Good Life in Sabre Springs



Kids at play in Sabre Springs, a block away from the van Dam home

ad leaves for work. Mom stays home. Kids ride their bikes in the street. Dogs run free across the green lawns. Flowers grow even from the street drains. One homeowner confessed that her biggest problem with Sabre Springs is that kids let their softballs fly into her

yard. And everyone knows everyone and everyone waves and says hello to everyone. People are so nice here it makes you question your own perhaps questionable nature. Every mother seems to know the right way to handle children, the right thing to

say when Johnny scrapes his knee, the right way to correct little Mary when she won't share her toys. It really does hurt these moms more than it hurts their children when they have to scold and punish. And yet, as I talked with Sabre Springs residents this week, I learned that since that February night when sevenyear-old Danielle van Dam was snatched from her bedroom, the residents of this planned community set in among the hills along Poway Road haven't always slept so well.

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Shut Up

You are creating another O.J. ("Friday Night at Dad's," August 1). The jury is still out. Wake up and shut up. You have ruined any chance of a conviction. I wish you had a real job so you could pay for the eight years of appeals. I'll start my fire with your August 1 issue.

Name Withheld

Evils Reviled

The things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart ("Frightening World," Pop Music, August 1). Or as Eminem apparently proclaims, "It's just me, I'm just obscene." Is this what you want to be liberated to? How liberated are you *not* to think about the lyrics in your music? And isn't it hypocritical to speak out against the evils of society (and ourselves?) while at the same time reveling in them with songs of praise? For as a man thinks so is the man.

> **Todd Billings** Clairemont Mesa

Chief Argument

Re "Broken Promises," July 25.

The article about Mayor Murphy and ethics was an interesting attempt to have a sensational story, but it was, in fact, simply misleading and wrong, a not uncommon occurrence when one reports only part of the story.

For example, the strong implication is that Mayor Murphy is making appointments to city boards and commissions based on political contributions. You list 33 individuals (two more than once) who contributed to Murphy's campaign and who have also been appointed to city boards and commissions.

What you did not report is that Mayor Murphy has made more than 150 ap-

pointments since taking office, and those making contributions represent just over 20 percent of the total.

In other words, the overwhelming majority of his appointments are people who did not contribute to his campaign!

In fact, one of his very first appointments, Peter Janopaul, was a fund-raiser for his opponent, Ron Roberts.

At one point the article says one "recent Murphy appointee" (who, of course, declines to be identified) was consistently denied a seat on one of the "city's more coveted advisory panels until he broke down and contributed to Murphy's campaign fund."

Huh? Since July 2001, surely the time frame for "recent," the mayor has received only 13 contributions. Only one of those persons has been appointed to a board or commission and that person contributed to the mayor before the election and was appointed more than a year ago!! None of the 12 other contributors has been appointed to anything!!

So who is the "recent" appointee who received the appointment after the contribution? The article implies that the two events were close together, but there is no such event in recent history — or, I might add, in any other time frame. There is no connection whatsoever between contributions and appointments in the mayor's office as the statistics quoted in paragraph three above should prove.

Finally, there is the issue of the "lifetime prohibition on lobbying by former city employees." To begin with, the mayor never made a "vow" to support that or anything like it. There was never any promise made to

In addition, the defeat was not a "concession" to me. As drafted, it had virtually no impact on me, either personally or professionally.

I would also point out that the assertion that the ban might cost me "millions of dollars" is ludicrous. If I could make millions of dollars "influence-peddling," why am I still a city employee?

> In short, the article is continued on page 70

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Promise-Breakers

By Nancy Fay

ow long is forever? As it turns out, forever is about two years, or so people in Chula Vista were recently surprised to discover.

In March 1996, the County of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista approved the open-space plans for the 23,000-acre Otay Ranch development. As part of the agreement, the landowners, then known as the Baldwin Company, were required to set aside more than half the land for open space and habitat. The agreement was "irrevocable" and "in perpetuity."

Using as their guiding principle getting the most important habitat first, the two

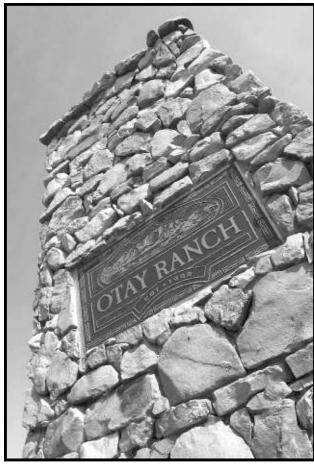


Michael Beck

government agencies agreed to allow development to proceed if the property owner would first set aside 1248 acres of "the most sensitive areas on Otay Ranch." An area most people refer to as Salt Creek.

County planners call Salt Creek a "keystone" area because it contains a high density of the habitat and wildlife necessary for a preserve. Biologists say it will improve the habitat for animals such as the American badger, grasshopper sparrow, prairie falcon, and white-tailed kite — as well as plant life, including coastal sage scrub, freshwater marshland, and various types of grasslands. Salt Creek is located near Wueste Road and adjacent to Otay Lakes Park. It connects other larger pieces of habitat, creating wildlife corridors that offer a biological benefit.

The deal to preserve Salt Creek was straightforward: Baldwin would build homes, and in return, it would set



Entrance to Otay Ranch

aside land for habitat. Environmentalists signed off on the deal.

Soon after incurring this open-space obligation, Baldwin went into bankruptcy reorganization in 1996. Then it spun off its land in a few different directions. In May of 1997, Baldwin returned 486

acres of the Salt Creek area to the former property owner, the Mary Marshall Rand Birch Patrick Estate. Six months later, Baldwin turned over to the rest of its creditors the remaining 762 acres of the Salt Creek open-space area the area Baldwin had promised to set aside as open

Baldwin's hope was that the City of Chula Vista and the County would allow it to substitute other land — further away and with less value as habitat, environmentalists say — and thus be relieved of its obligation to set aside Salt Creek. And for a while, it al-

In 1998, the City of Chula Vista agreed to go along with the Baldwin-successor's (still controlled by the Baldwin family) plan to forgo this obligation and not donate the land that was supposed to be set aside "in perpetuity."

The City of Chula Vista said Baldwin could go find other land for the birds and plants. This was a dramatic shift for Chula Vista planning bureaucrats, who just two years before were extolling the benefits to Chula Vista of setting aside the "keystone" Salt Creek open space for San Diego's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP).

But there was a catch: the County of San Diego had to sign off on this disappearing habitat plan as well. And the county had never even heard about the change.

In 1999, county planning commissioner Michael Beck, the father of the conservation program in San Diego, was listening to public testimony by Rick Rosaler of Chula Vista's planning department when Beck began to smell a rat: Beck asked if Chula Vista was unilaterally changing the

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Poggi Canyon, sensitive habitat south of Otay Ranch

Matt Potter is on vacation.

You Can't Stop Freak-Dancing

By Laura Mangan

n the past decade, rap's emergence as a mainstay has informed a dance style known commonly as "freaking" or "freak-dancing,"

which has migrated from underground clubs to high school gymnasiums. (The term "freak" originates from the slang term for sex acts.)

Most teens agree that freak-dancing is suited for situations in which the lights are turned down. Usually performed in pairs, the movements consist of pelvic thrusts by both dancers, who cling to one another tightly. Sometimes the couple faces each other. Sometimes not. It's not uncommon to find so-called "freakers" dancing back-tofront, boy gripping girl's hips. And while it may seem lewd, most teens insist it's not.

"Nothing is ever exposed," says Stephanie Ngo, recent graduate of Serra High School in Tierrasanta. Ngo states that there is no set attire for freakers, saying, "I don't think clothes have anything to do with it."

Eighteen-year-old Nina Griffin agrees. Says Griffin, "Clothing does not prohibit anyone from freaking or not. I've seen girls walk in wearing tube dresses who just sit the whole time or make it obvious that they would rather dance with a little breathing room. On the other hand, when guys and girls show up in sweatshirts and jeans, they



Jared Cohen-Richards



Kim Sevilla

dance floor.

"We're not all lewd and sexed-up teenagers," Griffin asserts.

"They say 'inappropriate dancing' is not allowed and ask dancers to stop," says 17year-old Ross Dakin. "[The rules] are, in truth, useless."



Ross Dakin and Nina Griffin

going to be helped by stopping kids from freaking.' "The chaperones have every right to call the shots if the dance is school-sponsored, but they are very ineffective," Dakin says. "Everyone is entitled to their idea of 'How much is too much,' but opinions can't break

failing society, and that is not

Some students agree with Dakin, such as 18-year-old Jared Cohen-Richards and 17year-old Julia Napier.

up a freak-dance."

"If you're going to freakdance, you're going to freakdance," says Cohen-Richards. "It's not whether or not someone else is doing it. It's not like the 'electric slide.'"

"An extremely low percentage [have sex after freakdancing]," says Napier. "If they're having sex, it's probably because they're a couple anyway."

Griffin agrees, arguing, "I think it's unfair to assume that a dance which has moves that

can be connected to sex would lead to actual sexual intercourse. I'm sure it's happened before, but it's not a common occurrence."

The same goes for kissing while freaking, according to Dakin, who states, "I have seen 'chain-kissing,' but I do not think it is related to freakdancing any more than 'eating the worm' is a necessary part of drinking tequila. Some people drink tequila without eating the worm. Some people eat worms without tequila."

"If the dance floor turned into a giant orgy, I could see how that'd be a problem," Cohen-Richards admits. "But, some people are just gonna be 'nasty' and others are just going to watch. I would hardly call it peer pressure."

"I wouldn't call it a revolution," says Napier, "but I do think that it is going to be a g permanent fixture as kids become more and more desensitized to sex."

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open-space agreement between the city and the county at Otay Ranch.

Rosaler said the city was

would have none of that and returned to Beck's question. Then-commission chairman Leon Brooks said he was "disturbed" that the City of Chula Vista thought it could "do something different than what we had all agreed to initially" — a pact then-supervisor Brian Bilbray said could not be changed because it was

that Chula Vista was an "incorporated city that has its

Brooks cut him off and reminded Rosaler of the

agreement that he said Chula Vista was trying to "undermine" with its unilateral changes to the area's open space acquisition plans.

Soon after, Rosaler retreated, telling planning comcontinued on page 8

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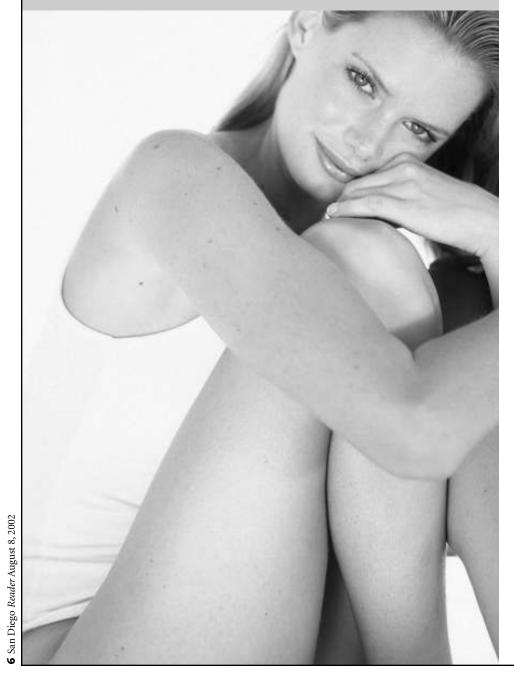
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missioners that he did not come for approval of Chula Vista's changes to the conserto give them a "status report."

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And that is where it stood until earlier this year, when the City of Chula Vista and the property owners decided they needed to go to the County to get the County's approval. All this after selling 5200 homes and taxing the homebuyers to pay for the upkeep of this land.

This is an approval county officials are in no hurry to grant — if at all.

Now the Baldwin-succes-

are back in front of the County, trying to explain why it should not have to acquire the most important piece of habitat in South Bay. It should be a good story — one that people in other parts of San

heard before. Often to their regret.

Before its bankruptcy, Baldwin was one of the larger homebuilders in America. It was also in court most often.

In Orange County, pub-

precedented step of threatening to file foreclosure if Baldwin didn't make good on \$600,000 in back taxes. In Anaheim, Baldwin had to be forced to complete a \$1.5 million park it promised to its own homeowners.

Former company executives successfully sued Baldwin and were awarded millions of dollars at trial after the company refused to live up to a profit-sharing program. Later, the judge found that Baldwin representatives had lied at the trial about its finances.

The broker who sold the land at Otay Ranch to Baldwin had to sue to receive her

In Carmel Valley, some homeowners say that Baldwin's problems prevented it from completing improvements and parks. Lee Klausen, a neighborhood activist, had been after Baldwin for years without success to live up to its commitments in Carmel Valley. Finally, rather than see the open space and other land degrade, the city took over much of the property.

According to Lisa Ross, writing in the Carmel Valley News, "The good news is...the city is in control of these former Baldwin properties. The bad news is that the city taxpayers are stuck with a bill...that was the responsibility of [Baldwin]. But more significantly, Baldwin also ran out on their obligation to bring half of a ten-acre linear park under the SDG&E power lines up to a standard that would allow the city to take ownership. At current costs for developing parks, that means a million dollars or more for grading, irrigation, and environmental mitigation is necessary before the area can qualify for park development funds. Unpaid subcontractors are seemingly everywhere."

Baldwin companies have always been a family operation. Starting out on a chicken ranch in Temple City in 1956, Al and James Baldwin built their first house after their father converted their chicken ranch into a subdivision. The brothers, still teenagers, literally built the house with shovels and pickaxes.

As the company grew and the boys took over, they moved their operations to Orange County, becoming one



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Promisebreakers

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of the largest builders in Southern California and San Diego. Real estate booms and busts of the 1970s and 1980s may have taken their toll on other privately held builders, but Baldwin held on, helped by a \$150 million junk-bond deal it offered in 1993.

More than 75 percent of that money went to pay existing debts, draining more than half of the company's cash flow to repay the high-interest loans, says the Los Angeles Times. Despite the fiscal turmoil, the Times reported the brothers maintained their "lavish," high-adventure lifestyle.

By 1995, the dominoes started to fall, with Baldwin defaulting on multimilliondollar pieces of property all over Southern California and finally entering bankruptcy, where the brothers lost control of at least part of the company. But they did keep control of much of the land at Otay Ranch.

When Baldwin acquired the 23,000-acre project in 1989, the Baldwin brothers claimed everything was just fine with their company. The owners of Otay Ranch carried a \$70 million mortgage for the Baldwin company even as Baldwin was defaulting on other obligations in Carmel Valley and other places. Baldwin would default on that obligation as well. The Baldwin brothers may have lost control of their homebuilding company in bankruptcy, but they retained an interest in the company that bought the property at Otay Ranch, the same company that agreed to set aside thousands of acres of open space for habitat. The same company that now doesn't want to keep that promise.

The Baldwin-controlled company says that because it got rid of the land, it would be too difficult to reacquire (although Baldwin did have an option to purchase the land, it allowed the deadline to pass without completing a sale). Baldwin wants to contribute open space that is much less vibrant and is more than three miles away.

The Baldwin brothers who used to run the Baldwin Company and who now control much of the land at Otay

Ranch say they should not be held accountable for the actions of their former company — even though the same people control this company.

Environmentalists say a lot more is at stake here than just the Baldwins and their controversial companies. If the Baldwins are allowed to change the deal so late in the game, this decision will be a blueprint for other landowners to do the same thing all over San Diego.

"The decision to build

homes on some of the finest open space in San Diego was not arrived at casually," says one open-space advocate. "But many people supported this plan only because it included provisions for open space and the conservation program.

These plans that are now being thrown away because a property owner is hoping local politicians will not hold them to its promises — promises other property owners in the county keep as a matter of honor. Promises Baldwin

breaks as a matter of routine." The 5000 homeowners at

Otay Ranch pay a monthly fee that includes money for openspace preservation and maintenance. The 1250 acres that Baldwin wants to shed are part of that agreement.



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CITY LIGHTS

Can't stop freaking

The interviewees in this story were asked various questions about freak dancing.

Stephanie Ngo

What percentage of dance attendees would you say take part in freak-dancing? Seventy percent of the

What percentage of the time

would you say freak-dancing leads to sex after dances? I think teens are responsible enough to not let dancing lead to sex.

Do you know any girls popular only because of their willingness to freak?

No, we're not that shallow. Just because we're 18 and we like to dance a different way doesn't mean our morals are out the window.

Do you have a little sister? Would you be bothered to see her freak-dancing? What would you do? I would not care, I know she

can take care of herself.

Would you consider freakdancing a passing trend or a revolution in dance moves that's here to stay? Passing trend.

Ross Dakin

What percentage of dance attendees would you say take part in freak-dancing? Pre-high school: 20 percent. High school level dances: 80 percent

At dances, does any particular article of clothing on boys or girls give a clue that the wearer is into freak-dancing?

Indirectly, yes. Males wearing large chains, baggy clothes, or do-rags often dress this way to associate themselves with rap music or musicians; rap is the music of choice for freaking. So, yes, indirectly for males. Females wearing lowcut tops, high-cut bottoms, excessively tight or otherwise "revealing" clothing can be expected to freak-dance, as the sexual nature of the dance parallels that of their attire.

Does one couple begin with the freaking and then do others follow?

No. Those who have the audacity to freak-dance are not the kind of people who are "followers," so they do not wait for another couple to start the trend at a dance.

What body parts are exposed when freak-dancing? The upper-thigh area on females and much of their breasts are commonly displayed.

Are they considered "loose" or are they called names?

They are not considered "loose" unless they have sex as much as they freak. Those who just freak a lot are said to "just freak a lot."

Name some songs that are particularly suitable for freakdancing.

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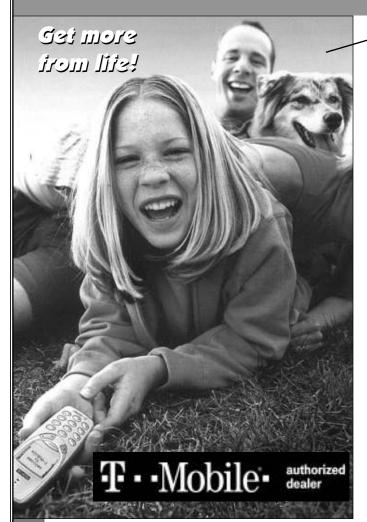






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Can't stop freaking

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What kind of parental intervention do you think your parents experienced in high school? Have your parents ever talked to you about what they weren't allowed to do?

My parents simply don't understand the attraction to freak-dancing. It bothers them slightly but puzzles more than disturbs them.

Jared Cohen-Richards

What do the non-freak dancers do while people are freaking on the dance floor?

Non-freak dancers tend to dance while the freak-dancers get their freak on, or stand around and watch...filling their heads with dirty things...

Julia Napier

What percentage of dance attendees would you say take part in freak-dancing? Probably 80 to 90 percent.

Why do you think this issue of freak-dancing came up and raised so much controversy lately?

Because teenagers are growing up faster and faster as time goes by, and older people find it hard to accept.

Do you think one day you'll

look back and regret taking part in freak-dancing?

No, it's just how kids dance now. They aren't old enough to think of it in a sexual context. It's just the only way to dance at gatherings like school dances.

Nina Griffin

What percentage of dance attendees would you say take part in freak-dancing? Seventy percent.

What do the non-freakdancers do while people are freaking on the dance floor? First off, let's get one thing straight. These "freakers" are not some Aryanlike race that's decided to take over the dance floor. They do not look at a

"non-freaker" and think, "Hey, what a loser." Personally, when I "freak" a guy --or even a girl, for that matter — it's almost like a joke thing. And when I'm not having what adults assume to be dry sex on the dance floor — I have far more tact than that — I'm sitting with friends, dancing with a big group, or just walking around having fun.

Are they considered "loose," or are they called names?

As part of a so-called generation of "sexed-up" teens, I think we should all be referred to as "loose," don't you? If a girl, or guy for that matter, is blatantly being overtly obscene and vulgar,

people will say something. However, the style of one's dancing does not affect their school life, and remains where it should — on the dance floor.

What video or videos can you recall that introduced freakdancing moves that became popular?

Since adults already blame her for everything, I'll go with Britney Spears.

Name some songs that are particularly suitable for freakdancing.

"Baby Got Back," which actually promotes a healthy body image complete with curves, [as compared] to a Kate Moss waif figure.

What kind of parental intervention do you think your parents experienced in high school? Have your parents ever talked to you about what they weren't allowed to

Considering my parents are almost 60 and grew up when our nation was overtly sexist, my mom couldn't do that much. Those binds were put on them because of their gender, not their person.

While we're on the subject, what about swingdancing? It was not praised by adults when it first broke through in the 1930s. It, too, was considered too sexy, too dangerous, and

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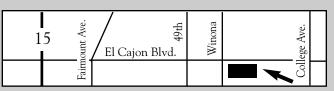
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Can't stop freaking

only for "those type of girls." Now, it's an honored art form. I'm not saying that "freaking" will make its way into dance competitions around the world, but could this not be an example of when adults overreacted and judged teens too much on their dancing, rather than their character?

Would you consider freakdancing a passing trend or a revolution in dance moves that's here to stay?

I wouldn't consider it a revolution. I'm just happy I live in a time when I dance like they do in those '80s movies.

Kim Sevilla

What percentage of dance attendees would you say take part in freak-dancing?

It depends on the frequency in question. Nine out of ten teenagers have participated in freaking at one time or another. About three out of ten do it on a frequent basis.

What do dance chaperones do or say to prevent freak-dancing? They turn their heads, unless they try to assault people with that damn flashlight.... Some security guards try to step between the couple, but how can two security guards watch 800 students? ■









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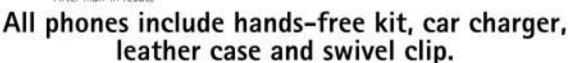
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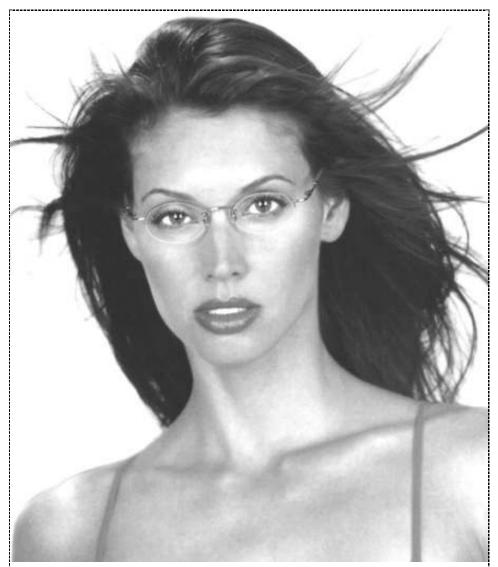
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Matthew:

by Rick Geary

Who makes those funky-looking Terminator-style shades that kind of make everybody look like Ah-nold Schwarzenegger, and is it a conspiracy or odd coincidence that only senior citizens seem to be wearing them? Do the shades actually do anything for the folks that wear them, besides blocking out those harmful

— Salvatore Filippone, San Diego

So you're bugged when you see Gramps stylin' down the avenue in those bad, bad shades. Hmmm. Better turn this one over to Grandma Alice. She'll set you straight.

"Thank you, Matthew. And as for you, young man, Mr. Filippone, wait till you get to be our age and you want to make a fashion statement. Think it's a coincidence that there's a Baby Gap but no Grandpa Gap? No Extremely Old Navy? Does Ferragamo make orthopedic shoes? No. We're just handed a muumuu and a copy of *Modern Maturity* and shoved into a corner with a bunch of cats and a bag of knitting and an afghan. Why does everybody think old people are crazy about fuzzy things?'

Uh, take it easy, Grandma. So what's with those glasses he asked about? We're running out of room here.

"If some granny wants to look like the Terminator, well, I say that beats Driving Miss Daisy." The glasses, Grandma.

"If Mr. Filippone wants his own pair, he will have to have eye surgery — probably cataract surgery, that's fairly common — then get them from his doctor. Not that I wish it on him, you understand. The very dark, oversized lenses keep out much of the direct sunlight and also block reflections and indirect light that could creep in around the edges of the frames if you were wearing those stupid, squinty, slitty little shades. There are some fashion statements we old farts are smart enough to avoid.'

Does size really matter? I think it does. The long ones always flop over unless you hold them up just right. I prefer the shorter ones because you can hold them up straight easily and they don't take up so much room on the kitchen table. I'm talking about newspapers. Why are all the "reputable" daily papers so big? The socalled "tabloid" size makes so much more sense. In New York, there were actually instructions on how to read the New York Times on the subway. You had to fold it a certain way so it would not get in the way of the person next to you who was reading the much easier handling tabloid-size but much less respected Daily News. Why is the smaller size not in greater use?

— Pondering the Papers, not in New York anymore

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The other thing about tabloids is, they're printed and bound in one lump; a broadsheet can have as many sections as you want. National news, local news, sports, lifestyle/entertainment, automotive, real estate — each section can cater to its own advertisers and create its own image if it's not forced to share a staple binding with the others.

Anyway, try to imagine how it would look if the New York Times suddenly went tab. Half their cred goes out the window. Besides, if you have to work a little harder for your news, maybe you appreciate it more.

Where did the term Continental breakfast come from? It sure sounds big for something so small.

The name comes from the us-and-them distinction that Brits love to make. There's Us (Mother England), then there's all of Them, the Continentals, the hordes kept out by just a flimsy trickle of water. While $England\ has\ traditionally\ started\ its\ day\ with\ bacon,\ eggs,\ fried\ potatoes,\ oatmeal,\ tomatoes,\ grilled\ ham$ slabs, pork chops — something substantial — the strangely abstemious and generally suspect French are over there on the Continent, in their jammies, nibbling at croissants and sipping juice. Voilá, the Continental breakfast.

Matt.

Why do ventriloquists' dummies all look alike, and so dorky?

- No Dummy, North Park

They do look like Alfred E. Newman on day three of an amphetamine jag. Dazed-looking pop eyes, upper lips like the front end of a Volkswagen, pneumatic cheeks, pinball-flipper eyebrows, fat Chiclet teeth. This scary style derives from the figures used on the vaudeville stage, where ventriloquism first captured the American entertainment imagination. Features were exaggerated to play to the back of the hall and to draw attention away from the ventriloquist himself.

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Bucking Out

ne of California's best small-town rodeos can be found at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds. The outdoor arena is near footballfield size, 260 by 130 feet, amiably encased by low bleachers that seat 5000 people. This is precisely the right amount of crowd to produce proper rodeo noise while maintaining the illusion that the event belongs to you and your friends.

I am here for the Bulls Only Rodeo. Like any small-town rodeo, the show's introduction features beauty queens (Miss Rodeo plus her court of three Rodeo Princesses), prayer ("My apologies to any atheists out there who may be afraid of the word, 'God.'"), and patriotism (recordings of "America the Beautiful," the national anthem, and boffo show-stopper, the now long-dead John Wayne, recounting, to music, the reasons why he loves the U. S. of A.).

The program lists 50 bull-riders. The lads wrestle "a two-ton twisting, turning, leaping animal." Riders must stay on the bull for eight seconds before being scored for form. To give you an idea how hard that is, the record, last scored in 1989, is 84 points out of a possible 100.

I sneak-walk under a set of bleachers and make my way to the arena's edge, climb three metal rails, and take a seat, cowboy style. My spot, it turns out, is adjacent to chute number six, which, at present, contains a very large, unhappy bull. The bull, seen from a distance of 36 inches, is far more powerful and far more angry than I ever imagined a large, unhappy bull could be.

Bingo. Best seat in the house.

I won't get into bull-riding—we've all seen bull-riding, and that's not what caught my attention. What caught my attention was the guy who opens the gate.

He's the guy who stands in the ring with one end of a rope in his hands and the other end tied to a gate. As the cowboy mounts the bull, he's the guy who, using a system I don't understand, opens the gate at the correct moment. Sooner or later, I thought, he'd have to be stomped, have to stumble, have to come upon a bull who did the unexpected. And there would be no prize money for this guy. No picture in the paper. No free drinks at the roadhouse.

And so, intermission arrives. I follow the guy who opens the gate to a refreshment stand, introduce myself, and ask, "How do you do it, and how do you do it well?"

"Timing is everything," says Dan Harrington. Harrington is single, 25, and local, having lived in Lakeside 17 years. "You have to know what the riders are doing inside the chute, know the stocks and the different contractors.'

I can't remember the names of my neighbors. "You know the characteristics of every bull?"

Harrington looks cowboy. He's tall, lanky, square-jawed, and has a thick, amber-colored handlebar mustache. "Not every bull. There are different contractors who come in and different bulls for every contractor. If I don't know the bull, the contractor behind the chute will holler at me, 'Okay, he turns left,' or 'He turns right,' or 'He goes straight; don't worry about him.'

I would worry. "Do bulls have moves, like in baseball where a pitcher has a slider, a curve ball, a fast ball, and so on?"

"Exactly."

"What are the major moves? Left turn,

right turn, straight. Any more?" "Spinning bulls. Flat spinning bulls. Some bulls will buck out, blow out of the shoot like a horse will."

Harrington has been doing this, on weekends, for ten years. He drives a truck for a living. I ask, "Are you the final authority as to when the chute opens?"

'Pretty much, yeah. The rider calls for the gate. He'll nod, or he'll say, 'Yes,' or 'Let's go, boys.' But, if there is something going on in the arena, he's not going to get a gate.

I see a picture of that in my head. "What is that moment you wait for, the moment you decide it's time to go?"

"I make sure the arena is clear behind me. Make sure there's nothing going on. Make sure all the people are out of the way."

"How about the rider and how he's sit-

Harrington, cowboy steady, says, "He

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makes that call. That's not my job, to tell him what to do. They've been riding long enough, and they know what they're doing.

I'm still looking for why. "Let's see if I have this right. Tonight, after the last show, riders will gather around the old RV, pop a beer, and bullshit about rodeos?"

"That's where the fun is."

Harrington smiles, "Yeah, it's part of rodeo."

And, on the other hand, "What's the most dangerous part of your job?"

'When they hit the gate. If they spin right, they're spinning right into me, their horns are coming right in. If I don't get that gate out fast enough, they could hit that gate. They're 2500pound bulls, and I'm 200."

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Sermon

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Denomination: Independent Baptist Address: 2100 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon, 619-440-1802

Year founded: 1992

Senior pastor: Reverend David Jeremiah

Congregation: 3500

Staff: 100

Sunday school enrollment: 1300

Annual budget: refused to say

Weekly giving: refused to say

Singles program: yes Diversity: mostly white; a few Hispanics and

African-Americans

Dress: casual to dressy Services: Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m.,

6:00 p.m.

"That's not something we'd want to put out there in the public domain," said assistant pastor David St. John when I asked him several weeks ago about Shadow Mountain Community Church's budget. "That's just not the sort of thing we'd want to disclose.

Not all large independent churches are

cagey about their finances. After speaking with Reverend St. John, I called Journey Community Church's assistant pastor Ed Noble about Journey's policy of financial transparency. Reverend Noble said, "I guess we're open about money because we really don't have anything to hide. I mean, it's not as though anyone here is making a huge salary." Even small independent churches that might be bashful about their tiny budgets can be candid, I also called Reverend Gene Cook of 75member Unchained Christian Church, Reverend Cook told me, "I'd sit down with anyone and go through our books with them. I mean, if they wanted. It wouldn't be very exciting. We don't have any-

thing to hide." Shadow Mountain Community Church doesn't have much in common with other churches. Rising in eastern El Cajon like a can-

taloupe-colored New Jerusalem, Shadow Mountain is home to a college, a seminary, and the only Christian unified school district in the nation. Cars arriving at the 9:00 a.m. service back up traffic all the way to Highway 8, 1.2 miles away from the complex.

"We're in Southern California, and that's reflected in the format and the esthetics of our worship," Reverend St. John told me about Shadow Mountain. "We incorporate contemporary methodology into our worship. We use video and drama. We have a drama presentation that's a build-up to the sermon.'

Shadow Mountain Community Church is of course where Reverend Tim LaHaye, of Left Behind fame, made his name. Now under the direction of Reverend David Jeremiah, the church's 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on the Web. Because of this "live webcast," great banks of bright theatrical lights bathe the stage. Four cameramen posted in the sanctuary, or "auditorium," as Reverend Jeremiah calls it,

capture what happens on the stage. With slick fades and dissolves, an editing booth wedged among the second-floor seating broadcasts these images onto two big high-definition screens flanking the stage. You can either watch the service as it happens, or you can watch a cleaner, smoother, simultaneous version, the "webcast version," displayed by twin screens. Assaulted by this high-gloss theatricality, you have to wonder if a literal interpretation of the Book of Revelation hasn't given way to a literal interpretation of TV Guide.

Last Sunday morning a guest musician, guitarist Dennis Ágajanian, dressed in black suit and big black cowboy hat, kicked off the service by pickin'-and-grinnin' his way through a country-style medley of, oh, I don't know. Hymns, I guess. I was too distracted by the antic TV-studio vibe filling the sanctuary, or "auditorium." All I know is that at some point Agajanian whipped out a 12-string and, grinnin' once again, strummed his way through "Ode

The house lights dimmed. A commer-

cial for the church's Summer Bible Conference spun and chirped on the two big highdefinition screens. The audience applauded. Two men with rockconcert-style microphones strapped to their faces marched onto the stage. Along with a stiff female participant, they performed the "drama presentation" build-up to the morning's sermon. It was something about prayer. About the right way to pray. The audience hooted and clapped as if the "drama presentation" were the most hilari-ous piece of theater they'd ever seen.

Reverend Jeremiah is a polished speaker. He and his helmet of coifed gray hair play well to the camera. I wasn't, however, sure if I was supposed to pay attention to what Reverend Jeremiah said, or to how well he and his hair looked on camera as he spoke. He talked about "Seven Things God Needs from Us to

Answer Prayer." Reverend Jeremiah told us that God didn't like us to pray for "selfish

As if the TV-studio cameras and lighting, as if the "live webcast," weren't selfish. As if all of it weren't downright silly. While Reverend Jeremiah prattled on about prayer, I couldn't help thinking about the sweet and earnest elderly men and women, the church's official greeters, who'd met me in the parking lot and lobby. I couldn't help feeling that despite their sincerity these people had somehow been duped by Shadow Mountain Community Church's ostensible conservatism. What Shadow Mountain Community Church does isn't "church" or "worship" by any definition that makes sense to me. What I saw felt like television. After the service I watched a hundred or so people line up to have Reverend Jeremiah autograph his new best-selling book, My Heart's Desire. My skin crawled.

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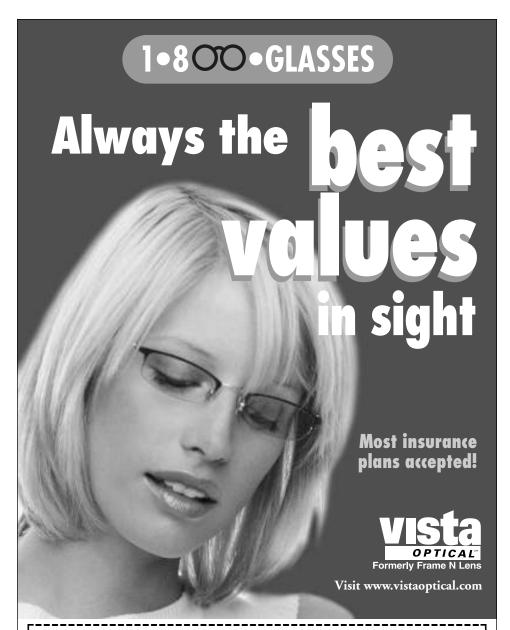






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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've worked for this family on a regular basis as a handyman and contractor for several years, fixing things, adding on rooms, etc. They're intelligent, educated people, but they have a strange habit of acquiring dogs and then not taking care of them. A bad fate usually befalls these poor creatures. A few years ago they got their then-15-year-old son a pit bull puppy. No one walked it, socialized it, or paid much attention to it besides feeding it. I tried to pet the dog while I was there, but I'm not around every day. Eventually, the dog, who was chained up all the time, turned vicious and bit a few delivery guys and a kid. Then they had it put to sleep — a perfectly healthy two-year-old dog. Never took it to a vet or made any attempt to train it. Now they've purchased a couple of purebred spaniels who get the same treatment. One died a few months back, at about a year old. I don't know of what, but I think neglect. The remaining dog doesn't look good and is kept in a very unclean pen 24/7, never walked, has lots of sores, etc. I have hinted that they should take better care of the dog or give it away, but this falls on deaf ears. They invited my wife and I over for a barbecue recently, and when we got home my wife, who is pregnant and pretty emotional these days, broke down crying. She said I had to report these folks for their ill treatment of the dog. I don't want to alienate this family. If they find out I reported them they would for sure fire me. Now that we are going to be parents I can't really afford to lose any jobs. I know you are fond of dogs, and I am too, but I'm in a bind here. What do I do?

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Dear Readers,

Here's a highly informative reply to a recent letter from a dismayed father whose son was corresponding with an inmate. I'm grateful to readers like this gentleman who write in to share their expertise and views.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I was concerned about the letter from "Nervous San Carlos Dad." He has every reason to be worried about his son's correspondence with a prison

cer with many years of experience working with inmates. "Dad" should be concerned because his son has no idea who he is communicating with. Inmates can be incredibly manipulative, and this one may be telling his correspondent whatever he wants to hear. The first thing Dad should do is find out exactly what the inmate is doing time for. This is a matter of public record. A prison spokesman will give him the information. He can call the prison switchboard, and the receptionist will connect him. Beware if the inmate starts asking for money or personal information about his correspondent. Any mail with questions in it like "How old are your sisters? When are your Mom and Dad away from home? Do you like to get high?" should immediately be brought to the attention of the warden. If the son is a minor, he should definitely not be communicating with inmates. There are plenty of sexual predators in prison who prey on males and females alike. If the young man is a minor, Dad should return the mail unopened, marked "refused." He should also call and speak to a correctional counselor to alert them that such-and-such an inmate is writing to his minor son and he wants it stopped. His son should not be permitted to visit the inmate. Trust me. All inmate pen-pal organizations I'm familiar with have strict rules about not revealing your true name and address, and mail is required to go through the organization and be screened for content. If that was not the case here, Dad should get in touch with whoever sponsored this correspondence and raise hell. You may be thinking, "This guy's just some brutal prison guard badmouthing all prisoners." All I'm saying is Dad should get the facts about this inmate and be very sure his son is not divulging ANY personal information. Sign me,

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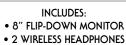


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Polly Ross, a real estate agent for Remax of Poway, has been selling Sabre Springs for three years. She also lives in Sabre Springs. "I think what happened initially hurt sales in the area, but when people began to recover, so did the market there. It was down for about two months until they found Danielle, and then even more when they found her body and when Westerfield was arrested. I think people had a false sense of comfort, like, the bad guy is cornered so we can go back to normal.

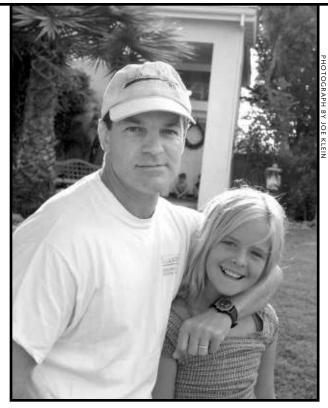
"I had a client who wanted to see the Westerfield property [the house where the man accused of murdering Danielle van Dam lived], and I wouldn't show it because of my ties to the van Dams. My role is not as a realtor but as a friend. But someone in my office called and asked to list it. So those are just my feelings, not everyone else's in the office.

"There's been a division in the neighborhood since details of the van Dam lifestyle [Brenda and Damon van Dam admitted, in court, that they smoked marijuana and had engaged in extramarital sexual relations] came out. The neighborhood treats them differently, because people don't know how to handle death in a normal situation, much less some-

thing like this. So instead of saying anything, they just say nothing.

"I think Brenda is amazing. She's so strong. I asked her, 'How do you get out of bed?' She told me, 'I do it for my boys because they don't have anyone else.' She showed me Danielle's room, and I think I was more uncomfortable than she was. She keeps Danielle's room open, and the kids play in it because, she says, she doesn't want them to forget her, because Danielle is still there.

"Brenda should be commended for hold-



George Allen and daughter

ing her head high even though people now know the most intimate details of their life. I have heard they were asked to move from the neighborhood, not from them but someone else, and I never followed up on it.

"I have heard from someone else that the van Dams have approached people who have looked at buying the Westerfield house. They shouldn't be criticized. Who knows what any of us would do in their situation."

Realtor Mary Mohebbi observes, "Nine houses are for sale right now, so I wouldn't say the area has been affected by what happened. I have a client who wanted to see the [Westerfield] house, and I told her it wasn't a good idea. She's a friend, and I just thought, 'I don't want any problems.' She really wanted to see it, though maybe to buy. She said, 'I don't mind. How do you know he's guilty?'

"I have heard that the Westerfields have talked to people who are looking at the house. It's more difficult to show than other houses because the agent won't just let you in. You have to have a pre-approved client, which means they have the money ready to go.

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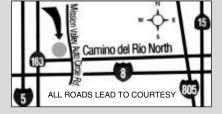
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Vicki Sanders, 33, has lived in the neighborhood for the past two and a half years. Her husband is an air traffic controller at Miramar. They have a seven-month-old daughter, Hannah. Sanders sells real estate from home for Prudential.

Her shoulderlength blond bob is so well manicured that it sways when she talks, going back to exactly the right place. She wears denim shorts and a pale yellow tee (and not the kind from Target) that looks remarkably clean, given that she cuddles the baby against her breast and shoulder. The house, like the yellow T-shirt, is immaculate. Sanders is the wife all men want: freshly scrubbed in her cuteness, sweet, smart, and supportive. Erin Brockovich plays on the oversized television,



Vicki Sanders

and baby Hannah giggles in her walker. The only thing that differentiates this house from others on the block is it has pink bougainvillea growing up the side.

As a repairman leaves, Sanders says in her mellifluous soprano, "Have a nice day!" which is what she will say to me, later, when I leave.

"We came from Alexandria, Virginia," she tells me. "It's wonderful here. We loved Virginia's older neighborhoods and hated to leave, but it's great here. We love it. I'd say the

neighbors and neighborhood are considered middle class. Mostly white, some Asians, some African-Americans. No Hispanics that I know of. The kids here are mostly little to middle school.

"The houses range from 1700 to 2150

square feet. We drive a '95 Explorer, and you'll see mostly SUVs in the

"We moved here because my husband had an acquaintance who was also an air traffic controller and he lived here. Even though we didn't know them all that well, they were here to help when we moved in. When we're on vacation they watch our house; a lot of the neighbors have keys to each others' houses. We work on our yard about two times a week. We'd like to move to a bigger house, but we don't want to leave the neighborhood.

'When everything happened, my baby was just one month old. She was a great sleeper, but I wanted her in our room. I had a hard time putting her in her crib after what happened. It didn't affect my dream life, and I know it could

have happened anywhere and to anyone. The media coverage was...well, the jokes, like calling it 'Sabre Swings' or 'Swing Sabres' or whatever, was hard. When people asked where you live, you did not want to tell them.

"When it all happened I woke up to helicopters circling, saying, 'There's a missing girl'; and I heard the neighborhood kids yelling for Danielle. We opened our common space so the kids could walk by.

"The van Dams' lifestyle didn't really bother me. Everyone has their own lifestyle. There was a missing girl, and who really cares about anything else? I think there was too much focus on the van Dams. Brenda did a fantastic job of taking the media off her and putting it on what was important. We took flowers up, signed the





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book, and prayed for them. We would never consider moving.

"Neighbors have said that they had heard the van Dams had talked to people who were looking at the Westerfield house, but I haven't heard it from any realtors. And you know what? If that had happened to me, I don't know that I wouldn't do the same thing."

Cheryl Betyar, One Source Realty, says she's the number-one realtor in Sabre Springs and has been the top agent for the area since 1994. "We've sold 12 to 13 houses this year in Sabre Springs. Last year, for the whole year, we sold 12 homes. We've already met all our sales for that area. The entrylevel home is now



Gina Clapper

about \$425,000. Last year it was about \$375,000. The smallest homes are about 1300 square feet, with the largest at 4400 square feet.

"I think the only thing the van Dams did was bring heightened awareness to the area. It's a great enclave of homes. The demo is people making about \$120,000 to \$150,000. There's cultural diversity. Twenty-five percent work in the hightech industry, the FBI, police, in Sorrento Valley for places like Nokia, Qualcomm. The average age is about 35 to 40.

"I did hear of something like the van Dams talking to people

who were looking at the Westerfield house. One agent told me her client was talked to by the van Dams. By law, whenever a death has occurred in a home, you must disclose it for three years afterward. The seller's agent of that house wants to make sure potential buyers know whose property it was.

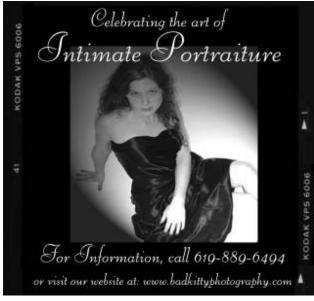
"I've shown it to two clients. Both said, 'We understand, and we still want to see it.' One said they didn't like the floor plan; the other, the wife was okay with it, but the husband said he wasn't okay after what happened there.

"The propertyowners' association does have some basic rules, like you can't run a business from home, and you can't run auto

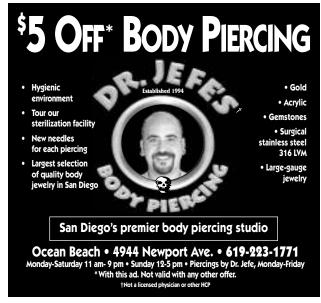
work from home. Fences have to be preapproved, and you can't change the color of your home. It's all to keep the neighborhood looking as nice as it does."

Neighbors

Barbara Crum, 44, has three boys, aged 9, 12, and 17. Her husband is in the military. She sports a perfect Ban de Soleil tan, flawlessly styled blond shoulderlength hair, and wears denim shorts and a blue-and-white Hawaiian-print tank top. She's a middle-aged Gidget Goes Hawaiian. Her two Lhasa apsos, Reggie and Rocky, bark only a few times until she tells them to stop, and they do so on command. Bikes line her front yard









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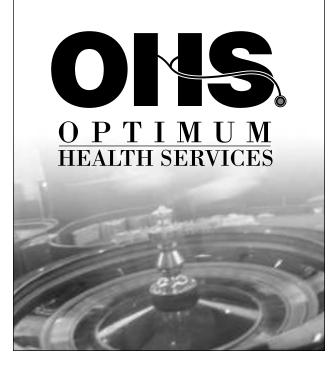
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"We've been here eight years and moved here from Newport, Rhode Island. It's incredible here. We love it and don't plan to leave anytime soon. It's a friendly, great community, where everyone knows everyone. It is safe, contrary to what's happened. It's just a fun place. The girls walk every morning.

"What happened to the van Dams has been a tough lesson to learn. It helps that the school is close by and that everyone watches out for everyone else's kids. We do all hang out together, with block parties and things. We play Bunco as a group, we drink wine; it's just a very close community and cul-de-sac.

"It is diversified. We have a lot of Asian people. Mostly middle-class people live here with kids in elementary school through middle school. Most people's homes on this street are between 2000 and 2500 square feet. The rules for living here are through the homeowners' association, and you have to have a certain color of doors, no changing the exterior color of your house. You have to have approval to build a pool.

"We drive a '97 Dodge minivan. An SUV is probably the



John Grant

average car you'll see around here.

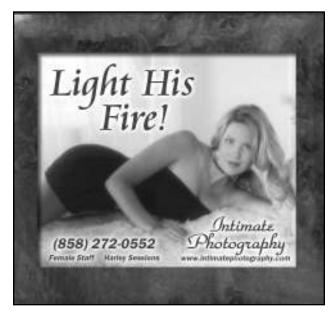
"It's very friendly here. It was and is a close community before all this happened. All the kids play sports together. I'm the Little League president, and one of my sons plays with Derek van Dam in the same league.

"It certainly affected my children. They know David Westerfield and the van Dams. It probably affected my nine-yearold the most. But it has affected all of us and how we think, every day. It's hard to reteach trust. My nine-year-old had problems and had to talk to a counselor. We're more cautious, and we used to take for granted how safe it was here. You never think it will happen because this is the perfect place to live, and now you hold everyone a little closer. The dream hasn't changed. We hope to stay here forever, or at least a while.

"The media coverage did impact us during it all. The San Diego local media was at least respectful. The national

and L.A. media were more aggressive. One reporter even came into our garage! They were here nonstop for weeks. We stayed inside more, didn't hang out in the front yard like we used to, and we played in the back yard instead. We got strength from each other in the area. We knew we'd all get through it together.

"The van Dams' drug use and sexual preferences...well, it's their life, it's their choice. No matter what, they didn't deserve what happened to them. David Westerfield, when I saw him on TV, he's aged, he's heavier and looks nothing like the man we all knew, who used to be tan. He was the fun guy in the neighborhood with all the toys, always washing them. Even all these months later,









when we all talk about it, those of us who kind of knew him can never say in hindsight, 'Yeah, there was this or that about him, something weird about him.' There wasn't. I'd say I'm acquaintances with both the van Dams and David Westerfield. I was called as a defense witness because I saw him on Saturday afternoon when he got back. I don't know the van Dams well. Our sons play baseball in the same league. I bought cookies from Danielle the day before she was taken.

"We attended all the candlelight services, made meals to support them. This whole thing may have brought us closer together as a family and community. It's made us more cautious, careful about everyday life. It hasn't changed the way we live or things that we do. It has taken our innocence away, but we're trying to move forward with our kids.

"I have heard that the van Dams might be moving after this is all over, but I don't know. Who knows anything for sure?"

Gina Clapper, 42, is a travel consultant. Her auburn hair is up in a clip, and she wears a white short-sleeved tee with pedal-pushers. She's in good shape and seems to be someone who'd always be willing to talk and offer a laugh.

