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Sometimes I wish I could slice open the skin that covers my knees so I could poke around inside a bit. Without pain, of course. Without spilling any blood or other vital juices. And only if I could use magic to close up all the tissue when I was done. If I could do that, I'd love to get a good look at the ends of my thigh and shinbones. These bones meet at the knee. Their complex conjunction — the stuff that joins the two together — *is* the knee. What I would hope to see in mine would be a glistening white padding over the knobby bone ends, a coating smooth as the finest china, thick as white chocolate covering some sweet harder substrate.



Steri-Shield"

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Who Cares?

I have to comment on the article "Good Life in Sabre Springs" written by Jill Underwood in the August 8 edition. Life in Sabre Springs as Jill described it sounded so sappy it was stomachturning. Sounded more like the Stepford Wives in the Secret Garden. The testimonials did not even describe their community and life in it as rosy as Jill wanted to portray it. Did she ask everyone she interviewed to state the square footage of the house? Did it matter?

Ple-e-e-ease...there was a man now being charged with the murder of a child living amongst them. Welcome to not-so-perfect suburbia USA! There are many communities in San Diego where the neighbors are friendly, etc. What happened in Sabre Springs is a sad and unfortunate reality of life. Jill needs to wake up and become part of "real" life. C. Everett

Snobbish

I just finished reading "Good Life in Sabre Springs" by Jill Underwood (August 8), and it really made me see the light. It was tragic what happened to that little van Dam girl and my heart goes out to her family, but to read some of the remarks by the people interviewed showed me what kind of neighborhood Sabre Springs really is. Most of them sounded very snobbish, materialistic, and on the verge of being racist. None of them mentioned watching any of the trial but seem to have the man already guilty. They all seemed aware that there were "some African-Americans, some Asians" in the neighborhood, but "no Hispanics," according to Ms. Sanders. I say they can keep their SUVs and their "block parties," but they might want to get their house keys back from their neighbors. Good life in Sabre Springs? No thanks, I'll pass. Mozio

Appalling

I'm calling about the August 8 story, "Good Life in Sabre Springs." On the first page, you show a daughter with blond hair who's about seven years old with her father. I find this a little appalling because of what happened to Danielle in that neighborhood; and for her parents to see this, it's really appalling to me. I just wonder why — it's, like, kind of cold to me — why would you put a picture in there like that? And, saying the neighborhood's so good...I don't know if anybody's losing any real estate, I don't know if they're having problems selling their homes or buying a home, or they don't want to because of what happened in that neighborhood. But that's really appalling to me.

Joanne Nickerson

Great Sheep

Thank you, Mr. Opincar, for this week's "Sheep and Goats" (August 8). Your honesty and courage are refreshing. Jim C.

Tierrasanta

Offended

As a member of Shadow Mountain Community Church since 1984 and a choir member for seven years, I was deeply offended by how Mr. Opincar painted the church in such a negative way ("Sheep and Goats," August 8). Not only did he get the facts wrong, his sarcasm was obviously motivated by his anger at not having received the church's financial records he so greedily sought. I do not believe that was an appropriate concern of his. After all, a church is funded by its members' voluntary contributions. I am not a legal expert, but wouldn't permission have to be asked of every contributing member before a disclosure was made public? Contrary to his allegation that we are all "duped," I am grateful for my pastors who protect my right to privacy. In reviewing continued on page 74

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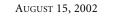
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Legally Blonde

By Jill Underwood

Court TV's Beth Karas arrived in San Diego on May 28, the first day questions for potential jurors began in *California*

vs. Westerfield. A graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Fordham Law School, Karas served eight years as an assistant district attorney in New York City before joining Court TV in 1994.

In a recent interview from the lobby of her downtown hotel, Karas responded to a reporter's questions. Her day, she said, "usually consists of me trying not to get up before 6:00 a.m. I go online, have breakfast in my room, and try and center myself. My workday usually goes until 7:30 or 8:00 at night."

Where are you from? I'm originally from western Massachusetts, a little town called Deerfield, but I've lived half my life in New York City.

Have you been able to go home on weekends when court was out?

I usually stay here. I did go home the Fourth of July and when court was out for a week. Last weekend I man-

aged to go home for a tuneup — had a massage, a pedicure, my hair done. I left Saturday and came back on Sunday. I needed some party clothes because I have to be at a wedding in Milwaukee. If Westerfield is convicted and the penalty phase gets dragged out, it's gonna be tight, because I need to be at the wedding. I'm seated next to one of President Bush's cabinet members, and I have some things I need to discuss with him. It's an opportunity I don't want to miss.

Are you always this much on the go?

I've always worked this hard. I was born a type-A personality.

What do you do in your spare time?

By the weekend, I'm tired. I'm a big reader, I'll get a massage. I went to the track for the first time ever two weeks ago and had a blast, probably because I'm reading *Sea Biscuit*, and it in-



spired me. I went with Colin Murray, who is a former deputy district attorney under Paul Pfingst. He took me and taught me everything I needed to know. I won \$10. He hit a \$500 trifecta.

I've also done some sightseeing, but mostly I like finding good restaurants. I like Roppongi, Kemo Sabe, Indigo Grill, Chive, Taka for the sushi, and I really like Sammy's California Woodfired Pizza.

I have friends here. They took me to Sabre Springs and Dehesa Road. As a trial lawyer you'd do that. We said a prayer at the Dehesa Road site.

The first week I was here I had a dinner date, and I've since had several more.

You got a date the first week you were here? Do you know how many single, accomplished women there are in this town complaining they haven't dated in years and you come and lower the odds? I was just sitting in a café and he approached me. But I know what you mean; it can be like that in New York too. I called my girlfriend in New York, who is 41 and single too, and said, "You've got to come to San Diego!"

What else do you do at night? I try to be in bed by midnight. I'll watch the KUSI wrap-up of the trial. The local coverage here reminds me of the early days of Court TV. I think they're very good. That guy Kerry [Steigerwalt] is very good. The coverage is not opinionated. It does a community service because it's presented in a straightforward, unbiased way.

How did you get the job at Court TV?

I went into this job still a lawyer, not ready to give it up because I'd paid all this money to become a lawyer and I wanted to work at it. The way it happened was Steve Brill was in New York doing an article on the New York criminal justice system. My boss, the DA, chose me out of 500 people for Steve to follow. He asked me to lunch, and I said, 'What, are you crazy? We don't get a lunch!' He wrote the article through my eyes, and it became a cover story [for American Lawyer].

The next year he came up with the idea for Court TV. I tried for an anchor job and bombed. He suggested that maybe I could be a reporter. I didn't want to give up my job as an attorney completely because I wasn't sure if the network was going to make it. Some things happened in my life that by three years later, I was ready to try Court TV again. Steve was great because he had this plan to take lawyers and teach them journalism. It wasn't a hard transition for me because I was used to digging and investigating a case.

Beth Karas

Which is more difficult: being a lawyer or a television reporter?

It's easier being a reporter. I don't get a headache like I did trying cases. I'm doing live TV, and I've been live during trials. My background as a trial lawyer and being called on in a courtroom was good training for what I do now because I already had the verbal skills and knew how to properly prepare for a case, which is like preparing for a story.

How hard was it to learn the other parts of being a television journalist: writing packages [news stories], learning to work with the thing that pokes out of your ear, picking the clothes, doing the makeup? I mostly do live shots. About continued on page 6

Matt Potter *is on vacation.*



News trucks at courthouse during closing arguments of the David Westerfield murder trial, August 6, 2002

What About **Hodges?**

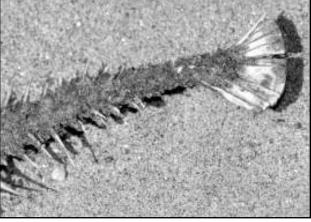
By Ernie Grimm

o San Diego County residents who drive Interstate 15, Lake Hodges has been their drought meter. Since the rainy

El Niño year of 1998, they've watched the lake's edge slowly recede from a mile east of the freeway bridge between Escondido and Rancho Bernardo to somewhere out of sight to the west. "Some people think the lake is gone," says Jim Brown of the City of San Diego Water

Department as he backs a 15-foot fishing boat out of a slip on the rental dock near the southeast corner of the lake. "They'll call and ask, 'Why did you let Lake Hodges dry up? You've mismanaged that lake.''

Lake Hodges hasn't dried up, but it's certainly low. As



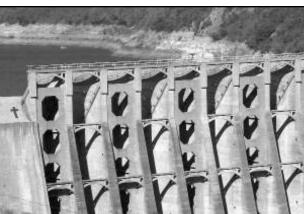
Brown steers the boat around the end of the dock and down the finger of the lake that stretches toward Interstate 15, the boat's propeller kicks up silt off the bottom, which lies only three or four feet below the surface. Brown points toward the right bank rising steeply out of the water. Three different types of foliage striate the bank. Within ten feet of the water's edge grows vibrant green grass, two feet tall in spots. Above that is a stripe of willow bushes. Above the willows, two nonnative species, wild tobacco and the giant reed arundo *donax*, compete. Just up the bank from that, the soil and rocks change from a dark to a light brown along a level line. "That's the high-water mark," Brown explains. "That's the level at which the water spills over the dam."

To figure out how far above the surface the lake's high-water mark is, Brown looks at a printout of the water levels of San Diego Water Department reservoirs: Morena, Barrett, Otay, Murray, San Vicente, El Capitan, Miramar, Sutherland, and Hodges. "If we go down the

page to Hodges here, it's at 74.25." That's the lake's depth at the dam. "Well, I know from memory that this lake spills [over the dam] at 115 feet. So the lake is 40.75 feet down. From the surface here up to that waterline is 40.75 feet."

The channel the boat is putting through is deserted except for a couple of shore fishermen on the south side and a few white-and-black grebes sitting on the surface. The grebes — about the size of a duck but sleeker, black on the back, white on the neck and throat - hardly seem to notice the boat passing within a dozen feet. Before long, tree stumps sticking up out of the water ahead induce Brown to turn the boat around. "This would be the mouth of the San Dieguito River, where it spills into the lake. We're over a mile from the I-15 bridge." That reminds Brown of a

former subject. "We get calls from people and they say, 'What are you going to do about Hodges? It's turning into a mud puddle.' What they don't understand is this lake is not fed by an aqueduct. It's fed exclusively by



View of Lake Hodges Dam from Del Dios Highway



runoff. It's not like San Vicente, which has not really been impacted by the drought because it's on the pipeline. So when people see that lake way up and this one

An archive of City Lights

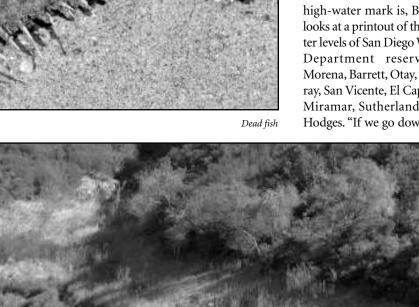
Low water level is indicated by white shore area showing previous waterline

way down, it causes them to scratch their heads."

Generally, nine out of ten gallons of tap water drunk in San Diego come from outside of the county, either the Colorado River or Northern California. That water is transported here in aqueducts and pipelines and stored in reservoirs such as Lake San Vicente, Otay Lakes, and Lake Murray. As Brown points out, Lake Hodges is not part of that system. All of the water in it fell as rain here in the county. Under those circumstances, it's surprising that there's any water in it at all, until you take a look at a watershed map, which shows the land area that drains into Lake Hodges. "Hodges has a huge watershed," Brown says. "It goes all the way up to the Iron Springs area on the side of Volcan Mountain near Julian. And it comes down into Santa Ysabel Creek and merges with a number of streams in San Pasqual Valley. And by the time it's \Box . headed out of the valley, it's called the San Dieguito continued on page 14

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continued from page 4 five a day, around 30 minutes with commercial breaks. I also do radio reports for the BBC. If there's a package that CITY LIGHTS

needs to be done, we have a producer. It's a skill I very much want to learn. I'll usually track it in the cab of our satellite truck. I started this in '94, and I look back and see that I don't look or sound the same at all, so that's prob-



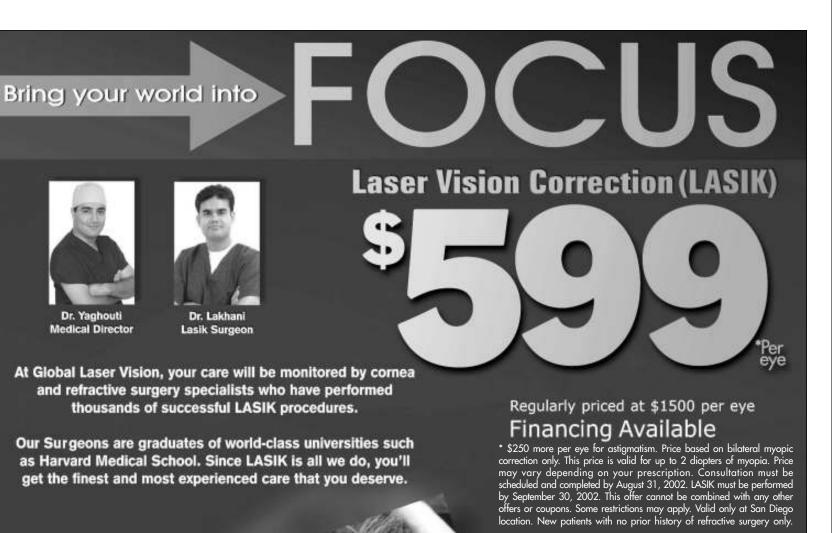
That thing in my ear is an IFB. Can you see it? I didn't know you could. You're not supposed to be able to. Anyway, I can hear the producer tell me when to wrap up, and it allows me to communicate with New York. Basically it's a phone line.

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We have a wardrobe consultant who I go shopping with. My clothes are bought for me. We go about four times a year in New York and to showrooms before the

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clothes hit the floor. They know my image — young and not too matronly. I probably get 15 suits a year. I usually do my own makeup, but right now our anchor is here so we get a little extra continued on page 8



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help.

How many people are here from Court TV? Do you so-

cialize with other people from out of town?

At first it was basically just me and a producer, plus our crew. There are more of us here now than before because the trial is winding down, and we need them for

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verdict coverage. We absolutely mix with others here and from out of town. I struck up a friendship with Kristin Green and Alex Roth from the Union-Tribune.

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How have your thoughts

changed about San Diego since you first arrived? Well, I'd been here once before. I was immediately impressed. Downtown was bigger than I remembered it being. I thought there were a lot of cranes, which is

a good thing, because that means growth, right? I learned that it was too cold in June; I was in Florida last June, and that's what I expected it to be like. I was prepared for humidity. I learned about June gloom.

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Also that there are far worse places to spend the summer of 2002.

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The climate is great, and San Diego has great people. Even though I'm often too tired to go to the gym, I love it here, though make no mistake: New York is the center of the universe for me.

What is it about this case that has captured so many people across the nation?

It's a 'Who done it?' For those who feel he did it, it's a how and why he did it. If he hid in the van Dams' house and stole her, it makes people think, 'If kids aren't safe in their own bedroom, where are they safe?' Plus the fact that he has no prior history, it's a real mystery. It's the same reason people enjoy shows like CSI and Forensic *Files*. They're popular because it's about solving the puzzle. People enjoy being detectives.

Is this case the reason we're hearing more about abductions than ever before?

I'm not sure there are more abductions. It may be the media focusing on these types of crimes. We might not be seeing this many stories had it not been in the news

Defense attorney Steve Feldman apologized to the jury during his closing arguments for some of his mannerisms. *Was that sincere or a ploy?* It's not unusual. He may have done it so as not to alienate the jury against his client. I think he probably knew he had to. Kind of like, 'Don't take out your feelings about me on my client.' You're gonna do what you have to do for your client, but I think he was probably sincere.

Did having a camera in the courtroom help or hurt this case?; and how does this case compare to other high-profile cases?

This is like the Jenny Jones case, the Michael Skakel case. We're accustomed to having cameras in the courtroom now on high-profile cases. What is different about this high-profile case is that it moved very quickly. The judge was particularly astute in this case because he kept it moving along. He did a very good job. The attorneys continued on page 13



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Legally blonde

continued from page 8 really can forget the cameras are there. They're focusing on the case, not on the court of public opinion.

What is going through the minds of the attorneys the night before closing arguments? Preparation for closing arguments happens as soon as a case begins, sometimes even during jury selection. I believe, especially for [prosecutor] Jeff Dusek, that by August 6 he was more than ready for this.

The styles of prosecutor Jeff Dusek and defense attorney Steve Feldman are very different. Any thoughts on how the jury reacted to both? Dusek is very thorough, very experienced. He showed emotion when he needed to. He's seeking the ultimate penalty of death, so he has to be somber and serious and he has been. Woody Clark too. They're both A team, some of the best I've ever seen. Steve Feldman and Robert Boyce are also excellent. Feldman has a razorsharp mind, incredible wit. I think the jury responded to him when things fell on him during his presentation. I can't tell if the jury actually liked one more than the other.

Once the verdict is in, is there one thing you can point to that both sides should or shouldn't have done?

I've seen nothing during the cross-examination of witnesses. Maybe if Feldman hadn't opened the door about the amount of porn in Westerfield's house. But I don't think one thing will contribute to the rise and fall of this case. Dusek's bug expert M. Lee Goff wasn't as clear in his explanation as he could have been. Again, that's not going to affect the rise and fall of this case. This judge gives the lawyers lots of free range, and the stakes are high.

Was it a good idea not to put David Westerfield on the stand and to allow the van Dams in the courtroom?

David Westerfield had already made his statement, and he wouldn't have varied very much from that. Having Damon and Brenda in the courtroom, there was no question they needed to be in there.

Having been around lawyers both as one and as a journalist, is public opinion of *lawyers fair?* Lawyers have good and bad days, but for the most part, it's probably accurate.

What did you want to be when you were a little girl, and what would you be doing if you *weren't an attorney/journalist?* I wanted to be a lawyer since I was 13. Maybe I'd do something in science if I wasn't doing this.

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What's on your CD player? Latin jazz. Charlie Haden,

Toots Thielemans, Marc Anthony, and Sarah Vaughan. I lived in Colombia when I was in college, so I like a lot of Spanish music.

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Why are there so many blonde anchors and reporters

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I don't know. Certainly not all are, but you're right, a good majority are. Maybe they're responding to a certain demographic. Is anyone really a true blonde these days?



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What about Hodges?

River."

Under normal circumstances, the San Dieguito River spills into the lake south of Escondido, though right now any flow occurring is subterranean. But in very wet times, the flow coming into the lake can be enough, as Brown puts it, to "fill and spill this lake in 24 hours. It's a startling fact, but there have been times when so much water has been coming into Hodges from rainfall and runoff that it would have filled and spilled in a 24-hour period had it been empty. That's 30,000 acre feet in a day. Hey, look at the guy over there pulling up a bass! Conversely, we can go through a ten-year period and not see that much water."

Viewed from above, Lake Hodges resembles a caterpillar in motion; its midsection is hunched up toward the north, as it prepares for a westward lunge. Just after Brown steers the boat around the peninsula forming this midsection, he points toward the left bank and says, "Look, there's a little buck right there."

On the bank, a buck with velvety antlers, two points on each side — "That's a fourpointer by Eastern standards, two-pointer by Western standards," Brown explains. The buck bounds up the steep bank away from the water's edge, where he had been drinking or eating the fresh green grass growing in the moist soil. A much smaller doe ambles up the hill behind the buck. When the two are above the high-water line, they stop, turn, and stare at the passing boat.

As we near the dam at the west end of the lake, the number of fishermen increases. Some cast from the shore, some fish from boats, others from float tubes that look like waders with an inner tube attached to them. Brown says the detrimental effect of drought on the recreational use of the lakes has been "...huge. You can't launch boats [because the water level is ten feet below the bottom of the boat launch ramp]. This lake, when it is full, is generally our bread-and-butter lake. It would generate enough income that it allowed us to support the other reservoirs in our system."

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The revenue loss caused by the lake's low level Brown estimates to be around \$100,000. "It's \$5 to put a boat in, and it's \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids 8 to 15. Kids 7 and under are free. So two adults coming out here, fishing and launching a boat, it will cost them \$15, if they could launch it. But they can't this season, and it really impacts us greatly, because we are not in a position to create the new physical facilities that are needed to accommodate people. We were going to try to pour more launch ramp this off-season. We poured 100 feet of ramp last year in preparation for this season, but the water did not come up onto it.

"There's an interesting irony in this low-water situation," Brown adds. "We start our season here in February or March. Whether or not we start in February or March often depends on whether the creek is running too high where it crosses the road as you enter the lake. If it's running too high to have people crossing it, we have to wait a little bit until it subsides Well, that hasn't been an issue lately. We typically close down season at the end of October, but in a year like this, where attendance is going to be falling off and interest is going to be falling off, we will probably close it earlier to try to save some expenses."

And Lake Hodges presents some personal irony for Brown. "When I started my career with the city," he recalls, "one of the first challenges that I had was opening up this lake — in 1976, as I recall — because it had gotten 'so big.' We'd had many years of drought, and it had been closed since 1957 because it was so low. Then we got some rain, and the lake filled up a bit, and we reopened it under pressure because people were coming to us saying, 'Hodges has filled up. Reopen it!' This year I'm retiring, and one of my final challenges is operating this lake while everyone is lamenting how low it is. The irony is, it's higher now than it was when we reopened it in 1976, when everybody was saying it was so high."∎



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Ma Alice lost the house keys so we've had to sleep in the car this week. Until we stop arguing about how we're going to get back inside, here's an encore presentation of some oldies that were true at one time and we suspect are still true today. It looks like Grandma Alice is getting up a game of rock-paper-scissors to settle this once and for all, so maybe we'll be back to work soon. Hey, Grandma just threw the rock, the paper, and the scissors through the living room window, so I guess we'll see you next week. Anyway, as they say: Previously - in "Straight from the Hip...

Dear Mr. Alice:

I have dimples and I want to know what they are. Where do they come from?

- Christopher, aged 8, San Diego

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Dear M.A.:

I brought up the "fact" that there is some sort of chemical or substance that is found in turkey which, when consumed, makes one sleepy. My cohorts either think I'm making this up or they just stare at me with one eyebrow raised. Please settle this once and for all, hopefully in my favor. – R. of NAÝSEAĆENPAC

Yours truly, MATALHIPCOL, says UWINTHEYLOSE. The TURKSNOOZECHEM of which you speak is the amino acid tryptophan, also found in BEEFCHEESEMILKBEANS(SOY). We normally ingest about a gram or so a day in our diet, not enough to have much soporific effect. I suspect you'd have to eat a ton o' birds to induce any major rack time. Tryptophan in pill form was removed from the food-supplement shelves for being too much of a good thing, blamed for inducing a blood disorder called eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome. But perhaps the abundance of tryptophan in turkey explains the birds' reputation for being dumb as a rock, though I've never heard they are particularly hard to wake up in the morning.

Dear Matthew Alice:

A number of years ago I read about a woman who had written a book of recipes she had developed that supposedly replicated the taste of the items of a number of fast-food chains. Did this book ever truly exist, or am I confabulating?

- N.A., San Diego

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Perhaps to avoid a legal mess, Gloria's disguised her knockoffs with names like Hopeless Oh Ohs, White Tassel hamburgers, Let-all Seize Her pizza, and Thunder Bread. To Gloria's taste buds, the Keen-tucky Colonel's secret herbs and spices can be duplicated with Good Seasons dry Italian salad dressing mix, vinegar, and heaps of salt. The principal ingredients in the filling for her Hostess Twinkies - sorry, Hopeless Twinkles - are sugar and Crisco, whipped to a frenzy. If you want some I-made-it-myself Dr. Pepper or Coke to go with Gloria's Big Match burgers, see Steven Tchudi's volume Soda Poppery, also available at the library.

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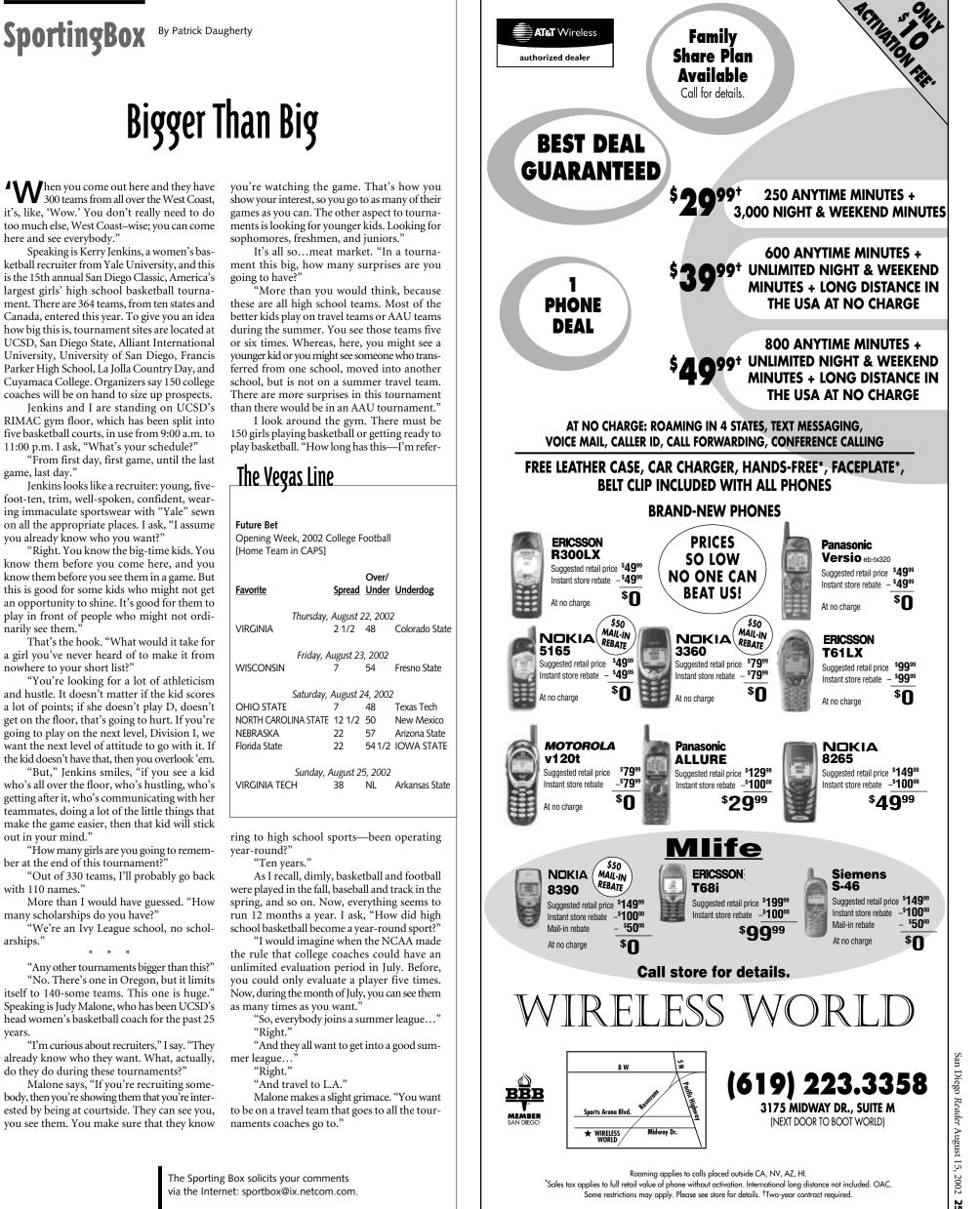
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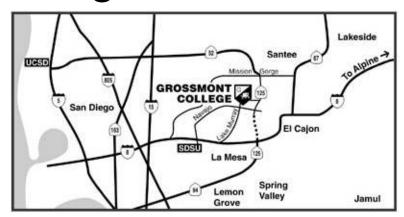
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Denomination: International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Address: 820 Williamston St., Vista, 760-726-4856 Year founded: 1952 Senior pastor: Rev. Roger Friend Congregation: 200 members Staff: two full-time, two part-time Sunday school enrollment: 75 Annual budget: \$284,000 Weekly giving: \$5300 Singles program: yes Diversity: white, Hispanic, African-American Dress: casual to dressy Services: Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

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"Something strange is going on at Vista Christian Fellowship," said Gary Sinclair, a gentleman who e-mailed me several weeks ago. "I've never seen anything like it. You ought to check the place out."

When I spoke with Sinclair he explained that, "Eighteen years ago God completely healed me of multiple sclerosis. I've seen plenty of miracle healings since then. But I've never seen any-

thing like what's happening at Vista Christian Fellowship. Our son and daughter-in-law go there. They told us what was going on."

What's been happening at Vista Christian Fellowship is a series of 24 miracle healings that have occurred since Todd Bentley, a 24-year-old Canadian evangelist, visited the church two months ago.

The church now sends its members a newsletter that details these alleged healings. Lung cancer, myopia, herniated discs, irregular heartbeat, arthritis, irritable bowel syndrome, asthma, liver failure. The list is rather impressive. But when I last week spoke with Reverend

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Roger Friend, Vista Christian Fellowship's senior pastor, he told me, "The healings are only half the story."

Vista Christian Fellowship belongs to the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, the Pentecostal denom-

ination founded by Aimee Semple McPherson, an expansive pastor who'd sometimes addle her Los Angeles congregation by riding a motorcycle into the sanctuary.

Like other maverick denominations, Foursquare has mellowed in the recent past.

"I'd say we're pretty much split right down the middle," Reverend Friend explained to me. Fifty-percent of Foursquare churches embrace the more ardent Pentecostal practices like "holy laughter." The rest now opt for a more mainstream charismatic style of worship.

Last Sunday morning at Vista Christian Fellowship, the only practice that struck me as particularly Foursquarish was the banner-waving. Several women stood at the front of the congregation, waving large bright flags in time to the contemporary hymns. I noticed a cautionary blurb in the bulletin that read, "We wish to encourage an atmosphere of freedom in worship; however, please refrain from the use of tambourines during the service."

The hymn-singing went on for 50 minutes.

A fuse had blown and the air conditioner wasn't working. People fanned themselves with their bulletins. Gary Sinclair, sitting near me, sipped from a bottle containing the "juice of 49 different greens infused with sunlight."

Reverend Friend came to Pentecostalism by way of stints in the Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA, the Episcopal Church, and the American Baptist Church. His great love, he told me, was philosophy, "from the pre-Socratics all the way to Dewey." He spoke to us for 45 minutes without referring to notes.

"What I'm going to give you this morning isn't a sermon, but a commission. For the past several weeks I've talked with you about faith. Now it's time for you to live faith.

"It doesn't matter what your social background is — if you're from a poor family or a rich family, from an educated family or an uneducated one. The Bible shows how people from every kind of background, from the lowest to the highest, became people of faith.

"But we don't have much time to live our faith. Life is extremely short. Our lives are extremely

short. And the Bible tells us that in the brief time that we're here on earth, we must live a life that effects others. We must befriend people in times of need. We must show compassion to others. We must share our faith. We have to share with others what's happening in our church."

After the service I asked Reverend Friend what he meant when he told me that the recent miracles were only "half the story."

"At the very same time these healings started to happen, our church began to move in an entirely new direction. We'd looked around and seen that Vista is now 45 percent Hispanic and only around 43 percent Anglo. The world is changing. Vista is changing. I don't believe God wants Christians to be racially or ethnically segregated.

nically segregated. "We decided to start having simultaneous English-Spanish translations at our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service. We

decided to start a completely bilingual 6:00 p.m. Sunday service. On Thursday nights we instituted a Spanish-language class so our members could learn to speak Spanish. We hope to soon start an English as a second language class on Wednesdays. We've managed to attract 60 new Hispanic members.

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"But not everyone was happy with these changes. We had about 30 people leave the church. For some of them, the outreach to Spanish speakers was the last straw. Others frankly had racial issues. They couldn't accept the idea of worshipping with Mexicans. But if you asked me if all the healings had anything to do with our new outreach, I'd have to say we couldn't have had one without the other."

I asked Reverend Friend why a god who heals cancer couldn't heal someone of racism.

"Because God is very careful not to interfere with free will. Racism is a choice that someone consciously makes. Cancer, on the other hand, isn't a choice. No one chooses cancer." — Abe Opincar



Dear Aunt Trudy,

I think you should reconsider your advice to "Living with a Liar." She was the woman who wrote that while she wanted to marry her boyfriend, she was having doubts because he lied to her about small things. My story may interest her. At 40 I married a 47-year-old man who occasionally "fibbed" to me. I stressed to him over and over how important honesty was to me, and he always agreed never to tell me another lie. Twenty years later I'm stuck with this loser. After 15 years of marriage I found out he's an ex-felon! He still lies. Marrying him was the biggest mistake in my life. I never feel really comfortable because if he isn't in my sight, I wonder what he's doing and what the consequences will be. Sometimes his actions end up costing me thousands of dollars and buckets of tears. A liar is a liar and could be hiding much more that this young lady suspects. I say she should RUN as fast as she can away from him.

SADDER BUT WISER IN LOGAN HEIGHTS

Dear Sadder.

Thanks for sharing your hard-won smarts with a younger sister who may be in need of a reality check. And if you're as disillusioned as you sound, must you remain in this painful marriage? I may be naive, but I like to believe that it's never too late for a fresh start

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I've gone out on five dates with a nice, gentlemanly guy who was introduced to me by mutual friends. We are both in our mid-20s. Now, I'm no sex fiend. Actually I'm a bit shy, but after five dates and not even a peck on the cheek or a held hand, I find myself feeling a tad funny. Should I just be patient? He has asked me out again for this weekend. Do you think he might be expecting me to make the first move? I don't want him to think I'm aggressive or a nympho, but I am at a loss in terms of how to make a first kiss happen, or to see if he even wants one to happen. It always looks so easy in the movies; it just seems to occur by magic. My impression is that he likes me, this being the sixth time he's wanted to go out, but that he might be shy too. Any tips? UNKISSED AT USD

Dear Unkissed,

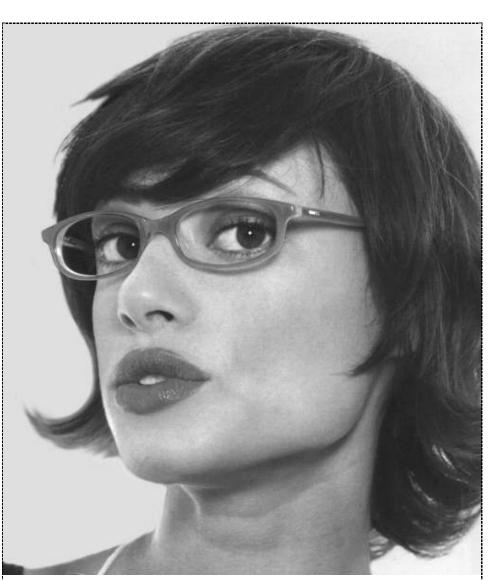
What a sweet letter. I'm not such an old lady that I've forgotten what bliss a kiss can be. That wordless melding of mouths can speak volumes and make one wildly grateful to be human and equipped with lips. You have lots of options. You can enjoy the delicious anticipation a little longer. There are no rules or timetables about these matters,

and you're not backwards just because the relationship hasn't become physical. This kind of glorious distress (to kiss or not to kiss) is familiar to all of us. It has driven people to resort to boldness, coyness, wit, mood creation, ruses, carefully thought out music and wine selections, cooking together (which can be surprisingly intimate), you name it to deal with this very impasse. I hope that whatever you do (even if it's absolutely nothing) that it's based on what you feel comfortable with and what's in your heart. I know that sometimes the anticipation of waiting, wondering what he really thinks of you, will it ever happen, can be excruciating. But there can be a kind of thrill, too, in protracted anticipation. Have you asked your girlfriends for advice? Back in my day, when fire had recently been discovered and giant sloths lolled about in the treetops, softly humming, people sometimes broached the subject by talking a little about how they felt about each other. You don't have to get crazy or make big declarations. Sometimes something like "I'm really having fun hanging out with you," or "I had a great time with

you last Saturday at the rodeo" can be a way in. Such admissions can be daunting too. Often no one wants to make the first move because that carries with it the risk of rejection. Sometimes a physical compliment can lead to a caress. Do *Reader* readers of any persuasion want to put in their two cents about how to elicit a first kiss? A semi-safe way to make a foray toward the subject can be to joke around. I know one woman who finally put her hands on her hips, did her best Bette Davis imitation, and drawled, "What's a girl got to do to get kissed around here?" If that isn't a line from a movie, it ought to be.

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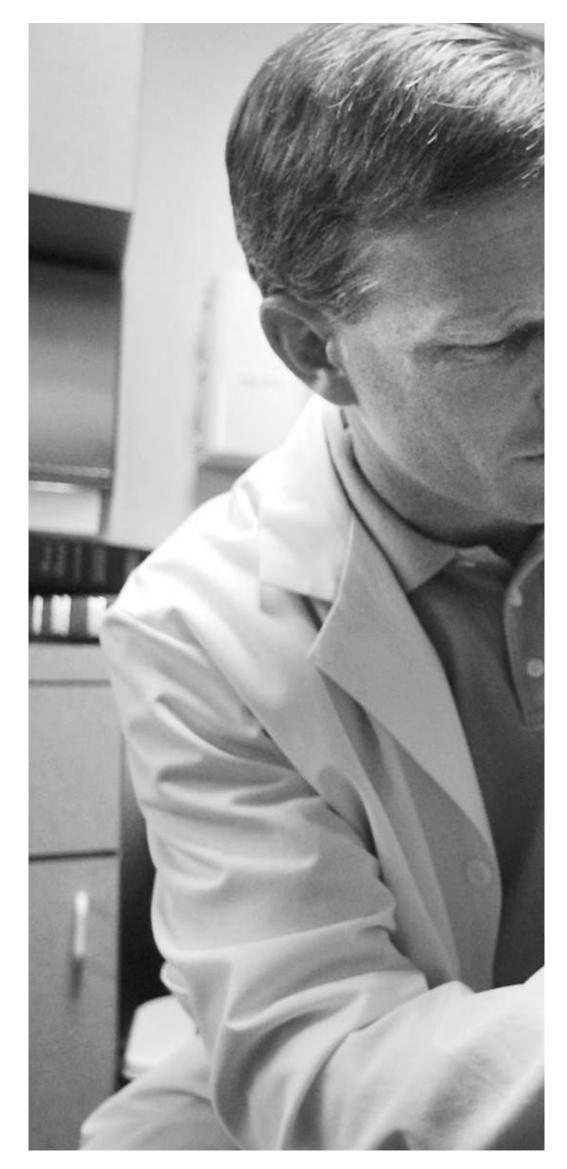
Bad Knees

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HAT'S WHAT YOU SEE in great knees, those in the best condition, which I suspect mine are not. My knees are 49 years old, and they often crackle and pop. Sometimes they ache when I run. At other times, random painful twinges shoot through them.

I try to be optimistic. An optimist can look at human knees and marvel at their prodigious competencies. The largest, strongest, and heaviest joints in the body, they not only support most of our weight, but they enable us to lope and crawl and stride and skip and tiptoe and otherwise perambulate. Viewed through a darker lens, however, knees also rank among the most vulnerable of body parts. They're the anatomical site most often treated by bone and joint doctors, according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Americans visit doctors' offices close to 11 million times a year because of some kind of knee problem. Over the course of the 1990s, knees overtook hips to become the joint most often replaced by surgeons. First done in 1968, the procedure involves cutting out the ruined knee surfaces and creating a substitute hinge made out of metal and plastic. Total knee replacements more than doubled over the past decade, from 129,000 in 1990 to 267,000 in 1999. Some medical authorities have estimated the number will almost double again over the next 30 years, climbing by 454,000 such operations per year by 2030.

Knees can fail in so many ways. The four fibrous ligaments that lace the shin and thighbones together can be stretched to the point



WAS A DULL THROBBING AFTER A LONG DAY ON MY FEET.



Dr. William Bugbee



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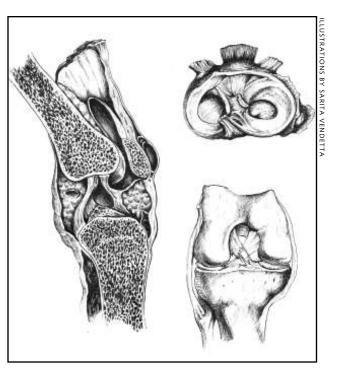
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of ripping or snapping. The forwardmost of the two ligaments that crisscross behind the kneecap (the anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL) is particularly prone to injury; more than 95,000 of them in the United States tear every year, according to the orthopedic surgeons' organization. "People often tear the ACL by changing direction rapidly, slowing down from running, or landing from a jump," the surgeons' website informs visitors. "You might hear a popping noise when your ACL tears. Your knee gives out and soon begins to hurt and swell."

That sounds so decorous, genteel, compared with my

experience with ACL destruction. This memory is pinned like a slalom pole to a ski slope in Keystone, Colorado, on the morning of February 8, 1997. It's a beginner's slope, and it glitters in the sunshine of a lovely day, but it's too steep a slope for someone like me who's spent no more than three hours on downhill skis in the course of her entire lifetime. I start down it, but within a very few seconds realize I'm heading — too fast! for a grove of trees, so I shift my weight in a clumsy attempt to lurch away from danger. I lose my balance, and as I hit the snow my left leg folds up beneath me at an unnatural angle, a



The knee (clockwise from left): lateral view; cross-section; posterior view

move that detonates a small atomic bomb of pain. Ground zero is my knee, but the pain mushrooms out; the shock wave brutalizes every neuron in my

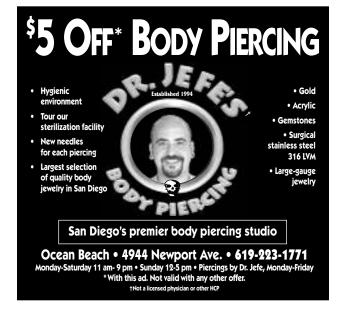
body. Along with the pain, I feel horror. I still feel it today in this memory. It's the horror of knowing you've just made your body do something

unspeakable, something that has broken it.

I never did hear the revolting popping sound that's said to be on the soundtrack of so many ACL disasters; but within moments, the swelling had transformed my trim normal knee into a fat person's knee, bloated and alien. In the days that followed, along with the pain, waves of nausea washed over me every time an imprudent move reminded me of how loosely my lower left leg had become connected to its upper half. (Orthopedic examination revealed that I had also ripped the collateral ligament that secures the thigh

and shinbones along the inside of the leg.) At times it felt as if my shin and foot were connected to the rest of me by nothing more than skin, as if a simple push might break them off.

Little by little, the feeling of vulnerability receded as the side ligament healed. In contrast, anterior cruciate ligaments never heal, my doctor informed me, and many orthopedic surgeons perform surgery to reconstruct torn ACLs. For the repair material, they harvest a strip of tendon from some other site in the body, such as the kneecap or the hamstring. But reconstructive philosophies in the spring of 1997 were in flux,









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according to my orthopedic surgeon, who recommended waiting a couple of months to see how stable my knee became. "It looks like a third of all patients can resume their normal activities even if they don't have the surgery. A third are fine if they modify their lifestyle somewhat. And a third wind up having so much instability that they need to have the reconstruction," he told me.

I wound up in the lucky group. I got some occupational therapy for a few weeks but had no surgery. Six months later, my only reminder of the accident was a dull throbbing after a long day on my feet. Even that disappeared after a few more months. My doctor warned me that I appeared to have injured the edge of the meniscal cartilage in

my left knee. It might heal on its own, or it might cause me trouble later on, he said.

Meniscal damage is another common way for good knees to go bad. The menisci are semicircular pads of rubbery cartilage that sit at the junction where the thighbone meets the shinbone; orthopedists like to compare them to shock absorbers. Injuries and wear can cause this tissue to rip and fray in a number of ways, and when that happens, the results can include pain, stiffness, and instability. Doctors have learned that if they trim away the frayed or torn edges of a meniscus, the knee will often feel good as new, though if they take the whole thing out (which of course they tried for a while), bad things happen. Over the past 20 years, it's become com-



mon to effect meniscal repairs arthroscopically, that is, through small incisions using chopstick-sized arthroscopes and special surgical instruments.

With more than a million and a half knee arthroscopies performed annually, arthroscopic meniscal repair is the most common operation done today in America, according to Dr. James Tasto, a local past president of the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

Yet another bad thing that can happen to knees is that the bones that meet there can break. That's what happened to Meghan McShannic, with whom I talked as she was recovering from knee surgery at UCSD's Thornton Hospital. McShannic, a youthful 45, worked as the controller for a Bay Area dot-com. She lived in Walnut Creek but had come to San Diego to have her knee surgery, and she shared with me the sad prelude to that decision. Ten or 15 years ago, she and her husband had become avid skiers, she said. They'd traveled throughout the West to indulge their passion and had even bought a house near Tahoe.

Toward the end of April 2001, they were out at Alpine Meadows. "It was my 22nd day of skiing that season," she recalled. "There was two feet of heavy new spring snow, and I caught an edge, and — I don't know. It was sort of a freak thing. I fall all the time, and there was nothing overly dramatic about this fall. Until I landed."

McShannic said it was obvious on the slopes that she had broken something, but in the emergency room in Truckee, an X-ray revealed the extent of the bad news. The top of her tibia (the shinbone) had shattered. McShannic had her first surgery in the Bay Area in April of 2001. Her surgeon at that time inserted three large titanium screws to pin the pieces of her bone back together. By August she was walk-



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ing again, but it was clear that her leg had healed with a deformity. "It basically made me knock-kneed," she explained. In November of 2001, her Bay Area doctor had examined the interior of the knee with an arthroscope. "That actually improved things quite a bit," McShannic said. 'Cause it cleaned up a bunch of the scar tissue." But it also revealed more bad news. "All the places where the bone had shattered, I had lost cartilage."

McShannic wasn't talking about meniscal cartilage, but rather the other type of cartilage found in knees, so-called articular or surface cartilage. This is the slippery white

tissue that covers the ends of the thigh and shinbones. One of its functions is to spread out the loads that are

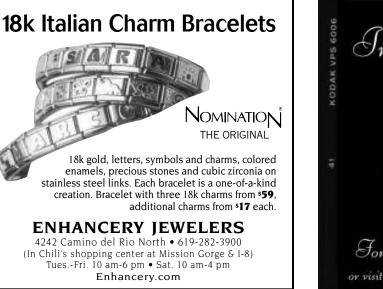
they hold us upright and move us through cartilage also helps the

put on those bones as two bones to glide smoothly over one another. Researchers our activities. Articular say the friction in a healthy knee is close to zero. "Cartilage slides against cartilage at least ten times better than ice on ice," one told me. "And ice on ice is an order of magnitude better than a lot of other materials."

Another amazing thing about articular cartilage is its wearresistance. "It's a remarkable, remarkable material," exclaimed Dr. William Bugbee, an assistant professor of orthopedics at UCSD's Medical School. "It can withstand these loads that are upwards of three and four and seven and ten times body weight. Millions and millions of cycles a year for the average person. You think about the loads! No mechanical device on earth can withstand that." Still, despite its toughness, articular

cartilage can be damaged by accidents like the one McShannic suffered. When that happens, yet another remarkable characteristic comes to the fore: its ineptitude at healing.

In this regard, it's instructive to contrast articular cartilage with skin or bone. Rip into your skin, and within seconds blood starts bringing repair materials to the site. Inflammatory cells and other blood-borne substances trigger a series of reactions that rebuild the damaged tissue; before long the site can look as good as new. Bone is even better at fixing itself, according to Bugbee. When it is injured, it repairs itself with normal bone rather than with some kind of scar tissue.





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For centuries people have known that cartilage falls at the other end of the healing spectrum. Writing in 1743, a medical researcher named Hunter noted that "it is universally allowed that ulcerated cartilage is a troublesome thing and that once damaged, it is not repaired." A couple of factors explain this, Bugbee told me. For one thing, articular knee cartilage has no blood supply. Instead it's nourished by synovial fluid, a clear, viscous liquid that functions like a sort of

a paucity of cells. "It's sort of like a Jell-O mold," the surgeon said. "Ever done Jell-Os with fruit inside? Maybe you have a grape every three inches. That's what cartilage is like. Each grape is a cell, and the Jell-O is the matrix." That matrix is a complex framework of collagen studded with large, specialized molecules, water, and the cartilage cells. Designed to be smooth and lubricating and withstand huge forces, the matrix is "the white stuff at the end of the chicken bone,"

THE FAT LOOKED LIKE THE YELLOW SLUDGE YOU FIND WHEN CUTTING UP RAW CHICKEN.

futuristic engine oil one that not only squishes between the moving parts but also absorbs into their surfaces and helps to make them slippery. For all its mechanical elegance, synovial fluid doesn't contain any of the healing agents carried by blood, such as cells and platelets.

