedy clubs, metaphysics; professional. Seeking Filipina, 29-50, athletic, slim, very attractive, North County. (7/24) **33857**

SPONGEBOB AND SUSHI. You and me. Be 28-34, slender, athletic, cute, educated female with open mind, heart, sincerity. End up with cute, intelligent, funny guy! (7/24) **33926**

LOOKING FOR A SAILING partner and a lover. Walks on the beach, sailing under the moonlight and dancing under the stars. (7/31) **33967**

FIREMAN, 56, 190lbs., serious, financially secure, college degree, loves to laugh. Seeking passionate, slim female, 35 to 49, loves adventure; no smokers, no hang-ups. (7/31) **48009**

STUDENT, ALLURING, AFFECTIONATE, decisive, in 20s, blond hair, hazel eyes, 5'7", athletic build. Seeking attractive woman, 20-30, for good times outdoors. Long-term preferred! (7/24) **33868**

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TALL CHINESE FEMALE WANTED for fun, romance and good times. Caucasian male, 6'3" tall, looking for Americanized

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WITH AN EYE TO CHILDREN: I am a Caucasian professional, secure San Diego homeowner, with natural blond hair and green eyes, good mind, good looks, slender, able and athletic. I seek a woman who would like to have at least one child. I would love to be with you for life. Please call. (7/24) **33932**

LAWYER SEEKING ROMANCE. You: 25-36, short, sexy, petite, Asian or Caucasian, reliable, intelligent, some college, affectionate, sense of humor. Me: 34, Caucasian, 5'5", muscular, handsome. (7/24) **33924**

LET'S CLIMB A MOUNTAIN together... There's a beautiful spring on the other side. Jewish male, 32, likes new adventures, laughter. Seeking honest, sincere, classy woman. (7/24) **33907**

GRATEFUL GUY, 6'4", 50. Emotionally available, secure, sensuous, spiritual. Well educated, open minded. Sailing, skiing, dining, dancing, KPBS, dogs, computers, music, movies. Seeking spiritual woman. (7/31) **33959**

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HII! THIS SEXY, FUNNY, romantic, Clairemont guy, 45, 6'4", seeks a woman, 27-53, for barbecues, sports, beaches, music. Listen to my introduction and call me. (7/24) **33878**

PLAYFUL, FIT, PROFESSIONAL. Articulate, seriously funny guy. Seinfeld, convertibles, fresh air, getaways. Seeking petite sweetheart for romance, laughter, monogamy, adventure. You: 30s-40s, kind, happy, available. (7/31) **33985**

COOL, ADVENTUROUS, EASYGOING professional, funny, young 40, 5'8", 165lbs. Boating, fishing, Vegas, golf, Catalina, margaritas, travel, lounging, barbecue. Seeking polite, genuine gal, relationship. (7/24) **33861**

HONEST, UNSELFISH, EMPLOYED man (6'2", trim, nice-looking), seeks heels/hose-wearing, warm lady (45-60) for good music, conversation, committed relationship. You'll like my voice. (7/24) **33915**

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Across

- Germany victim of 2002
- “SportsZone” aier
- Cockpit guesses, for short
- Love, Spanish-style
- “Cheers” perch
- Beans go-with
- Baseball’s Sanchez and Ordonez
- What an activist has
- Its capital is Muscat
- Isthmus of ____ (Thailand province)
- Stayed out in the sun too long, perhaps
- “What was I ____?”
- It’s about 5/8 of a mile: Abbr.
- Britney Spears’ “Oops!..._____ It Again”
- Kind of joint or square
- Didn’t just talk about
- Greece victim of 2002
- Author Rand
- Clicked image
- See 53-Across
- Austria victim of 2002
- Suffix with bull or bear
- Gael’s tongue
- Off-road goer, briefly
- Netherlands victim of 2002
- Purchasing place for 38-Down
- Free, as from knots
- Mess up
- Sailor’s version of 32-Across
- Biblical name in Syria
- Fruits and vegetables utensils
- Part of U.N.L.V.
- Riviera city
- Dallas suburb
- Cook’s seasoning
- Like a used fireplace
- Playboy centerfold
- “Since ____ You Baby” (1956 hit)
- Number after cinco
- Zenith
- Italy victim of 2002

Down

- Finland victim of 2002
- “West Side Story” song
- Charles and Elizabeth, et al.
- Rapper ____-One
- Portugal victim of 2002
- Have a leading role
- Ireland victim of 2002
- Bloodhound’s asset
- Apt to get an R
- Terrorist McVeigh

- The Ivory Tower
- Spanish ladies
- Blazed a trail
- You might need a paddle to do this
- “Buddenbrooks” novelist
- Wearer of a half-inch gold stripe: Abbr.
- Roman 650
- A ruler before Napoleon
- Elba, e.g., to Napoleon
- Hand over
- Middle Ages’ realm: Abbr.
- Neighbor of Leb.
- Neon or freon
- Large lizards
- Part of a song title in “Fiddler On The Roof”
- Camcorder maker
- They relay sensory impulses to the cerebral cortex
- Plymouth model
- British sailors, slangily
- Full assembly
- Victor, many say, of 2002
- SuperStation initials
- Spain victim of 2002
- France, Luxembourg and Belgium victim of 2002
- “Play as quietly as you can,” on a music sheet
- Suffix with margin
- The “S” in R.S.V.P.