"We got this house last November. I'm from the Bay Area. It's



Nasrin Razavi

wonderful here. We had barely driven the U-Haul into the driveway at night, and within ten minutes our neighbors were knocking on our door offering to help with anything we may need. We have great neighbors. They're friendly, with lots of kids. The kids play at night; it's just great. I'd say 70 percent are white; the rest are

mostly Asian. Most are upper-middle class. Most kids are 12 and under. As for church, I think the elementary school has a church service on Sunday, and it seems to be growing, based on the number of cars I'm seeing there now.

"The average home is about 1800 to 1900 square feet. The rules here are things like, you're not supposed to put your car in the driveway. Ours is there because our garage is too full of stuff. You can't have certain screen doors, and you can't leave your garage door open. Most of the cars you'll see around here are SUVs, and I have a '92 Toyota Paseo.

"We were only here a few months prior to







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what happened. But after Valentine's Day we've had three parties around here, with fire pits in the driveways, cooking marshmallows, wine, fruit-and-cheese trays. Then there was an Easter-morning party. This neighborhood has always gotten together.

"The media hasn't been around much since March. It was a zoo. Someone from a London paper wouldn't leave me alone even though I had just moved here and knew nothing. You could hear generators all night long. I just went on with my normal life and didn't let it affect me

"My stress level wasn't affected by what happened. At first I made sure I locked all my doors. I never used to do that before all this happened. I always kept my screen door unlocked. I do think this is an isolated inci-



Sabre Springs

dent. It could happen anywhere. It hasn't hurt prices on homes. They've actually gone up, I think.

"The van Dam sex thing? I don't really care what they do as long as what you do doesn't harm anyone else. Drugs, if you have children, you have to instill values. You can't tell

kids 'Don't do drugs' when you do drugs. It does impair your judgment. I wouldn't do it myself, and I don't even have kids. I think you need to set an example.

"The child-porn thing and Westerfield... you shouldn't be doing it. I don't know him, but I think it's kind of sick. If he were looking

at women on tape, that's different. But kids? That's different, that's wrong. I've never spoken to him though, and I've never heard any gossip before all this happened about any of them.

"We did bring some flowers up to the van Dams and went to the website, and I forwarded Danielle's photo when she was still missing to people I knew to make them aware of her, because I thought that might help. I also wrote to the van Dams on the Web.

"Nobody deserves to have a child taken away. I feel bad a child won't get to grow up who deserved to. At first, before it happened, kids would walk alone to school. After it happened, parents would walk with their kids. Toward the end of the school year, there were lots of kids walking alone again.

Paula Call is a stayat-home mom who used to teach literature. Considering that she has five kids, she's in amazingly good shape. With her big, beautiful eyes and her sleek brown hair pulled back, it's hard to believe her when she says she's 36. Affectionate, she requests kisses almost

every time one of her children walks by.

Her house looks like the Z Gallerie showroom, with iron candle holders, an antique Irish Bible on the coffee table, unusual flooring, and lots of framed hearts. It looks like a very cool decorator furnished it, but without taking away the comfort of a home. The home is tidy. Backpacks hang on neatly placed hooks in the garage, and the garage floor looks clean enough to eat from.

"We've lived here three years and came from L.A., the Newhall area. We lived in a friendly neighborhood before, and that's why we chose this area. I have a problem saying the area is upper-middle class, because it sounds elitist. It's very subjective. The kids here seem to be a little younger, teenagers too. Average home is about

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2500 square feet. We do a little work on our yard every weekend. We go to church pretty regularly. We have a pool, so it's pretty low maintenance. We have a 2000 Expedition, and you'll see a lot of minivans and SUVs. The homeowners' association won't let cars stay parked on the street for very long, and you can't paint your house without approval, because, God forbid, somebody painted one pink!

"When we moved here, the homes were already built, and I just took it for granted that people will be nice because they were in L.A. The dream didn't change for us. There's an innate desire to have a happy life. It affected us daily, but not for the long range. After what happened, it's still pretty much the same

here. It hasn't affected the neighborhoods. I do double click the doors at night, and I sit outside to watch when my kids are playing.

"My daughter was in Danielle's class. She was dramatically affected. We all were. If we hear something at night, we can't let it go now. We don't watch TV; we watch movies, because I don't want the kids to see the trial or hear about it. When one of my children says they're scared, we take it seriously. My threeyear-old was saying his prayers, and, among other things, he said, 'Don't let us die.'

"The news media were here from morning until night. I was at the van Dams' house 24/7 and at 10 a.m. that morning. Every week I'd think things would calm down, and then



Westerfield's house

they found Danielle, then they made an arrest, and it didn't stop until her funeral. It was crazy in their home. People helping to organize, the Laura Recovery Center took on a lot — 15 people, sometimes, in the home.

"My daughter wanted Danielle to spend the night that night. I said no because I just wasn't feeling right. Then Danielle wanted her to spend the night, and I said no again. I don't know, I just — I wasn't feeling

right.

"Their lifestyle? It didn't matter to me, because I didn't feel like it had to do with their daughter being taken. John Walsh told them that when it happened to his son, Adam, rumors began flying

about him too. He told them to not deal with all the stuff about their own lives and to get everyone to focus on their missing child. It's easy for people to say they should have come out front and talk about it, but the focus would then not be on Danielle.

"The porn thing from Westerfield was no surprise. Most child abductors are into porn and have a history of it. Someone doesn't start this at age 50. I've heard stories of teenage girls who were visiting his kids and who felt uncomfortable about the way David Westerfield lives, and they wouldn't come back. I also have a friend whose friend was missing when they were little, in Poway. She lived on the same street as David Westerfield did,









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or his wife did. Anyway, my friend called the Danielle tip line twice and nothing happened, so I told her to call our police contacts.

"The van Dams got 24 hours of my attention. Neighbors helped with my kids. I mean, our kids are in baseball together. I wanted to do anything I could, and my neighbors helped take care of my kids.

"I don't think the neighborhood has changed, but globally things have changed. It changes about how you give your kids attention hourly; if someone drives up, I check them

out. I mean, you don't ask for a résumé of your neighbors. You don't meet someone and get their résumé. You assume they're friendly

"What's funny is, I didn't see one person come to David Westerfield's house to support him. I found that strange. If you had a full life, wouldn't you have friends who would come over, no matter what, and support you? I didn't care if Brenda and Damon were accused of anything. I didn't wait for them to pass a polygraph.

"As for the homes

here, we used to joke about the prices dropping and moving, but we'd never consider moving because of what happened. At one point we got help for some of our kids. Danielle was my daughter's good friend. My mom and sister died not too long ago, so that in a way may have helped her prepare for death. I just tell her that Danielle is still here, but she's in a different place looking down on us like my mom and sister."

George Allen, 41, is in sales at Siemens. He wears a baseball cap pulled over a thinning

hairline. He has a quick smile, a warm handshake, and is dressed in a T-shirt and running shorts. He hopes to break his best time for this night's run. The family Lab watches us from the driveway. I see, in tanks in the garage, a snake and a lizard.

"We moved here in December of 1999 and have two girls, 10 and 14. We're from Portland, Maine, and drive a Saab. We also have a chocolate Lab. I'd say it's very friendly here, friendlier than where we were from. There are mixed races, it's uppermiddle class, and the

kids here are usually little or middle-schoolaged. Our house is about 1800 square feet, and we have Marathon fescue grass. As for rules here, I don't know of any. I haven't read them. I spend about eight hours a week on my yard. That's my therapy.

"Everybody is cordial here, and everyone is supportive of the van Dams. The neighborhood hasn't changed. There were barbecues here before, and gettogethers, and none of that has changed. The day-to-day dream is almost identical. Overall nothing has changed except we're all sad and surprised it happened. I thought it was a huge distraction and a shame, and I was very surprised it happened in our neighborhood.

"I just avoided the media, and they were very conscientious. Not intrusive in the least.

"My wife knew Brenda from school, but usually I'd just wave as I passed by. We were on the rescue search. My wife helped clean the fingerprint dust and made dinners and desserts for them. There was purple dust everywhere. We watch our

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children more closely now, and it's made us more aware.

"Homes? It hasn't affected the price by decreasing or increasing it

"We've had our kids sleeping in our beds. It's sometimes hard to explain to kids you're safe in your own home. We just explained things in candid terms."

John Grant works in real estate. He is 37. Wearing a black mock turtleneck and black pants, John is over six feet tall and looks as if he could give any football quarterback a run

for his money. He looks like Ryan Leaf with gelled hair. He has two girls aged 7 and 12. He's been in this house six months, having moved from another one in the neighborhood where he lived for two and a half years. He drives a 2001 Mitsubishi Montero.

"I'd say it's very similar to Chicago. There are a lot of very friendly people here. Mostly Caucasian and middle-upper class. Our house is about 2400 square feet. I don't know what the rules are for living here. I spend zero time on my yard.

"I don't like peo-

ple's comments about Sabre Springs, but it's nothing compared to Chicago. I've been to Dad's, and I've never seen there what they say goes on at Dad's. I was surprised about all the sexual goings-on. I was surprised for [Brenda]. I kind of knew the lady, but she seemed like a good mother. My seven-year-old was in Danielle's Brownie troop. My daughter had to have therapy in school. She still sleeps with us. She did sometimes before, but not as much.

"I'm sickened by child porn. Those people who like it are freaks. Brenda seems very loving, a concerned parent, dedicated to her kids. We wrote letters, brought dinners. I'd move only if Westerfield came back here. We tried to make it an isolated incident, but we doublecheck our doors, check on the kids constantly. We disconnected our cable because we don't want the kids to see the trial. You never feel safe again. How can you ever really feel safe again?"

Nasrin Razavi, a 41year-old engineer, has two daughters. She wears her brown hair short. Her business suit shows she's a professional, but on this night she pops open a Tecate beer and drinks it in her comfortable living room, decorated mostly with classics: gold picture frames, mirrors, tapestry chairs, leather couches. She drives a 1993 Mercedes-Benz.

"I lived in Mission Valley for three years. I find the friendliness [here] about the same as before, as in my old house. It's family oriented, no singles, always noisy. It's a busy cul-desac. Kids come from Rancho Bernardo to play here. Our house is about 1800 square feet. There aren't any rules that I know of. I look at everybody's house, and mine looks the same, so I say, 'I'm okay.'

"I remember once, when I first moved here, I had a birthday party for my kids. I invited the neighbors so I could meet people, and only one family showed up. I said, 'Screw it. I don't need to get invited to your things either.' So I stay in my corner.

"After [the abduction] happened, the only thing I did was make sure my security





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system was working on every window. My daughter was in Danielle's class. The only time I saw her was the Saturday before she was taken. It was a slumber party at a friend's house. The mom gave me a picture of Danielle and my daughter from that night, playing. My daughter would say every day, 'I miss Danielle.' Even last night she said, when I went into her bedroom, 'I hope I don't get kidnapped,' and I told her, 'No, honey. All our eyes are on you.' I tell her not to ever trust or talk to strangers. Better to be afraid than missing.

"[The van Dams'] lifestyle really bothered me. My coworkers tease me and say I might be one of them, just to get

"I really don't see a difference in the neighborhood. Kids are still unsupervised on the street. Their balls still fly into my yard. I clean it every day, my flower bed I'm always looking

"The media didn't bother me too much. It makes it a less desirable neighborhood overall, though, to move into.

"It didn't shock me. Child pornography, it doesn't shock me, but it does bother me.

"I went to the rescue-team meetings, but I saw all the volunteers and I wasn't needed, and I thought I didn't need to sacrifice my private life. I'd never consider moving from here because of what happened."

James Wu, 24, just graduated from UCSD. He and his 20-year-old sister Jane live with their parents. They look like all-American kids in their shorts, T-shirts, and khakis. Their house is decorated without color, white on white. Shoes are left at the door.

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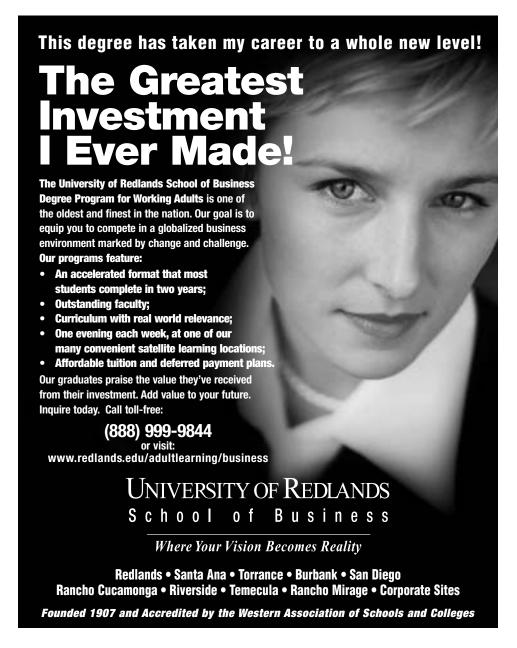
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mond Bar, and my parents have lived here for four months. I'd sav Sabre Springs is a normal, middle-class neighborhood, with cookie-cutter houses and a variety of people, culturally. The community is nice, but we don't associate with the neighbors too much. Our house is 2000 square feet. My parents work on their yard about an hour a week. There are lots of families with minivans, BMWs, Volvos, and Lexuses. We have a '95 Volvo and a '97 Dodge Caravan. My parents say the neighbors don't talk to them too much. In Diamond Bar we had a Welcome Wagon. Here, people seem to avoid each other, maybe because of what happened.

"Our neighborhood has a lot of barbecues, but I haven't seen a lot of yard sales or anything. The murder didn't affect us too much, because we're not here all that much. Their sex life — it was kind of odd, but that's their business, and everyone has a right to their own sex life. The drug use, personally, I didn't think it was wise because they have custody of their kids, and it affects your judgment, and it wasn't the wisest thing as parents to do. Westerfield's porn, if it's not illegal, it's his own personal thing. As long as it doesn't affect other people.

"We see the van Dams cleaning the rims of their cars a lot. I've never seen their kids. I've seen people pick up and drop off their kids.

"Overall I don't think property values have been affected, and my parents would never consider moving because of what happened, even though we pretty much live right across the street from the van Dams." ■

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On Thursday, September 28, 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo made the turn at Point Loma and anchored near Bal-

last Point. It was the eve
by of the feast of Saint
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Smith Spanish explorers commemorated new sites

from the liturgical calendar. Thus the bay and surrounding area became St. Miguel.

Sixty years later, when Sebastian Vizcaino sailed north aboard the *San Diego*, he vowed to honor Cabrillo's names. But Cabrillo's maps and descriptions were vague, and when Vizcaino anchored in the bay in 1602, he found "abundant water, firewood, and all vari-

eties of fish...and in the surrounding country...much game." He sounded the bay and found it had a greater capacity than Acapulco's. Cabrillo made no such observations (his crew didn't have time: Kumeyaay natives attacked them, and they weathered a severe storm). So this might not be the same place. On November 12, the day of San Diego de Alcalá, Vizcaino went ashore. His crew constructed a shelter. They held Mass, then celebrated the feast of St. James ("San Diego") and named the area in his honor.

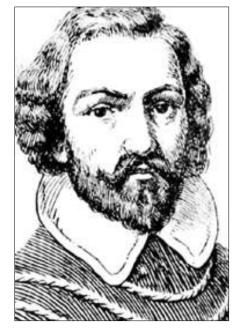
And who was San Diego? He was born early in the 15th Century in San Nicholas Del Puerto, a village in the province of Seville. His poverty-stricken parents named him after St. James — a.k.a. "Santiago" or St. Iago — and were members of the cult of St. James that flourished during the Renaissance. (In battle, Cortes's men shouted, "Santiago!") For 30 years, Diego worked as

a porter at St. Francis de Arizona monastery, near San Nicholas. He grew vegetables on a hill and crafted wooden utensils to raise money for the poor.

A lifelong vegetarian, Diego was illiterate. After his apprenticeship, he became a Franciscan friar at the Casa-Grande convent in Seville. A strict "observant," he shunned worldly recognition. And to refrain from "concupiscence," he plunged himself daily into icy water. According to his hagiographers, he longed "to sail to the lost heathen beyond the seas" and "succor their sick souls." Around 1441, the Church sent Diego and Juan de Santorcaz to the Isle of Fuerteventura ("strong wind") in the Canary Islands.

Canary natives were fierce warriors, and Diego faced martyrdom at the hands of "hostile infidels" and "marauding tribes." Instead, he became guardian of the convent and, showing "exemplary piety," converted "the souls of many."

Inspired by his achievements, Diego wanted to preach at La Gran Canaria, the largest of the islands with the most "ferocious" natives, but the Spanish soldiers accompanying him wouldn't



Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo

permit Diego to walk the line, once again, between proselytization and certain martyrdom.

He returned to Spain somewhere between 1443 and 1449. In 1450, the "Jubilee Year," he was one of 4000 friars minor who went to Rome to celebrate the canonization of San Bernardino of Siena

SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

 $1. \ "The congregation in charge of Diego's beatification awarded him the name of Teacher of Divine Precepts: Didacus." (Ide)\\$

2. "The saints are their stories...making saints is a process whereby a life is transformed into a

text." (Woodward)

3. "Christianity is unthinkable without sinners, unlivable without saints." (Woodward)



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(1380–1444), "the most delightful preacher of the Renaissance." (San) Juan Capistrano (1386-1456), ex-lawyer of Naples and leader of a crusade, headed the group. When plague broke out among them, "Friar Diego became even more renowned because of his care of the sick and dying at the Convent of Ara Coeli, where most of the Spanish friars were staying" (Case).

Diego turned the convent into a hospital and became its director. Hagiographers rush in where historians fear to tread. During the plague, according to legend, he made bread and medicines multiply. "Caught kissing the sores of those affected

with a contagious disease, he replied that it was the best way to treat this kind of illness" (Englebert).

When he returned to Spain, in spite of his "observant" vow to remain anonymous, Diego became famous as an orator. This skill gained him a post, in 1456, at Alcalá de Henares, a major commercial center and site of a famous university, "the hub of Spain's humanist movement" (Case). Diego took up residence and preached at the university. When he became "too feeble" to teach, he worked in the infirmary, later in the garden, and spent his final days as a humble doorkeeper. He died November 12, 1463. His students at Alcalá petitioned immediately for beatification.

The Church credits Diego with 130 miracles. Even in his lifetime people said he had "special powers" and was a great "ecstatic." Crowds came from great distances to receive a cure for illness or to hear him preach. The King of Castille, Enrique IV, ate grapes only from Diego's arbor at Alcalá.

Two of Diego's most famous "miracles" were posthumous. On a hunt in 1463, Enrique fell from a horse and had a stiff, possibly broken arm. "The king went to Alcalá just after the death of Diego and had his body taken from the casket. After touching the dead friar's body, the king immediately felt the pain and stiffness disappear, and he was able to resume normal activities. King Enrique ordered a chapel built to house the remains of Friar Diego" (Case).

In 1562, Don Carlos, son of Spain's King Felipe II, fell from a horse, hit his head, and may have had a cerebral hemorrhage. The king's physician recommended trepanning, drilling a hole in the skull to release "diseased blood" (during the Renaissance, at death, all skulls were trepanned to help one's soul fly to heaven). Dr. Andreas Vesalius cut skin back, exposed the cranium, but decided against the

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operation. Don Carlos remained in a coma, near death. "A Moor from Valencia was summoned, but his potions had no effect. Finally the king's confessor persuaded Felipe II to summon the Franciscans of Alcalá, who arrived carrying the century-old cadaver of Fray Diego, which they promptly placed in bed with the dying prince. In the morning Don Carlos awakened. and his miraculous recovery was instantly attributed to Diego" (Ide).

As Kenneth L. Woodward points out, in Making Saints: How the Catholic Church Determines Who Becomes a Saint, Who Doesn't, and Why, canonization — even of spiritual shoo-ins, people who are "for certain, with God"must run a gauntlet through local and ecclesial politics. "Popes have been canonizing saints for only the last thousand years. Since 1234, when the right was officially reserved for the papacy alone, there have been fewer than 300 canonizations" (Woodward). Diego of Alcalá almost didn't make it.

Diego's students petitioned for beatification in 1463. But three popes lived short lives, and the petition either got cast aside or lost. In the 15th and 16th Centuries, almost every European city sent petitions for the catalogue of saints to

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Rome. Most ended up in a Vatican wastebasket.

When Diego's corpse "cured" Felipe II's son, Felipe had a pope he nominated— Sixtus V (1585–1590) in power. But even with the Church's highest authority on his side, Diego's canonization trial still faced difficulties. "Diego's life lacks the excitement of conversion or martyrdom"

(Case). He was just a humble friar who, because he was an observant, never advertised his gifts.

The deciding vote for sanctity came because of the Council of Trent (1545–1562). To combat the rise of Protestantism, Catholic theologians many of them trained at Alcalá — met in an ongoing council of church reform. "Many of [the Council of Trent's] principles were exemplified by Friar Diego's simple, orthodox Catholicism and his love of poverty, chastity, and the sacraments" (Case). Diego was canonized in Rome July 2, 1588.

A posthumous miracle, a pope on his side, a historical shift in the Church — all had to combine to canonize Diego. Case speculates, "If he had lived and died in any other place, he would have remained the obscure man he thought he truly was."■

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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 16

Whenever we come here or return here — to this edge, this styx — there are those among us who do not come by themselves. They bring their memory belongings with them, and they sit among these things as they would sit among their own travel-worn dufflebags while waiting or wondering or just puttering around. They are on the shore, and back of them is all the physical earth, back of them is all they ever have known.



Beach bonfire

Nothing is more mysteriously beautiful over the ocean perhaps than a lone white gull soaring high and slow against a storm-black sky.

Or for entertainment — while waiting — there are the conversations the boughs of some shore palm seemingly will be holding among themselves when the breeze from off the sea is just right. The boughs will nudge their tips against each other as if for emphasis to what they could be say-

ing. Or the boughs will nod to each other as if in agreement, or will frantically push at each other as if in harsh disagreement. And all of this too could be reminders of the physical earth in the background, or of the cities, or of the business rivalries once conducted.

There are reminders everywhere.

Or, as with the gull against the black sky, there are mysterious colors everywhere. But not until now, maybe, did many of these waiting people have

time to play their thoughts with such impractical nonsense.

For how long has it been now since first they were absorbed with that all-earthly game of seeing how important they could become before they died. It was expected of them. It was schooled into them. It is the earth's game, and they played it.

Committees, lodges, chairman-ships, public dinners, and all the influential Dans and Bills and Mikes and Hals to be known intimately as Dan and Bill and Mike and Hal that the influence may lead to more committees, more lodges, more chairman-ships, more public dinners with perhaps testimonials — perhaps even testimonials about themselves. Ah, what a busy life. And now on the Edge — waiting and bewildered and maybe not feeling any too good around the heart

So, if for my own part I would like to have considered all this the completion of a cycle, back to the starting point again, back to this little town where long ago I built the first home I ever owned, I merely would be making a figure of speech. The completion of a cycle is a figure of speech,

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Yet had circumstances been any different, and without the constant example of this little town ever in our minds, how different might many of our own lives have been by now, our comparatively younger lives, and while we still had the chance. Perhaps some great city would have been my own ambition, as just one example, some great city where I might be striving to declare great things, or



Old Point Loma lighthouse

striving to report the present and future of nations, or giving the lowdown on people to people, and leaping from typewriter to lecture-hall, to radio, then back to an office again for dictation to secretaries, then to lunch to talk over some additional contracts, then back to secretaries, then to

some private gymnasium for a rubdown, and then to have read to me by assistants copy which I did not prepare, which I did not see, but which I accept as my own anyway for some rush deadline.

To have been sensational may have been the thing to be. Even if our own

soul may blush at what tricks we do or at what we record, still to have been sensational may have been the thing to be. And then after a while the soul may not blush anymore, and we will be known by the crowd, and the crowd will say: "My, my, my." And that will have been known as a full life, a

forceful driving life, and in direct proportion to how many telephones are ringing simultaneously.

But here beneath this cliff is still this surf, generation after generation of it within a single hour, and with each surf, and each color in the surf, humorously unmindful of the backgrounds, important or otherwise, of the people waiting.

CHAPTER 17

How envious I am of people who can write autobiographies, recording dates and places and all the incidents which, neatly following each other, lead up to the crescendo of their present time.

What a blessing it must be to be able to do this, and then, while looking at the finished product, be able to say to oneself: "Ah, that is all. That is everything." Or what a blessing it must be even to have reached a crescendo, or to have recognized it as such, and to have remembered the exact circumstances and date of that too.

And to have remem-

bered the exact conversations, and to be able to quote the exact conversations, which took place on certain hours of certain days of certain years with certain people, their full initials and all.

For here on this shoreline, and whenever some old acquaintances from other places happen to come through town, and happen to drop in at the house, many memories overlap again, and continue to overlap, and nothing seems to take its respective order.

Forgotten things will be revived, of course, as could be expected anywhere. But that is not the main point. The main point is that even that very same night may in itself develop into a crescendo, just one more of these perfect things which are good only during the hours or the moments of living them. They are, for the time being, the tops, the pinnacle. And then next morning we literally sweep away the ashes, clear up the glasses, and the next stanza of trying to be practical

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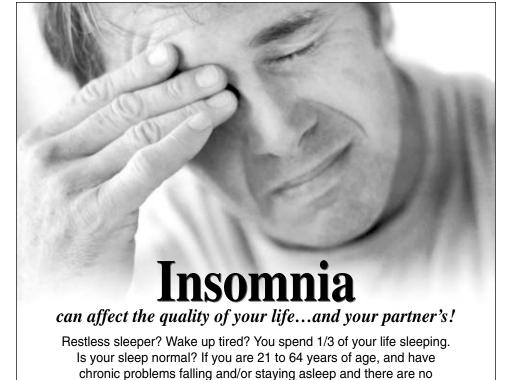


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starts in once more — until the next surprise arrival from somewhere of old acquaintances, and the next bull session.

Yet these sessions in themselves so often are both biographies and autobiographies, all mixed up, all churning away, until it would require a really skilled man to divide them, or to remember afterwards precisely what the hell had been said. But whatever it was, at the time it was said, it certainly had been both vital and interesting or even magnificent. And this, after all, may be all that counts. It may be all that counts with anything in this haphazard flash at life. I cannot say. Perhaps nobody can say.

My own little patio here is not really a patio, but for lack of the right word we still call it a patio. It is something we ourselves built long ago of brick, and on the side of the house next the ocean. The word terrace may be

the more dignified word, but it is not really a terrace. It is instead merely a place to sit and build fires. One fire is for the barbecue, whenever there is to be a barbecue, and the other fire is merely a plain old bonfire out of driftwood. There is nothing fancy about this bonfire. It merely is there to keep off the ocean's night dampness and to keep us warm and to spit into and to throw cigarette butts into and to toss the used paper

plates into and to sweep into — the sweeping to be done in the morning.

Yet around this fire from time to time have come, I like to think, all the people I ever have been with anywhere in the world. This statement obviously is absurd, even outright crazy. But there is no harm in thinking it, any more than there is harm in thinking that most of the people we have met somewhere presumably still remember us,

or want to remember us, or even may want to see us again. Yes, a fellow has the right to think so. It is one of his few privileges, the same as in reverse order he should have the privilege of forgetting all the sonsabitches he has known.

But around this bonfire at night, and with these transient friends, the driftwood flames have a way about them which make the come-on for an open forum almost, or the open sesame, for all the opinions ever opinionated, or all the arguments ever argued, or all the agreements ever agreed, or all the memories ever remembered. For the morning is far away, and so all of us can afford to talk Big Talk. And it is surprising what Big Talk we can talk, even on the blended bourbon of these days and just so long as the morning still seems far away. Indeed, morning may never come at all. Yet if it does

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So we decide all about Russia. We decide all about China. We decide all about Europe, the Argentine, the Pacific Islands, all about women and taxes and the United States. We even dare to try funny stories even in dialect. And we recall experiences about each other which we have no business recalling. But now in front of this fire, it is all right not merely to recall them but also to tell them outright. And we make great decisions, amazing decisions, and we wonder why we had not made these decisions before, or even thought of the decisions before. Sure, we know just who to phone or to telegraph tomorrow. He is an important man now, maybe too important, but he will remember us, and he will like the idea, and he will get us out of our

financial dilemma or any dilemma. And with promises and suggestions we help each other — here before the fire.

And then, all at once, it is way past time to go to bed.

And then, all at once, we already have gone to bed and already have awakened in the morning.

I look out at the patio. It is vacant, the fire is black, but the chairs are still facing every which way, bumping one another, nudging one another, at queer angles to one another, as if the recent occupants were still in them and still arguing and still settling great matters, and still confident about themselves from here on in.

But already they have been gone for quite some little time. But gone where? To catch some early plane perhaps. Or some early train. Or maybe just gone. I do not quite remember.

But my job now is to clean up the patio, to sweep the stubs away, to pick up odd pieces of glass, and to

wonder who were the respective owners of so many of the little things left around. Here may be a partial package of somebody's own brand of cigarettes, here may be somebody's initialed folder of matches, here may be somebody's pencil-clip found lodged between the bricks, and here beneath a bench may be a tiny sheet of notepaper containing some scribbled address, something which at the time had seemed so important, so all-important, to have gotten down. And here on this next scrap of paper may be the key lines to some limerick which somebody just had to - just simply had to - have recorded for himself or herself for posterity. It had seemed that mar-

But the morning's full sunlight is upon these things now, and upon the ashes of the former flames, and upon the disarranged chairs where once sat the earth's grandest mortals. And in cleaning up these things, sweeping away these things — these papers, these stubs,

velous at the time...

these pieces of glass — I can feel almost like God may feel when none of us, not one of us, is here on earth anywhere, after we have all gone, every last man, woman, and child of us.

Yet even He may never forget having had us on earth, or the entertainment of having had us. For our fire definitely is throwing around a lot of fancily colored sparks and streaks and shadows as long as the fire lasts, and as long as we last.

But the judgment of all this, or the memoirs of all this, will have to await God's own autobiography. And so, likely enough, we will never get to know for sure.

CHAPTER 18

When the heavier fogs come in along this immediate coast we usually can see these fogs five or six miles ahead of time. For such a fog forms like a wall out there, and nothing is between us and the moving wall to intercept the vision. There are no trees or buildings out there, but only the surface of the sea, and across this sur-

face the fog bank glides directly at us coming ever closer and more smoothly to submerge us finally.

Even the seabirds know what is going to occur — the inevitable — and they begin acting strangely along the rocks.

And we know it, but can do nothing about it except possibly to close our ocean windows. Otherwise the approaching dampness soon will drip through the screens and form pools upon the windowsills.

Part of the sky still will be baby blue, even directly above the fog bank. But when ultimately the fog bank, a muffled Juggernaut, finally reaches us and overruns us, there will be no blue anywhere, and no sky, and even our own hands may assume a strange pallor, and the only noticeable sound will be the distant foghorn on the lighthouse at the base of Point Loma. The foghorn starts up then, as if the first fingers of the fog had sprung the switch automatically.

How many times now, I wonder, have we watched the wall of fog come in like this, and have known ahead of time just what it would do, how it would blind us, and yet how there is no answer for our blindness except to wait. And our most depressive days can be like this, too, days which have no

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vision and no answer, and when only the experience of many years has taught us that such days will go away. They will dissolve quite on their own and go away.

I feel this is true because the horizon of this ocean seems to be trying to teach it to us all the time, and we who are looking out at this ocean all day long may become peculiar people without exactly knowing why. When the sea is kicking up with a storm we ourselves feel disturbed right along with the sea, and yet we do not know just why we are disturbed. Newcomers may look at the foaming rollers and may say: "JeeSUS, what a wonderful sight!" But the rest of us are not so positive, for a nerve fiber by now seems to connect us with what always is going on out there, all the changes.

When the ocean wears a blindfold we ourselves wear a blindfold. And when the ocean delivers the blindfold right at us, and over us, it is almost as if we were creatures being placed back among the as yet unborn. Seeing nothing, we are sure of nothing, and the meaning of life, or the meaning of ourselves, becomes something farther away than ever.

But there come other ways, and as suddenly, when a freak visibility is such that everything on the sea appears magnified beyond all proportion, when vessels out there appear to be riding high on a scaffolding, and when even the two distant Mexican islands, the Coronados, are so clear-cut, so sharp, and apparently so close to us that with a little imagination we virtually can see the pebbles on the shores there. And now we can feel like wonderful people, tremendous people, people miraculously blessed with eyes and minds capable of seeing and knowing

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But since then, during these many years, I have seen friends of mine become truly great people, and even as I watched them and knew them and remained friends

with them. And only because of this did I finally learn what so many others have known all along, that these few such friends can become at times as bewildered and as lost as any of the rest of us. And when they are baffled they are very baffled, yet only to us who are their friends do they dare show it. But to all others they dare not show it, but must remain on an everlasting stage with the curtain always up.

This is especially peculiar when some old working friend, somebody who was as awed at interviewing publicized people as I was, now himself becomes internationally publicized so that wherever he goes there are people waiting for him, interviewing him, making demands of him, requesting opinions from him until now at times all he wants, and that his body and mind want, is an evening's sanctuary with

some old-time friend who is not out for anything, and where the drinking is done around the icebox, where the kitchen remains the living room, and where the funny stories are both crude and beautiful — but

For the fog bank momentarily has come in for him too.

It was not my intention to mention any names in this regard, for of all the obnoxious critters we can have are the name-throwerouters, and when no other is involved except to be throwing out a name. But there is a purpose here in mentioning one name, Ernie Pyle, and not because he no longer is with us, but because when the fog banks hit him, they hit him hard, and at a time when all the world presumably may have seemed his grape.

I have seen Ernie so baffled, so puzzled, so perplexed — at these fog banks — that he would lie on some cot in agony. The cot might be in some little tent, or the cot might be in some little room in a Quonset, but he would lie there in agony. At such times he could not sleep, he could not eat, and if he were one who could have cried, I am sure that at such times he would have cried. Nor would the fog banks necessarily have concerned his own personal problems, even his own feeling (later abandoned) that soon he would be killed. But the fog banks would concern something else, some injustice, the unreasonableness of something somewhere, the insanity he had seen in all the nations, the hopelessness of anything continuing on at all. And while others back home were throwing out solutions over the radio, or otherwise showing how smart they talk on a radio, he refused to talk publicly anywhere — in his own writing he limited himself always to only that which he saw or knew. Never beyond that — never. For beyond that was the fog bank, sometimes coming in, sometimes receding.

In San Francisco one morning while we were eating breakfast and preparing to catch a Navy plane together for the Pacific, a reporter asked him, "But, Mr. Pyle, just what is it now — you don't like about war?"

Ernie paled, hurried out to the men's room, and was sick. He was very sick in there.

And yet that reporter may have thought perhaps, the same as Ernie when young on a paper may at one time have thought perhaps, like the rest of us thought, that all famous people must have some answer for everything. Even an answer to that one.

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ing the battle with the bacteria in her upper left arm. Something had switched off her bone marrow's granulocyte-production process. Leukemia can cause this, but more often nonlymphocytic leukemia presents with a normal or elevated white blood cell count. Agranulocytosis is an unusual but well-recognized side effect of some medications, and Melanie was still using several prescription drugs to maintain mental stability.

So this was now a life-threatening situation, but with aggressive treatment of the ogist, Dr. Davidson, did a bone-marrow biopsy, an often painful procedure that requires the doctor to twist a thick needle into the patient's pelvic bone just above the buttocks. The preliminary results confirmed the lack of granulocyte precursor cells, so he gave Melanie GMCSF (granulocyte- and macrophage-colony stimulating factor) to try to get production started again, and her cell counts did improve slightly while the antibiotics prevented the infection from spreading. Because the antibiotics kept her

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Melanie, 1977

antibiotics.

To my mind, this wasn't a big deal. For over 20 years, Melanie had battled bipolar affective (manic depressive) disorder, obesity, and acne, so an abscess in her arm seemed an annoyance and little else.

It got a little more complicated when we got the results of her routine hospital-admission blood tests; her white blood cell count was 800. The low end of normal is 4000. There are several white blood cell (or leukocyte) types normally present in blood, and most white cells are either granulocytes (more commonly called neutrophils), the cells that give pus its green color, or lymphocytes, the cells that HIV destroys. Melanie had almost no neutrophils, a condition called agranulocytosis, and that's why her body was losabscess, using surgical drainage and powerful antibiotics, and discontinuation of the offending psychiatric medicine, one would expect a complete recovery. An avid reader, Melanie had a much easier time staying in the hospital than most and could use the time to catch up on the graduate-school courses she was taking at Pepperdine University to get her master's degree in marriage and family counseling. Her mental illness had, from the time she was forced to drop out of Stanford Law School in 1981 until she began counseling clients in 1998, prevented her from working at jobs commensurate with her intelligence. For the first time in her life she was entering a career that she found rewarding.

Early in her hospital stay, her hematol-

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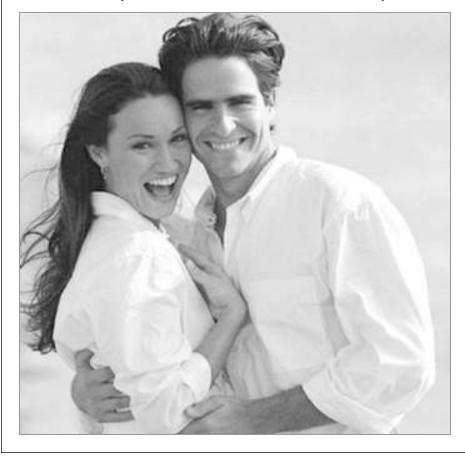
in stable condition, the surgeon decided to wait for her bone marrow to recover a bit before making the necessary deep cut into her arm to drain the abscess so that she would have a better chance of healing quickly afterward.

Once they made the decision not to do surgery, her doctors sent her home to get her antibiotics there, something the HMOs make us do now to save money, even though Melanie's immune system was so compromised that there was debate among her doc-

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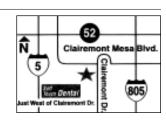
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tors about whether she should stay in isolation and whether she could be in the same room as Nelly, her cat.

Late in the afternoon about 16 days after Melanie had entered the hospital, I got a call from Dr. Davidson with the news that he had received the final results of her bone-marrow chromosomal studies, and she did not have drug-induced agranulocytosis. She was developing acute myelocytic leukemia (AML). Of the four leukemia classes, AML is the worst. Fate had invited Melanie to play a real-life game of Jumanji; in this version, only 10 percent of the players survive two years. Her mother would leave her home and life in south Laguna to take a ringside seat and look after Nelly.

After letting the news sink in for a few minutes, I went upstairs into my bedroom and cried, because Melanie isn't my patient. Melanie is my sister.

For as long as I can remem-

ber, perhaps as long as I have been alive, Melanie has had an insatiable appetite for books. She was the oldest of four kids, and three of us were lucky enough to have Jack Chapman as our sixth-grade teacher. Clad in his black leather jacket and helmet, he rode his motorcycle to school every day and used to lead our class in afternoon jogs around the playground. He used humor to maintain interest in a way I never had seen before nor encountered since. For example, when a student neglected to pay attention, Chapman would close one eye and straighten his left arm with the thumb extended upward and wavering slightly as he took aim at his target. The intended recipient of this message usually heard our chuckling and responded by stopping the offending behavior, but if not, Chapman would lob a small chalkboard eraser in the victim's direction.

Melanie presented Chapman with a dilemma.



Melanie, 1997

She would sit in her chair and read, ignoring assignments. Not wanting to send too disapproving a message but needing to get her attention, Chapman didn't think the eraser treatment appropriate for her. Instead, when he gave a signal, the entire class would cease all other activity and stare at my sister until she put down her book.

Chapman dropped dead in front of his medicine cabinet of a heart attack at age 51, four days after I graduated from his class. As I wept at his funeral, I couldn't help but feel that once he had finished with the Eichel children, someone had decided his work was done.

If a patient with AML has any idea what it means, he or she approaches treatment with the same enthusiasm as a sailor of a tenfoot boat approaching a level-five hurricane. Because the dysfunctional leukemia cells displace the normal immune system, infectious agents bombard the unsuspecting host, which is why many leukemics like Melanie have a severe infection at the time of diagnosis. So what do we doctors do? We infuse poisons designed to destroy the immune system three times. It's a bizarre notion that something good should come out of that, but these days the only chance that AML patients have of surviving the disease is to obliterate all of the defective cancer cells and replace them with cells that behave normally.

The first chemotherapeutic immune system destruction, the induction phase, consists of continuous infusions of two drugs, idarubacin and Ara-C, for seven days. The complication phase (not an official term) begins at about day six. Melanie returned to Northridge to start her chemotherapy and to drain her abscess.

Melanie's first lifethreatening complication, septic shock, cut short her chemotherapy on the sixth day. Shock, to medical professionals, does not mean the stunned, mentally helpless condition that follows a sudden scare. It's much worse: a life-threatening emergency during which the vital organs do not receive sufficient blood flow. Irreversible damage occurs within minutes unless perfusion returns to normal. Low blood pressure and pale cool limbs

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herald shock's onset, and correcting it requires recognizing the cause. Hypovolemic shock comes from an acute blood shortage (the precursor of "bleeding to death") from extreme lack of fluid intake or from constant excess fluid loss, such as the incessant urination of out-of-control diabetes or the 20-literper-day diarrhea that cholera brings. Cardiogenic shock most often results from having "the big one": a blood clot lodging in a diseased left anterior descending coronary artery, causing the front wall of the heart's main pumping chamber, the left ventricle, to die. The damaged ventricle can't pump enough blood and shock ensues. This is usually a fatal heart attack complication.

The other forms of shock all follow sudden dilation of the large arteries, a condition called "vasomotor collapse." Severe allergic reactions cause some immune system cells to extrude blood-vessel dilating substances, leading to anaphylactic shock. Spinal-cord injuries cause neurogenic shock when the nerve connections to the arterial smooth muscle are cut off. Bacteria, through a variety of mechanisms. can also cause vasomotor collapse. Staphylococcus bacteria had either escaped from Melanie's abscess or invaded through her intravenous catheter into her bloodstream, where they released endotoxin, a protein that dilates arteries. Antibiotics, intravenous fluids, and an intravenous medicine to increase her blood pressure saved Melanie's life that night.

I didn't find out about all this until the next day, which was best because she made a quick enough recovery that all I could do when I found out the next day was give a retrospective shudder and worry about what lay ahead.

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as the number of red blood cells drops. All of this results in the characteristic thin, pale, and bald features of chemotherapy recipients, and in less than a month my sister had the look of a cancer patient.

The infections kept

coming. Yeast invaded Melanie's mouth and throat, creating the white coating we call thrush. A fungus sprouted in her lungs, giving her a cough and shortness of breath to go with her diarrhea and nausea. A cardiothoracic

surgeon brought her to the operating room to cut open her chest and biopsy her lung to identify the fungus, a wasted effort because nothing grew in the lab. But her arm wound healed, and the news from the most important test, her bone-

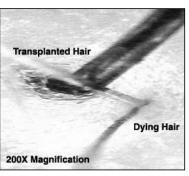
marrow biopsy four weeks after her chemotherapy, gave us room for hope: no cancer. Her induction was successful; if it hadn't cleared the cancer from her marrow, she would have had to repeat the induction.

Instead, she moved on to the consolidation phase, the chemotherapy after remission. She also moved on to UCLA Medical Center, where she would receive the rest of her treatment. When Dr. Davidson informed Melanie she had leukemia, he told her to have each of her siblings tested to determine if we could be donors for her bone-marrow transplant, which would be the third and perhaps most important cancer treatment phase and which would have to

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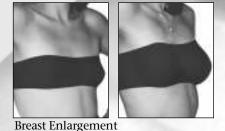
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Having three siblings gave Melanie a better than 50 percent chance that one of us would match her, so Bettina, John, and I went to our doctors to have the tests done, with the expectation that at least one of us could be a donor. We were wrong. Melanie never had any good luck, but the absurdity of our test results seemed insulting: none of the four of us matched each other.

Without a matching donor, Melanie's only transplant option was to have an autologous transplant, for which the doctors would "harvest" her own stem cells, eradicate her bone marrow with radiation and chemotherapy, and then give the stem cells back to her. It's not clear that this is better than a third course of chemotherapy, but the oncologists at Northridge and UCLA convinced Melanie that it was likely to give her a better chance of survival, so she decided to go ahead with it.

Melanie had a memorable previous medical encounter with UCLA. In the fall of 1980, at age 24, Melanie was having the worst manic episodes of her life. On an impulse, she drove from Los Angeles to Boston to visit Bettina, a trip that ended with Boston psychiatrists recommending that she get on a plane and check herself into UCLA as soon as possible. She did as she was told, but because of insurance problems, UCLA put my psychotic sister out on the streets of Westwood at midnight on a Saturday night. For three days, my

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Mom didn't have to remind me how that story ended. On the night of October 30, 1980, I went to my first Bruce Springsteen concert. I knew his lyrics

almost as well as he did. so I had spent over four hours singing along with him at the Forum in Inglewood. About 30 minutes after I went to bed, my father jolted me out of my postconcert euphoria with the news that the police

had found Melanie and I would have to help Mom take her to a mental hospital in Van Nuys because he had to catch an earlymorning flight to an important meeting. I have a foggy recollection of sitting in the front seat of our green

Buick Regal parked on the street outside of our San Fernando Valley one-story house, waiting for my mother to get in and drive us to Van Nuys, with Melanie mumbling in the backseat about having been raped while I tried to figure out whether what she was saying could be true. Not having a clue what to do, I kept quiet. The doctors later told my mother that Melanie had imagined it. St. John's, the facility where we brought her that night, took good care of

her, and that was the first step in Melanie's long fight back against bipolar affective disorder. But UCLA, the medical center with the finest reputation in Southern California and the campus from which both of my parents were gradu-

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ates, had turned her away. Now, UCLA had a chance to redeem itself.

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ferred from Northridge to UCLA, where her oncologist, Dr. Schiller, had to get her started and hope the fungus wouldn't get out of control while the drugs destroyed her immune system. Because he thought it would improve Melanie's

chance for survival, Dr. Schiller persuaded Melanie to enroll in a clinical trial in which she would receive Interleukin 2, a "cytokine" that some cells in the immune system use to communicate with one other. Melanie's toughness

prevailed; the fungus did not spread. Seventeen days after finishing consolidation, her nausea, diarrhea, and infections had all subsided, and for the first time in almost three months, Melanie went home on July 7, 1999. Melanie's completion of the first two treatment rounds gave her and us our first chance to be a bit optimistic. As the only physician, I was the one family member who, from the day of her diagnosis, realized that she probably would

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die. "I'm too young to be losing my sister," I remember telling my wife Terry that night through angry tears. My mother, who had lost her mother, her favorite aunt, and her favorite uncle in the early 1990s and had thereby become the matriarch of her family, caught on early, in part because of a phone conversation I had with her in which I remember asking, "Do you know how bad this is?" She didn't, so I told her. I did the same for Bettina, but she later told me she was sure Melanie would not die, and I think our brother John held the same belief. Melanie was younger than the average AML patient. Having survived two chemotherapy cycles with her disease in full remission, it seemed reasonable to think that she had a better chance than most people

in her situation.

We also knew her capabilities. Paving the road ahead of us through our school years, she set a standard that none of us could match, even though we were all bright kids. A National Merit semifinalist in high school, she did even better at Wellesley College, where she studied under Robert Pinsky, the recent United States poet laureate, and earned Phi Beta Kappa honors in her junior year. A Durant scholar (Wellesley's equivalent of summa cum laude) as a senior, she also scored a 47 (48 was the highest possible score) on the LSAT, which is why Harvard, Stanford, Boalt, and all the other law schools to which she applied accepted her. It was during finals week of her first year at Stanford that her bipolar affective disorder, which she would battle for about 23 years, made its first serious intrusion into her life and ended her law education. Melanie never spoke much about what happened, but I know there were suicide attempts. For two decades, she tried almost every medicine availDr. Tracy Cogbill, Melanie emerged after two decades of intermittent inner chaos with her own spacious three-level townhouse in Encino, a full-time editorial position at Blue Cross, and a career path as a professional counselor. She was over halfway through

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able, studying the effects of each as she went along, and figured out which symptoms responded to each drug at what cost (side effects and price). Through her meticulous approach and careful collaboration with a superb psychiatrist,

a master's program in marriage and family counseling at Pepperdine.

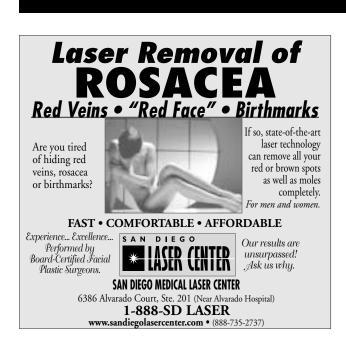
She had battled many lesser problems, too. Inheriting the worst teeth and eyes of the four of us, Melanie had the most orthodontic treatments and thickest lenses. Acne scarred her skin, and she had such severe allergies that on several occasions during our childhood she woke up with her eyes swollen almost shut from a reaction to an unknown agent. Obesity arrived in her early adolescence to dent her self-esteem and feed her bipolar disease. Melanie's woes made up a genetic mystery, as our parents are thin and tall with smooth complexions; Melanie topped out at five feet, four inches.

Despite all of this, her thick, long, almost black hair, great big brown eyes, and broad smile against her soft facial features made her striking in her youth. In high school, she appeared on television representing John F. Kennedy High School in our native Granada Hills as the stu-

dent selected to provide commentary on current events, and my mother recalls that she looked great on TV.