Another reason cartilage heals so poorly may have to do with its structure. "Cartilage is unique," Bugbee said. Compared to other parts of the human body, the tissue matrix contains Bugbee said.

If its structure and lack of a blood supply mean that most damaged knee cartilage won't heal, those same characteristics also make it an excellent candidate for transplantation. "Cartilage doesn't generate much of an immune response from the host," Bugbee told me. "We think that's because there's no blood supply, so the antibodies in the blood and the cells that identify foreign materials don't get to it. And number two, the cells



that would cause the immune reaction are inside the cartilage matrix."

Recognizing the opportunity created by those conditions, a couple of UCSD orthopedic surgeons in the early 1980s started performing some of the world's first transplants of fresh (as opposed to frozen) knee cartilage. Bugbee learned about their work when he did his orthopedics residency at UCSD in the early 1990s. He then went to the Anderson Orthopaedic Research Institute in northern Virginia for additional training in arthritis and joint-replacement surgery. But he returned in the fall of 1997 to become the

head of UCSD's jointreplacement and cartilage-transplant program. Today, in addition to teaching some classes, he specializes in arthritis surgery. He says outfitting patients with artificial (plastic and metal) joints is the mainstay of his surgery business. He probably does 250 of those operations a year (half of them hips and half knees). But he also transplants living knee tissue 40 or 50 times a year. "That's more than anybody else on earth," he told me.

I imagine that Bugbee's med school students enjoy listening to him lecture. He's good at explaining things. What the surgeon actually transplants, he told me, is a

chunk of the end of the dead person's thigh or shinbone, a chunk that's covered with healthy articular cartilage. Though most patients only need the healthy cartilage, you can't transplant it

cavity it's placed in. So in the transplant surgeries that Bugbee performs, the bone anchors the cartilage to the new site. A narrow seam exists between the donated cartilage and the patient's own

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alone because there's no good way to make it stick to the recipient's bone and thrive there.

That's not the case with bone. It does a terrific job of growing into and becoming one with whatever bony

the bony part of the graft, that wouldn't be a problem. The second most frequently transplanted tissue (after skin), bone is usually frozen or freeze-dried. In that state, it can be stored for a long time and easily transported, and once placed in a surgical site, it works well as a scaffold into which new living bone cells can grow.

Cartilage, however, is another story. Bugbee explained that the transplant operation requires live cartilage cells because those cells work to keep the matrix healthy. Once in their new home, they can survive for decades. "We've done studies and found cartilage cells living 10 and 20 years" after transplantation, the

United States have set up systems for collecting and storing fresh human knee tissue. Bugbee says that's because the logistics of harvesting, screening, and processing the tissue tends to be daunting. San Diego's tissue bank became an exception to that rule because of the pioneering knee-transplant research done at UCSD 20 years ago. Since then, collecting knees from cadavers has become routine here, which is why Bugbee has been able to do so many of the transplant surgeries.

Open one of the big refrigerators at the Lifesharing tissue bank in Mission Valley, and you're apt to find a large white plastic tub bearing a red sign marked "Bugbee Knees." The tub often

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holds fresh human knee parts doublewrapped in thick blue paper and packaged in clear plastic. Whenever Lifesharing acquires a bigger supply of these parts than Bugbee needs for his upcoming patient lineup, the local tissue bank freezes the excess parts and sells them to a Denver-based company called Allosource. (It in turn sells the frozen knee parts to doctors who need them for other procedures.) Bugbee says the number of orthopedists who have performed the fresh tissue transplants has been growing. "There's probably a thousand doctors who've tried it once. And there might be 50 who've done 5 or 10 surgeries and 10 doctors who have done 20 or 30." (In contrast, Bugbee figures he's performed close to 200 of the knee transplants.) For most doctors, the shortage of tissue remains a limiting factor, he says.

In the year 2001, 170 San Diego County families gave permission for various parts to be taken from their newly deceased loved ones, according to Sharie Shipley, the senior community development specialist for the San Diego-area tissue bank. Those numbers don't include the county's 66 organ donors. When talking about the extraction of tissues or organs from people who've died, tissue-bank personnel no longer use the word "harvest," Shipley instructed me. "We say 'recover.' So as not to scare people." Out of a similar concern, the organization two years ago changed its name from the slightly plunderous-sounding Organ and Tissue Acquisition Center to



the gentler Lifesharing. Better than most people, Shipley knows the joy a single organ donation can bestow. In March of 1995, a donated liver saved her life after she discovered that hepatitis C undetected in her body for 20 years — was destroying her own liver. "I know firsthand that [organ transplantation] works," she told me, adding, "that's why

I'm pretty passionate about my job."

Although the general public tends to be aware of the need for organs (hearts, livers, lungs, kidneys, pancreases, and small intestines), Shipley says people don't think as much about tissue — material from the body such as kneebone and cartilage. "Mostly, tissue is used to enhance life, rather than save it," she pointed out. Also, its distribution tends to be diffuse. A single tissue donor might contribute corneas to two different individuals, enough skin to help six burn victims, plus bone, tendons, joints, veins, and heart valves that might benefit an additional 50 or more recipients, according to Shipley. The widespread nature of this benefaction makes it harder to find clear, dramatic stories that can be used to publicize the need for tissue.

One factor does make it harder to secure organs as opposed to tissue: the only people who can donate organs are individuals who've been declared brain dead by at least two doctors (unconnected to the transplant team). Before their brains die, such patients are placed on ventilators to help them breathe. As a result, when their brains die, their organs are never deprived of oxygen, and thus they suffer no irreversible damage. Shipley says people don't understand this requirement. "They say, 'There are car accidents every day. Why are there so many people on the waiting list for organs?' "

With tissue, you have a bit more leeway. The donor doesn't have to die in a hospital while on a ventilator. Shipley says when a corpse is quickly refrigerated, Lifesharing can recover tissue from it for up to 24 hours after the death. (Without refrigeration, Lifesharing's outer limit drops to 12 to 13 hours postmortem in most cases.) But other factors restrict the number of tissue donors. The dead person can't have had any sort of infectious disease; Lifesharing personnel interview the family members and medical personnel run tests to screen for this. And when the tissue in question is knee cartilage, age also shrinks the potential pool. Bugbee won't use the joints of anyone over the age of 40. And he says, "A lot of the 30s to 40s don't have healthy tissue." Among younger people, car accidents and suicides tend to be a common cause of death. But those events often mangle otherwise impeccable knee joints.

I got a taste of the unpredictability of Bugbee's work when he invited me to observe one of his transplant operations. As things turned out, we had to wait two weeks before the demands of his travel schedule and the supply of available knee parts came together in a way that enabled down to consult with Bugbee (whom she'd heard about from her brother-in-law, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon in San Diego). Bugbee had answered all her questions. "He told me that a tibial

CARTILAGE IS VERY INTERESTING ELECTRI-CALLY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU SQUEEZE IT, IT ACTUALLY GENER-ATES VOLTAGES AND CURRENTS."

Meghan McShannic to have her surgery. McShannic's knee pain had increased a lot in January. "I don't know if it was the weather or what. But most of January, I was limping pretty badly." In February, she had flown plateau fracture was one of his favorite reasons to perform [a transplant] and that they typically had good outcomes." If she didn't attempt to have the cartilage repaired, "I was looking at a total knee replacement in three to five years," McShannic said. She felt too young for that.

McShannic had thus flown to San Diego again on the evening of March 13. At 6:30 the following morning, a cluster of medical personal fluttered around her in a cubicle near the Thornton Hospital's operating rooms. She signed consent forms and talked with the anaesthesiologist, while Bugbee stood nearby, filling out statistical forms that he would later draw upon for his ongoing research. I asked how long McShannic's operation would take. "Probably two hours," he guessed. "There's a bit more fiddling around because we have to take the old hardware out, and that can be a little tricky."

Conservative though it was, Bugbee's guess was bit short because of what he discovered once he opened up McShannic's knee. Before the surgeon made his first incision, the anaesthesiologist had rendered the woman unconscious, put a tube down her throat to deliver air to her lungs, then wrapped her upper body in what he described as "every warming device known to man." While he did that, Bugbee and his assistant, the hospital's chief orthopedics resident, moved McShannic's troubled knee around, flexing it and testing the range of motion. "Under normal conditions, if somebody had a lot of pain in the knee, you couldn't do that to them. They'd be screaming," the anaesthesiologist told me. But asleep and paralyzed, McShannic couldn't feel the doctors' manipulations.



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A nurse had scrubbed every inch of McShannic's leg with a mixture of iodine and alcohol, then slipped a tight white support stocking over it, followed by surgical dressings over all the parts that wouldn't be operated on. Finally, the surgeons had wrapped McShannic's leg in an adhesive plastic sheet impregnated with iodine. This stuck to every inch of the woman's exposed skin. When Bugbee pierced the plastic with his scalpel, pressing down to cut through the skin below, I couldn't imag-

ine what else anyone could do to keep germs out.

It took Bugbee only a few minutes to bring the four-inchlong incision through all the layers of underlying tissue, exposing the bones that meet at the knee. The top of the outer half of the shinbone was the mess he had expected it to be, but amidst the whiteness of the end of the thighbone, he spotted something else that McShannic's X-rays and other tests had failed to reveal. This bone too was missing a fingernail-sized chunk

of its protective cartilage. Bugbee made an on-the-spot decision to repair it. He asked one of the nurses to

He then turned his attention to the tasks of removing the three long titanium screws embedded in McShan-

BY 10:30 A.M., THE SURGEONS WERE SEWING UP THE GAPING HOLE IN McSHANNIC'S LEG.

call the tissue bank and have the top half of the donated knee sent over; he would transplant part of it into the upper defect.

nic's tibia and extracting the wrecked pieces of bone around them. The latter challenge required the kind of tools I associate with

the woodshop rather than the operating room: various saws, a mallet, a hammer, rasps of several sizes. "Not much left there," Bugbee grunted as he yanked out the largest piece. It reminded me of a beef bone that had been gnawed for a while by a dog.

Using calipers, the two doctors measured the void in McShannic's knee, then they moved to another nearby table. On it the nurses had placed a basin containing a shiny white object: one half of the top end of the donor's shinbone.

"Here's the tendon that attaches to your quad muscle, and that's the patellar tendon right under this fat," Bugbee said. The fat looked like the yellow sludge you find when cutting up raw chicken. With his scalpel, the surgeon lifted up and snipped off two kidney-shaped pads I recognized as being the menisci. He pointed out the satiny smoothness and milkwhite purity of the cartilage underneath the areas the menisci had covered. Next to the protected areas, the adjacent cartilage had a breath of yellow, a

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McShannic's meniscal tissue was "not great," he declared. But it wasn't bad enough, in Bugbee's judgment, to warrant cutting it out and trying to replace it with donated menisci. Picking up a blue marker, he sketched on the donated piece of bone the form he wanted to extract from it. "You know what they say about orthopedists?" he asked me. "We measure with a micrometer. We mark with chalk. And we cut with a chainsaw."

It took Bugbee a while to carve the donor bone into the dimensions he needed: about an inch and a half long, an inch wide, and a half-inch thick. Then he used something that looked like a wire clipper to tear the fringe of soft tissue off all the edges of the block, a step he said would help minimize any immune response to the transplant. When he filed the end of the block to remove a bit more bone and smooth the surface, his actions again recalled those of a skilled woodworker. "Okay, folks. Here it is," he finally declared. "The crux of the operation!" Back at McShannic's side, he slipped the piece into the void at the top of her tibia. Her intact meniscus on that side slid into place, and when a technician turned on a fluoroscope that brought Xray images of McShannic's knee onto a nearby screen, Bugbee crowed, "Yeah, baby!" "That looks really

nice," his assistant murmured.

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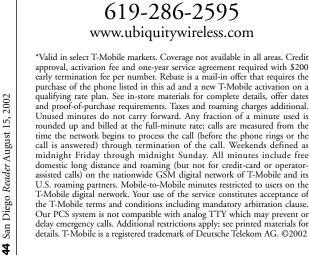
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thigh bone was uneventful. Bugbee used a circular drill to bore into both McShannic's and the donor's bone, removing a round plug of the same diameter from each. To get the thickness of the donor plug just right, he worked on it with various saws and files, then he tapped it with a mallet into the receptor hole in the woman's leg and secured it there by using small bioabsorbable pins that would later dissolve within the bone. (He'd needed three-millimeter titanium screws to affix the larger piece to the tibial end.) By 10:30 a.m., the surgeons were sewing up the gaping hole in McShannic's leg. "Basically, we resurfaced a good portion of half the knee," Bugbee said. He sounded satisfied.

I thought it ironic when, that evening, a national news story reported a warning issued that day by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the dangers of infection from transplanted knee tissue. Such an infection last November had killed a healthy 23-year-old Minnesota man less than a week The subsequent CDC investigation into the death had turned up 25 similar cases

"WE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY KNEES BECOME ARTHRITIC AND EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS AS THEY DO."

after he'd undergone a knee surgery just like the one I watched Bugbee do on McShannic. (though none fatal) over the past 16 years. Bugbee knew all about the report, I found when I later asked him about it.

"The bottom line is that this tissue can transmit disease," he agreed. "The fresh tissue we use poses unique problems, because it can't be sterilized." So the way it's processed and screened for disease is critical. As more doctors were beginning to do the knee transplants, "More tissue banks want to get in the business of procuring fresh grafts, like the one you saw, and selling them, because they can get 5 to 10 to

\$12,000 for one." In the case of the transplant that killed the Minnesota man, the knee tissue had come from a donor whose body had been unrefrigerated for 19 hours after his death. "That's totally unacceptable," Bugbee stated. Furthermore, the knee parts, once extracted, probably sat in a refrigerator for 30 days before being transplanted. "My analogy to people is, it's like a carton of milk. Milk's pasteurized, so it shouldn't have a lot of pathogens in it. But





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The UCSD doctors' original limit on the acceptable interval between harvest of the knee tissue and transplantation was three to five days, Bugbee said. But additional research had made him feel confident "that the tissue is healthy and very good quality up to about a week or so." He thought it was possible that still more work might push his comfort zone to a 14-day limit. The other quality controls employed by the Lifesharing team also contributed to his confidence that the knee tissue he was

and in particular UCSD is one of the premier places in the field for cartilage research," Bugbee said. To learn more about this, he encouraged me to talk to one of his colleagues named Robert Sah. I found Sah in his fifth-floor office in the

cartilage. "San Diego

Jacobs School of Engineering building on the UCSD campus. He wore thick square lenses, a pinstriped shirt, no tie, dark pants, white Nikes. His hair was black and glossy, except for one quarter-size patch of gray near his right temple.

When I asked about the origins of his interest in knee cartilage, Sah traced it back

GROWING CARTILAGE IS "NOT QUITE LIKE BRINGING UP A BABY," SAYS SAH. "BUT YOU SORT OF HAVE TO FEED IT EVERY DAY."

using was safe, he told me. Over the past 20 years, the UCSD knee doctors had not documented one case of infection or disease transmission related to the graft. "But [nationwide] this is becoming a big industry," he remarked. "And it's really kind of scary, because most doctors don't know much about tissue. They just have their hospital or their office call the tissue bank or the agency and say, 'Send me a distal femur.' That's about all they know. And that's not okay." The possibility of

The possibility of infection and the scarcity of tissue donors are among the biggest reasons why researchers are now trying to find other ways to repair knee to a class he took toward the end of his undergraduate career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He'd been studying bioelectrical engineering, but he didn't know what he wanted to do with his life. Then he took a class that examined the ways in which physical forces interacted with the human body. When his professor discussed knee cartilage, Sah was spellbound. "Cartilage is very interesting electrically, because when you squeeze it, it actually generates voltages and currents." It also responds to mechanical force in complex ways. "If you squeeze it the right way, it maintains itself and gets stimulated. On the



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other hand, if you squeeze it too hard, too fast, it starts to look like it's breaking down." Intrigued, Sah entered a joint Harvard/MIT program that let him get a doctorate in engineering as well as a medical degree. In 1992 he joined the bioengineering group within UCSD's applied mechanics and engineering sciences department.

Bioengineering since has become a full-fledged UCSD department, one with a national reputation as a tissue-engineering

research center. That means it's one of two dozen or so places around the United States where scientists are striving to create replacement human body parts made out of live tissue. Targets of various efforts nationwide include the pancreas, bladder, tendons, kidney, nerves, and even the heart. Some success has already been achieved; burn centers can now buy engineered skin. From his UCSD quarters, Sah has similar aspirations for the knee. "What we're trying to do is give Bill Bugbee what

he wants to implant, off the shelf," Sah said. "Maybe he'll take a little bit of tissue from the patient, give it to us, and then we'll grow it up and make a joint fragment or a joint, then give it back to him so he can put it in a defect."

Sah recalls that tissue engineering "was just coming into vogue" about the time he joined the faculty on the local campus. He says cartilage repair in particular got a lot of attention in 1994, when a group of Swedish researchers published a lead article in the New England Journal of Medicine. In it they described how they had taken little pieces of cartilage out of various human subjects, isolated the cells in a laboratory, grown many more of those cells, then placed each patient's cells in a site in his or her knees. "Some of the patients felt pretty good after that," Sah says. Although the study later received a lot of criticism because the Swedes hadn't compared their cell-manipulation and reimplantation therapy to other forms of care, "Their

work gained a lot of notoriety in the popular press, and people wanted to do it everywhere."

Today a Cambridge, Massachusettsbased company called Genzyme Biosurgery processes and cultures articular cartilage tissue using a variation of the Swedish technique, and a couple of European companies have come into existence with similar processes. Other approaches to cartilage repair have also been devised, Sah said. He told me about one in which the doctor "goes in and does a

microfracture - actually sort of digging into the bone and causing a little bit of bleeding at that spot." No graft material is added, but the procedure "in many cases makes the patient feel much better also." Another approach, called mosaicplasty, requires the surgeon to drill out little cores of bone and cartilage from a non-weightbearing part of the knee and implant the plugs in the damaged weight-bearing section. All the approaches to engineered cartilage share a





common drawback, however. Although in many cases, they cause a cartilage-like material to grow into the defect being repaired, the filled-in material lacks the structure of normal, healthy cartilage.

Normal cartilage is "very, very organized," Sah explained. "At the surface, cartilage cells are sort of pancakelike. Then deeper down, they're spherical. And then they become sort of oblong in the very deep regions." Sah said the tissue matrix that's associated with the cells at the various levels also changes as you DNA. "So then you can compress the tissue via mechanical manipulation and see how these intrinsic markers move relative to one another." What they found, Sah says, is that "basically when you squeeze cartilage from the surface to the deep regions, the surface compresses a lot, but the deep region compresses very little." Those deeper regions can be up to 25 times stiffer than the surface zone, Sah's group found.

The tissue formed by most cartilage-engineering efforts to date hasn't developed that sort of organization,

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go from top to bottom. "In the surface region, the collagen's oriented parallel to the surface, then it sort of becomes mixed, and then the fibers are oriented vertically."

One of the major ways Sah and his associates at UCSD have contributed to the world's understanding of cartilage is by studying how the mechanical properties of articular cartilage vary from the surface to the deep regions. Quantifying that isn't so easy to do; cartilage is only a few millimeters thick. But Sah's group came up with a way to make the cartilage cells take up a dye that interacts with their

and it's been found to be "a lot softer than cartilage in compression," Sah says. "Especially if you indent it or sheer it or put it in tension, it's very, very weak." Sah thinks it's likely that the organization of normal cartilage explains its amazing strength. The complex organization also seems to have other consequences. "Cells in the surface region make a variety of molecules that are different from those made by the deeper cells," according to Sah. One dubbed superficial zone protein, produced near the surface, seems to play a key role in lubricating the joint. But most engineered





tissue, in contrast, doesn't manufacture that protein.

Sah sounds these days like a man with a lot of balls in the air. "We really don't understand why knees become arthritic and exactly what happens as they do." So his group is part of a large National Institutes of Health study of how cartilage changes with age. The UCSD researchers also are trying to use what they've learned about the stiffness of normal cartilage to help develop clinical tests that will help identify knee problems early. One of their biggest projects, however, is to grow cartilage in the lab that has the stratification of natural carti-

material in which the cells seem to be very happy," Sah says. In this gel material, the cartilage cells create a little halo of collagenrich matrix around themselves. Sah says it's possible to take the cells and their halos out of the gel material "and pile them up in a dish...very close together but separated by this little bit of matrix." When you do that, "They fuse together and form a tissue-like material very quickly."

Sah says the UCSD and Chicago groups have been cooperating for four years to refine the cartilage-culturing techniques, but in 2001 the UCSD group took a step further. Working on the assumption that

BUGBEE THINKS IT'S AMAZING MOST PEO-PLE DO SURVIVE A LIFETIME WITH THEIR JOINTS WORKING.

lage. Achieving the same structure as natural cartilage should give the engineered cartilage similar strength and lubricating capacity, the researchers hope.

It's a complex challenge. Sah says researchers have known for years that you can't just grow the cartilage cells in typical ways. If you culture them on a standard flat surface, "They stop making cartilage-type molecules and start making other molecules that are not typical of cartilage," he explains. To prevent such abnormalities from developing, a research group at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago figured out how to use a "threedimensional gelatinous

together affects the structure of what you can make, Sah's group has started taking chunks of cow cartilage and from it isolating cells from the surface region and cells from the deeper zones. They've cultured both, dissolved away the culture material, and put the haloed cells into dishes in two distinct layers. Sah says after a week or two, "We get this little chunk of material that's pretty white and opaque. You can pick it up. It feels not quite like Jell-O. Not that stiff. But it's definitely stronger than a wet tissue paper. It's sort of spongy."

how you put the cells

Most important: when the UCSD researchers have tested their engineered material in the laboratory,



they've found that the cells at its surface were secreting the critical superficial zone protein. Furthermore, the surface cells appeared to be making tissue that was softer and had a less dense matrix, while the cells in the deeper regions were spaced further apart and had a denser, stiffer matrix.

Sah says what his group has produced is still much weaker than normal articular cartilage. He says one of the big questions now is how strong the (engineered) cartilage has to be before it can be used to resurface a large defect. "Certainly if you have cartilage with normal properties, that's probably going to work." Bugbee's transplant surgeries demonstrate that, Sah says. "But the question is: how close to functional adult cartilage do you need to get?" Sah's hunch is if you can produce engineered cartilage that compares to newborn tissue, it will have a reasonable chance of surviving transplantation. He thinks the key to getting his layered

cartilage to mature to a newborn state in a matter of weeks rather than months is to use an appropriate bioreactor — a sort of incubator that accelerates the tissue growth. He says his group has been working for several years with a La Jolla tissue-engineering company called Advanced Tissue Sciences. Their work on bioreactors for engineered cartilage has indicated that compressing and recirculating the medium that the tissue is growing in can speed up its

maturation.

Once it's strong enough, the engineered cartilage will have to be tested first in animals, then in humans. Someone also will have to figure out how to mass produce it. Growing cartilage is "not quite like bringing up a baby," says Sah. "But you sort of have to feed it every day, change the culture medium. Ultimately there needs to be some automation and development of bioreactors that makes the whole process very reliable and robust." For all the work that

remains, Sah sounds as if he has no doubt that within 20 years — possibly as soon as 10 doctors will be able to reupholster ravaged, aching knees with labgrown cartilage that functions as well as the natural kind.

"That's the holy grail," Bugbee concurs. The UCSD surgeon also sounds confident that someday he'll be using bioengineered knee parts in his operations. In the meantime, he thinks the human body is still the best laboratory for manufacturing human articular cartilage, so he's happy to use the material from cadavers. As enthusiastic as he is about that procedure, however, Bugbee stresses that it's not the best choice for everyone. He says no single therapy is.

He says the 20-year-old who gets a small divot in his articular cartilage would be a terrible candidate for a total knee replacement. Total knee replacements typically require a six- to teninch incision. "The entire joint surface is removed, sort of like



peeling the tread off a tire," Bugbee explained. Furthermore, the artificial knee joints wear out over time. Parts connected to the bone can loosen. Plastic components deteriorate, and the more active someone is, the faster they do so. "Generally in the population over 50 or 60 years old, a joint replacement has a 90 percent chance of lasting at least 10 years or longer and an 80 percent chance of lasting 20 years," Bugbee says. "That's pretty good odds. But it's not what you want in a 20-year-old guy."

For the 20-year-old with a limited problem, Bugbee says all the newer cartilagerepair techniques probably would be reasonable choices. They work less well when you start applying the same techniques to 40-year-olds. Bugbee sees men like this all

the time. "They had a football injury at age 20 and their knee's starting to go bad. They're looking for something that'll turn their knee into a 20-year-old knee, and that's just not going to happen. But there are ways we can help them that aren't [total knee replacements]." He says for such people, the knee-tissue-transplant operation solves their problems about 75 percent of the time.

Bugbee also hears from 75-year-olds with end-stage arthritis, people in so much pain that they can barely walk, as their bones grind on bone. Sometimes these folks will have heard about how scientists can take their knee tissue and culture it and put it back in and restore their ravaged joint surfaces. The surgeon says he has to disabuse them. At least for now,

"A knee replacement is a *much* better operation for those people!" That surgery is "very predictable at improving their function and relieving pain, with a low complication rate."

Most unfortunate of all are the men and women in their 30s and 40s and 50s with end-stage arthritis. Bugbee says he's amazed by how many of them there are, people whose joints are in ruins many decades before the rest of their bodies will die. The surgeon says he's doing more and more total joint replacements for such people. He has a couple of theories about why the numbers have climbed.

"I think one is that people have higher expectations for their quality of life and functioning. Two generations ago, there were probably people in their 40s who had



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an injury and developed arthritis." But no one could do anything for them. "So they just lived with it," Bugbee said. "Now, people won't accept living with pain. We can put a man on the moon, and people watch CNN and they see these bombs going through chimneys, and they come to the doctor and say, 'Doc, why can't you make my joint work normally and take this pain away?' The expectation is different."

Beyond that, Bugbee says, "We're a more active society. So we're at greater risk. There's a lot more trauma, sports injuries, and things like that that lead to early arthritis. All these 40- and 50-year-old men who were playing football when they were teenagers and tore their meniscus or their ligament and had it taken out. Twenty years later, inevitably, they're going to have arthritis in the knee."

When it gets bad enough, the younger sufferers get total knee replacements, and when those fail, they can be replaced. Bugbee estimates that 20 to 30 percent of his practice involves redoing artificial joints that have worn out or become loose or infected or dislocated. He's got patients who are on the fourth and fifth ones, he says. But replacing an artificial joint is never as easy as installing the first one. You can't just pop out a failing component and replace it with a new one. "They're cemented in, or bone grows into them, and when they fail, they can fail in a number of ways that can damage the bone or the tissue or the muscles. Every time you do it, the outcome

is generally worse, because the tissue's more damaged."

It all sounded pretty depressing. I wondered if there was another end of the spectrum, one populated by dancing, skiing octogenarians whose knees had somehow reached advanced age unblemished. Bugbee acknowledged this was so.

"But here's what I tell people," he said. "Diseased cartilage is like any other disease. We're all genetically programmed to get something. You're chosen to either get cancer or heart disease or cardiovascular disease or arthritis or osteoporosis. What's different about those people you read about who are running marathons in their 70s, while you and I in our 40s are starting to have aches and pains, is probably in the genes. Probably

they have some genetic makeup that makes their cartilage better, healthier, or what have you." They've also been lucky. They didn't have that big football injury at age 22. They avoided that automotive smash-up; dodged all the ruinous pitfalls on all the ski slopes. Bugbee thinks it's amazing most people do survive a lifetime with their joints working. He says he tells people who wind up with arthritis, "Well, look at it this way. I could be your oncologist and not your arthritis doctor."

I thought about his words on the afternoon when I watched a Lifesharing technician carve up a donor knee. I'd had to stand several feet away from the operating table during Meghan McShannic's transplant operation, well outside the sterile surgical field. I still longed to see the inner workings of someone's knee up close. Early one Sunday night, I got a call from the tissue bank, informing me that a 33-year-old man had died from a heart attack over the weekend, and his family had donated his tissue to Lifesharing.

I didn't watch the tissue-bank representative detach the man's knees from the body. This step normally takes place in a Lifesharing operating room next to the county medical examiner's office on Overland Drive. A technician saws off each lower leg about two inches below the tibial tuberosity. The knee is sawed from the thigh at a similar distance above the kneecap, then the whole block goes into a plastic bag along with some preservative solution. (For corpses whose families want a public

viewing, dowels and other shaping materials are used to disguise the fact that anything is missing.)

The following day at the tissue bank in Mission Valley, I donned a set of sterile surgical garments. By the time I entered the facility's clean room, a tissue coordinator named James Kratz was working on one of the knees. The sight shocked me at first. The white skin of the dead man reminded me of chicken flesh, but the muscle within it was the dark maroon of a beefsteak. The contrast between the two resembled no meat I'd ever seen, yet Kratz's grave, practiced movements recalled the artistry of the kitchen. He removed the kneecap, then pointed out the various ligaments to me as he sliced through them, disconnecting the top





part of the knee from its bottom half. As he scraped away globs of fat, I asked if the amount was normal.

"This is a pretty big guy," Kratz replied. "Two hundred and twenty pounds. There's a lot of muscle. I wouldn't say he was a lean person, but he wasn't obese either." When Kratz had

extracted the end of the thighbone from most of the soft tissue that encased it, he

noticed some yellow splotches marring the whiteness. He peered at them. They weren't fat deposits, he felt confident. A few minutes later, Kratz also pointed out a rough, spongy area under-

neath where one of the man's menisci had sat. The technician expressed skepticism that this tissue would pass Dr. Bugbee's inspection. It probably couldn't be transplanted.

I wondered if the dead man had been a runner, but no one seemed to know. I wondered if he'd suspected there was anything wrong with his knees. At 33, had they ached? Had he worried they might make his life miserable when he grew old? If so, he need not have fretted, I reflected. Whatever might have troubled his knees later, it didn't matter anymore. *— Jeannette De Wyze*

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The statues of the two men in Tijuana and San Diego are closer than the two men ever came in life. town's Marina district. It's in Pantoja Park, the oldest dedicated public land in the city. The year the park was established, the two men were early in their political careers, Juárez governor of Oaxaca and Lincoln a congressman from Illinois. In Tijuana, on its granite pedestal, the Lincoln statue holds symbolic broken chains and looms 30 feet over a park in the middle of Paseo de los Héroes. The traffic circles Lincoln's feet as it speeds around the *glorieta*, then heads off to Mexicali or the airport or a

The statue is best observed on foot,

on a stroll along G Street in down-

discotheque. The U.S. and Mexican governments traded the statues as a hands-across-the-border, long-

may-our-countries-be-friends project in 1981. We had finally approved construction plans for the Otay Mesa border crossing, and the time seemed right for symbolic gestures. Ceremonies were set for April; but in one of those odd kinks of fate, President Reagan had to cancel after John Hinkley tried to assassinate him. On June 19, Baja governor Roberto de la Madrid and San Diego mayor Pete Wilson dedicated Juárez in San Diego. On July 5, Wilson and Mexican president José López Portillo christened Lincoln in Tijuana's shiny, new Zona Río.

Juárez is often called the Abraham Lincoln of Mexico. Lincoln and Juárez were contemporaries, each admired the other; and they shared liberal political philosophies. Both rose from humble beginnings, became lawyers, then politicians, then presidents during critical times. There is no indication that Lincoln has ever been called the Benito Juárez of the U.S.

While Lincoln was dealing with the Civil War, Juárez was fighting to keep the French out of Mexico. These events seem unrelated, but through the early 1860s the U.S. and Mexico were linked in many ways. American sources are fond of saying that the presidents were pen pals, that Juárez wrote frequently to Lincoln to learn how to found a democracy. Not true, of course. Most of their limited contact was through emissaries. The statues in Tijuana and San



Benito Juárez statue in Pantoja Park

Diego are closer than the two men ever came in life. If they took this opportunity finally to talk to one another, they would have plenty to say.

"Hello, Mr. President Lincoln! How are you enjoying Mexico?"

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"I admired you very much, Mr. Juárez. You were brave and determined and a great humanitarian. We gave you what munitions we could; but you must understand, I was fighting for our very existence as a nation."

"As was I! And you can't deny that defeating the French was in your best interest too. All of Europe wanted the South to win. The U.S. was getting too big, too powerful. They were nervous. And the Confederates, of course, hoped the French would conquer us, then move north and fight along with them. Jefferson Davis even sent an emissary to Mexico City to woo me. He hinted that if the South won, they would give us back some of the land we lost in that lamentable war with the

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U.S. But I had no use for the Confederate philosophy, so I threw the man in jail, then kicked him out of the country. I was one of your most loyal supporters."

"Well, as long as we're discussing it, Mr. Juárez, you certainly could have done a better job of keeping Southern cotton from being sold through Mexico. We blockaded all Confederate ports, cut off their principal source of income. But a few dollars in bribes to some Mexican governors along the border, and suddenly Europe was buying all the cotton they wanted in Matamoros. Our blockades were useless. The town was teeming with Confederates."

"And Union spies, Mr. Lincoln."

"Well..."

"Have you forgotten that I let Union soldiers from California, from right here in San Diego, sail to Sonora and march north through my country to protect Arizona from the Confederates?"

"Yes, you did. But don't you see, we couldn't antagonize the French by openly siding with you. We were neutral. That had to be our position."

"Well, I guess we each had our problems. But it was all a great adventure, wasn't it, Mr. Lincoln? And think of it. Between the two of us, we've kept hundreds of sculptors in business for more than a century."

The San Diego-Tijuana statue swap was actually the second Lincoln-for-Juárez trade. In 1966 a statue of Lincoln was unveiled in Mexico City by Lyndon Johnson. Three years later, Mexico returned the favor with a statue of Juárez in Washington, D.C., within spitting distance of the Watergate complex, cradle of the Nixon impeachment. Juárez is depicted with his right arm raised, pointing down the street toward a large bust of George Washington. This design was intentional, since Juárez is also called the George Washington of Mexico. At about this same time, Mexico gave another Juárez to New Orleans, the city where he lived in exile. This appears to leave the U.S. owing Mexico one statue.





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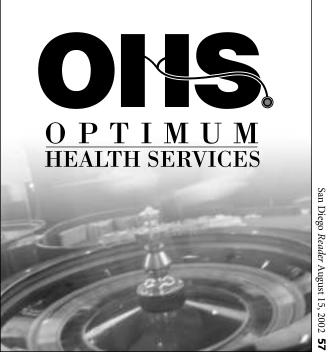
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The third grave from the northwest corner of Old Town's El Santo Campo Cemetery pays tribute to Antonio Garra. The Cupeño warrior led a brief, potentially devastating revolt against white Southern Californians in 1851. Plastic flowers sometimes fresh ones — adorn dusty ground, as does a large granite headstone. Garra's body may not lie directly below.

	In the mid-19th Century,
b y	that a person was buried
Jeff	in a cemetery — in "Santo
Smith	Campo," or "holy field" —
	was far more important

than where, specifically, the body lay interred. Crosses and other commemorative objects often came as afterthoughts, decades later. Their placement was usually random.

Walk diagonally across the cemetery to the southeast corner, and you'll find one of San Diego's foremost curiosities: on a wooden marker, painted white, a hand and index finger point outside Santo Campo. Words on the marker read "Bill Marshall is not here but on the other side of the wall." A nearby plaque explains: Marshall "took an active part in the Garra Uprising." He was hung at the old Catholic cemetery (now site of the Whaley House) on Friday, December 12, 1851, at 2:00 p.m. Garra has a grave in Santo Campo, but San Diegans deemed Marshall and his friend Juan Verdugo too evil for burial in holy ground. Exclusion fast-tracked their souls to hell.

For almost a century after his death, William Marshall reigned as "the wickedest man in California." Many writers, and not just the penny-dreadful perpetrators of local myth, believed the Garra Uprising was Marshall's idea. He planned it. He was at strategic sites during its initial phases. And although he denied any participation when captured, others named him as a key conspirator.

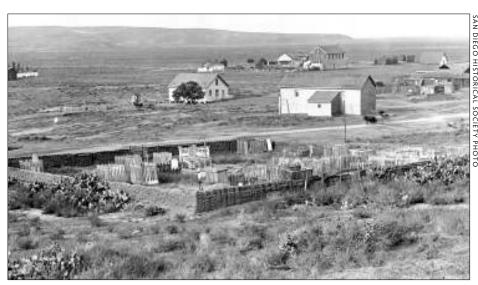
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Born in Providence, Rhode Island, around 1827, Marshall came to San Diego in 1844 or '45. No one knows if he worked on the boat — which was probably the *Hopewell*, a 413-ton whaler anchored briefly in San Diego Bay — or was a stowaway, since his name doesn't appear on the crew list. All that's certain is he jumped ship and hid at La Playa until it sailed.

Marshal came to Agua Caliente (now Warner Springs) in 1846 "possibly for health reasons, since the hot springs had a reputation for medicinal value even then." (Bibb) He ran a combination store-saloonpawnshop for the Cupeño Indians on Juan José Warner's Valle de San Jose rancho. He also may have been Warner's majordomo. The store sold everything from handkerchiefs to playing cards to jugs of *aguardiente*. Games of chance were daily events: in one of them, Marshall won a horse worth \$100.

In 1846, during the war with Mexico, U.S. soldiers arrested Warner, accusing him of sympathizing with the Spanish-speaking "Californios." While Warner was incarcerated, General Stephen Watts Kearny and 100 troops stopped at Warner's Ranch. They found young Marshall, maybe aged 19, in charge. "In contrast to Warner, Mar-



El Santo Campo cemetery

shall appears to have been completely cooperative with the American forces. He provided what information he had on Californio affairs." (Bibb) Kearny moved on, four days later fighting the Battle of San Pasqual against Californios.

In 1847, Warner accused Marshall of stealing mules, horses, and "other items." Many see the trial, conducted by Alcalde H.D. Fitch, as evidence of Marshall's villainy, but the result argues his innocence. "Fitch found Marshall innocent and ordered Warner to pay all costs. Warner refused...once again it is Warner rather than Marshall who appears at odds with the authorities." (Bibb)

But then again, during the height of the Gold Rush, Marshall told prospectors headed north that he was the "James" Marshall who discovered gold at Sutter's Mill.

By 1849, Warner had moved his home four miles, to where the much-traveled trail from Yuma forked south to San Diego and north to Los Angeles. Marshall, now married to Dominga Nocar, daughter of Cupeño chief José, still tended the store at the "old rancho" and lived in a thatch-covered adobe dwelling. A visitor described Marshall as "a small man with regular and rather agreeable features and a head indicating...great determination." Another noted "quite a number of the [villagers] in a state of high intoxication from the liquor with which the storekeeper plies them at \$1 a pint, or 10 cents a drink."

In late 1850, Marshall and Dominga had a son, Manuel. They shared their home with Juan Verdugo, a close friend. Many who argue for Marshall's guilt allege that by this time he had become a "captain" of the Cupeño tribe. Those arguing his innocence, however, point out that when California became a state, on September 9, 1850, Marshall paid a "capitation" tax of \$8. "Marshall's role as a taxpayer would seem to repudiate the notion that he lived as an outlaw or renegade." (Bibb)

The Garra Uprising began in Novem-

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2. Phillips: "Santos got 25 lashes on his bare back for giving false testimony." The San Diego Herald reported "the poor devil [took his punishment] like a Christian." 3. Fuller: "Thirty years afterward, Marshall was mistakenly implicated in the 1846 Pauma Massacre. Which shows he could even attract trouble dead."



ber 1851. On November 21, Marshall wrote in his confession, "About 12 o'clock myself and Juan [Verdugo] received a message from Antonio [Garra] that he was about to commence a war against the whites and that unless we joined him he would kill us. We consented."

At 2:00 in the morning, Garra's son Antonio came to Marshall's house and murdered three white invalids in the burial ground. Marshall "did not notify them of the intentions of the Indians." He stayed in the house. Young Garra also ordered the death of an American named Manning, staying at José Nocar's house. Then "part of the Indians went up the mountains, myself and Juan [Verdugo] accompanying them."

The next day at sunrise, 40 Indians attacked Warner's Ranch. Both groups headed to the Cahuilla village in Los Coyotes Canyon (just north of Borrego Valley), convinced they'd find safety there. "From a mountaintop where they stopped to rest, [Marshall, Verdugo, and young Garra] could see the fires from Warner's Ranch." (Phillips)

In his confession, Marshall swore he reacted out of fear. "I only agreed to join them to save my own life It was not my intention to take any part in the war." He would leave "at the first opportunity." Santos Luna, also at Los Coyotes Canyon, testified hearing Marshall make the claim, adding, "Bill said if the Americans arrived

he would join them."

Juan Verdugo disagreed. He testified that Marshall not only ordered the murder of Manning but "was head of the 40 Indians that rode into the canyon the day following his arrival." (Phillips) Did Marshall take a side? Play both sides? Or stand on no side?

Marshall only pretended to be a prisoner, said Verdugo. But if Marshall was an instigator of the uprising, why, as Verdugo alleges, did he tell Garra to flee to Juan Antonio, the Cahuilla chief who captured Garra and turned him over to the Americans?

After Antonio betrayed Garra, Marshall, Verdugo, José Nocar, and Santos Luna were arrested in Santa Isabel.

The Los Angeles Herald announced that Marshall"is believed to be the chief agent in banding together these hostile tribes of Indians."

Why? Because he was still alive. "Marshall's success at survival when with the Indians seemed to be evidence of his guilt. No motive for Marshall's alleged participation has been found. It appears that he had nothing to gain from such participation." (Bibb)

Verdugo, speaking in Spanish, confessed his guilt. Marshall pleaded not guilty to all charges. He claimed that had not José Nocar interceded at Los Coyotes, the Cupeños would have murdered him.

Nocar testified that Marshall "expected to be killed with the other Americans."

The court-martial, which began on December 9, found Marshall and Verdugo guilty of high treason. Marshall's mother-in-law ----Nocar's wife — testified against him. "Indians were the primary witnesses.... A California law on the books then stated, 'In no case shall a white man be convicted of any offense upon the testimony of an Indian,' but the tribunal either ignored or knew nothing of the statute." (Bibb)

Evidence exists for both sides. That Verdugo testified against his close friend and admitted his own guilt bears argumentative weight. As does the damaging testimony of José Nocar's wife. On the other side, Garra

claimed that Marshall and Verdugo "had nothing to do with the transaction" (i.e., the uprising); they took no part "in the hostilities practiced towards the Americans." Garra confessed that he threatened to kill Marshall if he didn't go along but added, "I would not have killed B.M. if he had not ioined us. What for?"

Garra's confession came a month after Marshall and Verdugo were hung and may have a revisionist tinge their alleged innocence being another way of getting back at his captors.

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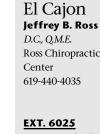
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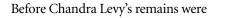
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found on May 22, her family agonized for over a year, wondering if she was dead or alive. As horrible as it was to

find out she was dead, at least the anguish of not knowing finally came to an end. The families and friends of many

missing San Diegans still have no end in sight after years of waiting.

Kathy Bolen is an investigative assistant with the San Diego Police Department's homicide unit. For the past 14 years, along with detective Maria Rivera and a part-time volunteer, Bolen has handled virtually all of the department's adult missing-persons cases. (Abduction and hostage cases are handled by the FBI.) Bolen told me that the Chandra Levy case had "kind of opened up the world's eyes to the fact that a missing person is not just somebody who doesn't call his family or stay in contact. Sometimes there are missing persons that disappear under suspicious circumstances."

According to Bolen, the police department has an average of 10 to 12 missing-persons cases open during any given month — cases where people are still missing ten days after being reported. Of those, an average of 4 to 5 cases carry over to the next month. Bolen says the department has not calculated the average time that cases stay open. "Most of them are resolved. Either we locate them, or family members locate them."

Sergeant L.D. Martin supervises Bolen's work. "Of the cases that come in each month, 99 percent of them are not truly missing people. They're back in touch with their families within a short period of time. When I counted last month, there were 38 open missing-persons cases extending back to 1982. That's for a period of 17, 18 years!"

"I try to tell people that it's not against the law to be missing," says Bolen. "If I don't want to call my mother for three weeks, I'm not going to be missing. I know where I am. They have a right to do what they want to."

"People don't understand the laws of privacy and the right to come and go as you please," Martin adds. "There are things [the police] can and cannot do. We try to explain to those who've reported people missing that, yes, we've located them, but we don't have the right to tell them where these people are if they don't want anyone to know. All we can really tell them is, 'We've told them to contact you.' Whether they do that or not is up to them."

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Bolen says that all reports are taken seriously. "It doesn't matter if the person has been missing for 20 minutes or 24 hours. The policy is, when somebody calls in to report a person missing, we take the report, as long as they fall within the guidelines of what is considered a missing person. A lot of times, we'll take the report even if the person doesn't fit within the policy guidelines that define a missing person."

"If someone's in the military on an unauthorized absence," Martin says, "they're not considered a valid missing person."

Besides missing-persons duties, Bolen and Rivera review all mental health commitments, suicides, attempted suicides, and noncriminal deaths, making sure that field officers are not overlooking criminal matters. They also train police officers in the investigation of homicide and missing persons. Although Bolen and Rivera go out in the field frequently, most of their work is reviewing reports, making follow-up phone calls to other lawenforcement agencies, and doing computer searches for evidence that the missing person is alive. They search for new e-mail addresses, car registrations, and driver's license applications.

A new project they are excited about is an Internet database for John and Jane Does. With the help of the medical examiner's office, Bolen and Rivera plan to create a website where mug shots of unidentified dead bodies can be viewed. Some corpses are in such bad condition the police cannot post their photos on the site.

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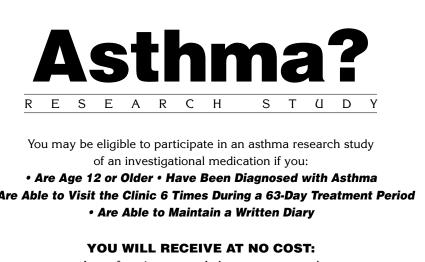
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"We're actually looking for a volunteer who can draw good composites. Right now, our composite capabilities for the deceased aren't as good as we would like."

While most cases are self-resolving, an occasional drama livens up Bolen's routine. "This was a few years ago. I can't give you his name — but he went fishing down in Ensenada, took a boat out and, unfortunately, the boat sank. He was adrift at sea for a couple of days. He thought he was going to die. A sailboat went by, rescued

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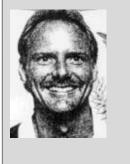


him, and dropped him off in Ensenada. He came back to the United States, and our missing person decided to approach the owner of the boat to tell him that the boat capsized and sank — and that was the last anybody saw of him. He ended up being a homicide victim in Mexico. His family found him in the Tijuana morgue."

Martin describes Mexico as a sort of destination of doom for missing persons from San Diego. "We've had several cases of missing persons who have gone to Mexico and died there, whether from accidents or ill fortune. Parents have been upset with us that we can't investigate these deaths in Mexico. We've dealt with one for quite some time where the mother lives back East. We did a lot of work back here in relation to this young man's activities in San Diego, but the trail

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David S. Carteaux was last seen in late October 1995. Then 36 years old. he is a white male, six feet tall, and of average build. He weighed about 160 pounds at the time he was last seen. A paralegal, he lived on a newly purchased boat in a San Diego anchorage. He was reported missing after his boat was found partially burnt about 500 miles off the coast of Mexico. No one was aboard and a Coast Guard search of the area was unproductive. The fire seemed to have been set using flares and wadded-up paper.



led to the border. It turned out that he died in Mexico, and it was two years before they identified who he was. The mother was quite upset with us that we had not discovered this prior to that, because he was buried as a John Doe in Mexico."