RULES OF THE GAME

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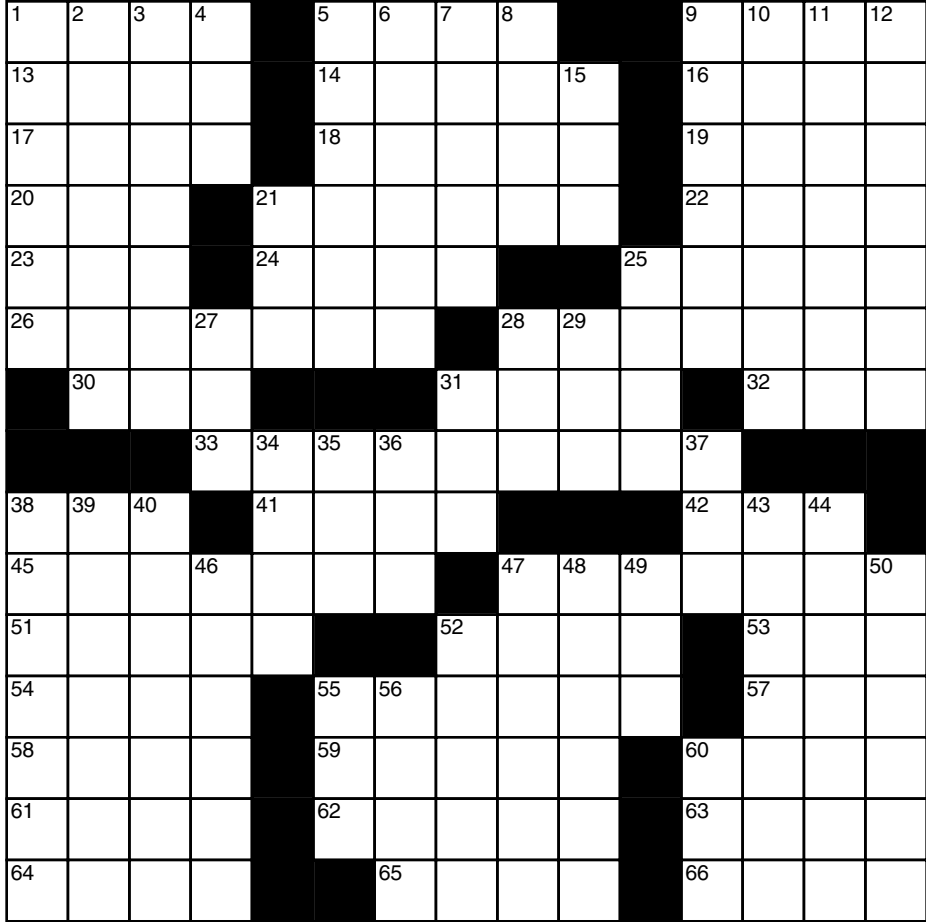
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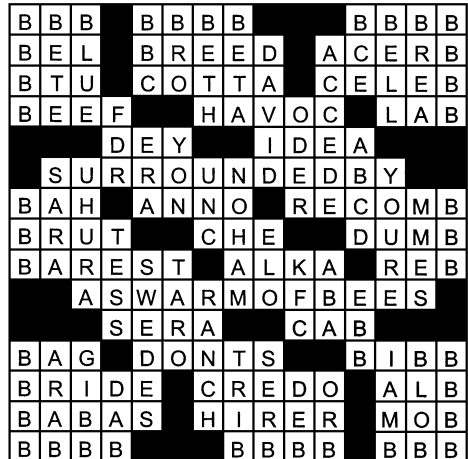
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MARLYS GOT MAD AT ME FOR MY LAUGHING DURING HER WATER BALLET SPRINKLER DANCE OF THE DYING SWAN AT THE VERY END WHERE SHE'S DEAD BUT SHE ROLLED ONTO A BEE AND GOT RESURRECTED.

IT'S NOT FUNNY

SERIOUSLY I DID NOT MEAN TO LAUGH. SERIOUSLY I THOUGHT IT WAS A GENIUS SURPRISE ENDING. I DID NOT KNOW THERE WAS A BEE BUT MARLYS SAYS SHE WILL HATE ME FOREVER.

GO AWAY!

CEPT DONCHA WANT ME TO PULL OUT THE STINGER?

NO!

AND THE STING GOT SWOLLEN ON HER SHOULDER AND KEPT GETTING HUGE AND MRS. JIMMIS NEXT DOOR PULLED OUT THE STINGER WITH HER EYEBROW TWEEZERS AND PUT SOME AVON LOTION ON IT.