Because she was the oldest, we looked to her to be first. My mother taught me to read while we watched Melanie learn to ice skate; we all pursued our own sports later. In her teens, Melanie bought every new Beatles album and would greet with amusement, not anger, her skinny, overly emotional youngest brother when I would plow into her bedroom, brimming with all the talent one would expect of a five-year-old, to accompany the Fab Four with my toy horn, drums, and triangle. We all followed her onto our high school journalism staff, and she was the first of three of us to become a professional

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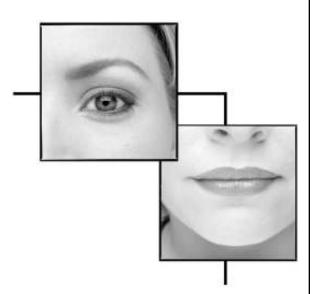
writer. It seemed reasonable to assume that AML would just be another stone in her backpack, and she would be the first of us to beat a life-threatening disease.

She had a month at home before her transplant, much of which she spent going out with Mom for short walks and movies. Mom had taken leave from her life's routine (most of which revolved around her volunteer work for the American Association of University Women) when Melanie first entered the hospital, visiting her almost every day and spending the rest of her time keeping Melanie's affairs in order. Insurance matters required several hours of work daily, as the medical bills ran into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mom also took care of Melanie's townhouse and Nelly, the black cat who, much to Melanie's chagrin, developed a strong attachment to Mom during Melanie's long absence.

People and animals tend to form lasting bonds with my mother. An only child who spent much of her childhood learning how to please two demanding parents, she uses her dved-blond hair, friendly smile, blue eyes, and indefatigable positive outlook to make anyone feel welcome and part of the group.

Ever since Melanie's first experience at UCLA Medical Center, Mom had served as one of her daughter's two most important crisis resources. The other was Dr. Cogbill, who from the beginning in 1980 recognized Mom's importance to Melanie, persuaded Melanie to let Mom help her, and became Melanie's guide through the minefield of her bipolar illness. He was the main reason she did not follow her three siblings when we all moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. Later, he introduced Melanie to the AIDS Project of Los Angeles hotline. Volunteering for the hotline began Melanie's counseling career and threw her into crises worse than her own, giving her necessary perspective on her own problems. Melanie became a dedicated APLA hotline volunteer, working at least one shift per week and fre-

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quently taking shifts on holidays.

That physical distance between her and her siblings reinforced the barriers in our relationships with her. Melanie's introverted nature and her illness kept the rest of us from establishing intimacy with her, particularly during the 1980s, although her presence and involvement at all of the important holidays and events, from my medical school graduation to my daughter's baptism, made it clear how much we mattered to her even during her worst years. As her will won over control of her life, our interactions became more fun. During my residency in Maine. Melanie came to visit me. It gave her a chance to return to New England, which had been so good to her, and to travel. About seven years earlier, she worked as a writer for Traveling Times, which sent her to many cities across the United States but never overseas. Knowing how much Europe fascinated her and how much she wanted to go there, particularly to France, I took a few days off in 1991 and drove her to the city of Quebec, where I used to go about four times a year while I was in Maine to escape my job and surround myself with French speakers and a European ambiance.

Melanie loved it. I took her to dinner at my favorite creperie, Le Café Caisse Breton. We walked all over the old city, with the chill of early spring in the air, toured the street galleries, and promenaded along the boardwalk high above the expansive St. Lawrence River. I remember taking her to a bank to exchange currency, and when she began with great effort to speak the French language she had studied about 20 vears earlier and read in so many novels since, I blurted out, "They understand English!" before I realized that she was living a dream.

"I know!" she admonished her little brother. She could have followed with "Now buzz off!" but to be rude on a matter of no importance would have been out of character. She spoke French and made herself understood: another triumph for the will of my sister.

Although she had a few very close friends from Wellesley and from various jobs, Melanie's social immigrant and my mother's daily walking companion from about 1976 to 1994, loved to go with her to art shows and take advantage of Melanie's encyclopedic knowledge. Mom remembers going to a van Gogh exhibit with Melanie after finishing the chemotherapy treatments, and just before they left, Melanie paused before one

We were living a Christmas miracle, and the thought that I might have saved my sister's life was more than I could handle.

life in the 1990s centered around Mom, and Mom was a willing beneficiary. Melanie always told her which exhibits, ballet companies, musicians, and plays were coming into town, and Mom could count on her to get tickets and excellent seats to those that mattered. When Mom could not go, Mom's friends often profited. Nina, a Russian

of the Dutch master's paintings and remained motionless for a disturbing length of time before exiting the building without saying a word.

Not wanting cancer to derail her chance at a master's degree, Melanie made many inquiries at Pepperdine and was able to delay her deadlines for courses and clinical counseling hours. When UCLA harvested her stem cells for transplantation, they gave her the good news after the first day that they had enough cells. She would not have to do the usual two-day harvest.

On August 9, she went back into the hospital for three days of radiation and two days of chemotherapy to erase her bone marrow stem cells, and on August 16, she had her transplant. Several weeks of sore throat, diarrhea, and fatigue later, Melanie came back home on September 1, having survived her AML treatments, and we all looked ahead to her recovery and resumption of a more normal existence.

Except that she kept requiring transfusions of blood and platelets, at least once and often twice weekly. As this continued on through October and into November, Dr. Schiller continued to be as reassuring as possible, telling us to be patient, and I tried to reaffirm this positive message during my conversations

with Melanie and my mother, but it was becoming apparent that her transplant had not "taken" and that her marrow was neither making platelets nor red blood cells. This was not a disaster, but it promised to make Melanie's life more complicated for months to come. At least there was not any sign of leukemia.

As November progressed, Melanie's nausea crept back. By the middle of the month, she was vomiting yellow fluid, and a week later she called me because she was back at UCLA with a fever of 102.5 degrees and "some stuff on my chest X-ray" suggestive of pneumonia. Treatment with powerful intravenous antibiotics did not help, and four days later, she was unconscious on a ventilator. Her basement membranes, through which the oxygen we breathe diffuses into our tiny lung capillaries, had swelled and become clogged with debris. On X-ray, her lungs had the appearance

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of ground glass. Two days after Thanksgiving, Melanie had a disaster: adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).

So we weren't fooling around anymore. Melanie could be dead within days. If I had been my own patient and called myself on the phone, I would have known what to advise myself, but I had never faced this situation with an immediate family member, so I called Budd, my boss, so he could state the obvious: "Jim, you have to go there, don't you?" Our staff would take care of advising and rescheduling my patients. My wife, now five months pregnant, and I packed our bags, took a flight to Burbank with our 18-month-old daughter Mia, and drove to Encino, where my mother and Nelly met us.

For the next two months, the townhouse would become our Southern California home. I like irony, but I never became comfortable with the notion that we never saw Melanie when we came to Melanie's townhouse, although she had imprinted herself in it such that it could not have belonged to anyone else I knew. The predominantly white walls accented with her favorite dark blue trim and wicker furniture below the high ceilings gave it the wide-open look she preferred. Posters of works from Matisse and other preferred artists adorned the walls, and bookcases full of literature interspersed themselves with impeccable organization in every room, including the kitchen and dining room. Family photos in stylish frames decorated the tables and other furniture. She displayed large conches and dozens of other seashells that had belonged to my mother's mother, with whom Melanie had traded volumes of letters from her college days until Grandmama died in 1993. Driving home her absence at the end of every day we spent there, Terry and I slept in her bed; Mia shared the room on a couch mattress on the floor.

Like my mother and sister, I had a "past" at UCLA Medical Center, so our drive there the following morning was a

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strange sort of homecoming. Sixteen years earlier, as a college sophomore, I had padded my pre-med résumé by working a summer in the Head and Neck Surgery Division, researching the anatomy of the eighth cranial nerve of the squirrel monkey. So on the way to my sister's ICU bed, I had that transplanted feeling you get when you're in a familiar place but none of the people you associate with it are present. On the elevator I stood next to medical residents in their long white coats, young doctors whom I used to find intimidating and who now were working to get where I am. I derived little comfort from that. I never thought I would visit a family member within this enormous structure, with the white walls, bright lights, and shiny floors extending down labyrinthine hallways.

Despite its blinking monitors and rhythmic machines, the eight-bed ICU seemed cozy and even relaxed compared to the hallway environment. Having left Terry and Mia downstairs because small children cannot come to the ICU, my mother and I found Melanie's room. Mom, always the host, introduced me to Marina, the charge nurse, a stocky Eastern European and one of those bright, calm, veteran professionals we all want at our bedside during our worst moments. Later, I would meet the whole ICU "team" for the month, from the intern to the attending physician, and they graciously allowed me to participate in their work rounds, when they come to the bedside to discuss the events of the past 24 hours and the treatment They didn't have any

surprises for me. Cultures of Melanie's sputum, urine, and blood had all failed to identify an infectious cause for her sudden respiratory collapse, but they were continuing the antibiotics and antifungal medication in case there were bacteria or fungus present that had evaded their attempts to

isolate them. They were increasing the ventilator's oxygen concentration and the amount of air pressure at the end of each breath, which would keep Melanie's tiny bronchioles open so they would keep accepting each new mechanically generated breath and to help force the oxygen through her damaged basement membranes. Higher

infused a medicine to paralyze her so that she would not use any more than the minimum amount of precious oxygen in her muscles. Melanie was in a terrible situation. The only good news was that she didn't show any signs of recurrent leukemia, although she still wasn't making her own platelets.

Her condition remained

The ICU team's mood reflected that of our family, as they realized that their enormous effort and subsequent victory had unraveled with one move by one careless person.

pressures and higher oxygen concentrations cause more permanent damage to the lungs, and therefore we try to "wean" these ventilator settings down as quickly as possible, preferably within 48 hours, to allow for better long-term survival after people come off the ventilator. They had

about the same for the next couple of days, and we all decided it would be best for me to return home. As the family health expert, I made daily calls to my mother and the ICU and then updated Mom, John, and Bettina.

Christmas approached. As Melanie entered her third week of unconscious paralysis on 100 percent oxygen and high levels of PEEP (positive end-expiratory pressure), her pulmonologist began to talk to us about discontinuing life support as her chance of survival was drifting below one percent. I knew they had given her the highest level of care and used the most advanced techniques, including turning her on her stomach intermittently to improve her ventilation. I was a family practitioner talking to the best specialists at one of the premier hospitals in the United States, but Melanie always had great faith in her "little brother," and I had to fight for one last intervention.

"Can you please start her on steroids?"

I had discussed this with the ICU team before, and they had not agreed because clinical trials in which ARDS patients received anti-inflammatory steroids failed to show any increase in survival. But we had never figured out what caused Melanie's

ARDS, and I remembered those odd allergic reactions she used to have as a child, and steroids suppress allergic reactions. Steroids also suppress the rest of the immune system, but what did that matter now that we were about to discontinue life support?

They agreed, and I thanked them. I knew that, in the end, we were doing this more for my peace of mind than for Melanie's health. I let my boss know that I would probably have to go down to UCLA again within a few days.

Two days later, Melanie's lungs showed some subtle improvement, as her blood oxygen levels rose and her carbon dioxide levels fell. Within a few days, the ICU team was turning down the ventilator settings, not to let her die, but because she was getting better. We all decided it would be safe and beneficial for Mom to get away for a few days to come up and spend Christmas with us. Sitting at the head of our long mahogany table,

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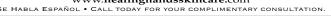
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I allowed myself a little trite optimism and, to Bettina's dismay and amusement, quoted the Counting Crows' Adam Duritz: "It's been a long December, but there's reason to believe that this year will be better than the last."

We opened our gifts. Mom mentioned to us that Melanie's restricted energy had shortened her Christmas-shopping excursions, but, to the surprise of none of us, she had gone out in November and bought each of us a gift one trip at a time. She gave my wife and I a tin of scrumptious chocolate-covered popcorn from Neiman-Marcus.

While we celebrated, Melanie's doctors weaned her ventilator oxygen concentration below the critical 50 percent level, where oxygen no longer damages the lungs. We were living a Christmas miracle, and the thought that I might have saved my sister's life was more than I could handle, so I tried not to think about it. During her chemotherapy, Melanie had appropriately warned me not to get too involved in her treatment, and Bettina remembered. "If you ever want to meddle in my care, Jim, go right ahead," she told me during the holidays. Mom went back home to be present when they discontinued Melanie's paralysis and allowed her to wake up. Terry, Mia, and I made our annual visit to my motherin-law's home in a trailer park in New Port Richey, Florida, but arranged to return through Los Angeles so we could see Melanie again on New Year's Eve.

Marina, the wonderful charge nurse, greeted us with enthusiasm. "There are two reasons for Melanie's recovery," she proposed. "The first is that we ventilated her in the prone position. The second is that about two weeks ago, Dr. Bellamy decided to start her on steroids." Mom smiled at her son.

I don't remember much from that visit, perhaps because my sister wasn't yet quite back with us. Terribly debilitated from three weeks of paralysis, she still required intermittent breaths from the ventilator, and although she was awake, her eyes did

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not register a look of recognition. But on the night of her birthday, January 4, Melanie, with Mom's help, called me at home.

"Hello, Jim." It was her voice, exactly as I had heard it thousands of times before. She sounded so normal. I could not put a thought together. I paused, much as a filmmaker would, to allow me to appreciate the reallife drama's full impact.

"Hi, Melanie, Welcome back." It soon became obvious that she was still way too weak to speak much, and she wasn't able to maintain her thoughts from one moment to the next. I knew we would get to talk more in the coming days, so I told her how great it was to hear her voice and that I looked forward to seeing her again soon. I could not convey the epiphany of the moment; I don't think I have ever been happier in my life.

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the stars." Melanie had just been awarded her Phi Beta Kappa membership, and she was writing this to Grandmama in the spring of 1976. Melanie thrived at Wellesley College. Most of her weeks there she wrote us letters, many of which raved about the placid Lake Waban, the fall colors, the cherry blossoms, and the charge that studying under poet Robert Pinsky and other gifted faculty gave her. Pinsky wanted Melanie to write poetry and pursue graduate studies in English literature, but Melanie gave in to practical career con-

During her efforts to defy death, I had often wondered whether Melanie had experienced much unbridled joy, and in coming across the letter to Grandmama, I felt comforted. I knew that she had not had anywhere near the amount of fun that her brothers and sister had had in our lives, but at least fate had

cerns and chose law school.

not cheated her completely. She adored Wellesley, and Wellesley had loved her.

Most people who choose to become medical professionals do so because of the satisfaction we feel when we help someone who needs us. Melanie was still too weak to feed herself in the days after she putting a tray full of food in front of Melanie. I do not know whether Melanie coughed or choked when some of that misguided fluid flowed past the epiglottis, the valve that directs food to the esophagus and air to the trachea, and down her trachea toward her lungs, upset-

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graduated from the intensive care unit, so a wellintentioned caregiver gave her something to drink. This person either forgot or did not know that Melanie's swallowing evaluation a few days earlier had shown that she was not yet ready to handle thin liquids. Someone else had made the mistake of

ting the delicate equilibrium that had allowed her escape from death and the intensive care unit. Perhaps she did not detect the fluid's errant path and relished the sensation of quenching thirst with a cool drink. But 48 hours later, she was once again intubated and on the ventilator because of aspiration

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pneumonia. As I explained a few weeks later to the quality-control nurse investigating the incident, "That person might just as well have plunged a knife into my sister's chest."

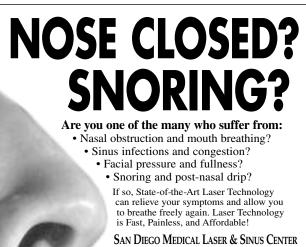
I resumed the abominable routine of calling the ICU for daily updates as Melanie once again sank into respiratory distress syndrome. The ICU team's mood reflected that of our family, as they realized that their enormous effort and subsequent victory had unraveled with one move by one careless person. The high ventilator settings began taking their toll, as one small area of Melanie's lungs finally burst, creating a small pneumothorax, or air leak, into the chest wall around the lungs. Such leaks send air directly into the chest outside the lungs, compressing them and making them even more difficult to inflate with air. The remedy for this is cutting between the ribs to jam a tube through the chest wall to suck out the air, but our family had decided that Melanie had had enough pain.

high ventilator settings, it was clear that Melanie was not coming back this time. We tried the steroids again, but aspiration pneumonias don't respond to steroids, so it didn't surprise any of us that they did not work this time. Melanie had had her miracle; we all knew it was a bit much to hope for another one. Terry, Mia, and I got in the car and drove seven hours to meet my mom at Melanie's townhouse the night of January 26, 2000. John and Bettina both decided they did not want to see Melanie again in her current state, preferring to remember her as she had been most of her life. They made plans to come down in two days.

After two weeks on

The following morning my mother and I returned to the ICU, knowing that whatever jury of fate decides who lives and who dies had come to a verdict for Melanie before our arrival, and now it was our time to get out of the way. As she lay motionless on her back, with her thick dark hair now mixed with

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gray just starting to grow back, amidst the beeps and whooshes of the monitors and ventilator, I marveled at how thin she had become. She had struggled all her life to look like this, and now that she had arrived at her goal weight, she would never know it. I told Marina and the ICU team that we were ready to give up. To their credit, none of the group tried to change our minds; in fact, I detected a touch of relief in their disappointment.

As we sat by Melanie's bedside, Mom and I told each other Melanie stories. Dr. Schiller stopped in and greeted us. I asked him the question that had bothered me for months: were we really sure which disease we were treating? In medical school, we learn that we diagnose acute myelocytic leukemia when a pathologist reviewing a slide he or she prepares from a sample of bone marrow finds a characteristic pattern of abnormal immature granulocytes. This had never happened to Melanie's bone marrow; instead, her cells had a combination of

abnormal chromosomes. "How good is that for making the diagnosis?"

"It's pretty good," he tried to reassure me, and he did convince me that he and Dr. Davidson had done what needed to be done. He was more concerned with the decision we had reached. "As you saw last month, we can never know absolutely what will happen."

My mother and I knew Melanie better than he did, and Melanie did not want to subsist with the kind of crippling lung disease with which she would emerge from this, even if she beat leukemia. Dr. Schiller wished us well, gave us a sympathetic smile, and left. The respiratory therapist continued to make intermittent visits to the ventilator to turn down the settings. To avoid the potential nightmare of having an awake, suffering patient who couldn't register any protest because of paralysis, Marina slowly turned off the vecuronium, the paralyzing agent. When one of the doctors told her this was unlikely to be nec-

essary, she pointed her index finger skyward and said, "One day, I have to answer to Him, too." She did not turn off the intravenous morphine.

I made occasional visits downstairs to see Terry and Mia, but for most of the afternoon, I stayed with my mother. Between long silent periods, we made some conversation with Melanie, and as the afternoon faded into evening, Melanie's skin began to turn the light violet-red hue that carbon dioxide intoxication brings, and her blood pressure began its final slow descent.

With the realization that Melanie's final few minutes had arrived. I felt that someone had hooked my insides to an amplifier. I was not quite terrified, but the numbers on the TV monitor above her bed seemed to be screaming their message, something like a night drive through Las Vegas: 82 over 50...62 over 49. Now standing next to my mother, I left her for a moment, went to Melanie's right side, grasped her hand and kissed her

forehead. "Goodnight, Melanie. I love you. Have a safe trip."

I walked back over to my mother and tried not to think about what it must be like to see your first-born die; we stood with our arms around each other and watched. The heart monitor recorded her pulse rate in her final moments, as the spaces between the spiked QRS complexes recording each beat grew longer, more assertive. The numbers fell: 48...30...9...0. Flat line, long beep, Melanie's life over at 6:31 p.m.

As I sat on the side of Melanie's bed that night just before attempting to go to sleep, I marveled at the power of grief. "I thought I would get some sense of peace and resolution now that this is over," I confessed to my wife as my body shook with the intermittent convulsions of sobs whose randomness and strength felt much like the purging sensation of vomiting.

"No, it's worse." She knew this from her father's

death from lung cancer. The cat stirred in the hallway outside of our door, reminding me of Melanie's final sentence in her will: "Please take care of Nelly."

"What a waste" was the woman next door's reaction to my news the next morning, and I could relate. Having had a few phone conversations with Melanie about the complex patients, I felt as though someone had denied us this new phase of sharing our experiences and supporting each other that could have lasted decades.

But a waste it was not.

unless you ignored the previous 44 years. Upon learning of her death, many of Melanie's friends and coworkers sat down and recorded pages of accolades praising her counseling skills and contributions to their lives, the perfect tribute to a writer. I imagine, given her love of literature, that at times Melanie fantasized of a writer portraying her as the heroine of a classic tragic tale. Well, dear sister, here it is. I gave it my best shot. ■

— Jim Eichel

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wrong. Murphy has not broken his promises, he is not making appointments based on campaign contributions, and there was no concession to me regarding a lifetime ban on lobbying.

John Kern Chief of Staff to Mayor Dick Murphy

Matt Potter responds: As mentioned in the story, Murphy's office declined to respond to questions prior to our deadline. As for the recent Murphy appointee, I stand by my characterization of what he

Good Work

I would like to thank Matt Potter for his article "Broken Promises" (July 25). However, I think he should have gone farther back to many of Mayor Murphy's statements before he was elected. His statements on the city's finances, the Charger contract, the ballpark financing, and the city's infrastructure improvements should have been included. Since he was elected his statements and actions on these issues and others are directly opposite of what he promised before his election. I think the **Ethics Commission should** investigate the ethics of politicians who say one thing to get elected and then say and do the opposite when those reelection campaign contributions start flowing in. I only hope whoever runs against Mayor Murphy in the next election will bring out some of these issues.

Keep up the good work, as the *U-T* will not print the facts in the many issues concerning San Diego. Especially issues like the ballpark and raises for councilpersons and NO raises for our city police. Ridiculous!

> Joe E. Simpson San Diego

I Love Dick

Open letter to Mayor Dick Murphy: Dear Dick, I just finished reading an article about you that appeared in the July 25 San Diego Reader. I wasn't in the least bit surprised to read therein that you auctioned off your appointee-ships to anyone willing to offer a donation to your campaign. I carefully reviewed the qualifications of each of the persons who purchased his/her position, and it became evident to me that you desire two traits in your appointees. First, they must be able to give you some money (around \$500). Secondly, most of the appointees

possessed an education.

Well, Dick, it just so happens that I am currently working toward a Ph.D. at U.C. Berkeley, and I've got a little bit of money. Do you have any positions to which I could be appointed? This is not a bribe, mind you. Just like all of the other appointees who gave you money in exchange for a position, I

am a person who has a great deal of faith in your ability to lead our city, and I want to contribute. Therefore, I want to make a campaign contribution of at least \$500. Who knows, maybe I will contribute \$1000; the amount you receive is directly dependent on the type of position to which you appoint

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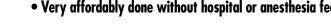
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For example, I am willing to contribute a great deal more if you appoint me to a position where I may be the recipient of large sums of money from individuals seeking favors. Don't worry, Dick, I'll contribute the money through my girlfriend or a family member so that no one will suspect that the money is really coming from me. I noticed that many of the other appointees contributed money in the names of their family members so that San Diego's citizens would be unable to

decipher the true source of the cash. It's rather obvious that you (like most elected officials) rely heavily on the stupidity of your constituency.

I think I would really enjoy being part of an ethics committee. Do you have any ethics committees that are in need of someone with my qualifications? As an additional contribution, I would like to offer the services of my girlfriend. She is really hot, and she said she would be willing to work as a spokesperson in your public relations department. She has this tight little T-shirt

that reads, "I love Dick," across her ample bosom; she could wear it to work in your office. Please consider me as a viable candidate for appointment to some position.

Dishonorably yours, Trevor E. McCardle San Diego

Money, Money

There is something wrong with our city when a retired judge runs for mayor and tells us he cannot support a new baseball stadium nor a new library ("Broken Promises," July 25). He no sooner

takes the oath and, guess what? He now supports both the stadium and the library. He then names Mr. La Bella as a commissioner on the Ethics Commission. He knows the city council has the power to reject any of the committee's suggestions, especially if it has anything to do with their money. He then names a blue-ribbon committee so that the city will later suggest raising taxes, thus getting the council off the hook.

He now has a committee to keep the Chargers in San Diego. The city signed a contract under Susan Golding's administration that has cost us millions and millions of dollars. How much? Who knows. This city manager won't tell us.

The only thing that counts in this country is money, money.

And finally, Mr. Peter Hall of CCDC announced that San Diego was chosen as the finest city in America in which to do business, while we have one of the highest costs of living for housing, as well as many homeless and mentally ill homeless people. The Secretary of HUD, Mr. Martinez, on April 12, 2002, was visiting the St. Vincent de Paul shelter here and was appalled at the high cost of housing.

The city councilmembers are supposed to represent their constituents, not the special interests. There is the problem.

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Joseph Cuseo San Diego



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Elizabeth: When I placed the ad, I was living on my own with my ninemonth-old son. I wasn't looking for romance, but I was lonely. Stephen left me a message and I liked his voice. But when I called him back, his mother answered the phone and said, "He's in his room."

Stephen: I had just ended a relationship and wanted to get out of our apartment in a hurry. So I moved in with my parents.

Elizabeth: We talked for about three or four hours that first night. The following Saturday, we drove up to Julian. I took my son with us and he screamed his head off! Stephen

didn't say a word. I thought, "I like this guy."

Stephen: Elizabeth had a pleasant nature about her. She was really caring, and it touched me.

Elizabeth: One month later, Stephen proposed during a dinner cruise on San Diego Bay. He went down on his knees in front of all these people. It was like something out of a movie.

Stephen: We planned a church wedding, but then we decided to elope right away. Looking back, I think it would have been better if we had known each other longer.

Elizabeth: That first year was tough. I got pregnant right away, and then Stephen got laid off from his job at an insurance company. We were actually living in a tent for a while.

Stephen: After we hit rock bottom, we started to build a relationship. I went back to school, got some computer skills, and now I'm a supervisor at *Auto Trader*.

Elizabeth: Our ninth wedding anniversary was June 17, and now we have two sons, ages 8 and 10. I'm the coach of a soccer team and Stephen is the assistant coach. But he's a scout master and I'm the assistant scout master.

Stephen: Our biggest arguments are at the video store. She likes blackand-white movies and I like Sci-Fi.

Elizabeth: We were at my boss's house last Easter when someone asked how we met. We told them the truth. Everybody started saying, "Oh, you should call up the Reader and do one of those 'true stories.'" I said, "Really? You think other people would be interested?"



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Summer Sings

re churches like shower stalls? Stephen Sturk says yes, in part. Singers, no matter what their abilities, do sound better in each of those places because of the acoustics. But something else is at work in church. 'You can come in here," he says of St. Paul's Cathedral, where he is composerin-residence, "especially on an earlysummer evening, and there's a beautiful sunlight on the stained glass windows, and it can be an awesome experience singing in that kind of a sacred space.

Sturk runs the Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music and began its

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summer sings" last year. These are informal, join-the-choirfor-one-night events. He

transported the idea from back East, where, he says, "It's a long-standing tradition for large choral societies to sponsor summer sings." Prior to coming to California, Sturk spent 17 years as a conductor, composer, and tenor in New York. "In New York, you can go to three or four sings in the course of a week. The whole idea is to provide a fun time for singers to work with a conductor that they don't know or haven't worked with. It may also give someone who's shopping around for a chorus the opportunity to experience a

particular director. So that was the

premise of starting them here."

This year's sings began with Mozart's Requiem, conducted by David Chase of the La Jolla Symphony. "It was a hugely popular combination — the Mozart and Chase, who has a big following in town. So we had 177 singers, and believe it or not, it sounded pretty good." The other sings have been almost equally popular, says Sturk, who counted 150 people singing Vivaldi's 'Gloria," conducted by Stanley Wicks of

the First United Methodist Church.

Who regularly shows up to sing? "Most people tend to be experienced choral singers. I would almost call them 'choral junkies.' Some are regular singers in groups around town members of the San Diego Master Chorale, for example; others just sing in their church choirs."

How does Sturk divide the voices? "It's a matter of faith. We've been lucky, in that we tend to have a fairly balanced group. We always have more women than men, but it doesn't seem to matter. The men always have enough power to balance the women. But it really is a matter of faith to say, 'Boy! I hope we don't get 120 sopranos!'

It sounds as if beginners won't feel comfortable

walking right in. "I think you're right. But at the start of each sing, I ask, Who has performed any of these pieces before?' Who considers himself or herself a good reader or good musician?' Then I suggest that people who are newer or unsure sit by one of those people, who'll help carry them

Does it seem like a rehearsal or genuine performance? "A little of both. Depending on the piece, conductors may choose to rehearse some spots before running through the whole, with soloists and everything else."

This Friday's bill of fare is English cathedral anthems, conducted by Martin Green, music director of St. Paul's. "One of the anthems is by Sir Hubert Parry. It's called 'I Was Glad' and is exactly 100 years old. It was first performed at the coronation of Edward VII, Queen Victoria's son, in 1902, and has been performed at every coronation

Why the past tense? Why not 'I Am Glad?'

"The text is from the psalm that says, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord.'

A second anthem on the schedule is by Handel. Called "Zadok the Priest," it was composed for the coronation of another British king — George II — in 1727, and it, too, has been sung at every coronation since its premiere.

On the fourth Friday in August, Sturk himself will conduct the final sing, featuring a contemporary Requiem by British composer John Rutter (b. 1945).

What is it about singing with other people that is so clearly uplifting? Maybe it's like running a marathon, where you get energy from the pack?

The question reminds Sturk of something Robert Shaw once said. The San Diego Symphony's conductor from 1953 to 1958, Shaw went on to become what many consider to be America's greatest conductor of choral music. Sturk hunts for a clipping several years old in which Shaw, who died in 1999, is quoted on the relationship of the choral experience to "the human enterprise" — i.e., life.

When he finds it, he reads, with added emphases: "'You're forced to conclude that you can do something finer together than you can do by yourself. It's almost inevitably, ineluctably, a prod to at least an acceptance of your fellow man, if not respect for him.' And it's true! Choral singing truly is a group experience. It can't be replicated by a solitary experience! You can't do this in the shower!"

- Jeanne Schinto

PACEM "Summer Sings" Fridays, August 9 and 23 7:00-9:30 p.m. St. Paul's Cathedral 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg) Singers, \$10; listeners, free. (Enter the cathedral through the Sixth Avenue entrance, across from Balboa Park) Info: 619-298-7261



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Baja Wine Celebration, the new crop of Baja wines will be celebrated in several events this weekend. Thursday, August 8, at 7 p.m., enjoy food, wine, and music at Las Rocas Resort and Spa. Admission \$33 US. Information: 011-52-661-612-0700 (ROSARITO BEACH)

BAJA

Russian-style food and music are featured on Friday, August 9, beginning at 4 p.m. at Rancho Toros Pintos-Bibayoff in the Valle de Guadalupe, east of Ensenada. \$45 US. (ENSENADA)

On the same day, also in the Valle de Guadalupe, enjoy food, jazz, and other entertainment, at the Vinícola Mogor Badan. Admission is \$40 US. (ENSENADA)

On Saturday, August 10, at 6:45 p.m., Vinícola Chateau Camou in the Valle de Guadalupe offers a "Romantic Serenade" evening. (ENSENADA)

Chefs compete in a paella contest

at Rancho San Gabriel, Sunday, August 11, at noon. \$40 US. (ENSENADA)

For reservations for the Ensenada events or additional information, call 011-52-646-178-3038.

Fiesta Maristaco, enjoy live music and mingle with locals when the annual fish taco festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, at the Port of San Felipe. Admission is free. Questions? Call 011-52-686-577-2300 for answers. (SAN FELIPE)

Fiestas de la Vendimia 2002 (Wine Harvest Festival 2002) continues through Sunday, August 11, in the city of Ensenada. Activities include winery tours each day, grape stomping, and sunset concerts at participating wineries. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by calling 011-52-646-175-7233 or 011-52-646-178-3136. (ENSENADA)

Triathlon, the 300-meter swim, 26k bike ride, and 5k run begins at 8 a.m. at Unidad Deportiva ČREA in the Zona Río. For registration and information call 011-52-664-634-3089. (TIJUANA)

Celebrate a Colorful Community when the Tecate Regional Fair takes place through Sunday, August 11, at Los Encinos Park (at Boulevard Nuevo Leon and Dr. Arturo Guerra Street). Organized by the National Merchants Association, highlights include Mexican food, live music, shows, rides, sporting events, and more. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for youths. Ouestions? Call 011-52-665-654-1381 for answers. (TECATE)

Bullfights, matador José Guadalupe Rodríguez Gómez is featured, with bulls from Monteverde, Sunday, August 11, 11 a.m., at the downtown bullring on Boulevard Agua Caliente. Information: 011-52-664-686-1510

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)

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" pro vide 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.

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Warmest Weather, on average, should be occurring in the

coming month, according to statistics compiled from several decades of measurements taken near the San Diego International Airport. In a typical August, coastal residents enjoy an average daily temperature of 70° which compares favorably (depending on your viewpoint) with the January average daily temperature of 55°. The range between the high and low is typically 10° or less this time of year. August's warm, semi-tropical weather will eventually give way to September's and October's slightly cooler days interspersed with occasional heat waves brought on by Santa Ana conditions - dry, hot winds that sweep down the mountain slopes from the interior.

Colorful Foliage along San Diego's coastline lingers well into summer, purely on account of copious irrigation. In the older, landscaped neighborhoods of Coronado, Point Loma, Pacific Beach and La Jolla you'll find oleander and hibiscus blooming in many shades and colorful bougainvillea creeping over garden walls. Look for the magnificent clus-



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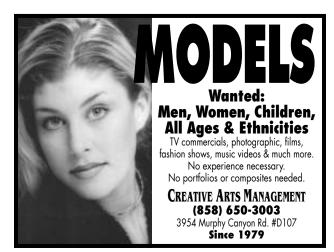


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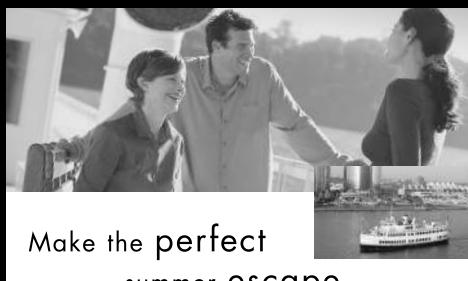
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ters of red flowers adorning the crowns of the flame eucalyptus (or red-flowering gum).

Orioles, the bright yellow or yelloworange-and-black birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, the orioles preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today these birds are most likely to take up residence in the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

There's a Nature-Related Scavenger Hunt planned for kids by naturalist Dave Meier on Saturday, August 10, in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Naturalist Carol Simpson focuses on "Canyon Flora and Fauna" on Sunday, August 11. Both

adventures begin at 9 a.m. Find the park on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Landslide! Join naturalist Jack Pomeroy to look at a hillside scar caused by a landslide during an easy 2.5-mile walk on Ranch House, East Ridge, and Middle Pond trails in Daley Ranch on Saturday, August 10. The jaunt starts at 8:30 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, August 10, 8 to 10 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junípero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring the structure, growth habits, and landscape value of palm trees in the park on Saturday, August 10, at 10 a.m., beginning at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Put on Your Digging Duds and join People for Trees to plant trees on Saturday, August 10, at 8:30 a.m., near Mark Twain Junior and Senior High School. Find the demo site at 6402 Linda Vista Road (at Las Cumbres). Free. Bring drinking water, shovels, gloves, and sturdy shoes (if you have them). For information, dial 619-222-8733. (LINDA VISTA)

Seek Out Shady Spots with leader Susan when she leads a fast-paced four-mile hike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, August 10, 8:30 to 10 a.m. For reservations and direc-

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tions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on August 10. Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Walk Where the River Meets the Sea through several plant communities, with chances to spot some of the 370 species of birds that use the coastal wetland, when a docent-led nature walk is offered at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve on Saturday, August 10. The free outing starts at Fifth and Iris at 10:30 a.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. Call 619-575-3613 to register. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Q: Why Were Two Pedestrian Bridges built in the canyons west of Balboa Park? They were constructed to provide easy access to the streetcar

lines at the turn of the 20th Century. Where did Kate Sessions have a nursery? Find out when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking tour of Bankers Hill on Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to noon; \$10. For reservations and departure point, call 619-944-9255. (BANKERS HILL)

A Dusk Nature Hike is planned in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, August 10. Participants may spy flowers and deer during this moderately paced four-mile walk to the waterfall and back. The outing starts at 6:30 p.m. at the kiosk located at the intersection of Camino Ruiz and Park Village Drive. Wear hiking boots and insect repellent, and bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Help Keep California Beautiful by taking part in the massive cleanup of the South Shores area of Mission Bay planned on Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. To reach the spot, take I-5 to Sea World Drive, and turn right at South Shore Park Road. For information, dial 800-253-2622. (MISSION BAY)

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

The Best Walk in Encinitas? Take a jaunt on the "prettiest walk in the north coast area" when Walkabout leads an outing on Sunday, August 11. The seven-mile walk at a moderate-plus pace starts at 8:30 a.m. To reach the start, take the Leucadia Boulevard exit off I-5, go east for one-half mile, turn left onto Saxony Drive, drive three-quarters of a mile, and turn right on Quail Hol-

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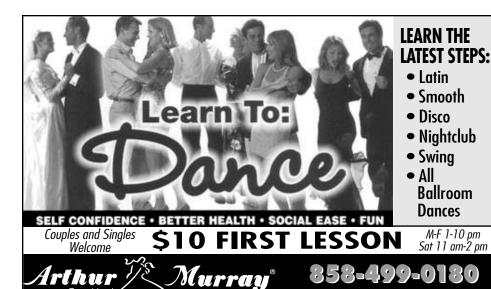
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low Road; park on the right side of the street near the trailhead. 619-231-7463. Free. (ENCINITAS)

The Perseid Meteor Shower, the best known of the dependable meteor displays that return year after year, will take place under excellent conditions this year. During the hours between midnight and dawn (4:30 a.m.) on the morning of Monday, August 12, or Tuesday, August 13, some 60 meteors or more should be visible to observers situated under clear, dark skies. Hourly rates will be less if you observe during evening hours or on mornings before or after the aforementioned optimum dates.

The Perseids occur when Earth plows through a broad stream of tiny dust particles left over from the past disintegration of a comet. The particles burn up as air friction slows them at heights of about 50 miles, resulting in luminous trails visible for a second or two from the ground. Following the passage of a particularly bright meteor, a lingering glow often remains for a few seconds or longer. Observations are far better from a location far from city lights. Lie in a comfortable position, facing northeast, under an open sky, for best results. Strong coffee is advised.

DANCE

International Dance Festival 2002,

the festival continues with dancing by Ballet Folklorico Jalisciense and by Ramaa Bharadvaj and the Anghara Ensemble on Friday, August 9, at 6 p.m., outdoors at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Contradance, the Lime in the Harp band and caller Graham Hempel join forces for the contradance on Friday, August 9, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

From Waltz to Foxtrot to salsa and hustle, they'll be cutting the rug during the ballroom dance party slated for Saturday, August 10, at Absolutely DanceSport (2400 Kettner Boulevard). The dancing takes place from 8 p.m. until midnight. The cover: \$7. Call 619-531-1700 for details. Singles and couples are welcome. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Keepin' Cool," the Sandpipers Square Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by David Mee and cueing by Peter Gomez on Saturday, August 10, at St. James (625 South Nardo). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares and rounds from

7:30 to 10 p.m. The donation is \$5. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Dress Is Casual or Hawaiian when the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association meets for its monthly ballroom dance party on Saturday, August 10, 8 to 11 p.m., at the Champion Ballroom Academy (3580 Fifth Avenue). Admission is

\$7. For more information, call

858-693-4932. (HILLCREST)

Funkification, get funky on the second Saturday of each month, including August 10, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Starlight Dance Studio (6506 H El Cajon Boulevard). Guests can West Coast swing to funk, hip-hop, disco, and rhythm and blues. Beginners' and advanced lessons are offered. All ages are welcome. 619-287-9036. The cover is \$8. (SAN DIEGO)

Dance Sevillanas, learn this festive partner-dance from Andalucia, Spain, during classes offered on Sundays at 10 a.m. at Stage 7 School of Dance (3980 30th Street). Tuition is \$13. For information, call 619-846-5030. (NORTH PARK)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Beginners may join up on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Casa del Prado of Balboa Park and on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). A mixed-level class takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Fees are \$3 or \$4. For

information, call 858-549-8879. (BALBOA PARK, POWAY, SAN MARCOS)

Dancin' with the Pros, the annual master teacher series hosted by City Ballet concludes with lessons led by dancer Fernando Bujones 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. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

Summer Films are being shown at the SDSU Continuing Education Center. The program on Thursday, August 8, features An Evening with Mark Salzman and Inspired by Bach: Yo-Yo Ma. Part one features San Diego cellist and writer Mark Salzman, while part two includes ice dance champions Torville and Dean skating to Ma's playing. See Mathew Diamond's Fosse on Thursday, August 15.

Films begin at 1 p.m. 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)

Cine Mexicano, the fourth annual "Cine Mexicano: Mexican Film Series" opens with the Mexican feature film Perfume de Violetas (Violet Perfume). The film is described as "an uneasy mix of poignancy and despair," as well as "heartbreaking and profoundly moving."

The film screens nightly from

August 9-15 at the Madstone movie theaters in Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Shows begin at 5:15, 7:30, and 10 p.m., with 12:45 and 3 p.m. screenings on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$8 general. For more information, call 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

Celebrate a Contentious Anniversary when the Sunday Afternoon at the Movies series screens Jennifer Jason Leigh and Alan Cumming's first feature, *The Anniversary Party*. The film includes performances by Gwyneth Paltrow, Kevin Kline, Phoebe Cates, John C. Reilly, Jane Adams, Parker Posey, and others. The screening begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free.

(DOWNTOWN)

How About an "Elegant and Suspenseful Thriller"? Take in the 1998 film *Place Vendrôme* when it's shown for the Film Forum on Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). This "simmering stew of betrayal, intrigue, and redemption" — in French with English subtitles — stars Catherine Deneuve and Jean-Pierre Bacri. Call 619-236-5800 for information. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Law Enforcement ABCs: Abuses, Brutalities, and Crimes," this program and discussion includes four short films and videos produced by the media activists of the San Diego Independent Media Center. They all deal with citizen encounters with law enforcement, including the border patrol.

The screening is set for Tuesday, August 13, with doors opening at 7 p.m., screening at 7:30, followed by a discussion from 9 to 10 p.m. Special guests are Christian Ramírez of the American Friends Service Committee and Benjamin Prado of La Raza Rights Coalition. It will be held at La Casa, 4862 Voltaire Street; \$5 donation suggested, no one turned away. (OCEAN BEACH)

Family Films are screening when the Carlsbad Library's film series continues with the animated *Shrek* on Wednesday, August 14, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (CARLSBAD)

Pictures at the Prado II, take in a three-course meal at the Prado Restaurant Patio Terrace and then enjoy *Strictly Ballroom* when this series continues on Wednesday, August 14. The meal begins at 7:45 pm, 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)

Dive-In Movie, head to the Park Way Pool for a screening of *Atlantis* from the pool on Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. Popcorn and juice will be available. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children. Find the pool at 385 Park Way; 619-691-5088. (CHULA VISTA)

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

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and American Painting." This week, see Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer, Uma Thurman, and Keanu Reeves in Stephen Frear's version of Dangerous Liaisons. The film begins at dusk on Thursday, August 15. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-232-7931. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and often without our notice - is told in The Human Body. The film takes the audience on a fantastic voyage with great detail and sound through 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 Thursday, August 15.

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

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

LECTURES

"Grit and Grace: The Development of Northern Italian Painting" is the topic when Charles Cutter, SDSU associate professor of humanities and political science, speaks on Thursday, August 8, at 1:30 p.m., for the "Art in the Afternoon" series at the Timken Museum of Art. The lecture is in conjunction with "The Portraits of Bartolomeo Veneto" exhibit and begins at 1:30 p.m. Free. 619-531-9636. (BALBOA PARK)

"Selecting and Maintaining Appropriate Turf" is the topic when Cynthia Drake presents the Second Saturday Seminar on August 10, at 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. Call 619-660-0614 for information. (EL CAJON)

A Way to Inner Peace, learn "a relaxing method of meditation to relieve the anxieties from day-to-day stress" and "discover your real identity and true purpose in life" during the mantra meditation class planned on Saturday, August 10, at the Ocean Beach Women's Club (2160 Bacon Street). These ongoing classes begin at noon twice a month. Free. 858-831-1770. (OCEAN BEACH)

"The Old House Plant Palette," landscape historian Vonn Marie May lectures on historic home landscaping for SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation) on Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Mission Hills Nursery (1525 Fort Stockton Drive).

The lecture will be followed by a tour of the nursery in search of appropriate plants. The fee is \$25 for nonmembers. Call 619-297-7511 to reserve a spot. (OLD TOWN, MISSION HILLS)

Summer's Succulent Stone Fruits star when Ron Tolle, chef de cuisine at Loews Coronado Bay Resort, hosts this Saturday cooking class on August 10. Class begins at 10 a.m. and concludes with lunch; the fee is \$40. Find the resort at 4000 Coronado Bay Road. For reservations, call 619-424-4000. (CORONADO)

Scanning the Family Tree, Olga Workman will discuss "Scanning Techniques" for photographs, documents, drawings, and paintings when the Computer Genealogy Group of the North San Diego County Genealogical Society meets on Tuesday, August 13. The talk starts at 1 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-723-1342. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Reduce Your Pack Weight to about 15 to 20 pounds when Glen Van Peski presents ultra-light backpacking clinics on August 13 and 14, at 7 p.m. each night, at Adventure 16. The class on Tuesday takes place at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374), while Wednesday's class convenes at the A-16 located at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662). Free. (MISSION VALLEY, SOLANA BEACH)

Cheese Returns to the Menu, chef Andrew Spurgin, from Waters Fine Catering and Foods to Go, presents a program on "Cheese Pairings with Wine and Food" on Wednesday, August 14. Spurgin will offer insights

into regional American Farmstead cheeses. The fee is \$25. The class starts at 6 p.m. at Macy's in Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina. For information, call 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

An Evening with the Bard, when the San Diego Shakespeare Society gathers on Wednesday, August 14, retired Union-Tribune theater critic Welton Jones will focus on "Shakespeare's Home Away from Home." Also on tap: a Shakespeare showcase by local actors. The group convenes at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (3598 Talbot Street, at Canon Street). The requested donation is \$5. For information, call 619-255-1401 or 619-223-3193. (LA JOLLA)

"English and American Landscapes" will be compared by David Smith when he presents an "Insight' gallery talk on Thursday, August 15, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Wild and Scenic, meet Jerry Schad, San Diego Reader writer and author of Afoot and Afield in San Diego County, when he talks about local hiking adventures on Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canvon Road). Free. Call 619-283-2374 for details. (MISSION VALLEY)

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"Live on Friday and Saturday Night," the Carlsbad Village Theatre features a stand-up comedy show with Bobby Lee, Seyma Tash, Mark Fernandez, Russ T. Nailz, Fred Burns, Tina St. Marie, and Zooman on August 9 and 10. Find the theater at 2822 State Street. Tickets are \$15. Call 760-729-0089 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Summertime, and the Music Is Easy, free concerts are on offer all over the county at this time of year. The 17th annual TGIF Jazz in the Parks series continues with traditional jazz by Gilbert Castellanos on Friday, August 9. The music begins at 6 p.m. at Calavera Hills Park (2997 Glasgow Road). Call 760-434-2904 for more information. (CARLSBAD)

Trolley Barn Park is the site for the Summer in the Park concert series. The Celtic Ensemble presents lively reels, jigs, and Celtic ballads on Friday, August 9, 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 se ries at Prescott Promenade on Main Street continues with music from the 1950s through the 1970s and the music of Hank Williams Sr. from the Decades, on Friday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

I.G. and the Blues Busters sing the blues on Saturday, August 10, 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 entertainment by the Heroes on Sunday, August 11, at 5 p.m., in Memorial Bowl (373 Park Way, just off Third Avenue). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea feature rock and roll by Rockola on Sunday, August 11, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Mango Bay performs on Sunday, August 11, at 5 p.m., in Standley Park (3585 Governor Drive). Call 858-552-1652 for information, (UNIVERSITY CITY) Alternative rock is on tap when

GETAWAYS

Steal Dawn performs for the Concerts by the Sea series on Sunday, August 11, at 3 p.m., at Moonlight Beach (at the foot of B Street). 760-633-2740. No dogs, alcohol, or glass. (ENCINITAS)

The dance troupe of the San Ysidro School District Community Education Dance Program lights up the stage with modern and Mexican dance on Sunday, August 11, at 2 p.m., at the Shops at Las Americas (4211 Camino de la Plaza). 619-934-8400. Free. (SAN YSIDRO)

Author David Faber witnessed the murder of his parents, five sisters, and one brother during the Holocaust and eventually survived eight Nazi concentration camps. He'll sign and discuss his book, Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir (in its sixth printing) on Saturday, August 10, noon to 4 p.m., at Upstart Crow (835 West Harbor Drive). For information, dial 619-232-4855. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

Celebrate "The Return of Cartoons and Comics" when the Hillcrest Wind Ensemble presents its annual cabaret concert on Saturday, August 10. The 30-member group will play favorite tunes from Superman, Dick Tracy, Batman, Barbarella, and other movies. Tickets are \$10. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 3909 Centre Street. For further information, call 619-291-1855.

Acoustic Performer Mark Jackson is described as a "songwriter whose

music carries on the tradition of the storyteller and poet combined to create the western American folk song." Jackson presents a concert for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m., at San Die guito Methodist Church (on Calle Magdalena at Encinitas Boulevard). Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Five Local Bands — Edify, Zero 2 None, One Track Mind, Twilight of the Idols, and Notice — will perform for the MiraCosta SummerFest beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6612. Tickets are \$5.

All the World's a Stage when the Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society and interested volunteers present Othello on Saturday, August 10. 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)

"The Voyage of Cabrillo" is a fictionalized account presenting different viewpoints of the 1542 encounter between Juan Rodríuez Cabrillo's crew and the Native Americans living in the San Diego area. Abel Silvas narrates, while other cast members represent the views of a priest and sailor accompanying the expedition and a Native American woman.