"He was a very darkskinned white male," says Bolen, "so he came across George Lane left his desk at about 3:30 on October 14, 1997, apparently for a break. A 63-year-old accountant of average size (5'9", 170 lbs.) whose desk was typically neat and orderly, he never came back to straighten up. He had recently moved out of his home and changed his address with the DMV to that of a friend, but apparently only as a convenience. Mr. Lane never picked up his last paycheck and has not contacted friends since that time



as looking Latin. The only reason they finally were able to identify him was from some jewelry and tattoos he had on him.

"We tell people that it's another country, and we're not dealing with just another law-enforcement agency like you would here in the United States. It's another country. They have different standards. They've got a whole different lifestyle and system of living."

More problematic are

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Gary Brainard, a white 54-year-old sales representative, worked a second job as a bartender. He was fairly stocky at 5'6" and 185 pounds. His coworker reported him missing in December 1999 when he failed to appear for work. Nothing at his residence seemed out of the ordinary, and his car remained parked at the house. He had reported feeling depressed and had apparently sent some boxes of mementos to a friend not long before he was reported missing. Mr. Brainard has still not contacted any of his friends or family.



the cases that remain unsolved. Bolen pulls a flyer out of her file. "This is Georgiana Breckenridge. She disappeared in 1991. It says that she expressed concern about her exboyfriend, who was in San Diego to see her. She didn't want to see him, because she was afraid he would harm her in some way." She disappeared shortly after speaking with a Robert Miller was 30 at the time he rented a boat from Seaforth Boat Rentals in February 1997. He was employed at Solar Turbines as an engineer. He is 5'9" and weighed about 145 pounds. He became a missing person when the boat he had rented was found adrift on the Pacific with no one aboard. Miller had been alone when he took to sea, and he had fishing gear with him. There were no signs of foul play on the boat, and nothing at Mr. Miller's residence indicated any out-of-theordinary circumstances.



friend. It was that friend who reported her missing. "He lives in Palm Springs. His name is Allen Saari, but as of 1993, his phone number was disconnected. She was last seen walking near his office on August 10, 1991. She failed to return home that day and hasn't been heard from since. Her car was parked in her driveway, but she was not inside her home. She was a selfemployed CPA at the time Susan Bernier is a small white female (5'3", 90 pounds) and was 64 years old at the time her bovfriend reported her missing in August 1996. She had moved from her last known address several months before. Her bovfriend said he had last left her at the corner of Eighth Avenue and C Street and that both had been drinking heavily. Persons with whom the two had earlier shared living guarters said they had not seen her since the time she was reported missing. They also commented that the relationship between the two was frequently abusive. There have been no local police contacts with Bernier since that time, and no one has reported seeing her, among the homeless or elsewhere.



of her disappearance."

An unsolved case sometimes puts family members in the position of trying to close it themselves, which, ironically, only invites further review of the file. Such was the sit-

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uation with John Hahn. "He was declared legally dead by his family. The Department of Justice's Missing Persons Unit also has some contacts that we're not privy to, so every once in a while, they pull up stuff and call us to say, 'Hey, did you know this?' and that gets us to dig a little deeper into the case. In this case, we found that Social Security benefits were being obtained under his Social Security number, many years after he was missing. He's been missing since 1989. He got in his car and was driving to Laughlin and disappeared. His car was abandoned in the desert near Needles and stuck in the sand. He had anywhere between \$1000 and \$6000 on him at the time, according to accounts. There was a phone call made by him to a towing company to get his car out of the sand. His suitcases and belongings were still there, but no keys were in the vehicle. Later on, we found out that his wife had him

declared legally dead. What she has to do is go to state records and petition the court to have him declared dead. They declare him dead and she takes the court documents to state records and they issue a delayed certificate of registration of death. She can take that delayed certificate of registration of death and the court thing that he's been declared dead, go to the Social Security administration and file those documents with them, and then she gets his Social Security benefits. And that's what keyed it up, her receiving benefits under that Social Security number. So he's been declared legally dead even though the case remains open. It says here to make no contact with her. Sometimes, with the families ----they close it. It's like, 'My life has moved on.' '

Bolen talks about the various cases as if they are old friends. "After a while, the ones that stay open, you get to know the families and the family histories." Linda Cox was 59 at the time she was reported missing on September 2, 1998. Her landlord felt something was wrong when Cox failed to pay her monthly rent, since she had always been punctual with it. Acquaintances of hers at the Arizona Bar said they had not seen her since late August. Her hairdresser stated that — two days after being reported missing — Cox had had her hair done and that she had been driven off in a rather large car by another person, identity unknown. Nothing appeared amiss at her apartment, and nothing indicated that she had intended to pack up and leave. From that point, no one has reported seeing or hearing from Linda Cox.

At the San Diego Police Department, regional divisions handle juvenile cases. The Sheriff's Department has a separate juvenile section. If the missing juvenile is not found by the time he's turned 18, the case is forwarded to adult homicide divisions.

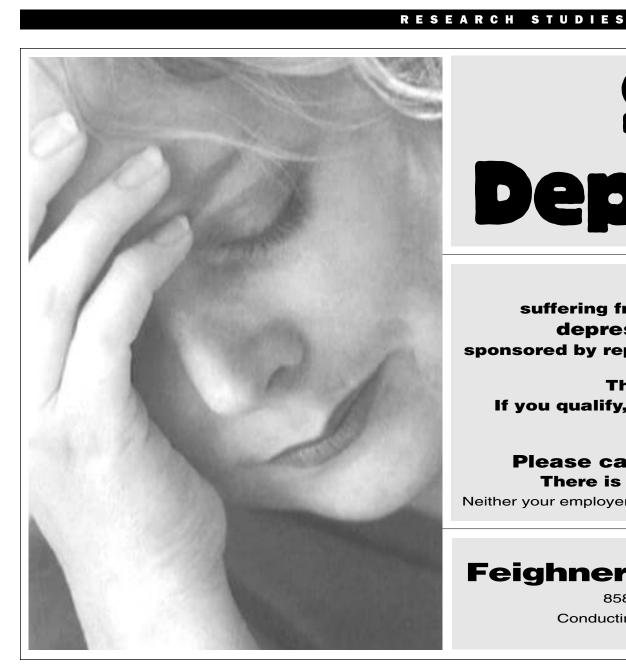
Sandy Curry works for the Sheriff's Department as an investigative specialist. "There are two investigative specialists who are support for detectives. I work in homicide and also do the missing persons. Our policy is that the deputy from the local station — let's say it's Santee — the deputy from Santee will take the report; then it would be assigned to an area detective in Santee. The area detective would work the case for ten days. If it's still open after ten days, it gets forwarded down to homicide." Curry estimates that

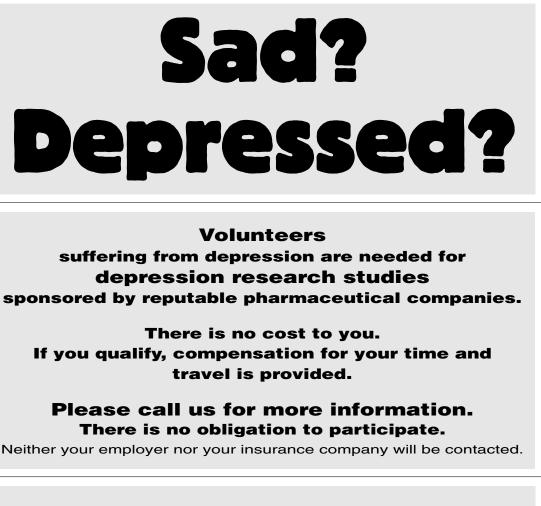
the Sheriff's Department gets about 50 missing-persons cases per year that remain open longer than ten days. Nine out of ten missing persons are found, but the department cannot reveal their whereabouts to the reporting party. "The only thing we can tell them, once we find the people, is that they are alive and well. They can always go to a private investigator to find out more, but that's not the business we're in. Law enforcement's role is to take the report and make sure the person is alive and well and has not met with foul play."

Foul play is the most common fate of the one out of ten who is not found. "The cases where someone is dead or there are suspicious circumstances are far and few between. We have a couple of cases now — like Lupe Dailey, who has never been found, and we were able to get a case together on [her husband] despite her never being found, but she is technically a missing person. We had another case a couple of years ago with Eric Harris that started with him as a regular missing-person report. It looked suspicious; we looked into it further, and ultimately his body was found buried in a back yard in Imperial

Beach. That's two cases that come to mind in five years. We have another case, a Mrs. Couch from Poway, who has never been found. We believe there are suspicious circumstances surrounding her. But those are very few compared to how many missing-persons reports we actually get."

Homeless missing persons are among the most difficult and most common types of reports that Curry responds to. "Even though they are transients, they have a loved one or family member or friend who hasn't seen them for a while, so they make a report. By law, we're required to take the report and keep the case open and look for them. Where they go - I mean, it could be shelters, the beach area, anywhere. But there's no one place that most of these people go. Most of the juveniles who are missing are runaways. They're easier to track because ultimately they'll get a driver's license.





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One key to identifying missing persons who may be dead is dental records. "There's a Department of Justice policy that when a missing-persons report is taken by law enforcement, they're required to get a medical/dental release — the dental records. It then gets put in the system up in Sacramento with the Department of Justice. It's called the MUP [Missing and Unidentified Persons] system. What that does is, when agency A has a missing person named Bill, and agency B has discovered a John Doe body and they don't know who he is, the MUP system is able to put the two together. The characteristics get compared and teletypes get sent to the agency, who will hopefully be able to

identify the John Doe. The Department of Justice also has a website for missing people. That's why photos are so important, especially for flyers."

As Curry pulls flyers of unsolved cases, the photos seem to be mostly of happy-looking young people. "Right now, I've got probably 60 or 70 open cases. That's from all the sheriff's jurisdictions. I have one case where a pretty young boy, 22, a surfer-type from Encinitas, has been missing for many, many years. His poor mother agonizes. I mean, she calls me to this day every so often just to check the status or see if we've got anything. Here he is — Jordy Smith was a surfer from the Encinitas-Carlsbad area. He became missing on April 26, 1994. His mother used to call me quite a bit, but she actually hasn't called in the last year. She's hoping. Maybe she or her husband saw somebody that looked like him, or it could have been him. She's just holding out hope that he's still alive. I haven't had any new leads on him since '96." The photos show a young man with bright eyes and a big smile. At 6'4", he would be hard to miss.

Another puzzling case is Cynthia Coleman. The photos show a young woman with thick hair wearing blue jeans. "She was reported missing back in '86 by her mother. She was 23. They lived in Barona. She left to go give away a litter of kittens or puppies down at the local 7-Eleven, and she's never been seen since. That was on September 3, 1986. There have been no leads at all. The boyfriend was questioned, and her family, but we've exhausted all the leads."

— Robert Kumpel

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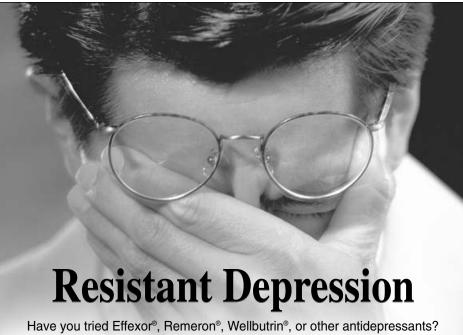


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CHAPTER 19

We have two worlds here, and one of them is the underwater world. Our sunken gardens are really gardens and we are really sunken. And there is a difference, of course, between looking at them from, for instance, a glass-bottom boat and being down among them with one's own face-glass and being as wet as the ocean foliage itself is wet and being swayed about by the underwater drifts. When the foliage sways,

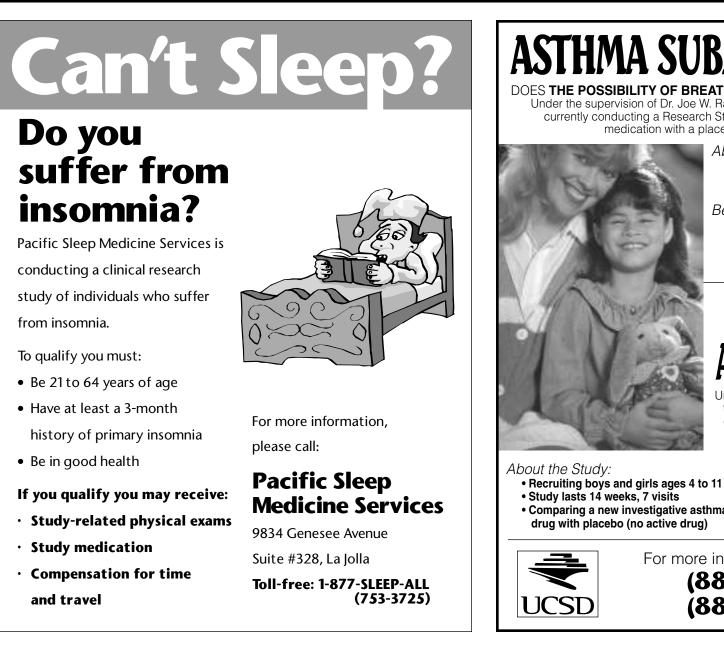
one's body sways too, and becomes a part of the life down there — as long as one can hold his breath.

Ferns and sea-grass and pretty flowers are down there, and there are paths and arcades and rock gardens, and also there are creatures with the world's most gruesome grace, these creatures being the Moray eels. With their dreadful ease of slithering in and out of hidings, appearing first here then there, then sliding invisibly through the jungle kelp to somewhere else again, they do have such an underwater advantage of us that most of us care for them not at all, and they have become the serpent in our sunken garden.

We have some remarkably good divers around here now among the fellows I know, and more good divers seem to be coming along with each generation, so much so that I no longer consider myself a good diver, although at one period I did consider myself hot stuff indeed. This was about the time when face-glasses first came into use replacing the oldfashioned goggles, and when not so many guys were diving as are diving now. For we do take a desperate pride in this sort of business, and we have many arguments over who is better than somebody else at doing certain things, whether spearing fish underwater or diving for abalones or even at times diving for the big pismo clams during those unpredictable and rare times when they happen to be around here.

Yet as for divers, there always seems to be somebody better than the one who for a while we had thought the best. There always comes along somebody better at diving for lobsters too. So there is no use of me hoping anymore, if merely by mistake,

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How I would strut on overhearing the remark: "There goes Miller. He's our champ."

But now, alas, he is nothing but a has-been, if even that, and with 15 or 20 feet as his working limit, and getting shyer of Moray eels each day. That's him.

I may like to think age is the whole reason, but it is not the whole reason. For we have fanatics among us now who can do things underwater which I never could do, whether young or old. I say this outright because the chaps I go with know it as well as I know it, and I do not want to be kidded by them the same as we kid so many others who keep talking about what great chaps they are, or were, underwater.

For diving is a sensitive subject around here among the best divers, and almost a religion, and they are quick to pick up any false note given out in print or otherwise, and I do not



blame them. For any number of false notes have been given out, sometimes in interviews and magazines, and during our gab fests we talk about these errors, and we shake our heads while discussing the errors, as if they were of great importance. But, then, maybe they are of great importance. For everything under the ocean can become of surprisingly great importance, especially to anybody down there trying to time his breath in proportion to the work he has to do. And there always continues to be that big difference between looking down at the things in the ocean and being a living part of them down there, competing against them in their own element.

Even a big Moray eel, for instance, might actually appear fascinating instead of God-awful if watched from the surface or through a glass-bottom boat, but not otherwise when the damn thing, as I say, sticks its head out at you as a competitor.

Yet I am unaware of the Moray eel being listed in literature as something to dread. Though we still have listed, of course, and have had listed these hundreds of years, the proverbial shark and the proverbial octopus, neither of which seems to give us much concern around here. At least they are not on our minds ahead of time when underwater, or at least in advance of the time we should happen to see a big one, all of which would be surprisingly rare this close to shore.

For our thoughts down there are different than when on the surface. They are quicker and different, and even the fish seem different, now having more the aspect of birds almost, being above us as well as alongside of us, and when the underwater motions of the ocean become like the motions of air or wind, and when most things, including ourselves, seem to be gliding around as if on wings.

But the big Moray eel down there is not like anything else, and so I often have wondered, and the other fellows have wondered, why ocean literature has not picked up on the Moray as a villain, if merely for its appearance alone, if merely for its wicked eye, its needle teeth, and its lack of any sense of humor.

The Moray can reach a length of more than five feet, but its proportions when seen underwater can be misleading, for some portion of the eel always is in hiding, and it is always sliding its slimy body through the thickets of the bottom, always cagey enough that when it strikes it will strike at something which is at a disadvantage to strike back, or cannot strike back. And when it does strike it strikes not only with its teeth but with

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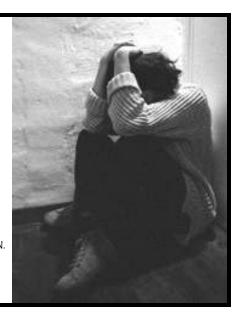
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its whole body, whipping its body around the object, lashing it and holding it there. Nor am I the only one among us who, while prying at an abalone, has come to the top of the water, and stayed on top of the water, when down below an especially large eel has shown its big head too close.

Perhaps I am not mentioning Moray eels in the manner scientists might talk about the things while the scientists are around a conference table, and very much on dry land. They might bring out the fact that Moray eels technically are edible, which technically they are, but I have yet to see any of our own gang eat one of them, or even want to eat one of them, or even want to have anything to do with them on hook or spear — if it can be avoided.

One of the reasons is, not merely the eel's appearance, but because it can whip itself into so many knots around the spear or around the hook and sinkers, and there the eel clings, still very much alive and fighting, and still very angry (they always are angry, even when only prowling), and a long, long time is required to cut it off and get it untangled, and without wrecking one's whole equipment.

But because our opinion of these Moray eels is personal, we occasionally can be at a loss when people on land ask: "But do they ever really attack anybody?"

The answer to this one can be that we try never to give them the chance. Besides, some people automatically can hate certain snakes without actually having been bitten by one. I do not know of a Moray eel ever taking off from out the underbrush of the bottom and deliberately swimming after anybody, for this is not the way this eel performs. It sneaks around instead, and as for actually biting anybody, I looked again the other day at Bud's hand. I wanted to see how the hand was coming along after a local doctor had put seven stitches in it, and also after having given Bud a tetanus shot.

Bud is a young neighbor of mine, and does as much diving and fishing around here as anybody else, and was born here literally on the edge of the water, and was raised knowing the water knowledge which so many others have had to acquire.

The Moray snapped Bud's hand when Bud was diving for abalones, although around here we have abbreviated the word to "abs," and Bud described how the eel came to grab him.

While underwater with his iron, Bud had knocked several abalones off their rocks during the same dive, and while still underwater on the same dive was picking them up off the bottom, their white and opensides showing. This is when the eel, sliding out of nowhere, went after one of the abalones at about the same time Bud did, and so the eel and Bud tangled down there, Bud getting the worst of it.

Bud said it all could have been his fault, and that from now on he will go for only one abalone at a time. But his hatred of Moray eels is on a par with my own, and so is Perky's.

As for Perky, I would say that the only time I have seen him at a loss for what to do was once when we were in his boat together hauling up lobster traps, and when one of the traps

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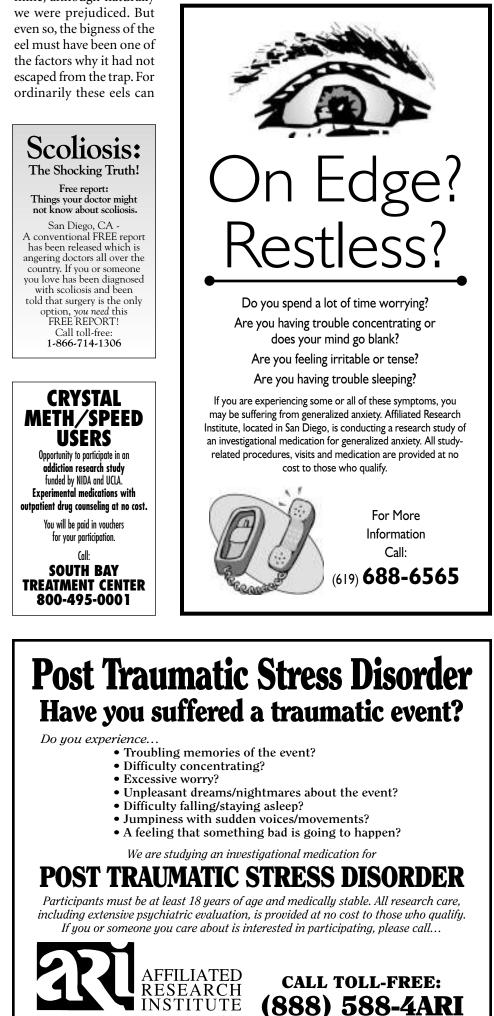
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suddenly yielded onto the bottom of his boat the largest Moray he or I ever had seen, and we have seen some big ones.

Exactly how big this one was I cannot say, for the last thing we would have thought of doing was try to measure it. But I do know its head appeared to be as large as either Perky's or mine, although naturally we were prejudiced. But even so, the bigness of the eel must have been one of the factors why it had not escaped from the trap. For ordinarily these eels can slide their way out of anything, and the slats of a trap or the trap's top opening, comparatively small though it is, can become as rubber to an eel.

But because the ocean had been riled up by a storm this day, we did not see either the trap or the eel inside of it until everything was all too late, and when the trap on a final heave had been tumbled into the boat. The eel got out of the opening then, and in all such a quick movement that there the eel was inside

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the boat, and the boat had shipped plenty of water because of the rough sea.

These eels, unlike a snake, cannot crawl around very well on anything which is dry, but they certainly can seem to slide around on anything which is damp and slippery. And here, this time, the eel periodically was in several inches of water, the amount depending on where and on how the boat kept rolling with the sea.

Perky and I both yanked our feet off that bottom as fast as we could and stuck them up on the thwarts and gunwale as high as we could, and wished we could have found something even higher to perch ourselves on. Maybe we did resemble cartoons of ladies avoiding a mouse. But this big Moray was not a mouse, and we did let it have the run of the boat while trying to decide what to do.

An oar would have been one of the natural implements to grab, but both oars were still secure in their oarlocks, and to reach them would have required considerable fumbling and a change from our highly perched positions, and with the boat meanwhile rolling, and with the big Moray always slithering around so fast that we never knew where next it would be.

Perky did not want to

wade down across there and untangle an oar, and neither did I, and then it was that we both thought of his sheath knife.

Perky has no reason to know how to throw a sheath knife accurately, for he never practices doing that sort of thing. Nor until now had there ever been any excuse for that kind of melodramatic stuff in his work. But he threw that knife this time and as hard as he could. I imagine he aimed at the Moray's head, which would have seemed the instinctive thing to do. But he said afterwards he aimed exactly where the knife went, although I do not believe him.

The knife went through the thinner part of the tail and also through a good part of the bottom of the boat, pinning the eel there. We knew now that the boat might start leaking, but we did not much care, at least for the moment. For the eel, with one vicious whip, threw its whole body in a knot around the knife, its new enemy, and began grinding the knife with its teeth.

This was good enough for us, providing the knife held, and we both got down off our perches, grabbed the oars out of their oarlocks, and pounded and sliced at that Moray, taking turns doing so because of lack of room.

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but we surely battered up this one, and even our oars a little too, for the Moray would grip at the oars the same as at the knife.

But when finally we got the heavy sonofabitch hoisted over the side, and out of sight, we were as wilted as two guys could be, and as relieved as well.

Our boat the while had been drifting, and was still drifting, but we did not care. We just sat there, leak or no leak.

CHAPTER 20

And there are the sea lions. When a person gets my age he should be an authority on something, just anything, even if it is sea lions. But the longer I hang around this ocean, the more credulous I am about being positive about the behavior of the live things in it, although there was one time when I would have laughed out loud if anybody told me that sea lions were not always the harmless animals they are presumed to be.

And I remember how I used to be amused by Mickey, a young diver friend of mine, when he would scramble back up into the boat as fast as he could whenever a sea lion would be sighted anywhere in the vicinity.

Those were the days of the goggles, and not the face-glasses, and when abalones were more plentiful on the underwater rocks along here than at present. And when fishand-game wardens, in reverse order, were not as plentiful. Mickey would dive for abalones and sell them, even though he had no commercial license for doing so. He usually worked from off a boat not far from the Caves, and whenever I was with him taking care of the oars, he would beg me ahead of time: "Now, remember."

This meant to remember about sea lions, and though I would remember and would tell him, nevertheless I always considered his plea rather humorous. Besides, my knowledge of sea lions at that time had been more or less limited to the young ones seen in vaudeville and circus acts, and where the animals were billed not as sea lions but simply as seals. Captured young and trained early, they did not include the big bulls with their hundreds of pounds. For I doubt very much if a big bull could be captured at sea without a lot of difficulty and a lot of

special equipment and a lot of profanity.

For I do know that even now, in capturing the smaller ones for the San Diego Zoo, quite a bit of paraphernalia is necessary, and quite a bit of profanity, and by the time the special expedition is back from the Coronado Islands, the men in it know they have been out on a real job. And even though no big bulls, or even any middle-sized bulls, were included in the catch.

The Zoo's permission from the Mexican government allows for just so many young sea lions to be taken at a time from off the nearby Coronados. Yet these two dozen or so cause work enough, the catching being done by a net stretched from fishboat to some jutting rock, the young seals being driven into the net, then hoisted aboard a few at a time by crane.

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These young sea lions naturally do not like anything about it. They bite and snarl and cry, and furthermore their whole careers are changed from that moment on. At the Zoo, as soon as they get over their fright and begin to eat again, they are put through preliminary school, so to speak, and finally are traded off to other zoos around the world, or sometimes traded or sold to circuses. As a local animal to be traded for something else, the young sea lion we have around here is especially important to the Zoo.

And the young sea lion, once trained, can be an entirely different-minded young sea lion than one which is roaming his own ocean here and which knows more about it than we do.

What first may have frightened Mickey about sea lions I do not know. He may have told me, but if so I have forgotten, or did not pay much attention. For this was years ago, and before any of the sea lions, either little or the big bulls, had started playing tag with me while I was swimming or diving, and before I learned to like no part of them while I was in the water. Nor is this a secret confession. It is quite a public one, as public as Mickey's used to be.

In the same manner and speed with which he used to scramble out of the ocean, should a sea lion be sighted in the vicinity, I now do likewise. Or try to. And all because a few big sea lions from time to time have followed me around, and all because one huge fellow in particular one day would not go away from me at all. He had originated his own game and was playing it, and during an occasion when I was a considerable distance offshore. He periodically would dive, then come up so as to put his big face directly in front of my own. And there we would be, staring face to face, and with the bull's ringside weight being six or seven times that of mine. If he had wanted to play so much he should have gone and played with somebody his size. He should have gone and picked on a killer whale. After a while a boat

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The boat pulled over, and I got in, the same as Mickey used to do.

"What's the matter?" they asked.

"A damn sea lion," I said, not caring whether they laughed or not.

Just then the bull rose again, showing its massive squarecut head, typical of bulls, and one of the people in the boat said: "God, it is a big guy, isn't it?"

Yet his tone had all the difference, all the unmistakable difference, of looking at something big from a boat and looking at something big when down with it in its own element.

But again, as in the case of the Moray eels, I do not presume to know, any more than Mickey knew, all that may be recorded in the ledgers of scientists pro or con in regard to bull sea lions and their relationship to man. Yet the more we are around the ocean, and in the ocean bodily with face-glasses, the more I truly have become convinced that nothing down there behaves according to set rules. For those creatures also can have their own personalities, their own idiosyncrasies, their own peculiar habits, the same as anything on land. And if on some day they may want to do something different than they have done before, or different from what they are supposed to do, they will do it.

If sea lions, after having been captured for a long time and put into acts, can each have a different personality or temperament, the same as dogs, then I presume the sea lions have the same right to have these differentiations while in their own big ocean.

Or if somebody were to come right out blanketlike and say: "But sea lions never hurt anybody," I have a reply for that one too. It did not happen to me, but it happened to an acquaintance of mine who had been diving for abalones in front of, and slightly to the north of, one of the largest hotels here, the Casa

de Mañana.

A big bull went after the diver when he was down under and took a bite out of his back.

The diver stabbed the bull with his abalone-iron, and then made his way to shore as best he could. The lifeguards took care of the diver, giving him preliminary treatment in the Lifeguards' Shack, while summoning a doctor. The bull itself floated in later that evening — dead.

People may say, of course, that the bull really may not have meant to do what it did but was only playing. Maybe so. But with the aid of old tires and gasoline, we burned the bulky body there on the beach, this being the best way to get rid of them.

I remember another time, one warm afternoon, when a few of us were sitting around at the Cove talking about this and talking about that, and we were watching with only partial interest some stranger who was out in the water floating on his back. We were partially interested because he was so bald-headed, his damp head catching the sun and periodically glistening with it.

But the stranger seemed at such perfect peace out there, floating around and looking up at the sky, that I remember one of us made some comment about him and his bald head while wondering how long he intended to continue floating on and on like that.

And even while we were watching and wondering these things, a sea lion must have been doing much the same from underwater. We did not see the sea lion until all at once it arose to the surface in back of the man, and next to his head, and gave the bald head a swat with a flipper.

Two of the lifeguards sprinted through the water out to the man, then, thinking he might become panicky. But then he hardly believed us. For the sea lion immediately had gone underwater again. And the reason it all could have been considered funny, I suppose, was simply because the man was so bald-headed.

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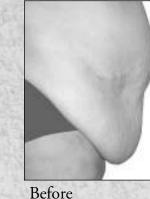
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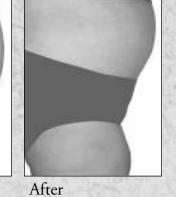
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San Diego Reader August 15, 2002 צ sea lions than we are, or like Mickey was, or like I am, and mainly because, I suppose, they have learned or read no reason to be otherwise. They may be cautious ahead of time about such things as sharks, for instance, which the rest of us pay no concern. But as for seals — ah, they always have been pictured as cute friendly little things. And I was reminded again of this indifference this past Sunday when a sea lion, apparently expecting to land, came close into shore at the Cove, and in the middle of a group of new Sunday swimmers there.

Mickey or I or a lot of the rest of us would have gotten out of there fast. But these new people did not seem to mind, and they stayed watching in the semishallow water while the sea lion maneuvered among them. The result was this brief news-item in the *San Diego Union* of the next day:

A seal swam into the bathing area of La Jolla Cove yester-

day, brushed against a 21-yearold girl swimmer and inflicted an injury on the bather's left elbow with one of its flippers.

(Girl's name) was treated at the La Jolla Police station, said the seal swam over her after she had dived into the water.

This story, though accurate in substance, is not altogether accurate in detail. For the sea lion bumped the girl in her back, and she is not sure whether the injury was caused by a flipper or by teeth or what. Nor is anybody else, even the lifeguards who treated her first. But her indifference, and the indifference of the new people around her when the seal was there, is what still amazes the rest of us. All she said was that the seal, while rubbing across her, "felt awfully slimy." Mickey would have burst a blood vessel.

Before I became like Mickey, and learned to dislike being in the water when sea lions were around, I tried to make a pet of a young one that each day used to climb up into Perky's rowboat moored out there.

The young sea lion would half-leap and halfclimb into the boat and stay there sunning itself on one of the thwarts. I would swim out to the boat, then, and gradually day by day made myself acquainted.

By not trying to rush the acquaintanceship, I finally was able to climb up into the boat and sit at one end with the sea lion staying at the other. The little sea lion did not like me there. I could tell that. But then, after a while, it began not to mind me there, either. Yet I was working for the day when I could move right over alongside of it, and perhaps begin petting it, and the fellows on the beach could then say what an animal-trainer I was.

Days followed days, and I was getting along pretty good with my act, actually in time being able to sit alongside the seal. But each time I tried to pet it, it would cry and snarl. Somebody told me later that seals do not mind being patted as much as they hate being stroked. But I did not know this then, even if it is true, and so I kept on trying for the day when I could stroke the seal, and even began bringing out dead fish to the boat as a further lure. But nothing doing. The seal neither would eat my fish nor let me put my hand upon its body.

And then one day, when I was especially anxious to show off to some friends, and was nearing the boat with a small bass in my hand, the sea lion broke all precedent by suddenly jumping from the boat into the water, thereby ruining my performance. I was feeling bad about this, my pride as an animaltrainer hurt, when ---whang! The seal, like an underwater torpedo (for a seal is remarkably streamlined when swimming under the surface), took after me and swished under my feet.

I cannot swear that the

seal touched me, for too much unexpected was happening all at once. But I do like to come to the conclusion that the seal, having had a bellyful of my eagerness to touch it, was now showing me in turn what it is like to be touched by a foreign substance, and for me from now on to mind my own business.

Perky, who saw it happen, said that the seal could have been coming after the bass in my hand. But this does not seem to make as much sense as the other. For the seal could have had the bass anyway, and merely by being patient.

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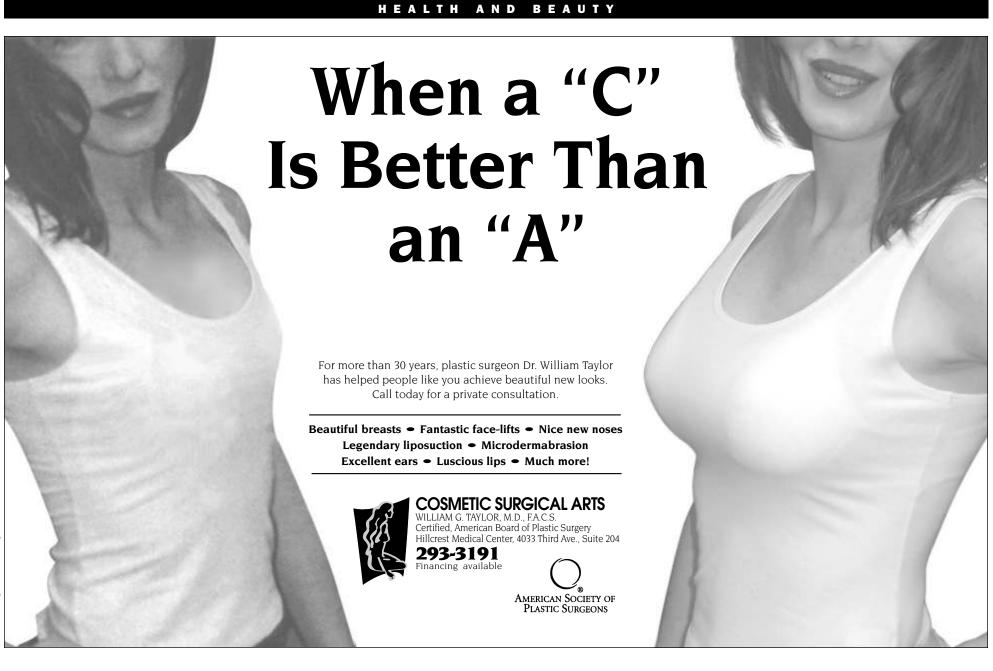
The prettiest fish around here is the Garibaldi, golden and numerous and brave. Each has for its home some rocky castle, somewhat similar in shape to the smaller ones in a fishbowl, and the fish hangs around outside its doorway and looks up at us as we swim over.

And we would miss it considerably if suddenly

it were not here any more. We do not spear or catch the Garibaldi. For one thing, the Garibaldi is too smart to take a hook, as for instance a hook meant for other fish. But as for spearing the Garibaldi, this is the sure sign of a newcomer and a novice. For the rest of us would as soon spear one of our own domestic pets, and it would be as easy to do.

The Garibaldi, golden as new gold, is not a large fish as ocean fish go. Nor is it always a small one. A fair length would be ten inches, perhaps, but the body is exceptionally thick and round in proportion, and the Garibaldi with its curious eyes seems to regard us as the ones this time in an aquarium and always seems eager to study us, even to making mental notes on us as we swim over and around.

Yet if we come too close, the fish again will back up into its doorway and peer out at us from there, and with only its head showing. The Garibaldi



protects its underwater castle against other Garibaldi, or against other intruders its size, and I imagine they may quarrel quite a bit among themselves, one house-owner quarreling with another. But this is not our concern, and when they look up at us they sometimes swim almost upright to do so.

The Cove still has as many Garibaldi now as when first I came here a quarter-century or so ago. And sometimes when we of the Cove are far away, or have been far away, perhaps on hot dry land somewhere far away, and think of the Cove, so cool at home, and think of swimming and looking down at its green rocky bottom, we automatically in our mind's eye see the Garibaldi there also, and behaving as smartly and as independently as ever it did.

I know for a fact how this memory picture goes, not merely for myself, but with others. For we have talked about it afterwards and we have agreed: "By God, that's right." And we have talked about it a little even when we have run into each other elsewhere, in some city or some land which is not here, and when we say: "How'd you like to be back in the Cove right now?"

For this is one convenient thing about the Garibaldi in the Cove, they do not need a caretaker while we are away. They do not have to be fed or left with neighbors or put into a kennel or taken out for exercise or have sandboxes supplied for them or have veterinaries pick foxtails out of their skin. And yet in a way the Garibaldi most definitely belongs to us, whether we are here or not.

People inland may remember from childhood their old swimming holes, for a lot certainly has been written about such memories, and how when they returned as elders to these old holes, they did not seem nearly as large or nearly as steep. But in this regard the Cove never can become a disappointment like that, even to the youngsters born here. For the Cove is the ocean, and looks directly out upon the rest of the ocean, and it is hard to have an ocean appear any smaller no matter how old we may become or no matter how long the lapse of time since last we saw it or were in it. And I like to think that the Garibaldi, should any of them go wandering over other parts of the sea, could become as homesick for

the Cove as we can. And would remember their own underwater castles there, and with us funny creatures always entertaining them from above. "Yep, something was always doing at the Cove," they could say, the same as we say.

Only twice in all these years have I seen anybody spear a Garibaldi at the Cove, and each time the spearer's reception back on the beach was the same and his own conduct was the same. Each of the two men (though the incidents were years apart) waded proudly back up onto the sand, the live Garibaldi on display on his spear and struggling about on it. The newcomer, apparently expecting to be admired as a great spearman, a great one-day wonder on his first time out, waved the spear around slightly so we would be sure to see.

But nobody on the beach moved or said a word. The silence was such that the bloke himself, if he had any wave length at all, must have realized he had done something wrong, and even though there is not much law against what he had done. Except, of course, the greatest law of all.

Next week: The immortal caves

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people who cannot attend church (shut-ins, hospitalized, sick) who can benefit from these broadcasts. It is a wonderful way of reaching a larger audience with the message, and I am sure those who watch are glad

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for a service to participate in. I would hope Mr. Opincar would be less biased in the future. Maybe someone else who is more positive should be writing these articles for the Reader.

Catherine Gibson Santee

Annual budget and weekly giving are a standard part of the information box. Churches reviewed in the last four "Sheep and Goats" columns all supplied this information. — Editor

Great Work

I've always been a sucker for John Brizzolara's "T.G.I.F." column, and, boy, he hit it this week great (August 8). So, you get to keep him. And I'm also a sucker for "Best Buys" by Eve Kelly. Keep her as long as you can too. But the new woman on the

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block, I think, is in "City Lights" this week --- "Promise-Breakers" by Nancy Fay; I've never seen her before. What a nice piece on the Baldwin brothers. I mean, this thing is well put together — oh, you can keep her forever, except I think she'll be hired away as soon as anybody other than me reads this piece who has any kind of brain at all. What a great piece. Everything I've ever suspected, and you never get to read this stuff anywhere else, and I believe it all. She did great work.

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Sleaze

I was surprised to read in your story "Friday Night at Dad's" (August 1) that Dad's is referred to as *way less sleazy* than a Bully's. As a patron of Bully's East, I could only wonder if the writers of the story have ever been into a Bully's or if they bothered to look up in the dictionary

the definition of "sleazy." Bully's East could not remotely be described as sleazy. However, your writers' inaccuracy in print is sleaze.

Margaret Synns Mission Valley

Define Sleazy

I am a bartender who has worked for eight years at Bully's East restaurant. During that time period I have had the pleasure of serving and working with some of the finest people to be found. People of character, people of achievement, people who make a positive contribution towards everyone in this city. That being said, I would like to respond to comments made in the "Friday Night at Dad's" article, August 1. Referring to Dad's as "way less [sleazy] than a Bully's or the Butcher Shop" might have seemed like a cute throwaway line by your writer(s), but in fact, it was inaccurate, misleading, and far from the truth. Try

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checking the dictionary definition of "sleazy," as I did, and what becomes apparent is that those lines are perfect examples of "sleazy" journalism, and I say that with a lot more commitment to the facts than your writers exhibited.

Brad Johnson

Slanderous Comment

In regards to the article about Dad's Café ("Friday Night at Dad's," August 1): I am the chef of Bully's East restaurant in Mission Valley. I was quite disturbed when reading the article and finding that in comparing Dad's Café to other restaurants your writer(s) referred to my restaurant as "sleazy." When have any of your staff been to this restaurant? Or to either of the other Bully's? We have been here for 31 vears. We have worked very hard to create an image and reputation for fair prices and quality food in a comfortable atmosphere. I am quite sure that if you asked any of our patrons why they frequent Bully's, "sleazy" won't be one of the adjectives. What a slanderous comment to make.

Brian Rutherford

Only Cruelty

Please let me begin by saying I am *not* a person who writes letters complaining about stuff they have heard or read. In fact, I generally despise those people. The article featured in your August 1 issue entitled "Friday Night at Dad's" has moved me to respond. As I read through the article, I was forced to question again and again how much you pay your writers per word. The article was unnecessarily lengthy, wordy, and offensive. I appreciate the desire to paint a picture of Dad's and its clientele, but I felt that the descriptions of the patrons were at an all-time low. I have never been to Dad's and I don't know any of the people in your article, but I did not need to know about how someone's stomach "protrudes fleshily around her waist" or how a 42-yearold woman looked "older than her age" or how older women look "well kept, maybe face-lifted." There is no substance in these descriptions, only cruelty. These people were kind

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enough to speak with you and give you any article at all. That should be appreciated. Are you running out of good ideas to fill your pages?

Alyssa

Intense Work

I just want to congratulate John Brizzolara for an intense piece of work with "I Crawled Inside Brenda van Dam's Head and Tried to Guess What Went on in There" (August 1). I read the cover article, then went back

to Mr. Brizzolara's story. I felt — I mean, I really felt what Mrs. van Dam may have felt that evening. I just thought it was so compelling and honest. Somehow, I felt that I shared her pain. Krista Bruce La Mesa

Virtual Mexican Pirates

Gregory Carrier (Letters, August 1) has some questionable data in his letter. First, the maximum allowable RF wattage in the United States is 50 kilowatts for the FM band, 100 kilowatts for

AM. So, unless Mr. Carrier is using a formula for computing an equivalent wattage, his figure of 112 kilowatts must be incorrect.

I often listen to XLNC in the car. I have no reception problems in Clairemont, where I live. In my experience, KPFK does not interfere with XLNC's signal in San Diego proper, their main target territory.

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came on the FM band from a terrestrial transmitter or from high above on a satellite band.

But, there's another aspect to the issue. Mexican radio stations have been wantonly interfering with U.S. transmitters for years (remember, Wolfman Jack could only be heard far and wide because he originated from "south of the border"). And they still continue to do so with virtual impunity. When they wanted to raise their power to a paltry 12 kilowatts, KSDS was stymied for years by XETV, who argued their audio signal would suffer interference. But there's still 500 *times* more distance between the frequencies (87.7 to 88.3). KSDS now operates at approximately 3 kilowatts on a "trial basis."

But it doesn't seem to work the other way around: KPFK has been on the frequency of 90.7 for 30 years; suddenly, along comes an interloper, and nothing can be done. XLNC chose exactly 90.7 despite the knowledge that they would interfere with KPFK's established reception pattern. That's supposed to be illegal. Certainly, it is not right.

Clearly, Mexican stations have the ability to operate as virtual pirates, hijacking any frequency at any power output at will, while U.S. stations have to follow the rules. Often, to their own detriment.

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Housing Debates

The "City Lights" item entitled "Sausage in the Making" (August 1) contains several errors. The Joint Powers Authority mentioned will not be created by Ms. Kehoe's bill. It is already permitted. The Authority would not have generous public funds, but only what money the participating agencies give it, for the purpose they specify. Just now, only the school district has money and a mandate, and those must go to build a school. The bill does remove vagueness in the law so the Authority can operate properly.

Ms. Kehoe's bill is neither suspicious nor fuzzy. It does not and should not micromanage housing projects. The Authority will work

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toward replacing homes removed to make way for a new elementary school — a desirable goal in light of the extreme housing shortage in San Diego, especially in poor communities. There is need for all types of housing near the Model School, and

the Authority should be and will be empowered to respond to the range and intensity of need.

The Reverend Mr. Jim Gilbert, whom you quote, has a track record of misrepresentation and of opposing the construction of new homes, schools, and parks in poor communities. He prefers that poor residents rot in their present conditions rather than have the choice to move into new, decent, safe, affordable homes. He has said as much publicly, and his published

writings confirm his spoken words. You should consult the October 2001 San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles magazine and the January 2002 San Diego Street Light for confirmation.

> James Varnadore City Heights

Matt Potter responds: Mr. Varnadore is in error. The Kehoe bill is necessary to allow creation of the Joint Powers Authority, according to state legislative consultants.

Fellow Sinner

Thank you for this heart-

warming article "More Pedophile Priest Follies" ("City Lights," August 1) on a fellow sinner who was helping another gay person with his God-given identity. I have been following this whole mistreatment of gays by the Roman Catholic Church.

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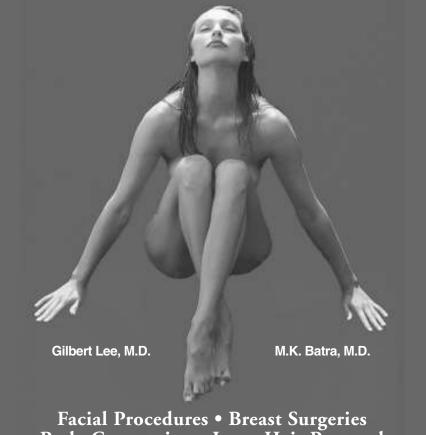
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Possibly bankruptcy will be their payment for such hatred of their own. Fred Conwell

San Ysidro

No Winner

In your restaurant review column for July 25 ("Eating Renoir"), Naomi Wise stated that Christophe Vessaire, former chef at the Westgate Hotel, had received the James Beard House award for Outstanding Hotel Restaurant. This is totally incorrect information.

I have been involved with the James Beard Foundation since its inception and am the columnist for the foundation newsletter for San Diego. I have also brought several chefs to the Beard House to cook. Christophe was invited to cook at the James Beard House just as chefs are throughout the country. He was billed as a regional hotel chef. No one from San Diego has ever been nominated for a James Beard Award. The awards are given once a year. There is a regional award from California, but the awards have always gone to chefs from San Francisco and the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

Please correct this misinformation.

Pamela J. Wischkaemper

Naomi Wise responds: Thank you for the correction. I received my information from a manager for the Westgate Hotel's food operations, who was apparently unclear on the specifics of the Beard Foundation awards system. I hope and expect that one day soon, a San Diego chef will be an actual winner.

Pathetic Criteria

The article you published regarding Mick Jagger's new album (CD Review by August Kleinzahler, July 25) was absolutely shallowminded journalism. Apparently Jagger's greatest crime is that he's already been famous for too many years, and because he has established great wealth and popularity, he has no rights to further his expression as an artist. The article didn't really review this unique album but rather exploited irrelevant criticism towards Mick's accomplishments over the last 30 years. The album is actually a very exciting and unusual piece of work involving great artists,

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including Mick, who are all older, but yet very much alive with a spirit to create music. Jagger explored many new avenues in this work, none of which Kleinzahler took time to investigate. I'm a producer myself and have much praise for some of the talent in this album. Picasso should have retired at 30, according to the theory behind this article. What rights has a man to go on wanting to continue his life's work after he starts to age? What a pathetic criteria. Jagger's film *Being Mick* actually gives one a slight

window into the making of this album, one that is quite sincere and delightful. Well, the article is rubbish! The album has a sincere and sometimes poetic appeal and was obviously not the actual intention behind the ridiculously inept accusations of

the reviewer. He only talks about the actual album for a half of a paragraph and then explodes into a long history of irrelevant issues against Jagger's fame. Shame on you!