GSSTH! IT KILLS! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LAUGHED

ACCIDENTLY

OH YEAH SURE

SHE SAYS I CAN PAY HER BACK BY BEING HER SLAVE AND GOING AND DOING WHATEVER SHE SAYS. I SAID I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS WORTH IT AND SUDDENLY SHE IS BAWLING SO I GO "OK!" BUT SHE GOES "TOO LATE!" AND THAT'S WHY I'M BRINGING HER A FUDGESICLE. BECAUSE I LAUGHED. DANG.

I'M EATIN' IT ONLY 'CAUSE WASTING FOOD IS A SIN.

I STILL GET TO HATE YOU. THAT'S THE LAW.

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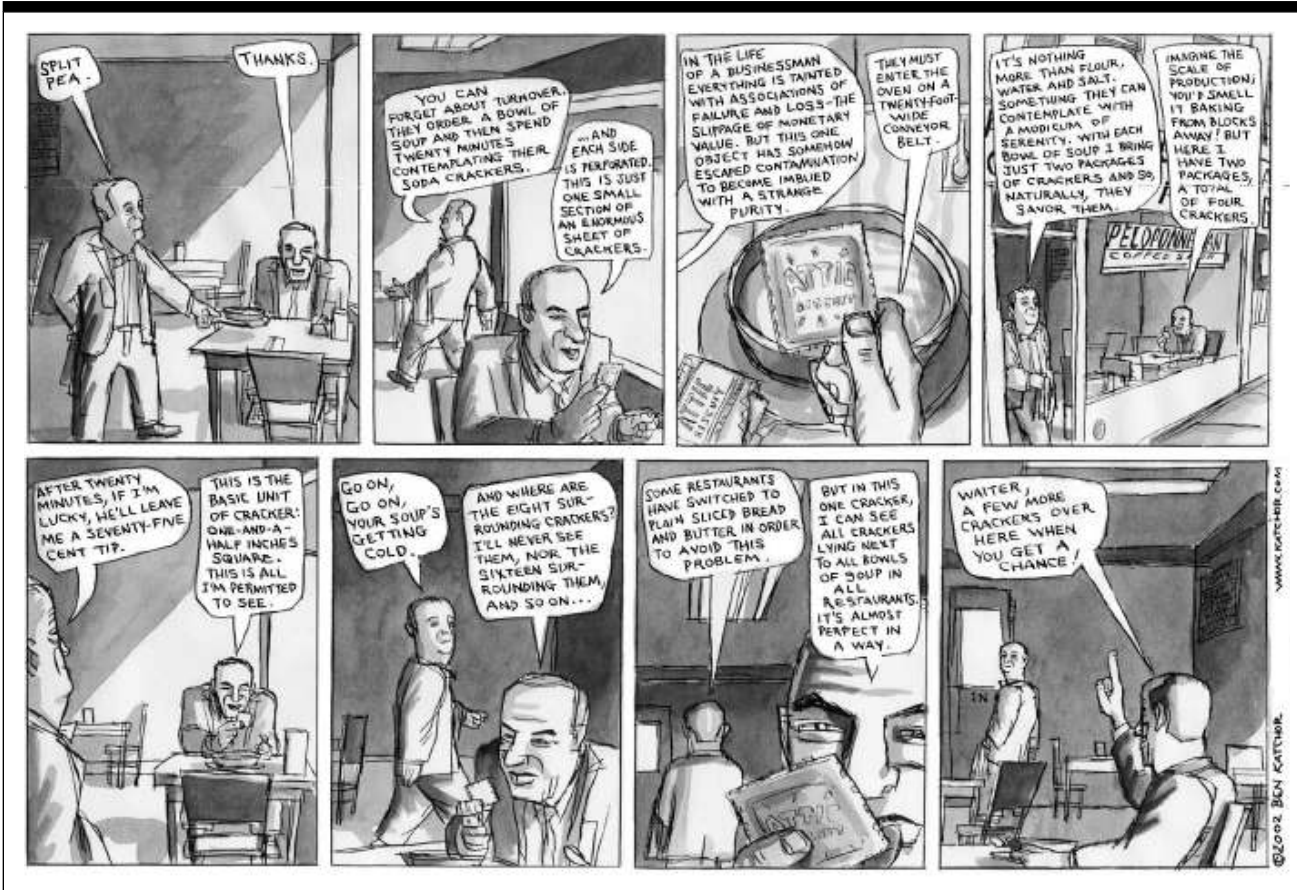
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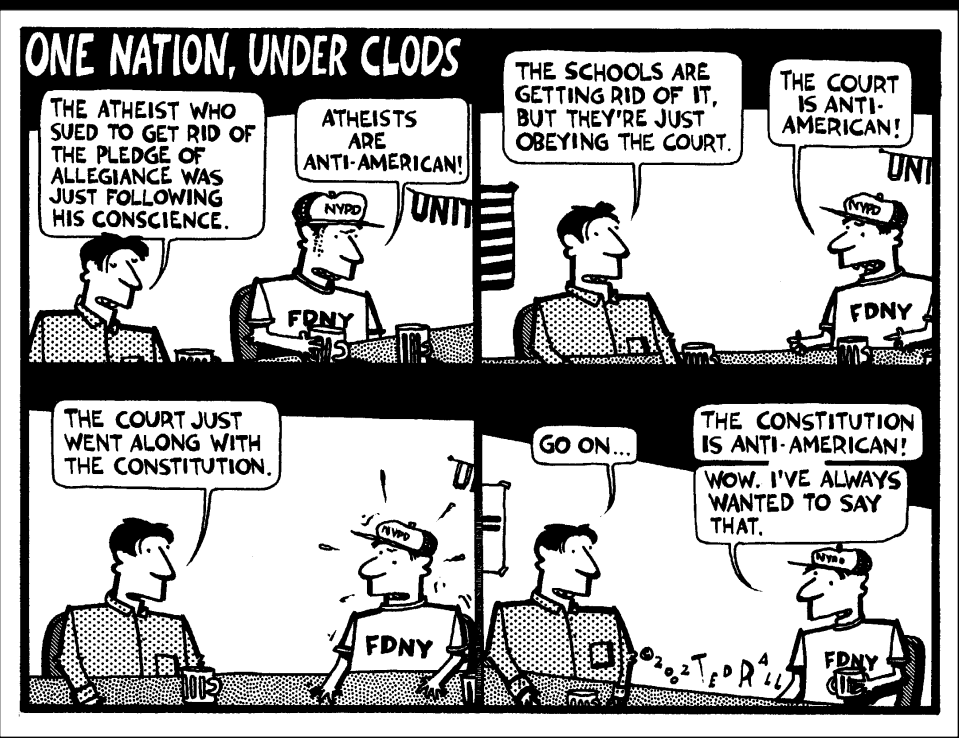