See the program at 12:30 and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through August (and on Sundays only through September), at the Cabrillo National Monument. Admission is included in the regular park entrance fee of \$5 vehicle. 619-557-5450, (POINT LOMA)

"Dulcimer" Is Not a Single Instrument but a catch-all term for several folk instruments (both ancient and relatively recent in creation) that make sweet sounds. "Dulcimer Night" hits the Hilltop Center with a concert planned on Saturday, Au-

gust 10, at 7:30 p.m. This year's program includes When Pigs Fly, Connie Allen and Bill Dempsey, Jennifer Neal, Carilyn Vice, Niki Burkett, and Phyllis Walker.

Find the Hilltop Center at 301 East Elder, Tickets to this Fallbrook Americana series event are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. For information, call 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

Ice Cream, Appetizers, and Entertainment are promised when the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre presents "A Midsummer Afternoon with the AARTS" on Saturday, August 10. Enjoy refreshments and see scenes from the company's upcoming season. The party runs 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Vermont Street. Tickets are \$25. For reservations, call 888-568-2278. (HILLCREST)

Summertime and the Slammin' Is Easy, there's a summer poetry slam — a Sunday afternoon of poetry and pizza - planned on Sunday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m., at Wynola Pizza Express (4355 Highway 78, three miles from Julian). Full Moon Poet Danny Salzhandler hosts the event, and all poets are invited (and need to arrive by 6 p.m.). Free. For information, call 760-765-3364. (JULIAN)

¡Free Speech! Open-mike nights are planned on Mondays at Cafe Crema (1001 Garnet Avenue, at Cass). Signups begin at 7:30 p.m., the readings start at 8 p.m. Free. For information, call 858-273-3558; to sign up, dial 858-635-1211. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Part Personal Journey and Part American Adventure, Lawrence Donegan visits Esmeralda Books and Coffee to sign and discuss California Dreaming on Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by dialing 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Talkin' Baseball, meet San Diego Padres broadcaster Bob Chandler when D.G. Wills Books hosts this event on Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m.

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You're invited to talk baseball and pick up a copy of Keepers of the Faith The San Diego Madres Biography. Find the shop at 7461 Girard Avenue. For information, call 858-448-6299. Admission is free. (LA JOLLA)

Summer Organ Festival, the 15th annual festival at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion continues when civic organist emeritus Robert Plimpton performs on Monday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 619-702-8138 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Take a Late Lunch and join Jill Lublin, co-author of Guerrilla Publicity: Hundredsof Sure-Fire Tactics to Get Maximum Sales for Minimum Dollars, when she discusses and signs her work at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). Dial 858-684-3166 for details. (MIRA MESA)

Author Sheldon Siegel visits Warwick's Bookstore on Tuesday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m., to sign and discuss Criminal Intent. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Tuesday Tunes in the Park, this series at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion continues on August 13, with civic organist Carol Williams playing 'lighter musical fare on the world's largest outdoor pipe organ." The half-hour program starts at 1:30 p.m. Free. For more information, dial 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Twilight in the Park, this summer concert series continues with a performance by the Finest City Jazz Band on Tuesday, August 13. The Sweet Adelines perform on Wednesday, August 14, and the City Ballet takes the stage on Thursday, August 15. 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)

Expressions Unlimited, Vanessa Anderson is the featured artist for this open-mike jam session on Wednesday, August 14, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome. Free. 619-527-3405. These forums take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. (ENCANTO)

The Remarkable Survival of five Polish Jewish siblings in Nazi Germany's death camps is documented in Sara's Children: The Destruction of Chmielnik. Author Suzan E. Hagstrom will discuss and sign her book on Wednesday, August 14, at the College Avenue Senior Center (4855 College Avenue). Free. 619-583-3300. (SDSU)

There's a Poetry Reading planned by the Magee Park Poets featuring Chris Vannov on Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m., at the Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Call 760-434-2881 for information.

The New Monthly Writing Group at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center hosts Penny C. Sansevieri, author of Get Published: An Author's Guide to the On-Line Publishing Revolution, on Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author Cameron Tuttle signs and discusses The Bad Girl's Guide to the Party Life on Thursday, August 15, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Remember Five Summer Stories and the great soundtrack featuring music by the band Honk? The music programs at San Dieguito Union High School District schools benefit from a concert planned by Honk on Thursday, August 15, 6 to 10 p.m., at the Encinitas Community Center







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Author Erhard Vogel visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center to sign Journey into Your Center on Thursday, August 15, 7 p.m. Find the shop at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Triple Word Score, the game Scrabble was invented by an unemployed architect during the Great Depression. Explore the underground world of characters for whom the game is life in Word Freak: Heartbreak, Triumph, Genius, and Obsession in the World of Competitive Scrabble Players. Meet author Stefan Fatsis when he signs and discusses his book on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

The Beginning for the Bolts, Chargers' training camp, free to spectators, continues through Monday, August 26. Practices take place daily August 8-15 (except for August 10 and 11). Practice camp takes place at the north end of the UCSD campus, in the sports complex. Exit I-5 at Genesee, go west, turn left on North Torrey Pines Road, and then follow the 'Charger Parking" signs. Parking in lot 357 is free only during practice hours. Practice times and other fan information: 858-455-1976. (LA JOLLA)

The first preseason game is slated for Saturday, August 10, starting in Qualcomm Stadium at 10 a.m.,

against the Arizona Cardinals, For ticket information, call 877-CHARG-ERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Boys of Summer, the San Diego Padres host the Philadelphia Phillies in Qualcomm Stadium on Thursday, August 8, at 2:05 p.m. (MISSION VALLEY)

The next trip involves games in Cincinnati against the Reds August 9-11, at 4:10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. The Pads head to New York to meet the Mets August 13-15, with games at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday.

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

Rev It Up and Go to Cajon Speedway for train races and competition in the pony stock, bomber, street, and sportsman divisions on Saturday, August 10. 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)

Explore the New Residential Area east of Rancho Santa Fe with the Sierra Club bicyclists on Saturday. August 10. Participants begin the 30-mile ride along "a beautiful new bike path," pass through the aforementioned residences, and return along the cool and windy ocean. The ride starts at 9 a.m. in the Wherehouse parking lot (in the Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). For more information, dial 858-623-0628, (DEL MAR)

Everything's Cricket, the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club hosts its next home games on August 10 and 11. The club has teams in divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The first team meets up with the Pioneer Cricket Club on Saturday, and the second team has its final home team of the season against the Bellflower 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)

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 Saturday, August 10, 8 to 10 a.m. No previous experience is required, but participants are required to bring their own snorkeling gear.

Busy on Saturday? "Snorkel with the Sharks" on Sunday, August 11, from 8 to 10 a.m. The sharks in question are (harmless) leopard sharks, smooth hound sharks, and guitarfish. The fee for either class is \$25 for

those ten to adult. For more information and the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

The Horses Are on the Track, the 2002 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 11. The Sorrento Stakes for two-year-old fillies is slated for Saturday, August 10; the Clement L. Hirsch Handicap for fillies and mares three years old and older takes place on Sunday, August 11; and California-bred three-year-olds compete along seven furlongs on Monday,

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. 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)

Soccer Spirit, the San Diego Spirit, one of the teams of the Women's United Soccer Association, hosts its final home game of the season against the Carolina Courage on Sunday, August 11, at 5 p.m. Games take place in Torero Stadium, on the campus of the University of San Diego, at 5998 Alcalá Park. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20, available by calling 877-476-2237 or through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LINDA VISTA)

Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club hosts Surf and Turf competition on Sunday, August 11. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., while the featured polo match starts at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divotstomp 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)

Tuesday Night Racing, watch the fastest bicyclists in San Diego race on the San Diego Velodrome every Tuesday night through September 10. It's a whole lotta fun! Gates open for warm-ups at 6 p.m., with the racing beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Find the velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

Who Needs Clothes? You won't if you go to the 55th Annual American Association for Nude Recreation Convention, Thursday, August 8, through Sunday, August 11. There will be sports, games, a soapbox derby, food, drink, and music at De Anza Springs Clothing Optional Resort, 1951 Carrizo Gorge Road. Bring vats of sun screen. For details call 619-766-4301. (JACUMBA)

Tiny Bubbles, the next wine and cheese tasting at Cafe 828 features champagnes ("from around the world"). The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8. Find the cafe at 828 Sixth Avenue. The tasting fee is \$15. For space availability, dial 619-231-8282. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Italian Three-Masted Sailing Ship Amerigo Vespucci was built in the port of Castellamare di Stabi and launched in 1931. The ship will be docked on Broadway Pier along the Embarcadero for public tours on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. each day. Tours are free. (DOWNTOWN)

Italian cadets and sailors will play soccer against each other on Friday, August 9, at Robb Field. Games begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, call 619-237-0601. (OCEAN BEACH)

Whaddaya Know About Rock **Climbing?** Adventure 16 is hosting a beginning rock-climbing class focusing on basic movement techniques, gear, knots, belaying, and more. The event begins with a class on Thursday, August 8, and includes a full day of climbing on Saturday or Sunday, August 10 or 11. Find the store at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. The fee is \$85. To register, call 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

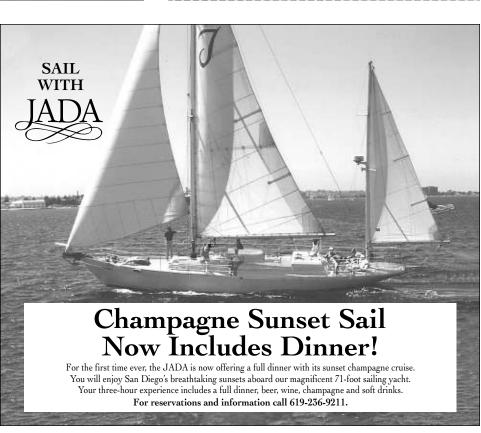
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are invited to sing favorite choral works under the direction of five distinguished conductors. The series continues with English cathedral anthems conducted by Martin Green on Friday, August 9, at 7 p.m. Admission to each "sing" is \$10.

You only want to listen? Admis sion is free for those who don't want to sing. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg. For information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Don't Move, Remodel! There's a home decorating and remodeling show with exhibits, workshops, and seminars planned at the San Diego Convention Center August 9-11. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the center at 111 West Harbor Drives 619-525-5000. (DOWNTOWN)

Playin' Games, the 23rd annual Gamefest - with board and roleplaying games, miniatures, war games, and more - runs August 9-18 at Game Towne (3954 Harney

Street). One highlight: a Monopoly tournament on Sunday, August 11, at 10 a.m., when a large group of aspiring Monopoly champions squares off in an elimination-style tournament. The 16-player tournament will feature actual (nonplaying) bankers acting as judges and money handlers.

Spectators are free; the entry fee at the door for players is \$7 per day, or \$25 for all ten days. For information, call 619-291-1666. (OLD TOWN)

Cheers! The Stone Brewing Company celebrates its sixth anniversary with an open house and invitational beer festival on Saturday, August 10, from noon to 4 p.m. At least 16 brewers are expected to participate. Food will be on offer as well. The \$15 donation (benefiting the Surfrider Foundation) includes 15 tickets for any of the brews in the beer garden. For more information, call 760-471-4999. Find the brewery at 155 Mata Way. (SAN MARCOS)

Tea Time, Caffe Calabria Coffee Roasters hosts tea tasting on Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find the shop at 3393 30th Street; 619-683-7787. Free. (NORTH PARK)

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 draw-

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ing 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.

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)

Starting Off on the Right Paw, the San Diego Humane Society offers puppy fun camps for canines under 16 weeks old and includes puppy wading pools, scavenger hunts, mas sage, and more. Participants will learn to teach the pups in question to sit, lie down, come when called, wait, and other skills.

Camp is four weeks long; the first session begins on Saturday, August 10, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The \$150 fee is for all four sessions (12 hours of instruction). Join the fun at 15069 Sycamore Canyon Road. To make the required reservations, call 619-299-7012 x247. (POWAY)

Stitch in Time, the American Needlepoint Guild offers its 17th annual stitch-in on Saturday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Torrey Pines Christian Church (8320 La Iolla Scenic Drive North). Needlepoint and cross-stitch designer and teacher Carole Lake will lead the group in stitching a "Silver Threads and Golden Needles' needlecase. The \$50 fee includes the needlecase kit, catered lunch, door prizes, and stitcher's baskets. For space availability, call 858-560-5291. (LA IOLLA)

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figgins will offer two different teas such as formosa silvertip oolong and China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on August 10. Reservations are not required. Free. 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

Bears, Toys, and Dolls, Oh My! Linda's 48th Annual International Teddy Bear, Doll, and Antique Toy Show and Sale is set for August 10 and 11 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, Over 200 dealers will be on hand to tempt attendees, along with doll and teddy bear appraisals, identification, and repair consultations throughout the event.

Show hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. Call 760-434-7444 for details. Find the center at 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Over 30 San Diego County Wines will be on offer when the San Diego County Vintners Association hosts its sixth annual wine tasting and dinner on Saturday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m., at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte) Participating wineries will have their owners and winemaker serving and answering questions. Tickets are \$70 per person. For reservations, dial 858-487-1866. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The House of Italy hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages - with dance, music, and cultural costumes — on Sunday, August 11, at 2 p.m. Italian food will be for sale. Admission is free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Cityfest 2002, this street festival is slated for Sunday, August 11, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., around Fifth Avenue. Expect live entertainment, food, a juried art show, crafts, and more. Admission is free. 619-299-3330. (HILLCREST)

The Greatest Show on Earth? The 132nd edition of Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey hits the San Diego Sports Arena for shows through Sunday, August 11, boasting ringmaster Kevin Venardos, Sara the Tiger Whisperer, T.M. the Gator Guy, Mei "Empress of Equilibrium" Ling, animals, acrobats, and clowns, clowns,

Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m., 3:30, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 1:30 (in Spanish) and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$8 to \$36.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Second Sundays at Trios, visit with local artist Michael Ireland, who specializes in fine woodwork and mixedmedia furniture design, when he

demonstrates his craft on August 11, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Trios Gallery (130 South Cedros Avenue). Free. For information, call 858-793-6040. (SOLANA BEACH)

One Pianist and Five Young String Players have been selected to receive concentrated study with master teachers during the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2002 workshops. This year's designated musicians are pianist Gloria Lin, violinists Yoon Kwon and Sara Trobäck, violist Scott Lee, and cellists Jesús Castro-Balbi and David

Workshop sessions run from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays through Monday, August 12, in the Coast Room at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The sessions are free to the public, offering a "behind the scenes" opportunity to observe the development of young talent during the festival. For more information, call 858-459-3728, (LA JOLLA)

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 August 14, at 7 p.m., at the Fountain Estates apartments clubhouse (1315 East Grand Avenue). Free. 760-233-0848. (ESCONDIDO)

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





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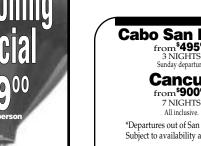


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Taste of MainStreet, this international food festival boasts 30 participating restaurants, a classic car show, and live music, Thursday, August 15, 6 to 9 p.m. The "Rods and Woodies" classic car show takes place along Coast Highway (between D and G Streets), with live surf music by Todd Stedam and the Fat Tones. Tickets books are \$15, available at 818 South Coast Highway. For more information, call 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

Aussie Wine Walkabout, the Wine Brats and Southcorp Wines host this event on Thursday, August 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Waterworks at Sheraton Airport Harbor Island (1380 North Harbor Island Drive). Tickets are \$25 at the door. For information, call 619-231-8264. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Tours and Art Discussion given by friends of the La Jolla Art Association are planned at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays through August 29. The presenters will relate the history of the 82-year-old organization. Pieces at the gallery will be "reviewed for intellectual and technical markings, as well as the use of composition, value, and color employed by the artist.

Free. Find the gallery at 7917 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

"Wish You Were Here! Historic Postcards from San Diego and Southern California" are on exhibit through Sunday, September 15, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The selections are part of the 200,000item John R. and Jane Adams Postcard Collection. Viewing is free. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

Shark Discovery Days are being offered at the Birch Aquarium-Museum through Labor Day. Organizers promise hands-on exhibits, shark touching stations, classes, fish printing, chalk art, and more, all featuring these feared and admired predators of the sea. Events are included in regular museum admission. The aquar ium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" may be enjoyed when Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales perform through Sunday, August 11, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Cackle over the Chicken Coop Comedy being presented by Puppet Express August 14-18.

Shows begin at 11 a.m., 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 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Stories, Snacks, and Crafts for children of all ages are promised when "Aunt Cookie Comes to Visit" at Upstart Crow. Events begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 9. Find the shop at 835 West Harbor Drive and by calling 619-232-4855. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

A Caribbean Adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen tale The Little Mermaid is on offer when the San Diego Junior Theater presents the musical Once on This Island through August 18. In the play, peasant girl Ti Moune has the strength of her love for Daniel tested by the island gods. The production features book and lyric by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty.



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Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Casa del Prado Theater. The performance on August 17 is American sign language interpreted. Tickets are \$7 to \$10 adults, \$5 to \$8 seniors and children 13 and under. For reservations, call 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

He Was a Naughty Bunny, meet Peter Rabbit when he visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore on August 9 and 10. Peter will be on hand for the pajamarama story time beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and he'll return for the story time at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 10. Find the shop at 10755 Westview Parkway and by calling 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

The Charming Musical You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown is being presented by Sheltered Sparrow Productions August 9-11 at the Sunshine Brooks Theater. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. For reservations, call 760-754-8103. Find the theater at 217 North Coast Highway, (OCEANSIDE)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on the second weekend of each month, including August 10 and 11, in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

Whistles and Noisemakers for All!

The San Diego Actors Theatre present Gerald McBoing Boing for their "Children's Classics" on Saturday, August 10, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes The Three Little Pigs, Mad Tea Party, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person.



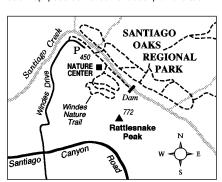


Roam-O-Rama

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

Pint-size Santiago Oaks Regional Park, in the city of Orange, was pieced together from two former ranch properties acquired by Orange County's parks department in the mid-1970s. A small Valencia orange grove and many acres of ornamental trees planted around 1960 on these properties complement the superb natural displays of riparian and oakwoodland vegetation along the area's principal watercourse — Santiago Creek.

As you approach the park entrance on Windes Drive (off Santiago Canyon Road, east of the 55 Freeway), you leave the monotony of subdivisions behind, and a lush strip of willows and sycamores comes into view on the left. Beyond the parking lot, where a day-use fee is collected, you can stroll up past some oak-shaded picnic sites



to the park's superb nature center, housed in a nicely refurbished 70-year-old ranch house.

The park is laced with several miles of trail, the best of which stay close to the wooded bottomlands of Santiago Creek. The self-guiding Windes Nature Trail and its extension, the Pacifica Loop, begins alongside the nature center. Though only about 0.7 mile long, the trail is very steep in places; it meanders up to the northern summit of Rattlesnake Ridge, an isolated, erosion-resistant block of mostly conglomerate rock. On clearer days a slice of Pacific coastline can be glimpsed from the high point of the trail, and a fenced lookout point nearby offers a view almost straight down on Santiago Creek and the rest of the park.

Back down by the nature center, you can walk upstream along the shaded creek bank to reach a small rock-andcement dam dating from 1892. This dam replaced an earlier one, built in 1879, that was part of one of Orange County's first irrigation systems. Today, the surviving dam is a historical curiosity, dwarfed by the large Villa Park flood-control dam a short distance upstream and Santiago Reservoir farther upstream.

West of the nature center, you can ford Santiago Creek and stroll along several paths amid the eucalyptus, pepper, and other nonnative trees rooted to the gently sloping bench on the creek's far



In the oaks at Santiago Oaks

side. Because of the diversity of its natural habitats. Santiago Oaks is a terrific birding spot, with species ranging from the treedwelling western bluebird and acorn woodpecker to the water-loving great blue heron. On occasion, vultures and ospreys, as well as some common hawks, can be seen soaring overhead.

Eye-to-Eye with a Raptor, that's where you'll be when Nancy Conney from Sky Hunters brings "feathered friends" to the class for those in grades 2 to 5 on Saturday, August 10, $1\bar{0}$ a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. Participants can expect "highflying" crafts and activities. The nonmember fee is \$20, Call 619-232-3821

Clean Up Your Act, learn what you can do "to help save planet Earth" and become a conservationist when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers this class for children (grades one to three) on Sunday, August 11, 1 to 3 p.m. Students will use recyclable items for projects and creative play. The fee is \$20 for non-

x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

members. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Les Petites Mesdemoiselles and Messieurs will learn table manners. social courtesies, how to set a table, and telephone etiquette in an afternoon tea setting when Florence Murray presents etiquette instruction on Monday, August 12, 2:30 to 4 p.m., at the Westgate Hotel (1955 Second Avenue). The fee is \$19. For reservations, call 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

Junior Speed and conditioning clinics are being offered by coach Terry Martin throughout the summer at UCSD to improve speed, endurance, and technique for athletes aged 8 to 17. The final session of the summer runs

August 12-23. The fee is \$120. To register, dial 858-822-0379. (LA JOLLA)

Create a Mouse Puppet to take home and hear Audrey and Don Wood's Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear during story time activities planned on Tuesday, August 13, at 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real), 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

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

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, minicity, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Children's Museum of San Diego, there's an "Evening Art Adventure" planned on Saturday, August 10, 5:30 to 7 p.m., with art workshops, food and drink, and music. All of the museum's interactive stations will be open, including Clay Play, the Rad Hatter, paper making, and more. Admission is free, although individual workshop charges apply.

"Las Dos Amigas Artistas: Icons, Tributes, and Milagros," with artwork celebrating Mexican design, culture, and color by California-born artists Helen Shafer Garcia and Jane LaFazio, is on display through August. There's a reception planned for the artists on Saturday, August 10, 7 to 9 p.m. The show includes original watercolors, pastel, collage, triptychs, and altars reflecting each artist's interpretation of the Mexican style.

Fifteen etchings based on images of Aztec and Mayan temples from Mexico and Central America by Mexican artist Mariángeles Méndez may be seen through August.

Works by fiber artist Charlotte Bird are gathered in "Storytelling with Quilts," on view through August. The exhibit includes quilts and three-dimensional "interactive textile installations" that tell stories in different ways. Each quilt includes image and language references to children's stories, nursery rhymes, poetry, or other "cadenced rhymes" in English and Spanish.

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

Scales, Tales, and Operculums, how are estuaries important for fish? Find out with the Junior Rangers on Thursday, August 15. The program starts at 3:15 p.m. at the Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve. The free program takes place at the reserve's visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

En Garde! The local division of the United States Fencing Association hosts its third San Diego Junior Invitational Fencing Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, at Stagecoach Park (3420 Camino de los Coches). Fencers 9 to 19 will compete, representing fencing clubs throughout the western U.S.

Competition begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. each day. Admission is free, and assistants will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call 619-296-9240. (LA COSTA)

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area and is run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is

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

found at 9050 Memory Lane; call

619-469-1480 for more information.

(SPRING VALLEY)

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

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

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

Computer Museum of America, 'Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the de-

I AM A PARCEL OF VAIN STRIVINGS TIED

I am a parcel of vain strivings tied By a chance bond together, Dangling this way and that, their links Were made so loose and wide, Methinks,

For milder weather.

The day he yields.

A bunch of violets without their roots. And sorrel intermixed. Encircled by a wisp of straw Once coiled about their shoots, The law By which I'm fixed.

A nosegay which Time clutched from out Those fair Elysian fields, With weeds and broken stems, in haste, Doth make the rabble rout That waste

And here I bloom for a short hour unseen, Drinking my juices up, With no root in the land To keep my branches green,

But stand In a bare cup.

Some tender buds were left upon my stem In mimicry of life. But ah! the children will not know. Till time has withered them. The woe

With which they're rife.

While I droop here.

But now I see I was not plucked for naught, And after in life's vase Of glass set while I might survive, But by a kind hand brought Alive To a strange place.

That stock thus thinned will soon redeem its hours, And by another year, Such as God knows, with freer air, More fruits and fairer flowers Will bear,

— Henry David Thoreau

velopment of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to

send and receive encrypted messages.

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

Ongoing exhibits include vintage video games like Pong and Space Invaders, punch cards, a rare "millionaire calculator," and a Hectotron, described as "a 1970s vacuum-tube, sound-responsive electronic kaleidoscope." Find the museum at 640 C Street (at Seventh Avenue). For additional details, dial 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

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

riety of aircraft are included, along

with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723 (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, the museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist's extensive study of this ancient "City of the

Gods" that was once home to

200,000 people in central Mexico.

The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Museum of History and Art, reflecting themes of spirituality, Mexico, and nature, artist Poppy Clark was influenced by a six-month period when she lived in Guadalajara and by an early acquaintance with famed Mexican muralist Ramos Martinez. Suffering from diabetes, Clark lost sight in one eye at the age of 29, followed shortly thereafter by a ten-year period of total blindness,





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READING

The Essays of Henry D. Thoreau



Lewis Hyde

Selected and edited by Lewis Hyde; North Point Press, 2002; 390 pages; paper \$15, cloth \$35

FROM THE DUST JACKET: With The Essays of Henry D. Thoreau, Lewis Hyde gathers 13 of Thoreau's finest short prose works and, for the first time in 150 years, presents them fully annotated and arranged in the order of their composition. This definitive edition includes Thoreau's most famous essays, "Civil Disobedience" and "Walking," along with lesser-known masterpieces such as "Wild Apples,"

"The Last Days of John Brown," and an account of Thoreau's 1846 journey into the Maine wilderness to climb Mount Katahdin, an essay that ends on a unique note of sublimity and terror.

Hyde diverges from the long-standing and dubious editorial custom of separating Thoreau's politics from his interest in nature, a division that has always obscured the ways in which the two are constantly entwined. "Natural History of Massachusetts" begins not with fish and birds but with dismissal of the political world, and "Slavery in Massachusetts" ends with a meditation on the water lilies blooming on the Concord River.

Thoreau's ideal reader was expected to be well versed in Greek and Latin, poetry, and travel narrative, and politically engaged in current affairs. Hyde's detailed annotations clarify many of Thoreau's references and re-create the contemporary context wherein the nation's westward expansion was bringing to a head the racial tensions that would result in the Civil War.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Lewis Hyde was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1945. His father, in that last year of World War II, was at Harvard, working toward a doctoral degree in physics. Mr. Hyde grew up, he said, "in the Northeast, around Boston, and for a few years when I was a small child we went to Europe. My grandparents all came from Minnesota, so I went to college at the University of Minnesota.'

At Minnesota, Mr. Hyde studied with the poet John Berryman. "He was an inspiring teacher," Mr. Hyde said about Berryman. "He was completely immersed in the things he taught and cared about them deeply. He was also an active alcoholic and so therefore, in some ways, in many ways, not available." (Mr. Hyde's 1975 essay, "Alcohol and Poetry: John Berryman and the Booze Talking," now is available in Recovering Berryman: Essays on a Poet, edited by Richard J. Kelly and Alan K. Lathrop.) "The University of Minnesota had a humanities program, which was a sort of a Great Books program. It was organized by periods, so one would read ancient authors or Renaissance authors and so forth. I took a course in the classics from Berryman. I remember we read the

"My undergraduate degree was in sociology. But by the time I left school, my interests were more in literature. After my B.A., I took a year off, and then I went into a comparative lit program at Iowa. But I was too restless to stay and get my Ph.D. I got a master's degree in comp lit, but I never got a Ph.D."

After Mr. Hyde quit graduate school, he wanted to write. To support himself, he said, "I had a long series of crummy jobs. I worked in a factory and I worked in a hospital and I worked as an electrician and a carpenter and I did research for people who had real jobs.

In 1979, Mr. Hyde's edition of the selected poems of the Nobel Prize-winning Spanish writer Vicente Aleixandre was published by Harper & Row. "And then," he said, "I got a little bit of grant money to support me when I wrote my first book [The Gift: Imagination and the Erotic Life of Property], which came out in 1983. I would have been 39 then. In 1984 I began to teach. I taught writing at Harvard for six years. Then I moved to Kenyon College. I teach there half the year, every fall, and in the spring and summer, I live in Cambridge and do not teach.'

Mr. Hyde has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 1991 he was made a MacArthur Fellow. His poetry and essays have appeared in numerous journals, including the Kenyon Review, the American Poetry Review, the Paris Review, and the Nation. Milkweed Editions has published a book of his poems, This Error Is the Sign of Love. His most recent book about art and culture, Trickster Makes This World, was published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux

On the morning that we talked, Mr. Hyde was at home in Cambridge. He had just returned from a meeting of the Thoreau Society. I asked about that meeting.

The society has an annual gathering in Concord. Most of it is in either the First Parish Church or in the Masonic Hall. And it's a combination of lay people who are lovers of Thoreau — you know, high school teachers and people who like to hike and old anarchists — and then, also, academics who have been working on Thoreau. It's three days of hanging out together — people go for walks in local haunts, they go find Thoreau's bean field stuff like that. People give talks. I gave a little talk myself, which was based on part of my introduction."

I said to Mr. Hyde that, in fact, before he began at 40 his career as a college professor, he'd had an entire other life. I suggested, "That 'whole other life' must have been, in part, what attracted you to Thoreau.'

Well, I think what attracts everybody to Thoreau is his independence. And the sense that you can make yourself more free by interrogating what you think are your necessities and removing some of them.

during which she continued to paint. 'Through Her Eves: The Art of Poppy Clark" continues through Wednesday, August 21.

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

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

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

library are also part of the complex. Find it all at 645 Main Street. For more information, call 760-789-

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the U.S. Air Force and Boeing Corporation have donated a global positioning satellite (GPS) for a new permanent exhibit. This GPS is "the only one of its kind on display in the world." Members of the women's flying club the Ninety-Nines have donated personal memorabilia, trophies, flight logbooks, and photographs for inclusion in "Pacific Air Race"; items on view alternate every six months to highlight the accomplishments of local women aviators from the six local chapters of the

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, the flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviationrelated items, and memorabilia from the Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to the Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Mu**seum,** what was life like on Earth in the years between the dinosaur extinction and the rise of human beings? Find out in "After the Dinosaurs: When Crocodiles Ruled," continuing through Tuesday, September 3. The traveling exhibition is based on the discovery of 60-million-year-old Wannagan Creek Quarry by the Science Museum of Minnesota's curator of pale ontology, Bruce Erickson. The species uncovered at the site, combined with those found at other

quarries worldwide, tell the story of climatic, geologic, ecological, and evolutionary changes that form the modern world. Exhibit sections include "Welcome to Tropical North Dakota," "World Change Central," and "Field Camp."

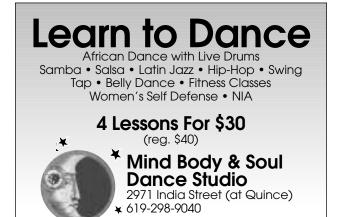
Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scientific methods to recreate a "crime scene' to determine the meat-eater's guilt or innocence in "T. Rex on Trial." World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? Make the call through Sunday, January 5, 2003 (although the show will be closed from September 4-21 for relocation within the museum).

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

The museum also offers the "gi ant-screen films" Walking With Prehistoric Beasts and Ocean Oasis, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baia California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

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There is also Thoreau's way of writing, as Mr. Hyde notes in his helpful introductory essay: "When I was young and longed to write, I was much in love with Henry D. Thoreau. I loved the plain, declarative sentences and flat statements of belief from which he built his work.

Mr. Hyde goes on in the introduction, with this:

I was in my early 20s when I read [Thoreau's] essays, and I longed for someone to tell me what to do. My life was not what I wanted. I had quit graduate school in a late-adolescent huff. I wished to be a writer, but I wasn't a writer. The country was at war; my best friend in jail. I was stuck in a bad marriage, having neither the wisdom to improve it nor the courage to leave. I was terrified of death, convinced my heart might stop at any minute. I lay in bed unable to sleep, rebuilding in fantasy a stone wall I had once built in childhood.

And I loitered near the cafe tables where old men were saying, "I believe," and "We must look," and "There is a right way." "Believe," "must," "is": what simple, beautiful verbs! I wanted to talk like that.

I asked about Mr. Hyde's reading of Thoreau.

"The way I set up my introduction, in part, is as if there are two readers. There's me as a young person, and there's me as an older person. With any substantial work of literature, when you come back to it at different times you read it differently; there isn't, therefore, a correct way to read it: there are different readings. At certain stages of life, Thoreau's voice is precisely what one needs. As I try to explain at the beginning, it was certainly the case

"I suppose I must have read him as an undergraduate and graduate student. What appealed to me about writers like Emerson and Thoreau is their self-confidence and self-possession. In the introduction [titled 'Prophetic Excursions'] I describe this as having a prophetic voice in the sense of trying to speak things that have a truth outside of normal circumstances.

The Transcendentalists, in a way, are an American version of England's Bloomsbury group. Among members of the group were the glamorous and daring Margaret Fuller, only 40 when she

drowned off Fire Island; there was Bronson Alcott, the father of Little Women's author: there was the moody and dreary novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne; Atlantic Monthly editor and Emily Dickinson intimate Thomas Wentworth Higginson; Unitarianism's father, William Ellery Channing; novelist and abolitionist Lydia Maria Child; and of course, Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882), the group's linchpin. Thoreau (1817–1862), for a time, lived with Emerson and his family.

I asked Mr. Hyde about the relationship between Thoreau and Emerson.

"Emerson was 14 years older than Thoreau, and they got to know each other after Thoreau got out of college. Thoreau graduated from Harvard in 1837, and Emerson's first book, Nature, came out in 1836. They lived in the same town — Concord — so they got to know each other. I think Emerson recognized Thoreau's seriousness and talent and encouraged him. Emerson and Margaret Fuller and others in 1840 were starting the Dial, and the first piece I published in my collection is called 'Natural History of Massachusetts,' which was one of the very first pieces that Emerson published in the Dial."

What did Mr. Hyde believe attracted Emerson to Thoreau? "Several things. First of all, Thoreau had a practical interest in nature, which was different from and therefore augmented Emerson's intellectual interest in 'Nature.' So I think it was pleasing to find somebody who, like Thoreau, had skills in the natural world. And Thoreau had practical ability. He was good with his hands and could make things, and so I think he was fun to have around, and he was useful, he made himself useful. I think later on they got a little tired of each other, but I think at the beginning it was a true situation of mentorship."

I said that I imagined Emerson giving the younger Thoreau books to read.

"Absolutely. Emerson had a great library and was in touch with the literary world, so books came to town. For example, the Bhagavad Gita had been translated around 1790, and copies first showed up in America 20 or 30 years later, and a copy comes to Emerson's house, and both Thoreau and Emerson read it. So it was absolutely

correct that Emerson's house was a source of literature."

"And didn't Emerson visit England and rather famously meet Wordsworth?"

"Yes, Emerson had been to England and met Wordsworth and knew the English Romantics."

"I was wondering," I said, "if Thoreau ever would have gotten it together to get published if he hadn't had Emerson's help.'

"I think he would have because it really mattered to him. He wanted a literary career, and it would have happened one way or the other. Somebody else would have helped him — the young always

need older people to help them." "Thoreau," I said, "never

made much money, or did he?" "Nope. But, other than the years in the cabin, he lived with his family. And the family actually had some money.

"They had the pencil factory?"

"Yes, and more than that, there was a process of printing called 'electrotyping,' which required finely ground graphite, and the Thoreau family knew how to make that, and when electrotyping became an important process in printing, the

Thoreau family didn't become wealthy, but they had plenty of money to live on. Thoreau was never poor. It was a voluntary poverty that he had. People forget that voluntary poverty in some senses requires you to have money.'

I said I thought it interesting that Thoreau's essays, particularly his "Civil Disobedience," had been important to Gandhi. I wondered how Gandhi came to have the essay in his possession.

Mr. Hyde was not sure how Gandhi came upon "Civil Disobedience" but did feel sure that it was while Gandhi was living

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representing just a fraction of the more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history

and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for

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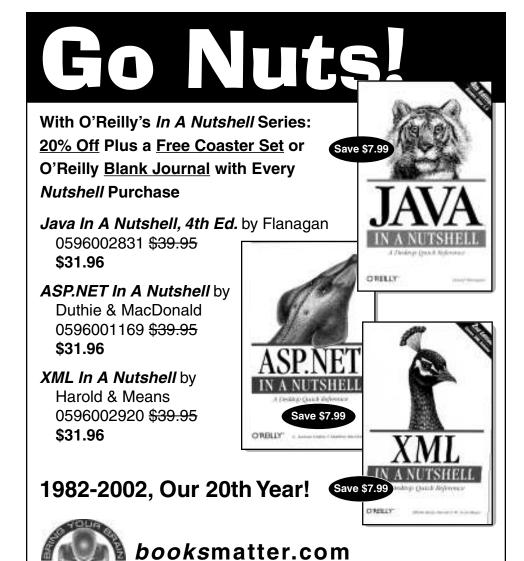
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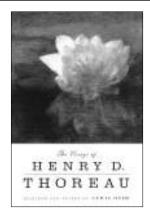
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in South Africa that he first read the essay. "Thoreau's essays were fairly widely disseminated in the late 19th Century. They were published in England and in America and in a lot of editions, so it would not be surprising that somebody with an ethical concern would sooner or later find 'Civil Disobedience' in a distant land. Of course, Thoreau died young. And he was known but not popular the way Emerson was, as a writer, during his own day. Then when Thoreau died, his friends got together and issued his work in

the 1860s. Then there was a kind of empty space up until the 1890s, when he was not particularly widely published. And then, I think, because of early environmentalists, Thoreau began to be popular again in the late 1890s. In 1906 Houghton Mifflin did a 20-volume edition of all his work."

My favorite essay in Mr. Hyde's collection is "Ktaadn." The essay begins with this: "On the 31st of August, 1846, I left Concord in Massachusetts for Bangor and the backwoods of Maine, by way of the railroad and steamboat, intending to accompany a relative of mine engaged in the lumber trade in Bangor, as far as a dam on the west branch of the Penobscot, in which property he was interested."

About Ktaadn, the place, Mr. Hyde explains in his helpful notes for this essay that Ktaadn is now spelled Katahdin and is, at 5267 feet, the highest mountain in Maine. Mr. Hyde writes that at the time Thoreau traveled to Mount Katahdin, he was living at Walden Pond. When Thoreau returned from his trip to Katahdin, he was at Walden while he finished a draft of his account of the trip.

Mr. Hyde said, about "Ktaadn," "Of course, it's a travel essay, and Thoreau was a huge reader of travel narratives. He loved to

read travel narratives. He read hundreds of them. They were a stock form of literature in the 19th Century — people going to Tibet and to Iraq and to the North Pole and to China and to South America. And so it was a favorite kind of writing for Thoreau.

"What you see in his travel writing is that he enjoys writing the form as well. And one thing that makes travel writing fun is that it has a built-in forward motion. You go from day to day; it's episodic. It's like reading a journal. Another consequence of that, I think, is that it means, in an essay like 'Ktaadn,' Thoreau is less of a lecturer telling you what he thinks and what you should think. He really just has a story to tell about what's going on, and he's a wonderful observer.

"He's amused and attentive, and you get the grain of the experience. Thoreau only went to the wilderness by going to Maine. It was the one place that was still quite wild that he got to during his lifetime. In addition, it was the only place where he really got to be with Native-Americans. The Penobscot Indians were in that territory and were the guides as people went inland in Maine, and he was interested in that.

"And, finally, for those who are interested in Thoreau as a writer about nature, the 'Ktaadn' essay is a kind of key essay because it's the one place where he really gets into such a primitive wilderness that he feels there's a limit to human interaction with the wild. And on the top of Mount Ktaadn, it's clear to him that human beings don't belong there. People have always described Thoreau as in the tradition of pastoralism. And a pastoralist writer is somebody for whom the ideal nature is not actually a real wilderness. It's the middle ground between the wild and the city. And the 'Ktaadn' essay is the place where you see Thoreau acknowledging that. He says, 'Nature doesn't smile on us here on the mountains, but down on the plains it does.' So it's a fun essay to read and an important one for locating Thoreau."

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I said that as I read "Ktaadn" I was constantly aware of what I thought of as "primeval gloom."

Mr. Hyde knew what I meant. "Yes, it rains, and everything is covered with moss, and there are no roads, and the huge rocks and mists..."

"I suspect," I said, "that Thoreau is one of those writers whom many people feel they have read, but in fact they have not read him."

"It's true. Many people know that Thoreau went to his cabin by the pond and know nothing else about him."

"Ôr," I said, "people make a fuss over Thoreau's 'Civil Disobedience' without reading the essay and don't know what actually happened and imagine their hero languishing for many months in a dank prison." What did happen was that Thoreau in 1846 was arrested for nonpayment of his poll tax. He spent only one night in jail and was let go the next day after a family member paid his debt.

"I suppose," said Mr. Hyde, "even I thought this until some years ago when I began to look more deeply into Thoreau. But people think that Thoreau was a nonviolent resistor, which is not the case. Thoreau was in favor of violence in certain situations, and in 'Civil Disobedience' it's not an issue, because the question did not call for violence; he was simply resisting paying his poll taxes. But by the end of that next decade, by 1859, when John Brown comes along and is actively promoting violence as a way to resist slavery, Thoreau supports him."

I asked ${\rm \hat{M}r}$. Hyde about the response of his Kenyon students to Thoreau.

"People are still interested in Thoreau and in the complexity of his story. When you teach Thoreau now, you realize that a lot of his work needs to have the background explained, because these essays are 150 years old. And some of his language is now uncommon to us, and the political and social situation needs to be sketched in. So if you were to ask, 'Why have another book of Thoreau's? These essays, if you needed them, you could find them in the library.' So the thing that I do here that nobody else has done is to annotate them, so that if you want to understand what the word 'resistance' means in 'Civil Disobedience,' or why he quotes Milton in 'Ktaadn,' or who Mr. Paley was, who he attacked in 'Civil Disobedience,' or what the issue is in 'Slavery of Massachusetts,' about the Fugitive Slave Law, all that is explained in the back of the book. So the contribution here is to set the essays up in a way that makes them accessible."

— Judith Moore

the current threats to their survival and what can be done to conserve this diminishing creature. The exhibit showcases 13 species of live animals, both local species and those from abroad.

Technology, motion, and illu-

sion combine to create a realistic environment to "challenge and stimulate the mind" in Morphis: Movieride. Morphis is described as "a 20-seat motion theater featuring three ride films: Riding With the Dolphins, The Water Cycle, and Astro-

Canyon Space Roller Coaster." Each film is around three minutes long. Tickets are \$4 (in addition to the regular admission fee). Children must be 42 inches tall to ride.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey

Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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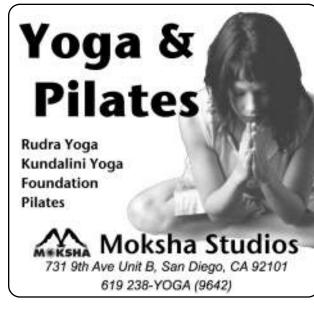
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Did You Know That Beethoven Wrote a Polonaise?

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I do, however, need to take issue with Gustavo Romero.

ustavo Romero brought his series of the complete Beethoven piano sonatas to a triumphant close with another shrewdly structured program at the Neurosciences Institute. Once again, the contrast between the early

Beethoven and the late Beethoven was underlined. The first half of the program included charming and brilliantly inventive works composed between 1798 and

1802: the Opus 49, No. 2 (the opus number is misleading, as this is a quite early piece); the Opus 10, No. 3; and the Opus 31, No. 2 ("Tempest"). The second half was devoted to the composer's final piano sonata, the transcendent Opus 111 (1822).

As usual, Romero — like Beethoven — transformed himself radically for each of these works, bringing out the distinctive style of each one as though no other style but that existed. The Mozartean Opus 49, No. 2 had the subtle delicacy and beautifully proportioned grace of a Louis XVI escritoire. The Opus 10, No. 3 was played with the assertiveness, impishness, and abrupt changes of tone so characteristic of Beethoven's early period. Romero — whose instinct is always for the big, strong, intensely realized gesture — treated the "Tempest" as the explosive, passionate, gripping work that it is. And when he came to the Opus 111, which engages all a pianist's technical and expressive powers to the utmost, he seemed to be experiencing in his own person the composer's struggle to make sense of life: the fiery, impassioned, tragic drama that — by a spiritual process never explained — leads inevitably to a serene, joyful acceptance, inundated with trills.

Here, as in the previous installments of his Beethoven series (extending over eight concerts and two years), Romero was very much his own man. His interpretations were respectful of the scores and free of eccentricities, yet continually

marked with his own distinctive musical personality: bold, large in scope, vivid in expression, and ever willing to take risks for the sake of evoking each work's individual world. When confronted with such depth of understanding

and such brilliance of execution, a critic must become a student of the artist, learning rather than disputing. I have listened to hundreds of performances of the

Beethoven sonatas and have studied the scores carefully, but again and again in this series I found myself discovering something new, being alerted to an unsuspected meaning, recognizing formal and expressive relationships I had not been fully aware of.

These insights could come on the fly, in a matter of accent or phrasing, or they could embrace whole movements, making me listen to familiar music in a new way. On this program, for example, I was surprised at the profound vision and expressive force of the slow movements in the "Tempest" and the Opus 10, No. 3, whose connection with the slow movements of late Beethoven — for example, of Opus 111 – Romero's performances made me aware of for the first time. On the previous program, Romero succeeded in making me pay close attention to the little F Major Sonata, Opus 54, which has always seemed a negligible middle sibling between the stupendous "Waldstein" (Opus 53) and "Appassionata" (Opus 57) Sonatas — and lo! this turns out to be a magnificent work, with its own unique personality. (It is quite neglected by pianists, who seem to play it only when performing or recording a complete Beethoven cycle.)

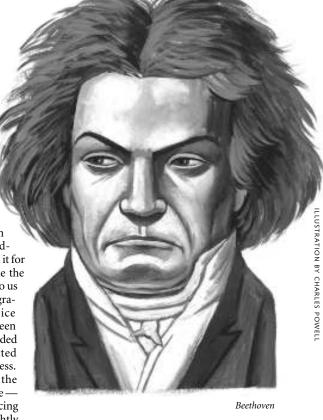
I do, however, need to take issue with Gustavo Romero over his comments about one of his encores. (Dame Myra Hess always refused to play an encore on a program concluding with Beethoven's Opus 111 — "After that, there is nothing more to say" — but Romero, exuberant

over his first complete Beethoven cycle and wanting to express his gratitude to the Athenaeum audience for their reaction to it, offered not one encore but two!) The "Andante favori" (WoO 57), a pleasant example of the new manner Beethoven developed from 1803 on, was originally intended as the second movement of the "Waldstein" Sonata. In introducing it, Romero explained that Beethoven had removed it from the "Waldstein" because when he performed it for his friends, they told him it made the sonata too long (this story comes to us from the gossip of the early biographers). Romero's tone of voice suggested that the friends had been insensitive clods, a thesis he proceeded to validate by playing the omitted movement with luminous richness. (He also made a good case for the slighter — but also quite attractive – Polonaise in C, Opus 89, introducing that second encore with the sprightly query, "Did you know that Beethoven wrote a polonaise?").

Romero's take on the "Waldstein" story is surely wrong, as he must himself know. The "Andante favori" would indeed make the "Waldstein" too long - not too long in the sense of minutes on the clock (there would be

three movements of about ten minutes each), but in terms of the music's inherent pulse and architecture. Beethoven was a great reviser, working his way with difficulty toward his final ideas; and if he himself had not perceived that the "Waldstein" 's original second movement was out of place, no amount of griping by his friends (if indeed such an event took place) could have induced him to remove it. (The same thing could be said about the B-flat String Quartet, Opus 130, where the original last movement — now the independent "Grosse Fugue" — was replaced by a finale more in keeping with the shape and character of the whole work.)

The proof that the composer's ultimate instincts were correct can be found simply by playing the "Waldstein" with the "Andante favori" as its second movement, and then playing it with the "Adagio" Beethoven composed as a replacement for his first thought. That "Adagio"



Gustavo Romero, piano: final all-Beethoven recital Neurosciences Institute (in a series organized by the Athenaeum)

Sonata No. 7 in D, Opus 10, No. 3; Sonata No. 17 in D Minor, Opus 31, No. 2 "Tempest"; Sonata No. 20 in G, Opus 49, No. 2; Sonata No. 32 in C Minor, Opus 111.

> is in itself a far greater piece of music than the "Andante favori" (it is as deep as anything Beethoven ever wrote). But, even more importantly, its placement right in the middle of this Olympian work, as a brooding, searching, inward-directed commentary on the life-affirming vitality and optimism of the outer movements, was crucial in making the "Waldstein" the masterpiece we recognize it to be.

Indeed, one of the defining characteristics of Beethoven's multimovement compositions is the uncanny way the movements fit together, producing a sense of the absolute rightness of each movement's presence in that particular place and in that particular work. This is true, for example, of every one of the sonatas on Romero's final program. The three movements of the "Tempest" belong firmly together, speaking in the same voice (even though the movements are very different from each other). The two movements of





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the Opus 111 are exactly right for each other, and it is impossible even to imagine another movement placed between them, or after the "Arietta."

Gustavo Romero's playing of the 32 sonatas, in fact, has continually reinforced the experience of unity among the movements of each work, as well as of each sonata's individual identity (including the "Waldstein"). That has been one of the most striking virtues of this splendid series. It is another reason why a survey of all

the sonatas, when played with such character and insight, can tell us so much more about the nature of these masterpieces than hearing them separately can do. We can be grateful to Romero for his noble undertaking—and to the Athenaeum for sponsoring him.