James

Fun Catch

To the editor and Naomi Wise: Congratulations on a very good restaurant review of the Fontainebleau at the Westgate Hotel (July 25), one of San Diego's bestkept secrets. We are lucky to have such a premier establishment in our city. The descriptions of offerings were accurate and adequate to pique interest in learning more, as well as being very professional in presentation. Advising of the change in chef was also done in a manner not to demean the ef-

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS forts of the establishment and the remaining staff and certainly did not diminish the desirability of dining there. This speaks very well of the *Reader* and of the well-meaning efforts of your writing staff. Thanks for paying attention. It's a lot more fun catching folks doing something right anytime.

Wayne Geiselman

Hatred Hominid

I am shocked that you have featured such an untalented and hate-filled writer as John Brizzolara in your newspaper, much less given him the cover story that is by all means the most appalling dedication to racism, prejudice, and stereotyping that I have ever read in such a well-known magazine ("Sidewalk Employment Agency," July 18). I am infuriated that this no-talent hack has the nerve to write an article on something he knows nothing of, and at the expense of the hardest-working people this city, state, and country have ever known, the Hispanics and Mexicans.

His neo-Nazi remarks are well-hidden and undertoned; yet they are still present and overwhelm this story with the arrogance of a man that is more than likely oblivious to the reality of struggle. He writes off all Hispanics and Mexican immigrants, the indigenous people of a strong land, as being hungry ("and they get fed"!), poor ("cigarettes, like dentists, are luxuries"), and animalistic in comparison to any other race ("No roughhousing, no norteño music blaring" and "I'm beginning to feel like Dian Fossey among the mountain gorillas").

It is a disgrace to all Hispanics and Mexicans everywhere that your newspaper actually published and promotes this Hitleresque article. Brizzolara's writing reflects his feeling that this country has no need for Hispanic and Mexican workers and makes it seem like we are all homeless and hungry, when in reality if all the Hispanics and Mexicanos were not here to plant, pick, and cook this country's food, build this country's buildings, clean this country's messes, or do any other jobs that Caucasians, Asians, and African-Americans are too lazy and afraid to even dream





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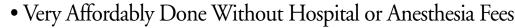
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reading, McDonald's-eating, Polo-wearing American public could only begin to imagine. With caramel skin a little darker than the coffee I drink, Meridiano Zye

The full sentence about Dian Fossey was "I'm beginning to feel like Dian Fossey among the mountain gorillas (and if you take that as a racist statement — don't: I'm not saying these men are gorillas, okay?)." — Editor

Differently Disabled

After reading "Guess How Many Legs I've Got in My Closet" by Matthew Lickona (July 18), I just had to put pen to paper. As a disabled person, I found this article to be humorous, but in a twisted, dark sort of way. I hope the author will give equal time to be entertained by a disabled person whose attitude towards the challenges of life is just the opposite of Heather Siegel's.

Mr. Lickona opens his article with his hostess, Heather Siegel, professing that she hates articles that depict disabled people as "chirpy little wheelchair people." This article definitely lived up to Mr. Lickona's prediction that this would not be about a person with a disability outwardly exemplifying a life of acceptance and perseverance. However, Ms. Siegel's life goes to show something that I've always believed before becoming disabled: People need people to enjoy life. You can't live in a bubble and find true happiness. For your next dinner engagement, Mr. Lickona, allow a "chirpy little wheelchair person" to entertain you so that you can give your readers another perspective on life with a disability. Rozanna Reutzel



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Canyon Nuts

Saving the Canyons and Other Natural Places

arrie Schneider says she's the one who "keeps things rolling" for the Friends of Switzer Canyon. So many volunteer conservation efforts are washouts. Schneider was asked to what she attributes her three-year-old group's success in the area that "spreads fingers" (her term) through several city blocks of North Park, from 32nd to 28th Streets, between Redwood and Laurel.

It began with a community event that didn't demand much commitment, she says. "We 'flyered' the neighborhood and invited people to a nature walk. We had a naturalist there who talked about the local plants and

What followed was a monthly

effort to rid the canyon of invasive, non-

"The Metropolitan Wastewater

roads to each of its manholes. They were

Department wanted to build access

Luckily, says Schneider, "a couple of

people in the community actually pay

attention to things like Notices of Preparation. They said, 'Wait a minute.

This is going to be a real disaster.' So

that was the group's organizing principle — initial education to help

people understand what was special

explanation of why this sewer project

The access roads, as originally

envisioned, were never built. "Because

about the canyon and then an

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going to start in Switzer Canyon.

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Sewer Maintenance Task Force was formed. It came up with some new equipment, new ideas, new approaches for how the department could access its lines and clean them and so on, without having to cause such huge destruction."

So the department was cooperative? "Well, it became cooperative. The uncooperative people got tired of dealing with us and moved on." Seriously? "I think some of them asked for reassignments." Also, "We had strong city council support. The councilors got the message across to the department: 'You're gonna work with these community people whether you want to or not.' It was a painful process at times, but worked out in the end." Was there a core group of

volunteers, Schneider herself and others? "Oh, yes, of course. There's

always a core group people who are nuts enough to spend a major amount of time on efforts like this." For Switzer Canyon, there's a core of ten or less, says Schneider. "And then there's an outer ring of people who are a little less involved."

So how does she keep her volunteers active? "What I found was that different people like to do different things, and you're more successful if you match them up. For example, some are really good at calling city councilors and telling them what we want." Other people are mortified by that prospect, but love the monthly battle with the invasive ice plants.

What Schneider thinks works best overall is "a little bit of work for continuous, long periods of time." She witnessed the rise and fall of one friends' group, whom she declines to name, that quickly sparked, then died. "They got together, published a newsletter. They even mailed it" rather than "flyering" it around their neighborhood by hand. "I was pretty impressed. They spent a lot of money — and energy." But then the group petered out. "There was nothing to sustain it."

Like many friends' groups, Schneider's had help from the Sierra Club. Eric Bowlby, the club's canyon preservation organizer, provides newbies with guidance and a template — "flyering," initial nature walk, and so on.

Another part of the winning formula, says Bowlby, is a Listserv. Bowlby helps groups create these computerized e-mailing systems that allow members to communicate by posting simultaneous messages to everyone.

More important than electronics, however, is the group's elite. According to Bowlby, what creates enduring success for these friends' groups is "finding the right leadership."

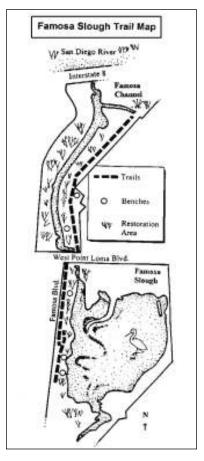
Are these leaders often retired? Traditionally, retirees have time. Schneider works as a microbiologist, but Jim Peugh was retired when he led a another type of conservation group, in the 30-acre wetland in the Loma Portal area. Now over ten years old, that group is the well-established Friends of Famosa Slough.

Bowlby has observed that the best

Houses on border of Los Peñasquitos preserve

leaders often *aren't* necessarily retired. "But they *are* people who have these areas right in their own back yards." Schneider lives within walking distance of the canyon; Peugh can see the slough from his house.

On Friday, Schneider, Bowlby, and Peugh will speak and show slides to tell the stories of their friends' groups and to encourage others to organize their own. Along with them will be Mike Kelly, past



of our protests, the City Wide Canyon others? "Oh



president of the Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon.

The Peñasquitos group, says Schneider, "has evolved into a much more formal organization than most, because they had some seriously large things they wanted to accomplish. In our case, we're pretty small, so we don't try to do too much. We keep it fun, mix relaxation with working. And over time, we've found, you can make a difference." — Jeanne Schinto

Slide Lecture: "Saving the Canyons and Other Natural Places" San Diego Chapter, Sierra Club Friday, August 16, 7:30 p.m. Otto Auditorium San Diego Zoo Free Info: 619-585-3773

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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 US. Find the cen-

ter at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río, in Tijuana. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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

Omnimax Films, only two days left for *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. On Saturday, August 17, a new film begins its run: *The Human Body*, a look at the marvelous machine. 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. (TJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Ocean Water Temperatures are probably peaking now, the result of many weeks of summer sunshine and warm coastal air temperatures. While the water offshore seldom reaches 70 degrees Fahrenheit, shallow-water temperatures of 70 to 75 degrees are not uncommon on gently shelving beaches late in the day. Wide, sandy beaches such as Coronado, south Mission Beach, and La Jolla Shores are now at their best for comfortable bathing.

Towering Thunderheads have been seen hovering over the wall of mountains east of San Diego in recent weeks. Afternoon rainshowers typically dampen Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Mount Laguna on several occasions through the month of August. Usually this kind of thunderstorm activity ceases by sunset, and clearing skies usher in a cloud-free night. The marked contrast between the sunny but bland weather along the coast and the more lively and unpre dictable mountain weather is one illustration of San Diego County's "geography of contrast.

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Tracking, the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon offer two classes this weekend, for beginners and advanced trackers. The first, for beginners, is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 8 to 9 a.m. Kids are welcome in this class, where the park's tracking team will teach you to identify and track animals and discover the natural habitats. Wear shoes that can handle mud.

At the same time on Saturday, an advanced tracking hike is scheduled (for those who've completed the beginners' and intermediate classes). Directions for both classes: From I-15, take the Mercy Road exit and go west to Black Mountain Road, turn right, then take the first left onto Canyonside Drive. Proceed to the white-fenced parking lot. Walk the rest of the way on the trail to the ranch house. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

And More Birds, the San Elijo Lagoon is the location for this week's birding hike sponsored by the San Diego Audubon Society. Bring scopes or binoculars and join the group on Saturday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. Likely species include Lesser yellowlegs, Phalaropes, Barn swallows, and a variety of Sandpipers, depending on the tides that day.

Meet at the end of Rios Avenue, overlooking the south side of the lagoon. From I-5 take the Lomas Santa Fe Drive exit and go west less than a mile to Rios. Turn north and park at the end of Rios. No restrooms or water available. Easy hiking. Free. 619-275-0557. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Restored Farmhouse, the Sikes Adobe, is the highlight of this event sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, August 17, at 8 a.m. for an easy 2.5-mile interpretive walk in the Lake Hodges area. Meet your guide at the parking lot at the end of Sunset Drive. Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway, go east, then south on Sunset (opposite the shopping mall). The six-mile trail is moderate, but bring water and dress for hot weather. Free. Reservations, please: 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDID0)

"Why Blue Sky?" Naturalist Dianne Kurtock leads hikers through Blue Sky Ecological Reserve and points out the many plants and habitats that make this open-space park so important. Join her on Saturday, August 17, at 9 a.m. at the park on Espola Road, a half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Wear a hat, bring water. 858-694-3049 Free. (POWAY)

The Trees of Balboa Park, this week's guided walk through the park, led by volunteer horticulturists, concentrates on some of the more exotic trees that can be found there (aside from the palms). Meet at the park's visitors' center on Saturday, August 17, at 10 a.m. It's free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Habitat Restoration in the area of Highland Valley Road is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. The area is part of the San Dieguito River Park. From I-15, exit at West Bernardo Drive/Pomerado Road and drive east. Turn left (north) on Highland Valley Road. Proceed for about 2.5 miles and look for the SDRP signs on the left side of the road. Let them know if you can join them in weed-pulling, mulching, restoring berms, and otherwise caring for the heat-stressed plants: 858-674-2275. Hats and water a mustl. (HIGHLAND VALLEY)

Nature Walk, the Friends of Famosa Slough sponsor a nature hike around the wetland preserve to look at the plants and animals of that habitat. Early migrating birds and ducks might be spotted, Saturday, August 17, at 1 p.m. Meet at the first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of the intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. Free. Bring binoculars. 619-224-4591. (OCEAN BEACH)

Raptor Program, a county park ranger will talk about the hawks and owls found in the area of Lake Jennings and might have some live raptor (and snake) friends to show you, Saturday, August 17, at 6 p.m., at Lake Jennings Park, 10108 Bass Road. Free day use. 858-694-3049. (LAKESIDE)

Twilight is the time when many birds and animals are active. Bring a flashlight and join your guide, Brian Swanson, from Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, August 17, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The pace is moderate. You'll be looking for owls, mule deer, rattlers, and bats. Adults only, please. Reservations: 858-484-3219. When you make reservations, you will be given the meeting place and directions. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Flute Concert, Mission Trails Regional Park is the site of a Native American flute concert by Four Winds, featuring traditional instruments. It's set for Saturday, August 17, 7 p.m., at the park's amphitheater. Bring folding chair or blanket for seating. Meet at the visitors' center, 1 Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Another Night Hike, this one in the west section of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 17, at the small parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard, 1/2-mile east of the intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Bring a flashlight and join guide Will Bowen to look for mule deer, owls, and other creatures of the night and get a good view of the local night sky. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Native Plants and Their Uses, Linda King is your guide on this hike sponsored by the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Sunday, August 18, at 9 a.m. It's moderately paced, but be prepared for hot weather. Meet in the Mercy Road parking-staging area, upper level, at the junction of Mercy Road and Black Mountain Roads. Free. 858-484-3219. (MIRA MESA)

Birds Are Abundant in the Tijuana Estuary, one of the few wetland habitats in Southern California. Join a guide for a look at some of the 370 species that have been recorded here, Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. Meet at the visitors' center for the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, 301 Caspian Way. Bring binoculars. Free. Information: 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Nature Walk, Barbara Moore leads a nature hike in López Canyon, Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. It's sponsored by the Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Meet at the parking-staging area off Sorrento Valley Road, 1/2 mile east of the intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Kayak Tour, see it before all the water's gone; paddle around what's left of Lake Hodges. Guides Bob and Lynda will fill you in on local history, wildlife, and geology. Some paddling experience is required, though. When you make a reservation (858-674-2275 x4), they'll give you directions to the meeting place. It's scheduled for Monday, August 19, from 7 to 9 a.m. It's sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park, which includes Lake Hodges. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Venus, the unblinking brilliant pinpoint of light lingering in our western sky at dusk lately, reaches greatest eastern elongation from the sun on Wednesday, August 21. The angle of separation between Venus and the sun, as measured by observers on Earth, will then be 46 degrees. Venus remains as a prominent "evening star" in the west until October, whereupon it moves swiftly out of the evening sky and becomes a "morning star" (visible in the east at dawn) from November 2002 to mid-2003.

DANCE

Zydeco, the Bon Temps Social Club sponsors zydeco dancing to the best West Texas and Louisiana music, Thursday, August 15, with instruction for beginners or advanced from 7:30 to 8 p.m., and open dancing from 8 to 10 p.m., at the Balboa Park Club at the end of President's Way, off Park Boulevard. A \$3 donation is requested; kids free. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Bellydancing, Titanya, Dondi, Rose, and Cassie perform, with live music by Al-Kimie, Thursday, August 15, 8 p.m., Claire de Lune coffeehouse, 2906 University Avenue; \$5 cover. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

International Dance Festival 2002, the festival continues with dancing by the City Ballet and the Peruvian Dance Group, Friday, August 16, 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, Au Contraire provides the music, and JoAnn Koppany is the caller for the contradance on Friday, August 16, 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)

Dance Jam! This free-form dance party welcomes all ages onto the 2500-square-foot dance floor, Friday, August 16, at 9 p.m. (and every Tuesday and Friday night) at the Center for the Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue. Admission \$5, \$7. 619-298-2687. (HLLCREST)

Teacher/Student Recital, more than 60 adult dancers from the Jean Isaacs San Diego Dance Theater will take part in this concert of works choreographed by Jean Isaacs, Desiree Kongerod, Faith Jensen-Ismay, and others. It's scheduled for Saturday, August 17, at 7 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. at the SDSU Studio/Theater on campus. For tickets and information, call 619-594-6824. (COLLEGE AREA)

Arabic Dance, the Art/Dance Academy offers its final mini-workshop for the season, Sunday, August 18, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The theme is the music and rhythms of the Middle East. Fee: \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, at 1837 South Coast Highway. 760-757-4470. (OCEANSIDE)



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Swing and More, after dance classes (7 to 9 p.m.), dance to the DJ music (swing, disco, funk, Latin) on Tuesday, August 20, 9 p.m., Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal, near Shelter Island Drive. Open dancing

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FILM

"Chasing the LimeLight," this short (15-minute) film is by local producers Victoria Burrows and Ed and Carla Kipp (Evil Genius Productions). As with their other projects (notably, *The Three Rules*), *LimeLight* has been well received by the film community. It's a project of the San Diego GreenLight chapter, a network of film producers founded by Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. Chasing the LimeLight is a spoof of Project Greenlight — how hard can it be to make a short film?

The producers will be on hand for the local premiere, Sunday, Au-



gust 18, at 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Sovereign Room of the Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road. The film screens once only, at 3:15. Space is limited and reservations are required, via e-mail: casting@filmhog.com. No one under 18, please. Anyone interested in Project Greenlight or local film production is welcome. Free. (CORONADO)

"Fiddler on the Roof," sing along with the familiar tunes at a screening of this popular film. On Sunday, August 18, at 7 p.m., you can belt out "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," "To Life," and all the others. It's shown outside on a big screen at Humphrey's by the Bay and sponsored by the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. Tickets are \$12 general; \$10 ages 4 to 17; 3 and under free. Call the JCC box office for tickets and group rates 858-362-1348. Humphrey's is at 2241 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Film Forum, Charlotte Gray, Gillian Armstrong's 2001 film tells the tale of a Scottish woman who becomes an undercover courier during World War II. She works behind enemy lines hoping to find her lover, a prisoner of the Germans. The film stars Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, and Michael Gamborn. It will be shown on Monday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Family Films are screening when the Carlsbad Library's film series continues with Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone on Wednesday, August 21, 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 Jerry McGuire when this series continues on Wednesday, August 21. The meal begins at 7:45 p.m., with the film at 9 p.m. The \$50 fee per person includes the meal, tax, tip, and movie. To make reservations, call 619-557-9441 x1. The series concludes on August 28. (BALBOA PARK)

The French Connection, it's the theme for the "Summer of 2002 Outdoor Film Festival" series continuing at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with the exhibition "Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting." This week, see Louis Malle's 1987 classic Au Revoir les Enfants, the tale of three Jewish children hiding in a Catholic boarding school during the Nazi occupation of France. The film begins at dusk on Thursday, August 22. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-232-7931. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Speak Italian? If you do, you'll enjoy the Roberto Benigni vehicle Il piccolo diavolo, screening (without subtitles) at the Italian Community Center. 1669 Columbia Street, at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 22. For nonmem

bers there's a \$2 admission charge 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"The Groovinians," painter/sculptor Kenny Scharf goes straight to his cartoon roots with a new animated television feature that will be broadcast this fall on the Cartoon Network. Scharf himself will be on hand for this preview screening of the show, which is done in computer animation with voiceovers by Hollywood art lovers like Ann Magnuson, Dennis Hopper, and Paul Rubens. Scharf will be talking about the development of the show. The Groovinians screens Thursday, August 22, at 7 p.m., in the Museum of Contemporary art La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. Admission: \$5 members, students, seniors; \$7 general. 858-454-3541 (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life ---that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and often without our notice - is told in The Human Body. The film takes the audience on a fantastic vovage 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

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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

"Artists' Rights," attorney Jim McLain (of Brown, Martin, Haller, and McLain) will talk about copyrights and other rights that reside in an artist's work. The talk is sponsored by COVA and will be held at the COVA Gallery at Arts College International, 840 G Street, on Friday, August 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. (DOWNTOWN)

The Environment Needs Friends, this month's meeting of the Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter, will bring the founders of three "Friends" groups to speak about saving some

of the local environment: Jim Peugh (Friends of Famosa Slough), Mike Kelly (Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon), and Carrie Schneider (Friends of Switzer Canyon). They'll discuss how they started their groups, how they dealt with local governments, the progress they made, and the ongoing protection of their chosen sites.

The slide-illustrated talks, "Saving the Canyons and Other Nature Places," are scheduled for Friday, August 16, 7:30 p.m., the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center. Free. 619-299-1743 (BALBOA PARK)

"America Loves Animals," that's the name of a convention scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Fallbrook Towne Centre, 1103 South Mission Road. There will be speakers discussing pet behavior, how to handle a problem pet, and the situation of animals and pets in our society. Special attention will be devoted to therapy animals and Canine Companions. Vendors representing pet-related products will be there too. Admission: \$35 general (includes lunch); \$25 seniors and kids 12 to 16. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the new Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. 760-731-3037. (FALLBROOK)

Tibetan Monk Paklen Gyatso, author of The Autobiography of a Tibetan Monk, will be in San Diego this week discussing his life and the political situation in Tibet and its history. His appearances are sponsored by San Diego Friends of Tibet (619-543-1222).

On Saturday, August 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in conjunction with the exhibit "Torture Throughout the Ages," he will be speaking in the Gill Auditorium, Museum of Man. Admission \$5. (BALBOA PARK) Gyatso will be at Jammer's Java

coffeehouse on Tuesday, August 20, at 6 p.m., 218-A North El Camino Real, 760-942-JAVA. Free. (ENCINITAS) On Thursday, August 22, 7 p.m.

he will be at Esmeralda Books and Coffee, 1555 Camino del Mar. Free 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

"Vive la France," chef Bernard Guillas offers tips on cooking the perfect French cuisine in the next installment of Macy's School of Cooking, Saturday, August 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Macy's Home Store, 1555 Camino de la Reina. Tickets \$10. 619-299-9811. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Sensitive Additions and Period Bathrooms," a Spanish bungalow in Mission Hills is the site for the next discussion on how to enlarge a classic home and how to blend vintage style with modern fixtures in a bathroom upgrade. The presenters are Bruce Coons, Erik Hanson, and David Swarens. The event is sponsored by SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation) on Saturday, August 17, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 for nonmembers. Call 619-297-7511 to get the address of the meeting place and to reserve a spot. Attendance is limited. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Company and the Cloth," Jack Lenor Larsen, textile artist, will be

speaking about his art following an opening reception for an exhibit of his work, Saturday, August 17, 5 to 7 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. Reservations are required: 619-239-0003 x116. The reception is free for members, guests \$20; the lecture only (at 7 p.m.) is \$10 for guests. (BALBOA PARK)

"American Landscapes," David Smith offers this gallery talk on Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m. He'll discuss the American landscape tradition using examples from the museum's collection. San Diego Museum of Art. Free with museum admission (\$3, \$6, \$8). 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Women's Self-Defense, security and personal protection expert Tom Patire offers a free class for women on Sunday, August 18, 2 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive. 619-692-3800. (MISSION VALLEY)

Writers, bring your own work or just come to listen, at the next Read-Your-Work night sponsored by the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild, Monday, August 19, 6:30 p.m., Joyce Beers Community Center, 1220 Vermont Way, Uptown Shopping District. Members free, general public \$5. 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

Bike Adventure Racer Rebecca Rusch, veteran of the Raid Galoises, talks about race strategy, team dynamics, training tips, and more when she speaks at Adventure 16, Tuesday, August 20, 7 p.m., at the store at 4620

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Alvarado Canyon Road. Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION GORGE)

"Lesotho: Dams, Schools, and Development," Jean Meadowcroft served for 21 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development. She was an education and development specialist in Nepal, Bolivia, and the African country of Lesotho. She will discuss the problems and achievements she experienced in Lesotho when she addresses a meeting of the North County

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The Salton Sea in Danger, it's an important area for a wide variety of migrating and resident birds, but is sues like water rights and disease threaten the unique ecosystem. Jihadda Govan, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will discuss the significance of the resource, the multi-agency effort to save the wildlife, and management programs on Wednesday, August 21,

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Renoir's Enduring Popularity, in conjunction with the current Renoir exhibit, Steven Kern, one of the show's curators, will discuss Renoir's popular success in the U.S. during the first half of the 20th Century, Thursday, August 22, 6 p.m., Copley Auditorium, San Diego Museum of Art. Free. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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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 honkytonk and swing from Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra on Friday, August 16. 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. Tami Thomas offers big-band swing and jive on Friday, August 16, at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner. The park is found in the 1900 block of Adams Avenue. 619-297-3166. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

The Concerts on the Green series at Prescott Promenade on Main Street continues with blues and swing with Candye Kane, Friday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON) OM, "an exciting youth band

featuring a new-wave sound," performs on Saturday, August 17, 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)

Classic rock from the Cat-illacs can be heard on Saturday, August 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Recreation

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Center, 10152 Rancho Carmel Drive. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH)

The "Music in the Park" concert series continues with tunes from the '80s by the Players, Sunday, August 18, at 5 p.m., during the opening festivities for the new Heritage Park (1381 East Palomar Street). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea feature traditional and Dixieland jazz by the Chicago Six on Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

Music from Ecuador, the Guayas Navy Band from the Tall Ship Guayas performs in patio area of the Bazaar del Mundo from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, August 16. The 16-piece band will offer traditional songs and salsa-style swingers. The ship is visiting San Diego through Saturday as part of a round-theworld goodwill cruise. The musical event is sponsored by the San Diego Maritime Museum. The Bazaar is at 2754 Calhoun Street. Free. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

"Noche Romantica," Voz Alta be gins a twice-monthly series of evenings of canciones de amor, love songs in Spanish by local Latin musicians. The first performance is set for Friday, August 16, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. Admission: \$7 general; \$5 students, seniors. The series continues the first and third Fridays of each month. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Spoken-Word Artist Samantha Barrow has been traveling the U.S. on her motorcycle from her home in Philadelphia, performing her poetry. She'll make an appearance on Friday,

August 16, at 8 p.m., at the Urban Grind, 3797 Park Boulevard. It's an all-age show, and she'll judge a poetry slam afterwards. Free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

"Life between Cigarettes," author R.L. Buss will give an "18 and up" reading on Friday, August 16, 10:30 p.m., Lestat's coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue. 619-282-0437 Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"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)

All the World's a Stage when the Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society and interested volunteers present Much Ado About Nothing on Saturday, August 17. 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)

Authors/Hikers/Cyclists Jerry Schad and Nelson Copp will be appearing on Saturday, August 17, at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, Hazard Center, to sign and talk about the









new edition of their book Cycling San Diego. The store is located at 7610 Hazard Center Drive, suite 315. Free 619-298-4306. (MISSION VALLEY)

Comedy Night, Matt Kirsch, a comedy club regular and former writer for Leno and The Man Show, is joined by Claude Stuart, Patrick DeGuire, and other comedians in the next show sponsored by the Julian Merchants Association, Saturday, August 17. Food and drink specials begin at 7 p.m., with the main show at 8 p.m. It's at the Julian Town Hall, at the corner of Main and Washington. Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. For advance tickets call 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

Improv Comedy, the Creative Urges Improvisational Comedy Troupe invents comic sketches and songs based on audience suggestions. They'll perform Saturday, August 17, from 8 to 10 p.m. at theSweden borgian Theater, 1531 Tyler Avenue. Admission \$10. Information: 858-581-0050. (HILLCREST)

Poetry Night, this month's poetry night at Barnes & Noble, Hazard Center, features Carol Osterlund and Robert Sellers reading from their book Arrival Time, Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 7610 Hazard Center Drive, suite 315. Free, 619-298-4306. (MISSION VALLEY)

A Turning Point, Simon Winchester will be present to discuss his book The Map that Changed the World and explain this significant event in world geography. He visits Esmeralda Books and Coffee on Tuesday, August 20, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307, and by dialing 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

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;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)

Tuesday Tunes in the Park, this series at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion continues on August 20, 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 Sun Harbor Barbershop Chorus on Tuesday, August 20, Rufus Rex on Wednesday, the 21st, and the Music Makers Big Band on Thursday, the 22nd. 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)

"Slightly Twisted Open Mike," Jill Badonsky hosts an evening of "quirky" poetry, music, humor, and performance, Tuesday, August 20, 7 to 9 p.m., 101 Artist's Colony, 897

South Coast Highway. Donations: \$5-\$15. 760-414-1949. (ENCINITAS)

Have a Good Voice? Read music? If you like singing close-harmony jazz and pop, come to the University Christian Church, 3900 Cleveland Avenue on Tuesday, August 20 (or on Tuesday, August 27), at 7 p.m. to learn more about the men's vocal ensemble In aChord, which has been performing since 2000, and the audition process. Free. 619-501-1071. (HILLCREST)

Competitive Scrabble is the subject of Stefan Fatsis's book Word Freak: Heartbreak, Triumph, Genius, and Obsession in the World of Competitive Scrabble Players He'll be at Warwick's Bookstore on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m., to sign and discuss his book. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Jazz Night happens with Russ Gonzales (sax) playing original compositions and arrangements, with drummer Ryan Moran, bassist David Hilton, and James Forston on piano. It's scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 8 p.m., \$7 general; \$5 students and seniors, at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. 619-230-1869 (DOWNTOWN)

Jazz on a Japanese Bamboo Flute, John Kaizan Neptune is virtuoso and master teacher of the shakuhachi. He will perform in a concert to benefit the Peace Resource Center of San Diego, Thursday, August 22, at 7 p.m., at the First Church of the Brethren, 3850 Westgate Place. Tick-

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ets \$15/sliding scale; children under 12 \$7. 619-263-9301 (SOUTH PARK)

Author Christopher Reich will discuss and sign his latest international thriller, a tale based on today's cutthroat global economy, The First Billion, Thursday, August 22, 7:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-454-0374. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS

Boys of Summer, the Padres are on the road in Montreal, Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, 4:05 p.m.; and Sunday and Monday, August 18 and 19, 10:35 a.m. The team will then host Atlanta

for three games, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20 and 21, at 7:05 p.m., and Thursday, August 22, at 2:05 p.m. in Qualcomm Stadium.

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

The Beginning for the Bolts, Chargers' training camp, free to spectators, continues through Monday, August 26, with sessions on Sunday, August 18, 2 to 4:30 p.m.; and Monday and Tuesday, August 19 and 20, 8 to 10:15 a.m. and 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. 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,

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The last preseason home game is slated for Friday, August 16, at 8 p.m., against Seattle, at Qualcomm Stadium. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

World Body Surfing Championship, events will take place from Friday through Sunday, August 16 through 18, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Oceanside Pier, Oceanside Boulevard. Free. Information: 760-435-5541. (OCEANSIDE)

Longboard Pros can be seen in an event sponsored by Long Boarder magazine, Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., North Jetty, Harbor Beach. (OCEANSIDE)

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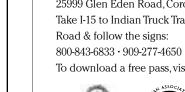






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crappies and bullheads, about the only fish giving any action in this hot weather, Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m., Lake Cuyamaca, Highway 79 at Sunrise Highway. (CUYAMACA)

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. The USFA wants to introduce the sport of fencing to young people in San Diego.

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)

Rev It Up and Go to Cajon Speedway for racing in sportsman, street, GA mods, factory stock cars, and legends divisions on Saturday, August 17. 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

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with an adult. For information, call 619-448-8900. (EL CAJON)

Midnight Madness Fun Bicycle Ride, it's the 29th year for this fundraiser for youth programs of the Up-town Optimist Club of San Diego and Hosteling International AYH. A couple of thousand cyclists ride a 20-mile round-trip route from the County Administration Building beginning at midnight on Saturday night, August 17. The route covers downtown, Shelter and Harbor Islands, and Old Town. Register at bike shops through Friday, August 16 or beginning at 10:30 p.m. the night of the event. Donation is \$30. Meet at 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. 619-645-8068. (DOWNTOWN)

Horse Show, the next event in the Sunnyside Saddle Club's show schedule will be on Sunday, August 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m., Rohr Park, Sweetwater Road and Central Avenue. Saddle club students participate in 30 events, including English, hunter-jumpers, and western. From I-8 or 805 take route 54 to the Briarwood exit, turn right on Sweetwater, and proceed 200 yards past the intersection with Central. Free viewing 619-479-1125. (BONITA)

Rural Route, join the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society for a ride through the Bonsall area, Sunday, August 18, meeting at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park, 8175 Regents Road, off La Jolla Village Drive, departing at 9. It's a fairly strenuous 80+ miler. 619-479-2368. (LA JOLLA)

The 25th Annual America's Finest City Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk is set for Sunday, August 18, beginning at 7 a.m. at Cabrillo National Monument, ending in Balboa Park. It



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east on newer and smoother slabs of con-

crete set low in the sand. You gently climb

and descend for nearly a hundred yards

over the Briarfield Cove bridge, spanning a

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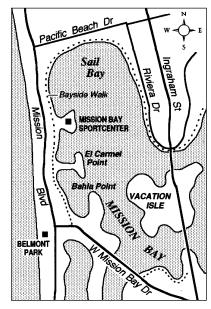
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benefits the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation. Day-of-event registration: \$50 half marathon, \$25 run/walk. Online registration: www.afchalf.com. (POINT LOMA)

Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club hosts Surf and Turf competition on Sunday, August 18. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., while the featured match starts at 3 p.m. The traditional halftime divot-stomp starts at 4 p.m., when guests are invited to take the field and replace the divots. General admission is \$5, as is

parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. For information and reservations, call 858-481-9217. (RAN-CHO SANTA FE)

Tuesday Night Racing, watch the

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)

Kavaking, every Thursday evening. there's kayaking on Mission Baywith Aqua Adventures Kayak Center. Meet at 1548 Ouivira Wav about 5:30 p.m. (to 8 p.m.). It's free if you bring your own kayak, \$10 to use one



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> 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)

SPECIAL

The First Anniversary of the Computer Museum of America will be celebrated Thursday, August 15, with free admission all day. In conjunction with the main exhibit, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology," Congressional medallist Joe Morris Sr. will be on hand for a special presentation and discussion of the contribution of the Navajo code talkers during WWII. The original code-talker radio equipment will be on display. Don House, founder of the North American Data Communications Museum, will demonstrate vintage Teletype machines. The museum is located at 640 C Street. Morris and House will be in attendance from 7 to 9 p.m. 619-235-8222. (DOWNTOWN)

Playin' Games, the 23rd annual Gamefest - with board and roleplaying games, miniatures, war games, and more — runs through Sunday, August 18 at Game Towne (3954 Harney Street), Thursday, August 15, is Miniature Day, along with a Dungeons and Dragons grand qualifying and a Star Trek role-playing demo; Friday is Board Game Day, with Star Fleet Battles semifinals; Saturday is Role Playing Day; the awards ceremony is set for 5>\! >p.m. Sunday. Spectators are free; the entry fee at the door for players is \$7 per day. For information, call 619-291-1666. (OLD TOWN)

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"Festival of the August Moon," taiko drummers, koto and shakuhachi duets, folk dancing, and Asian delicacies are featured in this traditional celebration, Friday, August 16, 5 to 8:30 p.m., Japanese Friendship Garden, adjacent to Spreckels Organ Pavilion. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Ferns, the San Diego Fern Society's annual show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Free admission 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Wyatt Earp Slept Here, a guide from Urban Safari leads a walk and talk through the Gaslamp Quarter, Wyatt's old stomping grounds, Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to noon; \$10. Call 619-944-9255 for reservations and the starting point for the tour. (DOWNTOWN)

Open House, the campuses of Coleman College will host an open house, with tours, refreshments, and information on computer careers, Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. to noon, at the La Mesa campus, 7380 Parkway Drive (619-465-3990) and the San Marcos campus at 1284 West San Marcos Boulevard (760-747-3990). Free. (LA MESA/SAN MARCOS)

"The Demon-Haunted World," Carl Sagan's book is the next topic of discussion at the meeting of the San Diego Great Books group, Saturday, August 17, 2 p.m., third floor auditorium, San Diego Central Library, 820 E Street. Free. 619-440-5625. (DOWNTOWN)

Drum Circle, EveryOneDrums presents a community drum circle Saturday, August 17, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7), at the Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, at Genesee. Drums are provided, or bring your own. Donation of \$5 is asked; kids are free. 619-913-1089. (LA JOLLA)

"Third Annual IB Navy Day," exhibitions and demonstrations by the Navy and the Coast Guard, including events for children are set for Saturday, August 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., adjacent to Portwood Pier Plaza. Free. 619-423-8303. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Sixth Annual Marcus Garvey Day," a celebration of the birthday of the "father of black nationalism" is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Malcolm X branch of the San Diego Public Library, 5148 Market Street. See the video *Marcus Garvey, Look for Me in the Whirlwind!* followed by a discussion of how Garvey might interpret the condition of the black world today. The event is sponsored by the Pan-African Association of America. Free. (LINCOLN PARK)

"Sacred Treasures of the Himalayas," antiquities from Tibet, Bhutan, Nepal, and China, dating back to the 12th Century, can be seen on Saturday, August 17, from 3 to 8 p.m., Shi-Ho Gallery, 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. After Saturday, viewing hours will be by appointment only. 760-753-5158. (DEL MAR)

Marcus Garvey Celebration, the World Beat Center will host a day of family events celebrating the birthday of Marcus Garvey, Sunday, August 18, from 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be food, crafts, vendors, and live music (beginning at noon) by Tribe of Judah, Quino and Soul Shake Down, Organix, Crucial, Zionic, Herb N'Root, African and steel pan drumming, and Capoeira Sao Grande. There will also be an exhibit of Polaroid photographs, part of the Polaroid Project, of the people of Bamako, the capital city of Mali. The center is at 2100 Park Boulevard, north of Presidents Way. Free. 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Grand Opening, Chula Vista's tenacre Heritage Park and Community Center will open with a concert, arts and crafts demonstrations, and other family entertainment, Sunday, August 18, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., at the park at 1381 East Palomar Street, in Otay Ranch, south of Telegraph Canyon Road. The community center was designed by Rob Wellington Quigley; the landscape design was by Burton Associates. Free 619-691-5296. (CHULA VISTA)

Hungary the free program at the House of Pacific Relations this Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m., celebrates the House of Hungary with music and other cultural activities. Food is available. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, every Sunday through September, the Clairemont Neighborhood Cruisers will sponsor a car show — nothing newer than 1976 — with classic tunes by a DJ. The show runs from 11 a.m. to 3: p.m. in the parking lot outside of Woodies Chili Dogs, Clairemont Town Square, Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Clairemont Drive. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Garden Party, the San Diego Historical Society's Marston House, a classic 1905 William Hebbard-Irving Gill-designed Craftsman-style home with formal English gardens, will be the site of a tea and auction (for art pottery and other items), Sunday, August 18, 1 to 4 p.m., 3525 Seventh Avenue, at the northwest edge of the park. Admission: \$20 members, \$25 general. For reservations, call 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

Walkathon Volunteers Needed, if you can help with the October 20 walkathon to benefit ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) research, meet local TV personality Jane Mitchell at a free luncheon on Tuesday, August 20, 12:30 p.m., Dave & Buster's, 2931





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Reading

Back Then: Two Lives in 1950s New York

William Morrow, 2002; 309 pages; \$25.95



Justin Kaplan and Anne Bernays

FROM THE DUST JACKET: From novelist Anne Bernays and biographer Justin Kaplan come their recollections of coming of age in America's premier city. *Back Then* is an elegant reflection on transformative years in the lives of two young people and New York City. Marked by their youthful passion, this double memoir marries the authors' distinct literary styles with a narrative that captures the density and texture of private,

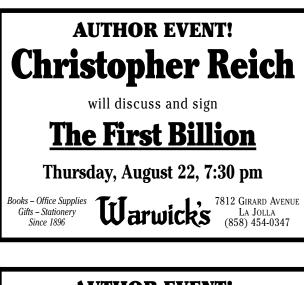
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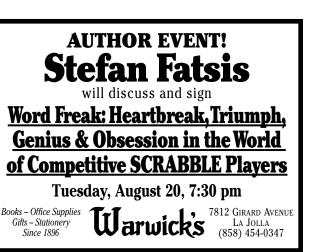
"Blast from the Past," this week's Wednesday night car show sponsored by the City of Chula Vista, August 21, will feature classic and special convertibles, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Third Avenue, between F and Park Way. All pre-1977 cars are welcome. There will be trophies, music, and food. Free. 619-422-1982. (CHULA VISTA)

Southern Rhone, Languedoc, and other Provencal wines will be presented at this tasting Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m., at Terra Restaurant, 3900 block of Vermont Street in the Uptown Center. Admission: \$35 per person. To register call 619-293-7088. (HILLCREST)

Tasty City, the 11th Annual Taste of National City event will include 20 restaurants and entertainment. It's set for Thursday, August 22, in Heritage Square, in the 900 block of A Avenue. Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, available in advance at the chamber of commerce offices at 711 A Avenue. 619-477-9339. (NATIONAL CITY)

Merlots will be featured at the next wine tasting at Cafe 828, Thursday, August 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Hotel St. James, 828 Sixth Avenue; \$15. 619-231-8282. (DOWNTOWN)





social, and working life in the 1950s.

Novelist Anne Bernays, born in 1930, and biographer Justin Kaplan, born in 1925, both natives of New York, came of age in the 1950s, when the pent-up energies of the Depression years and World War II were at flood tide. *Back Then*, written in two separate voices, is the candid, anecdotal account of two children of privilege, one from New York's East Side, the other from the West Side, pursuing careers in publishing and eventually leaving to write their own books. They both sought selfknowledge and realization through years of psychoanalysis. They brushed shoulders with celebrities like William Faulkner, Somerset Maugham, Marlene Dietrich, and Anatole Broyard.

Before Bernays and Kaplan met and married, each had enjoyed the sexual and social freedom that, along with the dark shadow of McCarthyism and the Cold War, was among the distinguishing marks of the 1950s. In many other respects, the story they tell could almost as well be about an earlier era.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHORS: Justin Kaplan and Anne Bernays spoke via two telephones from their home in Cambridge. Married now for almost 50 years, they, quite naturally, often finish one another's sentences.

Ms. Bernays attended the Brearley School, an Upper East Side Manhattan girls' private school for upper-class girls. I wondered, "What did you wear at Brearley? Did you wear uniforms?"

"We wore something called a gym suit. Which was kind of like a jumper. You were allowed to wear the hem eight inches above the knee or six inches above the knee, and it zipped up the front, and you wore a blouse underneath and had these little skirts. They were dark blue. And cotton. And the fat girls looked very bad in them. And you weren't allowed to go outside the school without wearing a skirt over it. I should write about this sometime. The gym suit was not required, but everybody wore it. And then one time, Charlie Chaplin's beautiful daughter, Oona, who went to Brearley, allowed a picture of herself in the gym suit to be

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

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

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)

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 aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

published in the newspaper PM, and there was an outcry. I think

they practically lynched her. Because she was in this gym suit. And

says that if you have a uniform, then everybody will look alike

and there won't be any jealousy or there won't be any competition.

But that's crazy, because the uniform is particularly bad on fat

there with critic and anthologist F.O. Matthiessen. I asked about

Matthiessen. "Well," Mr. Kaplan answered, "as I said in the book,

he was one of the few teachers at Harvard who believed there was

a real relationship between literature and life. It was not some

abstract mandarin preoccupation. He really cared about American

letters and American literature. He changed my life. On his advice

I went out and lived in New Mexico for almost half a year." Mr.

Kaplan paused, then added, about his relationship to Matthiessen, "I was just his student. Not a disciple or a companion or anything

like that. I took two or three courses from him. One was obviously

the basic survey course in American literature. Then there were

several upper-level courses in American poetry of the 19th Century.

I loved that stuff. It was wonderful.... Emily Dickinson and a

great deal about Whitman, and we did a lot of work on Thoreau's

poetry too. I remember writing a paper about a poem by Thoreau

called 'Smoke' (see page 99 for Thoreau's poem), which Matthiessen read aloud in class. That was a proud moment for me. He really

causes, committed suicide. Barry Werth, in The Scarlet Professor:

Newton Arvin, A Literary Life Shattered by Scandal, writes that in

early 1950 "political and sexual outcasts alike were being pursued,

not for alleged crimes but for who they were. Two related witch-

hunts, either of which could lead to Arvin or Matthiessen, gathered

force." Matthiessen, who suffered from depression and who

feared that he would be the object of these witch-hunts, saw,

Matthiessen, who was gay and a supporter of leftist, progressive

changed my life. And changed my career."

We talked a bit about uniforms. Ms. Bernays noted, "Everybody

Justin Kaplan graduated from Harvard in 1944; he studied

there was a great deal of leg showing."

people."

FOR KIDS

Cackle Over the *Chicken Coop Comedy* presented by Puppet Express through Sunday, August 18, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Then Lynn Trimble, comic and ventriloquist, offers *Bitsy's School Adventures*, Wednesday, August 21, through the following Sunday.

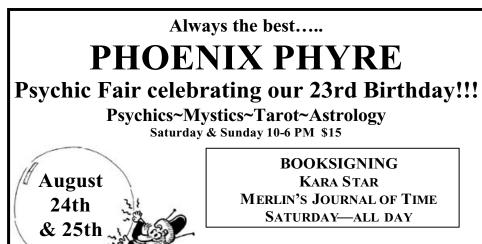
Shows begin at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Sunday, 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. 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 Saturday, 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)

(continued on page 96)

Look for Animal Tracks on a hike with Cliff as your guide, Saturday, August 17, 9 to 11 a.m., along the north end of Lake Hodges. The event is sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park. From I-15, exit at Via Rancho Parkway, turn east, then south on Sunset Drive, just east of the freeway. Follow Sunset to the end and park in the lot. The hike is easy, but bring water and wear a hat. Free. 858-674-2275 x5. (ESCONDIDO)

Flag Football Sign-Ups, the Vista Parks and Community Services Department is starting a flag football program for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8. Games and practices will be held at Brengle Terrace Park. and every child will play at least half of each game. Registration at Brengle Terrace Recreation Center opens on Saturday, August 17, from 9 to 11 a.m.; then Wednesday, August 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.; and on Saturday, September 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost to participate is \$50 for Vista residents, \$55 for nonresidents. The park is at 1200 Vale Terrace. 760-726-1340 x1538. (VISTA)



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Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:20 Southwestern College room 431 register at first class meeting instructor: 619-478-2129 all welcome **"Big Sharks, Little Sharks,"** this class for preschoolers (aged three and four, with adult) will introduce them to all kinds of sharks, with some hands-on experience with shark teeth, shark eggs, and baby sharks. There will be a video, role-playing, and an art project. It's held at Birch Aquarium, Saturday, August 17, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; \$20, adult admitted free. Advance reservations required: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

Safety Awareness, the Check Center stores will offer free child ID cards for kids 12 and under, with brochures and safety tips for parents and kids, plus entertainment. The events are held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the following locations. Saturday, August 17: 902A West San Marcos Boulevard (760-744-9323), and 1718 East Valley Parkway (760-480-0448). On Sunday, August 18: 102 East Mission Avenue (760-741-0323). Free. (SAN MARCOS, ESCONDIDO, ESCONDIDO)

Family Science Days, the next event in the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center ExploraZone 3 will be a hands-on science experiment that studies the subject of sound, Saturday, August 17, noon to 3. It's free with center admission (\$5.50, \$6, \$6.75). (BALBOA PARK)

The Galileo and Cassini Space Probes are exploring the Saturn and Jupiter systems. Learn the latest about what they've found in this program presented by NASA/JPL lab ambassador Dorice Odell. She'll be making her presentation from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 17, at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. It's free with center admission (\$5.50, \$6, \$6.75). (BALBOA PARK)

"Harriet the Spy," third and fourth graders will enjoy this spy party for Harriet. Read the book, make a spy disguise, and play spy games, Friday, August 17, 6:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1040 North El Camino Real. Free. 760-943-6406. (ENCINITAS)

"Spot the Dog," hear the story and make your own Spot to show to Mom and Dad, Saturday, August 17, 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 1040 North El Camino Real. Free. 760-943-6406. (ENCINITAS)

Stella is the Fairy of the Forest. Hear her tale and some other magical stories, and make your own potion of fairy dust, Saturday, August 17, 11:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 10775 Westview Parkway. 858-831-0446 Free. (MIRA MESA)

Arthur, Again, the aardvark is back for a special story time at the White Rabbit bookstore, Sunday, August 18, at 2 p.m. Kids three and older are invited to hear stories, enter a prize drawing, and meet Arthur. 7755 Girard Avenue. 858-454-3518. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Harry Potter Camp, the City of Oceanside is offering a chance to explore the world of Harry Potter at this Mad Science camp at the North River Road Community Center. Discover the science of optics and build your own telescope. Learn to navigate by using the moon. Explore a day in the life of an owl. Create instant invisibility, and more. The three-day camp is set for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, August 19, 21, and 23 at the community Center, 5306 North River Road; \$106 per camper. 760-435-5550 or 760-435-5041. (OCEANSIDE)

"Henry Builds a Cabin" by D.B. Johnson is the next tale for parent and tot story time, Thursday, August 22, at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 10775 Westview Parkway. 858-831-0446 Free. (MIRA MESA)

"Amelia Bedelia's Family Album," all kids love silly Amelia. Listen to the stories and make a photo key ring from a picture of yourself that you bring in, Tuesday, August 20, 11 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 1040 North El Camino Real Free. 760-943-6406. (ENCINITAS)

Explore the Beach with the Junior Rangers program at the Tijuana River Estuary Reserve. Learn some of the ecology of this popular environment, Thursday, August 22, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. meet at the visitors' center at 301 Caspian Way. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

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)

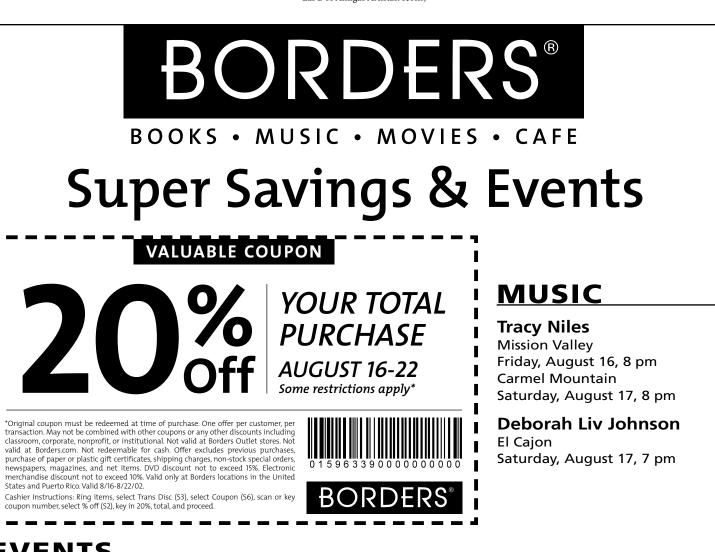
Children's Museum of San Diego, 15 etchings by Mexican artist Mariángeles Méndez can be seen through the end of August. The works are based on images of Aztec and Mayan temples from Mexico and Central America. Her work is in the National Institute of Bellas Artes, the Latin American Graphic Arts Museum in New York, and other prestigious galleries.