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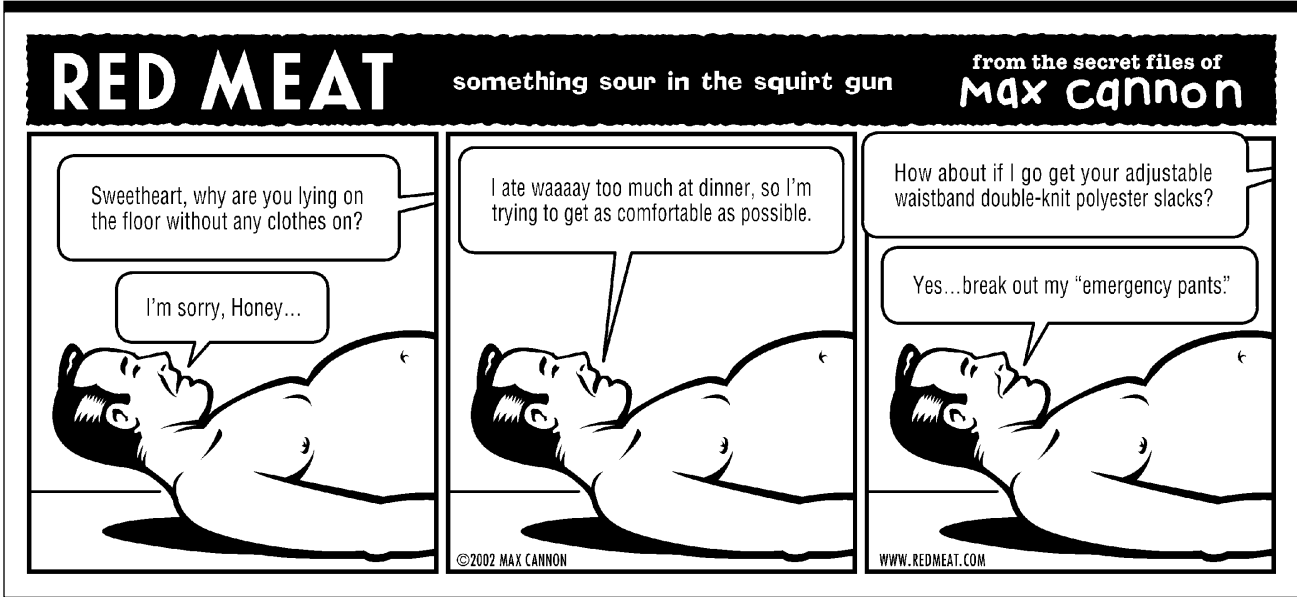
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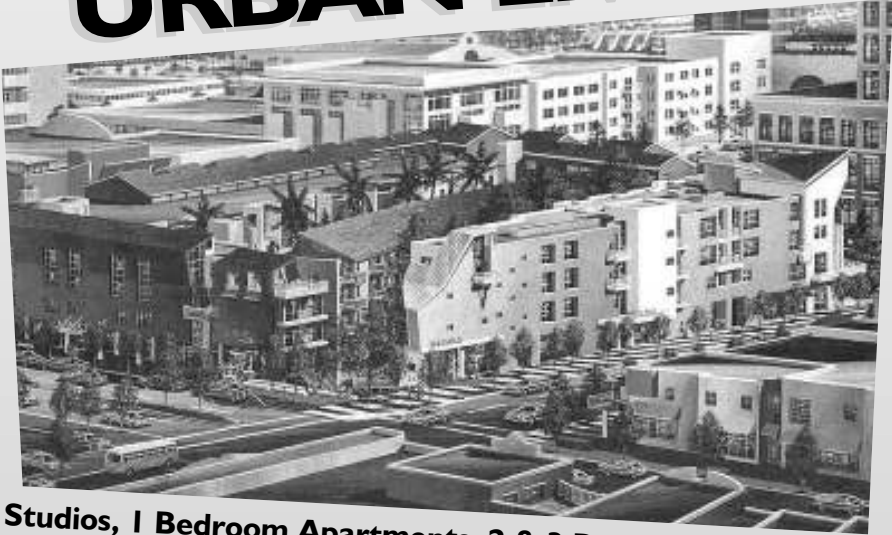
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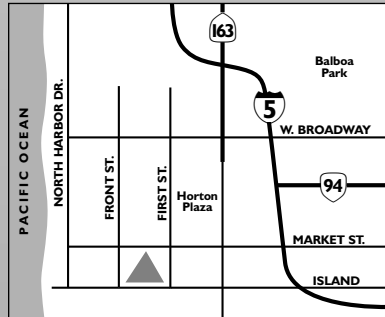
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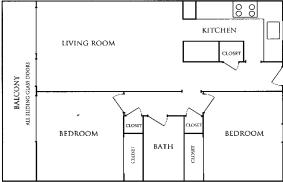
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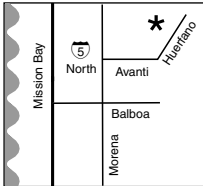
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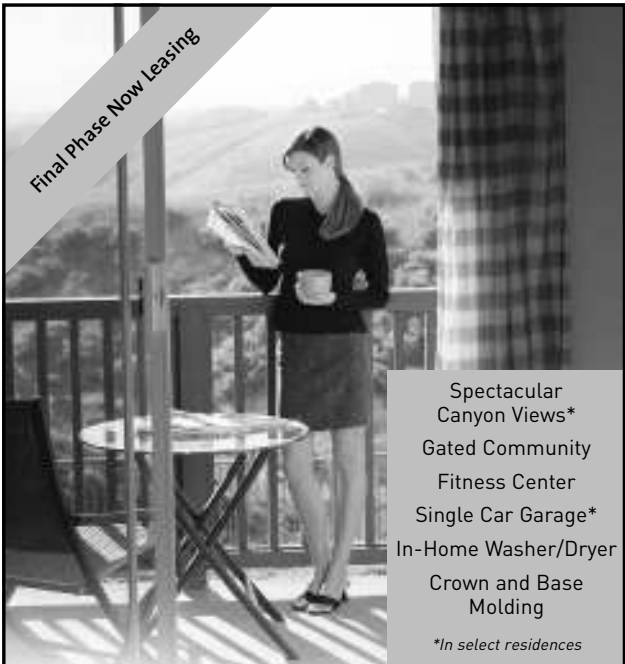
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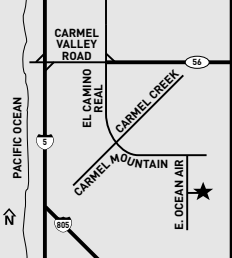