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Bring a Score or Rent One at the Door when PACEM Summer Sings take place at St. Paul's Cathedral. All are invited to sing favorite choral works under the direction of five distinguished conductors. The series continues with English cathedral anthems conducted by Martin Green on Friday, August 9, at 7 p.m. Admission to each "sing" is \$10.

You only want to listen? Admission is free for those who don't want to sing. Find the cathedral at 2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg. For information, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

SummerFest Is Here, the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2002, led by artistic director Cho-Liang Lin, continues through Sunday, August 18. "Loops and Verses," the program on Friday, August 9, features the Villa-Lobos "Suite for Voice and Violin," "Shaker Loops" by John Adams, and the "Piano Quintet" by Dvořák. The music begins at 7:30 p.m., following a preconcert talk at 6:30 p.m. with John Adams and host Fred Child.

Expect "Salonen and a Soldier's Tale" when the esteemed Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the concert on Saturday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. The program boasts "New Work for Violin" and "Five Images After Sappho" by Salonen, as well as Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat." Salonen will be on hand for the pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m.

There's an "All-Rachmaninoff Affair" planned on Tuesday, August 13. The pre-concert talk (6:30 p.m.) features host Dan Erwine and Jeffrey Kahane and Jon Kimura Parker. Guests will hear the master's "Three Preludes," "Cello Sonata," and "Symphonic Dances for Two Pianos."

For the "Encounters" series, learn about "Music and Architecture" on Friday, August 9. Learn all about "The Health Risks of Musicians" when Dr. Alice Brandfondrener, M.D., speaks on Tuesday, August 13. Dan Erwine hosts a "Conversation with Robert Kapilow" on Wednesday, August 14, and Lee Lamont, chairman of ICM Artists, presents a "Conversation with a Star-Maker" when the series concludes on Thursday, August 15. These encounters take place from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Admission is free.

Learn "how and why they do what they do" during "guided open rehearsals" hosted by Mark Mobley on Friday, August 9, at 10:15 a.m., focusing on "Shaker Loops" by John Adams and on "Five Images After Sappho" by Esa-Pekka Salonen on Saturday, August 10, at 10:15 a.m. Admission is free. There's limited seating and no late entry. All of these events take place at

All of these events take place at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street).

Organ virtuoso Anthony Newman presents an "All-Bach Organ Festival" on Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South.

Concert tickets range from \$35 to \$50. For reservations and information, dial 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Greatest Hits and Summer Pops — The Perfect Combination, the Manhattan Transfer present their greatest hits for the San Diego Symphony's Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10. Rhythm and blues legend Isaac Hayes joins the symphony for a concert Thursday, August 15.

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)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents the weekly concert on Sunday, August 11, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

One Pianist and Five Young String Players have been selected to receive concentrated study with master teachers during the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's SummerFest La Jolla 2002 workshops. This year's designated musicians are pianist Gloria Lin, violinists Yoon Kwon and Sara Trobäck, violist Scott Lee, and cellists Jesús Castro-Balbi and David Kim.

Workshop sessions run from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekdays through Monday, August 12, in the Coast Room at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The sessions are free to the public, offering a "behind the scenes" opportunity to observe the development of young talent during the festival. For more information, call 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

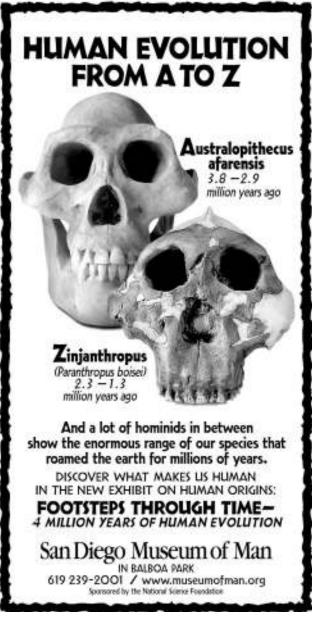
The "Concerto for Classical Guitar" and "Jazz Trio" by French composer Claude Bolling may be heard when guitarist Roberto Limon performs on Wednesday, August 14, at 6 p.m. in Friendship Park (at Fourth and F Street, next to the Civic Center Library). Free. 619-691-5161. (CHULA VISTA)

Learn and Laugh with composer, conductor, and commentator Robert Kapilow when he presents "What Makes It Great" for SummerFest. The audience is guided through selected portions of a piece of classical music, with guest performers playing to make each point clear. The evening concludes with a complete performance of the work.

The event, slated for Wednesday, August 14, features Gloria Lin and Yoon Kwon playing Beethoven's "Violin Sonata No. 9 in A Major" (Kreutzer). The concert starts at 7 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). For more information, call 858-459-3728. (IA JOLLA)

"French, Franck, and Fire," organist Hector Olivera takes command of "San Diego's largest musical instrument," the pipe organ containing over 6500 pipes at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego, to present this program on Friday, August 23, at 8 p.m. Find the church at 2111 Camino del Rio South. Questions? Call 619-429-0143 for answers. An offering will be received. (MISSION VALLEY)











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the events section.

"Ghosts of Ohio," four new pieces in local sculptor Johnny Coleman's series of found-object assemblages go on display in Gallery Two of the David Zapf Gallery.

Opening that same night is a group show featuring works in all media by Gail Roberts, Doris Bittar, Nancy Kitteredge, Ron Tatro, and Twylla Talley and Christopher Lee. A reception for all the artists is set for Friday, August 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located at 2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 104. Regular gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Exhibits continue through the end of August. 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

"Alien," an interactive installation by Lori Gordon with paintings, sculpture, public submissions, and work by "sound artist" Nathaniel Clark, is on display through Thursday, August 15, in UCSD's Herbert Marcuse Gallery, You're invited to a reception on Friday, August 9, 7 to 11 p.m. (subsequent gallery hours vary, so call for details).

Find the gallery at the Visual Arts Facility on the UCSD campus. For information and directions, call 858-822-1615. (LA JOLLA)

The Group Show "Gallery Selections" opens at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery with a reception on Friday, August 9, at 6 p.m. Find the gallery in suite 103 at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-595-0558. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The show closes on Friday, August 30. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Artist Tim Cantor will "unveil his most recent paintings and poetry" during receptions on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, 6 to 10 p.m., at his Ashby Gallery (527 Fourth Avenue). For information, call 619-235-6990. (DOWNTOWN)

"Transformation," an exhibit of recent works by Lydia Richez-Bowman, is described as "an exploration of color, texture, and technique. The show opens at the Cabernet with a reception on Saturday, August 10, at 6 p.m., and continues through Tuesday, September 10. Find the gallery at 3820-1/2 Ray Street; 619-683-2221. Hou rs are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Do Oil and Watercolor Mix? Recent oil works by Shirley Calvert are gathered in "A Spot of Sun," on view along with "San Diego in Plein Air," a collection of watercolors by June Maxion, through August at the Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue). Meet the duo during a reception slated for Saturday, August 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. 858-459-5844. (LA JOLLA)

An Exploration of Connections is offered in "Song of the Landscape for Nyima," an exhibition of work by Johnny Coleman. The show opens with a reception for Coleman — a longtime San Diego resident now transplanted to teach at Oberlin College in Ohio - on Saturday, Au gust 10, at 5 p.m., in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library. Coleman will also present an art talk at the gallery at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11.

The exhibit concludes on Sunday, September 29. Find the library at 1775 Dove Lane. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with hours extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 760-602-2021. (CARLSBAD)

"Stuff," James E. Watts's wood and hammered-tin sculptures can be viewed at Trés Studio Gallery through August 23. An artist's reception is set for Saturday, August 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, August 15, at 7 p.m., the artist will be in the gallery to discuss his work. Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street. The studio/gallery is otherwise open the second Saturday of each month, 619-297-TRES, (NORTH PARK)

Plein Air Artist Grant Hughes will be on hand to present his oil paintings of local natural scenes during an opening reception planned on Saturday, Au gust 10, at 6 p.m., in the Sierra Club Larry Dumlao Gallery. This show continues through Friday, September 13. Find the gallery inside the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). For gallery hours and information, dial 619-299-1743. (NORTH PARK)

Works in All Media will be showcased when Cloyd Bedke and Caroline Linscott judge the 52nd annual open juried award art show hosted by the Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League's COAL Gallery. The awards and reception party is scheduled on Sunday, August 11, at 2 p.m. See the exhibit through Sunday, Septem-

Find the gallery at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 101. For information, call 760-434-8497. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. (CARLSBAD)

Expressing His Imagination Through Painting, Iim Warren creates "fine art originals, personalized oil paintings," album covers, prints, posters, T-shirts, greeting cards, and puzzles. The busy artist visits the area

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to meet fans on Thursday, August 15. at the Wyland Gallery (1025 Prospect Street; 858-459-8229). Warren will also be on hand on Friday, August 16, at the Wyland Gallery located in Seaport Village (855 West Harbor Drive). Both appearances last from 6 to 10 p.m. Free. For information, call 800-995-2635. (LA JOLLA, SEAPORT VILLAGE)

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

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.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a new, year-long series of exhibitions at the museum, seeking to present works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California and to create a forum in which artists will explore common cultural issues. The inaugural exhibit is titled "Gordas," highlighting work by Tijuana-based artist Tania Candiani. The exhibit includes Candiani's "large, machine-sewn canvases exploring cross-cultural questions of female body image." See the show through Thursday, September 26.

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)

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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,

> Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

day, September 8.

iconic objects from everyday life, and

some of the firm's own buildings and

projects." See the show through Sun-

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 photographer 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.

"Louis Faurer," opening on Sunday, August 11, is a major exhibition of work by this photographer, who lived from 1917 until 2001, known for his street photographs of New York said to "capture both documentary style and an impulse of fine art." Taken between the 1930s and 1960s, 137 photographs are featured in this exhibit, along with a dozen color photographs and 15 of "his best works for magazines, both fashion and editorial." Take in the show through Sunday, October 20.

Terra Phantasma: The Photographs of Ray Carafono" are on display through Sunday, August 18. Carofano's work is said to "give a sense of deep time, of history, erosion, decay, passage, and renewal." The one-walled exhibit features photographs of ancient trees, graceful tunnels, and woods of rural Connecticut.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559.

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.

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," 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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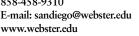
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rthur Miller has written more words about his plays than are in them. In the dozen or so before *All My Sons* (1947), his first success, Miller claims he had tried to "grasp wonder." But it "betrayed" him. So he made *All My Sons* "rational,"

with cause and effect, "hard actions," and "factual bedrock." He refused to stuff ideas into his characters' mouths and tried "to

let wonder rise up like a mist, a gas, a vapor from the gradual crush of factual and psychological conflict."

Keeper! Only the most starry-eyed of press releases dare such adulation. Writing from hindsight, justifying every comma, Miller makes his career a heroic quest. But where he gets blinded by grails and shining armor, the person writing the plays probably tore his hair, cursed his fate, and screamed, "Where the sam blazes do I go from here?"

During World War II, 21 P-40 Army Air Force planes crashed in Australia. They weren't shot down. Each had a cracked cylinder head, as did a hundred others, grounded before they could fail. The heads came from Joe Keller's factory. But would Joe, a "man among men," ship defective parts to the Army? He says no. He wasn't at the factory the day Steve Deever (a "mouse," a "little man") saw hairline cracks in the cylinders, took out his tools, and covered them over.

It's three and a half years later. Steve's in prison. Keller was exonerated, and his idealiz-

ing son, Chris, calls him "Joe McGuts." The Kellers lost another son, Larry, in the war, though Kate—called "Mother" in the script—refuses to believe he's dead. She prefers horoscopes about favorable days to what, as the years

pass, must be cold fact. When we first see them, on an early Sunday morning in August, the Kellers look prosperous and content. In a deliberately long first

act, however, Miller reveals that cracks the family's covered up for years are about to fracture.

Chris must believe in his father's innocence, just as Kate must believe Larry's still alive. Why? Because Larry's death might be related to the cracked cylinders and, as Kate screams, "God does not let a son be killed by his father." Hook him to a lie detector and Joe might pass. To him there's "nothing bigger" than the family; therefore, he committed no crime. Joe's loyalty has a "40-foot front" and ends "at the building line...and if there's something bigger than that I'll put a bullet in my head!"

Miller based his play on an actual event. A "pious lady" from the Midwest told him how a man from her neighborhood sold faulty machinery to the military. Faced with conflicting value systems, much like ancient Antigone, his daughter turned in her "erring father" and destroyed the family. When he heard the story, Miller knew "that somehow a hard thing had entered into me, a crux toward which it seemed possible to move in strong and straight lines." There he goes again.

Just about everyone in the play lives like an ostrich, neckdeep in denial. And though Miller mounts it above his fireplace, another dragon slain, *All My Sons* has a predictable, formulaic quality. You know the revelations will come — even when, and in which order. You know they'll carve up the Kellers like a Klez virus through a PC. You can even bet that Joe will be true to his word.

Some plays written 50 years ago don't, but Sons has the feel of an old-fashioned period piece: wide canvas/narrow meaning, symbolism in the guise of realism. Miller does in his plays what he does in his interviews about them: interpret the story for you. He props up characters with significance, and eloquence, beyond their stature (most playwrights do this; it's just that Miller's a blatant offender). His dramaturgy seems by the numbers, in this day and age, but was actually progressive in 1947. Ambiguity invaded the post-WWII world so much that even the moralists — like sanctimonious Chris. whose idealism stands on a lie — become tainted. And if Joe's guilty of war profiteering,

so is "half the Goddam country." Miller has him overstate it, but Joe does have a point: "A man can't be a Jesus in this world!" But then again, neither could the Nazarene.



Daniel J. Travanti, Robin Pearson Rose in All My Sons

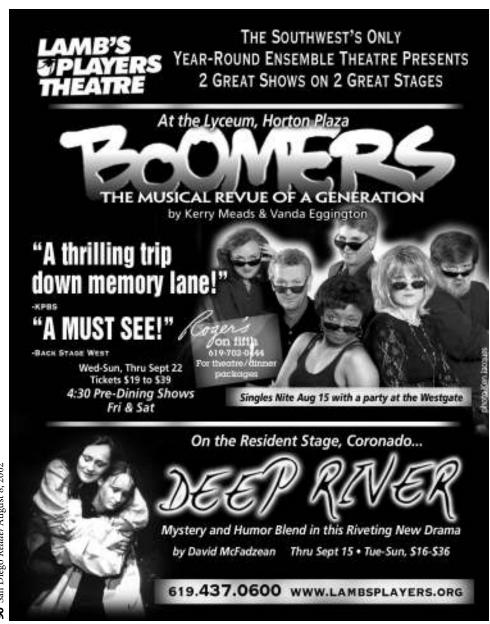
All My Sons by Arthur Miller

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park

Directed by Richard Seer; cast, Russ Anderson, Caren Browning, Melinda Page Hamilton, Deborah Heining, Brian Hutchinson, Lucas Caleb Rooney, Robin Pearson Rose, Javen Tanner, Daniel J. Travanti; scenic design, David Ledsinger; lighting, Trevor Norton; costumes, Charlotte Devaux-Shields; sound, Paul Peterson

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story house, and a dappled midsummer atmosphere. Scattered leaves show that a big wind blew last night, knocking down Larry's memorial apple tree (even the landscape's symbolic). Trevor Norton's excellent lighting traces the play's arc, from chipper earlymorning sunshine, to mauve dusk, to thick 2 a.m. bleakness.

Miller says he wanted "the sapping operation" — i.e., the rending of the Kellers — to take place "without a sound beneath a clear land-scape in the broad light of a peaceful day." But he hasn't written *All My Sons* in that manner. The play is full of melodramatic flights and emotive, method-acting arias and builds to an almost operatic conclusion.

Director Richard Seer honors Miller's note more than the script itself. This respectful, toned-down ("without a sound") staging favors underacting (Daniel J. Travanti could kick Joe up several notches) to the kind of pellmell, boiling-over release that might make Sons work more effectively. The talented Robin Pearson Rose nudges toward those heights as Kate, especially when the family bubble bursts, but the others don't follow. They remain inside, as

it were, the cage of Miller's

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

All My Sons

Reviewed this issue.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON
CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS,
THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY
THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN
DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 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 vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eves) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of

the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Boomers

Class is in session: Intro to Baby Boomers, Born between 1946 and 1964, they're the largest generation in history, they're writing the book on "self-obsession," and one turns 50 every seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington's salute takes musical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, sociological, even televisional (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot four-piece band, the seven-person cast sings snatches of songs. It's as if your time machine is channel-surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of memories. Directed by Meads, the briskly paced production boasts accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith Waterman, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of Mad magazine), and a strong cast.

For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the "Big Chill syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA,
DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22;
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT
7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT
4:30 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Dames at Sea

Moonlight Stage Productions presents the musical tale of Ruby, "soda shop sweetheart from Utah," who could become a Broadway star. Don and Bonnie Ward have directed and choreographed.

MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

A Day of Absence and The Blues

Community Actors Theatre presents one-act comedies: *Day of Absence*, about the day "all the black people disappeared out of town"; and *The Blues*, in which an elderly blues singer answers questions about his career. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 25; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."

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Deep River

Lamb's Players stages David Mc-Fadzean's drama about a Midwestern family coming to grips with a chilling secret. Robert Smyth directed

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, FRIDAY, AU-GUST 9, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Ding Dong! Death Calling

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., present an interactive dinner theater show that proves "beauty may only be skin deep, but murder cuts to the bone."

DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH AU-GUST 24: SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Faith Healer

A haunted play. In four extended monologues, Frank Hardy (a "faith healer"), his "indefatigably loyal" companion Grace, and manager Teddy recall their 20 years of onenight stands in rural England and Scotland. They talk about Frank's calling ("a ministry without responsibility"), faith, art, an elusive sense of "wholeness," and, in some ways most mysterious of all, how Frank and Grace remained together so long. Playwright Brian Friel interweaves Rashomon-like perspectives. Each offers insights that ring true, at that moment, but shade to halftruths in the next. Michael Rudko's Frank, Tim Donohue's Teddy, and the astonishing Lizbeth Mackay's Grace narrate so well you wish director Seret Scott would just let them do it. Instead, Scott has actors put on and take off coats, do extraneous business, and move when unmoti-

vated (the lighting has a similar nervous-to-entertain quality). Around the speakers hums one needlessly busy production! Faith Healer isn't for the attention span-challenged. It's long on questions, mute on answers. Like the Big Bang, the closer you get to a solution, the more unfathomable it becomes. And halfway through, the play does an extraordinary thing: it sheds a cocoon. What seemed traditional, straightforward becomes nonlinear, outside of time, and interfused with mysteries far deeper than first imagined. Worth a try.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, THROUGH AUGUST 25; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Fault Line One-Acts

Fault Line Theatre stages *The Taste* of *Ketchup at Fallicci's (Here Today, Gone Tomato)*, a "wacky comedy," and *Hollis*, a "blood and guts thriller."

FAULT LINE THEATRE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, THROUGH AUGUST 17; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Henry the Horse

Beacon Theatre presents a new play by San Diegan Tom Hyatt. Henry and Rita have only been married three weeks, but already there's "a dancing horse, an imaginary pizza, infidelity, and one cup of sugar." Pam Benjamin directed. ACTOR'S ASYLUM THEATRE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, THROUGH AUGUST 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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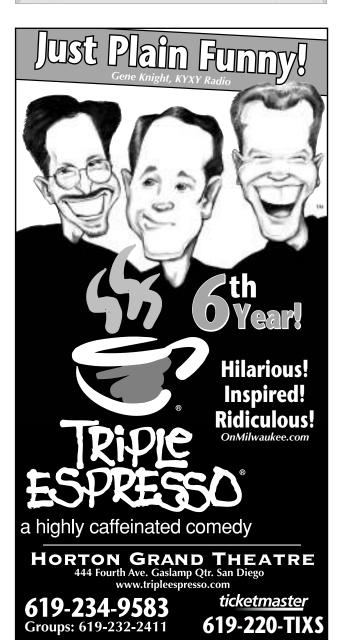
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The Importance of Being Earnest

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 openingnight 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 crossthatched 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.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN DAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: EARNEST RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH TOM STOP-PARD'S TRAVESTIES.)

Irish Dance Cabaret

Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.

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It's My Party (and I'll DIE if I want to)

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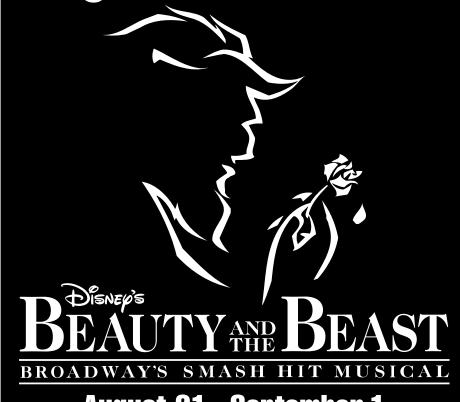
Love, Janis

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

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(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 atmosphere 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT

Mixed Emotions

OnStage Playhouse presents Richard Baer's romantic comedy about septuagenarians falling in love while movers repare to relocate the bride-to-be in Florida. Connie Di Grazia directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH AU-GUST 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Much Ado About Nothing

For its sixth annual "FREE Outdoor Shakespeare Production," the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's comedy about "two weddings, a fake funeral, and many comic antics." Keith A. Anderson directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THEATRE BY THE BAY, THROUGH AUGUST 25; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented co-

Worth a try.

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The Odd Couple

One of Neil Simon's most durable comedies takes a simple situation opposites don't always attract, especially when they become roommates — and mines it for humor. Rhys Greene and Walter Murray, mainstays of the San Diego Black Ensemble Theatre, perform as Felix and Oscar, an African-American "odd couple," one a control freak, the other favoring de-control. Sparks flew, but rarely soared, on opening night, in part because the cast spoke so fast it was like watching a "run-through," literally. As a result, they sped past many of the play's best one-liners (director Rhys Greene emphasized the drama of the situation, giving his actors heightened, often heavy, moments; but it's a Neil Simon comedy!). The evening perks up with the arrival of the Pigeon sisters, Cecily and Gwendolyn (the names come from Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Earnest*). Anne Tran and Kimberly Miller, mainstays of the San Diego Asian American Rep, delight as two British "birds" looking for a good time. Greene and Murray have the requisite chemistry, and the show could improve once it settles in, the cast relaxes, and enjoys performing this funny show. Worth a try.

THE ACADEMY OF SOUND AND MUSIC, 3554 KETTNER BOULEVARD (BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SASSAFRAS), SAN DIEGO, THROUGH AUGUST 18; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMA-TION CALL 858-831-1931

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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 off-shore loaded with wouldbe 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 unsuspicious 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

Worth a try.

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Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks

of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen, I caught the first, Euripides' Medea, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 p.m., The Bacchae by Euripides. Worth a try.

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Singin' in the Rain

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Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scenemaking, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons, but Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening uses various formats. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five "directors" invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit." Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group is talented enough (and know when to blackout best) to make the hits more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (Impro) I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art." Worth a try.

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"That's why I don't use duct tape; that's why I use nylon rope."

According to the San Iose Mercury News, that was one

escaped from her abductors by gnawing through duct tape. Esparza went for the opportunity to tie in an advertiser with a gag about the abduction.

Esparza said, "Let's sav, for instance, you're somebody that is a kidnapper. Think of all the nylon rope you could get at

the inside track

of the comments that got DJ Mikey Esparza booted off

The Mikey Show is heard on three Clear Channel stations. He's live in the mornings at KEGL, Dallas, and "voice tracks" an afternoon show on KSJO, San Jose, and an evening show for Rock 105.3 right here in San Diego

On July 24 Mikey's sidekick, "Hot News Girl" Kelly, had just read a story about a seven-year-old Philadelphia girl who

Orchard Supply Hardware. Plus, they sell tarps. I'm sure they sell lye to dissolve the body.

Órchard Supply Hardware canceled its advertising with KSJO, which in turn suspended Esparza for a week.

Esparza himself had no comment. His producer, Eddie Pappani, did respond but later called to say he preferred to have a "no comment" about the issue. And if you go to www.mikeyshow.com, it now says, "Forbidden. You don't have permission...on this server.

Jim Richards, the local Clear Channel exec who oversees programming on San Diego FM stations, said Esparza's 7 p.m.-tomidnight show was still being carried on Rock 105.3 — uninterrupted.

"I don't think [the comment] ran [on the Mikey Show] in San Diego. I did not hear anything about it. That's a San Jose issue."

Besides, Mikey is sorry, says Richards.

'The comments were taken the wrong way. He issued a sincere, heartfelt apology [over KSJO]. He feels bad. He meant no harm to children.'

What would it take for Richards to consider taking action over Esparza here?

"If he said something like that in this market, we would consider taking

The only problem, Mikey already has said some questionable on-air comments at Rock 105.3. In April 1999, while he still had a live local DJ shift, he interviewed a local band called Inure.

"He called us beaners on

the air," Inure singer/guitarist Vincent Quiroz said at the time.

"I'm a beaner" was Esparza's response three



MIKEY STILL ON RADIO EVEN AFTER ABDUCTION YUKS

years ago. "It's name calling on myself. I do comedy.'

Richards defended Esparza over the beaner slur. "Chris Rock says things about his own race that you and I cannot say.'

Not so fast, said Inure's Quiroz. "I'm a full-blooded Mexican, but I don't talk that way."

Esparza's most publicized bad boy stunt came in June 1997 when Howard Stern invited the Rock 105 DJ on his show to talk about Esparza's instudio "arrest" by the SDPD over marijuana use on the air. Although Stern bought into it, the stunt proved to be a fraud when SDPD spokesman Dave Cohen said no police were ever involved in any such incident at the Rock 105 studios.

Rock 105.3 is not running promotional announcements for The Mikey Show during the top-rated Howard Stern morning show anymore. Until a few months ago, Stern fans were encouraged to stay tuned to Rock 105 for that night's Mikey Show.

Rock 105 currently pushes its other DJs -Shanon Leder and BC and Woody — on the Howard Stern show.

Richards said the controversy has nothing to do with pulling the promo. "Our promotional inventory will shift from one personality to another depending on the day parts [four- or five-hour segments of the day] we're trying to pump up at the time.

– Ken Leighton

"The radio DJ's plight is the result of a tsunami of cultural forces." That's the

prose *Union-Tribune* writer Jennifer Davies used in a July 29 article to describe the extinction of radio DIs.

She quoted Brandi Schmidt about life after Z90. She also quoted Bryan Jones, whom she only described as a "former 91X DI."



WAYBACK JONES

The article quoted Jones as someone who "used" to be part of local radio.

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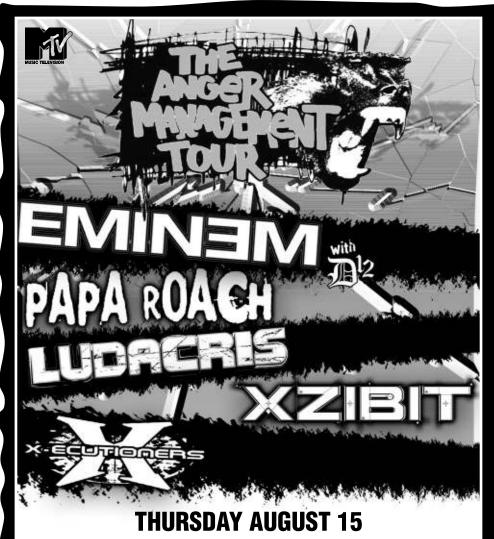
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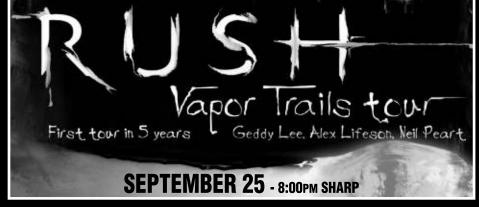
















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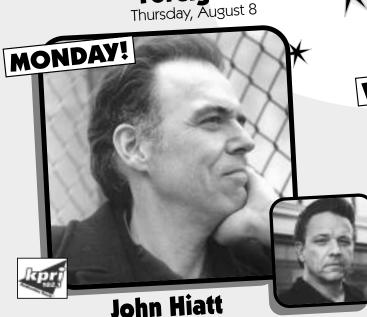
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the 6–9 a.m. show. It focuses on the late-'70s through early-'90s alt-rock oldies.

"I just forgot to put that in," said Davies, who covers telecommunications for the Tribune

Jones didn't seem upset over the omission.

"It isn't really radio," he said about his weekly show.
"There is no playlist. I have total say of what gets played. There is no radio show like that in the world. I told her I look at it as a hobby. It is the greatest radio show of all time. We play everything from the MC5 to the Pixies, from Nick Drake to Wire."

Jones's nonchalance may be reflected in his ratings: Saturday morning is 92/1's lowest-rated weekend time period among listeners aged 18–34, according to Arbitron.

Jones is now working at his fourth cyber-music company. He's worked at MP3.com, Sonic Garden, and the defunct SpinRecords.com. He's now with e.Digital Corp., an Irvine company with an

office in Poway. He oversees e.Digital's music subscription service.

"For years I beat my head against the wall fighting the Internet fight over copyright issues. We don't face the same issues [at e.Digital Corp.] that Internet music companies face. We are a manufacturer of MP3 players. We make the line of Odyssey Players. Our Odyssey Millennium holds about 4500 songs."

— Ken Leighton

"I lost 70 percent of

what I was doing.... I almost went under."

Carolyn Tipton was lamenting the post-9/11 drop in business at Spin Records, the only independent CD store in Oceanside. "The first three years were so bad. Last year was the only year I made money. I thought I had been there long enough to where I didn't rely on just the Marines."

But she was wrong. She says she is pulling out of downtown Oceanside, renaming her store the Muse, and relocating to a more thriving neighborhood: North Park — host to an increasing number of music nightspots including the Whistlestop, Buster Daly's, Shooters, Scolari's Office, Club Xanth, and the Claire de Lune

coffeehouse. "I'll be right next door to Big City Tattoo on University."

The last North Park record store, Nostalgia Records, closed two years

ago.
"We're going to have
Beehive and the
Barracudas...play at our



SPIN RECORDS SPINS OUTTA OCEANSIDE

grand opening."

Having her clientele get shipped overseas was only part of her problem in Oceanside.

"They closed the [nearby] Playgirl Club. I never had a problem with it. It helped my business."

Tipton admits being in Oceanside has toughened her.

"I have never been

robbed, but I have had CD covers stolen. [CDs are stored behind the counter.] The other day this guy spit in the doorway. I said...'Do you want to pick that up?' He did and he said he was sorry."

She is not happy with the Oceanside city council." The city has done nothing to promote non-Marine businesses. There are no points of interest to bring people downtown and shop. The Regal Plaza [downtown shopping center] is still sitting empty. The city paid \$1.5 million to close the Playgirl, but what are they going to do with it? Oceanside has delusions of grandeur, but there is no one there who is smart enough to pull it off. The city is spending all this money on leasing parking lots, and to pay for it they give everyone parking tickets. All these little annoyances drive you out."

She said Sandy Shore, daughter of Comedy Store owner Mitzi Shore, dropped by to see about using the building once Spin Records moves out.

"She was talking about using this as a comedy school and doing live comedy shows at Margarita Rocks. I'm not sure if she rented my spot or not."

Muse store manager Sammy Warren, formerly of the indie rock 515 Connection, said the Muse will carry "old '60s soul, UK punk, Goth, industrial, and vinyl."

Desolation Angels and Sinaloa appear for a final free show at Spin Records Oceanside, August 18 at 8 p.m. The Muse opens in early September.

– Ken Leighton

"First you walk in to some red, gold, and green walls. Then you have all the newest Limp Bizkit bands in town rehearsing their chops. That doesn't exactly create an atmosphere of musical

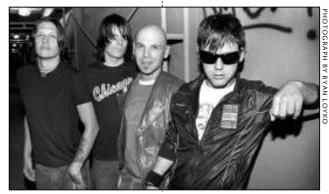
name in the San Diego scene.

"We pay \$300 a month to share a studio," said singer/guitarist Travis Campbell (no relation).

San Diego is known for having a shortage of band practice space. The After Party was forced to share a unit with another band to avoid paying \$600 a month.

"It was the cheapest place we could get into," added Travis Campbell. "The place was a total pigsty. There were cans and bottles everywhere, and the place smelled like puke."

"[The other band] had



AFTER PARTY ANALYZES SD DECOR

bliss'

That's the challenge of trying to practice at a Kearny Mesa rehearsal complex, according to bassist Stan Campbell. His other three bandmates in the After Party moved here from Oregon two months ago to make a Metallica and Pink Floyd posters and posters with drug paraphernalia on the wall," said guitarist David Mecham. "It...lowered our level of practicing."

Their first local gig was surreal, said bassist Campbell.

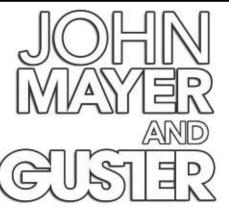


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"It was at Squid Joe's in Carlsbad. It has the worst decor ever. It pretty much looks like a yuppie's pirate nightmare.

As to the differences between So Cal and So Ore, "I think there are more ravers per capita in southern Oregon than anywhere else," said drummer Doug Morical. "We had a great flat, but these ravers moved in next door and started having these techno dance parties until 6 a.m. every weekend."

"We'd have to sit on our roof and literally poke them away with drumsticks and baseball bats," said Mecham. "They wanted to come over to our side and dance. They were on crank or ecstasy or whatever they were using. It pretty much set me off on a mission to destroy electronic music with the power of rock and roll."

Mecham said turntables and rock don't easily mix. "A while back it seemed like every band was adding a DJ or a keyboard player or putting in some reggae or

some rap. I wanted to take stuff out. Until I hooked up with these guys, I couldn't find anyone who was on that same wavelength. I was ready to step back and quit rock and play acoustic."

The After Party appears August 27 at the Ćasbah. — Ken Leighton

Q: How many emo musicians does it take to

screw in a light bulb? A: Shut up! Don't call me emo.

That joke, now making the rounds, demonstrates that "emo," the word that describes the emotion-laden school of punk, is not always a welcome description.

"It's turned into a real genre of music even though it started out as a derogatory







the East Coast used it as a whiny bands that were

derogatory term in the mid-'90s to describe some of the

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term," said drummer Mark Allen, of Counterfit, a band that sometimes gets tagged

popping up. It started off as a joke, but people started taking the name seriously.'

Local bands like Three

Procession, and Pinback have at times been tabbed with the e-word.

Allen says, "I don't think any bands like to be pigeonholed."

Counterfit is looking for a record label. "Our [tworecord] contract is up with [San Francisco-based] Negative Progression Records. We're looking for someone who can give us the support that we need."

While they look, the band got that most soughtafter commodity, radio airplay. Without the push of a major record conglomerate behind them, 92/1 added Counterfit to its playlist: "Better Late Than Never" got 25 spins on 92/1 last week. The song is from their CD, Super Amusement

Machine for Your Exciting Heart.

"It's named after a slogan we found on a Japanese pachinko machine we found when we were on tour," said Allen.

Counterfit will embark on its fourth national tour in October. The band has Tshirts, stickers, and posters. But no buttons.

"Some fans of ours were walking around Belmont Park and they saw some guy who was selling fake Counterfit buttons — with our logo on it. They asked the guy where he got them because they knew we hadn't had buttons in over a year. He said he made them himself. Our fan said that he should really check with the band and get permission. I

guess the guy became a jerk and said, 'Are you gonna buy one or not?' Our fan socked the kid in the face. Belmont Park security dragged the fan away.

Allen says the vendor with the counterfeit Counterfit stash got to stay. "It's no big deal to me, but it is a hilarious story.

Counterfit appears at the Casbah August 23 with Rochelle, Rochelle and the Classified and September 13 at the Scene with Ilya, No Knife, and Rochelle, Rochelle.

— Ken Leighton

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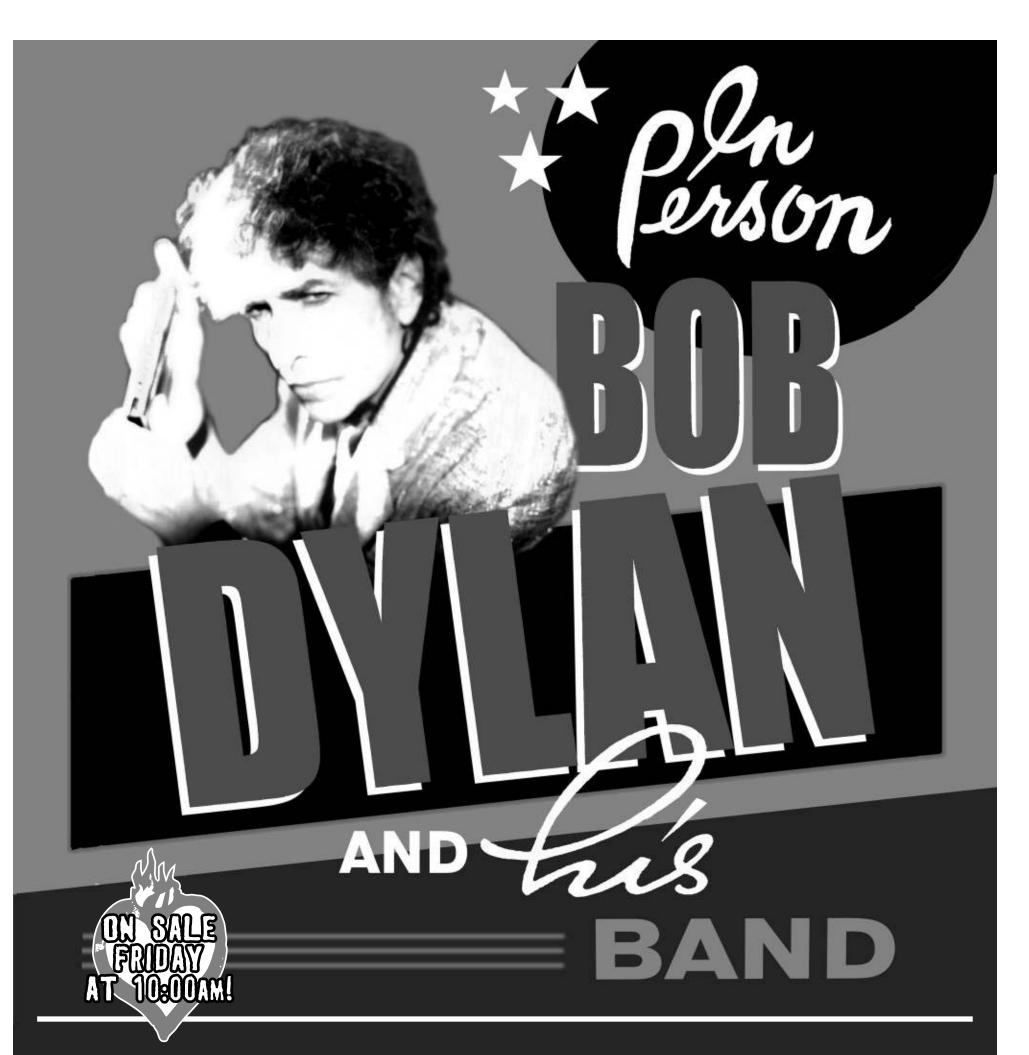
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"If they want it to be kosher, we'd bring the rabbi in onsite."

lot of your new hot rock bands — and I don't mean this in a derogatory way — seem to have a more juvenile palate, where your older entertainers will have an older, more mature palate," says David Wick, executive chef and consultant for Ranch Cater-

and consultant for Ranch Catering, San Diego's largest caterer.

"Younger groups might want anything from hamburgers [or] pizzas to sandwiches and top it off

with a good bottle of wine or imported beer. An older entertainer might want an on-site stir-fry, rack of lamb, seafood — people are cutting down on meat more now — prepared with some finer wines."

One popular demand for many entertainers is pesticide-free, organic food — and some of them want proof. "If I had somebody that wanted a certified organic meal, when the product is bought that we prepare it with, we would have the labels and the bills to justify the difference in price. You also have people that may want a kosher meal. We also have a fully kosher kitchen. When we have to do a kosher meal, the meals are generally brought in — depending on the meal and the preparation — if it is a hot meal that has to be prepared. If they want it to be kosher, we'd bring the rabbi in where it's being prepared and it would be supervised onsite. And all the equipment that we'd use onsite has to go back to that designated kitchen so that it remains kosher. It's not a hard process, but for smaller quantities it gets a lot more expensive."
Wick admits, "I've heard a lot of horror sto-

Wick admits, "I've heard a lot of horror stories about dealing with celebrities, but I've never really experienced them." He says that celebs usually have the catering arranged by their agent. "Once in a while, concert promoters will call us."

One person who has had to tolerate more than his share of temperamental musicians' backstage demands is David Bordeaux, the production manager at 4th & B. He also worked in production at the Bacchanal and Iguanas in Tijuana for four years.

"What I've had to deal with mostly in catering is what's requested under contract — the 'riders.' Most acts have requests for things to have

at their shows on top of their fees, and those are called contract riders. It can be equipment rentals, food, and other things. The most common things requested are beer and drinks. We've had requests for basic items of clothing like tube socks or clean

underwear. After being on the road, some of these guys get lost in the shuffle, and laundry can be a pain in the butt for some of these guys. Laundry service is always

asked for."

MUSIC CHOW

ROBERT KUMPEL

One particularly strange request came from a performer Bordeaux refused to name. "This one major star wanted us to put condoms over bananas in his dressing room. We wouldn't do that. We left the condoms in packages around the bananas, and he could do with them what he wanted. Whether it was a joke or not, we didn't know."

Dealing with seasoned professionals tends to be easier than with lesser-known musical acts. "The up-and-coming acts who are new to the business are usually a little bit more demanding. They don't really know how to act. Once you're there for a while, you're grateful to have any kind of success on the road. The older acts that have been together for a long time are much more approachable and a lot of times more affable as far as talking to the bands and just being in touch. It makes it easier for everybody involved."

One artist who performed at 4th & B in the past two years requested a special adjustable keyboard seat and an electronic keyboard on his rider. The request was not unusual, but Bordeaux found the performer's behavior quite annoying. "We had it delivered from the equipment company, and when he got there, the seat was not acceptable to him. He told us that it wasn't a request but a demand, and this was not going to work for him. So I called all over the county looking for a more adjustable seat — whatever that might be — and we actually had to run all the way to El Cajon from downtown San Diego to pick it up for him. The show was delayed for a few minutes to see if it would be okay with him. He looked at me like, 'Well, I guess this will have to do.' He played what was probably about a 90-minute...set,

and he played on the stool for probably two minutes. For him to go through all of that to sit on this thing for two minutes kind of ruffled my feathers a bit. He also didn't like the fact that we didn't have his diet Mountain Dew in the twist-off cap but only had it in cans. We were totally amazed, because we had worked with this guy over the years, and he never acted like that before."

Some performers cannot be trusted with glass. "That was really a problem down at Iguanas. Back when I was there, they still had those big glass bottles of Coke that were about 26 ounces. I re-



David Wici

member a few bands coming in there, getting drunk, playing their sets, and all of a sudden the bottles were just flying around the stage, and they were breaking them. That was very scary because Iguanas was a very physical place as far as mosh pits and people going around the barricades and things like that. Glass and people don't mix. It was a tri-level club and held about 1500 people. We'd have kids on the balcony and jump off on the side fills. Fortunately, the liability and security was never part of my responsibility."

Drug use has been another problematic constant of the music business. "We have never condoned drug use. Of course, no matter what venue you work, some performers will be using drugs. Sometimes you look the other way, some-



Dave Bordeaux

times you tell them you would appreciate it if they would do it in more privacy — on the bus or wherever."

Not all entertainers have been problems. One entertainer who impressed Bordeaux with her lack of pretension was Bonnie Raitt. "I was on the crew for a show she did at Hospitality Point. Of course, the event was catered backstage, and she was so cool. She even offered to wash her own plates! She said, 'I don't mind washing them.' It was so cool. She actually came over and thanked all us local guys for helping out with the show, which is really unusual for a performer to do.

"Garth Brooks is amazingly nice. I did a couple of shows with him before he was as big as he is now. He made sure that everyone by his bus got a picture and an autograph no matter what time of the morning it was. B.B. King is the same way. He may be the nicest man in show business. He'll be sitting in his dressing room, eating his salmon dinner, and he'll sit there and eat and talk and let them take pictures. He doesn't mind it a bit. He's so accommodating to his fans. I asked him one time why he did this. He said, 'Dave, I don't want people to forget me.' For someone with that kind of legendary status to still have that feeling about keeping the people with him, I thought that was really, really cool. I can't say enough nice things about the guy." ■





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Wildboar Candy

He made his living as a piano tuner in L.A., working for the likes of Vladimir Horowitz and the Rolling Stones.

enjoyed a remarkable piece of good fortune in Berkeley, of all places, just a few blocks off that dreary carnival stretch of Telegraph Avenue

by the university. It's a place I'd been in a number of times before, a café that sells music, a professory sort of atmosphere with the usual suspects: bewildered-looking rumpled academics, sipping their espressos and cappuccinos and listening to Mozart, Schubert, whoever was on the box. Last time I was there I was working with the Polish poet Piotr Sommer, trying to translate some of his poems into an English that got a bit of the flavor and complexity of the original. We were there for a long time.

It wasn't working. Some poets translate, others don't, especially poets like Piotr who write in a colloquial idiom full of subtle registers and codings that hinge on experience of the immediate culture. But it was kind of the owners not to throw us out.

This time I wasn't there for coffee. I have written in this column about old fortepianos and their deliciously tart, slightly clangy sound, somewhere between

the harpsichord and modern piano. I've been on a period-keyboard instrument jag lately (perhaps for want of selenium or iron in my diet), and I grabbed from the shelf one of my favorites among the fortepiano discs, *The Portuguese Fortepiano* on the Wildboar label, with a gentleman named Edward Parmentier playing a fortepiano made by Manuel Antunes in Lisbon in 1767 and housed in America's Shrine to Music Museum in South Dakota. That's a hell of a place to house an 18th-century fortepiano, Vermillion, S.D., but it's probably real safe there. Anyhow, I was looking at the CD case, and it turns out Wildboar is on Bancroft Way in Berkeley, and they even had a phone number: 888-BWV-1079. So I phoned

them up and asked them what else they had going on in the fortepiano and Edward Parmentier line. It turns out that the Wildboar label and

scores of its albums are in that same Berkeley café with the professors, called Musical Offering, on the southern edge of the UC Berkeley campus.

Wildboar got going some 15 years ago under the auspices of Joseph's Musical Offering Partners and Associates, which means, essentially, one Joseph Spencer, who, it turns out, died only last November of a heart condition at age 64. Mr. Spencer was the proprietor of the Musical Offering combination café and record shop, and the Wildboar label he

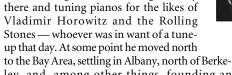
started was pretty well given over to early keyboard music played on period instruments or modern facsimiles. Spencer also had a local radio show on which he played medieval, renaissance, and baroque music, some of it esoteric or little known.

Edward Parmentier

REVIEW

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

From Cleveland originally, Spencer graduated from UCLA with a degree in music. He made his living as a piano tuner in L.A., working for the recording industry



ley, and, among other things, founding an early-music festival that became the prototype for the Berkeley Festival and Exhibition, now run biennially by Cal Performances.

When I was in the neighborhood, I stopped in to see what Wildboar had on tap. There was a very kind, bright, helpful gal named Ingrid behind the counter — from Switzerland I believe she was — with not much of an accent except a cu-

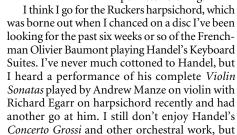
rious glottal stop on particular words that seemed so distinct from the rest of her speech as to almost seem an affectation. But Ingrid was solid, I could tell: leave a Swiss girl in Berkeley long enough, you'll wind up with some curious hybrids of accent.

There was a whole section of Wildboar titles, almost all of them involving period keyboard instruments. I was like a kid in a candy store. Joseph Spencer managed to put out 28 titles in 15 years, almost two a year (not bad considering he had an espresso machine and a café to run). At least 6 of the titles had old Ed Parmentier playing keyboard, harpsichord mostly. Turns out Parmentier is a professor of music at the University of Michigan School of Music. He studied at Princeton and Harvard, with a degree in classics as well as musicology at the former. He also studied harpsichord with Albert Fuller and the estimable Gustav Leonhardt. Apart from

performing the work of assorted Iberian composers on *The Portuguese Fortepiano* disc, Parmentier also has recorded Bach, Scarlatti, the English virginalists, and French composers for Wildboar.

If you'd like to explore the sound of assorted harpsichords, quite apart from the music, you might well enjoy Parmentier's *Splendor of the*

Harpsichord collection, in which he makes use of a French/German double-manual harpsichord, made by Ruckers/Goujon (1632–1745), a single manual German harpsichord, and a German harpsichord made by Christian Vater between 1728 and 1735. The music is Bach, Frescobaldi, Dowland, Byrd, Scarlatti, Handel, and Couperin, among others, so it's painless listening.



these *Violin Sonatas* were glorious, and Manze on violin is another recent enthusiasm. Check out his Bach performances on Hyperion of Bach's *Violin Concertos* and *Sonatas*.

There are some terrific performances of Handel's keyboard suites on piano by Murray Periha



Byron Schenkmar

and Sviatoslav Richter (with Andrei Gavrilov), which I can recommend all day and through the night, but if you're in a harpsichord frame of mind, check out Olivier Baumont playing a 1612 Ruckers in Fenton House in London, recorded in 1996. Heaven. He also plays a Burkat Shudi (1761) harpsichord. I was only able to find Volume Two of the Handel Suites, 1720 and 1735. I

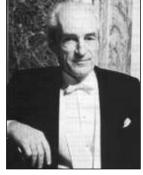
wouldn't mind getting ahold of *Volume One*, but I may have to go to Europe to get it. On *Volume One* Baumont is playing a combination of Italian, French, and Flemish models, all tuned a pitch lower.