"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. 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



EVENTS

UCSD Young Writers Presents

Original works for UCSD summer writing camp. Carmel Mountain Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm

John Colapinto

New York *Times* best-selling author will be discussing his new mystery, *About the Author.* Mission Valley Wednesday, August 21, 8 pm

San Diego Humane Society Presents Doggie Café

Bring your pet-friendly dog (on a leash, of course) and get tips from the pros on how to train your dog in a social setting. RSVP to 619-299-7012, ext. 230. There is a suggested \$5 donation. Mission Valley Thursday, August 22, 5:30 pm

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Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10:30 am

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Saturdays, 11 am

New York *Times* best-selling author of *The Hungry Ocean* will be discussing and signing her new book, *The Lobster Chronicles*. Mission Valley Saturday, August 31, 8 pm

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(continued from page 94) Werth writes, "no way out. On Friday afternoon, March 31, he walked into the lobby of the Manger Hotel, across from Boston's North Station, and asked the assistant desk manager for 'a nice airy room.' After dining out that evening with friends, he returned to the hotel, meticulously arrayed the keys to his apartment, his Skull and Bones key, and a typewritten note, climbed out on the 11th-floor ledge, and jumped."

Mr. Kaplan said, about Matthiessen's suicide, "I was living back in New York by then, but I happened to be in Boston that weekend that he jumped out of the window, and I was so shocked."

I said that I kept hoping that someone would do a Matthiessen biography.

'It's a very complicated story because to tell Matthiessen's story you've got to tell the story of his lifelong companion. And it was a difficult, tormented relationship. A biography has been attempted several times."

Ms. Bernays graduated from Barnard College. I asked if she had a teacher who inspired her in the same way that Matthiessen inspired her husband.

"I did have somebody like that: Eleanor Rosenberg, who was a funny-looking little woman with funny shoes and not in any way charismatic until she started talking. Her mind was absolutely dazzling. There was a seminar of maybe ten of us or maybe even fewer, and we read mostly Jonathan Swift and some other 18th-century satire. And I was so turned on by this and by her, you know, muscularity. But also her, her brilliance. And, you know, nobody ever heard of her. She was just one of those great teachers.

Ms. Bernays was an outrageously beautiful young woman, and she attracted many suitors. She also was very, very bright. I asked if it was difficult when she was in social situations for her to allow her intellectual brilliance to show.

"I never thought I was smart. I have an older sister. I was the pretty, cute one, you know, who danced and sang - I took ballet lessons and I took music lessons. My older sister was the

wheelwright shop, a country kitchen

and parlor, a steam-operated saw

mill, and 1/3scale train. Find the mu-

seum at 2040 North Santa Fe Av-

enue. For further details, call

Bonita Museum and Cultural Cen-

ter, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from

the mid-1800s, with historical pho-

tographs; artifacts, tools, and farming

implements; the district's 1953 fire

engine; and bound copies back to the

1930s of the Chula Vista Star News.

Find the museum at 4035 Bonita

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aid to China during the Sino-

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tional information. (BONITA)

760-941-1791. (VISTA)

museum at 200 West Island Avenue. Dial 619-233-8792 for additional details. (DOWNTOWN)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and

smart one. I never did think I was smart. I was verv late to read — I was almost eight. My grandson started reading at four. So I just wasn't particularly smart. Even, sometimes, I have to ask Justin, 'Am I smart?' "

Mr. Kaplan hurried into the conversation, "And the answer is, 'Yes.' "

"But I really don't know," Ms. Bernays persisted. "For instance, I did very, very poorly in math and very poorly in languages. That counted a lot at the schools that I went to. So although I was perfectly okay in softer subjects like English and history and current events, the French and the Latin and the math and science were very difficult for me. So I think I have one of those brains that is heavily weighted against some things and heavily weighted for some things. But not spread over evenly."

From 1953 to 1956, Ms. Bernays was managing editor of discovery, a publication that printed the work of new authors. When Vance Bourjaily, discovery's editor, left the magazine, Ms. Bernays was asked to head the operation. She said, "No." I asked about this decision.

"Well, this was the downside of my not realizing that I was smart enough to do hard things. I was 25 or 26. I was managing editor, and I had been running the magazine essentially when Vance, my boss, went off for six months and disappeared into the jungles of Mexico somewhere. And did a perfectly adequate job of it, I guess, because then the editor in chief of Pocket Books, who published *discovery*, asked me to be editor. He seemed to think I could do it. My only reluctance was that I would goof, that I would make a mess of it. It just seemed too much. Looking back now I'm really sorry I didn't do it. I think I could have done it perfectly well."

Ms. Bernays came from an illustrious family. Sigmund Freud was her father's uncle. Edward Bernays, Ms. Bernays's father, in a sense was the inventor of what came to be called "public relations." Her mother, Doris Fleischman, was an early feminist and a partner in her husband's business. She was never a housewife. and Ms. Bernays, when she married, knew nothing of grocery

porting the Motherland," on exhibit Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation The museum is located in a world views is found at 10946 Woodbuilding originally built in 1927 for side Avenue North. For more inforthe Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the mation, call 619-448-0900 x231. building is an Asian garden, includ-(SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive; 760-603-4000. (CARLSBAD)

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"There's so much that isn't in the book. I suggested to Justin that we write an epilogue and say what happened to some of these people and some of these things, but then we decided not to.'

"Because," said Mr. Kaplan, "so many of them would turn up dead.'

"There's so much that isn't in the book. I suggested that we write an epilogue and say what happened to some of these people...but then we decided not to."

"But my mother," said Ms. Bernays, "who was actually quite a good writer, all her life wanted to write a novel but was too self-censoring to be able to do it. You have to let it all hang out, and she was incapable of letting any of it hang out. So I found out later from a woman on the West Coast — who has been concentrating on writing about my mother for the last 30 or 40 years — that my mother had many manuscripts and

novels started and unfinished. So when my book came out, she tried not to act envious, but she couldn't help it.

"I remember one summer, the summer I was working on the revisions, we had rented a house with them - a great disaster as it turned out - on the north shore of Massachusetts. I would take my little Olivetti typewriter and go into the one room that meaning, you shouldn't really, you know, let the children in. So I sat at this tiny typewriter on a tiny little table, which was the

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"I knew about one novel that my mother started, which, you know, it started the wrong way. It started from the idea, not from the people or the plot. That's very risky and almost always ends in failure. But it had to do with a lot of scientists who holed up in a cave after an atomic test. It was all about antinuclear ideas. And it was sort of prescient in a way, but it was all talk — all talk it was speechy."

Robert Gottlieb, who for many years was editor in chief at Knopf and for several years was the *New Yorker*'s editor, was at Simon & Schuster during much of the time (1954–1959) that Mr. Kaplan worked there. I asked what Gottlieb was like in those days.

"He was, as always, highly individual."

Mention has been made, for decades, about Gottlieb's often casual office dress — jeans, shirt, sneakers. I asked Mr. Kaplan if Gottlieb wore suits to work during the 1950s at Simon & Schuster.

"Not really, no. No. Let's say dress codes in publishing were changing then, but Bob, yes, would dress very informally, and I was beginning to dress very informally." Mr. Kaplan added, "I admired Gottlieb and I still do. I think he's actually brilliant. He's a very good writer too."

I said that I thought it hard for people now in their 20s and 30s to realize how much drinking went on during the 1950s among professional people.

Mr. Kaplan offered, "The younger generation in publishing now hardly drink at all."

"They drink," Ms. Bernays said, "mostly various blends of sparkling water or bottled water."

Her husband added, "They drink expensive designer water at publishing luncheons. Whereas people from our generation still break down and order a bloody Mary. But drinking in our

trees" that once dominated the town's landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. "The Parson's Study" is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped "Chorister" organ, evoking the museum's origins as the town's first church. Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratoera in publishing really was an occupational hazard. And, actually, a lot of our time was dealing with alcoholic agents and alcoholic authors and..."

Ms. Bernays interrupted, laughing, "Alcoholic editors. My editor at Little, Brown — this was in the '60s — he would have three straight scotches before ordering lunch."

"Let us say," Mr. Kaplan offered, "the working day was a rather shorter time than it is now."

"There was a lot of beef eating," Ms. Bernays said. "The thing about food was that we didn't know anything about stuff being bad for you."

Mr. Kaplan added, "We never heard of cholesterol, never heard of fitness, natural, lite — l-i-t-e — or any of those other good things. In fact, food habits were altogether different. The way people ate then was, as you might say, 'normal' instead of aesthetic."

Ms. Bernays said, "My mother drank acidophilus milk, which I have since looked up, and it turns out it's a milky yogurt, but nobody else drank this except in *The Magic Mountain*."

Mr. Kaplan said, "The first time I ever heard of yogurt was in *The Magic Mountain*, when I was living in New Mexico. I had no idea what it was because I didn't have a dictionary with me."

Ms. Bernays, before she and Mr. Kaplan met and married, had a fervent romance with Anatole Broyard (1920–1990), a man who had a reputation throughout Manhattan as a womanizer. The woman who introduced Ms. Bernays and Broyard said, about Broyard, "You know how some people refer to him — a giant penis with almost as large a brain."

I asked Ms. Bernays, "Did you realize when you first met Anatole Broyard that he was so dangerous?"

"Yes. I mean, he was sitting there like a beautiful porcupine, I guess you might say. I should have used that line at the time. Yeah. A lot of women find that very attractive. He didn't flirt with other women when he was with me, but I always had the feeling that after he stuck me in the cab he would go..."

Mr. Kaplan interrupted, "Off on the prowl again."

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"And," Mr. Kaplan reminded us, "Henry Louis Gates did a major piece in the *New Yorker* about Anatole."

I said to Ms. Bernays, "Skip Gates interviewed you for his *New Yorker* piece, didn't he?"

"Yes. As a matter of fact, he got most of the New York stuff from me because the rest of the people are dead. But Anatole's wife Sandy is very upset by the piece because it talked about how Anatole was a cocksman. Sandy Broyard was very upset. Upset with Gates and upset with me, and she left Cambridge, where she'd been living. She felt betrayed. It was terrible. I liked her a lot."

"I would think," I said, "that Gates would be a very good interviewer."

"He was wonderful," Ms. Bernays said. "He's the kind of person who leads you on without you knowing it. *Without your knowing it.* He's wonderful. And he wrote that *New Yorker* piece in two weeks' time. I don't know how he did it. He's just a marvelous writer."

"He did a lot of background research," said Mr. Kaplan, "including research into Anatole's family in New Orleans. He really did his homework."

Broyard for the last two decades of his life worked for the *New York Times* as a book reviewer and critic. Although Broyard was of mixed race, with African-American forebears, he passed as white for all of his adult life, including during his World War II service. Henry Louis Gates Jr., in his article in the *New Yorker*'s June 17, 1996, issue, "White Like Me," outed Broyard — publicly — as black.

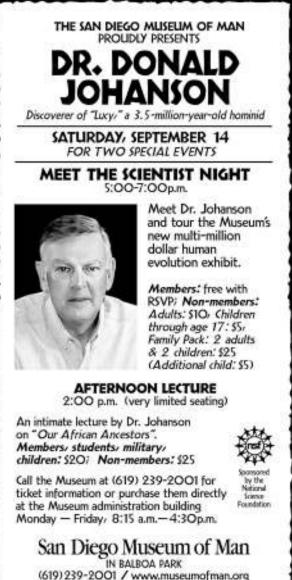
I asked Ms. Bernays if she knew when she dated Broyard that he had African-American relatives.

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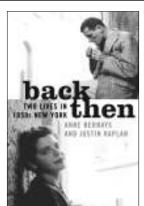
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Mr. Kaplan stepped in, saying, "I knew what he was, and I figured everybody else did. And it was no big deal."

"But," Ms. Bernays said, "it was a big deal to Anatole, and it wasn't something you ever talked about. This was not a topic of conversation, ever. The closest we ever came to it was that when Anatole showed me the manuscript that the publisher had sent him of a novel by Chandler Brossard [*Who Walk in Darkness*], where Anatole was the protagonist. Anatole threatened to sue."

Ms. Bernays quotes Broyard as saying to her, about Brossard's book, "This book is largely about me. He implies that I'm a Negro trying to pass as white." Ms. Bernays countered with, "Well, aren't you?" to which Broyard said, "It's not about what I am... I just don't want him to turn me into some fictional character." Brossard ended by changing the Broyard character's "hidden shame" from blackness to having been born out of wedlock.

"And your parents," I asked, "did they know?"

"My mother did. The first time I told her I was going out with him and made the mistake of saying that his parents were black or Negro, she said, 'Do you want a black baby?' I mean, she jumped from having a first date to me being married and being his wife."

"Annie's mother," said Mr. Kaplan, "on racial matters was a classic liberal, a member of the NAACP and so on and so forth, but it's different when it comes close to home. It was for her."

Ms. Bernays was from a wealthy German Jewish family, and Mr. Kaplan's well-to-do family were Eastern European Jews. A reader learns in *Back Then* that those of German Jewish extraction tended to regard themselves as somewhat superior to those of Eastern European extraction. Ms. Bernays's family was not all that thrilled,

view through Sunday, September 22. The show features a 1911 Maxwell, a 1907 Thomas Flyer touring car, a 1916 Saxon Roadster (important in depicting the automobile's role in advancing the suffrage movement), a 1957 Cadillac Biarritz, and many more. The exhibit includes displays, costumes, photographs, vintage advertising art, and a variety of automobiles. More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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initially, with her decision to marry Mr. Kaplan. I asked the couple about this.

[^] Mr. Kaplan said, "I don't expect the people outside of New York to know much about it. In fact, Annie and I ran into people in New York who simply wouldn't believe it. They could not believe that there would be this kind of ugly division among a group of people supposedly enlightened by their intelligence and by suffering."

"One of my novels is about this," Ms. Bernays said. "It's called *Growing Up Rich*. And this is sort of the running undercurrent of the book, and I remember at the time, it did fairly well, and I was asked to go and speak places. One place I spoke somebody came up and wagged her finger in my face and said — what a horrible cliché — 'You are airing our dirty laundry in public.' And I said, 'You know, it was always my notion that to shed light on something was probably better than to conceal it.' That didn't cut much ice with her.

"But it is something that seems to be surprising even to this day to people who think all Jews are just 'a Jew,' just as you're 'just a black.' And that's not true either. When I taught at Holy Cross College, I had two black students who wouldn't talk to each other, who were real enemies, and you know why? Well, one of them was urban and the other was suburban. I was stunned. I had done the same stereotypical thing. So we all have our pecking orders."

"How would you explain the origins of this notion that German Jews are superior?" I asked.

Mr. Kaplan answered, "It's the pecking order. The German Jews came here quite early, that is, during the 18th Century and a lot during the 19th Century, during the great exodus of 1848. And they come to look down on the newcomers. That's true of every, every group, every ethnic group of newcomers to New York. The people who arrive most recently are at the bottom of the totem pole. But in the case of German versus Russian Jews, there are also cultural and religious differences between them, a difference in degrees of orthodoxy, difference in values, really."

"Also," said Ms. Bernays, "a difference in appearance, because

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industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city's image during a century of movie making is charted in "Filming San Diego: Hollywood's Backlot." From the earliest silent I remember being with my aunt one day, my mother's sister, and we had seen my parents off on a boat, and we passed some Hasidic Jews praying on the pier, you know, with the long coats and the locks and the hats. My aunt said, 'Those funny hats, aren't they awful? Don't they look awful?' And there was actually a sense of revulsion in her. And in many ways the WASPs that I went to school with, the German Jewish families felt much more similar and sympathetic to them than they did to their immigrant cousins on the Lower East Side."

I asked why it was that during Mr. Kaplan's and Ms. Bernays's youth, so many Jews, particularly those of German extraction, attended Ethical Culture schools.

"Ah," said Mr. Kaplan. "That was a way of escaping Jewishness. Another way was Unitarianism."

Ms. Bernays agreed, "A lot of Unitarians have Jewish ancestors."

Mr. Kaplan completed his wife's statement. "Because Unitarianism is very lax about Trinitarian beliefs. They don't even believe in one god, some people say."

"I've been to several Unitarian sermons," Ms. Bernays said, "because I sang in a choir. And God never came up."

"The old joke," Mr. Kaplan said, "is that Unitarians believe in one god at the most."

In 1959, as *Back Then* celebrates its grand finale, the couple moves from Manhattan to Cambridge. I asked if they were glad they made that move.

"Mixed feelings," Ms. Bernays said. "We have mixed feelings. It was a very good place to bring kids up. We had three daughters." "And," her husband said, "it has a very great library."

Ms. Bernays sighed, "I miss the excitement of New York. But every time we go to New York now — and we have been going recently — the traffic is so hideous, and even the foot traffic, it's like hacking your way through a tropical forest. It's just hideous. It took us 45 minutes to go 15 blocks in a cab."

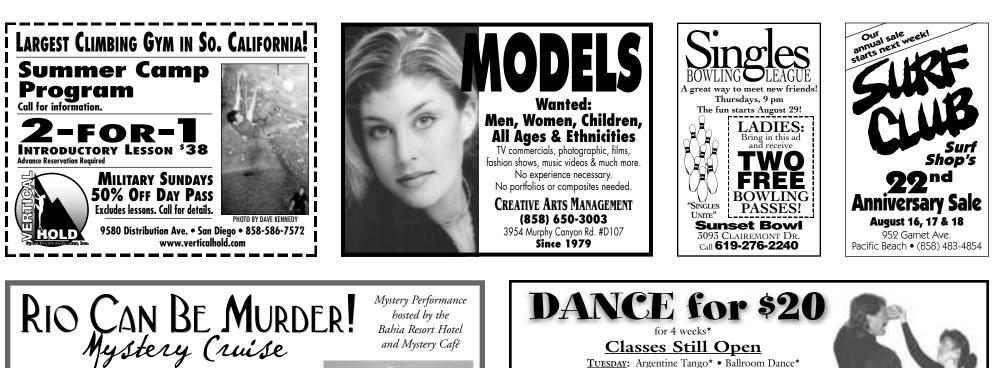
It took us 45 minutes to go 15 blocks in a cab." "The subway system," Mr. Kaplan said, "is getting better, though."

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San Diego Museum of Man, handcarved animals, vibrant ceramics and textiles, masks, and imaginative human images are showcased in the "Hecho en México," continuing through February 2003. The exhibition boasts more than 900 pieces of handcrafted Mexican folk art from the museum's permanent collection, described as "the largest of its kind outside of Mexico." In fact, the Mexican government donated over 500 pieces of folk art to the museum in 1952, and many of these pieces have not been on display since the 1960s.

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The Society showed what it is capable of in a recent concert under their auspices. In the suitably intimate setting of the Congregational Church of La Jolla, this was a recital by French harpsichordist Laurent Stewart, focusing on music from the period of the regency of Ann of Austria (widow of Louis XIII). The program was divided between the works of Louis Couperin and Johann Jacob Froberger, two of the most significant contributors to the harpsichord literature of their period (Couperin died in 1661, Froberger in 1667). Froberger, born in Stuttgart, and particularly associated with the Imperial court in Vienna, was nevertheless thoroughly within the ambit of the French harpsichord school, of which Couperin was one of the leading lights, and the two composers influenced each other to the point like Picasso and Braque in their anawhere lytical cubist years — it is not always easy to tell them apart.

They belonged to a splendid cultural flower-Couperin and Froberger were ing. contemporaries of Molière and Pascal; the greatest French painter of their time was Nicolas Poussin; as they were reaching the pinnacle of their creative careers, the first great masterpiece of classical French architecture - the palace and gardens of Vaux-le-Vicomte - was being built. Their music expresses, in its own language, the unmistakable aesthetic of the century of Louis XIV: that peculiar mixture of austerity and sensuality, of inward reflection and brilliant ostentation, of aristocratic refinement and popular energy.

Such music requires a performer of great tact, one who understands the diverse expressive currents of this art, and who has made the style so much his own that his playing can evoke the culture out of which it arose. Laurent Stewart is a harpsichordist of just the right stamp, as both his

recordings and the recital at the Congregational Church demonstrate. Take, for example, the matter of rhythm. The highly elaborated sarabandes, allemandes, and gigues that make up the greater part of the repertoire require a rhythmic clarity and impetus that recall their ori-

gins in popular and courtly dances. Yet at the same time, they are artful salon pieces, meant to be listened to in their own right,

and suggestive of emotional states of a certain profundity. Stewart treaded a fine line between these two contradictory demands, providing a vigorous lift and bounce without any mechanical subservience to meter, and a supple flexibility without excessive mannerism.

The performer's intuitive command of rhythm is tested to an even greater degree in the free-form pieces that are the special glory of French 17th-century harpsichord music. It was Louis Couperin, apparently, who invented the "Prélude," a harpsichord version of the improvisational meanderings with which lutenists were wont to begin their performances. (Everything in Couperin's harpsichord music bespeaks its lute origins: the broken chords, the profusion of embellishments, the spacing of the voices, even the emphasis on dance music. Both he and Froberger wrote very differently when composing for the organ.) Couperin scored his preludes without any explicit indications of rhythmic values: aside from the pitches, all else was left up to the performer. Stewart proved exceptionally gifted in his execution of these pieces, intimating a continual, underlying pulse (even though without fixed meter), giving full realization to the exploratory, meditative character of the form, and — on an instrument in which variations of touch are futile as expressive devices - using phrasing, pauses, and the stretching and compression of rhythm as infinitely subtle means for embodying emotion.

The other form independent of the dance and chiefly emphasizing affect is the "tombeau," a memorial piece lamenting the death of an important person. Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin is a late work in this tradition (the Couperin in question being not Louis but his more famous nephew, François Couperin "le grand," and the

tombeau coming some two centuries after the fact). Here, again, Stewart was at his most impressive, making a poignant, gripping, and shattering experience (with the occasional harsh dissonances enhancing the effect) out of Froberger's lament for Ferdinand IV, King of Bohemia and Hungary and heir to the Imperial crown, who died in 1654 at the age of 21. (Froberger would later compose a *tombeau* for Emperor Ferdinand III — the young man's father and the composer's patron — as well.)

Stewart's sense of the seriousness and monumental quality of the two composers' music was further exemplified in the way he structured one of the Couperin suites he performed. These suites require the collaboration of the performer in a fundamental way. The manuscripts of Couperin's harpsichord music arrange the individual pieces merely according to their keys, offering no idea as to how they should be grouped for performance. The notion of organizing pieces of this sort into a suite with a fixed order seems to have been the invention of Froberger. In modern performances of Louis Couperin, it is up to the harpsichordist to decide which pieces in a particular key to include and in what order, and each performer has his own preferences.

In the case of the Suite in F on Stewart's program, the structure devised by the performer was a powerful one. He began, as one would expect, with the appropriate Prélude, followed this with three dance movements (Courante, Sarabande, and Gigue), and concluded with Couperin's famous Tombeau de M. de Blancrocher, thus intentionally framing the composition as a whole with music of profound gravity and intense feeling. Given the passion and grandeur of Stewart's playing, the effect of this structure on an attentive listener was quite stunning. The *Tombeau* itself is a masterpiece of its kind.

Occasioned by the accidental death in 1652 of Couperin's colleague, the eminent lutenist, this musical memorial, with its obsessive reiteration of a deeply touching motif of lament, seems to have been written from the heart, a sincere tribute from one great musician to another, and that is the way Laurent Stewart played it. (It would have been a nice programming idea to juxtapose the Couperin with the magisterial tombeau Froberger composed for the same friend.)



Laurent Stewart, harpsichord Congregational Church of La Jolla (San Diego Harpsichord Society)

Works by Louis Couperin and Johann Jacob Froberger

It was the Ruckers family of Antwerp who set the standard for French baroque harpsichords, and Stewart played an excellent modern instrument built by Ron Haas on the Ruckers model. It possessed the sturdiness, balance, and simplicity of the harpsichords the composers themselves had in mind: two eight-foot registers and one four-foot (sounding an octave higher) on double manuals. The French harpsichord school of the grand siècle had no need of elaborate coloristic devices, beyond the subtle effects achievable by contrasts and couplings of the two keyboards. The architecture and poetry of the period are sober in a comparable way. It is the lu-



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cidity and elegance of language that counts, along with the inner life supplied by the artist's instinct for proportion and his sensitivity to the play of feeling.

Both instrument and performer contributed ideal virtues in this admirable offering of the Harpsichord Society, all of them summed up in Laurent Stewart's encore: the exquisite Les Idées heureuses from François Couperin's Second ordre. Here, the program's tribute to the discoveries of earlier generations (François was born seven vears after his uncle's death) reached its culmination in the perfected style of the greatest of all French harpsichord composers. ■

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Greatest Hits and Summer Pops -The Perfect Combination, Broadway composer Marvin Hamlisch joins the San Diego Symphony for the next Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 16 and

17. 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)

SummerFest Is Here, the La Jolla Chamber Music Society's Summer-Fest La Jolla 2002, led by artistic director Cho-Liang Lin, concludes with two evenings of programs. On Saturday, August 17, at 2 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street), composer, conductor, pianist Robert Kapilow presents a concert especially designed for young children,

and they're admitted free.

Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., the theme is "Adventures in Chamber Music," featuring Wheeler's Trio #2 Camera Dances; Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat major; the Handel/Halvorsen Passacaglia; Pachelbel's Canon; "Star Trek Fantasy" (Courage/Arnold); Daugherty's "Dead Elvis" and "Sinatra Shag." The pre-concert talk is scheduled for 6:30. A program of all six Branden-

burg concertos concludes Summer-Fest, Sunday, August 18, 3 p.m. (preconcert talk at 2 p.m.). It will be held in Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD campus.

Concert tickets range from \$35 to \$50. For reservations and information, dial 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

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"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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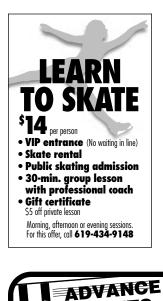
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GALLERIES

"Vivid Works," abstract oils in saturated colors by Susan Snyder can be seen in the Bard Hall Gallery at the Unitarian Universalist Church, through the end of August. An artists' reception is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., 4190 Front Street, at Arbor. 619-232-7329. (MISSION HILLS)

Fantasy Artist, the wildly popular Jim Warren creates dreamy paintings full of mermaids, sunsets, seascapes, unicorns, cozy cottages, galloping horses, and crashing waves. He'll be at two receptions this week on his California-Hawaii tour of Wyland Galleries: Thursday, August 15, from 6 to 10 p.m., 1025 Prospect Avenue (1-866-995-2630), and Friday, August 16, 6 to 10 p.m., 855 North Harbor Drive (619-544-9995), (LA JOLLA, SEAPORT VILLAGE)

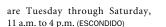
The Seventh Annual "Local Color" Show, two- and three-dimensional works in all media by local artists, juried by Don Bacigalupi, director of the San Diego Museum of Art, can be viewed at the Escondido Municipal Gallery through September 21. A reception for the artists is set for Saturday, August 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at 142 West Grand Avenue. 760-480-4101. Regular gallery hours

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A Juried Exhibit of work by the San Diego Enamel Guild opens with a reception on Sunday, August 18, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Gallery 21, Spanish Village. The show remains through August 30. 619-233-3672 (BALBOA PARK)

"Myself and Other Animals," "portraits" in pastel and pencil of birds and animals from the San Diego Zoo by Shandel Gamer of Santee can be viewed through August 25, noon to 5 p.m. daily, at the gallery of the La Iolla Art Association, 7917 Girard Avenue. A public reception is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum of

Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in 'African Art — The Pulse of a Continent," continuing through Sunday, September 8. Highlights include a beaded chief's robe from Nigeria's Yoruba culture, a wedding costume from the Ndebele people of South Africa, feather hats, ivory hairpins, and stools carved from single pieces of wood.

"Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement" is a new show that will continue through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a fivefoot-tall Italian Pinocchio.

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 Tijuanabased 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)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, the provocative, playful, and often iconoclastic designs of the design firm of Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates are highlighted in the current featured exhibition. "Out of the Ordinary: The Architecture and Design of Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Associates" includes drawings, models, photographs, videos, furniture, and other objects. The exhibit includes the multimedia installation The Architect's Dream, created for the exhibition "as a presentation of favorite things: historical architecture, iconic objects from everyday life, and some of the firm's own buildings and projects." See the show through Sunday, September 8.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, the well-known personal and professional collaboration between Alfred Stieglitz and Georgia O'Keeffe plays a key role in the exhibit on view through Sunday, August 25. "The Photography of Alfred Stieglitz: Georgia O'Keeffe's Enduring Legacy," boasts 110 images from the 1890s to 1935, including Stieglitz's early European work, images of Lake George and New York City, and portraits. Cameras used by the photographer and a selection of photographic processes — including autochrome, carte-de-viste, carbon print, gelatin silver print, lantern slide, photogravure print, and plat-inum print — are included to explain Stieglitz's creative processes and technique. A major exhibition of the work

of Louis Faurer is now on view through October 20. The photographer lived from 1917 until 2001 and was 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."

"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. (BALBOA PARK)

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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Maybe Margaret's Dying

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he La Jolla Playhouse really wants you to like Margaret Grace Braxton — goes out of its way to endear her to you. And has to, because she will do something, in When Grace Comes In, that could alienate her even from those con-

vinced they're progressive and hip. Like the fearless dramas of Paula Vogel, Grace explores edgy, uncomfortable terrain. In doing so, it reads its audience.

You'd think Margaret's got The Dream. She's been married 16 years to a United States senator. They have three children, aged 9 to 15, live in a posh home, and hobnob with A-list movers and shakers. So why's she so sad? Why does she dream about water flowing through everything, her family in an ocean, her house becoming "unmoored," her drowning? And why does she wake up with sand in her teeth?

For 14 days she suffers from a vague, possibly terminal illness. There's this numbness. And "noun-loss": she can't remember the names of things (though she uses other nouns in her redefinitions). She keeps thinking of her mother, who "waited all her life for her real life to begin." Maybe Margaret's dying. Or maybe — as Senator Braxton's wife and mother of his three children — she's been subordinated to a living grave for years.



As a vouth, Margaret had artistic aspirations, not as a Vermeer or Tintoretto, but as a restorer of their works. Why not go back to that dream? Voices fortune-cookie her with truisms: "carpe diem," "every day we die a little," "what will you

be painting on the blank canvas of your life?" So Margaret decides to "reframe the picture" and follow her own path, knowing that nothing matters if "one's better

nature is not embodied in the life one has made. When students asked him what they should become, Joseph Campbell said "follow your bliss." Grace applies pressure to that remark. Margaret's torn between family (at one point she

calls it being a "dumb mother") and artistic, selffulfilling aspirations. Even her mother, in dreams, urges her to dance at the "Suppressed Desire Ball" in ruby red slippers. So Margaret does the unthinkable. She leaves husband and children and seeks a room of her own.

Fathers leave all the time, the play implies throughout. But in our patriarchal society, if a mother leaves her family it's abandonment, desertion, betrayal of higher laws. And that's why the La Jolla Playhouse goes to such lengths to make you like Margaret. She does what's oft been thought but rarely followed through.

The problem — well, one of them — is that



Jane Beard, Mark Chamberlin in When Grace Comes In

When Grace Comes In, by Heather McDonald

La Jolla Playhouse, Mandell Weiss Forum, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, La Jolla Directed by Sharon Ott; cast, Jane Beard, Stephanie Berry, Anne Gee Byrd, Mark Chamberlin, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Tommy Fleming, Mark Alan Gordon, Mary Frances McClay; scenic design, Daniel Ostling; lighting, Michael Chybowski; costumes, Frances Kenny; original music and sound, Christopher R. Walker; ovement, Jean Isaacs

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Margaret's so likable, so strangely chipper, she doesn't fit the play circumstances. Jane Beard's Margaret is more in control than in thrall. If she's

drowning, Beard's head remains above water. She swims in poetic riffs, the language often haunting but distant, sculpted. And her world, waking

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or dreamed, is so cartooned (including an unbelievable job interview where her qualifications are perfect, and the interviewer's such a yummy, you'd think he invented the job for her), her angst plays eighth or ninth fiddle.

The play also covers Margaret's bases. She leaves her daughters (one a 24/7 whiner, the other a Jesus freak) with a nanny and a teacher and a rich, famous father and takes her son along. The new Margaret is contrite. "I did a terrible thing," she says. But she's also convinced that she didn't run from something, she ran to something else, thus putting a positive spin on a much more complicated situation.

She says the running-to line in one of the play's few revealing scenes. When her husband visits Margaret, now living a postcard life in Venice, he wants her to come home. She can find "moments" in the day while raising the kids, he assures her, to dabble with art.

At first he sounds, well, rational. But the more he talks the more he implies that she should return not to the family, but to his world, to his dream, not hers. If their marriage were a mute civil war, over the years he's claimed most of her territory. He wants not what's right for her. He wants what he had back.

It's one of the few times where we see outside Margaret's perspective, most likely because Grace is about her running to, not running from. It slants toward positives. Negatives might turn the audience away from Margaret (you want to ask, for example, what she would have thought if her mother, who urges her to seek the dream, had left Margaret years ago to find her own). But when negatives creep in, like the senator's plea, they actually strengthen Margaret's position.

The best thing about Grace is its subject (the playwright knows it too: the eldest daughter says, "The new an-gle is definitely the mother angle," in case anyone doesn't get it). Grace doesn't break ground but points to where tilling could happen. The play, however, spends so much time propping up Margaret, and so much energy justifying her move, it feels timid, repetitive, and flat. This includes semi-surrealistic patches that, for all their theatricality, become more evasive than revelatory.

It's doubtful McDonald could ask for a finer worldpremiere production. Directed by Sharon Ott, the almost three-hour show flows like a waterfall. The fluidity's so exact, Ott's graceful staging runs ahead of the script and makes the loosely written scenes play longer.

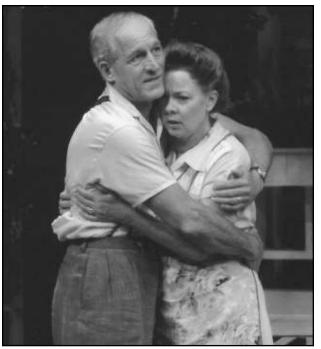
Margaret meanders through real and surreal worlds - including her possible death. Did the illness kill her? Is the whole play a flashback about the road she should have taken? Because it shows her plight solely from Margaret's perspective, Grace enacts a kind of avoidance behavior: it ignores many ramifications of its important theme. The script needs much reworking. Virginia Woolf, writing from a room of her own, said there are two keys to revision: "to compress and enliven." When Grace Comes In needs both.

THEATER LISTINGS

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All My Sons

Arthur Miller's first Broadway success has the feel of an old-fashioned, mid-1940s period piece: wide canvas/narrow meaning; symbolism in the guise of realism. His dramaturgy seems by-the-numbers today but was actually progressive in 1947, when post-WWII ambiguity made simple issues complex. Joe Keller's factory shipped cracked cylinder heads to the military. Twenty-one planes crashed. A jury exonerated Joe, and his family has lived a lie ever since. In All My Sons, cracks the family has covered up are about to fracture. The Globe Theatre gives Miller's melodrama a respectful, toned-down staging. In a note - and he wrote more words about his plays than are in them -Miller wanted the rending of the Kellers to take place "without a sound." But the play doesn't work that way. It's full of emotive arias and melodramatic twists. Director Richard Seer honors Miller's note



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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin' " back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency. 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 <u>a try.</u>

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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.

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 SAT-URDAY 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

Must have been what, 20 years ago? David McFadzean wrote a play, produced by Lamb's Players, about a mother, daughter, a father (who may or may not exist), and a vague secret. The script was passable, al-

shored up unexplored areas with drama. McFadzean, who has since written for Carol Burnett and Roseanne Barr and was one of the creators of Home Improvement, saved the story but completely rewrote his play. Like Bill Murray in Ground Hog Day, McFadzean got to go back and get it right. The result, says a program note, is "the premiere of a 20-year-old story." And he got it right. The new text is funnier and deeper, with a much stronger sense of how stories unfold ("what to leave in," as Bob Seeger once sang, "what to leave out"). I saw the original, and what was as fascinating to me was watching the production and seeing how much the company has grown as well: Robert Smyth's deft direction; veteran performances by Deborah Gilmour-Smyth, David Cochran Heath, K.B. Mercer, and Tom Stephenson (and a knockout job by young Tania Henetz as the daughter swimming in doublebinds); Jeanne Reith's excellent costumes; and the lighting, at once mundane and mystical, by Karin Filijan, one of the best in town. Everything about this enterprise bespeaks growth, which, it turns out, is also the play's theme.

beit bland, and the production

Worth a try. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY 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."

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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



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.**

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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, THROUGH AU-GUST 17; FRIDAY 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, THROUGH AUGUST 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Hurly Burly

Appetite for Productions presents David Rabe's drama about the "quest for meaning in our morally muddled times." SUSHI COMMUNITY SPACE, THROUGH

AUGUST 18; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-778-5198.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Codirectors Sean Murray and Rosina Reynolds have assembled one of the North Coast Rep's strongest casts. Through this summer the actors perform double roles, as Earnest runs in repertory with Tom Stoppard's Travesties. Although the opening-night per-formance of *Earnest* was a tad shaky, Oscar Wilde's farce is definitely a show to see and savor. Along with being one of the funniest plays ever written, *Earnest* is cross-thatched with scathing social commentary so subtle it's almost unnoticed (fortunately for the characters, they don't listen to each other; if they did, society as they know it would crumble). Murray's scenic design includes walls so hy-

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per-lime green they resemble a new, heartily tweaked Gatorade When combined with proper fin de siecle furnishings and Shulamit Nelson's white and beige formal period costumes, they create a bifurcated tableau much like Wilde's play: a surreal rationalism. The only persisting opening-night problem: often the cast spoke more naturalistically than artificially. But with Wilde the rules don't apply. It's okay to sculpt a line and to "perform" (as does Annie Hinton's wonderful Lady Bracknell). After all, these carefully ordered sentences might be the only glue holding Wilde's fragile society together. Worth a try.

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,' as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AV-ENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Love, Ianis

The original Love, Janis that premiered at the San Diego Rep last vear was a lot like her music: raw, unpolished, the next second, anybody's guess. The new revised version, here by way of a New York run, is talky, and the performances have a comfort zone feel — push when essential, pull back when not. Aimee McCormick, who acts the role of Joplin, knows where her moments are and often milks them with contemporary attitude, not 60s soul. Andra Mitrovich sings Joplin's songs well enough (though she speaks her lines too fast) but lacks Joplin's rabid energy. Joplin tore into a song like a famished lion with fresh kill. As did Beth Hurt, who sung her in the original as if each tune were her last. The original felt like a spontaneous "happening"; this one's more like a concert, mapped out in detail. Make no mistake, this is a good show. It captures some of the 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 2:00 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



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My One and Only

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National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years

ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads velled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise.

Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET. MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMA-TION CALL 619-295-4999.

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. Rhvs 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 "runthrough," literally. As a result, they sped past many of the play's best one-liners (director 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 Pi geon 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.

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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 offshore loaded with would-be war criminals. Speaking of loaded, the hotel owner, Fritz ("call me Uncle Fritz") Wright, likes to get high on the venom of poisonous snakes, especially during Carneval. In preparation for which, the hotel denizens break repeatedly into sambas. And there are no 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





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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

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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. SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531

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art, while Carr grafts them into a

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Murray (wonderful as Carr) have

alogue of theatrical styles (every-

honored the play's themes and cat-

thing from vaudeville and magic to

sophisticated comedy, poetic riffs,

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performing Wilde's comedy in

repertory with Travesties, is tops.

That the actors often play the same

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Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend -"Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudodrama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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When Grace Comes In

Reviewed this issue. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1; TUESDAY THROUGH SAT-URDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Wintertime

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"Everyone is worried about losing their job. All corporate has told us is that they filed chapter 11." That quote came from a



Music Trader employee who did not want to be identified. Employees were told to

keep quiet about the bankruptcy of parent company CD Warehouse, the Oklahoma City–based retail chain that bought Music Trader three years ago.

"I know one [employee] who is on vacation. When he comes back, his store will be closed."

Workers at the San Marcos and Clairemont stores were surprised last week with the announcement that their stores were closing for good.

Musician Jeff Clark founded Music Trader in 1986 His success with reselling used CDs allowed him to build Music Trader into a 17-outlet countywide chain. He sold the chain to CD Warehouse in 1999 for a reported \$4.5 million. Clark,

who was not available for

CD Warehouse for

ago, saying the new

management did not

"mismanagement and

comment last week, blamed

incompetence" three years

properly advertise or restock

CD Warehouse owns 63

franchises 194 other stores in

When Clark sold his

chain there were 17 Music

Traders. Now there are 11.

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local Music Trader stores.

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franchise royalties and "an industrywide decline in CD sales and the increase of online piracy and CD duplication" for the cash crunch. None of the Music Trader

press release dated July 26

promises investors that the

and prepared to handle the

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The release blames

stores are franchised; they are owned outright by CD Warehouse. The Music

Trader employee wonders if reselling CDs is as viable as it once was. Music Trader offers cash or credit for the CDs the store accepts.

"People buy a CD somewhere else, burn a copy, and then bring it here and trade it for something else. Then they burn that CD and do the same thing all over again. Sometimes it seems like we are spending more than we are taking in."

Music Trader stores now sell new titles as well as used

product. "We are about half and half," said the employee "current leadership is capable about his store's ratio of used titles to new product. He said

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MUSIC SCENE



CLARK AND WIFE BACK IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS

Music Trader has become a champion of artists not signed to a major label. "I would say about 30 to 35 percent of what we sell is independent labels and local

bands. We do a lot of punk.' He said some of the Music Traders do really well. "Like the Poway or Sports Arena [outlets]." But he says some stores, including his own, are not as busy.

"We open at 10 [a.m.], and sometimes we don't get a customer in until 12 or 1 [p.m.]."

Another employee said she did not work at Music Trader when Clark still owned the chain. "But I heard a lot of good things about him. I heard that people who quit would come back here to work if Jeff came back to own it. I heard it was a very friendly, happy place to work.'

CD Warehouse spokesperson Beth Byler was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Clark's agreement with CD Warehouse said he cannot open a used CD store in San Diego County until 2003. He currently runs two Movie Trader video/DVD stores.

— Ken Leighton

"Some people start off popular in elementary school, and it follows them through high school. Some people don't."

Michael Archuleta, 17, is singer/guitarist of San Diego's youngest rockabilly band, the Bandits. A recent grad of Clairemont High, he's developed his own theory on high school popularity.

"If your mom gives you the wrong thing for lunch, it can follow you through school. Like if she gives you a pickle in your lunch, that's your new nickname.

Everyone says, 'Hey, Pickle.' " But if the band you're in becomes cool, "pickle" can undergo a social "turnaround."

"We were not social outcasts. We didn't sit in the corner and do magic tricks during lunch. We were just pretty neutral. But after we played [on campus], people knew who we were. People would start to call you and want to hang out with you. But you're used to the good old days when people just left you alone."

Archuleta and his brother Daniel (16, stand-up bass) and cousin Gary (16, drums) don't sound like most of the spiky-haired pop-punk bands at their respective high schools. Daniel goes to Clairemont High. Gary goes

to Poway. "They'd call us 'Happy Days' or 'Fonzie' or 'Grease,' " said Michael. "We've heard it all."

"They ask us if we came from the '50s," said Daniel, who was actually born in 1986



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"Because we are related, they think that our dad manages us like the Hansons. They think we are the rockabilly Hansons. Our dad has never managed us. I manage us.³

Archuleta thanks his guitar teacher for his early Elvis-era inspiration. "I was 14. I started learning

'Summertime Blues' [from sheet music] He suggested

CD. Brian Setzer is the main reason I got into it." All three credit retro

movies like La Bamba, The Outsiders, and Elvis films like

I pick up a Stray Cats BANDITS PREFER THEIR DRUMS CHARRED It brings people out. At our first Club Xanth show they didn't want us to do it, but now they look forward to it." Daniel says his stand-up

King Creole and Jailhouse

Rock for their rockabilly

go to our shows because

we're not punk. There's just

not many rockabilly bands

shows more memorable, they

We light a fire on the

borrowed a page out of the

Jerry Lee Lewis playbook.

bass drum," said Michael.

charred off, but it still works.

We've done it over 60

times.... The top is all

like us that play at all-age [venues]." To make their

"It's hard to get people to

roadmap

bass is as popular among teens as the oboe. And it's expensive.

"I recommend that you go to Tijuana [to buy] a stand-up bass. It's \$250 for a good one. Here it's \$1000 for a good one or \$700 for a notso-good one.... Even my strings are \$200." He doesn't buy the cheaper metal strings. "They call them catgut, but they are really lamb [gut]. Last week I paid \$80 for one string.

And then there is the unwanted attraction from the law. He recalled one night when the Bandits played at a Poway High battle of the bands.

"I was in my car putting grease in my hair, and I put the tin down in my car. This cop rolled up and she said, What did you just put down in your car?' I said, 'A tin of grease.' She's, like, 'Uh-huh.' She got out of her car and started looking around. All she found was grease. She assumed that I was doing something bad because that's how they are in Poway. If anything is out of place, something must be wrong." "If she would have looked in my trunk, she would have found lighter fluid and matches," said Michael. The Bandits appear at

Club Xanth August 30 with the Somatix, the Legionnaires, and Deep Eynde. Admission is \$7. — Ken Leighton

"It was hardcore night

at the Xanth. It was all Mohawk kids." Scott Landy, 19. is the bassist and lead singer of the Defects, a selfdescribed "skate punk" band.