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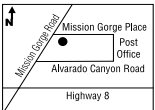


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T.G.I.F.

I shook hands with the author and told him it was “A delightful graveside romp.”

By John Brizzolara

Much can be said for the pleasure of conceiving a fictional scene, rendering that scene onto paper, and then have it enacted in two dimensions (the screen) or three (the stage). My limited experience with this giddy phenomenon (giddy at first, as the fun is diminished with repetition) was to pose a situation and a line of dialogue to a few writers/producers of a TV cop show in their offices at Universal Studios in Los Angeles. And then to see that scene, hear that dialogue, three weeks later on a barroom television set in Chicago. A certain tinge of dislocated reality was added by the fact that the location was New York City, I'd never met the actors, and they had no idea whose lines they were spouting and didn't care. The sense of being a kind of puppet master perched on an anonymous barstool, hundreds of miles behind the scenes, was weird and uniquely gratifying.

Was this the kick, the juice, the payoff all playwrights pursued since the first production around a campfire? I hope not, since, television money aside, the god-like thrill of it is bound to get pretty thin after being strained through seemingly endless collaborators — even before it gets to the actor's brother-in-law and his dog.

On a Friday in early summer, at the Lyceum Theater at Horton Plaza, I found myself a few empty seats away from San Diego playwright Richard Markgraf, who was willing to make that trade-off. Onstage, five actors were interpreting his play, *The Duchess* is

Kaput, through a lens fashioned by director Pam Benjamin. I also got the overwhelming and self-conscious feeling that Markgraf was *watching me* watch the play. While this was probably untrue, I nonetheless felt obliged to laugh audibly when I thought the stage business called for it, or smile or nod when it seemed appropriate.