Meanwhile, check out Wildboar's website (www.musicaloffering.com) for full catalog and ordering information. Their issues are of unusually good sound quality and handsomely produced. Their most recent issue, Il Giardino Corrupto, which was playing while I was in the store, is a superb collection of 17th-century German chamber music recorded in 1999 with two baroque violins, viola da gamba, and Byron Schenkman on harpsichord and organ, the former made by David Jencke in Durham, North Carolina, in 1993, modeled on one made by Carlo Grimaldi in the 1690s. Geez, Louise, like I don't have enough on my plate, I've gone silly for 17th-century Flemish harpsichords. Call 911. ■

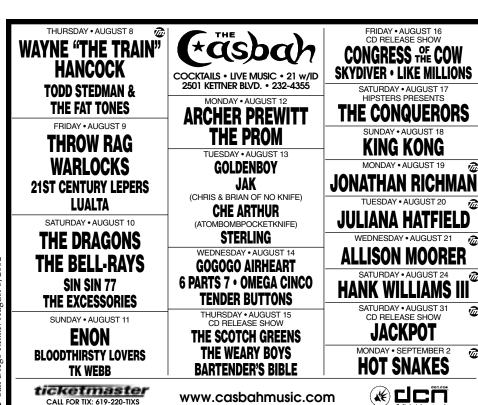
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Gustav Leonhardt





Little Queens

"When you get out into the real world, people start to get to know you for who you are and what you have to offer."

INTERVIEWS

JULIE YEN

t the front of each Mt. Carmel High School yearbook, there is a page dedicated to the royal court of at least one formal dance. Mahalene Dulay, Lorie Hatton, and Blake Hysni have all been featured on this page during their

separate years spent at Mt. Carmel; they are former "queens." None of them had experience in pageant or "queen" competitions prior to their nominations.

Lorie Hatton, 1992 Homecoming Queen

The first thing Hatton told me was that she has a terrible memory; the more memorable the event, the less she remembers it.

"I can't remember much about homecoming because so much is going on that everything shuts off. The only time I actually really got to experience it was when I saw it on videotape

"Before the ceremony, I was really nervous. I just remember being really nervous about the whole thing, just because we had practiced it. You go around the field, and they have the spotlight on you, and then you have to walk down the field with the parents, and they say these things about you and it's, like, everyone is watching. I had never done anything like that before.'

After witnessing her brothers' reactions, Hatton realized the significance of the event.

"My brothers always tried to be cool and lowprofile at that time, but when they saw me, they were totally excited. It felt good to see them so excited, especially because they rarely showed their emotions."

Hatton wore a black-and-purple strapless dress with a velvet fitted top and satin bottom. She laughed while describing it, admitting, "It was

very ugly, now that I think of it, but I guess it was

Blake Hysni, 1995 Homecoming Queen

I spoke with Hysni over the phone, as she was

driving home from her job. She is a thin brunette and one of the few people who have a frequent and wide smile that cameras adore. When I asked her to recall the

crowning, Hysni's voice became animated. Her boyfriend was a nominee for king, and "that day, before we went back to the high school, we had talked and we were both really excited and a little bit nervous."

Traditionally, the selected court is announced at the homecoming game on Friday before the dance. "I was on the dance troupe, and we performed at the pep rally during school and during the pep rally at the game, so I was not prepared at all [to win]," said Hysni.

With less than an hour between her perfor-

mance and the court announcement, "I didn't really have that much time to get ready. I got changed into a long, black semi-formal gown with beads on it and just touched up my makeup after dance." Her face still ruddy, Hysni advanced to the stage after her name was called. "I don't get shy while dancing, but when it's standing in front of a bunch of people, all looking at you, I was really nervous.

"My boyfriend at the time won king. My mom was on the field with me, because she walked me down the carpet. She was with my boyfriends' parents, and they all came up [afterwards] and hugged us. We went back through the stands and all my friends were there.'

The closing fireworks spelled their names in

the sky.

"It was just one of those moments you always remember in your head, and you think back to that feeling in your head," said Hysni.

Mahalene Dulay, 2002 Prom Queen

Petite in stature, Dulay's bubbly personality and loud voice catch people off guard. Pictures of her and her friends fill her family room, where we met for the interview. Her prom-court picture rests in the far right corner, dustless and separated from the clutter on the mantel. Dulay wears a pink and orange iridescent dress in the photo. With a mischievous look, she disclosed her reason for choosing such a long gown: "I was really wearing flip-flops beneath. That night, I was, like, forget high heels!"

Dulay's face turned solemn when I ask about her crowning. Prom-court nominees were called onto a stage in the ballroom and, after the coronation, the dance floor was cleared for the king and queen to dance.

"I was a little nervous, because some people were booing at me," she said. "When something like that happens, even if the person that you wanted to win doesn't win, you should at least clap for good sportsmanship; you don't have to boo. I was a little upset, but what could I have

Dulay received a better reception at home, afterward. "When I came home and I told my mom, she was really excited. The guy who got prom king was actually my neighbor, and he lives right behind me. We grew up together and knew each other since we were three, so all our families and a lot of our neighbors all came to congratulate

New Perspectives

"I think it gave me more confidence, in general, but I've never really thought about it that much," Hysni said of the experience of being chosen queen.

Hatton agreed, adding that the event mattered then, but not in the long run. "At that period in time, teenagers go through a lot of emotional changes and pressures just from high school and their peers," she said. "Having that experience was a self-esteem booster, and it made



my senior year all that much better, but I think, just overall, I don't know if it really had an effect on my life.... When you actually leave [high school] and get out into the real world, that doesn't play such a big role anymore. People start to get to know you for who you are and what you have to offer. A lot of people that I meet now have no idea; and it's not something that I tell them."

"It was truly a great experience," recalled Dulay, "something I can show my grandkids, but it wasn't something anyone should strive for. It's just a good memory.'

Same Old Relationships

The queens noticed little change in their relationships after they were crowned. All three knew the other nominees for court. Hatton, who ran against some of her close friends, talked with them beforehand to reduce the tension.

We actually even worked together during that time," said Hatton. "We would say, 'I hope you get it,' or, 'If you get it, I won't be mad.' It was fine between us, because we were all really

















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good friends. When the voting was done and everything, it was, like, back to normal."

Afterward, people didn't treat Hysni differently, but she gained more recognition.

"Winning homecoming did give me some publicity," said Hysni. "It was nice to have people come up to me and be, like, 'Oh, you're Blake,' but I didn't want people to be nice to me just because of that." Their love lives also resumed, undamaged. Hysni and her king boyfriend continued to date; Hatton, who had been dating her boyfriend for a year prior to her coronation, ended up marrying him; and Dulay and her boyfriend are still together.

"My boyfriend would only joke about it," Dulay laughed. "His parents would say, 'Why would a loser like you go out with a prom queen like her?' It didn't change anything at all."

On Her Royal Appointment

Even though she won, Hatton believes that the selection process is flawed because of the emphasis placed on beauty and popularity instead of on personality and talent.

"I mean, I can't tell you that all the people who voted for me personally knew me or were really good friends of mine," she said. "It's not like a beauty pageant, where you speak and you do the talent part, you answer questions and all of that; [to vote for a queen] you just write down a name that pops into your head."

Hysni added, "I think it's unbalanced to some degree, but I think the more people you know in high school — whether you are pretty or not — if you have a good personality and are nice to people, I think that is a major influence on people's decisions."

Dulay feels this contributed to her selection as queen. "My parents emigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines and started from scratch when they were 20. I'm not one of those people who grew up in a well-to-do family already, and when people think of prom queen, appearance and status always come to mind. I think for other people, my win showed that they do have a chance to be acknowledged."

After the Reign

Hatton has been working as a UCSD labor and delivery nurse

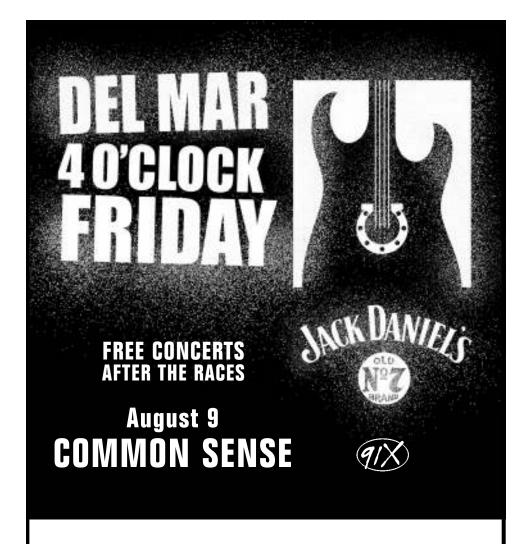
and plans to have a child soon. Hysni just graduated from the University of Southern California and works at KPMG, a Los Angeles consulting firm. Dulay will attend University of San Diego in the fall.

All have maintained their figures, but they are less focused on their appearance than they were while in the spotlight.

"Dance totally helped in high school, because of how frequently we practiced," Hysni said. "Doing tennis and dance in the fall, it was a double workout. When I got to college, it decreased significantly, but I play tennis and run now and am getting back into dance."

Hatton remains conscious of her figure "just as much as anyone else would be. I do try to exercise, but I don't do it as much because of time constraints in my life. I do try to eat right and do the healthy things."

Dulay jokes that she follows her diet of pizza and junk food. ■



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Foreigner: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Burning Spear [730]: 4th & B, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 345 B Street,

ntown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

ard Confessional: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, August 8, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Wayne Hancock [760] and Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The Casbah, Thursday, August 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

Joe Satriani [571], Dream Theater, and King's X [487]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, August 9, 6:30 p.m., 2241 | Sheter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Beat Farmers /404 /, the Paladins [962], the Modern Rhythm Band, and the King Biscuit Blues Band: 4th & B, Friday, August 9, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers (770) and the Kelly Bolin Band: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, August 10, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

The Dragons (115), the Bell-Rays, Sin Sin 77, and the Excessories: The Casbah, Saturday, August 10, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midt 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Anya Marina [118] and Jose Sinatra [861]: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Saturday, August 10, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356.

SUNDAY

The Tragically Hip [148] and Wayne: 4th & B, Sunday, August 11, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497

Steve Poltz /8151: Java Joe's Coffeehouse, Sunday, August 11, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356

MONDAY

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 and the Prom: The Casbah, Monday, August 12, 8:30 p.m., 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497

Modest Mouse: The Scene, Monday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

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: nphrev's Concerts by the Bay. Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Kinky and the Peak Show: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, August 14, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Nina Hagen and David J [151]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, August 14, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

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 Xecutioners: Coors Amphitheatre Thursday, August 15, 6:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Maceo Parker /697/ and Maktub: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 15, Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Neville Staples, Dave Wakeling, and the **Untouchables:** 'Canes Bar a Grill, Friday, August 16, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring the **Vines** (144): Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 16, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Lee Ann Womack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 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, 505U campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Kottonmouth Kings [129], Mix Mob [190], and SX-10 [552]: '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 /214/: The Casbah, Monday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Less Than Jake [132]: The Scene, Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

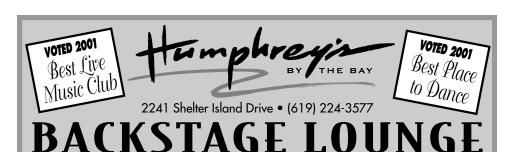
Fourplay (featuring Larry Carlton [685], Bob James, Harvey Mason, and Nathan East) and Rick **Braun** [672]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Kittie, Acacia, Kill Switch, and Hot **Wire:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Aimee Mann: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, August 20, 8 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140

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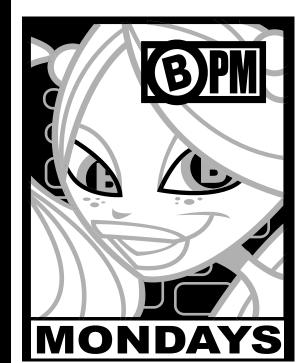


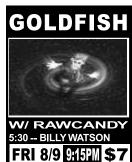




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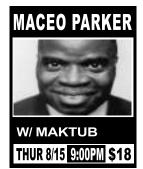
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Juliana Hatfield (207): The Casbah, Tuesday, August 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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

Allison Moorer [783]: The Casbah, Wednesday, August 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kethner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

The Juliana Theory [113], Two Thirty Eight, and Element 101: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, August 22, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

Chris Isaak (576): Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Thursday, August 22 and Friday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Slightly Stoopid (352), Agent 51, and Thicker: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, August 23, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring **Sonic Youth:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 23, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Koz & Friends [676] (featuring Norman Brown and Brian Culbertson) and James Ingram: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, August 24, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Hank Williams III (775): The Casbah, Saturday, August 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers [586] and Jackson Browne [587]; Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Misfits [496] and 44 Double D: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, August 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

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 Buez [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.

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring Cracker: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 30, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161 or 619-220-8497.

The Mother Hips [419]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, August 30, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

SEPTEMBER

Lenny Kravitz [590], Pink [610], and Abandoned Pools [185]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, September 1, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Cirde, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Ted Nugent [580]: 4th & B, Sunday, September 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Digital Underground: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, September 1, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

"Ozzfest" featuring Ozzy Osbourne, System of a Down, Rob Zombie, P.O.D. [187], Drowning Pool, Adema, and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, September 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

"Street Scene 2002" featuring the Stone Temple Pilots [581], James Brown [598], Ja Rule, Live, Melissa Etheridge [599], Nickelback, Social Distortion [424], Wyclef Jean, Sevendust, Bad Religion [226], Jimi Hendrix Tribute, Unwritten Law [261], De La Soul, George (Sinton & Parliament | Funkadelic, the Crystal Method (DJ set), Dilated Peoples, the Roots [267], Busta Rhymes, Blackalicious, Living Colour, Nappy Roots [267], Michael Franti & Spearhead, BT (DJ set), Truth Hurts, Rabbit in the Moon, the Black Eyed Peas [459], Default, Christopher Lawrence (DJ), Speech, Überzone, Donald Glaude (DJ), Ozomatli [200], Sugarcult, Save Ferris [758], Linton Kwesi Johnson & the Dennis Bovell Band, the Kottonmouth Kings [129], Flogging Molly [316], Slightly Stoopid [352], Sprung Monkey [513], the Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra, Home Grown [172], Grant Plant (DJ), Alpha Blondy & the Solar System, Johnny Quest with special guest Shaheen (DJ), Eek-A-Mouse [734], Michael Rose [749], Mutabaruka & the Skool Band [755], the Reggae Revolution Band, Terry Mullen (DJ), and Little E (DJ): Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8. Recorded information, 800-260-9985; tickets, 619-270-8497: tickets and showtimes

Wire: The Casbah, Saturday, Septembe 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Air Supply [532] and Christopher Cross [566]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Sunday, September 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Antibulus Afrobeat Orchestra: The Casbah, Sunday, September 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-270-8497.

Coldplay: Open Air Theatre, Monday, September 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, September 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Mark O'Connor & Natalie MacMaster: Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010

No Knife [309], Counterfit, Ilya, and Rochelle, Rochelle [570]: The Scene, Friday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Keamy Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

The Goo Goo Dolls (220), Third Eye Blind (472), and Vanessa Carlton: Coors Amphitheotre, Saturday, September 14, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jaguares [202] and Morrissey: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 15, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

Chicago [620]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

Nickel Creek: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 18, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Linda Eder (607): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Smokey Robinson (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.

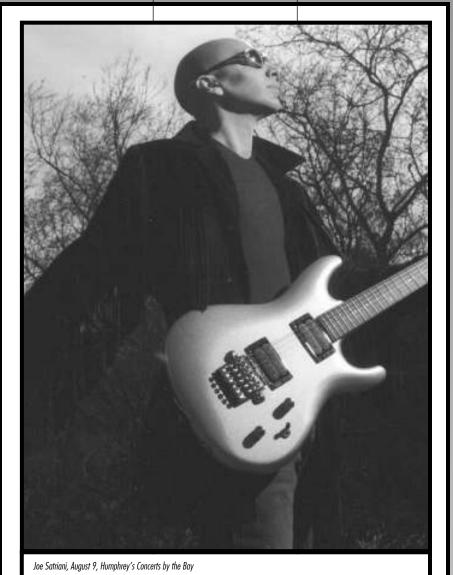
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Bonnie Ruitt [591] and Lyle Lovett [786]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 21, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Trevor Watts Trio: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, September 21, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill.

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.

Brad Paisley [794] and Steve Azar: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday,



September 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Willy Porter and Ashley Flynn: The Casbah, Tuesday, September 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Rush [462]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Herbie Hancock Quartet and Holly Hofmann [684]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Jeanrenaud/Masaoko/Ochs: Spruce Street Forum, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Jimmy Buffett (435): Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 28, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Graham Nash: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

OCTOBER

Béla Fleck & the Flecktones: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 1, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497

Acoustic Alchemy (834) and Strunz & Farah: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 3, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Better Than Ezra (194) and Cowboy Mouth (608): 4th & B, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or

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.

Julieta Venegas [600]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion (126/, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and the Liars: The Scene, Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Derek Bailey and **George Lewis:** Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, October 5, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

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.

Buddy Guy [938] and Shemekia Copeland: 4th & B, Sunday, October 6, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002 (694): Humphrey's Concerts by the Boy, Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010. Santana (567) and Ozomatli (200): Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 11, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jack Johnson and G. Love & Special Sauce: RIMAC Arena, Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Marco Antonio Solis and Rocio Durcal: Cox Arena, Friday, October 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Jane Monheit: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266]: The Casbah, Saturday, October 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Keb' Mo' [937]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 29, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Kenny Rogers (785): California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Rolling Stones [506]: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.



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Alien Strange: Brick By Brick The And/Ors: 'Canes Bar and

Bad Mama Jama: The Plavhouse Barefoot Hockey Goalie: Tiki

House, Tio Leo's Lounge **Believe:** The Scene Bella Morte: Club Xanth The Bloodthirsty Lovers: The

Brickbath: The Playhouse, Brick By Brick

Tom Brousseau: Blind Melons ..Buckfast Superbee: Brick By Brick

Canobliss: Brick By Brick Captain Ahab: Club Xanth Che Arthur. The Cashah Civil Unrest: Brick By Brick Clusterfunk: The Scene Cold Harbor: Club Xanth Corvis: Club Xanth The Damn Dirty Apes:

Dashboard Confessional: 'Canes Bar and Grill Dead Zero: Club Xanth

.Deadbolt: The Kensington Club **Desolation:** Brick By Brick Divm: The Scene **Downspell:** The Playhouse, Club Xanth, Brick By Brick Dr. Chunk: Brick By Brick

115 The Dragons: The Casbah **Edify:** The Scene Enon: The Casbah Evelyn Forever: Dream Street Evil É: Club Xanth The Excessories: The Casbah Flood of Fury: Blind Melons Forever February: Epicentre Friction Switch: Brick By Brick G-Spot: The Scene G.E.L.: Dream Street

Gift: Brick By Brick ...GoGoGo Airheart: The Casbah Golden Boy: Dream Street, Winstons, The Casbah

262 Goldfish: Belly Up Tayern

.**H20:** Bayou Bar & Grill Nina Hagen: 'Canes Bar and Grill In Ether: Club Xanth Irate: Dream Street

151 David I: 'Canes Bar and Grill Jak: The Casbah Kamala: Brick By Brick Killing Floor: Brick By Brick Kinky: Belly Up Tavern The Last Dance: Club Xanth Leisure: Club Xanth Leroi: The Playhouse Life Hates Me: 'Canes Ba

Lighter: Surf N'Saddle Lodus: 'Canes Bar and Grill London's Falling: Epicentre Lualta: The Casbal Machine Gun Symphony:

Club Xanth Magni: Dream Street Man Minus Label: 'Canes Bar and Grill

118.....**Anya Marina:** Java Joe's Coffeehouse Mercury Legion: Brick By Brick Midday Shadow: Club Xanth Minority: The Playhouse Modessa: 'Canes Bar and Grill Modest Mouse: The Scene Native Flux: Dream Street Nobody Zero: The Scene Omega Cinco: The Casbah

Overflow: Dream Street ...Gregory Page: The Ould Sod The Peak Show: Belly Up

> Peter's Band: Epicentre The Plug Uglies: Dream Street Archer Prewitt: The Casbah The Prom: The Casbah Raw Candy: Belly Up Tavern The Red Devil Conspiracy:

Saving Madison: Epicentre Shrink: The Playhouse Sin Sin 77: The Casbah 6 Parts 7: The Casbah Soul Inside: Club Xanth The Steamies: Dream Street Sterling: The Casbah Super Bright Light: Blind System Decay: The Scene,

Brick By Brick Tenfold: Club Xanth Tender Buttons: The Casbah 3-P-Soope: Dream Street

3-Piece Scandal: The Scene Throw Rag: The Casbah
To What End: The Scene Towne Dandy's: Tio Leo's

148The Tragically Hip: 4th & B The 21st Century Lepers: The Casbah 21 Rest: Epicentre Under the Stone: The Scene VX Switch: Club Xanth T.K. Webb: The Casbah The West Coast Gigolos: Dream Street Worthless: Brick By Brick

Xanax: Club Xanth

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Acid Nine: Brick By Brick Ambionic: Blind Melons The Atomic Punks: 'Canes Bar The Bandits: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Bastards of Glory: Tio Leo's Lounge

..The Beat Farmers: 4th & B The Bell-Rays: The Casbah The Bellfuries: Tio Leo's Lounge The Bitty Bums: Blind Melons The Michael Bliss Band: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Blueprint: Hard Rock Cafe The Kelly Bolin Band: Belly

> Up Tavern Bone: Surf N'Saddle Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

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397The Brothers from Another Planet: Brick By Brick, The Scene The Bumpin' Uglies: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp) Cold Shower: The Kraken

Counterstrike: Rlind Melons Dream Street The Creepy Creeps: The Kensinaton Club **D.J. Turbo:** Sham Rocks Shack

Decidedly So: 'Canes Bar and **Detroit Underground:**

Fogerty's Pub Divided by Zero: Blind Melons Dream Theater: Humphrey's 400**8 Ball Rack:** 'Canes Bar

and Grill El Jardin: Neimans Bar and Grill The Electric Waste Band:

Faze: Pal Joev's 15 Minutes: Winstons **5150:** On The Rocks Foreigner: Humphrey's Furball: Hennessey's (Gaslamp) Great Big Sea: Humphrey's The Hammertoes: Winstons The Has Bins: Di-mond Jim's

...Hera's Olive: Dick's Last Resort Hit the Wall: Hard Rock Cafe

547 Hot Rod Lincoln: Tip Leo's Lounge Identity Crisis: Fogerty's Pub Just a Joke: 'Canes Bar and Grill

..King's X: Humphrey's The Last Exit Band: Winstons The Late Edition: Dirk's

The Late Late Show: Hennessey's (Gaslamp) **Mas Macho:** 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Mighty Kegsmen: The Kensington Club Mosaico: Chuey's Numero Uno Nectarine: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, On The Rocks

Nemesis: Second Wind (San Carlos) Tracy Niles: Borders Books &

Nite Hawk: Carvers Pink Froyd: Victor's Restaurant

Power House: The Allev 489 Private Domain: Dick's Last Resort, Second Wind (Santee) Rad Bones: Blind Melons Red West: 'Canes Bar and Grill Ricksha: Winstons

Rocks: Brick By Brick Roxx: Island Sports & Spirits

571**Joe Satriani:** Humphrey's Serious Guise: Second Wind (Escondido) Seven Nations: Humphrey's

Siren: Blind Melons Skeltin: Hennessey's Tayern (Carlsbad)

The Sons of Zap: 'Canes Bar and Grill Stealing Monday: Hard Rock

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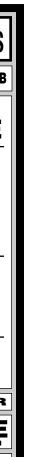
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641 Sue Palmer: luke loint Cafe The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamn) Martini Ranch

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REGGAE/ SKA

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- Restaurant & Bar 732 Elijah Emanuel and the Revelations: Buffalo Joe's Island Sessions: Tio Leo's

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COUNTRY

American Made: Magnolia

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BLUES/SOUL

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962 The Paladins: 4th & B

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945The Soul Persuaders:

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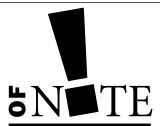
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BY DAVE GOOD

When Eric Clapton called **John Hiatt** to ask about borrowing a song, it might as well have been Donald Trump calling to borrow a few bucks — Hiatt thought it was a prank. He says he almost hung up on the guitarist. As it turns out, it really was Clapton, and he wanted to use Hiatt's tune "Riding with the King." It was the perfect fit, Clapton explained, for a project he had going with B.B. King, and would Hiatt mind if they recorded it?

John Hiatt is the stealth bomber of rock. There's a good chance you've heard his work, even if you don't know it. Artists like Iggy Pop, Jewel, Bonnie Raitt, and Bob Dylan have recorded Hiatt's songs. When he performs his own stuff, Hiatt has a loose-jointed interpretation that veers just to the left of pop

central. "Here comes the part," he will yell out during a song made famous by another artist, "that the Little Redhead [meaning Raitt] left out."

In 1980, Hiatt wrote some tunes for Ry Cooder that resulted in an invitation to join the guitar wizard's band. He stayed for two years, then left to work with Nick Lowe on solo projects. In 1988, Hiatt joined with slide guitarist **Sonny Landreth**, bassist **Dave Ranson**, and **Kenneth Blevins** on drums to form the Goners. They made fine, if unusual,

records, including *Slow Turning*, which got a lot of airtime. The Goners lapsed into nonband status shortly thereafter, and it would be almost 13 years before Hiatt would reunite them.

The Goners roll straight out of the cradle of American heartland roots rock. Soundwise, Mr. Hiatt is cut from the same cloth as Graham Parsons, Crazy Horse, and the Band. Hiatt writes intelligent music about

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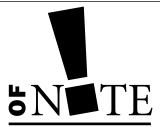
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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The Warlocks. I had heard the name. It was used by early incarnations of both the Velvet Underground and the Grateful Dead, I had heard that Bomp! Records, one of the most influential labels in garage rock, was crazy about the band. And I had heard of the blissfully stoned expression that the lone woman in the band wears as she shakes her tambourine. But I wasn't prepared for "Jam of the Witches." the instrumental that opens the Warlocks' album Rise and Fall.

Recorded in one take, it's the best example in years of what a rock band can do with just one chord. Every time I listen to it, I'm disappointed when it fades out at 14 minutes. Although it may have the word "jam" in the title (and it comes up again later in the less impressive "Skull Death Drum Jam"). this is not your standard hippie jam rock circa 2002. These Warlocks are closer to the Velvets than the Dead. When I played "Jam of the Witches" for my sister, a big Stereolab fan, she thought it was the best thing she'd heard in years.

The rest of the album isn't so much

of a letdown as a cool-down. If you pay attention, lyrics like "I sold my soul to the devil for you / Said it tasted like rotten candy canes" are kind of lame, but no one pays attention to lyrics in music like this. Instead. you pay attention to the momentum, the dynamics, the mood, the druggy feeling that

WARLOCKS everything is slightly wrong and that's just how it is supposed to be.

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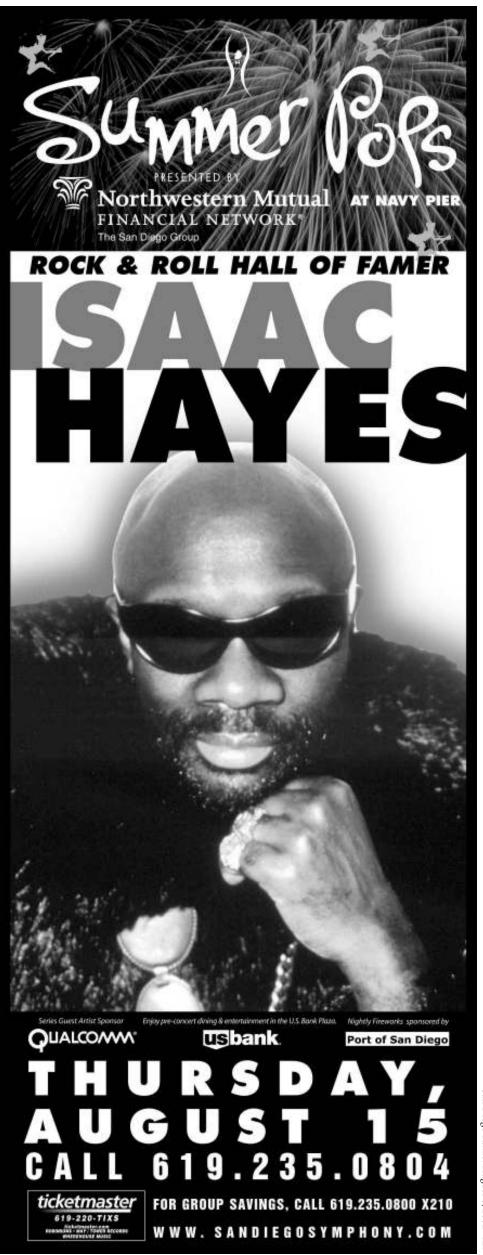
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Album Name: 8 Ball Rack (2001)

Artist: 8 Ball Rack

Songs: 1) Penny, 2) Walk of Shame, 3) Forever, 4) We Are Alive, 5) The Queen, 6) Roses, 7) Second Time, 8) White Devil, 9) Me and Jack, 10) 5 Time, 11) Get Away, 12) Good to Be, 13) Begin Again, 14) Charlie

Price/Where Available: Not in stores yet.

Band Members: Cathryn Beeks (vocals), Matt Silvia (lead guitar/vocals), Clinton Welch (rhythm guitar), Dave French (drums), Drew Duff (bass guitar, vocals)

Extra Info: Lead singer Cathryn Beeks opened a vintage clothing store in 1999 — Uncommon Thredz.

The five members of the alternative rock/melodic pop group 8 Ball Rack caution listeners about their self-titled album saying, "Make no mistake, the album is a rock album, and 8 Ball Rack is a rock band." If a band needs to declare their status as a particular

genre, doubts exist about the strength of their musical capabilities, not only from critical listeners but from band members as well. 8 Ball Rack asserts that they are "focused on solid songwriting" and that their philosophy is to "create well-structured, memorable songs with strong hooks and stirring lyrics."

The band falls short of these intentions.

Lead vocalist Cathryn Beeks, whose inflections are similar to those of Alanis Morrisette, is the sole component responsible for carrying each song. However, her command is not found in the lyrical content but merely in the fact that she makes it sound nice. A reoccurring theme in the lyrics, exhausted by the third track, is the account of a one-night stand. In the song "Walk of Shame" Beeks sings, "Crossing streets / got those sheet marks still on my cheek / that last shot of gin really did me in / hands touching / what's up nothing / look at the time / look at the sun / it's coming up again."

There are only so many songs, let alone 14-track albums, whose lyrics can center on the afterthoughts of an individual following casual sex. Regarding their musical style, the band comments, "The sound is not



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recycled, but it is not diluted by disingenuous attempts at innovation. Rock and roll no longer needs to be innovative. It needs to be felt from the heart and pushed out through the soul."

8 Ball Rack displays indifference toward a genre they have striven to be a part of. Imagine if Jim Morrison or Led Zeppelin had resolved that rock and roll had gone far enough with the Beatles.

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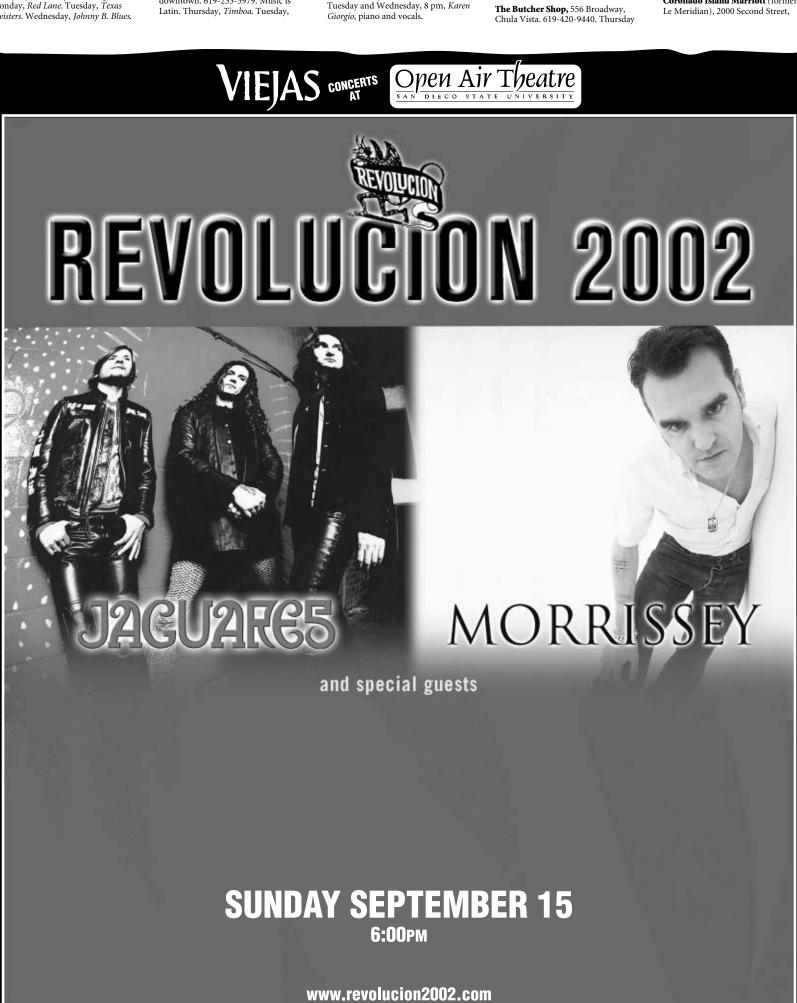
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ACCESS ➤ no parking lot: sometimes hard to find a spot near the club; lock your car; women should carry mace or go with big

DRESS ➤ shorts, jeans, rock T-shirts (Motörhead, Doors, Jesus Lizard, the Dragons), a few flannels.

DANCE FLOOR ➤ small, approximately 30'x20'

BATHROOMS ➤ small, flies in the

men's room and ashes in the sink. recently painted black walls; lots of band stickers on urinal (the Dragons, Sonic Youth); only graffiti was on a framed "Edge" shaving advertisement - it read, "Drive automatic transmissions vou lazv Americans "

CAPACITY > 192 total; the game room can probably seat 40; at least 65 can sit comfortably in the smoking area - but when it's rocking, no one sits. Inside the club, there are approximately 20 bar stools and a bench.

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ large smoking area – from the entrance it extends approximately 75 feet and is 15 feet wide; game room has two pool tables, a smaller bar, six video games, one pinball machine, and an ATM.

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WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN **LAST MONTH** ➤ Bassholes

QUOTABLE > "Hey, aren't those guys over there in the Dragons?" "Who are the Dragons?"

There aren't many clubs that have live music every single day. The crowd seems to be working-class rock 'n' rollers. The times I've seen local bands, it looks as if there are fewer than ten people watching. When I saw I Mascis (Dinosaur Ir) and Tracy Bonham, it looked as if the show sold out (capacity 192). But as I'm watching Wayne Kramer – originally with the MC5 – I count only 34 fans. The White Stripes sold out this place earlier this year and a few months later sold out 4th & B. Who wouldn't want to see one of these big-name acts in such an intimate venue as the Casbah? Some people complain about traffic or crowds downtown, but the Casbah is just outside the downtown area near the airport. When the band is playing a ballad, you can sometimes hear a plane overhead.

- By Josh Board

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When you're hot, you're hot, and that's the word for Chive's new chef, A.J. Voytko — who also understands what's really cool. His cooking is so clever, so fresh, you could enjoy it several times a month and never get bored.

Consider, for instance, Voytko's brand-new summertime appetizer of herb-roasted Mexican white prawns served with a salad of frisée, slivered endive, and fresh basil with feta cheese, laid on a bed of warm, salted slabs of...watermelon! Some feta is beaten into the dressing, some appears in little puffs of earthy saltiness. Warm watermelon...with feta? Who'da thunk it? It's crazy, but it works, a perfect dish for a hot August evening.

They say that restaurants have become "entertainment," a new form of drama, but how often is the food as much fun as the ambiance? With Chive, you can actually have it all. The building (part of the onetime Royal Pie Bakery headquarters) is one of the city's oldest, but the restaurant's decor is aggressively modern, a spare, slate-and-white, chrome-trimmed interior, with a Neo-Deco graphic style that evokes Manhattan, Miami, London — and sheerly by coincidence, Kate Mazzolini in Beverly Hills. The small front patio is a sweet people-watching spot. Cool jazz plays on the sound system. Weekends, as the evening lengthens, the bar turns scene-y, with a DJ choos-

Instead of bread and butter, the table nosh is edamame, and they're amazing — the soybean pods (familiar from sushi bars) are served young, warm, and salty, tasting as though they were picked a minute ago. If you really want bread (and you might, for mopping up sauces), you can order a side of rustic French (\$3.50) from Bread & Cie, served grilled and oiled. (Apparently you can't get plain cold bread here for any amount of money or pleading. "It's about people not filling themselves up with bread and having a clean palate to start the meal," declares Chive's British-born owner, Tracy Borkum.)

The menu changes with the seasons, a few dishes at a time. Voytko was executive sous chef under Trey Foshee at George's at the Cove until recently, and he has discovered that on Fourth Avenue, a chef has more freedom to stretch his range than in conservative La Jolla. Voytko alternates between high-risk global-fusion dishes and stringently simple combinations that place his outstanding ingredients at center stage. His repertory of vegetables is revelatory: one starter, for instance, is a laid-back



NAOMI WISE

salad of asparagus with a new breed of chicory called "endigia," a French-bred hybrid of Belgian endive with two radicchios. "We're the first restaurant on the West Coast to feature it," the waiter told us. Its shape and flavor mainly reflect its Belgian endive

ahi (we found no veins in the crimson satin), topped with mashed avocado and feathery fetal chive sprouts, simultaneously sweet and spicy. The dish gained an

menu forever, or at least until every good eater in San Diego has had a chance to enjoy it — is a spicecrusted lamb loin with celery root, mediool dates, and gnocchi redolent of house-made harissa, a Moroccan spice blend with a touch of heat. The

lamb's seasonings (black pepper, fennel seed, coriander, a dash of cumin) also evoked North Africa. Perfectly roasted to our order, the well-salted meat spread its aromas to a brothy wash of light-textured, deep-flavored lamb *jus*. (Ask your server for a spoon if you order this entrée; I swear you'll want every last drop.) Crisp batons of earthy celery root lent a mellow contrast to nippy wilted watercress leaves, which were draped like shawls around slices of sweet

pitted date. (Now, does this guy know his veggies, or what?) The gnocchi, made of tangy goat cheese to hold its own with its strong seasonings, were bright-orange cylinders

with a dense, slightly elastic texture and a currylike flavor just hinting at sweetness. Don't think of them as gnocchi; they are sui generis, singular creations.

A few weeks ago, the roasted Shelton natural chicken breast was already one of the best poultry entrées in San Diego. Shelton chicken offers a whole different order of flavor even from the mass-bred "freerange" Rocky birds sold at Whole Foods. It's so deliciously fowl-tasting that it hardly seems the same species as ordinary "factory" chicken. (If anything,

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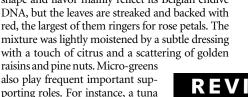
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it might pass for partridge.) The triangular breast cut used here is called an "airline breast" (not because air carriers serve it in steerage, but perhaps because the first wing-joint drumette is left attached). The breast alone was remarkable, but Voytko has recently enhanced the dish by adding a spectacular little cylinder of boned thigh wrapped in pancetta and stuffed with minced fresh herbs. The array includes grilled potatoes, and the most recent sauce is a slick of sherry vinegar added to the bird's juices. With such mouthfilling, muscular flavors, this is one chicken entrée that cries out for a red wine (such as a Côte du Rhône).

"Duck two ways" (sautéed breast medallions and leg/thigh confit) appears on numerous local menus, but Chive's new-minted accompaniment of "fig baklava" breaks the mold. Yes, it's a large square with three layers of filo pastry and a filling of chopped nuts and fruit. But it's not dripping syrup or honey; in fact, the only sweetness apparently



porting roles. For instance, a tuna tartare (fast becoming a local cliché) was redeemed by very fresh, firm

extra boost from crisp wonton-skin sesame tuiles. The signature entrée — and may it stay on the





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comes from the figs themselves. "This really is baklava!" my sweetie exclaimed with a look of shocked delight at encountering such clean, unvarnished flavors. The breast medallions were good, as expected, but the confit was well above average - not the traditional fat-braised, dry salty chews, but small slices of moist, soft, and savory meat. The bed of broccoli rabe (a.k.a. rapini), a dark-green, slightly bitter Mediterranean vegetable, lent a dramatic focus to the sweet splash of duckand-port sauce.

A thick, pepper-crusted free-range veal chop shows that this much-abused meat need not be insipid, if only the calves are allowed to frolic. The chop floats over an alluringly gooey polenta, garnished with soft, fresh spinach, braised carrots, and pearl onions.

I was less taken with a pork osso bucco, a smallish shank trimmed so strictly that it tasted dry, but I rejoiced in the flawless accompanying risotto, each grain firm but creamy, coated with the pork's tangy white wine broth, scattered with English peas and flecks of parsley.

There were a few dishes where I couldn't wholly buy the concept or where the execution was slightly off. Roasted peaches, with an aroma of vanilla, seem a little too luscious and louche to counter the fatty richness of foie gras. One evening's special of local sea bass was doubly a disappointment: the fish was overcooked, and the innocuous summer black truffles that coated it like fish scales proved a blander breed than their aromatic winter cousins — they looked and tasted like potato slices. Even the chicken breast, divinely à pointe at the first meal, was a tad overcooked the second time.

The nightly dessert menu mingles standard endings (such

as crème brûlée or chocolate soufflé) with more experimental ventures. One night, the lesscommon choices seemed inspired by Mediterranean peasant sweets. An olive oil cake was heavy and dense, and its roasted peach topping seemed, unsettlingly, to have picked up some olive oil flavor; it came with an interesting, crunchy honey-hazelnut gelato. We preferred a warm, mild-tasting semolina pudding, sensually topped with glazed, roasted black figs; a daub of mascarpone cream decorated the plate, to dip or not as the diner saw fit. The pudding's clean flavors and restrained sweetness seemed just the right ending after the bold gusto of our entrées.

What will this kitchen conjure up next? Will it be a rabbit (organically raised, of course), a flock of doves, or some iridescent creature never seen before on this planet? Whatever it is, this hot new chef is sure to create some of the coolest dishes you've ever tasted.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Londoner Tracy Borkum, herself a sometime sous chef (years ago she cooked at Salvatore's) is the owner of both Chive and Kensington Grill. Early this year, she decided that Chive, her more ambitious venture, needed a change. "I felt that we weren't growing and that we were ready to go to another level culinarily. I actually looked for a new chef outside of San Diego, because with the goals I had for the menu, I didn't think there was anyone available locally who could do what I was looking for. We went through a bad couple of months. but it all worked out. In the process, I found A.I. — who had been looking outside San Diego but was willing to stay here for Chive.

"A.J. came in March, and it's been an absolute pleasure; he's amazing! We've been invited to James Beard House next March, and we were reviewed in *Food and Wine* magazine — and you know how hard it is to get national

coverage for San Diego restaurants. I do see that starting to change. You know, San Diego is such a melting pot, people come here from all over the world — and then the beach and the sea sort of set in, and they forget about culture. But in the last couple of years we've seen a wonderful turnaround. I can see it in the way people order, the wines they drink."

A.J. Voytko turns out to have an odd background for a chef: he grew up in Green River, Wyoming, at that state's southwestern corner — hardly a restaurant-rich area. On family vacations in Denver and Salt Lake City, he discovered more interesting food. "I always really enjoyed cooking," he says. "When I went to college, I got the itch to quit the normal course of study and go to culinary school, follow my dreams. I went to Western Culinary in Portland, part of the Cordon Bleu program. After I graduated, I went to work at Sundance, Utah, at Robert Redford's

resort. That's where I met Trey Foshee, who was the executive chef. When he came to George's [at the Cove], I followed.

"Trey really taught me how to cook, how to keep everything fresh and innovative. The food at Tapenade is another inspiration. I try to use things at their freshest and to stay seasonal — for instance, vou don't use tomatoes in January and February. I get most of my vegetables from Specialty Produce, and I try to get as many locally grown as possible, and I go to Chino [Farms] once a week. I'd go more often but I don't have the time — I love it there. I haven't traveled outside the United States, but I read everything I can get my hands on. I've got every book that Alice Waters has ever written.

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he brass plaque is fair warning. This is a kidding pub. Hank and me suck on a couple of brews. He's into a pint of Tennents, a "Scotch ale," \$4. I got a Miller's bottle, poured it in the glass. Looks the same for \$2.75.

'So there's this train and a truck both heading for a crossing," says Iain (he spells it the Scottish way, but he's Aussie). "Both traveling at 50 mph; both 100 yards from the crossing. How did the truck driver get across?"

Hank and I. Kevin and his son Bobby, and Sal the cook all shake our heads.

"His mates chipped in and bought him one." We stare at him.

"They bought him a cross."

"Oh jeez," says Hank.

But Iain's the patron. He's allowed to make bad jokes.

Sal has just brought out our lunch. The French can say what they like about British food, but good ol' fish and chips and malt vinegar and a glass of ale, how can you beat it? Especially with plenty of good jokes going round. Okay, bad jokes, and jokes you've heard before.

'Guy comes into this bar with a duck sitting on his head," says Hank. "Barman says, 'Can I help you?' Duck says, 'Yeah. Could someone get this guy off my ass?'

You don't hear about this pub much. Most

times when people think British, they think of Shakespeare's or the Princess. Today we walked past it in the heat of the day, a Tudor-looking place with tubs of geraniums outside. Couple of guys were chowing into fish and chips at a sec-

tion that opens onto the street. Then they lifted their golden frosty glasses. They chugged. They looked smug.
"One cool one," said Hank.

"Five minutes."

"Yeah, mates, what'll it be?" asks Iain, the sandy-haired Aussie from Wollongong. He co-owns

the place with an Englishman, Alan Hadridge. 'What's that?" I ask Kevin, who's drinking

the golden pint that sucked us in here in the first

place. "Tennents, mate," he says. He has a real thick

So Hank orders a Tennents. Tight-fist here orders the Miller. "Oooh. Nice and sweet," says Hank as he sips his nectar. Dang. Now I'm having regrets. Come to a British pub, and to save a buck and a quarter I drink an American beer. I

Still, I'm starting to like this place. It's white inside with black wood framing, Elizabethan style, pix and memorabilia packing the walls. Like the colored scarves of English soccer teams. "Millwall." "Preston." "England." A long print hangs above the bar. Old London Bridge (1647), with the houses on it. And prewar London sights. "St. Paul's from Ludgate Circus." "A Summer's Day at Box Hill, 1931." Carts and horses mixing with open doubledecker busses. A 1961 poster advertises "The Silver Beatles — Pete Best, George Harrison, John Lennon, and Paul McCartney." Sign says "Nude Dancers, upstarez." Yeah, right. And I like the poem from the London Underground, "Celia Celia." It reads, "When I am sad and weary / When I think all hope is gone / When I walk along High Holborn / I think of you with nothing on.'

Ah, the English. "Eaten here?" I ask Kevin.

'Oh yeah. Ten out of ten. Like, I was out for ten days last time. You get really good quality

food poisoning here."
He looks at Iain. "Kidding. Have the fish and chips, mate. Or the curried chicken pizza. They

I see they have a little "bill of fare." The fish and chips, steak and mushroom pie, shepherd's pie, Cornish pastie, and bangers (sausages) and mash are all \$7.50. That original-sounding pizza's \$6.00. But the fish and chips are on special at lunchtime for \$4.75.

No contest.

And boy, delish. Sal says he makes the batter right here, fresh daily. We slosh the "London Pub Malt Vinegar" on it, plus the tartar sauce. Peas and chips are tasty too. Chips still have their skins on. "We slice our own," says Sal. "We're too small to buy in bulk. So we make everything."

We munch and talk. Compared to me, these guys are really squared away. Like, Kevin's a carpenter/builder, on a great gig. He installs a British bath that has a gate, so elderly and arthritic people can get in and out easily. Sounds brilliant. "Selling like hotcakes, mate," he says. Iain used to be a speechwriter for the premier (i.e., governor) of New South Wales. "Can't beat working for the Aussie government," he says. "Six weeks' annual paid leave, four weeks' annual paid sick leave, 35-hour work week, which meant a long weekend every second week. I retired at 39."

"Six weeks...39...that's outrageous," I begin to say. "Where's the justice?"

"Well, if you feel strongly about it, Mate, there's a soapbox over there. Just get up and sound off," says Iain.

He points to a real soapbox by the dartboard. Trouble is, I'm stuffed. "Come back Friday evening," says Kevin. "They've got John Lennon singing Beatles songs. Honest. You'll swear it's him. He packs 'em in."

"Talking of Friday," says Iain, "there was this cowboy, rode into town on Friday, stayed two nights, and left on Friday. How was that possible?"

"His horse's name was Friday?" says Kevin.

"Get that man a free beer," says Iain. "Tomorrow." ■

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artin Ray, one of the great personalities in California wine history, was the first winemaker to designate a particular varietal on a wine label after Prohibition. In 1937, he produced Cabernet, Pinot Noir, and Gamay Beaujolais. Two years later, he added Chardonnay and Pinot Blanc.

Ray raged against the practices of his fellow winemakers: the use of grape concentrates to bulk up a harvest, the addition of sugar to underripe juice, and especially, the adulteration of noble varieties with

anonymous plonk. He raged when wineries, eager to cash in on his cachet, began slapping varietal names on their bottles that bore little or no correspondence to the wine in the bottle. And he raged when the government finally stepped in with a halfhearted ruling that a mere 51 percent of the wine in a bottle labeled Cabernet actually had to be Cabernet. And lest you think we have left those bad old days entirely behind, it should be noted that in 1983, the government upped that mandatory quantity to 75 percent, meaning that a quarter of your Merlot might actually be Carignane, and mediocre Carignane at that.