"It was originally supposed to be a rap-core night, but then the promoter backed out. So then Xanth booked punk bands like they usually do on Saturday nights. But one of the rapcore bands called Ether didn't know that the rap-core night was canceled, so they showed up to play."

What ensued was an ugly incident that suggests punk and rap-core don't mix. "When we were loading

up our [equipment], we saw them. They looked intimidated." Ether approached the

Defects. "They asked us if we minded if we switched slots. They wanted to play at 9 instead of 10 because they wanted to get the hell out of

there. We were, like, 'Nah, we

like our slot. We'll keep 9.' When it came time for us to go on, they went ahead and hopped onstage. I was, like, 'What the hell is this?' So I

went and talked to the owner of the club, and he was, like, 'Let 'em play so they can get the hell out of here because it was gonna be hell anyway.' "

It was. "As soon as they go on, everyone was, like, 'What the fuck are these guys doing here?' The place was packed, but after the first song everyone went outside. I would say that out of 200 people only 40 people stayed in to see Ether. People started chanting the name of our band and yelling for them to get offstage. The lead singer got so mad at the crowd that he walked offstage and came on to the floor and started yelling at the people who were yelling at him. He said, 'You guys are haters....' He said, 'You guys go ahead and listen to your three-chord music,' and he started

pointing at our guitarist. My guitarist [Wayne Helgeson, 19] got into his face and said, 'Take a hint.' Everyone started laughing. The guy in



DEFECTS BRAWL OVER TIMESLOT AT CLUB XANTH

Ether got really mad and said, 'Let's take it outside'...and a little fight broke out." The Defects appear September 4 at Club Xanth with the Butt Pirates. – Ken Leighton

URL watching -Lestat's 120 Minutes of Gothic Music

http://www.lestats120minutes.com Lestat's 120 Minutes of Gothic Music is a Goth music show formerly carried by KCR at San Diego State University.

Lestats120minutes.com links to KCR's online webcast, but the site belongs to host DJ Louis. The names "Lestat" and "Louis" are, of course,









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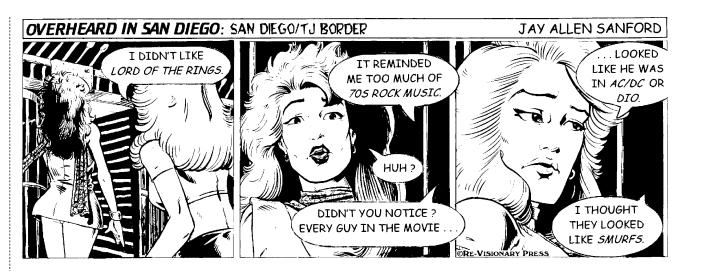




used in deference to the homosexual vampire lovers in Anne Rice's mythical lexicon, introduced in the Vampire. The website's

Dead Can Dance. I also play...Switchblade Symphony from San Francisco, London After Midnight, and the Shroud from the Los Angeles area." In addition, he spins records by local bands Sleepy Hollow, Silent Order, and Cruciform.

Skeletal thin, Louis wears powdered face makeup, black lipstick, and dark eye shadow, with his long dark hair parted on one side and hanging down so it covers half his face. Pictures of the pale DJ appear in the website's "Photo Gallery." Louis is seen at a Carlsbad book signing autographed several of his



windy that night...we were let inside Wal-Mart where we found another long line. We had to then wait in this second line for another 45 minutes to see Anne Rice.... She was only allowed to sign her most recent book now on sale and was not to sign any previous books she wrote.' He reports that she made an exception for him, saying, "I suggest you get your books out before I change my mind."

Clicking on "Deadications" brings up photos and praise for several people, including Goth singer Peter Murphy, onetime leader of Bauhaus. Louis has met Murphy twice over the past eight years. "The first [time], I met [Murphy] in a radio station lobby [a photo of the

meeting is posted on the "Deadications" page], and the second one occurred in

(where he resides) and gave my best wishes to him, his wife Beyhan Murphy, and his

ANNE RICE IN CARLSBAD

three kids and the citizens of

Istanbul. What happened

next surprised me a lot! He

suddenly grabbed me and

gave me the biggest hug I ever

received in my life. He then

whispered in my ear, 'My



2001...my friend who works for a radio station got me backstage passes

"Later that night, I met Peter and got the chance to tell him how I felt about the tragedy in Istanbul, Turkey

wife and kids will appreciate that, and I love you for being a long loyal fan for so many vears.

If you want to whisper into Louis's ear yourself, click the "Contact" icon to reveal Louis's e-mail address, floating near an animation of a skeleton rising out of a coffin.

(Those with or who know of sites created in San Diego or which focus on local music are encouraged to forward info/URL links to jas2669@aol.com.)

— Jay Allen Sanford

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wave music," says Louis, "all which may not be familiar to the uninitiated but are well known by the gothic clubgoers. Some of the artists heard on my show include...Bauhaus, Christian Death, Human Drama, and

books and a movie poster. He says the queen of Goth fiction gave him extra-special treatment when he met her again at a November 2000 appearance in Santee. "I waited about an hour outside Wal-Mart. It was cold and





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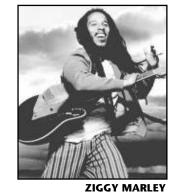
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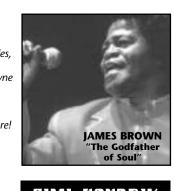
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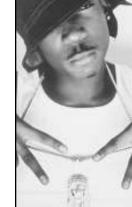


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Don't Be a Prude

"None of this better be read back to me in a court of law."

t Horton Plaza, I asked some baby boomers what they thought about the Fab Four before they became the Fab Two (now that only 50 percent are left).

The first woman I approached didn't want to talk, although when she heard

me ask what her favorite Beatles song was, she turned and said, "Imagine," and kept on walking. 'Imagine" is a John Lennon

song, not the Beatles. The next guy I talk to is Mario, who doesn't

know why I want his last name or his age, but he relents and tells me he's 62. He says, "None of this better be read back to me in a court of law." I laugh and he doesn't.

"So, what's your favorite Beatles tune?"

" 'Yesterday' by Paul McCartney, but I can't possibly recite it.'

"Do teenagers and folks in their 20s get into the Beatles?"

He says, "They weren't born yet, so they wouldn't know. Maybe they know some of their music.

I ask him how the Beatles represent his youth, and he enthusiastically says, "They revolutionized rock history! The hero before them was Elvis Presley, and he had his style. I'm more into the Beatles, because they were harsher.... We grew up with the Beatles, in essence. After that, music went downhill."

FOUR JOSH BOARD

find the things that you do / Will make me feel all right.' Í ask about younger music

fans, and he says, "Well, my son is 21, and he loves the Beatles.

I ask him to compare music of today with when he grew up. He responds, "Music is better today.... I

Hariinder Bedi like to listen to the Beatles, and oldies, but I feel music today is much

more complex.' With Chuck Verdenberg, 47, I ask him his favorite Beatles song and if he'd be able to recite

Harjinder Bedi, 58, was waiting for his wife

outside a store. I ask him his favorite Beatles

song, and with a thick Indian accent, he says,

"A Hard Day's Night." He quickly recites the

lyrics when asked. "It's been a hard day's night,

and I've been working like a dog

/ It's been a hard day's night, I

should be sleeping like a log /

But when I get home to you, I

the words to it. He says, "I know the words to most of them. This month, my favorite is 'Ticket to Ride.'

Claus Johnson, 55, I see working in a shop in Horton Plaza. I ask him his favorite Beatles song, and he says, "It's been so long, I couldn't really tell you.' But he also says,

"They're making a comeback right now. Their music is starting to become popular again.'

I ask, "Can you compare their music with the

music of today?" Claus says, "You can understand the music better back then. You didn't have the music competing with the singer. You go to concerts now,

I think it's a lot of noise. The singer screaming into the microphone to be heard over the band." I tell him that the Beatles stopped touring because they couldn't be heard

over the crowd. Bruce Gray, 49, is one of Claus's coworkers. He says his favorite Beatles song

is the first one he ever heard. "It was on that guy's show. What's his name?"

"Ed Sullivan," I say and am surprised when he says no.

"Who hosted The Tonight Show?" he asks me.

Bruce Gray



"Iohnny Carson?" "Before him."

"Steve Allen?"

He says, triumphantly, "Jack Paar. It was three or four months before they ever appeared on Ed Sullivan, and he showed them performing at the Cave.'

"You mean the Cavern."

"Yeah. They were singing 'I Want to Hold Your Hand,' and that was good. It's still my favorite... I know they did the song in German, too." Mark Mooney, 48, tells me he can't name a

favorite Beatles song. "That would be like trying to tell you my favorite

kind of chocolate.' I ask about comparing music from that time with today, and Mark says, "I hate to sound prejudiced, and it's that generation thing. I try to have an open



Mark Mooney

mind, and I listen to a lot of music... It's like they are churning it out on a little assembly line. It's like a formula where they got to have the hook. They package it with their effects. In the '60s, there was a whole different attitude.'

David Cohen, 52, tells me, "My brother went to England as an exchange student. He's six years older than me. And he actually brought home a couple of the British versions of some of those albums when I was in high school. I remember having Beatles for Sale.'

Bob Greenawalt, 60, says he can't choose between "I Saw Her Standing There" and "Hey Jude"





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as his favorite. When asked to recite the lyrics, he jokingly sings, "Hey, Jude / Don't be a prude / Don't try to fake it / I



saw you naked."

We laugh. When I ask him how the Beatles represented his youth, he tells me, "I remember Carl Perkins, Buddy Holly, and Elvis — on his first TV appearance with Milton Berle. With the Beatles. I have mixed feelings. They were very talented, but it was the beginning of the drug culture."

'Can you compare music of today with all that early rock 'n' roll you listened to?"

Today is the worst we ever had. A lot of bands don't even include instruments. Britney Spears is such a lightweight.'

The first woman that was willing to talk about the Beatles was Beverly Kelly, 40. Her favorite songs are "The Long and Winding Road," "In My Life," and "Golden Slumbers." She confidently says, "I can recite them all. Do I really need to prove it?"

I ask about the Beatles representing her youth, and she



says, "I grew up in a conservative home in the South, and the Beatles were characterized as dangerous and 'devil influenced' and taboo. Those aspects made them more appealing to me. I played piano and guitar growing up, and at 15, my guitar teacher taught me to play 'Blackbird' and 'Here Comes the Sun.' It wasn't until months later, when my friend played the White Album, that I heard 'Blackbird' by the Beatles. I was transfixed. Like when I saw the Mona Lisa at the Louvre."

William Rios Jr., 55, said his favorite tune was "Just to dance with you, oh oh / Is everything I want to do."

I ask him how the Beatles represented his youth, and he says, "Not that much. When they first came out, I thought they were bubblegum, with songs like 'I Want to Hold Your Hand.'



William Rios, Ir

They changed and evolved as they went on, which was smart. I didn't like a lot of their music. I liked James Brown and R&B more.... The '60s had a lot more protest music, because of Vietnam. I don't care for protests and political messages in songs.

Ellen Dodson, 42, says "Yel-low Submarine" is her favorite song. When asked the words, she goes right to the chorus, "We all live in a yellow submarine, a yellow submarine, a yellow submarine."

She tells me about her childhood with the Beatles. "At 16. my brother put a new Beatles album on — It was the White Album — on the household turntable. Yes, only record players back then. He cued it to 'You say it's your birthday.' That was one of the most memorable moments of my teenage vears."

Laurie Tapia, 48, says her favorite song is "Yesterday."

"I bought Meet the Beatles and loved Paul on the cover, with his baby face. My mom hated them. She liked Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.'

In comparing today's music with the kind she grew up with, Laurie says, "There's still rock 'n' roll today. There's male and female groups, like back then. But we didn't have rap back then, with all the bad words and degrading women and knocking the police."

Larry Carver, 58, says he liked country music more than the Beatles, but his favorite song is also "Yesterday." When I ask him the lyrics, there's a long pause.

I say, "I'll give you a hint. It starts with the word 'Yesterday.' "■







If I'm Famous

"Some neighbors were passing around a petition to ban band practices, but one of my neighbors, who is 90 years old, refused to sign it."

Andrew, guitarist, vocalist, and namesake of Compromising Andrew.

"To borrow a phrase from MxPx, Randy is the 'chick magnet' of the band," echoes Jeff, also 19. Jeff, who plays bass, rambles on: "I'm single right now, but it's always good to say you're in a band when talking to

girls. Once, the band e-mail address received an e-mail from a girl saying some flattering stuff about me." Jeff doesn't mention how many emails have been directed to Randy (who was not present for this interview).

"Randy is fun to mess around with and learns stuff really fast, but he is really hard to get in touch with," says Jeff, "and when practice is canceled it is usually something to do with Randy being unavailable."

"Our biggest problem as a band seems to be communication," says Andrew. "Sometimes we lose practice time due to the fact that Randy seems to disappear and is unreachable. Jeff and myself can be at odds about minor details sometimes, but basically, we just need to tackle the communication issues."

So, let's communicate:

What is your music experience?

Andrew: I took about six hours of guitar lessons back in early 1995, which didn't do much. From there I just played around for a while and tried playing Green Day songs. That's how I learned guitar. So that sums up about seven and a half years of guitar experience.

Jeff: I got a bass for Christmas when I was 17, started Compromising Andrew with Andrew four days later, and have never looked back. I have taught myself bass through playing with the band. Andrew has taught me a lot as well.

Do you write your own material?

Andrew: Yeah, we write our own stuff. Seems to

be that I write a song, Jeff writes a song...we kind of alternate. Randy has written some stuff too, so we get to toy with switching instruments for a song occasionally. But I enjoy doing covers. We spend a lot of time speculating about songs that would be fun to cover.

INTERVIEW MARCEL REYES *Jeff:* We do our own songs, although we will play covers at a concert for kicks. Once, at a show, one of the bands didn't

show up, so J.R. of the band Jack Rabbit Slims and my friend Dave pretended to be them and played a bunch of the Queers' covers. I had learned the songs during the sound check and it sounded horrendous, but it was pure fun.

Describe your instruments.

Andrew: I mostly play a DeArmond electric guitar, kind of blood-red in color. I got it on sale for under \$200 at Guitar Center. It sounds fairly decent, kind of lightweight, and really fun to play. *Jeff:* I play an Ibanez bass that I got from Guitar Center for 200 dollars. I also have a Squier bass that is covered in stickers I got from the Warped Tour, but I let my brother's friend borrow it six months ago, and I haven't seen it since. I want it back. I use a Carvin Red Eye 4x10 cabinet with a Carvin head for my amp. I actually bought the cab from the bassist of the band Three Piece Scandal.

Where do you practice?

Andrew: We practice mainly at Jeff's garage or mine. We try to practice whenever we can fit it in the work schedules. When we can get a hold of everybody in time, we usually get a few hours of practice in. We've played something like a halfdozen shows at Club Xanth in North Park. We've also played the Iceoplex [in Escondido]. We played a small café at a high school. We played 'Canes' Battle of the Bands and a few parties when we started out. Once, we made \$20 off of ticket sales to one of the Xanth shows. That's the most money we ever collected. What do your parents say about being in a band?

Andrew: Well, my parents, on one hand, don't mind the band stuff. But they want me to have something to fall back on, as most parents always say about careers. We don't practice much at Randy's house anymore because his dad thinks it's too loud. The neighbors don't seem to mind too much. Jeff: My parents say

we play too fast. Our neighbors say we are

loud. But most of my neighbors are in bands, so they don't complain as long as we don't complain about them. Once, some neighbors were passing around a petition to ban band practices from the neighborhood, but one of my neighbors, who is 90 years old, refused to sign it. So the three bands on my street were done a huge service by him.

What are your favorite nonlocal bands? Favorite local bands?

Andrew: As far as "big" favorite bands go, I'm quite fond of Green Day; they've been a huge influence on me. I'm also really into Nirvana, Offspring, Local H, and Bush. As far as local bands go, that could be tough...I think Agent 51 is a great band. I never really ranked favorite local bands. I also like Allotic; we've played with them a lot, and they're rad. And Three Piece Scandal, they really know how to rock.

What are you thinking when you play your favorite song for an audience?

Jeff: Andrew won't believe me when I say this, but "Pop Punk Song" is my favorite to play in front of an audience. Some crazy stuff has happened during that song. Once, I got in a Silly String fight with the audience and got a shoe thrown at the band that broke a microphone, all in the span of three minutes. I usually think of that when I play that song. *Andrew:* When playing a favorite song, it kind of creates an adrenaline rush, and you play your part of the song more intensely, and it can also make you more concerned about playing it well and not screwing up.



Compromising Andrew (Andrew, Randy, Jeff)

What if your band became successful?

Andrew: Well, if I became "successful" with this, I would get my own house — not a mansion, but not a shack either — get a car, so I'd have transportation, and I would build an awesome home studio. And, when performing — as well as doing those large venues like the stadiums and such — I would always be up to do a "surprise" unannounced show in a small club. That would be fun.

And on a performance night...hmm... At that level of fame, everyone is there doing everything, like setting up your gear and whatnot, so all that's required from the performer is a sound check, basically, so it would be waiting around all day just for that short moment of being onstage. I would probably lounge around, play some guitar, or goof off with the other band members to find a way to avoid boredom.

Jeff: If I'm famous, I hope it will be because I made some discovery as a chemist that really helped make the world a better place. But if the band ever takes off, I would try to start a venue in North County (by the mall; I already have a plan, I just need the money). We would play there. As far as cars go, I like my 1997 Chevy Blazer just fine. I would probably still wear clothes from the thrift store, like I do right now.

I'd like my life to be like this: I'm 25, and I just received my Ph.D. in physical chemistry. I am on the verge of mathematically describing chaos, thus proving chaos doesn't exist. Well, anyway, we have a show at the venue I opened in North County called Entropy. Allotic and the Webelos open for us. When we get onstage we rock more than anybody in the history of rock. The ladies love us!









Chalky Models

A remarkable number of Ruckers keyboard instruments were found among the booty.

kay, I've got it. (This is more fun than quoits.) It's those Ruckers harpsichords that really do it for me, all right. I've gone abroad in the land; I've tracked them down and brought them back to my cave for a listen.

Performances of Baroque and late-Renaissance keyboard music on Ruckers instruments are not hard to find. The quality of tone from these harpsichords made by the Ruckers family, generation after generation, has not been lost on the more discriminating living practitioners of music for harpsichord, nor was it lost on the Ruckers' contemporaries who prized these instruments. During the Reign of Terror in France, when homes of the aristocracy were ransacked, a remarkable number of Ruckers keyboard in-

struments were found among the booty.

I shall not afflict you with the elaborate mechanisms and variety thereof to be found in the guts of a harpsichord except to point out that when one presses the keys of a harpsichord, as opposed to a clavichord or piano, the strings are *plucked*, in-

stead of being *struck*. One commentator describes the sound of a harpsichord as an ensemble of guitars or lutes. In fact, there is a variety of harpsichord called the

lute-harpsichord with gut strings that sounds even closer to a member of the guitar family.

The harpsichord thrived as a keyboard instrument between 1500 and 1800, when the fortepiano replaced it as the instrument of choice for performing keyboard works. As with most everything else during the Renaissance, it was the Italians who came up with the harpsichord, its earliest prototype appearing in 1397. However, by the late 16th and beginning of the 17th Century, the center for harpsichord manufacture had moved north to Antwerp in the Low Countries, where the Ruckers family dynasty became preeminent in harpsichord design and remained so. The dates for Ruckers-made harpsichords are



REVIEW

AUGUST KLEINZAHLER

Bob van Asperen

Over time, the manufacture of harpsichords moved on to France, England, and Germany, all influenced by the Ruckers and

1581-1654, but subsequent models in the style of

Ruckers, like those of Couchet, continued into

the 18th Century. Some 80 actual Ruckers harp-

sichords remain in existence, all but a very few

seriously altered over the years except for the orig-

inal soundboards.

all influenced by the Ruckers and Flemish models. It would be a stretch to suggest that national character went a long way in determining the kind of harpsichord produced in a given country. The more significant principle at work would have been the nature of performed music at the time and the harpsichord's role as an accompanying or ensemble instrument or as a solo instru-

ment. For instance, the chalky, thin tone of the Italian models would not have made it a first choice for the solo keyboard works of the Baroque era.

What can be fairly observed, on the other hand, is the difference in external

design and ornamentation, which does, to a measurable extent, reflect national tastes. The English harpsichord, for instance, is and handsomely designed

economically and handsomely designed, eschewing immoderate ornament. Not so the Ruckers and other models, which might display on the undersides of their lids paintings by Brueghel, Rubens, Vandyke, Teniers, Salvator Rosa, or Boucher, all of whom decorated harpsichords.

The Antwerp harpsichord makers of the 16th and 17th Centuries belonged to the same guild, the Guild of St. Luke, which included painters, sculptors, and decorators. The Flemish builders, for instance, unlike the Italian, actually decorated the soundboards of their instruments, painting on them all manner of fruit, flowers, birds, insects, and prawns, framed in blue scrolls. The maker of the instrument would inscribe his name on either the jackrail, on the board above the keys, or in the form of a monogram in the rose cut into the soundboard.

As for the sound of the Ruckers harpsichords — of which there are many models, single, double-manual, etc., across several generations, not all alike — I would distinguish the sound as riper, juicier, more robust than other models, with an almost jangly resonance that I find indescribably delicious and far superior to Italian, French, or German models of the instrument, all of which exhibit particular virtues but to

my tastes pale in comparison. But allow me to quote an expert on the subject, Frank Hubbard:

In the most general ways the concepts of harpsichord timbre must be divided into a North European and a South European school. In our consideration of the Italian harpsichords I have tried to describe the loud but rather plain quality of the Southern instruments with their hard basses and brittle trebles. I have called attention to the short, sustaining power and the attendant clarity of articulation of Italian harpsichords. The heavier construction and longer scales of the Ruckers harpsichords produce a tone in which the initial energy imparted to the string by the pluck is not drained off quite as quickly. The

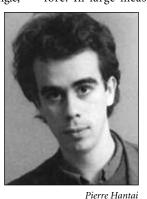
sound begins with less ictus and attenuates more quickly. The general effect is of greater smoothness but of somewhat less definition.

These six discs, four of them devoted to works by J.S. Bach, are all for solo keyboard works, all of them performed on modern harpsichords modeled on various Ruckers instruments except for *The Harpsichord in the Netherlands*, on which Bob van Asperen

plays an authentic double-manual transposing harpsichord built in 1640 by Jan Ruckers the Younger (1578–1643). It is kept in the Velen Castle in Westphalia, Germany, by Count Landesberg-Velen, whose ancestor, Imperial Count Alexander of Velen, would have obtained it in Antwerp.

Masaaki Suzuki

All six instruments sound marvelous to my ears, and I have no intention of trading any of these discs in anytime soon. Masaaki Suzuki, who has been recording J.S. Bach's complete harpsichord music for the BIS label, sounds particularly good. I first heard one of his Bach recordings about 18 months ago and wondered why I had never enjoyed Bach on harpsichord so much before. In large measure it is because of the



instrument. Mr. Suzuki is a most distinguished harpsichordist, having studied with Ton Koepman and Pist Kee in Amsterdam and enjoyed large success over the years as a performer and conductor. He directs the Bach Collegium Japan, and it was no small matter for a prestigious label like BIS to engage the services of one individual for a project of this scale. Suzuki playing on

a harpsichord by William Kreesbergen, Utrecht 1982 after an enlarged Ruckers, 2 manuals, 2x8, 1x4, FF-f", was recorded at the Kobe Shoin Women's University Chapel in 1998. The acoustics are superb, and BIS recordings are always beautifully recorded. All else being equal, if there are two performances of the same piece of music and one of the labels is BIS, I never hesitate.

Sometimes the back of a CD will tell you what harpsichord is being used. Unlike a piano, or most pianos, it makes a lot of difference. If you look in the Penguin or Gramophone Classical Guides, both of them excellent, they will customarily tell you what sort of instrument is being played. Finally, bear in mind that the term harpsichord is variously rendered *clavecin, cembalo, clavicembalo, gravicembalo* and not to be confused with the clavichord, which is another contemporaneous and quite wonderful keyboard instrument I'll crow about on another occasion.

The Harpsichord in the Netherlands, Bob van Asperen (Sony SK 46349)

J.S. Bach, Fantasias and Fugues, Masaaki Suzuki, harpsichord (BIS CD 1037)

J.S. Bach, Inventions and Sinfonias, Masaaki Suzuki, harpsichord (BIS CD 772-1081)
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Maceo Parker (697) and Maktub (586); Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 15, 9 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

FRIDAY

Neville Staples, Dave Wakeling, and the Untouchables: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, August 16, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

"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.

SUNDAY

Lee Ann Womack: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, August 18, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-220-8497 or 619-445-5400.

John Mayer, Guster, and the John Butler Trio: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, August 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-270-8497 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.

MONDAY

Jonathan Richman (214) and Anya Marina (118): The Casbah, Monday, August 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Less Than Jake [132], Sugarcult, Yellowcard, and Whippersnapper: The Scene, Monday, August 19, 7:30 p.m., 7514 (Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Kittie (243), Acacia, and Kill Switch: '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.

Juliana Hatfield (207), Some Girls, and A.M. Vibe: The Casbah, Tuesday, August 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-20-R497 WEDNESDAY Allison Moorer [783] and Bartender's Bible: The Casbah, Wednesday, August 21, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

EXTENSION 4001 UPCOMING

CONCERTS

AUGUST

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 Bay, 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 (*3521*, Agent 51, Thicker, and Authority Zero: '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** (**195**): 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), Jesse Dayton (769), and the Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash (761); The Casbah, Saturday, August 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kether 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 and Jackson Browne [587]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, August 25, 7:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-621-3600 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 Baez (844) and Richard Shindell: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, August 28, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619:220:8497 or 619:523:1010.

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring **Cracker** [**487**]: 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 Circle, 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 [238]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, September 1, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780.

"Ozzfest" featuring Ozzy Osbourne [526], System of a Down [571], Rob Zombie [569], P.O.D. [187], Drowning Pool,

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The Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra: The Casbah, Sunday, September 8, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497

Coldplay: Open Air Theatre, Monday, September 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Wilco: 4th & B, Thursday, September 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel [603]: 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 Bay, 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, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497

The Goo Goo Dolls /2201. Third **EVEN BIND (472), and Vanesa Carlton:** Cors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 14, 7 p.m., 2050 ertainment Circle. Chula Vista 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Inquares (202) and Morrissey [574]: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 15, 6 p.m., 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.

Sleater-Kinney, the Bangs, and Shannon Wright: The Scene, Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497 Bonnie Raitt /591/ and Lyle

Lovett [**786**]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 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. 619-295-0301.

Keiko Matsui /635/ and Craig Chaquico /651/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 22, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island / 10220 8407 - (10.522) 1010 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 The Herbie Hancock Quarter and Holly Hofmann (684): Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, 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 [646]: 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 8. Farah [650]: 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 619-220-8497

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.

New Found Glory [304], Finch, Something Corporate (222), and Further Seems Forever: Cox Arena, Friday, October 4, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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.

Seraio Mendes & Brasil **2002** [694]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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 [440]: 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

Bob Dylan & His Band: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 19, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266] and the 45's: 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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Aerosmith and Kid Rock: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, November 5, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Rogers [785]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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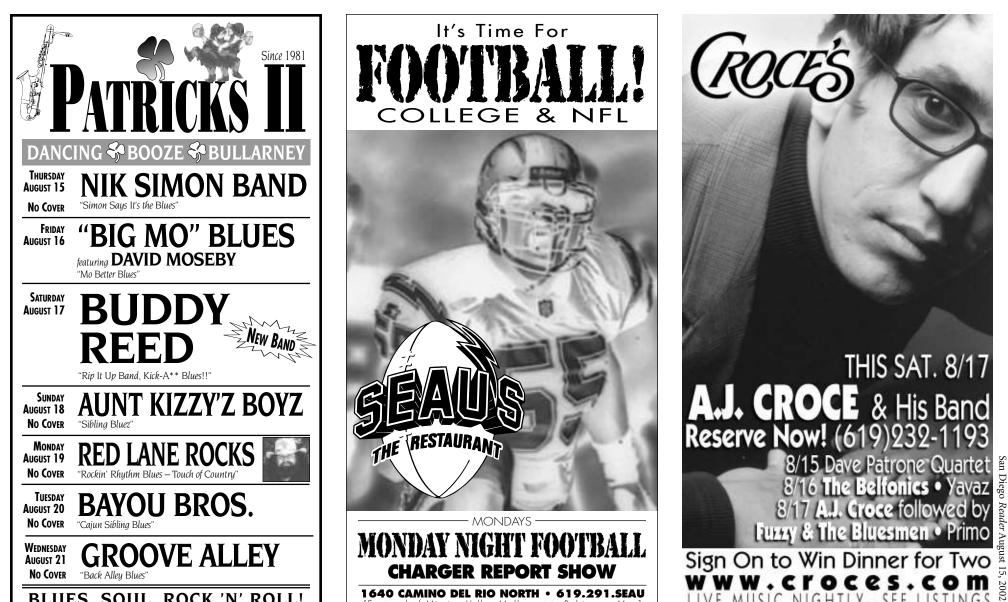
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Office Wonka Bar: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

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The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop The Mix: Mr. D's Cocktail Louna

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ/ **BIG BAND**

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill Afinity: Il Forno ...Agua Dulce: The Kensington Tony Austin: Dizzy's The B-3 Three: Bayou Bar &

Bar and Grille 666Lori Bell: Inn L'Auberge Bohemia Atomic: || Forno 672Rick Braun: Humphrey's Matt Brewer: Dizzy's Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado Justin Brown: Dizzy's 703 John Cain: Hotel del Coronado The Westaate Hotel The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, Croce's Jazz Bar Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill 685 Carry Carlton: Humphrey's 667 Gilbert Castellanos: Bayou Bar & Grill The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe Gilbert Castellanos' Latin Trumpet Summit: Dizzv's Mike Cea: The Beach House Judy Chamberlain: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge Craig Clark: Caffe Salotto #1

Cold Fusion: Bayou Bar & Grill The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill A.J. Croce: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies Nathan East: Humphrey's

Aubrey Fay: Juke Joint Cafe Donnie Finnell & Company East: Bistro 221 638.....Glen Fisher con Alma: Croce's

Jazz Bar 5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House, La Costa Coffee Roastina

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge Henry Franklin: Dizzy's ...Hollis Gentry: Humphrey's, Croce's Jazz Ba

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The Tim Gill Orchestra: Neimans Bar and Grill Dora Hall & Mixed

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George Harper: Dizzy's Alfred Howard & the 23K Orchestra: Blind Melons Inner Vovaae: Bavou Bar &

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado, Juke Joint Cafe Bob James: Humphrey's

- Jazztette: The Hot Java Cafe 675 ...Diana Krall: Humphrev's Lady Dottie: Bayou Bar & Grill Ned Landau: Miracles Cafe Tony Lasley: Hotel del
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 - Harvey Mason: Humphrey's Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's Jared Mattson: Miracles Cafe, Solana Beach Coffee Company The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island
- Narriott 660.....**The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado Croce's lazz
 - The David Mosby Trio: Bayou Bar & Grill
 - Mystique: Jimmy Love's Francisco Ojeda: Bayou Bar & Grill
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- 641... 697 Maceo Parker: Belly Up Tavern

Aaron Parks: Dizzy's The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch

(Encinitas) Ben Powell: Jim Kelley's Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern The Darren Raser Band: Bayou Bar & Grill Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: Jim Kelley's, The Beach House 659 Rick Ross-Pigno: The Inn at

- the Park, Moray's Lounge The Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble: Bayou Bar & Grill The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites Sand Jazz: Baccus House Theo Sanders: Dizzv's
- ...Ron Satterfield: Inn L'Auberge 698. **Reggie Smith & Pressed for** Time: Humphrev's Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald

The Sugar Trio: Il Forno Super Funk Fantasy: Jimmy Love's, Henry's Pub

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Dave Warren's New Jazz: || Forno Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE/ SKA

The Devastators: Winstons 732 Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations: Winstons, Buffalo

- Herb'n Root: Blind Melons
- Reggae Fever: Galoka 747Semisi & Fulabula: The Beach House
- 745 The Specials: 'Canes Bar and Grill Star Shak: Henry's Pub
- Dave Wakeling: 'Canes Bar and Grill **EXTENSION 4007**

COUNTRY

- Chess Set: Don's Cocktail
- Lounge Coyote Moon: Magnolia
- Allison Moore: The Casbah Nitro Express: McP's Irish Pub
- and Grill, The Pine Valley House, Island Sports & Spirits 793 Dwight Yoakam: Humphrey's
- **EXTENSION 4008**

ACOUSTIC/ FOLK

> The Acoustified Experience: Hennessey's (Gaslamp)



Vines, August 16, Del Mar Fairgrounds ("4 O'Clock Fridays")

- Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub Dan Connor: Solana Beach Coffee Company 859.....Mary Dolan: Java Joe's Coffeehouse Evans: Kelly's Pub John Foltz: Por Favor, Mocha Market Place Four-Way Street: McP's Irish Pub and Grill Sean Franks: Juke Joint Cafe Michael Franks: Juke Joint Cafe
 - Joey Harris: McP's Irish Pub and Grill The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod
- 908Jody: The Hot Java Cafe Deborah Liv Johnson: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon) The Justin Brothers: The Beach House Angelique Kidjo: Belly Up Travem
 - Johnny Love: Blind Melons Kippy Marks: Sassafras Bar and Grill Tracy Niles: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain), Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley) Mick Overman: Dizzy's Pass the Peas: Galoka Nick Perpich: Fat Katz Brian Porterfield: Chasers Cocktails Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub Ron's Garage: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
 - Satish & Dan: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co. Joseph Scott: Blind Melons
- 821The Strange Woods: The Camelot Inn George Svoboda: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe Victoria Rose: Sassafras Bar and Grill Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill The Will Edwards Band:

Blind Melons EXTENSION 4009

BLUES/SOUL

Aunt Kizzy'z Boyz: Patrick's II 948Bayou Bros.: Patrick's II Big Mo Blues: Patrick's II

- Blue Frog & Company: Buffalo Joe's Blue Funk: Jim Kelley's Blue Label: Fot Katz The Blues Brokers: The Kraken The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar and Grill 957Tommy Budd & Windy City: The Kraken
- 963.....**Buddy Blue:** Tio Leo's Lounge 979.....**Ray Charles:** Humphrey's 965.....**Whitey Conwell & the Tone**
- Kings: Buffalo Joe's Coupe de Ville: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort 932.....Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters: Chateau Orleans
- Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards: The Alley, Dick's Last Resort Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge
- The Fremonts: Coyote Bar and Grill 912Fuzzy & the Bluesmen:
- Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille Groove Alley: Patrick's II James Harman: Coyote Bar and Grill Angel Hayes: Etta's Place
- 914.....Robin Henkel: Coyote Bar and Grill, Java Joe's Coffeehouse The Icons: Winstons In4Rhythm: Fat Katz The International Silver
- Strings Submarine Band: The Gordon Biersch Brewery Johnny Voodoo: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
- 977Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band: Rosie O'Grady's The Lost Patrol: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)
- 947**The Bill Magee Blues Band:** Fat Katz
- 910.....Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors: The Kraken Nova: Etta's Place Red Lane: Patrick's II Buddy Reed: Patrick's II 913.....Shelle: Juke Joint Cafe
- 3.....Shelle: Juke John Care Nik Simon Band: Patrick's II The Small Town Heroes: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Mas Fina Cantina The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's The Soul Survivors: Blind Melons

Neville Staples: 'Canes Bar and Grill Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: Tio Leo's Lounge Stellita's Groove: Humphrey's The Will Sumner Group: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

- 929**Theo & the Zydeco Patrol:** Coyote Bar and Grill 946**Earl Thomas & the Blues**
- Ambassadors: Winstons 1031 Blues Transfer: McP's Irish Pub and Grill Billy Watson: Coyote Bar and Grill, The Gordon Biersch Brewery 841.....Peggy Watson & Friends: Coyote Bar and Grill

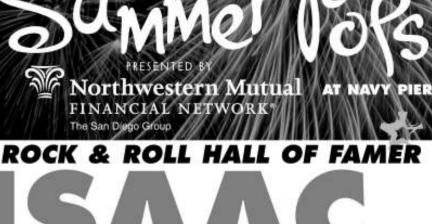
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- Coronado 983Gordon Kohl: House of Munich La Combinacion: Sevilla Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel Dale Peterson: Kelly's Steakhouse The Rhythm Kings: Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant Kristi Rickert: Top of the Cove, The Inn at the Park Ches Wesley: U.S. Grant Hotel



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Club Hollywood: Friday, August 16, 10:30 p.m., live hip-hop and a video premiere featuring South Psycho Cide. 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-2102.

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T and guests spin Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402

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Dragon Lounge: First and third Friday of every month, breaks and drum 'n' bass. Brick By Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park, 619-687-5779. Event information, 619-220-4944, www.mergelifeandmusic.com.

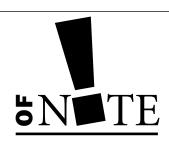
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excursions with DJs Six:Eight, Somatik, AKRANM, and Jon Wesley. No cover; 21 and up. The Pirate's Den, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, 619-574-6833.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Saturdays, Cabana Boy Geoff. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

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BY DAVE GOOD

When Reggie Watts was invited to sit in with the fledgling Seattle-based Maktub in 1996, he found himself surrounded by a group of players who were skilled in different genres. "I came from more of an industrial, new-wave background," says the singer-synth artist. "The keyboardist was into pop stuff, the drummer liked to play a drum machine, and the bass player came from a dub background. That it worked together made for some interesting music." At first, Maktub was a trip-hop/dub/rock outfit. Today, they're a soul/rock/funk band with a touch of electronica and club. That description makes Maktub sound like one of those unfortunate art bands, but they aren't. Maktub is young, but with an older-band feel, a solid soul group that rocks

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ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with

hard and throws in covers now and then like Led Zeppelin's "No Ouarter."

Watts's voice drives Maktub, no matter what direction the band is going. His pipes are as limber as beef gravy and as smoky as any soul icon from the '70s. He can sing traditional falsetto, or he can rumble like a truck, with certain Watts concessions favors a rebuilt '50s telephone mike that the band calls the Regg-a-phone. It lends a megaphone quality to an otherwise sweet deliverv. And when Watts is backed by just the right

amount of Hammond B3 and some chicken scratching, the effect is memorable,

Maktub moved to Seattle too late for grunge but still found acceptance for their style in Seattle clubs. Maktub was voted Best Local Band" this year by the readers of Seattle Weekly. They play to hefty crowds on their home turf. and the fans who've come to hear some vintage soul played on vintage



sounding instruments don't mind it when Maktub injects it with bottom-heavy guitar. "We come from a rock town. All of us love to rock," says Watts.

Maceo Parker headlines.

MAKTUB, Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, August 15, 9 p.m. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140. \$18.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz. Friday, *Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards*, blues.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm. Thursday, Mike Cea, jazz duo. Friday, Trio du Jour, jazz. Saturday, the Justin Brothers, acoustic. Sunday, Rick Ross, jazz. Wednesday, Semisi & Fulabula, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, *Maceo Parker*, jazz, with *Maktub*. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, Super Diamond with Raw Candy. Sunday and Monday, call club for information. Tuesday, 8 pm, Aimee Mann. Wednesday, 9 pm, Angelique Kidjo and Forward Funk.

Bistro 221, 221 Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-737-7398. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Donnie Finnelle & Company East, jazz.

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Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the McNallys*, rock. Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

Covote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm, *Billy Watson*, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, James Harman, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Robin Henkel, blues. Saturdy, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, Peggy Watson & Friends, 6 pm to 10 pm, Theo & the Zydeco Patrol, blues. Sunday, 2 pm to 5 pm, the Fremonts, blues, 5 pm, Bruce Cameron, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, the Blues Pharaohs, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Northstar, pop.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Music is blues. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Bill Magee Blues Band. Sunday and Monday, Nick Perpich. Tuesday, In4Rhythm. Wednesday, Blue Label.

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Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, the Small Town Heroes, blues. Saturday, the Lost Patrol, blues.

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Jim Kelley's, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9800. Thursday, 8 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday and Wednesday, *Ben Powell*. Saturday, 9 pm, Blue Funk.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Friday, Tommy Budd & Windy City, blues. Saturday, the Blues Brokers Wednesday, Nitelife

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David* Patrone Ouartet, jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Thursday, 9 pm, the Small Town Heroes, blues.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue. Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Jared Mattson, jazz duo. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, Ned Landau, jazz. Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad

Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Sunday, 10 pm, *El Jardin*, rock en español.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *S.O.B.*, contemporary. Saturday, *the Stilettos*, rockabilly.

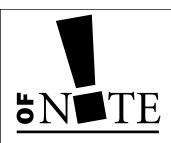
The Rockin' Baja Lobster, 264 South Harbor Drive, Oceanside. 760-754-2252. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, Heartland, classic rock.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, Nemesis, classic rock.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, Furball, rock. Saturday, Big Sound, rock.

Beaches

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue. Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *the Soul Survivors* and pecial guests. Friday, Univer Deploi, Loaded on Arrival, and Alfred



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Howard, rock, Saturday, Futyle,

d.fRost, and *the Bumpin' Uglies*, alternative/rock. Sunday, 4 pm to

8 pm, Stranger, 8:30 pm, Joseph Scott,

Some years ago, I picked up Me Hungry, an album by the Louisville band King Kong, and I was stunned. It's a concept album, telling the tragic story of a love triangle between a caveman, a cavewoman, and a yak. The music is in a simple, danceable style based around guitar, drums, and organ. While Amy Greenwood sings narration to the story, bandleader Ethan Buckler (who used to be in the seminal Louisville band Slint) talk-sings the entire album in a caveman's voice - all monosyllables and crude grammar. The concept seemed horrible, but I gave it an "A" for effort. I had to admire a band that took a dumb idea as far as it could go. I didn't realize at the

time that every King Kong CD was going to be a concept album. The latest. The Big Bang, is about a man who decides to leave the earth in a rocket ship and travel to the planet Kong, where he intends to become king. The music this time around is more varied, with some well-arranged fake horns and a lot of weird electronic effects. Buckler, however, is still using a talksinging style that makes him sound like the caveman in Me Hungry. He is not as annoying as Fred Schneider of the B-52's, but

the Will Edwards Band, and Johnny

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ATLAS TICKETS

Love, acoustic/folk. Wednesday, Herb'n Root and Inthevisuals.

it's hard to sit through the album without

cracking up — at least until you get suckered

into the story. And I did get suckered in.

That's the weirdest thing about King Kong:

you don't know if you're laughing at them or



with them or if they're laughing at you. Naysayer and lowcloudcover also perform.

KING KONG, The Casbah, Sunday, August 18, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355. \$8.

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Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Blame, Student Driver, Larry Bigel, and La Vagancia. Friday, Voodoo Temple, Midday Shadow, Season of Decay, and RDG. Saturday, Heaving Grooves, Critical Me, Other Natural Flavors, and Burl Jives. Wednesday, the Bears, Low Tolerance, One Side Red, and the Turnoffs

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Dora* Hall & Mixed Company, jazz, blues. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, Judy Chamberlain, jazz. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Dejablue, blues.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, Reggad Fever. Friday, Forward Funk. Saturday, Three Thirds

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-456-7625. Friday, Wonka Bar, rock.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Thursday, Dave Warren's New Jazz. Friday, Afinity, rhumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday, Bohemia Atomica, Flamenco, rhumba. Wednesday, the Sugar Trio, pop, jazz, blues.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Friday, 8 pm, *Convoy*, rock. Saturday, 8 pm, *Distant Cousins*, alternative. Sunday, Mary Dolan, acoustic. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night. Wednesday, *Robin Henkel*, blues.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, Leviticus.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard. Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry* Fogle, piano and vocals

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jack Pollack, piano. Wednesday, Stephen Knight.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Grizwald*, rock. Friday, *the Big Provider*, alternative rock. Saturday, *the MacAnanys*, rock. Sunday, open acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702

North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *the* Damn Dirty Apes, acid jazz, groove.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, the Devastators, reggae. Friday, Soulcracker and special guests. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, Overcome by One, 8 pm, Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations, reggae. Sunday, Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors, 8:30 pm, *the Hammertoes*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Damn Dirty Apes*, groove. Wednesday, the Fryday Band, the Icons, and 3 Against 1, rock.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea. 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle-Bob* Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Baccus House, 3054 University Avenue, San Diego. 619-299-2032. Saturday, 7 pm to 2 am, DJ Polywog, DJ Con'fuscia, Antiquark, Sand Jazz, Earnest Rapture.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, Tracy Niles, acoustic rock.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Malice/420*, Mercy House, Psychothrust, and Deeray. Saturday, Rocks and Deeper Purple. Monday, the Impotent Sea Snakes, Festerbilt, and the Millionaires. Wednesday, Murderous Red Glare. Reason to Believe, Scarred, and Acts of Aggression

Chasers Cocktails, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-280-9379.



Artist: Noisepie

Album Name: Greatest Slices (2002)

Songs: 1) Ode to Fans of That Yutz Eminem (Ayayay) 2) You Just Love Me for My Lips 3) Mr. Bighead 4) Bobcat 5) Funky Wanda 6) Groovy Dude - Live 7) Best Giraffe 8) Say, What Gives 9) The Anger Song 10) Throwin' in the Towel 11) Blue Day Price/Where Available: mp3.com for \$7.98 Band Members: Geoff Johnston (saxophone and vocals). Christopher Robinson Henry (quitar), Robert Welper (bass and guitar), Wes Johnston (bass), T.C. Johnston (drums and vocals) Extra Info: Lead vocalist Geoff Johnston put Noisepie's songs on MP3.com, and soon the band was averaging over 100 songs

downloaded every day and were ranked in MP3's top five in the

ska, swing, fringe, surf rock, and adventure rock charts.

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Noisepie, the "unseemly union of three brothers, their cousin, and a guy from Michigan," provides a down-to-earth sound that is hard to classify

Website: www.noisepie.com

under a particular genre but is best described by band members as the "unique and often disorienting sound that forces the unwary to dance indiscriminately and the

Thursday, live reggae. Friday, live bands. Sunday, Brian Porterfield. Club Xanth, 4225 Thirtieth Street,

San Diego. 619-584-2720. Friday, Devotchka and the Legends of Brass. Saturday, Larger Than Life, Underminded, Slow Coming Day, Much the Same, and Near Miss.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, Three Times Lucky, Flyover Country, and Silent Screams. Saturday, Dillinger Four, the Lawrence Arms, and Toys That Kill.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Nova*, pop, jazz. Saturday, *Angel Hayes*, blues. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Jam*.

The Gordon Biersch Brewerv, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, Johnny Voodoo, blues. Saturday, the International Silver Strings Submarine Band

featuring Billy Watson, blues. Sunday, the Will Sumner Group.

Henry's Pub. 618 Fifth Avenue. downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, Superfunk Fantasy, disco. Tuesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly. Wednesday, Star Shak, reggae, jazz, Latin funk. Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island,

619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Stellita's Groove*, soul. Friday, 9:30 pm, Rockola, classic rock. Saturday, 6 pm, Detroit Underground, rock, soul. Sunday, 8 pm, Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Monday, 3 pm to 6 pm, *Calvin Romance*, jazz. Tuesday, 9 pm, *Hollis Gentry*, jazz. Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Eve*

Tuesday, Fourplay, Larry Carlton, Bob James, Harvey Mason, Nathan East, and Rick Braun. Wednesday, 8 pm,

untimely to bop their heads involuntarily."

Beneath simple choruses that listeners will find stuck in their heads for days, Noisepie possesses a certain wittiness. This is epitomized in the song "Ayayay" - what the band describes as "a frustrated parent's mantra." Amid the sounds of drums, guitars, saxophones, and men, Johnston sings, "Said, whatsamatta you, ain't you got a brain / I know you think you do but you're actin' so lame / don't you ever listen what your mother says / doesn't anything get through to your head?"

A majority of the band's songs are filled with humorous lyrics and madness; however, this is not all that Noisepie has to offer. In the song "Blue Day," the melancholy sounds of a saxophone accompany Johnston as he sings, "Don't wanna move /

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.