Markgraf taught English and Drama at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and Denison University in Ohio. He is the author of some 20 plays, at least 2 of which have been performed by the Fritz Theater in the past few years as part of their Fritz Blitz series, featuring all California playwrights and, notably, San Diego writers. Tonight's first play is described in the program as “An impertinent burlesque on the lamentable and loathsome inevitability of DOOM.” And that pretty much says it. When the play was over, I shook hands with the author and told him it was “A delightful graveside romp.”

The action unfolded at the foot of a giant single prop, a guillotine, 15 1/2 feet tall, donated to the Fritz by the La Jolla Playhouse, who had it built for a production of *Tartuffe*. The thing provided an ominous and effective focal point for the comedy, and you just knew it was going to be used before things were over. It was. Noisily, too, punctuating a light moment of ineluctable horror.

The second one-act play of the evening was *Like a War*, by La Mesa writer Josh Baxt, directed by Esther Emery. While not billed as a comedy, *Like a War* provided some real laughs, while examining the war on drugs from an ad agency/think tank point of view. Some very smart writing and energetic acting under Emery's directorial eye established real traction on the audience. Baxt should have a solid career in television writing, I would think — if he wanted one.

It's difficult not to pose as a drama critic when writing about a stage production; it's a temptation in spite of my complete lack of qualifications for such a thing. Anyway, that was not the vibe. The audience, myself included, seemed part of the artistic experiment: sympathetic, nervous, happy to see something work, empathetically uncomfortable for the actors if lines didn't work, gratified when they did. With a head count of around 100, the audience was very much part of the production. Sitting among writers, actors, directors, stage technicians, closet critics like myself, it was easy to feel *part of* a real, urban cultural scene — just by being there. Questions like *Does this make sense?* or *Is this art?* become secondary to *Does this work?* If all the productions in the Fritz Blitz series maintain this level even approximately, it is a good, if partial answer to the question: where is the vitality in San Diego arts and culture?

The question remains a good one, in this case if for no other reason than the Fritz Theater is homeless. Why? According to production manager Jessica

Brodkin, it is in part “because of the ballpark. That's one of the reasons. We're certainly open to the idea of some sort of angel to help us get into a permanent home again. That's the number-one priority for the Fritz right now. You can't put on excellent shows if no one knows where you're at.” The Lyceum has taken up slack for this run of the Blitz series, and the Fritz has presented shows out of, for example, the 6th @ Penn Theater. Help has also arrived through the La Jolla Playhouse and the Starlight Musical Theatre, with donations of props and Cathy Auckland's costume designing.

Pam Benjamin has been involved in theater since high school in 1992. A former playwright herself (“I only wrote plays so I could direct them”), Benjamin has also been a special ed instructor, “Helping special kids discover their inner light,” via her project at the Beacon Theatre Workshops (760-716-3865 or www.beacontheatresd.com).

“The way the Fritz Blitz works,” Benjamin says, “is everybody rehearses in their living room or wherever they can find space — Actor's Asylum or whatever you can use — then you come in here. It's like guerilla theatre. You do the best you can within the limitations of your space, and then you come in here. You have to redirect, re-block, once you get in here.” In fact, Benjamin had her actors for *Duchess* blocking out some of the more physically vigorous moves just minutes before show time.

Benjamin seems to almost bounce around the theater as she speaks to me and into a walkie-talkie while ticket holders are taking their seats. The atmosphere is one of happy frenzy, exuberant nerves that flicker between audience members, directors, actors, lighting technicians, and playwrights. “I think San Diego playwrights are amazing. Unfortunately, in this town they don't get a venue to produce their work.”



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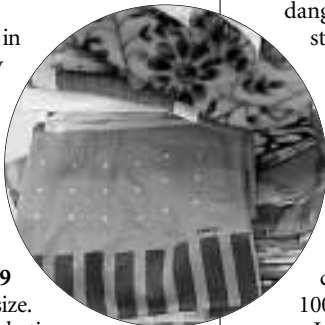
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The smell of baby powder always makes me think of the beach. When I was a child, summer meant a visit to my Aunt Bridget’s in Virginia Beach. The drive from Connecticut was long, crowded, and sticky, but we made up for it by spending entire days at the beach — burying each other, crafting elaborate sand castles, and frolicking in the ocean. Before piling back into the car for the short drive to my aunt’s house, Dad would rub down each child with baby powder, a surefire method of sand removal. And only then would children be allowed a towel, so that they would have something dry to sit on during the drive home. As long as we were at the beach, we had to rely on the sun and the wind to dry us off. Towels remained stashed in the car.

I don’t know if I’ll be as strict as Dad on that one, but I do understand his reasoning. Kids get wet over and over in the course of a trip to the beach. If a fresh, dry towel were required for each drying, a trip to the beach would demand three times as many towels as kids. With summer coming on and with my friend Bernice’s purchase of a house with a pool, I knew I needed a super-towel, one that could take repeated kid-dryings without turning into a wet rag.