Because of those bad old days of American flimflammery — traces of which can still be found in names like Hearty Burgundy and Mountain Chablis, generic wines that invoke hallowed regions of France in an effort to tart themselves up the idea gradually took hold that varietally pure wine was better wine. Producing wines that expressed "varietal character" became an essential task for any top-notch winery; your Cabernet, whatever the particular nuances your genius lent to it, had to taste like Cabernet. It wasn't until

much later, after California Cabernet had solidified its reputation, that many winemakers began openly experimenting with blends like the ones made in Bordeaux.

Zinfandel has taken a slightly different path. It was one of the few wines actually sold under a varietal label before Prohibition,

though it was hardly unadulterated. Zinfandel grapes were often planted together in a vineyard with such varieties as Petite Sirah, Mourvedre (called Mataro at the time), Alicante Bouschet, and Carignane. According to Dry Creek Vineyard winemaker and Zinfandel veteran Jeff McBride, there may have been a few vines bearing less familiar grapes as well: "some Moscato, some Burger, or what you call Golden Chasselais." The wines from these vineyards were made in a field blend; that is, all the grapes in a given vineyard were picked, crushed, and fermented together, regardless of varietal.

As varietal focus sharpened, field-blending faded out, even if the blending continued. Says McBride, "Traditionally, California wineries fermented vineyards and varietals separately and then blended afterwards." But lately, "a lot of Zinfan-

del producers, when we sit down and look at flavor characteristics, we all come back to 'Hey, these old vines were fieldblended.' If you ferment individually, you're going to end up with stronger varietal character" from each component variety. But you lose something in the process. "If you take the Petite Sirah and the other varieties out of the mix — and a lot of people have done this - ferment them separately from the Zinfandel and then blend them back, you get different flavors than if you just ferment them all together.'

Now, as the term "Old-Vines Zinfandel" becomes increasingly prestigious, wineries are beginning to look back to the days when the old vines were new and to experiment with the co-fermentation that was standard practice in those days.

What is to be gained? "It's one of those mysteries you could research for ten years," marvels McBride, "but from a practical standpoint, [you can] think of it in terms of bandwidths. Say you have a bandwidth in the color spectrum - or the flavor spectrum — and Zinfandel is going to cover from, say, 100 to 180. Petite Sirah covers a bandwidth, say, from 160 to 190. So if you ferment them separately and then blend them back together, your overlap is in that 160 to 180 bandwidth. But if you co-ferment, what you're doing seems to be a multiplication as opposed to an addition. You're picking up bandwidth; you're taking it from not just the overlap of 160 to 180, you're taking it from 100 at the far end of the Zinfandel spectrum to 190 at the far end of the Petite Sirah spectrum. Now you've created a dif-



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ferent flavor profile. It's a very similar thing [to color]: if you add blue and yellow pigment, you get green. But if you paint blue and let the paint dry, and you paint yellow and let the paint dry, you've got blue and yellow. I think that's kind of

Field blend or no field blend. I noticed an interesting addition to the usual patter given by pourers at this year's San Diego ZAP (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers) tasting. Besides the usual mentions of vineyard location, age of vines, time in barrel, etc., more than a few wineries were talking up the small quantities of Petite Sirah included in their Zins. One or two even mentioned Alicante Bouschet, Different reasons were given for the additions — Petite Sirah was credited with both softening and giving structure to the wine but I found the overall effect to be a positive one. Zinfandel may be the berries, but I found myself drawn to several of the blended offerings — less fireworks in the mouth, and perhaps less varietal character, but more complicated pleasure.



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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 Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685.

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THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pankofried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistency tent among locations. The chain's fa-cilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and some-times 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 (at 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 back-ground 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, College Area, 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 atmos phere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack am biance (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 at one time. 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

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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 cling 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 etouffee (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 daily; Friday Happy Hour free buffet 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twiggs, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos,

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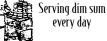


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STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable pakora — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, aybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B. (11/01)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th & H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B.* (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carls-Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmenian-cafe.com. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sundeck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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 ho-tels 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 spectacular, e.g., the airy, bittersweet tangerine souffle 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 IIM'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-caneat 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. 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, Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, www.calypsocafe.net. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tikihut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion sour 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, ervations advised. Upper moderate. N.W. (9/01)

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hoke, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are carnitas; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada *suprema*; and breast of chicken Milanesa. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive.

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000, www.firenzetrattoria.com. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The

well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multiregional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. - N.W. (11/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scram ble, frittata *espinaca* ("Greek eggs") and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Caiun chicken, Open daily, breakfast to dinner. 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 "Nou-velle 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 moz-zarella-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. Open daily. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street. Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. 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; closed Monday. 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 pep-peroni, 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

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NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gournet 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. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 inchthick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. 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. Open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, to 4 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. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed Sunday. 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-andtennis-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 fla-vor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some nearbargains in the higher realms (the leg-endary 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.*

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 it 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. In expensive to moderate. — E.W.

REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road, Miramar, 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, and links that are smoked rather than cooked over a fire. The room is unadorned but very clean. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily, continuous service. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F, Albertson's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao, ma la,* etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

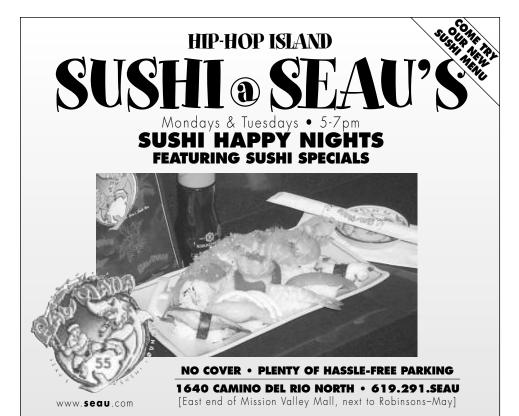
TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are takeout or delivery. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. The menu is similar to the sister restaurant, the Bird Rock Cafe, with many salads, pastas, and an excellent Sunday brunch. But there are terrific new additions: paella and tender short ribs cooked in a barbecue sauce, plus mashed potatoes and vegetables. Neither is to be missed. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

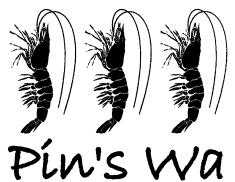
VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

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ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is *carne asada*, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, *chiles rellenos*, *sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are 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, 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, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. 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 these 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 crepesive, other rooms. — E.W. (9/99)

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially fou'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)

MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098, www.dessertier.com. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son preside in turn at this delightful little café/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cas-soulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard 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 wast 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 San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (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. Firstrate 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 lit-tle 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), and 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. 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. Honeyglazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. 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. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Jiva with soup, salad, rice, and signanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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)

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 minimall 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 mousaka 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 Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbeddown 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 tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible 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. Oldfashioned 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. — $\hat{E.W.}$

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the outside deck or inside. Very casual. Best bets: fish and chips and fresh fish sandwiches. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner, of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Expensive. — E. W.

KAISERHOF 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, 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 authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W.

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, www.islandsedge.com. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu downstairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpre

tentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a familyfriendly setting with spectacular views Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconutstuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buf-fet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (3/01)

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551, www.sports-mensseafood.com. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows 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. They buy sea-sonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700, Ocean www.thethirdcorner.com. On the for-mer site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from Thee Bungalow (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 Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted 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 pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like *grandmaman* used to make. And like *mamhre*'s, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

MIDWAY. **OLD TOWN &** MISSION VALLEY

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 almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, businessconvention-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. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an inti-mate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, tlacogos cuitlacoche, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly onthe-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 a.m, and you'll be practically alone. You're sud-denly 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. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. – *E.B.* (12/01)

GEORGIA'S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please any-one on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate.

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 live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (includ-ing a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional special-ties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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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)

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 of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

DULZURA CAFE Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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," veg-etables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a halfpound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (5/02)

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), 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 TV, hide from your ex on the smokers' patio out back. On Sun days (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily; lunch and dinners Monday through Thursday; three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. 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 fe-male bullfighting team ever. Sur-rounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eve out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ORCHARD THAI AND VEGETAR-IAN 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 spe-cials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Or-chid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). Larb, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the masaman, curry with potatoes, 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 glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. -

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 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. (Bar open until 2 a.m.) Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 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 Sat-urday 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 Caiun and Creole is that Cajuns were country French and Cre-oles 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 every-thing, from Louisiana gumbo, veg-etable 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, craw fish 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 pebblysmooth 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 ol3-202-9750. Antique-taind slavorine 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. Open daily. 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 Viet-namese-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, of-fering 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. More-los-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. 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 po-zole 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 daily. 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-thanfresh Bengali-tinged health food is de-licious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes differ-ent. 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 neighbor hood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheesebread pudding. These preparations fol-low 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

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lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking 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 Avenue), Talmadge, 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 *kitfa* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the gored-gored (meat cubes in spicy but-ter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and sea-"hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarianfriendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

UPTOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue, suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the "Italian Stallion" (Genoa salami, capocolla prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and 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 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. Ĉĥicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. In-expensive 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 multigrain, sour-dough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — E.W.

BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking - tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic - then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner

nightly. Moderate to expensive. -

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)

CELADON ROYALTY THAI RESTAURANT 540 University Avenue (near Sixth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424, www.celadonroyaltythai.com. The chef has cooked for the Siamese royal family, but more impor-tantly, she hasn't made too many compromises in the cuisine on this side of the Pacific. Some dishes taste luxuri-ous, 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 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JIMMY CARTER'S CAFE 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), 619-295-2070. This comfy, middleclass eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, dhal, and chutneys). Or vegetarian vindaloo. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222, Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Sellar Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open

from 4 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W.

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 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. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. 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. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner; closed Monday. Breakfast items available until 4 p.m. Moderate. - E.W. (6/99)

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list.

— N.W. (12/00)

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — $\hat{E}.W$.

TERRA 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088, www.terrasd.com. Co-owner Jeff Ross man, 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 be-fore 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)

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CABO CAFE & GRILL 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast 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





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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, gua-camole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. -E.B. (5/02)

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great Gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Little Italy, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbettos and ice reams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — *E.W.*

GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225, www.greystonethesteakhouse.com. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (in-cluding exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, su-per-Tuscans and scandalously over-priced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. -

HENRY'S BBO 1300 Market Street. downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside — Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of goldframed mirrored 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 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

 $\mathbf{HOME\,QUEST\,COFFEE\,HOUSE}\,1010$ 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 Street (at 29th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include run dung (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, escovitch (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. -N.W. (2/01)

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Street, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And 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 p.m. 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 RESTAU-**RANT** 2479-A Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. *Jefe* Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pi*bil, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick pozole, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campanas* (traditional bells) and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. Inexpensive. —

LAEL'S RESTAURANT One Market Street, Hyatt Regency Hotel, downtown, 619-687-6066, All-vou-can-eat fish-and-seafood buffet, Friday nights only, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$21.95. All-youcan-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.B. (3/01)

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 Belport chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caperanchovy 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 noor and 1 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 a.m. to 3 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. –

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 rve 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 mus-tard, 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 Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool stu-dent/artist hangout. 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 faji-tas). "I'm Navajo Indian. I studied Buddhism and Indian religions," says Rafael. "I was never materialistic." Tip well: 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 for 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, vou'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 fei-joada, the national dish — slowcooked, 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, of-fering you tastes cut from long spits of pork, chicken, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, etc., including deli-cious skirt steak and garlic-rubbed "top sirloin cap." Turn the cone red side up when you want a break from the protein procession. The traditional beverage to wash down the meat-fest is the caipirinha, a tangy, fresh lime cocktail. Moderate. — N.W. (8/01)

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 Street), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, www.cafesevilla.com. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but 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, in-teresting, 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 din ner 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. — É.B. (11/00)

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (at 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 gob-lets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

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.

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. —

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 RESTAU-GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAU-RANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's no-tice—pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "En-joy 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 Viet-namese-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 vegeta-bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add en-trées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAU-RANT 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 with 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 with the menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with

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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, binagoongan, and sinampalokan turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like kare kare, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves pancit, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. every day. 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. 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). Open
early to very late every day. 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. 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 topquality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch, and dinner. 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 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 deli-cious 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, noon to 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, consis-

tently 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 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA DIFERENCIA Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, 10611-A, Zona Rio, 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 mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (1/02)

LA ESCONDIDA Santa Monica #1 in

Fraccionamiento Las Palmas, Tijuana, 681-4458. "The Hidden One," located in a converted mansion, boasts two gardens and patio dining, and is especially beautiful at night. The roasted baby goat and roasted quail, and the Châteaubriand (for two) are all worthwhile. Very civilized experience, complete with live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente. Proceed on Agua Caliente past the racetrack, approximately one-half mile. Turn right at Las Palmas. Two short blocks up, turn left at the "Pescaderia Playas" sign. The entryway to La Escondida is straight ahead. Open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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 food and atmosphere. English spoken. In expensive. — E.W.

LONCHERIA REYES 862 Callejón del Travieso, off 2nd Street, Tijuana, 685-3150. Callejón del Travieso translates as "Mischief Lane." It's packed with dentists, copy shops, a granero (granary), and a veterinary pharmacy alive with crowing roosters, cooing turtle-doves, rabbits, and yapping pups. You'll smell their wonderful casera (home-style) corn tortillas before you get there. Big pots bubble on stoves under an iron hood. You usually have a choice of three meals, involving beef, chicken, or pork, which come with a nutritious soup filled with meat-on-the-bone, corn cobs, potatoes, and vegetables. Corn tortillas and a glass of tamarind juice are included. Maria and her husband Juventino cook it up behind the counter where you sit, watching Tijuana television or chatting with the locals. Breakfast and lunch to 5 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)

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Meanwhile, Back at the Raunch

DUNCAN SHEPHERD

Lawrence paces to and fro like the proverbial caged panther.

oo bad I couldn't see Clint Eastwood's *Blood Work* before deadline, something I could have greeted at least with cordiality, notwithstanding the off-putting

Michael Connelly potboiler on which it is based. Too bad, too, that Zhang Yimou's *Happy Times*, a happy hundred and six minutes

anyway, slipped from its spot this week on the release schedule. So, while I exercise Hope and Patience, here's what I am left with:

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (you are already supposed to know that the last word of the title is actually a contraction of three words: run, tell that) and Notorious C.H.O. are not really movies at all, but are records on film (well, video, transferred to film) of two stand-up routines, the first obviously by Martin Lawrence and the second more obliquely by Margaret Cho. That I found neither of them terribly funny is quite irrelevant, not because it's only little old me saying so, but because, as already noted, they are not

movies. (Cho has the cheek, even if also her tongue in it, to allude to what she's doing as a "cinematic experience." Lawrence, sans tongue, has the cheek, while effusively thanking the com-

mon folk who have furthered his career, to brand all critics as "the scum of the earth" — one of many politic pronouncements to

curry favor with his audience.) I could jot down a lot of other irrelevancies as well: that although the competitive raunchiness of the two is too close to call, Cho tends to limit her dirty talk to dirty topics, whereas Lawrence dirties any topic; that Cho postpones her preachiness to the end of the show, whereas Lawrence peppers it throughout (central theme: "Ride this motherfucker till the wheels fall off"; translation: "Live your life"); that Cho, who disposed of her cancelled sitcom in I'm the One That I Want, has less fresh material this time than Lawrence, who, since You So Crazy, has a couple of arrests and a coma to talk about; that Cho's entrance on stage is straight-

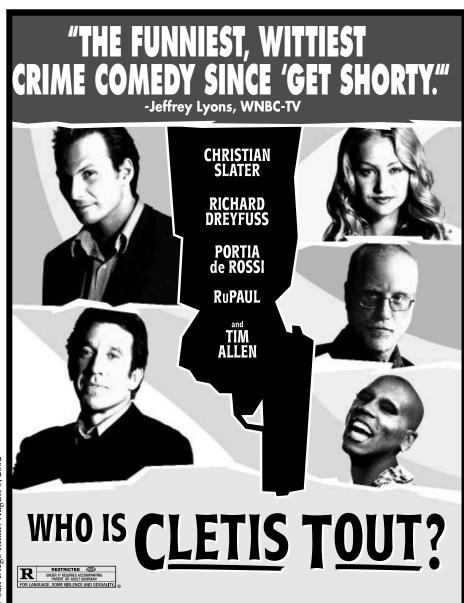


Notorious C.H.O.

ahead and down-to-business, whereas Lawrence's is all smoke and lights and stairway-from-heaven; that Lawrence paces to and fro like the proverbial caged panther (or like Richard Pryor, like Eddie Murphy, like Chris Rock), whereas Cho, the self-proclaimed "outlaw," prefers to stand still, with her free hand dangling at her side like

a gunslinger waiting for an enemy to make the first move; that the pudding-faced Cho can transform her appearance to a more astonishing degree than the puppet-faced Lawrence; that Lawrence nevertheless does a very good drunk, taking courage from Courvoisier, and that Cho can never, for my pleasure, do too much of her mother. I could

say, with perhaps less irrelevance, that time hangs heavier in Lawrence's performance, a condition attributable in part to the plethora of sweaty closeups. Both movies look awful. I might say that that doesn't matter so much in this kind of movie, but I would be aware in saying it that I was acquiescing to the epidemic erosion.



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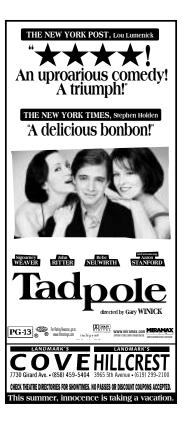
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The Kid Stays in the Picture provides audiovisual aids to the same-named, self-mythologizing autobiography of Hollywood producer Robert Evans (Love Story, The Godfather, Chinatown), a former two-bit actor (Man of a Thousand Faces, The Sun Also Rises, The Fiend Who Walked the West) and former women's sportswear manufacturer (Evan-Picone). It's something of a trade-off: you get bountiful film clips, stills, talk-show appearances, and, not least, all-star excerpts from his Get High on Yourself public-service TV special in penance for cocaine possession. But you also have to put up with his bassy, reverberant, abrasive, monotonous voice as it dispenses His Side of the Story in pseudo-tough, terse, platitudinous prose: "We both came out of the same school of drama. The drama of life." And: "Any man who thinks he can read the mind of a woman is a man who knows nothing." And (inevitably): "You live by the sword, you die by the sword." Besides tough, terse, and platitudinous, he can also be appallingly tacky: his soon-to-be wife (later ex-wife), Ali MacGraw, is christened "Miss Snot-Nose Flower Child." What finally, during the closing credits, tips the balance into the black is Dustin Hoffman's just-for-fun imitation of Evans at the time of Marathon Man — 1976 — but also, by a stroke of luck, broadening the imitation to a forecast of what he might be like in twenty-five years (i.e., right about now). If you've stuck it out till then, don't leave your seat too soon.

The Master of Disguise affords Dana Carvey a vehicle to showcase his skills as a mimic: an Indian snake charmer, a human turtle, an English dowager, a suave Scotland Yard inspector, Al Pacino in Scarface, Robert Shaw in Jaws, George W. Bush (not nearly as authoritative as his Bush, Sr., on Saturday Night Live), and — you have to see it to disbelieve it — a cherry-pie filling. Thinner than any of these disguises is what passes for a plot premise: an ancient Italian family, conveniently named Disguisey, that has mastered and refined the art of disguise, an inescapable legacy for the Jerry Lewis-y nerd who toils as a waiter in his parents' pizza parlor. The outtakes strewn through the closing credits suggest that a lot of material got discarded before the movie was trimmed to its slight but nonetheless leaden hour and a quarter. (The hero's prospective girlfriend



is his harshest critic: "It was fun for, like, one second, okay.") As vehicles go, this junker doesn't.

Tomorrow, the 9th, marks the scheduled reopening of the Hazard Center 7 under the aegis of Madstone Theaters. More exactly it marks the beginning, there, of a Free Weekend of what are called "classic" and "independent" films, regardless of their quality or affiliation (as the case may be): Citizen Kane, Some Like It Hot, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Clerks, Almost Famous, The Man Who Wasn't There. (Coincidentally, clips of Tiffany's crop up in two forthcoming films, Simone and Who Is Cletis Tout?, possibly bolstering its claims as a classic.) In addition, tomorrow marks the kickoff of Cine Mexicano, a one-a-month series of Mexican films put on at Hazard by the Media Arts Center San Diego. In violation of my own rule, I looked at preview videos of the first two offerings, Perfume de Violetas (August 9 through 15) and Corazones Rotos (September 13 through 19), but only long enough to determine I would be willing to look at them on the big screen, especially the second one, with its distinctive camera style of controlled rocking and rolling. I haven't yet had a look at the remodelling of the

place, although I applaud the concept, sight unseen, of a cafe on the premises, somewhere to sit and snack before, after, between, or even during movies. I don't know why we haven't seen something like it sooner around here. I've often seen something like it in other cities around the country (if never the fully stocked bars I saw in Europe). Inasmuch as the Madstone operation elsewhere — Denver, Albuquerque, Cleveland — rather closely resembles a Landmark operation, I do wonder (and worry) about these two chains getting entangled. Competition is sometimes said to benefit everyone. I do not recall the manufacturers and purchasers of Betamax saying that. ■

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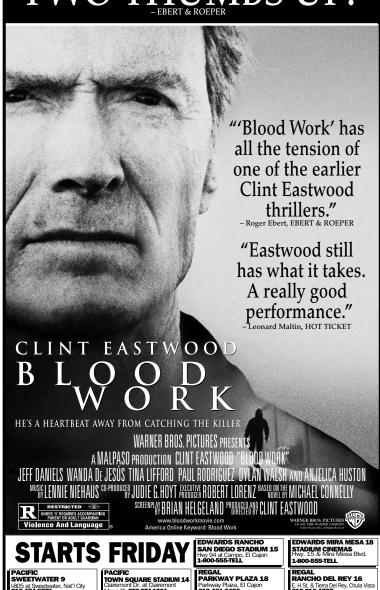
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Almost Famous — Cameron Crowe's most "personal" film to date, a nostalgia trip into the rock-and-roll scene of the early Seventies. The names have been changed, to cover up, perhaps, for revisions or lapses of memory, and for ingrained tendencies to sanitize and whitewash. The fifteen-year-old free-lance rock journalist — Crowe's stand-– is now called William Miller (the dimply Patrick Fugit, projecting a Howdy Doody wholesomeness); and the fictitious heavy-metal band on whose tour he tags along is called Stillwater (Billy Crudup as the Jimmy Page-ish guitarist, Jason Lee as the Robert Plant-ian singer). Crowe has always been content to play to the crowd — and the bigger the better. Or to put it another way: the blander the better. The upside of this, from certain points of view, is that the music of the period is here dribbled out in evedropper doses, and with a slightly skewed bias toward the "soft" (Cat Stevens, Steely Dan, Elton John). Earplugs will not be required. And the parental figure, a singlemom college professor, for all her mortifying overprotectiveness and nonpermissiveness (confiscating a Simon and Garfunkel album: "Honey, they're on pot"), is given a distinctive voice - not to mention, in Frances McDormand's droll incarnation, distinctive mouth, chin, eyes, everything. Not a straw woman; a strong woman. (Crowe's own mother would surely approve.) A distinctive voice of a different generation issues from Philip Seymour Hoffman as the late rock critic Lester

Bangs - no name-change necessary - and the hero's long-distance guru: "You cannot make friends with rock stars!" The matter of journalistic ethics — the reporter's clear choice between "friend" and "enemy," the rockers' insidious campaign to woo him and win him — is a worthwhile theme, explored with diligence. But it takes a backseat to the more moth-eaten material of the romantic triangle: the battle of the worshipful innocent and the frivolous libertine for the heart and soul of the unsullied groupie (Kate Hudson) — or, as she prefers to be known, a "band-aid," a true muse rather than mere groupie. In the end it is not so much a matter of ethics as of bathos. We must remind ourselves, after all, that the film is autobiographical, and that the guiding principle of our autobiographer is popularity at any cost. It is harder than before to begrudge him that. 2000. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

Blood Work — Clint Eastwood directs and stars in an adaptation of the Michael Connelly detective novel. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN





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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 subtitlespeaking 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-manarmy 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Breakfast at Tiffany's — Howlingly miscast travesty of the Truman Capote novella: starting at the top with Audrey Hepburn as a backwoods waif turned bigtown party girl, down through George Peppard as the heterosexualized neighbor, all the way down to a squinting Mickey Rooney as the Japanese landlord — more Mr. Magoo than Mr. Moto. "Moon River" is just another spoonful of sugar in the candy coating. With Patricia Neal, Martin Balsam, Buddy Ebsen; directed by Blake Edwards. 1961.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

Citizen Kane — The perennial winner, at a trot, of all Best Movie Ever polls; it was

hardly that awesome when it first appeared, but Time has been a favorable ally to this movie, which is, for one thing, a most convenient and crammed storehouse of cinematic tricks already executed or only dreamed of, up to that moment, 1941. As crammed as it is with sparkling ideas, it is inevitably more impressive for its individual set pieces, or set-ups, or sleights-of-hand, than it is for overall sense, or strength. And the sinister Expressionistic ambience is surely more useful for what it hides about the limited budget than for what it reveals about the William Randolph Hearst-ian hero. The principal characterization is never solider than in the perfect newsreel facsimile at the start of the movie; after that, it disperses into the shadows, the dramatic camera angles, the mummy makeup, the pop psychoanalysis. Starring and directed by Orson Welles, at age twenty-six; written by Herman Mankiewicz; photographed by Gregg Toland; with Joseph Cotten, Dorothy Comingore, Everett Sloan,

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

Clerks — Two of them, a conscientious convenience-store one and a goof-off videostore one: best buddies, and close cousins of the populace of Slacker. Spanning one day in the lives, the micro-budgeted movie is, perhaps appropriately, scruffy in appearance (coarse-grained, high-contrast black-andwhite) and scabrous in manner. Driblets and droplets of humor slip through the obstacles. With Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Marilyn Ghigliotti; written and

directed by Kevin Smith. 1994. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

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. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 Iena Malone are cast in a colder light. Based on a novel by Chris Fuhrman; with Vincent D'Onofrio and Jodie Foster. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Desperate Living — John Waters, facing the unenviable task of topping previous heights of grossness, suffers from the whatdo-you-do-for-an-encore problem. It is hard to dish out shocks when the cult audience is expecting them, craving them,

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clamoring for them. Nothing is as shocking, in this generally slipshod fairytale about a kingdom of crooks, as the well-lighted and well-framed credits shot — a rat laid out in an elegant table setting, in parody of the mouth-watering credits sequences of Douglas Sirk-ian soap operas. This is shocking for its technical competence, not for anything else. With Mink Stole and Liz

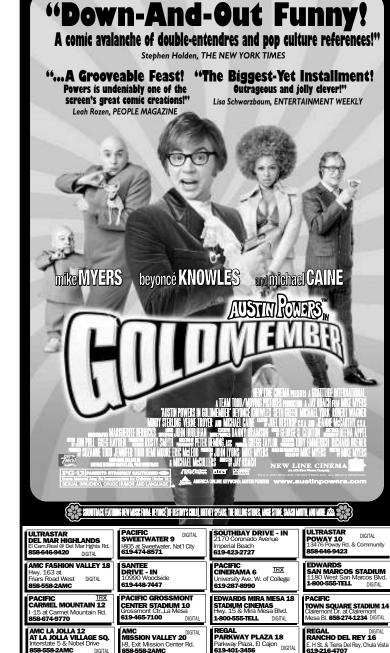
★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/8 THROUGH 10, 9 P.M.)

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.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

 $\textbf{Eight-Legged Freaks} \, -\! \, \text{Wised-up},$ camped-up creature feature about overgrown arachnids overrunning Prosperity, Arizona. Incestuous horror-film allusions abound: a parrot who squawks, "I see dead people!"; a clip from *Them!* in a TV Monster Movie Marathon; a shopping-mall fortress similar to the one in Dawn of the Dead; and on and on. Although it presents itself as a comedy, it is somehow less amusing than its straight-faced Fifties forerunners, and paradoxically, thanks to technological advances in creature animation, more frightening at the same time. That, though, is not an even exchange. Nothing, and definitely not technology, matters more than attitude. And the filmmaker who has only contempt for his material and his audience — Ellory Elkayem, by name — will earn more of the same for himself. (For contrast, see, in its entirety, the aforementioned *Them!* It earns neither laughs nor chills so much as admiration.) The same principle applies to the foot soldiers. David Arquette shields himself behind an ironic detachment which





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proclaims he's too good for this sort of thing, and which proves the opposite. Whereas Kari Wuhrer, normally a straightto-video actress, can ill afford to act too good for it, and acts quite well. Scarlett Johansson, not apt to make an entire career of the Coen brothers (The Man Who Wasn't There) and Terry Zwigoff (Ghost World), perhaps actually is too good for it. 2002.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Emperor's New Clothes -

Alternative history lesson revealing how Napoleon escaped St. Helena, leaving behind a dead ringer to fool his British iailers, 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.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat) 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 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.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Female Trouble — Divine chases fame all

the way from high school to the electric chair — a mock tabloid tragedy by John Waters. "Give us something twisted, give us something warped," the fashion photographer's entreaty to Divine, as she madly shakes her walrus-like body, might well be the motto of the entire show. The forced, overstressed acting of Waters's troupe gives the thing some of the falseness and lifelessness of a TV sitcom. But bits of it really are funny: for example, Divine's longanticipated nightclub act (she begins by bouncing on a trampoline and tearing a phone book in half). Funniest line: as the bandages are slowly unwrapped from Divine's acid-scarred face, one of the impatient onlookers gushes, "It's just like an art opening!" Unhappily, Waters's anemic color and arthritic camera don't quite attain the proper level of tawdriness — they're just amateur tawdry. 1975.

 \bigstar (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/8 THROUGH 10, 7 P.M.)

Full Frontal — Steven Soderbergh offers no reassurance, after Ocean's Eleven (and Traffic and Erin Brockovich), that he has not been ruined beyond redemption. Outwardly, this day-in-the-lives-of-motley-Hollywoodites would appear to be an attempt to recapture that old Independent Spirit, even if the filmmaker hedges his bet

by enlisting Julia (Roberts) and Brad (Pitt) and others, so that the mainstream press and mass audience will have something to buzz about. (Besides the gossipy topic of Hollywood or the impenetrable meaning of the title.) The "appearance" of independence, in any event, amounts to little more than the appearance of cheapness, messiness, and obscurity: the over-reverberant sound, to be specific, and the grainy blurry home-movie-ish image that alternates with a sharper and highergrade image for a film-within-the-film called Rendezvous. (Except for the film stock, little difference can be discerned - is that the point? - between Hollywood "reality" and the "fiction" of Rendezvous, a film apparently about a magazine reporter interviewing an actor on an airplane, following him to a meeting with Miramax's Harvey Weinstein, onto location with Brad Pitt, and back to the airport.) Where independence for Soderbergh once might have meant something like self-sufficiency or self-possession, it now seems to mean things like self-indulgence and selfimportance. Not to forget self-deception Any random touch of cleverness — the cameo of Terence Stamp in his fictional persona from Soderbergh's The Limey vanishes likes a drop of water on a hot stove. With Blair Underwood, Catherine Keener, Mary McCormack, David Hyde Pierce,

Nicky Katt, David Duchovny. 2002. • (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; MISSION VALLEY 20)

Goldmember — Austin Powers, a decent idea for a skit, was overextended in his first feature film, and every subsequent sequel can only extend the overkill. There is already, in just the second sequel, a "Twelve Days of Christmas" feeling of picking up baggage as we go. (Did we really need to bring back Fat Bastard? Will we need, next time, to bring back the freckle-faced and flaking-skinned Goldmember?) Sure, the running time can be padded with peepeepoopoo jokes, and incongruous spoofs of rap music, blaxploitation films, The Silence of the Lambs, what-have-you. And suddenly our swinging superspy can develop parentalapproval issues. But what has any of this to do with the original premise? The final revelation, via a Galaxy Far Far Away, should be enough to sour you if you weren't soured already. On the plus side, Michael Caine, whose eyeglasses in his Harry Palmer roles were clearly one of the inspirations for Austin Powers, looks to be a smart choice for the hero's father, though not without some sort of time-travel rationale, never forthcoming. (Was not Austin a full-blown adult in the Sixties?) And the sight gag of our hero atop Mini-Me's shoulders under a janitor's coat — a sharply tapering figure









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teetering around on tiny legs - is a sight for sore eyes. And the bit about subtitles partially disappearing over a white background was a bright idea, albeit dimly, dirtily carried out. (Without scatology, the film would be held necessarily to skit length.) And there's one sophisticated line of dialogue, quoted here in its entirety if it will save you the bother: "There are only two things I can't stand in this world. People who are intolerant of other people's cultures. And the Dutch." With Mike Myers, Beyoncé Knowles, Seth Green, Michael York; directed by Jay Roach, 2002.

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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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10;

FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4: GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Kid Stavs in the Picture —

Reviewed this issue. With Robert Evans; directed by Brett Morgen and Nanette Burstein.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/9)

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.

• (PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 deviltry, 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 schmaltz. Written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois, 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

 $\textbf{Lovely and Amazing} \, \underline{\quad} \, \text{Women's-issues}$ forum on body image, sexuality, maternal instinct, career, the whole can of worms. Issues, it would be fair to say, in search of a movie, if not in search of characters, Brenda

Blethyn is the middle-aged mother whose two biological daughters have flown the nest, though not as far or as soon as their father flew it, and who has attempted to fill that hole with an adopted black daughter (underline adopted, as this is not a reprise of Blethyn's role in Secrets and Lies), and who hopes to fill that other hole with, as it were, ten pounds of liposuction. In the meantime she fills her bed with throw pillows. The married one of her daughters, Catherine Keener (the indie queen whose forte is unsuppressed hostility), is an unmarketable craftsy artist, neglected by husband and daughter, who takes an eight-dollar-an-hour job in a one-hour photo shop and has a fling with her seventeen-year-old boss. The unmarried one, the stick-figured but twinkly-eyed Emily Mortimer, is a needy neurotic actress who drives away her boyfriend and takes in stray dogs (or merely unsupervised ones). Her, and the movie's, big scene: a part-by-part inspection of her naked body by an egocentric actor: "Your bush is big.... Your teeth are yellow...." The adopted daughter, Raven Goodwin, is on the other hand certifiably overweight and yearns for fair skin and straight hair. Writerdirector Nicole Holofcener, whether out of brutal honesty or vindictive spite, certainly not out of effervescent wit, spares none of them: they are lucky, she suggests in a charitable conclusion, to have one another. And unlucky, the viewer might chime in, to have their writer-director. Dermot Mulroney, Jake Gyllenhaal, James Le Gros. 2002.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Man Who Wasn't There — The first Coen brothers film to disappoint. That's not to say it's not good, certainly not to say it's not even as good as their first, Blood Simple, when there could be no expectations and so no disappointment. The brothers have not

suddenly lost their touch. They do for Billy Bob Thornton what they did before for George Clooney in O Brother, Where Art Thou? and Tim Robbins in The Hudsucker Proxy, namely make an unpalatable actor palatable, largely by gifting him with an interesting and well-written character, in this case a morbidly withdrawn barber employed in his brother-in-law's shop in post-WWII Santa Rosa, and a would-be ground-floor investor in a new-fangled enterprise known as dry cleaning. (It's delightful how this term doesn't just trip off the actors' tongues, but falters as if in a foreign language.) Where the Coens lit fires under the cool Clooney and Robbins, they throw a muzzle over the usually unbridled Thornton. Open and gabby enough in his first-person narration ("Me, I don't talk much" and "Me, I don't like entertaining"), he is practically catatonic in demeanor, allowing us to study and appreciate the Edward G. Robinson plushness of his lips, the Walter Huston boniness of his skull, not to mention the aerodynamic crimp in his toupee. (The barbering details, particularly the live illustrations of men's hairstyles from the Butch to the Flattop to the Executive Contour, are precious but few, and are never as compelling as the barber's dark inner thoughts on his profession: shorn hair as a form of human waste.) A mostly morose, spasmodically winking pastiche of James M. Cain, the film has the artistic detachment we expect of the Coens — always happy to put words such as "Wop," "Nip," "Heinie," and "pansy" into the mouths of their characters, even the more sympathetic ones - and it has, in some measure, the ingenuity of plotting we expect as well. (The hero's money-raising scheme: to blackmail his wife's lover anonymously for the affair he secretly suspects.) Yet there is something unexcitingly déjà vu — Eng. trans., been there, done that — about the spiralling way in which the plot goes awry, and something

hand-me-down about the roundabout way (straight from the Cain fields) in which justice ultimately gets done. Then, too, the suspicion arises that the novelty of the brothers' first essay in black-and-white was supposed to make up for any lack of freshness and originality elsewhere. And the black-and-white, at least the daytime black-and-white, no matter how "appropriate" or 'correct" (or pedantic or obvious) a choice it was for a period film noir, looks a little pale, a little milky, a little washed-out. Frances McDormand, James Gandolfini, Michael Badalucco, Jon Polito, Tony Shalhoub, Scarlett Johansson. 2001. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat — Reviewed this issue. With Martin Lawrence; directed by David Raynr.

● (CINERAMA 6: FASHION VALLEY 18: HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SWEETWATER 9)

The Master of Disguise — Reviewed this issue. With Dana Carvey, Jennifer Esposito, Brent Spiner, and James Brolin; directed by Perry Andelin Blake. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6;

GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN

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. Iones 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Me without You — British coming-of-age film, set in the Eighties, with Michelle Williams and Anna Friel, directed by Sandra Goldbacher. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/9)

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 crimeprevention 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



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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. (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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION VALLEY 20;

PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Notorious C.H.O. — Reviewed this issue. With Margaret Cho; directed by Lorene Machado.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/15)

Perfume de Violetas (Violet Perfume) — Maryse Sistach chronicles the friendship of two dissimilar teenage girls in

Mexico City. (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 15)

Place Vendôme — Something to do with a jeweler's widow and some hot rocks. Uncinematic in conception. Unclear in execution. Très gray and dull, dark and dreary. But the French actress Nicole Garcia $({\it Mon\ Oncle\ d'Amerique}, {\it etc.}), in \ her \ new$ role as a director and co-author, gives a meaty role to her lead actress, Catherine Deneuve, who polishes it off with exquisite table manners. Jean-Pierre Bacri, Emmanuelle Seigner, Jacques Dutronc, Bernard Fresson. 1999.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/12, 6:30 P.M.)

Reign of Fire - A plague of napalmbreathing 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 reenacting *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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Road to Perdition — Inflated, arty, but satisfactory reworking of an old gangsterfilm formula. The sense of raising the bar (in the fashionable phrase) seems quite ostentatious at the outset, with its unmistakable evocation of The Godfather. These are Irish gangsters instead of Italian, and they are gathered for a wake instead of a wedding; but the sanctity of the family and the strict demarcation between home life and professional life are very much the same: the pistol that Pa unstraps and puts down on the bed before supper is not meant for the eyes of his eldest (named, in a further echo of the Corleone clan, Michael), for whom the father has higher hopes. The film never loses its air of grandiosity, of outgrowing its trimly tailored britches; 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. Director Sam Mendes, in his sophomore effort after American Beauty, 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- ${\it Godfather}$ 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. There's really nothing much to ruin. This is not, for all its striving, a "great" gangster film. But it's at least a genuine one, a generic one. Its ordinariness. odd to say, is its primary source of strength. The striving for greatness weighs it down as much as pushes it upwards. With Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Daniel Craig, Stanley Tucci, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Tyler Hoechlin, 2002.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY



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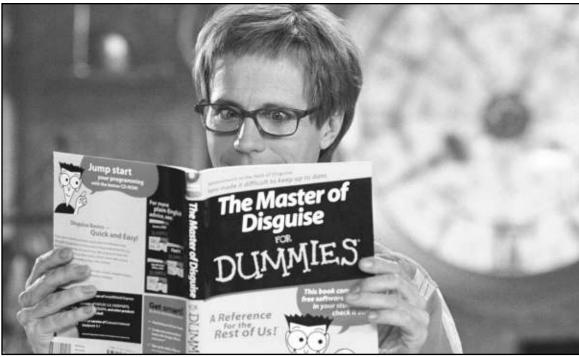
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Sex and Lucía — Wildly romantic, bewilderingly convoluted love story from Spanish filmmaker Julio Medem (Lovers of the Arctic Circle). Not only do you have to sort through a scrambled chronology, but, because one of the characters is a novelist, you also have to separate illustrated fiction from the facts on which the fiction might be based. All in all, the complexity of the narrative isn't put over nearly as well as the attractiveness of the cast or the sizzlingness of their sex. The natural beauty of their island hideaway fares less well in the bland, bleached, digital-video image. Paz Vega, Tristan Ulloa, Najwa Nimri, Daniel Freire, Elena Anaya. 2001.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Signs — For all those who can believe in crop circles, and those who only wish they could, this is not the answer to a prayer. M. Night Shyamalan, the writer and director of The Sixth Sense and Unbreakable, certainly takes a serious approach. So much so that you might imagine the grim cast of characters labored under the impression they were in an Ibsen drama. There are reasons for that: the hero, played by Mel



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Gibson as a change from Bruce Willis, is a backsliding cleric whose wife was killed six months earlier in a roadside mishap, details of which are leaked out in dribs and drabs. In the end, the ponderous, portentous

forward progress of the film, together with its charged atmosphere of Domestic Tragedy, proves to be, as it were, all approach and no (or very late) arrival; all heavy-handed foreplay and diminutive

climax. Shyamalan does not lack intensity or concentration, and he is capable now and again of touching a sensitive spot, prompting a tremor: the first glimpse of an alien appendage disappearing into a

shadowy prisoner locked behind the pantry door, or the siege in the cellar illuminated only by flashlight. Unhappily, the filmmaker, more cursed than blessed by his Sixth Sense, seems more concerned now to be a spiritual leader than a mere storyteller. Somehow, when alien invaders descend over the entire planet, the crisis of faith of one grieving widower in rural Pennsylvania is apt to seem small potatoes, no matter how symbolic or symptomatic of all mankind. And the confinement of most of the action to the family farm — like some Roger Corman grade-Z science fiction of the late Fifties — is ultimately stultifying. To be sure, the portable television, whenever the strictly monitoring father (no longer "Father") allows his children to watch it, serves to widen the scope, at least in our imaginations: the proliferation of crop $\,$ circles in India (too fast and far apart to be a conspiracy of hoaxers), the strange lights suspended over Mexico City, the network broadcast of a Little Green Man's cameo appearance in a birthday-party home video, etc. One of the TV viewers is tactless enough to remark, "It's like *War of the Worlds*." We wish! With Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Jones. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION

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701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 2:45, 3:45) 4:15, 5:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:15, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30, 11:00; Sun. (11:15, 12:00, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 2:45, 3:45) 4:15, 5:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:15, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 2:45, 3:45, 4:15, 5:00, 5:30) 6:30, 7:10, 7:45, 8:15, 9:10, 9:50, 10:30; Road to Perdition (R)Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:05, 2:00, 3:45) 4:45, 7:05, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45) 7:05, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15; **Men In Black II** 99 4:45) 7:05, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15; **Men In Black II**G (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:30, 3:40) 5:50, 8:10, 10:15; **Mon**.-Thu. (1:30, 3:40, 5:50) 8:10, 10:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00,

3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 10:05; **The** Country Bears (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 2:20) 4:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:30); Reign of Fire (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:40) 7:25, 9:40; **The Emperor's New Clothes** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (3:10) 7:35; **Eight Legged Freaks** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:30; **Halloween: Resurrection** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 5:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:35) 10:00; **The Dangerous Lives of Altar** Boys (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:05) 7:40; Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 5:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 5:25) 10:10; The Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:55; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:50, 10:20

Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:15, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:20; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:40, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:40, 5:10, 7:05, 7:30, 9:30, 9:55; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 1:20, 1:50, 2:20, 4:00, 4:30, 5:05) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:15; **The** Master of Disguise (PG) Fri. (10:55, 1:05, 3:20, 5:25) 7:50, 10:00; Sat. (10:55, 1:05, 5:25) 7:50, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (10:55, 1:05, 3:20, 5:25) 7:50, 10:00; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat** (R) Fri.-Tue. 12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:10; Wed.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:10, 7:40, 9:35, 10:10; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:05, 12:45, 1:30, 3:05, 4:10, 5:05, 5:35, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:25; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:45, 3:50) 6:10; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:10; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:00, 3:00, 5:05); **Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35)

LA JOLLA

Cove

7730 Girard Ave (858-459-5404) **Tadpole** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The Master of Disguise; Goldmember; K-19: The Widowmaker; Stuart Little 2; Road to Perdition; Men in Black II; Minority Report; The Bourne Identity

La Jolla Village

R879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)

Lovely & Amazing (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20,
9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55;

Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; My Big Fat **Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00;

Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00: Me With**out You** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat)** (Not Rated) Fri. (3:00) 7:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 3:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu.

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The
Master of Disguise; Full Frontal; Martin
Lawrence Live: Runteldat; Goldmember; The Country Bears; K-19: The Widow-maker; Eight-Legged Freaks; Stuart Little 2; Road to Perdition; Men in Black II; Mr. Deeds; Minority Report; Lilo and Stitch; The Bourne Identity

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The
Master of Disguise; Full Frontal; Martin
Lawrence Live: Runteldat; Goldmember; Stuart Little 2; Reign of Fire; Road to Perdition; Halloween: Resurrection; Men in Black II; Mr. Deeds; Minority Report; The **Bourne Identity**

Hazard Center

717510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500) Cine Mexicano: Perfume de Violetas (8/9 through 11/14); **Almost Famous** Friday through Sunday; **Some Like It Hot** Friday through Sunday; Clerks Friday through Sunday; The Man Who Wasn't There Friday through Sunday; Breakfast at Tiffany's Friday day through Sunday; Citizen Kane Friday through Sunday

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:10, 10:05; Sun. (12:15, 2:55) 5:35, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 8:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:00, 5:55) 7:55, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:05, 7:15, 10:10; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:25, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:30) 7:15, 9:45; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:30; Sun. (12:30, 2:30) 4:50, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:05, 5:50) 7:35, 9:30; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:25, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:45, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:50) 7:25, 9:40; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:35) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00; Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 4:55,

7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:20) 7:55, 10:05

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) Notorious C.H.O. (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

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100) The Kid Stays in the Picture (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:30) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:55; Sex and Lucia (Not Rated) Fri. (1:00) 4:00. 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:00) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; **Tadpole** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (10:15) 1:25, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (1:25) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Wed. (1:25) 4:40, 10:00; Thu. (1:25) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Fri. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:00) 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **Lovely & Amazing** (R) Fri. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:20) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Mon. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; Tue. (1:20) 4:20, 10:05; Wed.-Thu. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 10:05; **Thirteen Conversations About One Thing** (R) Fri. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:10) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Female Trouble, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Desperate Living, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:10 p.m

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Space Station (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 9:45; Sat.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; The Human Body (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Bears (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 11:00

EAST COUNTY EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 10:20, 12:20, 1:20, 4:15, 4:30, 12:50, 4:00) 7:00, 7:15, 7:35, 9:35, 10:10, 10:30; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:15, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:00, 10:30, 1:05, 4:30, 12:40, 3:40) 6:05, 7:25, 10:00; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 11:45, 1:10, 2:30, 4:15, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; The 2:30, 4:15, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 12:00, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:50, 10:30; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 5; Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:45,

10:10, 11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 5:20, 12:50, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:15, 2:35, 5:00); **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:20, 10:25; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:10) 6:05; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:15; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:00, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:25, 10:40; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:05, 10:35; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu.

MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (800-555-8355) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 11:15, 1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45) 7:00, 7:30, 8:10, 9:35, 10:05, 10:45; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 12:20, 1:10, 2:40, 3:30, 5:00) 5:50, 7:20, 9:40; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 12:15, 2:15, 2:45, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **Stuart Little** 2 (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00); The Country Bears (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:50, 1:00, 3:05, 5:15); The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10) 7:15, 9:20; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15) 7:00, 7:30, 9:15, 9:45; K-**19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 10:00; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runtel**dat (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 10:05; Men In Black II (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:50) 7:10, 9:20; **Road to Perdi** tion (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:40

LA MESA

Grossmont CenterGrossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 1:00, 2:50) 4:00, 5:20, 7:40, 8:15, 10:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:20) 7:30, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45; Blood **Work** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:50, 2:20) 4:50, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:10; **Spy** Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45) 4:40, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:00, 9:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:30, 2:30) 4:25, 5:15 7:15, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 4:25, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:55, 10:30; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:15) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:15, 5:05) 7:10, 9:45; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:00, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:45) 8:10, 10:25; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:40, 1:20, 3:20) 6:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:20) 6:10: Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:20; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 10:00

Grossmont Trolley 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:05, 1:50) 4:40, 7:15, OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOLIARE 14)

Some Like It Hot — In the later stage of Billy Wilder's career, there is an evident pull toward the romantic and euphoric (Love in the Afternoon, Irma La Douce, Avanti), and there is an opposing pull toward the caustic and raucous (*One Two Three, The Fortune* Cookie, the Ray Walston-Cliff Osmond bits, particularly, in *Kiss Me, Stupid*). This one belongs at the head of the second batch, for the impression made by Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in drag (among other things) is unhappily deeper, stronger, and longerlasting than the impression made, in spots, by Marilyn Monroe. Curtis's Cary Grant impression, when out of drag, isn't bad, but why would someone be doing a Cary Grant impression in a 1920s setting? 1960.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, 8/9 THROUGH 11)

Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost

Dreams — Robert Rodriguez's sequel to his hit family film of last summer, with Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the **Clones** — The saga grinds on, in state-ofthe-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 Havden 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. • (GASLAMP 15)

Stuart Little 2 — Cute, too. Too cute.