The Inn at the Park, 3167 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-296-0057 Music is piano/vocals. Thursday Karen Giorgio. Friday, Kenny Ard. Saturdy, *Carol Curtis*. Monday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, vocals. Tuesday, Kristi Rickert. Wednesday, Andy Anderson and Ron Council.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, Evans, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, Tommy Price, acoustic.

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don't wanna think / don't wanna do nothin' / but do nothin' / but do nothin' / but starin' at the ceiling / I know I should move on / but, man, it's a blue day."

Noisepie captures the essence of despair. This song, serving as proof of Noisepie's serious side, displays Johnston's skill in bringing animated and thoughtful melodies through the saxophone.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Satisfaction, the Creepy Creeps*, and *the Vocalnics*, alternative. Saturday, *Agua Dulce*, Latin jazz.

North Park Deli & Coffee, 3823 30th Street, San Diego. Saturday, 7 pm to 2 am, Bunky, Bury Me in the Backyard, the Red Pony Clock, and La Dolce Beat, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, the Full Circle Band, rock. Saturday, Nitelife, rock.

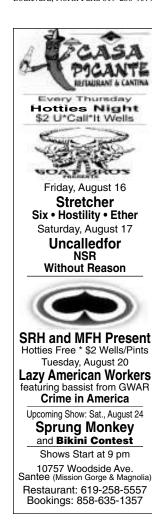
The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, the Hatchet Brothers, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens, 619-286-7873, Friday and Saturday, Mr. Red Shoes, classic rock. The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon

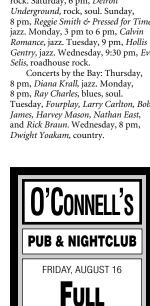
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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band. The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa

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Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 7 pm to 2 am, *Hoof, Veronica's Lip Gloss, the* Peppermints, the See-Thru, Sauab, the Evil Eyes, the Sharp Ease, and Boxx.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos, 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, Serious Guise, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Caion Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *D.J. Turbo*, rock.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, Hot Rod Lincoln, rockabilly. Friday, Buddy Blue, blues. Saturday, Southern Tide, Quetzalga, and special guests. Wednesday, Todd Stedman & the Fattones, blues.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, Kristi Rickert, piano.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet.

Downtown

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Tricia*, 7:30 pm, *Cold Fusion*. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* with *Kevin Cavenaugh*, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, David, 9:30 pm, the B-3 Three or the David Mosby Trio. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, the Clav Salmon Jazz Ensemble, 9:30 pm, Inner Voyage. Sunday, 9:30 pm, Gilbert Castellanos. Monday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Absinthe, 9:30 pm, the Darren Raser Band. Tuesday, Lady



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While the interior seats 100, the Flame has a capacity for about 400 patrons (separated into four distinct areas). The main bar has retro padded leather and button-tufted walls. The big lounge has a more spare appearance, with leather booths, bar stools, two pool tables, and lots of mingling space. In the back is a spacious dance floor, where a portable stage is set up for bands as well as a second bar to accommodate the

the Disco Pimps. Sunday, Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings, blues. Tuesday, 7 pm to midnight, Blue Frog

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dance crowd. On weekends, the Lava Lounge is unlocked where a third bar serves patrons seeking a mellower atmosphere. The lounge is sealed off and has softer music.

The Flame's patrons are primarily (but not exclusively) women from 21 to 30, but an older crowd frequents the club, especially on weekends. The attire is casual, although the dance crowd tends to dress up. The restrooms are small but clean, with promotional flyers for gay events (especially Pride 2002) plastered all over the walls and stalls. Smokers can do their thing in front on the street, and an open patio will soon be added. There is also a counter at the entrance where cigarettes, jewelry, T-shirts, bumper stickers, and decals are sold. Many of the decals feature kitschy pinups as well as slogans like "Girls Kick Ass," "Eat Me," "Pervert," and "Nasty Girl." The Flame does not accept credit cards, but there is an ATM.

While the rainbow "American" flag at the door sends an unmistakable message about the bar's target patrons, the atmosphere is not militant but friendly. One woman said, "I've been coming here for years because it's relaxed and friendly. It's really just a nice club."

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At dusk, magic descends — a magic that we can experience only on summer nights. (Night Zoo hours end at Labor Day and resume in winter only between December 6 and 23 and December 26 and 30.) Near the entrance in early evening are enchanting entertainments — gorgeously cos-tumed stilt-dancers, Soca singers, and a flock of brilliant macaws flying to their 7:00 gig at the sea lion show. But away from this hub, even the young are often hushed in wonder. The bats, the big cats, and the wolverines awaken. So do some prey animals: at the other end of the world, when you debark on the high mesa from a twilight Skyfari ride, look for small, furry squirrel-like shapes - Caribbean agoutis - furtively hip-hopping through the deep grass of their enclosure. (These animals are swift and secretive. Trinidadians call agoutis "bush meat" but rarely succeed in catching any.) Meanwhile, down in the valley of the predators, the Persian leopard paces the front edge of his enclosure, snarling and growling through the wire fence at three misbehaving boys. Read his lips: "I want Children McNuggets tonight!"

You, too, can dine at the zoo, and on something better than McNuggets of any species. The overall quality and variety of the vittles is well beyond typical zoo fare. You don't have to settle for hot dogs from a cart — unless you want to, and then they'll be good quality all-beef dogs. If you crave ice cream, it'll be Dreyer's. There are kiosks selling kettle corn, popcorn, corn dogs, and even cappuccino, and if you get lost deep in the bush, odds are you'll find a Coke machine long before you start to hallucinate distant oases. (The machines do accept dollar bills.)

Should you want a real meal, there are nine cafés and snack stands to choose from, and even one ambitious full-service restaurant, Albert's. Nearly all serve hamburgers and "kiddie meals," but each has its own unique specialties. Prices typically run about \$7 for substantial sandwiches, a little higher for hot entrées and main-dish salads.



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Surprisingly, many of these venues offer both cold beer and Naked Juice along with soft drinks. On summer nights, most stay open past 8:00, so you won't have to go home hungry. (The rest of the year, they close at 5:00 p.m. except for the holiday season and a few special events at Albert's.)

Over the course of several days and evenings, I ate my way around the Zoo. Come join me on the gourmet tour.

FLAMINGO CAFÉ AND LAGOON TERRACE Nearest the entrance, across the

road from the flamingo lagoon, are

the Flamingo Café and the adjacent Lagoon Terrace. Flamingo, a large, air-conditioned cafeteria, is the first café to open in the morning. If you want a more substantial eye-opener than a latte and a churro from the carts, it offers a full breakfast (eggs, pancakes, French toast, bagels) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. For lunch, there are soups, salads, sandwiches, and "Asian rice bowls" topped with chicken or beef and stir-fried veggies. Their most interesting sandwich features three halved pieces of a tasty, very pepper and onion strips. The bread, alas, is a thick, soft, big "torta" roll that's more filling than flavorful. (Throughout the zoo, whenever you see "torta" on a menu, this is the roll you'll get.) The cole slaw is standard deli-style, heavily sweetened and awash in mayo. Flamingo is open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., but like all food operations here, it may close earlier if there are no customers.

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At Lagoon Terrace, the fare includes salads, sandwiches, nachos, chili bread bowls, and hot dogs. Their most popular item seems to be pizza, but their unique specialty

is baked potatoes with a vast choice of stuffings. Some tables on the al fresco patio have a view of the Japanese-style garden and koi pond a few feet below. Lagoon is open until 7:30 p.m.

SYDNEY'S GRILL

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Heading down the path to the right of the entrance, if it's about 5:00 p.m., the little red-headed New Guinea tree kangaroos, the mongoose, and the Steppes polecat are likely to be active. The 'roos slowly climb up to their beds, the mongoose fusses about its cage, the polecat sneaks around like the weasel it is. (An hour later, the mongoose rapidly digs itself a burrow and vanishes underground.) You'll pass the koalas (visible and adorable but usually napping) and then come to a clearing with Sydney's Shoppe on one side of the road, opposite Sydney's Hangout (a group of umbrella-shaded tables) and Sydney's Grill on the other side. The Shoppe sells some interesting Australian items (including eucalyptus-based cosmetics and Aboriginal-design pottery), but the food at the Grill isn't Aussie — it's pure American, and pretty darned tasty.

Sydney's offers several unique items, including my favorite Zoo-grub of all: a barbecued beef sandwich, consisting of a large burger bun just burgeoning with tender shredded beef bathed in smoky-sweet (but not goopy) barbecue sauce. Grab lots of napkins before you try to lift it. It comes with a small bowl of near-bare cole slaw — shredded cabbage and carrots with a minimum of dressing. Another specialty here is jambalaya, and amazingly, it's quite decent — actually better than some that I've suffered at local "Creole" restaurants. If the long-grain rice is a little too soft, it's properly moist but not sloshy, flavored with just a touch of tomato and with the "Cajun trinity" of celery, onion, and bell pepper. The dish includes plentiful slices of very mild andouille sausage and small chunks of chicken. It's not at all spicy, but it's savory - and it comes with a big, tasty corn muffin. Sydney's other specialty, less attractive, is an ill-named "Caribbean pork." Lower your expectations: Jamaican jerk it isn't; it's more faux Hawaiian. The stuff looks like pulled Kailua pork, but it's bland and dry, garnished with canned pineapple wedges and served over unvarnished white rice.

One other thing to watch out for: the tables furthest away from the road are very close to the elephants, whose highly aromatic "biscuits" imbue the air back there. But stroll in their direction as the sun goes down, and you'll find the tapirs finishing their dinner, too. "What a boar!" you say? Keep roving around the circle, and you may find the little hippo playing with the beach toys in its pond like a kid romping in a swimming pool and a stately black rhino willing to pose for a snapshot whenever the tour bus passes. Sydney's is open until 8:30.



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Now we're back at the flamingo lagoon, heading left this time. Across the way from the Reptile House is Raintree Grill, with a menu similar to that of Lagoon Terrace: burgers, three types of pizza, chili bread bowls, plus fish 'n' chips. It's open until 9:00. Further along toward the Children's Zoo is the Cupboard, with its kiddie menu and child-oriented snacks. The tables across the way are nicely shaded. My nephew got good and sick after he mixed pale purple cotton candy into his Slurpee here.

SAFARI KITCHEN & SAFARI SNACKS

Just to the left of the flamingo lagoon is a long walkway, edged all the way with tables, next to an open greensward. First comes the Safari Kitchen. Here, along with the usual fare, the specialty is a grilled tri-tip sandwich (\$9). The beef is tender and flavorful: a heap of thin, juicy slices on a long, broad roll with lettuce and tomato. It comes with terrific skin-on fried potato wedges. Safari Kitchen is usually open until 8:00. Further along, for less filling fare, is Safari Snacks, which follows a Wienerschnitzel style of menu, offering an all-beef frankfurter as a chili-cheese dog, a kraut dog, or just dress-it-yourself style.

TREEHOUSE CAFE

At the end of the greensward, you'll find a path to the Gorilla Tropics. Follow that gorilla to the Treehouse Café (upstairs) and Albert's Restaurant (down the elevator), the most serious eateries at the zoo.

When a horde of relatives showed up last weekend, I fed them at Treehouse. It's easy to spot (as it were) which kids in any

crowd ate Treehouse's barbecue pork ribs; husky little Matt was a study in red before he'd gobbled halfway through them. The simmered ribs are finished off with a gooey, smoky-sweet honey BBQ sauce that's shamefully delicious (at least in small tasting quantities). A side of slaw was excellent — crisp, clean-tasting, lightly dressed. Husky big Gary went for the chicken and pasta Parmesan, which proved pleasantly ordinary, not much different from its kin at family-style Italian restaurants.

Matt's mom and big brother Chris (the one who mixed cotton candy in his Slurpee) went for the Caesar salad, which resembles the not-too-bad bagged ones at the supermarket. The grilled chicken breast strips on top were tender and moist but a tad powdery on the surface from a dry rub of paprika, garlic powder, and Parmesan cheese. My sweetie and I shared and regretted a huge seafood club sandwich, filled with an insipid mayo-moistened mincemeat of shrimp and (alas) imitation crab, garnished with cheddar and jack cheeses, lettuce, and sliced unripe tomatoes. Sorry, extruded Alaskan pollack just doesn't pass for crab. Little Nicole and toddler Sara both got the standard kid thing, macaroni, which was soft, creamy, sticky, and heavy, just the way kids like it. Treehouse is open until 8:30 and has a spigot of Samuel Adams lager.

ALBERT'S

Take the elevator down from Treehouse to level three, and you reach Albert's, the zoo's premier restaurant, seating 135. It's partly a "Zoo restaurant" and partly a high-volume stand-alone, doing as many as 600 covers a day on summer weekends. The Craftsman interior is attractive but the prize tables are on the back ter-

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race, next to a roaring waterfall.

The restaurant is named after a popular silverback gorilla (1949-1978) raised at the Zoo and father to many of the current apes. And what does an 800-pound gorilla cook? Whatever it wants. While all the other Zoo kitchens fall under a single management, Albert's Nevadaborn chef Chris Mirguet has singular freedom to shape the menus and choose his own ingredients. Cooking in San Diego and La Jolla since '86, he knows his suppliers, and his ingredients include Shelton chicken breast, Certified Angus beef, Moulard duck breast, and swordfish caught off our shores. But with Albert's high volume and limited kitchen space, he also uses made-to-order products (such as ravioli manufactured by a pasta factory to his specifications) and some commercial food substances as well.

The kiddie menu may be carved in stone, but the adult menu changes seasonally twice a year (spring/summer and fall/winter) and is a potpourri of vaguely Asian, Latin, and western-American flavors, with quite a bit of creativity in the blends. The empanada, for instance, is unique - a melange of Spanish, Argentine, and Mexican influences swirled together in the chef's imagination. It's a large, triangular, baked puff-pastry shell (like a turnover) filled with minced chicken, red bell pepper, onions, and capers, dressed with a thick, dark red chipotle sauce. Ceviche, too, is surprisingly fine. I expected a small ramekin of dull old San Diego gringo ceviche with nary a chile in it. Instead, it's a full-size "cocktail" of white fish fillet pieces in a lively fresh salsa, with enough jalapeños for a good sharp bite. Topped with a few slices of avocado, it comes with salty,

restaurant-style tortilla chips, a perfect match for the burn.

Meals begin with warm, yeasty brown-and-serve rolls, purchased half-baked but finished off in-house. Among the hot entrées, a Mandarin orange catfish didn't include actual Mandarins, but sour, dry, outof-season chopped fresh oranges. They showed up as tasteless little puffs decorating a light cream sauce with bits of scallion, blanketing fine-quality (not too muddy) catfish. An accompanying heap of stir-fried soba (lo mein) noodles mixed with broccoli, snow peas, onions, and sliced bell peppers is reminiscent of Chinese takeout, not bad but nothing special. An entrée of braised short ribs boasts a plum barbecue sauce - not the Asian plum-sauce flavor that we expected, but a heavy, sweet Texas-style brew. Along with the same veggies as the soba (minus the noodles), the plate includes an agreeable Asian slaw of carrots and cabbage dressed in toasted sesame oil, and a big scoop of 'corn risotto," a mixture of sticky short-grain rice, some corn kernels, and a few cellophane noodle bits, like a northern Thai revision of Rice-A-Roni. Initially interesting, the risotto faded fast once it cooled. The most popular hot entrées, by the way, are the pan-seared halibut with lemon beurre blanc and the roast pork loin with a maple chipotle glaze, both served with garlic mashed potatoes and veggies. For vegetarians, there's a vegetableand-cheese napoleon.

More popular yet on steamy days are salads and/or desserts, when people really want a respite, not a repast. The balsamic vinaigrette and chipotle-lime salad dressings are housemade, but the other dressings are unmistakably bottled products, with the giveaway flavors of guar gum

and preservatives. One torrid afternoon, when all about us were eating salads, we did too. Fortunately, I asked for the dressing (blue cheese, one of the bottled products) "on the side" instead of getting it tossed into a classic, addictive Cobb salad, featuring heaps of tender, flavorful diced Shelton chicken breast, ripe tomato, bacon, blue cheese, avocado, and grated hard-cooked egg on a heap of romaine. A carne asada salad dressed with chipotle-lime vinaigrette includes rice, beans, greenery, crisp tortilla strips, avocado, and strips of thincut, chewy top sirloin cooked medium-rare. The meat's marinade includes Samuel Adams as well as orange juice and spices. lending some oddly dark, malty undertones.

Desserts are outstanding. They're based on a collaboration between Chef Mirguet and a former Rancho Valencia pastry chef who now bakes on contract for a number of restaurants. We chose two of the more sophisticated sweets. A round of key lime mousse, sitting atop a Meyer lemon crème, is all velvet and sweet-sour intensity, relieved by a garnish of fresh berries. A caramel apple torte has sliced green apples baked with an ethereal graham crumb crust and a satiny caramel syrup, served warm under a generous scoop of Dreyer's French vanilla ice cream.

Albert's can't be mistaken for a Chive, or even an Aubergine, but for a zoo restaurant anywhere in the U.S., it's exceptional. Keep an eye out in the future for special wine-tasting dinners and holiday banquets, where the chef really gets to strut his stuff.

Albert's is open from 11:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. but often continues to 9:30 p.m. when busy. Reservations are recommended for large groups and for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, especially if you want a terrace table: Call 619-685-3200. Appetizers, \$5.45–\$8; light entrées, \$10.45–\$14; substantial entrées, \$13–\$22; desserts, \$6. Full bar, excellent choice of wines.

CANYON CAFÉ

Accompanied by a haunting Peruvian flute melody, the exquisite snow leopard lies immobile on a rock at twilight, head on paws, intelligent azure eyes staring fixedly toward the path. If he should glance toward you and meet your eyes, you won't forget it. He remains immobile even when his mate tugs at his ear, softly chuffing. ("What a couch potato!" she purrs.)

You're deep in a valley here, at the Zoo's lowest elevation. The music emanates from a quartet playing Andean huaynos (rhymes with "rhinos") at Canyon Café, a few steps past Cat Canyon, toward the panda exhibit. If your feet are aching and you're at the end of your patience with other people's children, Canyon Café offers a magic elixir: an ice-cold, slushy-style margarita. Mixed with the music, it's tasty and restorative. Canyon Café's grub emphasizes Mexican fast food, tacos, burritos, fiesta salad. The food quality — with blender-ized guacamole and wet beef shreds suffering cumin overdose - resembles those all-night taquerias where a line forms at two in the morning and a wire grill separates the servers from the customers. You know those places, and you know their cooking. So sip a drink slowly, nibble some nachos, and enjoy the balmy end of your Zoo day, knowing that just across the roadway is a moving stairway that will lift you effortlessly back to the exit. Canvon Café stavs open until 9:30 p.m. on summer nights.



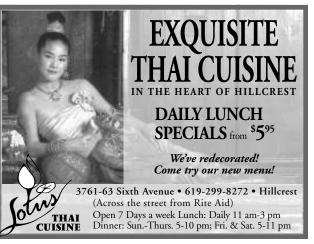


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Exotic Ball

I feel like a cauliflower in a rose garden.

bis is a case of how greed saved a marriage. Our hero sits in this beautiful, colorful, small, intimate two-room café crowded with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers, samovars — like,

ancient tea machines — and scattered coffee table books on Persia. You've got purple walls in one room, sky blue in the other, green doors, pictures of old monuments, Persian lords smoking hookah pipes, and me, squeezed among a bunch of sophisticated women nibbling and nattering away. I feel like a cauliflower in a rose garden, if you want to know the truth.

So what am I doing here?

Eating my first-ever Persian breakfast, that's what. Impulse move. I was walking along Park Boulevard and saw these sidewalk tables and wrought-iron curlicue chairs under a blue canopy. And a sign reading "Persian breakfast. A healthy dish of feta cheese, walnuts, and pita bread served with fruits or vegetables (cucumbers or tomatoes), \$4.50. We suggest chai or Caspian tea with this item."

I walk in. Color floods the place. At the counter two women — sisters? Mother, daughter? — are taking orders. I ask for the Persian breakfast, with the fruit.

"Tea?" says the younger one. Name's Sanam. Turns out they have a zillion teas. Darjeeling, Caspian, Lapacho bark, black peach, and, whoa, temple of heaven gunpowder. I'm thinking gun-



powder. But Sanam suggests chai, especially if I want milk in it.

"It's a black tea with ginger, cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, orange peel, and vanilla, \$2.50." So, okay. I'll try it.

y. I'll try it. "For here?" she says.

"For here."

"Let's find you a place." She leads me through to the blue room and a round table that looks like a giant African drum. I squeeze between two groups of ladies.

ORD Conversation's thrumming. One woman's talking music. "She said, 'My G-string's down to a B-flat...'" She and her friend burst out laughing.

Sanam turns up with a gold-rimmed glass of lemon water, nice heavy knives and forks, a seagreen plate loaded with chopped-up pita bread, a white ceramic bowl of feta cheese, another filled with shelled walnuts, and a long dish of fruit. Looks like strawberries, kiwi, and — yes! mango. She comes back with this tall, steaming, salmon-colored mug of chai.

My first honest thought is this isn't going to fill me. Steak and eggs it ain't. But anybody gives me mango, they're one step ahead. Must say, that combo — feta, pita, fruit, walnut — works. You just keep going round and round. And in between you slurp some of the chai. It's hot tea, but it's prickly, spicy. I can taste the cinnamon, and the cloves, and the ginger, and the orange peel.

Still, everybody around me is eating bigger dishes. Lunch I guess. Alice, the little lady on my

left, is into a big bowl of soup with pita bread on the side. "Ash Anar," she says. "Pomegranate soup." It looks like spinach, and it is, but with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice. Smells delicious (\$3.50). I think of ordering it.

Then Sanam arrives with two big plates for the ladies on the right. One's a rice mix, the other's a mighty salad spattered with, like, fallout from a strawberry explosion. "The rice dish is *Zeresk Polo*," Sanam says. "Our special for today. Basmati rice with barberries — similar to cranberries, but more sour — honey, orange and carrot rinds, almonds, onions, saffron, and chicken or tofu" (\$5.95).

The salad's the strawberry tabouli salad. Mixed greens, tabouli (cracked wheat), and a raspberry vinaigrette (\$4.95). You can add chicken or tofu for \$1.50.

I see they have a special each day, usually \$5.95. Friday's *Ghourmeh Sabzi* — a lamb stew sounds good. So does the weekend special *Koufteh-Berenji*, an "exotic ball of basmati rice, lamb, fresh herbs, split peas, eggs, onions, plums."

Uh-oh. Here comes Sanam again. This time delivering a Sahara-colored wrap split in two, with gaudy stuff oozing out onto a royal blue plate. Classy.

"What is that?" I ask Sanam.

"Hummus wrap. Hummus, tomatoes, tabouli, olives, and feta, \$4.65." "Gimme one of those too," I say, before I have time to think.

Mahin, Sanam's mom, sits down for a breather. She says the most traditional Persian breakfast is actually *Haleem*, an oatmeal made with ground wheat and turkey breast with butter and cinnamon (\$4.95), but she only serves that on the weekend.

Café Caspian is her stake in the ground. "I brought my two daughters out of Iran 14 years ago," she says. "We went to New York. I taught there for 10 years." Then she followed her daughters to San Diego and started this as a tearoom. She called it "Caspian" because she was nervous about pushing Iran in people's faces.

"I needn't have been. After 9/11, this lovely community came in to support us. Customers came more often. They came to see how we were. I would go back and stand in the kitchen and wonder what extra I could cook to say 'Thank you.' My heart was bursting."

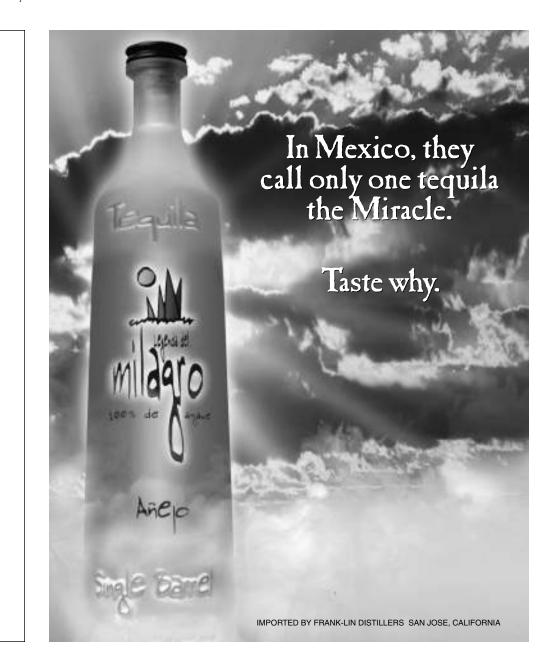
The wrap arrives. 'Course now I realize I'm full. Sigh. Greed. I hear my old mom. "Your eyes were always bigger than your stomach, Edward." Right again, Mom. Then I have this stroke of genius. Carla's always saying, "Have you brought anything back for me?" Today I can do it! I see it already, "Have you...?"

"Well, as a matter of fact, my little pomegranate, I have." ■

The Place: Café Caspian Persian Eatery & Tearoom, 4646 Park Boulevard, North Park (619-298-2801) **Type of Food:** Persian

Prices: Persian breakfast (feta cheese, walnuts, pita bread with fruits or vegetables), \$4.50; ash anar (pomegranate soup), with lentils, beans, wheat, spinach, pomegranate juice, pita bread, \$2.50 (cup), \$3.50 (bowl); ghalieh mahi (tuna fillet, with rice, carrots, peas), \$6.50; abghousht (Persian stew), lamb, chickpeas, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, pita, \$6.50; vegan wrap, with babaganoush, rice, mixed greens, tomato, avocado, tabouli, \$4.65 **Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday; 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Sunday; closed Mondays

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Fermented Clones

"As far as physical properties, it has a little bit looser bunch, which is less susceptible to bunch rot."

very time anybody writes about Pinot Noir, they mention that it's a difficult grape. You have to treat it just so, grow it in just the right place, vinify it in just the right fashion, or it will turn on you. Pinot is a thoroughbred — a

wonder to behold, but don't try to take it off the track. But Zinfandel, Zinfandel is a workhorse, even more so than Cabernet. Zin is grown all over California, from Napa to the Central Valley to Cucamonga. It succeeds across the quality spectrum, from tolerable jug wine to decent bargain to

yummy midrange to serious collectible. It is stylistically pliable: You can pick it early and get a strawberry-crisp rosé. You can pick it later and get a restrained wine that tastes almost like a meritage blend. You can wait longer and end up with a jammy, berry-laden monster. And you can wait still longer and get an intensely port-like lateharvest dessert wine.

But for all its workaday sturdiness, Zinfandel possesses a measure of that transparency — a wine's ability to communicate its place of origin to the taster — that makes the Pinot Noirs of Burgundy so highly prized. Longtime Zin-maker Jeff McBride, now winemaker for Dry Creek Vineyard, calls it "our own little opportunity to express *terroir*, if you will." Dry Creek Valley, in Sonoma County, "has become synonymous with Zinfandel over time because of the characteristics you get here. That nice raspberry flavor" is common to Dry Creek Valley Zins, he says. "There is a lot of fresh flavor, but also deep flavor and manageable tannins. It's not highly pithy or dry, just very viscous." Meanwhile, "In Amador County, you get those big, pruney/raisiny things; in Lodi, you get softer, more rounded flavors.'

When McBride talks about terroir, he mostly



means climate — the weather in a certain spot that is unlike the weather just over the ridge. In the Dry Creek Valley, "The grapes come into bloom usually about a week or two ahead" of other areas. "You can have days with temperature

spikes of 100, 110 degrees," unlike the somewhat cooler Russian River Valley, and Dry Creek gets cooler at night than the nearby Alexander Valley.

The association of Zinfandel with the Dry Creek Valley is further strengthened by the abundance of old Zinfandel vine-

yards in the area, vineyards planted anywhere from the late 1880s through the 1940s, many of them by Italian immigrants. Old vineyards produce "Old Vine Zinfandel," a popular marketing term even if, like "reserve," it does not have any official meaning. (If few other varietals have glommed onto the idea of "old vines," it may be because there aren't a lot of old-vine Cabernet or Chardonnay vineyards out there. Prohibition was a rough time for vineyards, and before that, Cab and Chard had not yet achieved their immense domestic popularity.)

But while the term may not be significant, the old vines themselves matter. "The chief virtue of old vines," says McBride, "is the balance the vines have achieved. When they first come up, they'll produce too much crop — about eight tons an acre. You've got to crop-thin constantly until the vine gets into middle age. Then, as they reach middle age, they'll start to crop themselves at around five tons an acre. As it gets older, it will only set so much fruit, but that fruit is concentrated. It has juicier flavors; it's more extracted." With wine made from grapes grown on a younger vine, "You have a tendency to get a flashier, more vibrant fruit character. Old vines are much more brooding." The trouble is that old vines are old. After middle age, the vines begin to crop themselves still further. At some point, this less-fruit/better-flavor principle begins to outstrip its profitability. You may be able to charge more for the resultant better wine, but McBride says that when you're getting "one to two tons per acre, it's costing you more to farm than you're going to get as profit from your fruit."

Dry Creek Vineyard uses grapes taken from vines aged 50 years or older to make its old-vine Zinfandel. The winery saw the decline of many of its source vineyards from a long way off, and in 1982, the winery began collecting budwood from the "Old Mazzoni" vineyard in the Dry Creek Valley. The vineyard was so named because the cuttings used in its planting were taken from the famed Mazzoni vineyard in the Alexander Valley. The "Old Mazzoni" budwood was then

grafted onto *Phylloxera*-resistant rootstock and planted in a vineyard that would eventually produce Dry Creek's Heritage Clone Zinfandel.

Why call it Heritage Clone? "A clone," says McBride, "will produce the same characteristics in its fruit no matter where it's planted" he cites the Muscat character of the Spring Mountain Chardonnay clone as an example. A clone will also exhibit the same physical characteristics with regard to things like berry size and tightness of bunch. This is opposed to a selection, which will pick up different characteristics depending on the area in which it is planted. Of course, farming is rarely an exact science, and the line between the two can get blurry. "Certain clones will grow the same way" wherever you plant them, "but they'll also pick up characteristics. That's one thing we wanted to look at": the clone/selection "of some of these old vines that were producing some of the more recognizable aspects of the grape. We were trying to replicate some of those flavors in younger vineyards."

The goal, then, was to make old-vine–style Zinfandel from young vines. McBride could help out by adjusting his fermentation temperatures, varying his yeast selections, co-fermenting with



other varietals, and experimenting with different barrel programs, but as always, everything started in the vineyard.

The Mazzoni vineyard is "famous within wine circles, because that's where a lot of the clonal replications have come from." The Zinfandel there "is just one of those selections that set itself aside as almost a clone." During their stay in the Dry Creek "Old Mazzoni" vineyard, the vines had time to pick up some measure of the distinctive Dry Creek character. "The fruit had great success — real ripe, jammy flavors. As far as physical properties, it has a little bit looser bunch, which is less susceptible to bunch rot," a problem exacerbated by moisture trapped between close-packed grapes. Also, "Smaller berries, so you get more concentrated flavors because of the increased [ratio of flavorcontributing] skin to juice." The Mazzoni clone/selection would contribute its virtues, and the Dry Creek Valley weather would contribute some more. Toss in aggressive crop-thinning and careful canopy management, and the winery was on its way to getting some new old vines. The wine debuted in 1997; the '99 version was dubbed the "value of the vintage" by critic Robert M. Parker, Jr. (90 points, \$15).



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MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

ANTHONY'S FISH GROTTO For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized por-tions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), down-town, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368; 11666 Avena Place (off Bernardo Center Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-2070. — *E.W.*

BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Espe-cially 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 car-ries 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. — *E.W.*

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Prepara-tions are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish mar-ket in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding - and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oys-ters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley N.W. (9/01)

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shop-ping 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 ourmet 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 ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive. Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325

What the Chef Eats

PUFFY APPLE PANCAKE BY DEBORAH SCHNEIDER Executive Chef, Hilton Torrey Pines/Torreyana Grille

I spend 50 hours or more a week at the hotel, so I don't have that much time. Most of my cooking at home is recipe development and testing for my classes and cooking articles, so we go through phases when we eat a pretty amazing variety — fish one day and four kinds of homemade ice cream the next. I have to keep a lot of basic staples around, so whatever I cook spur of the moment is going to be simple-from-scratch. I hate having to go to the store.

This apple pancake is easy to make and we always have basic ingredients around: apples, cinnamon, butter, eggs, flour, and sugar. The other ingredients ----

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.

vanilla, orange, fancy finishing touches — are nice, but not essential. This is a great recipe to play with and customize. You could substitute pears for the apples, or bananas (but don't cook them as long). You can add some chopped walnuts or mix raspberries in the batter, or add a shot of Grand Marnier to the batter, or whatever you feel like. It's very forgiving as long as you keep the basic ratio of eggs, liquid, and flour.

I think the best thing about cooking is that even if you screw something up, you can usually still eat it, and you'll always learn from the experience. It usually takes two or three runs at a recipe before you get

Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — *E.W.*

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEEHOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434, www.livingroomcafe.com. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, un-

the feel of how it works, how long to cook it, whether the pan is the right size, or adding something new.

need an eight-inch (I measured it) nonstick omelet-type pan that can go into the oven. It has to be nonstick. The size matters because a pan that is too wide will make a big, flat, funny-looking pancake. It will still taste good, though.

HOW TO DO IT

Turn the oven on to 400 degrees and put the rack in the middle. Peel two big, firm, tart-flavored apples (granny smith are best, but any apples will do). Cut in half and cut out the cores, then slice them or cube them into a

bowl. Squeeze a lemon over and generously

> I use a blender for the next step but you can use a whisk and bowl, or a fork and a bowl. You just have to beat it really well to develop the gluten in the flour. Ready?

> Combine three eggs, a pinch of salt, a couple of spoonfuls of melted butter, a good slug of vanilla extract, a little bit of orange juice, a half a cup of flour and a half a cup of milk. Beat hard for two minutes by hand or

til late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — *E.B.* (10/00) THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the re-ally, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh,

and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere un-der a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere - striped gold-andcream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

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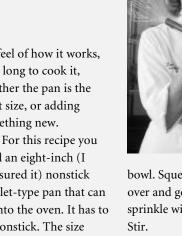
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blend for a one minute. Make sure there are no lumps

The oven should be heated by now, so put the nonstick pan on a medium flame and melt a nice big chunk of butter in it half a stick is good. Throw in the apples and toss in a medium handful of brown sugar and a couple of spoons full of white sugar. Cook, stirring, until it is all a nice gooey mess and starting to get good and

hot, but not sticking. Pour the batter over the apples, and stick the pan into the oven. Depending on your oven, it will take about 15 minutes to cook into a lovely puffed-up pancake. It's better to slightly overcook this than to undercook, so test it by sticking a knife into the middle. If you see bits of raw batter, keep cooking and test in another five minutes or so. It's ready once the knife comes out

with moist crumbs.

Turn a plate upside down over the pancake pan, then with one swift and elegant motion, turn the pan upside down onto the plate. If a little bit sticks in the pan, just scrape it out and graft it back on. Cut into four or six pieces and serve it up with powdered sugar sprinkled over or a scoop of Häagen-Dazs vanilla ice cream and some strawberries. People go nuts over this.

INGREDIENTS

One lemon

Cinnamon

Brown sugar

White sugar

Vanilla extract

Powdered sugar

Ice cream

Strawberries

Orange juice

Three eggs

Salt

Butter

Flour

Milk

Granny smith apples

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 of veggies dipped in enterped and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant chicken curry masala, with potatoes, chicken curry n and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB lo-cation, 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 upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have be-come one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sir-loins. 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

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050, Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael (host ing) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with bird-cages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all over. The most popular order is the "Su-per Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and tzatziki, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (9/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Spanish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm-frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonital" 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 Chines 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, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. -E.B. (9/01)

SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner Continuous service Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla,

Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue.

858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue,

Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650

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



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CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros, Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table. Dogs are welcome. Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kickback place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa. and baked eggplant "pizzette" (per-sonal size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The veg-etarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you've heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. -E.W.

EPAZOTE SOUTHWEST RESTAU-RANT 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and ex-citing atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. Here's where your mom met your dad the day he bought a long board. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look care-

spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkinnut bread. Breakfast and lunch only. open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/00)

fully down the tiny tree-shaded street to

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nou-velle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday: closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-candrink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excel-lent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-hono dition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli,

leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restau rants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarseground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mush-rooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogiliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. -N.W. (5/02)

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829) One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-ties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar,

858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as down-town. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

SBICCA AMERICAN BISTRO 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001.The roof garden has an unobstructed ocean view and is especially pleasant for very good American or Mexican breakfasts. Select simplest preparation for dinner: Chilean sea bass, salads, soups. Roasted half chicken best bet. Lunch Monday through Friday, dinner nightly. Brunch Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Moderate. — *E.W. (9/98)*

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast High way 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are es-pecially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early din-ner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01) VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY

12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Six-teen varieties of bread, all fine for sand wiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. - E.W.

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food

is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it's an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music Go see the hotel. It's worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., din ners only. Expensive. — E.W.

WHEN IN ROME 1108 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three din-ing areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations of chicken, fish, and meat. Gorgeous presentation; loving service. A winner. Open for din-ner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room of-fers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (off I-15, be tween Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo), 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there's very basic rotisseried chicken. Then, there are parboiled "barbecued" baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these

dishes is "Caiun" seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), dolmades, tyropita, and good gooey spanakopita. Although the salad dressngs and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang's creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sub-lime soups. Venturesome "regulars" who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including del-icacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there's a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the "cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Sea-sonings are rather detuned, but there's a



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saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area's top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug's beautiful room with beautiful food draws "the beautiful people" — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports firstrate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything's flawless. The menu's most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. "Elegance" describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding



grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.* **SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS** 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are

ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400, www.thegrandecolonial.com/nine-ten.html. In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect local, seasonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or "large" plates, so it's easy to create your own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. -N.W.(11/01)CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla,





858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.* **DAILY'S** Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Expensive. — E.W. (4/99) HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY

4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to

Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb and fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Dinners only, Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

MARRAKESH 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaurant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad

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plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, bellydancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You're the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANNIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a wellknown hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is

somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Cool out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few vis-its to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which make all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) - the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant. (Try the "Loess is More" with seafood.) The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — N.W. (4/01)

SADAF 613 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (10/00)

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs.

Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W.* (7/98)

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialites, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

CLAIREMONT & KEARNY MESA

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with everpresent rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapuria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. **THE GOOD EGG** 7947 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Good value here. Open approximately 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.* KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street,

Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional mandoo (beef) dumplings, gaejang backban, or raw crab, and yookhwe, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like gul bosam (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (9/98)

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)* **PHUONG TRANG** 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner's daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with offwhite walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for "Michelob Bia." It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao* long (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the "Phuog Trang Special Broken Rice" piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don't leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (*1/02*) **SHEILA'S CAFE & BAKERY** 4577

Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251, www.sheilascafe.com A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission: Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and welldecorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA

4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732, www.viaitalia.signonsandiego.com. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusted and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the for-tunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in "Food Court" near the aters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. -N.W. (6/02) WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. - E.W.

THE BEACHES

ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli

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meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (5/02)

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paint-ings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, includ-ing gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — N.W. (12/00)

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here's a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

HUMPHREY'S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, www.humphreysbythe-bay.com. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-

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fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door ampitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie gar-nishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. - N.W. (11/01)

QWIIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAU-RANT 5049 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials in-clude yaki soba (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles) and scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables and a swag of rice. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Saska's is the perfect spot for insomniacs. Hearty breakfasts, which can include meat and eggs, are served Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m: the dinner hour extends to 2:00 a.m. as well. Saturday and Sunday brunches offer Mexican specialties. Beachcomber atmosphere. Open daily. Breakfast inexpensive; dinner moderate, -E.W.SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and dis-ciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for chawan-mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. -N.W. (11/00)

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bar-gain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is mar-velous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors. Complete menu to go. Reservations taken for parties of six or more. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Inexpensive (pasta, pizza) to moderate. — E.W.

WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Lo-cated directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforing. rood preparation is straightor-ward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large por-tions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m. breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. - E.W.

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggs Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some out-standing dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle seco de cordero (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan chilemal (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal,

619-225-0308. Seek out this family owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals Copious all-you-can-eat buffet avail-able at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN

RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily, lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. - E.W.

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters in clude the antipasto platter, sparkling sal-ads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemarygarlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust) Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or ro-tisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. - N.W. (4/01)

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ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnele), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. - E.W.

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant "where the Mississippi meets the Nile." Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's Somalian

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sambussas (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently sea-soned. Then dive into a bowl of coowner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can taste the Big Easy in every bite of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as *tibsi, zigni,* Somalian spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. "All you can eat" weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *hallal* (Muslim-butchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. -N.W. (2/02)

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERI-**CAN GRILL** 40080 Old Highway 80, Boulevard, 619-766-3442, *www.na-tivegrill.com*. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917, it has sat under a grove of California Live Oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled vellow windows - you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create a pretty interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a commeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck."

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Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.B. (9/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Ca-Boulevard, College Area, jon 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is they have some pretty good food, especially the some pretty good rood, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Mon-day Madness (an "x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher"), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say "Gimme an Effin beer" and not have to duck. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00) RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 ine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996

Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime pro-duce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees. and an old freezer door is the main en-trance to the restaurant, which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Ponyburger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, bar-becue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depend-ing on what the customers have asked for --- so get on down there and vote! Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00) TOSHI SUSHI 5943 El Cajon Boule vard, San Diego, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes bat-tered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of gar-nishes — an exotic-yet-homey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

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ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount), Tal-madge, 619-563-3666, www.asmarasd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly in-teresting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch tsebhi derho (known as ye-dore wat on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, injera, which serves as an edible spoon and edible table-cloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that "hot" means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational follow-ing, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried

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chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and halfpound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday (call for prices). Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncompli-cated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

LUCKY STAR SEAFOOD RESTAU-**RANT** 3983 54th Street (at University, in Kmart Shopping Mall), City Heights, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and

Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or banquets. Not to be missed are lobster dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W. (9/99)*

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090, Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced "daily specials" like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bar-gain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. In-expensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue, North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, bar-becued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restau-rant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue - look for a window

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featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

ZIA'S AFGHAN CAFE 4118 30th Street, 619-285-1635. This storefront café with only eight tables serves inexpensive but very well prepared Afghan food. Try three-bean soup, stuffed pockets appetizers, banana squash with spicy yogurt sauce. Lunch and dinner buffet of basmati rice with six toppings for \$6.49. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

UPTOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF IN-DIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, 619-298-3155. Don't miss the elegant food, the lovely setting, the loving service. Owned by the former proprietors of Monsoon. You will find the food subtle and sophisticated. This Indian restaurant is a blessing to our community. All-you-can-eat buffet lunch \$8.98 daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Ce-celia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Veg-etable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese" or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley but-ter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprikacavenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m.

to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

ICHIBAN 1449 University Avenue (at Normal Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203, www.sdinsider.com/auto_docs/dining/28235.html. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick udon noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant in-volve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlicchile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the veg-etarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based "secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with noth-ing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. - N.W. (4/01) MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to or-der a feast for a large party (give at least four hours' notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pep-per, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp

in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E. W. **THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY** 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (7/98)

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.W. (10/99)

PICASSO SPANISH RESTAURANT 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (*6/01*)

SEVEN 1421 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-297-0722. At this Southwestern American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner and Monday through Friday for lunch. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — E.W.

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad on Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 882: Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)



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DOWNTOWN

ACQUA AL 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-0382, al2.it. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the veg-etarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tast-ings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Satur-day. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island Street), Gaslamp Quarter, 619-232-8100, *www.aubergineon4th.com*. After its early awkwardness attempting to please all tastes, this restaurant has found its footing with a new chef and a shorter, more focused menu featuring light, rather sweet interpretations of Asian dishes, a scattering of Italianate fla-vors, and fine, smoky hardwood-grilled steaks and chops. Execution has im-proved, too, so that dinner here is no longer a gamble — you'll generally eat well, and if the food never startles you, it probably won't bore you either. On Fri-day and Saturday nights, the restaurant and adjoining theater turn into a huge nightclub filled with twenty-somethings; Saturdays, before the metamorphosis,

there's an affordable three-course prix fixe dinner that includes the night cover charge. Reserve for weekend dinners. Dinner Monday through Saturday Upper moderate to expensive. -N.W. (7/02) THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Ave

nue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, in cludes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the din-ing public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smoth-ered rib eye), and "fish and chips Liffey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. – N.W. (4/01)

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are hightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to down town. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

CAFE 828 828 Sixth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-231-8282. Jay Greenfield (longtime chef at the celebrated Bernard'O in Rancho Bernardo) presides at this "find," a small, civilized bistro serving almost homey Mediterranean dishes with some California touches. Everything's carefully cooked from scratch and presented without pretension. Don't miss the home-style fried calamari or the scallop on lobster risotto Desserts alone are worth the trip here: the classic warm apple *tarte Tatin* on a crackly-thin crust ... a pecan "cannoli filled with a dense, satin-soft white chocolate mousse.... Full bar; below-average corkage for BYO wines. "Sunset special" three-course dinner is a bargain. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. -E.W.

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've ar-rived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingre-dients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish - melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crusted chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — A.M. (5/01)

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. In-expensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

DUBLIN SOUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-5818, www.dublinsquarepub.com. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford. shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited

Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shock-ingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here - just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the huarache (cac tus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the mulita carne adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND **RESTAURANT** 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. - N.W. (4/01)

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, down town, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try tortilla española (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W. (1/99)

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service; late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. - E.W.

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 I Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a oneand-a-half or three-pound porter-house, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — M.N. (9/99)

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie - but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — escar-gots, frogs' legs, charcuterie, et al. with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — N.W. (11/00)

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends Expensive. - E.W.

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Veg-etarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-

splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt rel-ish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour fesenjan (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your fesenjan dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rose-water ice cream and/or pudding, or bamieh, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. - N.W. (12/00)

TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. E.W.

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego stan dards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious - the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363, At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or porto-







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bello mushrooms: others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Del-monico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. - N.W. (4/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little roundthe-corner café has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. -E.B. (11/00)

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmos-phere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balconv inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coro nado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, th retirement home across the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu Weekdays only, breakfast to early dimer. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/00)

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix - hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. -EB(10/00)

HANAOKA 1528-C Sweetwater Road National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and gyoza, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "Hanaoka" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Land ing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread, "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh sal ads, and everyday Italian dishes rang-ing from Sfilatino Con Bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquitegrilled 22-ounce *Bistecca* Alla *Fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *Penne Alla Sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza *Puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Oh, and then there's that view. Go at sunset or on a Friday lunchtime when Navy ships are coming home, sliding right past your table. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

MCP'S IRISH PUB & GRILL 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237 Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial' mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that

the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. -N.W. (9/00)

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Bajastyle lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. - E.W. VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are homecooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. E.B. (10/00)

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LA FONDA ROBERTO'S La Sierra Motel, Old Road to Ensenada, Avenida Cuahutemoc #2800, Tijuana, 686-4687. Unusual regional specialties are found here. Beef tongue in sesame seed sauce, spicy shredded pork with artichoke seeds, two preparations of chicken, a half dozen of steak. Don't miss the soups or *chile en nogada*. Por-tions are small, so two people may order three entrées. Take Avenida Revolución all the way to Agua Caliente Blvd. At Calimax, make a right; go up two blocks and make a left. After one block, make another left. Roberto's is in the motel just after the road veers right. Closed Monday. Open Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

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et me get the disappointment out of the way. The original novel of *Blood Work*, by Michael Connelly, seemed to have been written with a movie in mind: one of those overblown, overheated thrillers

overneated thrillers whose villain is a taunting, string-pulling, gameplaying archfiend of boogeyman dimensions. tten with a overblown, The Bridges of Madison County. If the actor himself appears old, slow, tired, and short of breath, those qualities go well in the part of a retired_EBL profiler

Clint Eastwood (cited, for unspecified services, in the book's acknowledgments) has made a better movie of it than might have been expected. It is a handsome one, for a start, clean and polished, the first cinematography credit for Tom Stern, after a lengthy apprenticeship under Eastwood's regular cameraman, Jack Green, who had followed a similar path before he supplanted Bruce Surtees. But as a literary makeover (in the hands of Brian Helgeland, the man who did the laborious job on L.A. Confidential), any improvement must be laid to emotional flatness and half-heartedness. The shrill rhetoric on the page, the almost fire-and-brimstone fulminations on "evil," thus got toned down to the fa-

miraculous, water-into-wine, sow's-

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planted heart. He agreeably allows himself to be addressed as "Pops," to be manhandled by a strapping Russian immigrant, to be photographed with an inch-wide trench running lengthwise down his torso. And he keeps putting a hand to his chest, a quasi-Napoleonic gesture, in the manner of an overindulgent diner uncertain as to whether he's feeling heartburn or coronary. Along with all that, though, he lacks something in the way of oomph at the moments of major revelation. No one except maybe Jimmy Stewart, in the entire history of American cinema, has been better than Eastwood at the silent articulation of moral outrage, disgust, disdain. To re-



peat: has been. Today, even the boogeyman cannot quite get his eye to widen or his lip to curl. Apart from Anjelica Huston as his stern taskmistress of a cardiologist and Tina Lifford as a warmly sympathetic cop, the rest of the cast is curiously awkward. And the miscast Paul Rodriguez cannot help but turn the unsympathetic macho

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cop into an innocuous stand-up comic. The plot of the novel, too, has been tinkered with: not to such an extent as to outfox its readers, only to such an extent as to render what was already ridiculous even more ridiculous.