First stop: Big K-Mart in Mission Valley. Like candy at the checkout counter, the TV/movie towels — Disney, Blue’s Clues, Johnny Bravo, Pokémon, and Arthur — were displayed prominently at the front of the store. Prices ranged from **\$9.99** to **\$16.99**, depending on size. Besides resenting the marketing ploy, I disliked the towels themselves — the fabric under the character designs felt coarse when I touched it. I moseyed on to another display — ahh, tasteful Martha Stewart Everyday Towels in orange, sunflower,



“That’s the one thing most people seem to want in their beach towels — to make a personal statement.”

and red. The price was **\$16.99** for a 32”x67” towel, and **\$16.99** again for a slightly larger (40”x70”) Summer Up towel displayed nearby. I grabbed one of each, plus a red-and-white-striped J.R. United Industries towel (**\$7.99**, 31”x59”) that sold itself with the tagline, “The best towels in the world.”

It was a short drive to Bed Bath & Beyond and Macy’s. Bed Bath & Beyond offered store-brand Beyond beach towels priced from **\$12.99** to **\$29.99**, depending on the size. At 60”x70”, the Extra Jumbo towels (**\$29.99**) seemed more like blankets; I opted for a smaller (30”x60”) towel at a more modest price (**\$12.99**). The Macy’s store brand, Summer Stock, also priced towels by size — from 30”x60” (**\$12.99**) to 60”x70” (**\$44.95**). I went for the smallest.

My pocketbook was beginning to feel dangerously light, so I hit a few discount stores — Marshall’s, Big Lots, and Factory-2-U — and scooped up three more towels for testing. The next day, after the morning gloom had burned off, I called Bernice to see if the kids and I could pop over for a dip in the new pool. The kids could burn off some summer-doldrums energy, and Bernice and I could test the towels — all of which were 100 percent cotton — for absorbency.

I took the first plunge, then put the Bed Bath & Beyond towel to the test. There was good heft to it, with medium-thick loops of cotton on both sides. But instead of soaking the beads of water off of my skin, it seemed to push them aside. The towel actually resisted



the water; I had to scrub to get dry.

Bernice dove in next and took the opportunity to compare the Martha Stewart Everyday and the Summer Up. Both had loops on one side, and a soft, velour-like material on the other. Said Bernice, “The velour side doesn’t absorb at all, but the loop side does the trick. I’d have to say that the Summer Up is a slight step above the Martha Stewart in both softness and absorbency.”

Another watery sploosh for me. J.R. United Industries almost lived up to their tagline. The towel had the longest loops of any in the bunch and sucked the water right off of my skin. It was, however, a tad scratchy.

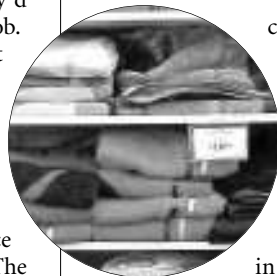
Bernice dismissed the bargain towels from Factory-2-U’s Royal Pacific (**\$3.49**, 29”x57”) and Big Lots Tropics collection (**\$2.99**, 30”x60”) as worthless. “You might want to use the dollar bills you spent on these to dry yourself off — they’d probably do a better job. These really aren’t absorbent at all.” The Marshall’s towel from Bianca Beach (**\$14.99**, 40”x70”), on the other hand, made a splash with us.

The long, fat loops on both sides served to mop the water off of both Bernice and myself without getting waterlogged. The Macy’s Summer Stock was another surprise score. We loved the bold colors and simple graphic of a large fish on the soft velour front. We were worried by the thin feel of the towel — the cotton loops, while plentiful, were tiny — but the towel sucked me dry like a four-year-old sucks a Capri Sun.

I was curious about the mechanics of water absorption, so I phoned up Bed Bath & Beyond and spoke with Sally in the towel department. She told me why the velour side wasn’t much help in the getting-dry department: “They cut the loops on one side to give it a sheer effect. You lose a lot of cotton, and so the towel is not as absorbent. They do it to make the towel decorative. That’s the one thing most people seem to want in their beach towels — to make a personal statement. So the manufacturers cut it on one side to make

it decorative and a bit glossier; [applying the graphic] design doesn’t work as well with loops. The looped side is the one that will dry you down.”

I had always thought that loop size was the chief factor in determining drying power, so the Macy’s towel had me confused. I asked Sally about it, and she replied, “The more cotton that’s there, the more cotton you have to dry you off. If it has got a longer loop, it’s probably going to have more cotton.” But, she warned, this is not always the case. “You can tell by the way it feels. If it’s really light, it probably doesn’t have a lot of cotton.... On the beach towels, I think that sometimes they do longer loops to give you a thicker pile. But our best towel, the Indulgence, is not thick. It’s dense. They didn’t make extra big loops to make it look [more cottony] than it was.” When I mentioned the Macy’s towel, she said that sometimes, “smaller loops are probably better, because it means they’re not trying to fake thickness.”