This time the computerized mouse (not to be confused with the thing on your computer mouse pad) makes friends with a computerized canary, secret cohort of a Fagin-esque falcon. The avian aspect opens the door to some palm-moistening moments of acrophobic torture. (A clip of Vertigo on TV points to the self-aware sadism of filmmaker Rob Minkoff.) The wholesomeness of the whole may be ninetypercent sham, but it's still preferable to the smart-ass brassiness that threatens to tyrannize contemporary kiddie films. With Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, and the voices of Michael J. Fox, Melanie Griffith, Nathan Lane, James

Woods. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9: TOWN SOUARE 14)

Tadpole — The production banner over Gary Winick's little coming-of-age comedy — Indigent (or InDigEnt), acronym for Independent Digital Entertainment — is a commendable example of truth-inlabelling. Poor for sure. Needy indeed. An anemic, myopic image that gets ever blurrier with every inch of distance from the camera, and ever pastier with every inch of closeness to it. There is no great harm, though, nor great joy either, in the amorous antics of a

precocious, Voltaire-reading high-school sophomore (Aaron Stanford), in love with his stepmother (Sigourney Weaver) and actually in bed with the stepmother's best friend (Bebe Neuwirth, a sly scene stealer). The running time barely reaches an hour and a quarter, cutting short the tedium. 2002.

● (COVE; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 choppingup 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. 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 tightfisted 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)

XXX — Action film starring Vin Diesel and Asia Argento, directed by Rob Cohen. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/9)

 $9:50; Mon.\hbox{-}Thu.\ (11:05,\ 1:50,\ 4:40)\ 7:15,\ 9:50; \\ \textbf{Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams}\ (PG)$ Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 12:55, 3:35) 5:45, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (10:45, 12:55, 3:35, 5:45) 7:45, 10:00; K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:40, 1:30) 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (10:40, 1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **The** Country Bears (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:25, 12:25, 2:30); Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:10, 10:35; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (10:30, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (4:30) 7:30, 10:20; Lovely & Amazing (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (11:15, 1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:25

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:25; **Blood** Work (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:25; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30, 12:25; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:30; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 4:15, 6:15; Halloween: Resurrection (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; Men In Black II (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:15,

Palm Promenade 24 770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The Master of Disguise; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat; Goldmember; The Country Bears; K-19: The Widowmaker; Eight-Legged Freaks; Stuart Little 2; Road to Perdition: Halloween: Resurrection: Men in Black II; Like Mike; Mr. Deeds; Minority Report

Rancho Del Rey 16East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:25, 11:45, 1:50, 2:15, 2:40, 4:45, 5:05, 5:30) 7:40, 8:00, 8:20, 10:30, 10:50; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu.

(11:35, 2:25, 5:00) 7:40, 10:25; **Spy Kids 2:** The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:30, 1:55, 2:00, 4:25, 4:30) 6:50, 7:10, 9:40; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:20, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:50, 5:15) 7:25, 9:35; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:35, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:25, 4:45) 7:05, 7:30, 8:15, 9:50, 10:10, 10:40; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:10, 4:35); **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:55, 10:00; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:00) 6:10; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **Men** In Black II (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:25; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:05, 4:40); The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:50, 10:20

Third Avenue (619-425-1436) Mr. Deeds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; Reign of Fire (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:30; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00

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Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392) Spy Kids 2; Signs

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

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Sweetwater 9 1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:55, 10:15; **Spy** Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20; Mon.-Thu, (1:20, 3:20, 5:20) 7:20, 9:20; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (2:00) 4:25, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:25) 7:05, 9:30; **The**Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20, 9:15; Sun. (1:30, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:35, 5:25) 7:15, 9:10; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:55) 8:05, 10:10; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:20) 5:10, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:30, 5:15) 7:00, 9:00

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Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; Blood

Work (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 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; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu, 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00; **Gold-member** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45,

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:40; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 10:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 12:40, 2:10, 2:50) 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 1:50, 2:40) 4:40, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 1:50, 2:40) 4:40, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:20, 3:50, 4:50) 7:15, 8:00, 9:35; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:30) 4:50, 7:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:00, 5:10) 7:05, 9:15; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:50, 9:55; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:20) 7:20, 9:50; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:40; Mon.-Tue. (1:15, 3:30, 5:40); Wed. (1:15, 3:30); Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:40); **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 7:40, 9:45; Wed. 9:45; Thu. 7:40, 9:45; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Sun (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:25, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:05, 5:15) 7:25, 9:30; **K-19: The Widow**maker (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, 7:00, 9:50

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:30, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:45; The Master of **Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:45; Stuart Little 2 (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:30

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Ramona Twin

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 10:50, 1:10, 1:40, 4:00, 4:30, 4:50) 7:00, 7:15, 7:40, 9:35, 10:00, 10:25; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 10:25; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 4:30) 5:30, 7:15, 8:05, 9:55, 10:40; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 4:05, 4:45) 6:30, 7:15, 9:45; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:45, 12:45, 2:55, 5:15) 7:40, 9:50; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40); **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00. Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:35, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:20; Lilo and Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:50); Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Stuart Little 2 (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:05, 3:15, 5:10) 11. Little 2 (PG) Fri.-1hu. (11:10, 1:05, 5:15, 5:10) 7:20, 9:30; Men In Black II (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:30) 7:25, 10:00; Mr. Deeds (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15); Full Frontal (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:15; Reign of Fire (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 9:40; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:40, 1:25, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45

NORTH COASTAL CARLSBAD

LA COSTA

La Costa 6

6941 E. Camino Real (760-599-8221) **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45

Plaza Camino Real

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8 12905 El Camino Real (858-646-9420)

XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Spy Kids 2: The** Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 11:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15,

9:45, 10:45; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Flower Hill 4

2430 Via De La Valle (858-646-9425) Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Full Frontal (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; Signs; The Master of Disguise; Goldmember; Road to Perdition: Stuart Little 2

La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 100 Ft. Wednesday Wed. 7:00, 9:00; **My Big** Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri. 6:30, 8:40; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:30, 8:40; Mon.-Thu. 6:30, 8:40; The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Fri. 12:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) XXX (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Spy** Kids **2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; **Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:05, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; The Country Bears (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 4:50; Stuart Little 2 (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05

Oceanside 16

401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) XXX; Blood Work; Spy Kids 2; The Bourne Identity; Signs; The Master of Disguise; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Goldmember; K-19: The Widowmaker; Reign of Fire; Road to Perdition: Men in Black II: Lilo and Stitch

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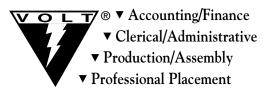
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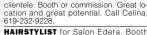
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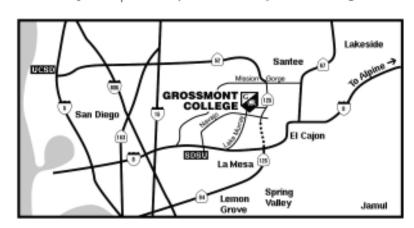
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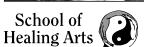
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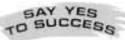
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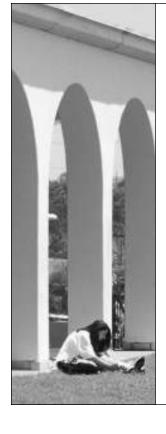
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BRUNETTE BABY BOOMER, physically/ emotionally fit, professional vivacious per-sonality, enjoys dining, dancing, travel; seeks white male professional, 53-65, to share good times, possibly more. (8/14)

I'VE SEEN YOU IN MY DREAMS and I know you are for me. 29, white, attractive, seeks white male; play no games, serious minded, 30-40. (8/14) \$\infty\$ 34374

minded, 30-40. (8/14) \$\infty\$34374
RACE ARACK AREA? Smart, pretty, blonde, Mary Tyler Moore type. Seeking exceptional man, 39+, with character, integrity, warmth, abundance. Let's balance our work/family life! (8/14) \$\infty\$34370

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MAN NEEDED: CHRISTIAN Episcopal, africal Reeveu: CHRISTIAN Episcopal, affectionate, attractive, balanced, educated, gregarious, healthy, 40-46, honorable, successful, understanding. Love art, books, cats, church, dancing, laughing, learning, nature and me. (8/14) \$\frac{1}{2}34383\$

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36-45, handsome, successful, intelligent, compassionate, adventurous. Me: Attractive brunette, fun loving, outgoing, charming. Ready for dating/beyond. Let's have fun! (8/14) \$\mathbf{x}\$34223 SEEKING NICE, CARING, open, humor

ous gentleman, 40-60; has the time and missing companionship. I'm 45, Pacific Beach, Jewish; like swimming, nature, talking, videos, getting away. (8/14) CHRISTIAN. SINGLE, attractive profes

sional seeks humorous, easygoing, handy, 35-45 Christian for friendship first. Enjoy talking, laughing, traveling, coffee shops, jazz, movies, dining, dancing, Home Depot. (8/14) \$\mathbf{A}\$34356

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FRENCH, ATTRACTIVE, slender professional, 44, fun loving, witty, romantic, passionate about life, looking for European or Latino with same qualities to enjoy and share life. (8/14) ☎34342

SOFT, WARM, ROMANTIC, single black female, 5'9", full-figured, youthful 51, North Coastal, interested in a tall, mature, successful, cheerful companion for long-term relationship. (8/14) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$34227

term relationship. (8/14) *\(\frac{3}{422}\)/ SIZE 6, 5'2", REDHEAD/green, freckled, articulate, funny, tomboy but can dress. Need special, spiritual man who can hold conversation. No sleaze/smokers. Cowboys welcome. (8/14) *\(\frac{3}{4362}\)

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SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN, educated, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate,

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ACTIVE AND ATTRACTIVE, European lady looking for a 45 to 60 gentleman for dining, dancing, possible travel companion. (8/14) \$\mathbf{a}\$34220

FEMALE, 50, PETITE, looking for a Christian who has morals, honesty; likes to travel, ocean fishing, walks, humor, conservationist; someone who wants to be connected. (8/21) \$34389

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UPTOWN GIRL, attractive, healthy, blonde, blue, 5'7", 120lbs., 50, with a nice briown tirkt, attractive, ream-blonde, blue, 57", 1201bs, 50, with a nice personality. Have a beagle. Cozy warm fires, fit, tunny. Seeking very attractive, fit, compassionate romantic. will kiss away lonely feelings at night. (8/14) \$\mathref{\textit{T}}\$34350

EXCEPTIONAL, ELEGANT, blonde/blue, tall, divorced Caucasian to spend time with tallish 58+, sparkling wit, love of life, nonsmoker. Movies, theatre, outdoors,

PRETTY BLACK FEMALE, full figured, 46

ASIAN, EXOTIC SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless homeowner. Seeking healthy, wealthy, wise, nonsmoker, generous white professional, 35-55. Let's enjoy (8/21) \$\frac{1}{2}\$34409 SASSY, SWEET, 110LBS., heels/stock

ENERGETIC, FUN, CARING, petite, widowed white female, 58; walking/hiking, outdoors, healthy lifestyle, cooking, familyfriends, local events, movies, theater, concerts, weekend getaways, travel, whatever. (8/14) \$\mathbf{x}\$34368

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WANTED ALIVE: MALE, intelligent, focused, adventurous, baggageless; must like cats; financially/emotionally secure, by a really cool, 40s woman. Piano player or surgeon a plus! (8/14) \$\mathbf{3}\$34344

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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I'LL PLAY "MISTY" FOR YOU. Caucasian, just 70, 5'7", healthy, honest, inteligent, into jazz, nonsmoker, seeks petite, active, attractive, healthy lady. Dinner, travel, quality friendship. (8/21) 1 4248250

CHRISTIAN, RECOVERING alcoholic, 43, gentle, kindhearted, down to earth, not gentle, kindhearted, down to earth, not shallow, hate TV; like hiking, reading, scripture, personal growth. Seeking Christian woman, similar interests. (8/21)

I'M A MAN, 42, LOOKING for someone 30 to 40 to share fun remands and 30 to 40 to share fun, romance maybe more. 5'11", 170lbs., blue, eyes, good shape. (8/21) ☎48297

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ABSTINENT CAUCASIAN MAN. 44. none the-less romantic, affectionate, seeks like-minded, quality woman. We're fit, attractive careerist with a new approach. Fun times. (8/21) 48219

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DOCTOR, GUITARIST, pianist, 38, very at tractive, fit, tall, blue eyes, considered very creative, a bit shy, good listener, Jewish, seeks sensitive, compassionate, intelligent, loyal female. (8/21) **48290**

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40, white male seeks fit, attractive, Hispanic mom, 23 to 33. No party animals or smokers. (8/21) **1**

CAPTURE MY HEART. Fun, fit, romantic white male, 49, 6', 185lbs., seeks affectionate gal for quality time together. (8/21) \$\frac{\pi}{28}48220\$

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, HONEST home owner, 58, handyman. Nonsmoker, gorgeous, but OK. Willing to get to k me, to share life's simple p sures (8/21) 48270

IRISH MAN, 48, FIT, great sense of humor, just arrived in the United States, seeks female companion, 35+, for outings and possible romance. (8/21) 1248296

Wendee Mason

BEACH LOVER WANTED. Maybe you have some rollerblades also. I'm 35, have some rollerblades also. I'm 35, handsome, shy, love movies also. Seeking someone active, outdoor lover to share life with. (8/21) 248241

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BLACK FEMALE, DOWN TO EARTH, romantic, honest, 30-45, height/weight proportionate, who desires to meet same in white, attractive, 6'3", 240lbs., 39, single father. (8/14) 48195

STRONG, SECURE, AFFECTIONATE, 36, 5'9", blond/blue, professional, childless, nonsmoker. Cooking, music, movies, dining out, exercise. Seeking brown eyes, affectionate, caring, fit, childless nonsmoker, 25-35. (8/21)

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 50, seeks spiritually-sensual white woman, 35-50, sensitive, creative, intelligent, a killer kisser. Ready for the passionate ride of her imaginative life. (8/21) ☎ 48230

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NORTH COUNTY, HANDSOME, athletic, 45, 6', 175lbs. Healthy lifestyle, financially secure, never married, no baggage. Enjoy outdoors, gym, sports, dining. Seeking attractive, fit, unencumbered woman. (8/14) \$\times 4813!

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woman. (8/14) **\(\Delta\)** 48131 **PLAYFUL, CARING,** intelligent, passionate, sensual, open minded, handsome(?), 53, 59", 170lbs. (619). Love nature, arts, sciences, humor. Desire slender, cute(?), 45ish playmate for fun/sun. (8/21) **\(\Delta\)** 48277

GENTLE, STRONG, caring, spiritual, grounded, affectionate, fun-loving professional, 47 years old, seeking mellow, spiritual woman, 39 and under to celebrate life and each other. (8/21) ☎ 48258

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Attorney, 41. Sincere, generous 6'2", thin. Seeking slim, attractive, sincere, kind woman. Dinners, movies, outdoors. Looking for a nice guy? Call this adl (8/14) 1248175

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TEACHER LOOKING FOR teacher. Christian, 43, friendship first, integrity, passionate, spontaneous, athletic, positive, humorous, secure, simple pleasures, shared experiences, making an impact on children's lives. (8/21) 248281

NORTH COUNTY COASTAL SINGLE dad seeks adventuresome, outgoing and physically fit companion to share fun! En-joy beach, surf, mountain bike and other! (8/21) ☎48265

WHITE MALE, 6', 175LBS., guapo, pela rubio, ojos azules, inteligente, creativo, fi-nanciero seguro, espiritual, busca atrac-tiva Latina para cenar, musica, cine, vela y diversion. (8/14) **2**48186

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PASSION, HUMOR, intelligence. Playful, creative, affectionate entrepreneur seeks partner who plays full out without looking back. Life is short. Let's live it! 41, 6'1", swimmer. (8/14) 127-48200

FRIENDSHIP. Surfing wahine sought after by young kahuna. You're attractive, health-happy and low maintenance like me. Let's paddle out and watch the sunset. (8/21) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$ 48254

set. (8/21) ** 48254

BLACK MALE PROFESSIONAL, 51 years, 63°, interest in meeting down to earth, honest, nonsmoking, good humor female, 39-47 years, for friendship and possible relationship. (8/14) ** 48150

DATING, FRIENDSHIP, romance. Interested? I'm filthy rich (not). Still interested? I'm filthy rich (not). Still interested? I'm 5'11" tall, 200lbs., athletic build, sexy, educated, spontaneous, vibrant, playful, romantic, mature and single. (8/14) 7248143

GOOD-HEARTED, HEALTHY gentleman 44, 57", 170lbs., financially secure. Boal owner enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (8/21) 148227

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SINGLE MALE. EMPLOYED— ves I have a job! Good-looking, sweet guy down on his luck. Can you help? Let's chat, who knows? (8/14) 48172

READY 10 SETTLE? For anything? Yes and no. Hispanic male, 40, fit, financially/emotionally stable, children, seeking parter, 24-38; integrity, values, family oriented, long term. (8/21) \$\tilde{\pi}\$48212

SEEKING DESERT BLOSSOM. White male, 45, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, target shooting, 4x4s, ATVs, beach walks, desert sunsets. You're fun, honest, reliable; no young children. (8/21) \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 48287

26, 6'2", FIT. Brownish-blond hair, blue eyes. Handsome, funny and intelligent. Looking for a nice, down-to-earth girl. 21-30 please. (8/21) ☎48236

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TALL, OUTGOING, WHITE, 46 years young. Looking for a lady. Like hiking, long walks on beach, camping, dancing. Slim, outgoing, marriage minded; kids OK. Nonsmoker. (8/21) \$\infty\$48215

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ATTRACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS, fit, white professional, North Coastal homeowner 42, 5'9", 60lbs., brown/blue. Hiking, bik-ing, skiing, surfing, music, travel. Seeking

ROMANTIC. PASSIONATE. 41. 5'9" brown/blue, fit, attractive, confident, down to earth, very open and honest. Looking for soul mate. Love music. Won't be disappointed. (8/14) 48182

47-YEAR-OLD, WHITE MALE profession

FUN, ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING male seeks fun female. 5°10", blond/blue, tan, athletic body, 23-27. I know someone is out there. Want fun? Look me up. (8/21) 48231

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↑ 48180

TALL, HANDSOME, 49, nonsmoker, financially secure, athletic build, white professional. Honest, responsible, communicative, unencumbered, humoristic hugger. North Coastal homeowner. Diversified. You: Great looks, figure, mind. (8/21) ↑ 48256

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skinned sweetheart. 24-34, for adventure and romance. I'm green eyed, tall, athletic and handsome. Love music and travel. (8/14) \$\oldsymbol{\alpha}\$48130

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FUN PROFESSIONAL LIKES sailing, mo-

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SEEKING TALL, 5'8", SLENDER white lady to enjoy good times and develop a relationship. I'm white, 54, fit, 6'6". La Jolla area. (8/21) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$48267

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49, BLACK CHRISTIAN male with Christian values, fit, handsome, simple, hardworking, fun, advanced tennis player. Seeking caring, fun, fit female who match, play. 37-45. (8/14) ☎48136

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rific. (8/21) ☎ 48244

PM A LONELY MAN. I'm 49, lonely, handsome, lonely, slim, lonely, honest, lonely,
romantic, lonely, passionate, lonely,
imaginative, lonely. Did I mention I'm
lonely? (8/14) ☎ 48155

LOTS 10 OFFER: Professional, balanced,
unencumbered, athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 52, homeowner, spontaneous, Midwest values, educated. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with
proportioned, outgoing woman. (8/21)
☎ 48226

BLACK'S BEACH. White male, 39, looks attractive, seeks 18-45 30, 5'8", 138lbs., attractive, seeks 18-45, height/weight proportionate female to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (8/14) **2** 48137

THIS BEING ALONE thing gets old even on a tough, independent guy. Wanted: Slim woman to enjoy RV and sand dune adventures. (8/14) 48156

BECAUSE YOU'RE WORTH IT! No children, 5'10", 49, good listener, sense of humor, affectionate, secure. Seeking 40s, slender, intelligent, easygoing, fun-loving partner. Music, barbecues. (8/21) BUSCO UNA MUJER muy bonita, roman

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tive lady. (8/14) **T**48183 **I'S ABOUT TIME** you found me. Attractive, intelligent, down to earth, 40, 5'10', 160lbs., blond, nonsmoker, social drinker. Enjoy motorcycles, gym, golf, pool, music, laughter. (8/21) **T**48252

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25, 6'2", fit, attractive. I'm emotionally litilling to take risks. If this speaks to ase call my box. (8/21) 🕿 48266

HELLO! 48-YEAR-OLD follower of Jesus Christ seeks Christian woman, 30-50, who's fun, spontaneous, and wants to be married. I have a great vision! (8/14)

SEEKING JAPANESE LADY by goodlooking, clean-cut, educated Hispanic. We like movies, dancing, dining, travel and more. You: 23-35, attractive, fit, fun and classy. (8/21) 42-48-80

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HUMOROUS WHITE MALE. 35. short in stature, big in spirit/mind/fun, seeks open-minded female who cares more about character and values than superficiality. (8/14) 48192

BLACK, BALD, 5'10", 180lbs., educated professional seeking good-looking, peti Latina, size 3/4 to 6/8, 5'-5'6", to becom best friends and more. (8/14) \$\infty\$48135

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TIP 91941. Single man, 51, 5'8", aerospace mechanic, seeking creative woman for dates, leading to long-term relationship. Like outdoors; swim, hike, bike, camp, read. (8/14) 48177

EstaBLISHED, 52, 57", fit, well-groomed hair and beard. Travel, walk, jog, bike and love my home time. Please no spirituality or cats. Like dancing. (8/21)

☆48245 **PYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT,** fun-loving, creative, attractive professional, 38, 517", 160lbs., seeks attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship of growth and enjoyment. (8/21) **☆**48223

MALE, 56, ENJOYS TRAVELING, movies, dining out. (8/21) \$\infty\$48213

dining out. (8/21) 25 48213

HONEST, INTELLIGENT, passionate, humor, spiritual, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., brown/black, enjoy coffeehouses, con-versation, books, films, walks, classic shops, seeking intelligent, some-proportionate to height. (8/21) RELAXED, DOWN-TO-EARTH woman for romantic friendship. Moderate drinker, smoker for walking, beach, movies, din-ing out, some dancing. Open any age, please be unencumbered. (8/21)

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 40, edu cated, passionate, spiritual, sense of humor. Enjoy the ocean, Baja and good conversation. Seeking an intelligent, open-minded, playful woman. (8/21)

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FIT, INTELLECTUAL GENTLEMAN. Single white male, 29, 6', blond/blue, seeks simwhite male, 29, 6', blond/blue, seeks similar female, 21-35. You want a partner for conversation, exercise, movies and other interests? (8/21) ☎ 48253

LATIN MAN, FIT, SLIM, 5'8", 40s, edu-

any shoe size. (8/21) Ta 48/20

MORMON GIRLFRIEND WANTED: Asian, Hispanic, or Filipino, slender, 21-40. Handsome Christian male, slender, marriage-minded relations, sincere, church music, like me wanted. (8/14) Ta 48140

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HANDSOME, MUSCULAR, ATHLETIC black male, 5'10", 210lbs., énjoys wate sun, movies and plays; seeks slender medium build, white female, 25-50, who spontaneous. Call me. (8/14) **3**48164

BIG LEGGY LADY, living near La Jolla, wanted for fun, laughter, fine dining, motorhome travel, ocean cruises. By attractive, well-built, retired therapist. (8/14) 43167

SINGLE BLACK MALE, HANDSOME,

turous, attractive, sensual lady, age/race open, for romantic, fun times. (8/21)

ROAD LESS TRAVELED. 43, white, 5'10", 170lbs., brown/brown. No smoke/drink. Loner, idealistic, Kearny Mesa. Seeking very shy, white woman, 30s. You are appreciated. (8/21) ☎48284

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YOUNG BONES, YOUNG LOOKING 39, 6'. North Park resident, humorous, athletic. Like art, good stories, cooking, eclectic music and film tastes, jazz, out-doors. (8/21) **2** 48255

A SPECIAL MEXICAN LADY is required by a special American gentleman. I'm 45, 5'10", 155lbs., humble, loyal, honest. Let's enjoy dating, dining and friendship. (8/14) **T**48197

F'6" AND 29. I'm a real man seeking a real woman. No games. If I knock, will you let me in? Let's make this work. (8/21)

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MARRIAGE MINDED, 49, 6'1", lean North County, fun, communicative, mannered, professional, humorous, sensual, part-time dad seeks 38-47 lady, trim, fun, nonsmoker, outdoors, affectionate, sincere. (8/14) **23** 48154

cere. (8/14) \$\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{\pmathbf{4}}\$154 **TALL, ATTRACTIVE,** professional, dark hair, 6'4", 220lbs., late 40s, looks younger, seeks attractive woman with nice figure to share love, romance, movies, music, fun stuff. (8/14) \$\frac{\pmathbf{4}}{\pmathbf{4}}\$48166

EBONY FOR IVORY. I am a fit, active, happy guy that seeks fit female to share some good times with! Let's hit the beach together. (8/14) ☎48153

secure, compassionate, honest, affectionate, communicative, creative, happy, traveled, romantic, nonsmoker, seeking slim, attractive, outgoing female for serious relationship, between 38-48. (8/14)

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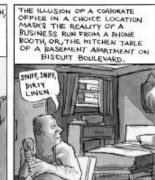
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Real Estate Sales

Golden Hill

Twas the culprit. I live downtown, so it's very frustrating. I drive on Broadway all the time... I get cut off all the time. I get angry. I beep my horn. I sometimes give the bird. I live it every day; road rage is very apparent downtown.



Iamie Salvo

Interior Design

Banker's Hill

Tt just happened vesterday. At Horton Plaza. We were in the parking structure, and there was a line around the corner, and some stupid idiot in a truck was trying to pull into a parking spot that was too small, and we were sitting there for what felt like five hours, and I just beeped my horn like crazy. Drove away, beeped my horn, and threw my hands out the window.



Hayley Salvo

Business

Santa Barbara

Idrove down Saturday, and from Santa Ana to San Diego it was bumper-to-bumper traffic. And I'm not talking just your normal traf-fic; this is the worst experience I've ever had in my entire life. People were getting out of their cars, standing next to their cars, on the freeway It was horrible! It took me eight hours. It normally takes three and a half. It was the worst at Oceanside I couldn't get off an exit. And I had to use the restroom. Two hours holding my pee! I almost threw up.



Joe Zammerzell

CD Retailer

Hillcrest

've been perpetrating road rage I've been perpetuating road for a long time. I don't drive, but I cross in front of cars all the time. I bring out the yellers and the honkers. It just happened — I was thinking of something, got a good idea, and someone honked at me. I usually repress it or take it home with me and let it build up. Sooner or later, I'll have to rage back.



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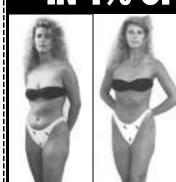
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- 20. Castaway's place
- 21. Son of Jacob and Leah
- 23. Proverb for some British ballroom dancers?
- 31. Hosp. areas
- Solo of "Star Wars"
- 33. Daytona 500 acronym
- 34. Like some opportunities
- 37. Coven participants
- 38. British sugar cubes, at times?
- 41. Delhi dress
- 43. More than make fun of
- 44. Covetous
- 47. La Paz's land: Abbr. 48. You, on the Riviera
- 51. Prize for some British who are on edge?
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- 56. Dentist's request
- 57. They may be caught off base 61. 1925 hit song (and this puzzle's theme)
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- 66. Community spirit
- 67. Boat maneuverer
- 68. Poolroom need
- 69. Amounts one can take
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- 3. Persistently pursues
- 4. Audition, with "out"
- 5. One who cries foul?
- 6. "Was ____ blame?" 7. Newswoman Zahn
- 8. White heron
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- 36. Some high fliers
- 38. City north of Anaheim
- 39. It's a gas
- 40. Bath powder
- 41. Joe Friday, e.g.: Abbr. 42. "___ we having fun yet?"
 45. Has some success
- 46. They may be B.C. or A.D.
- 48. Walk quietly
- 49. Certain ticket requests
- 50. Disregard
- 52. In the cards
- 53. More than mislead 54. Opposite of vert.
- 57. Old-time cinema lover's cable channel
- 58. Baby's cry
- 59. "... man ____ mouse?" 60. Small small?
- 62. Starts of sneezes
- 64. C.I.A. forerunner

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- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader (addressed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
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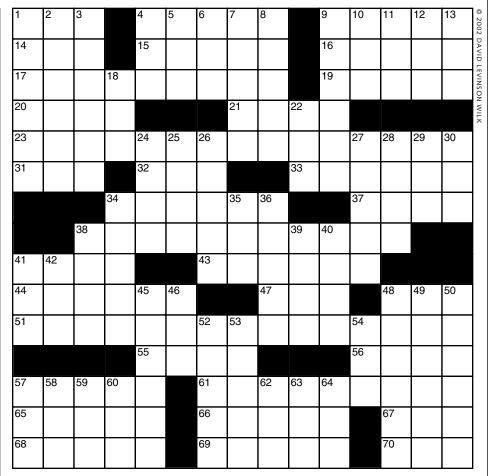
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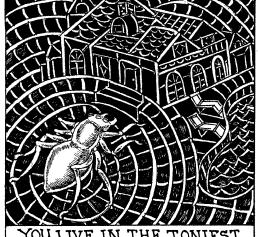
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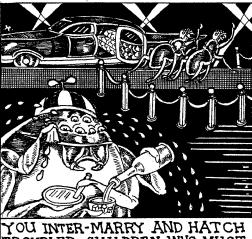
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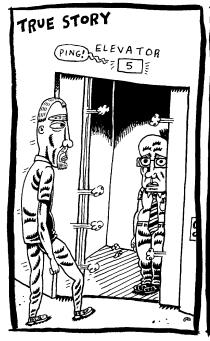
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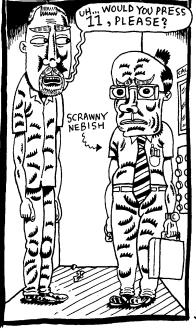
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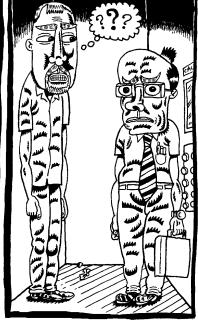
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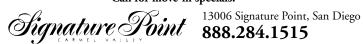
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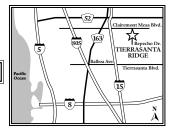
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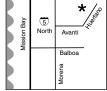


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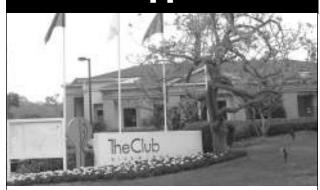
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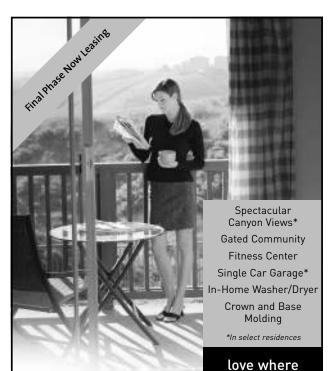
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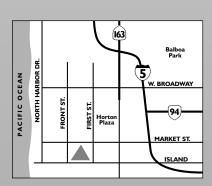
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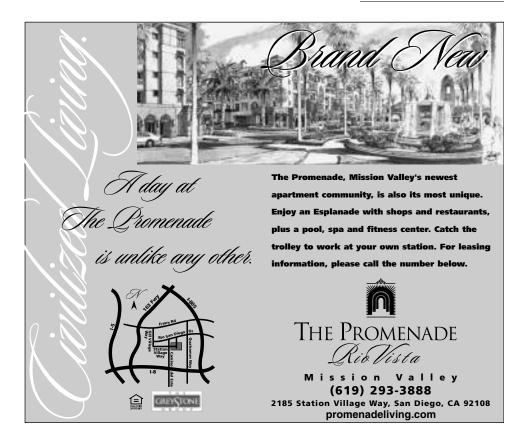
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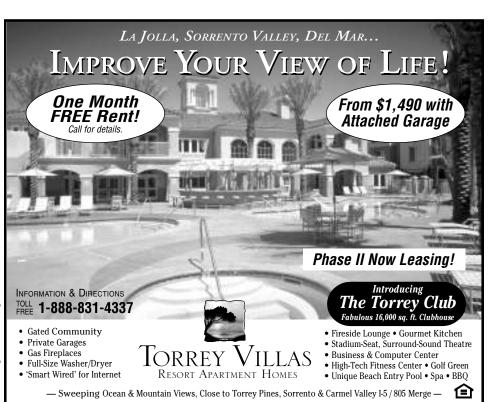
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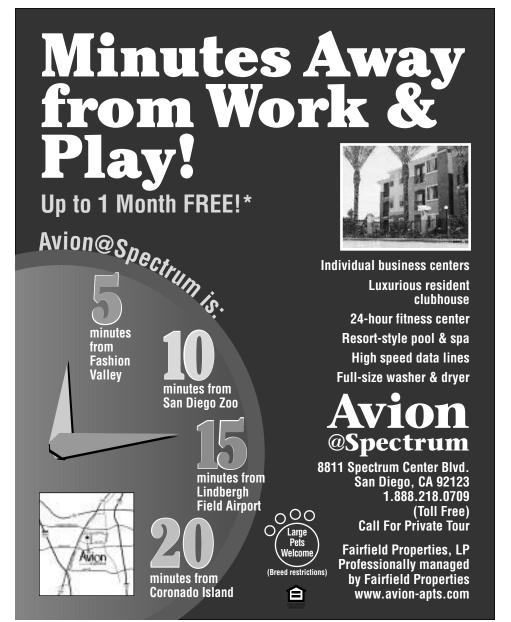
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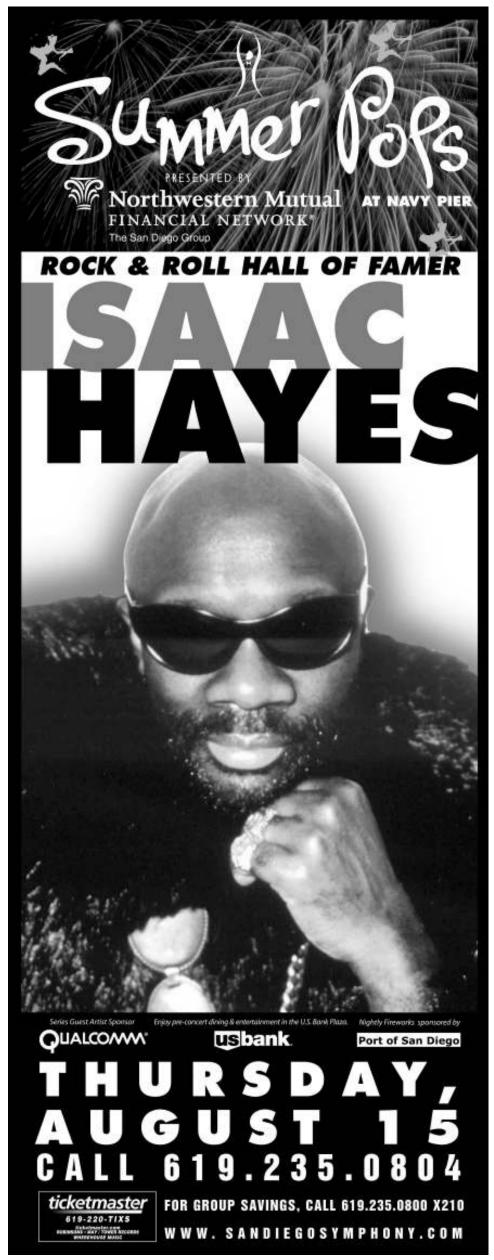
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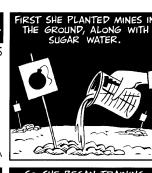
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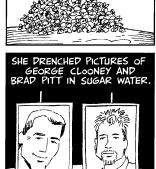




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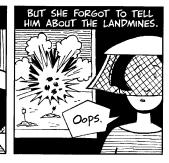
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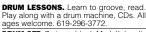


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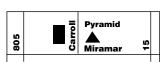
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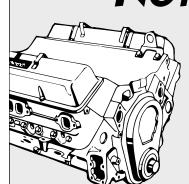
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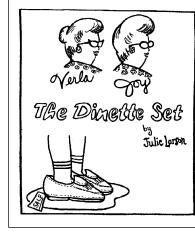
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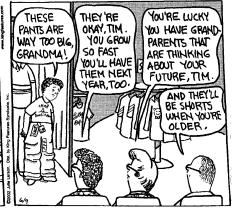
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By John Brizzolara

What was missing was marijuana smoke. Another thing that was different was lawn furniture: everyone I saw had a lawn chair instead of a blanket. Other than that it was the kind of evening in a neighborhood park one might have happened upon anywhere 30 years ago. Also there were more children, which I guess accounts for the dearth of mariiuana smoke.

After a certain age, everything reminds you of something else. This is known as historical perspective - it is also known as senility. It just keeps getting worse. With Sue Palmer onstage and her boogie-woogie band performing some tight gospel-and-jump rhythm rock, I was at moments transported back to the late '60s and early '70s. These moments are becoming increasingly known as "senior moments," no longer necessarily "acid flashbacks." It could have been Lydia Pense onstage with the San Francisco group (hot and famous for five minutes in 1968 and '69 in San Francisco) Cold Blood — or it might have been the Sons of Champlin around the same time and town. Sue Palmer's band compares extremely well, just no horns. But this is Trolley Barn Park in University Heights, San Diego, in the next century. Any senile or acidy displacement or merging of timelines I've long come to think of as "chronic events," a window on a different perspective of time that age affords you, exacerbated or augmented (depending on your value judgment) by experimenting with psychedelics in youth. But this is an unpopular subject, and someone is bound to interpret my comments on the Friday night "Summer in the Park" as an accusation of rampant drug use. No. I think a couple of anarchistic renegades defied the "no alcohol" request and smuggled in a bottle or two of Chardonnay, but other than that it was surprisingly sober fun. And there is more ahead on Friday nights in

The University Heights Friends of the Library had set up tables near the sidewalk bordering Adams Avenue, and I was attracted, in a straight line from the stage, to the used books. Paperbacks were a quarter, hardcovers 50 cents. I found a John Coyne novel and a Martin Amis, neither particularly collectible, but in perfect condition for one dollar. I would have spent a little more than that on orange sunshine in 1970, but this is what it has come to.

The University Heights Community Development Corporation Newsletter is available at the scene and reminds readers, "The park you're sitting in was formed when a group of residents fought the city tooth and nail, demanding that a neighborhood park be established on the site," instead of the construction of a high-rise apartment complex. Right on. Power to the people. Flash back to People's Park, Berkeley, '69. I'm not being facetious, my brain is actually fried.

This location, aside from being at one time a place to park trolley cars not in service, was apparently an ostrich farm. The ostrich farm was a place to, for one thing, buy ostrich feathers, a popular commodity for years. It was also a place one could ride ostriches. This strikes me as horrifying. When I was a kid, I learned that my great-grandfather, an Illinois railroad man for many years, met his death when he opened a boxcar with a shipment for the Lincoln Park Zoo and was kicked to death by one of these homicidal beasts. Yes. This was once Bentley's Ostrich Farm, but it is much safer nowadays.

The area was also known as the Bluffs and was the Balboa Park of its day, owned by John Spreckels. By the end of the 1940s, the trolley cars were replaced with city buses, and I can only assume the feral ostriches were systematically exterminated. Check with the Historical Society.

Meanwhile, I have something of a historical society in session in my head as I look at the stage and watch children boogie with abandon. In settings like



Power to the people of University Heights

this, for some reason, maybe because it's outdoors, it's always the children who start busting moves. It's always later the adults give in, maybe once they see no one is embarrassed, not even the little guy getting down with his training pants around his ankles. It then strikes me that many adults in these lawn chairs watching their offspring might well have danced pantless in front of the Quicksilver Messenger Service or Canned Heat back in the day. The community newsletter comments on this phenomenon.

"The spirit of the music finally motivates you to get up and dance, joining the legion of children who have been dancing in front of the stage throughout the concert. As you dance, you're laughing. The combination of music, friends, family, and food remind you once again that life is good. Summer in the Park isn't just a way to pass a pleasant Friday night; it's a way of celebrating our community and our lives here."

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My husband Patrick yearns for the good old days of camping. His mother would pack up the clan and a week's worth of grub and head the family van to the mountains. They'd spend the week fishing and hiking by day and laughing around the campfire by night.

Unfortunately for Patrick, he married a lady of comfort. My camping experiences have been few and plagued with discomfort. On our last excursion, I was six-months pregnant and allergic to some mountain flora. I sat up on the tent floor crying at 3:00 a.m. I only got about 20 winks. Still, I like the idea of sitting around a campfire, but preferably at the beach, and close enough to my house for me to come home, take a hot shower, and sleep in my kingsize bed. The problem is the fire rings at our favorite beach are always taken by the time we get there. So Patrick has been agitating to buy a portable fireplace, "Otherwise

I'll have to get up at 6:00 a.m. and get down there by 7:00 a.m. just to reserve a fire pit." The prospect sent a visible shudder through his body. I've been dragging

my heels on this purchase, however, because of some family history with portable pits. My sister-inlaw Anita had a harrowing camping experience with hers. Her toddler fell out of a chair and up against the grate of their low portable fireplace, burning her hands and face. "I've always borne a grudge against it," Anita explained. "We have used it a lot, though, and it has lasted. It is five years

But with the beach bonfire season well underway, I decided to heed Patrick's pleadings. I dropped the kids at Bernice's and Patrick

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"People are making fire pits by recycling old washingmachine tubs."

and I raced off to research the portable fireplaces. First stop: The Warm Hearth in La Mesa. They carried The Outdoor Fireplace by Pits & Platters (\$299 for the 30-inch fire bowl). The stainless steel spark screen is dome shaped, with a

foot rail surrounding the diameter. On two wheels and a steel pipe leg, this fireplace doubles as a barbecue grill, sits low to the ground, and a portion of the screen swings open for loading wood. The Pits & Platters brochure offered a warning on the spark screen: "When regular steel mesh is exposed to high temperatures, screen will begin to oxidize, rust, and deteriorate. Stainless steel will

The Sojoe Firepit (\$399 for fire pit; \$49 for the cover) was all about oxidation and rust. The round pit, sans wheels, is oxidized for the rustic effect, and Southwest motifs are carved out around the perimeter. The flat-top pit came with the barbecue grill, and its brochure suggested placing a tabletop on it when it is not being

hearty people and used for camping or at the beach, but its decor and price made it more appropriate for home-patio use.

Just down the road at Barbeques Galore, they also offered the Sojoe Firepit (\$399). A starsand-moons motif surrounded the 32-inch pit and a steel ring encompassed the fireplace, offering a guard for curious children and a footrest for those wishing to warm their toes.

Barbeques Galore also sells the Arctic 28inch (diameter) Outdoor Firepit (\$149.99), measuring about 45 inches high. The salesperson explained the advantage of the Arctic. 'The two doors open up, allowing easy access for logs, and you don't have to take the top off to add more wood," he explained. "There is a wooden handle on the lid and a wooden pull handle, and two wheels. The bottom of the fireplace is completely sealed so you need to vacuum or sweep out the charcoal."

A scaled-down version similar to the Arctic, with no doors, and a galvanized steel grill and two wheels is on clearance at Bar-

beques Galore for \$75. Always one for a bargain, I wanted to grab it. But Patrick, always a stickler for practicality, pointed out that the wheels would be useless in the sand and that it lacked carrying handles to compensate.

We moved on to BG's last fire pit, the Patio Hearth (\$119). "This is my personal favorite," said the salesman with a smile. "It looks like a bug." He was right. At 28 inches round, the fire pit was built

2 low to the ground, with a dome-shaped stainless steel screen, and it looked like some form of giant beetle. It comes with a cooking grate, and there is a steel ash pan on the bottom to remove ashes. But as its name suggests, the Patio Hearth, with its two-wheel design, was more appropriate for home use than the beach.

I dashed up the road to Dixieline. They also carry the Arctic 28-inch Patio Hearth, but for \$129. Cheaper than Barbecues Galore, but not the right design for our purposes.

On to Home Depot. They sell the Whalen Firepit Outdoor Fireplace (\$117). Similar to the Arctic in style with its cylindrical body and dome-shaped cover, the 28-inch-round, 45-inchhigh pit differs from the Arctic with its metal spiral pull handle and handle for the lid. "This cylinder would be annoying," grimaced Patrick. "I can't even get the lid to line up on the grate, nor the grate to sit straight on the base here in the store. Imagine what fun that would be at the beach with a fire in it," he said with a sar-

"Target carries two kinds of fire pits. The sleek-lined black steel Deluxe Outdoor Fireplace by New Braunfels Smoker Company costs \$149.99. It has an elevated platform for the fire, a steel log rack, and removable side screens. A curved steel handle sits atop. This fireplace has no wheels and no side handles to carry it — another patio fire pit.

The Coleman Campfire Grill (\$89.99) caught my eye. It was the first fireplace to tout portability. "Folds into a single compact and portable unit," the box stated. "Hinged doors for easy loading." The two-foot by three-foot fire pit has wooden handles on either end for carrying. It even sported a fitting used to hook up an external propane tank to use as a fire starter.

> Sport Chalet carried the Coleman Outdoor Hearth (\$99.97).

With a green pan and lid, and a black heavy gauge steel screen, it has two doors on each end. It sits on curved legs, but wheels can be bought separately. We were tempted. But a salesman warned, "I don't think that is very sturdy, to tell you the

truth. Kids could easily topple that." He added, "I have heard that people are making fire pits by recycling old washingmachine tubs. They take the steel tub out of the machine and put legs on it." The sturdiness, recycling, and cheapness of the project enticed me. I headed home and dialed up a Google search and, lo and behold, at the website Offroad.com there were step-by-step directions and pictures of how to construct your own fire pit. With a little enticing, Patrick just might be spending next weekend at the dump searching for a washing machine.

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My husband Jack and I had been planning this family vacation for a year and a half. A year ago March, at my father's funeral at Fort Rosecrans, Jack told my family, "We'll be up this summer. It's been too long."

I grew up in Mammoth. In 1974, after spending the first 12 years of my life in Pine Valley out in East County, I moved to Mammoth with my parents, my sister, and my two brothers. My parents had taken a job managing Tamarack Lodge, a historic inn and cabins on Twin Lakes, up a winding mountain road outside the town of Mammoth Lakes. I graduated from Mammoth High School. I took a year off between my freshman and sophomore years of college to go home to Mammoth and check groceries at Vons and ski.

During my adult life, I had visited Mammoth only a handful of times. Too far. Too expensive. My parents moved back to San Diego a dozen years ago. My siblings all settled down in Mammoth or the Eastern High Sierra after starting their lives elsewhere.

After I got married and had children, the trip to Mammoth became even more daunting. I remember a Thanksgiving trip when my oldest daughter Rebecca was a year old. On the way home, Rebecca screamed for 150 miles while I drove like a crazy woman down out of the high desert into San Bernardino. Rebecca was followed in quick succession by Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben. The trips to Mammoth stopped altogether. The last time we visited the Eastern Sierra, I was pregnant with Lucy. This October, we'll celebrate Lucy's sixth birthday.

In the meantime, Jack and I had visited his family in Ohio a number of times. After my father's funeral, Jack's parents, not knowing our plans to go to Mammoth, scheduled an August family reunion in Ohio for their combined 80th birthdays. "It will be my 80th birthday present to myself to fly you and the family back here for the reunion," Jack's dad told him over the phone. Jack couldn't refuse. We didn't go to

Mammoth last summer.

This spring, I picked a week in July. My sister found us a condo in Mammoth. As the week approached, she e-mailed me with plans. Tuesday morning, the week before we left, I sat at the computer with the kids gathered around me. Nine-year-old Rebecca leaned against my left shoulder. Lucy and Angela, aged five and seven, jostled for space on my other side. Four-yearold Johnny stood in front of Rebecca. Ben, 22 months, sat in my lap and tried to hit the keys. "We'll drive up Sunday," I told them. "Monday, Aunt Anita is having a picnic for us at a really pretty park. We'll get to meet some of the people she works with and see some of the people I went to high school with. Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan will be at the picnic, too. Tuesday, we're going out to dinner with Aunt Anita and Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan. Thursday, Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan are going to take you guys fishing, then we'll have a barbecue at their house."

"Are we going to catch real fish?" Johnny

"Yup," I answered. "With real fishing

poles."
"When are we leaving Sunday?" Rebecca

"Really early in the morning. Probably around three."

When I was a kid, we visited Mammoth and the Eastern Sierra in a series of summer vacations before we moved there. We always left at three in the morning to avoid driving through

the desert in the heat of the day. I remember the jittery, disoriented feeling of being awakened in the dark, then the excitement at remembering that this was the day. My mother would load us in the car. My father would drive down the darkened roads, cool air spilling through the windows opened just a crack. I would fall back to sleep with my head leaning against the station wagon door and awaken to watch the sun rise as we drove up the Cajon Pass north of Riverside. "We're almost halfway there," my father would announce.

Saturday night of the last full week in July, Jack and I packed and loaded our van until just past midnight. "We're not going to make 3:00," I told him as we fell into bed.

"I know," he agreed. "Let's shoot for four." At 4:30, we woke the kids. At 4:45, we drove away from our house, down darkened roads. The girls giggled with excitement in the far back seat. In the middle seat, Johnny and Ben stared out at the lights flashing by as we hurtled north on the 15. Jack dozed beside me in the passenger seat. I thought about my dad and our sum-

A few hours later, as the sky lightened, we approached Cajon Pass. We broke through some morning fog and saw the first rays of the sun work their way down the mountains to our left. As we crested the pass and looked out over the high desert, tears ran down my cheeks.

'Are you crying, Mommy?" Rebecca asked. "It's just the sun in my eyes," I lied.

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