Sally laid out another consideration. “You can buy a beach towel for **\$9.99**, or you can buy one for **\$30**. That’s a vast difference. The more expensive one has more cotton. But remember, if you’re one of those people who get in and out of the water a lot, then a thin towel is a better deal for you, because it will dry in between your trips in and out of the water. But if you’re one of those people that lays out all day, maybe goes in the water once, then a thick one would be nice because it’s more comfortable.” The Macy’s towel — thin but an effective dryer — began to look like the best bet for my brood.

Finally, she offered this tip for towel care: “For your first washing, wash your towels with a cup of vinegar. It adds natural softener without saturating the fibers, and it sets the dyes so that they will last longer through washings. Never use fabric softener with towels, because the cotton will absorb the softener. When you go to dry off, the fibers are full of fabric softener, and they can’t take any water — so they’re not absorbent.”

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The question makes me think of food. Sweet, gooey, warm cinnamon rolls; the tempura-like crunch of Australian batter-fried potatoes; decadent swirls of fresh funnel cakes dusted with powdered sugar. When I revive from my insulin-induced reverie, I answer, "In a few [months] [weeks] [days]."

Johnny, who just turned four and as yet lacks any sense of time, usually asks, "Is that a short time or a long time?"

"It'll be here before you know

it," I say in what is, I know, a very unsatisfying answer.

Last Monday, the day finally arrived for this year's trip to the fair. My husband Jack took the day off of work. He spent the morning trying to revive the dead lawn in our back yard. I tried to perform my normal morning chores while Johnny and his siblings, Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, vibrated with anticipation. Baby Ben, sensing the general mood, ran around the house terrorizing the rest of the kids. When Johnny built a Duplo tower, Ben knocked it down. When Angela and Lucy set up their Barbie house, Ben kidnapped Midge and stuffed her auburn head into his drooling mouth. He refused to take a nap.

By the time we arrived at the fair around 2:00, Ben could barely hold up his head from fatigue. While Jack watched the older kids ride the pony ride, I strolled Ben up and down the Avenue of the Palms. Reclined in the stroller, he slowly drained a large Sippy cup full of milk. His head lolled. His eyes glazed over. When I stopped to buy a cinnamon roll, Ben popped up and reached for the sweet steaming bread dripping with cream-cheese icing. "Mmmm," Ben said.

"Mmmmm, indeed," I answered. I shared the roll with Jack and the kids as we walked over the bridge on our way to the Kiddie Zone. At the first ticket booth, Jack bought wristbands that would enable the oldest four children to ride as many rides as they wanted until 8:00 that night. Jack

and I had decided ahead of time that he would also get a wristband so he could go on the rides with the kids if they needed him. I would stay with Ben.

The day didn't work out exactly as we had planned. "Let's get Ben a wristband, too," I told Jack as he handed the money to the booth attendant. "He can go on a lot of the rides, too. Especially if you're with him."

With wristbands in place, the kids ran for the merry-go-round. Jack and I followed. Jack tried to put Ben on a horse. Ben screamed and clung to Jack. Just before the music began to play, Jack handed Ben to me across the low fence surrounding the ride. "He won't sit," Jack explained. "And the attendant says I can't hold him while the ride's moving."

Ben screamed and tried to twist out of my arms. I set him down and ran after him as he darted across the walkway toward a line of game booths. Ben stopped at the first booth and pointed to the Sponge Bob Square Pants dolls that hung along the booth's perimeter. "Yup," I told Ben. "There's Sponge Bob."

Ben pointed harder and began to cry. "I'm sorry, buddy," I said. "Those aren't for us."

Ben threw himself down onto the dusty asphalt and cried harder. I carried Ben back to the merry-go-round. Jack and the kids waved to us while Ben screamed and I tried not to cry.

I stuffed Ben into the stroller and handed him a large Sippy cup full of juice. Jack and the kids moved to the next ride. Ben and I strolled around the infield. Ben's head lolled. His eyes glazed over. When he finished the juice, he popped up and started to cry again.

I found Jack and the kids at their next ride. "I'm going to take Ben home," I told Jack. "I'll pick you guys up out in front of the main parking lot at 8:00."

"Oh, sweetie," Jack said. "Don't go home." He lifted Ben out of the stroller. Jack held Ben's squirming, angry body against his chest. "The kids are doing fine on the rides. Why don't you stay with them? I'll take Ben over on the grass where it's quieter and see if I can get him to go to sleep. I think he'll be fine if he just takes a nap."

For the next half hour, I watched Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and Johnny run from ride to ride. Rebecca, who is nine, held Johnny's hand. Angela and Lucy stayed together. When Jack reappeared, Benjamin's sleeping angel face rested on Jack's shoulder. "There's a nice, shady spot to sit over near the stage," Jack pointed. "It's not so loud." He transferred Ben to my shoulder. Ben shifted and sighed. I started to turn to make my way slowly through the crowd toward the shady spot. I stopped to tell the kids to have a good time. Before I could speak, they disappeared into the crowd like dust devils into the desert. I could only smile at Jack and walk away.

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