To turn to a happier subject.... *Happy Times*, the title of which has been shortened from the less blissful, more qualified *Happy Times Hotel*, proves to be a happier experience for the moviegoer than for its main characters. The most confident piece of work from Zhang Yimou since his creative and personal split from his star, Gong Li—since, to be specific, *Shanghai Triad* in 1995—it is done in a masterly but never showy style, and in a rich, rosy,



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rainbowy palette. It looks, if inflation hasn't dimmed the compliment, like a million bucks. (How oddly the world turns, that if you crave old-fashioned Hollywood professionalism, old-fashioned facility and finesse, old-fashioned discretion and decorum, you now stand a better chance in China.) The characters, on the other hand, would be happy — or think they would with a sliver of that amount. The protagonist (Zhao Benshan, grade-A grimacer), an aging bachelor in search of a caretaker for his dotage, has found a prospective match in an overstuffed divorcée, won over by his undeliverable promise of a first-class wedding. The grasping fiancée, as we know better than her suitor, is no prize, weighted

circumference and a maltreated blind stepdaughter (no ice cream for her!), whose pipe dream is sufficient funds to rejoin her far-away father and restore her eyesight. The latter (Dong Jie, a professional dancer in her acting debut) is almost a fairy-tale damsel in distress, all skin and bones, as fully revealed in her white cotton panties and skimpy pullover: there's something innocently, chastely erotic about the spectacle of a blind girl shuffling around the apartment in her undies, oblivious of its other occupants.

What unfolds is a comedy of deepening deception, in which the would-be bridegroom, solely out for his own interests, becomes the reluctant rescuer of our blind Cinderella. At first his only motive is to make his fiancée happy — to take the unwanted stepdaughter off her hands and to find the girl gainful employment — but then, through a process best described (not to get too heavy about it) as spiritual growth, the motive changes into the chivalric one of making the girl happy on her own account. The details of the deception are wonderful: at its deepest point, well past the point where the suitor has put on the false front of a prosperous hotelier, it entails the fabrication of a hotel massage parlor in an abandoned warehouse, a meticulous replica of a real one, all the way down to the recorded street noises on a strategically placed boom box. (One flaw in the design is the too-large hole cut in the slab for the client's head, nearly big enough to swallow his entire body.) The suitor can afford for a while to hand out tip money to some deadbeat cronies to masquerade as customers for the girl, but he can't afford it indefinitely. What had started out as a money-making scheme to pay for the wedding has turned into a money-draining scheme instead.

The comedy and its cast of characters are much more than just comic. They — one or the other or both are also pathetic and heroic, small and ambitious, cvnical and hopeful, all at once or in rapid succession. A complex mixture that approximates real life. It is not a pretty picture — riddled as it is with human meanness, pettiness, selfishness, delusion, deceit - nor is it a simple one. No doubt the film, especially in its excruciating resolution, is a tad manipulative. It must be difficult for films about blind children think back to The Color of Paradiseto avoid manipulation altogether. My rebuttal to that charge would be twofold. First, to the extent that this is manipulation, it is expert manipulation. Gentle, deft, unforced; the touch of a therapeutic masseur. Second, how much manipulation do you really require to come into line? Or to ask it the other way around, how much resistance must you put up? The filmmaker presents a view of humanity that any intelligent adult should be able to recognize and ratify. And combined with that view of it, he presents an attitude toward it - an attitude of amusement, dismay, compassion, courage,

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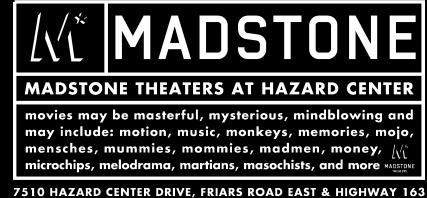
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The Adventures of Pluto Nash — Science-fiction comedy starring Eddie Murphy and Rosario Dawson, directed by Ron Underwood. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/16)

Blood Work — Reviewed this issue. With Clint Eastwood, Jeff Daniels, Wanda De Jesús, Tina Lifford, and Paul Rodriguez; directed by Eastwood. ★ (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 SQUARE 14)

Blue Crush — Surfer romance with Kate Bosworth, Michelle Rodriguez, and Matthew Davis, directed by John Stockwell. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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 8/16)





The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (Swingers, Go) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert Ludlum best-seller about an amnesiac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman's cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But that only accentuates the scent of the social climber: the "independent" who's looking for a hook-up. For all its démodé denigration of the CIA as a band of dirty tricksters, the plotline is very much an ode to the superspy: far more Bond than Smiley. The hero doesn't know he's one of those, nor even know his own name, after he's hauled out of the Mediterranean by subtitle speaking fishermen, with two slugs in his back and a Swiss bank code implanted in his hip. His training, however, comes out in a twinkling whenever he needs it: one-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; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Carrie — The main ingredients — the adolescent heroine's mystical, mind-overmatter powers, her mother's sadistic, religious zeal, and her classmates' brutal bullying - never interlock with each other. The crazy mother especially, with her Salvation Army frock and her Pre-Raphaelite hairdo, seems to be several decades out of sync with these modern teenagers (the car culture of American Graffiti is duplicated down to the very same shots and the goldie-oldie on the radio). The girl's supernatural powers serve mainly as a deus ex machina, and are never made to seem any more mysterious or believable than the hocus-pocus in $\mathit{Bewitched}$ or IDream of Jeannie. The best material is on the everyday horrors of high school. Nearly every scene featuring the tense, well-

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groomed, level-headed gym teacher, Betty Buckley, plays quite credibly. And Sissy Spacek, as the senior class pariah, achieves some affecting moments of shyness, clumsiness, and self-pity, independent of the zany storyline. Through it all — the frecklefaced girl's brutalization at home and at school, the improbable prank played on her at the prom, and her Zeus-like flood-andfire retaliation — the movie is involved in overstatement. It's almost as if, by their exaggeration, the creators of this horror story doubted the truth of their thesis about the evil lurking in all God's children. Brian De Palma directs the thing with enormous technical proficiency and a very poor sense of emphasis. He makes little of the girl's discovery of her powers (she looks in the library card catalogue under the heading "Miracles," and locates a one-line definition of "Telekinesis"), he skims over the first showdown between mother and daughter, he mistimes the plot surprise just prior to the climactic holocaust, he mislavs his imagination during the big destruction scene (a firehose snakes around, knocking people on their asses, as in a Chaplin comedy), and he gets his only measurable thrill, underhandedly, after the story proper has ended, 1976.

★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/15 THROUGH 17)

Charlotte Gray — The title is colorless on

purpose. But by the end - and quite precisely in the meaningful curtain line — it acquires a richness of shade and tint. The heroine will by then, in the common phrase, have shown her true colors. An oldfashioned, grandly romantic WWII espionage thriller (vaguely reminiscent of the Melanie Griffith mush-pile, Shining Through: nothing reticent about that title!), it sets forth a modest definition of heroism, a capability that meets a need, an opportunity that rises to a duty. Our heroine, a young Scotswoman, has been spied (so to put it) by a nondescript Graham Greene-y civil servant in a railway car, where she chances to be reading Stendahl in the original French, a skill worth recruiting for use in the war office. In the meantime, her blazing affair with an RAF flier is interrupted when his plane gets shot down over France. It is her own idea that her language facility might be put to even better use in occupied territory. Maybe she will be able to pick up her lover's scent in the bargain. The Australian director, Gillian Armstrong, brings the proverbial woman's touch to this feminist adventure story, this internal odyssey, this journey of self-discovery. (She never dwells on the physical action, the sporadic violence. She is much more interested in choices and consequences.) Personal identity is at the heart of the story - and what better framework for such a subject than a spy yarn in which the

protagonist is called upon to assume a false identity, and comes eventually to the realization that the false is the true? The spy genre and the character study benefit mutually from the arrangement. The espionage gains some psychological depth. Dry psychology gains the poetry of metaphor. With Cate Blanchett, Billy Crudup, Michael Gambon, Rupert Penry-Jones. 2001. ★★★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 8/19, 6:30 P.M.)

Les Destinées — Three-hour French period piece, bridging two world wars, with Isabelle Huppert, Emmanuelle Béart, and Charles Berling, directed by Olivier Assayas.

(KEN, 8/16 THROUGH 22)

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)

Enigma — Second World War espionage thriller, set on the British homefront at Bletchley Park, otherwise known as Station X, the top-secret cryptography center, where they've now got just four days to crack "Shark," the revised German Uboat code, before a convoy of merchant ships from the U.S. enters perilous waters. In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the nearby Charlotte Gray. We even meet the protagonist, a woolly-headed math whiz ("With numbers, truth and beauty are the same thing") recovering from a nervous breakdown, exactly where we earlier met Charlotte: at the window of a train compartment, which gives way to another train compartment in flashback. And like Charlotte, it belongs in





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the unglamorous, unromanticized, Graham Greene branch of spy fiction, notwithstanding the love triangle between

an ace decoder (Dougray Scott, looking a bit like a young Tom Courtenay), a mysterious willowy blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter's wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Plot convolutions aside, it's historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of *Charlotte*. But that's not to say it's cinematically more interesting. Not to say - to take our metaphor from their introductory scenes - that it fits together as tightly and moves along as powerfully as a railway train. Charlotte is a Eurostar, a Thalys; Enigma is more of a huffing-and-puffing handcar. To be sure, the Enigma code machine — a sort of rewired typewriter with ever-changing letters for each key — is an interesting object, as is the primitive computer with its

rows upon rows of revolving colored wheels. But these are essentially static museum exhibits. With Jeremy Northam; written by Tom Stoppard; directed by Michael Apted. 2002. ★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 8/16)

The Fast Runner (Atanarjuat) — Any wag who wished to say that this is the best Inuit-language film to have ever come down the pike, might have said equally well, if not as waggishly, that it's the worst. More objectively: the only. The "language" qualifier allows it to dodge head-to-head competition with such superior Eskimo epics as Nicholas Ray's *The Savage Innocents* and Philip Kaufman's The White Dawn (subtitled only in part), let alone Robert J. Flaherty's seminal silent documentary, Nanook of the North. With its predominantly Inuit cast and crew, headed by director Zacharias Kunuk and scriptwriter Paul Apak Angilirq, it earns points for authenticity, if not, at the same time, for ability to communicate. And it earns more of the same – but again, nothing extra — for a storyline lifted from centuries-old oral tradition: an evil curse, forbidden love, jealousy, treachery, murder, rape, patricide, and incommensurate revenge (reminiscent

of the Kenny Rogers C&W oldie in which the singer avenges the rape of his beloved by beating up her attacker: that'll teach him!). One measure of how far the filmmakers are inside the culture is the unapologetic brutality and barbarism: the Inuit equivalent of a knightly joust for the hand of a maiden is to have the rivals take turns punching one another on the temple, undefended. That sort of thing, to be sure, affords the spectator a sterling opportunity to test his broadmindedness. 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.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/15)

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 cameo of Terence Stamp in his fictional persona from Soderbergh's The Limevvanishes 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; THROUGH 8/15)

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 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 skitlength.) 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. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16: PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SOUARE 14)

The Good Girl - Condescending gaze at low-rent Texans, principally the employees of a discount department store named Retail

Rodeo. (A Southern accent continues to be condescension's favorite weapon.) A useful proving ground, nonetheless, for the unspoiled talent of Jennifer Aniston, underplaying the discontented wife of a pothead housepainter and the secret lover of a younger co-worker and would-be writer who calls himself Holden (his "slave name" is Tom) after the hero of The Catcher in the Rye. With John C. Reilly, Tim Blake Nelson, Jake Gyllenhaal, Zooey Deschanel; written by Mike White; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2002.

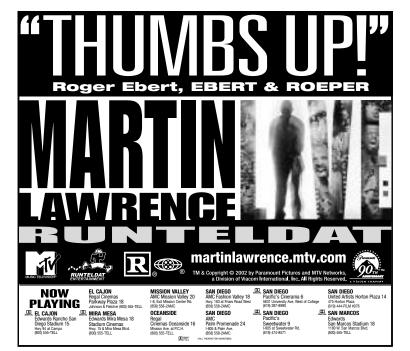
★ (COVE; HILLCREST CINEMAS; FROM 8/16)

Happy Times — Reviewed this issue. With Zhao Benshan, Dong Jie, Dong Lihua, and Fu Biao; directed by Zhang Yimou. ★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/16)

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 huggermuggerism, 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. ★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Kid Stays in the Picture -

Audiovisual aids to the same-named, selfmythologizing 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









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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-forfun 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 twentyfive years (i.e., right about now). If you've stuck it out till then, don't leave your seat too soon. Directed by Brett Morgen and Nanette Burstein. 2002. ★ (HILCREST CINEMAS)

Late Marriage — Cold-eyed, mirthless Israeli comedy centered around a conventional family of Georgian émigrés in Tel Aviv and their impatient attempts to marry off a thirty-one-year-old son. Little problem: he's secretly playing house with an older divorcée. And doing so with extreme biological bluntness. First-time filmmaker Dover Kosashvili is Georgian himself, and his own mother, Lili Kosashvili, plays the hero's mother. Lior Ashkenazi, Ronit Elkabetz, Moni Moshonov. 2001. ★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16)

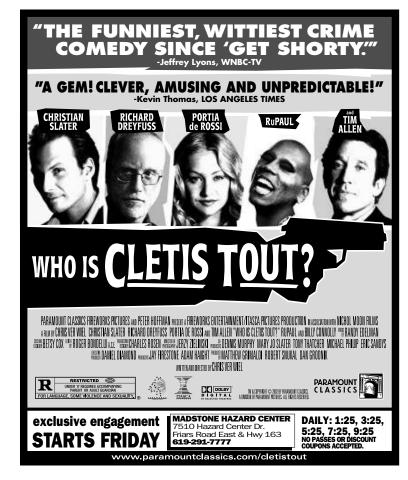
Lilo and Stitch — Disney cartoon with a strained and stretched and far-fetched premise, even for a cartoon. A pint-sized extraterrestrial, genetically engineered for deviltry, escapes to planet Earth, state of Hawaii, and bonds with an ostracized orphan. The movie spends a lot of time being "edgy" and 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)

Lovely and Amazing — 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. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat —

You are already supposed to know, possibly from the comedian's earlier concert film, *You So Crazy*, that the last word of the title is actually a contraction of three words: run, tell that. He does have some new things to tell since then: a couple of arrests and a coma. These haven't caused him to (as they say) clean up his act, but perhaps to crank up his preachiness. Central theme: "Ride this motherfucker till the wheels fall off"; translation: "Live your life." Directed by David Raynr. 2002.

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The Master of Disguise — A vehicle to showcase Dana Carvey's 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. Jennifer Esposito, Brent Spiner, James Brolin, Harold Gould; directed by Perry Andelin Blake.

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Men in Black II - The embodiment, the epitome, the acme of the "franchise picture," one of those brass rings that studio executives like to stack up on their lances. So perfect a one, in truth, that it would make more sense to cover the movie in the financial pages than in the entertainment ones. A recitation of components, amenities, selling points could reasonably take the place of a review. Both Will Smith and, after half an hour, Tommy Lee Jones are back, albeit with roles reversed — Smith the blasé veteran, Jones the bemused novice — until the latter's elective "neuralization" can be undone and his memory restored. Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub are back as well, if that matters to anyone, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and composer (but of course) Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial femme fatale, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from Dune, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald's cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every QuarterPounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Me without You — Director Sandra Goldbacher (The Governess) spills some beans about the dynamics, the turbulence, of female friendship, in this case the friendship since early girlhood of a Jewish intellectual and a Gentile airhead. The account seems candid and credible if not especially compelling. Bits of it, admittedly, are swallowed in the British accents and the dark photography. And there are perils, as ever, in the spanning of decades: the little girls, after a jump of only five years, don't match up with the bigger girls in the same roles; and Michelle Williams, from that point forward, doesn't age as convincingly as Anna Friel; and Nostalghia is cited by the highbrow as her favorite Tarkovsky film before he had even made it. With Kyle MacLachlan, Oliver Milburn, Trudie Styler. 2002.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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 crime will occur, much less whether the Pre-Crime storm troopers will arrive in time to

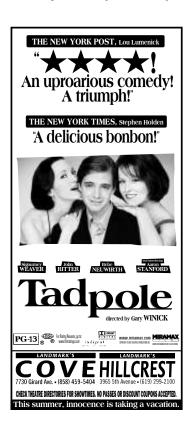


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together with a victim's ball inscribed with a name the detective has never before heard. There must be some mistake. At around the forty-five-minute mark, the concern with issues (destiny, determinism, and the like) gives way to a concern with chases, 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: eyeassaulting 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 Svdow, Tim Blake Nelson, Peter Stormare. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: 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





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prevent it. They can, though, tell the names

of the victim and perpetrator (neatly spelled

tell, to the exact minute, when the crime will

out on little wooden balls dispatched

through a pneumatic tube), and they can

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

perpetrator's ball inscribed with the name of

shaved head of boot camp: what a trouper!),

any rate, the Pre-Cogs spit out a

the lead detective (Tom Cruise, in the

military haircut of the first Mission: Impossible, and briefly, shadowedly, in the

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hitting instructor. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Selfanointed "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; HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Notorious C.H.O. — Having disposed of her cancelled sitcom in *I'm the One That I Want*, Margaret Cho has less ammo in her second concert film. For the remainder, there's a feeling of going over old and depleted (and dirty) ground, though no feeling of boredom whenever the ground is her mother. Too small a patch, when all's said and done. Directed by Lorene Machado. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 8/16; KEN, THROUGH 8/15)

Possession — Reviewed next issue. With Aaron Eckhart, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jeremy Northam, and Jennifer Ehle; directed by Neil LaBute.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 8/16)

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; VOGUE)

Road to Perdition - Inflated, arty, but satisfactory reworking of an old gangster film 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 eves 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-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.

and Tyler Hoechlin. 2002. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Scooby-Doo — Kiddie "camp" about a quartet of junior detectives (collectively, Mystery Inc.) and a computer-animated talking dog, who, along with assorted monsters, seems to inhabit a separate plane of existence. A lot of it is apt to go over the little ones' heads, and for that matter the big ones', too. What doesn't go over goes straight on through. With Freddie Prinze, Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, Linda Cardellini, and Rowan Atkinson; directed by Raja Gosnell. 2002. • (VOGUE)

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.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16; HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/15)

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 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 cornfield, or the attempt to get a look at the 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

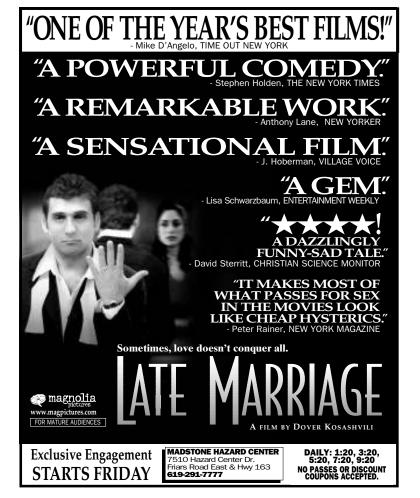
Sixth Sense, seems more concerned now to be a spiritual leader than a mere storyteller. Somehow, when alien invaders descend over the entire planet, the crisis of faith of one grieving widower in rural Pennsylvania is apt to seem small potatoes, no matter how symbolic or symptomatic of all mankind. And 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 MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16;



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Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost

Dreams — The surprise success of the first Spy Kids has meant more money for the followup, more computer animation in particular. More money, more mess. Steve Buscemi ("I'm no loon") shows up too late and too little to save the day. With Alexa Vega, Darvl Sabara, Antonio Banderas, and Carla Gugino; directed by Robert Rodriguez. 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 MARKETPLACE 13: MISSION VALLEY 20: OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones — The saga grinds on, in state-of-



the-art digital video: crisp and detailed yet somewhat overcast, monotoned, seemingly covered in a sort of pinkish-complected skin, like an unboiled wiener. The

particulars - the diminished role of the reviled Jar-Jar Binks; the teen romance

between Queen Padmé (now known as Senator Amidala) and an Anakin Skywalker who has inexplicably caught up to her in age; the emergence of the latter's Dark Side in the form of adolescent petulance (or in the form of Hayden Christensen's impersonation of Ryan Phillippe); the casting of Count Dracula in the role of Count Dooku (Christopher Lee); the rebel army of identical, skeletal robots whose parade-ground drills are George Lucas's latest extraction from Leni Riefenstahl's Triumph of the Will; a new, improved, computer-animated Yoda to come to the rescue at the climax, with inverted syntax intact ("Around the survivors, a perimeter create"); and an up-in-the-air resolution ("Begun, the Clone War has") similar to the middle one in the earlier Star Wars trilogy, right down to the severed limb - are best left to the addicts. The unhooked will remain untempted. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson. 2002. (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

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Cinerama 6

5831 University Av e (619-287-8990) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:05, 7:05, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30,

4:50) 7:05, 9:10; Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:50) 7:15, 9:45; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 4:55) 7:20, 9:30; Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:35, 7:35, 10:00; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:40) 7:15, 9:25; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (1:10, 3:40) 7:15, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **Spy Kids** 2: **The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri-Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:40; Sun. (12:50, 2:50) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:30) 7:10, 9:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun (1:00) 4:30, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:30) 8:15 Fri. 4:40, 8:20Sat.-Sun. 1:00, 4:40, 8:20Mon.-Thu. 4:40, 8:20

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4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909) Schedule not provided by theater; call theater for movies and times.

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)13 Conversations About One Thing (R) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:55) 4:30, 7:10; **The Good** Girl (R) Fri. 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 11:15, 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-1nu. 1:30, 2:15, 4:20, 5:05, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Kid Stays in the Picture** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Notorious C.H.O. (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 9:50; Tadpole (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:40, 7:25, 10:00

Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

Massacre at Central High, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Carrie, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) The Human Body (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu 11:00; Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 6:00; Sat.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Space Station (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

EAST COUNTY **EL CAJON**

Parkway Plaza 18 405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:45, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:45, 10:20; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:10, 4:50, 12:50, 4:00) 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 9:20, 9:50, 10:35; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:20, 1:15, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:45, 10:15, 12:15, 1:00, 2:45, 3:45, 5:20) 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:40; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 12:15, 2:35); **Lilo & Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu.

(12:10, 2:30); Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:10, 4:50) 7:50, 10:30; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 12:00, 2:15, 4:40) 7:10, 9:30; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Thu. (10:05, 1:00, 4:20) 7:10, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (10:30, 1:10, 4:15, 5:10) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20; 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, 8:25, 9:55, 10:40; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:10, 4:10) 6:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (09:50, 10:20, 12:20, 1:20, 4:15, 4:30, 12:50, 4:00) 6:50, 7:15, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10, 10:30

LA MESA

Grossmont Center Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 2:10) 4:30, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:40, 10:10; **Austin Powers in Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 2:00) 4:20, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:20) 7:30, 10:00; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:45, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:50; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:35) 7:20, 9:45; **Pos**session (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15. 7:50, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:05) 7:35, 10:35; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:40; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:25, 2:00) 5:00, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:45) 8:00, 10:35; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:45) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:45) 7:05, 9:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 1:50, 3:30) 4:50, 7:15, 8:15, 10:20, 10:50; Sun. (12:15, 1:50, 3:30) 4:50, 7:15, 7:45, 10:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 1:35, 3:30, 4:50) 7:15, 7:45, 10:10, 10:30

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu, (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:00, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; Lilo & Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10): Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **The** (R) Fri.-1nu. (12:10, 2:53, 5:00) 7:23, 9:50; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. (10:55, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10) 7:15; Men In Black II (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; Road to Perdition (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, Koa to Ferdinan (K) Fri.- Inti. (11:00, 1740;
 4:20) 7:00, 9:40; Signs (PG-13) Fri.- Thu.
 (11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15;
 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; 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, 10:15, 10:45

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 ninety percent 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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-in-labelling. 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, THROUGH 8/15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 8/16; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/16; 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 McConaughev, Amv Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Umberto D. — Possibly De Sica's best work (he thought so himself), a neo-realist Little Man tearjerker about a dignified old pauper trying to keep his head above the subsistence level and trying not to drag his beloved dog down with him. If this proves more effective at jerking tears than his better-known Bicycle Thief, it's a victory for the little pooch over the little urchin. But there's also the risk of a response like Oscar Wilde's to the death of Little Nell: anyone who can keep from laughing at it must have a heart of stone. With Carlo Battisti. 1952. ★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16)

Who Is Cletis Tout? — A product of cinephiliac inbreeding. It has to do with a hitman named Critical Jim who, besides his work, loves movies ("The old movies, you know, where it was all about the story"), and it has even more to do with his assigned target, who delays his execution in the manner of Scheherazade, by relating his story to the hitman in the form of a "pitch." A germ of an amusing idea can be faintly detected, a mistaken-identity idea about an escaped con who, for purposes of a false passport, assumes the identity of a dead man, not realizing the dead man was snuffed by the mob and will now be thought to have survived. Writer-director Chris Ver Wiel, applying for the post vacated by Quentin Tarantino, is too busy referencing old movies to take the time to construct a seaworthy story of his own (like in the old movies, you know) and to patch its several leaks. The depths of inbred moronism are reached when the hitman, Tim Allen, addresses his captive, Christian Slater, "You

know who you sound like? Jack Nicholson! Anybody ever tell you that?" With Portia de Rossi, Richard Dreyfuss, and RuPaul. 2002. • (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/16)

XXX — National Security recruits a multitattooed Xtreme sportsman to save the world from a group of Russian terrorists known as Anarchy 99: it takes an anarchist to catch an anarchist. See him slide down a stair railing on a sterling silver canapé tray. See him jump a castle wall on a motorcycle. See him outrun an avalanche on a snowboard. Who thinks up this stuff? (And what's he smoking?) Vin Diesel, who made a favorable impression in Pitch Black and The Fast and the Furious, seems here to have set his sights on being the next Stallone. Or next Schwarzenegger. Or next Seagal. In short, next laughingstock. With Samuel L. Jackson, Asia Argento, and Marton Csokas; directed by Rob Cohen. 2002. • (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;

Grossmont Trolley

Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri-Sun. (10:30, 12:40, 2:55) 5:10, 7:20, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 2:55, 5:10) 7:20, 9:35; K-19: **The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:35, 7:25, 10:15; **Mon.**-Thu. (4:35) 7:25, 10:15; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:15, 1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:05, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:05, 10:25; **My Big Fat Greek** Wedding (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:00, 1:20, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40, 5:50) 8:00, 10:10; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:20, 12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 8:10, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:10, 10:35; 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. (12:55, 3:35, 5:45) 7:45, 10:00; Stuart Little 2 (PG) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 12:50, 2:45); Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 2:45); Tadpole (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (11:20, 1:40, 3:50) 5:40, 7:55, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:50, 5:40) 7:55, 9:55; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:35, 1:30) 4:20, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50

SANTEE

Santee Drive In 10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:55; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:15, 12:25

SOUTH BAY CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10 roadway between H and I (619-338-4214) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Signs** (PG-13) 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, 11:15, 12:30, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13); Blue Crush (PG-13); XXX (PG-13); Blood Work (R); Spy Kids 2; Signs (PG-13); The Master of Disguise (PG); Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R); Goldmember; The Country Bears (G): K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13); Stuart Little 2 (PG); Road to Perdition (R); Men in Black II; Mr. Deeds (PG-13); Minority Report (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16 *East H Street, Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)* **The Adventures of Pluto Nash** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25; **Austin** Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:45, 4:25) 7:20, 9:50; Blood Work (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:25; Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:10, 11:35, 1:55,

2:25, 4:25, 5:00, 7:00, 7:55, 9:30, 10:30; The Bourne Identity (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00; Lilo & Stitch (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15 2:05): Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:45, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:50, 5:15) 7:25; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:35, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 2:20, 5:05) 7:50, 10:35; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11.10, 1.45, 4.20, 5.10) 7.15, 7.45, 9.45, 10.15; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:30, 1:55, 2:15, 4:30, 4:50) 7:10, 7:30, 9:40; **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

South Bay Drive In 2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

Vogue 226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:45; Reign of Fire (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:30; Scooby-Doo (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 6:00

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In *32nd and D (619-477-1392)* **Spy Kids 2; Signs** (PG-13)

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00, 10:25; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45, 3:50) 5:50, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:45, 3:50) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:50) 8:05, 10:10; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:55, 10:15; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40, 5:55) 8:10, 10:20; 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, (1:00, 2:12) 5:35, 7:16, 7:05, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:30, 5:25) 7:15, 9:10; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:25) 7:05, 9:30; Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu, (1:20, (12.43) 2:35) 3:05, 7:15, 7:55, Molt.-Thu. (120) 3:20, 5:20) 7:20, 9:20; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:05

NORTH INLAND BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784) Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **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; Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30; 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; **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; **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

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; Sun (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, (1.05, 5:13) 5:30, 7:50, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:45) 7:55, 10:00; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:00, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:45; Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 7:35, 9:50; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:05, 5:05) 7:05, 9:05; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

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POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Signs 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Signs (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 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, 8:00, 10:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30

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DEL MAR

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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Road to Perdi-tion** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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Encinitas 8 220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13); Blue Crush (PG-13); XXX (PG-13); Blood Work (R); Spy Kids 2; Signs (PG-13); The Master of Disguise (PG); Goldmember La Paloma

SQUARE 14)

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Mission Marketplace 13

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Oceanside 16

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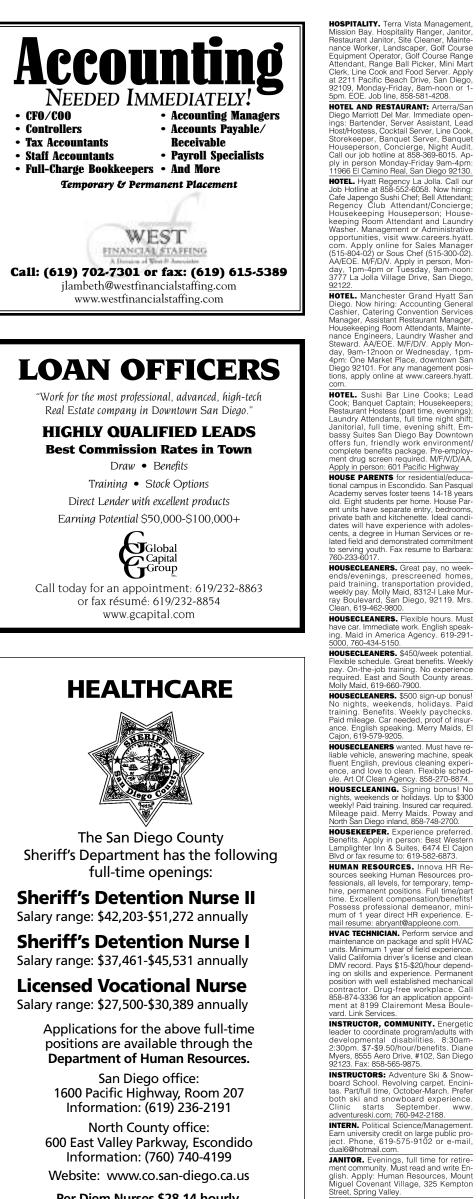
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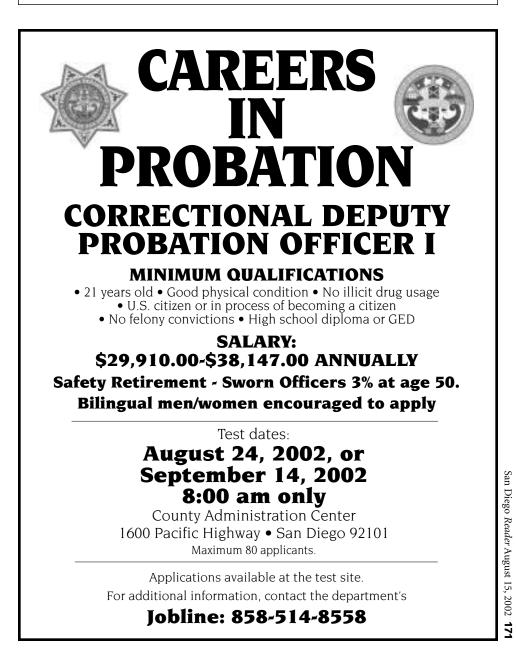
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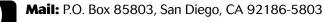
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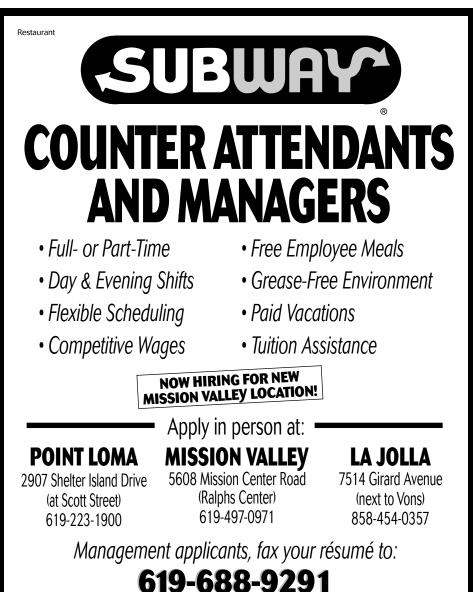
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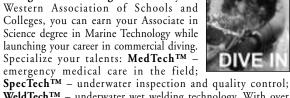
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- 9. Suffix with young
- 13. Idiot
- 15. Foreign dignitary
- 16. avail
- 17. Proverb lover's translation
- of "quando"? 19. Choice on an Edit menu
- 20. Verne mariner
- 21. Intense hatred
- 22. Book lover's translation of "morte"?
- 27. "Grab the ball!"
- 28. Guthrie the younger
- 29. Stressed type: Abbr. 30. Bedrock pet
- 31. "Murder, She Wrote" airer 34. Movie lover's translation of
- "Da time when da leaves toin"?
- 39. Chant syllables
- 40. "I could ____ horse!" 41. Mid 11th-century date
- 42. Cutting tool 43. Annul
- 46. 1-Down lover's translation
- of ``hergestellt"?49. Ouik ingredient
- 50. Of the hipbone: Prefix
- 51. _____'acte52. Within a larger phrase, a
- rebuked lover's translation of "cha"?
- 58. Garfield's foil
- 59. Cemetery sights60. Book that refers to "People
- of the Book" 61. Number after cinco
- 62. It may be drawn
- 63. "Jesus " (shortest verse
- in the Bible)

Down

- 1. See 46-Across
- 2. Swooning sound 3. Bauxite, e.g.
- 4. Whole lot
- 5. Kind of crab
- "____ for the Misbegotten" (O'Neill play) 6.
- 7. "That's the guy!" 8. "You ____ here"
- 9. Artist's workplace 10. Gin's go-with
- 11. Provide

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- 12. Kitchen or den 14. Inning for relief pitchers
- 18. Beverage brand

26. Fish-eating flier27. "So long, dah-link!" 30. Human Genome Project topic 31. Secretary of State Powell 32. Sea 33. Lose control on ice, e.g.

25. In love with oneself

21. How a flame or fan may be

23. Les ____-Unis24. Censorship-fighting org.

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- 35. Mythical sorceress
- 36. Indiana Jones foe 37. Major Calif.-to-Fla. route
- 38. Gym site
- 42. Loves to bits

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22. It's a fact

- 43. Hot dog topper
- 44. March 17 slogan word 45. Art class wear
- 46. Paris newspaper, with "Le" 47. When Juliet is compared to
- the sun
- 48. Willie Mays, for most of his career
- 49. Corp. heads
- 52. Big order of ice cream
- 53. It contains periods 54. Hollywood Indian's word
- 55. Umbrage
- 56. Kindergarten break
- 57. Hill climber, of sorts

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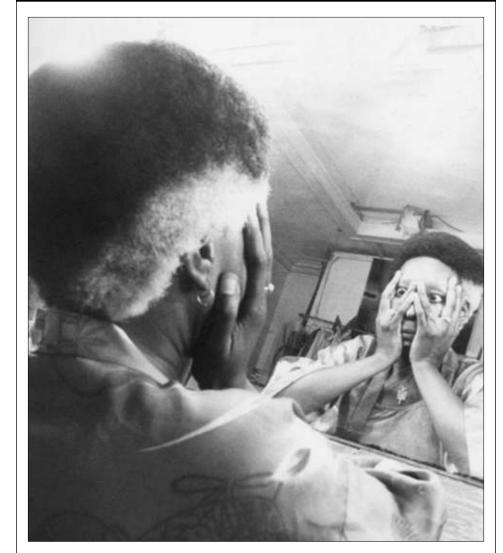
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In 1985, Goldberg (who'd by then abandoned the Johnson name and the Whoopi Cushion name, ac-

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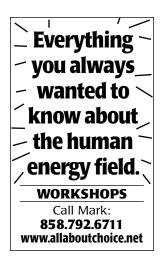
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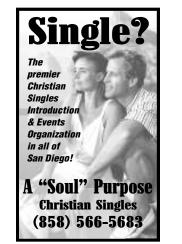
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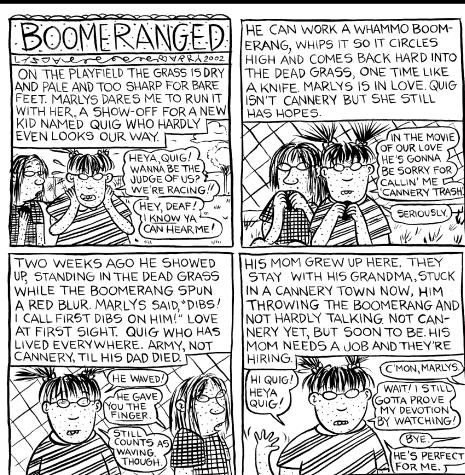
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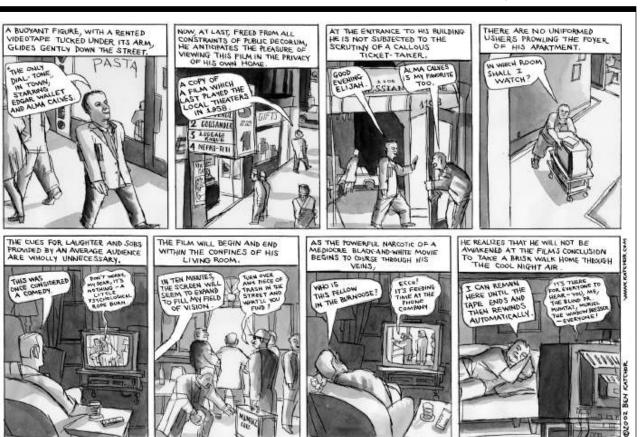
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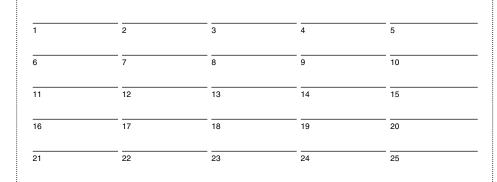
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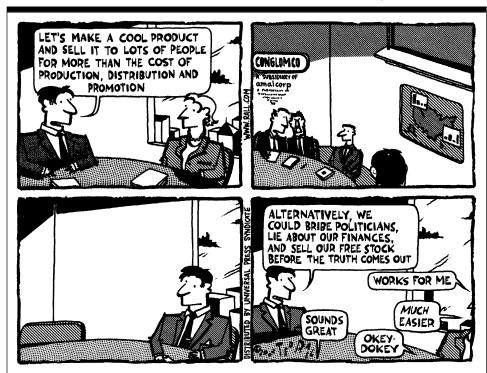
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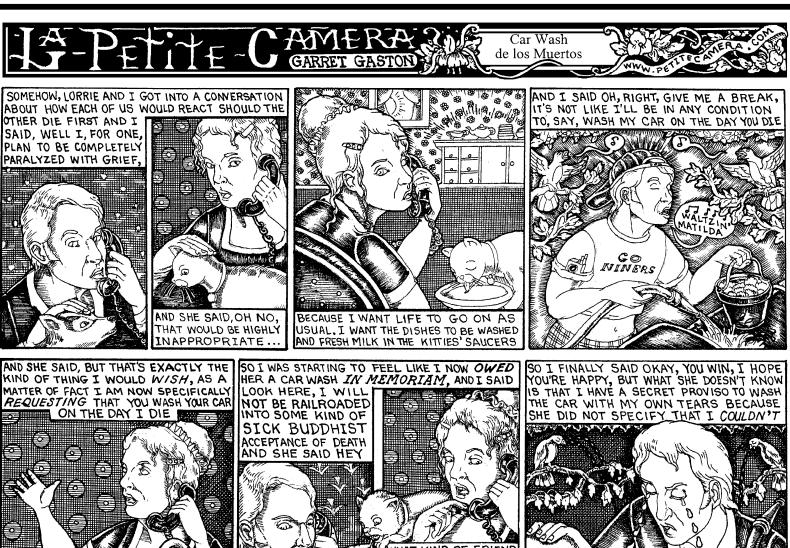
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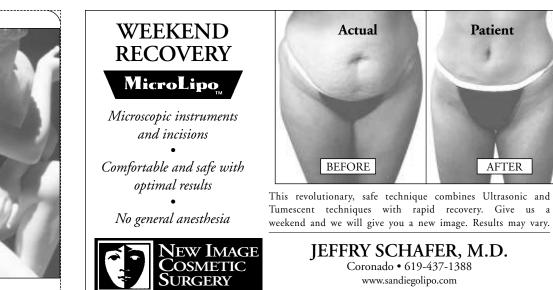
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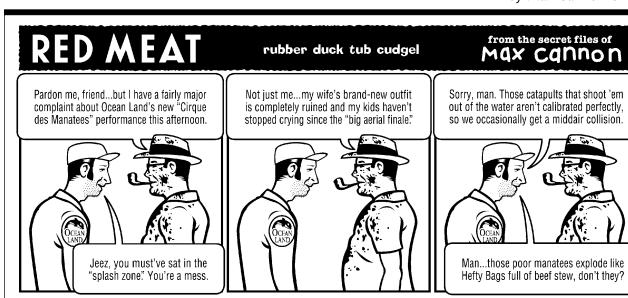
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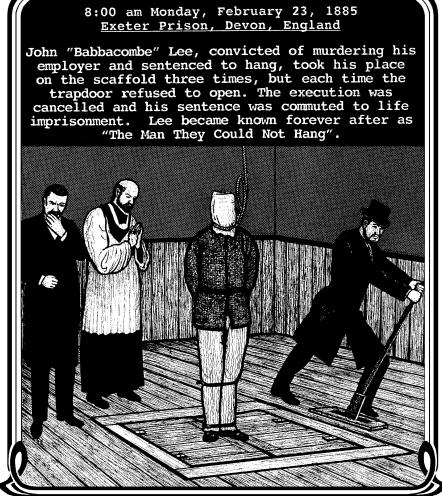
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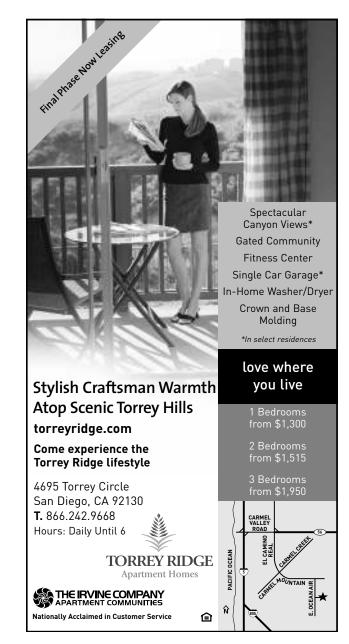
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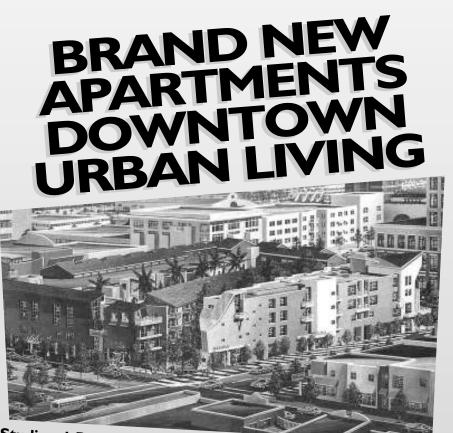
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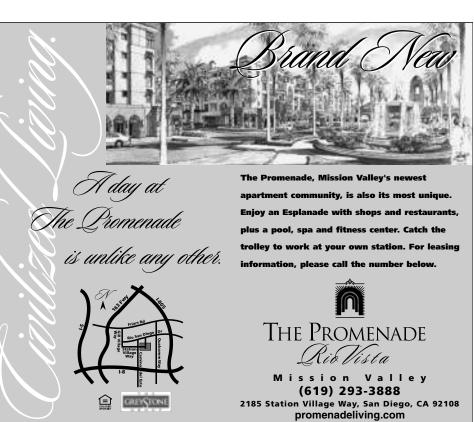


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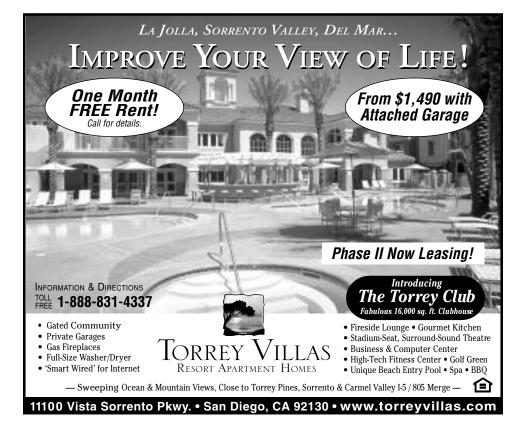
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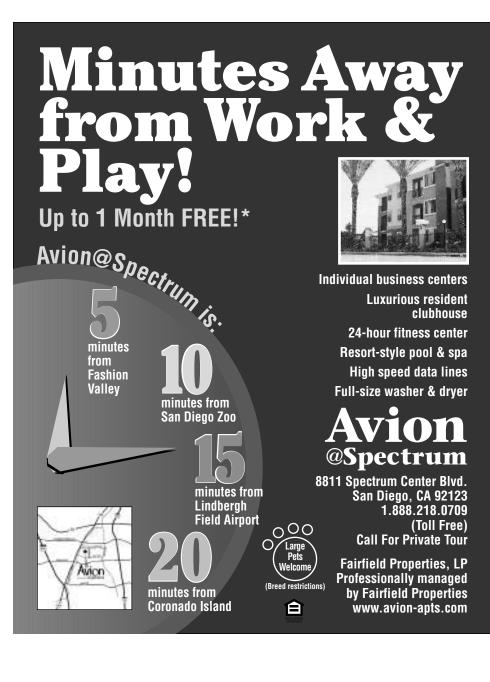
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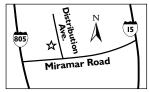
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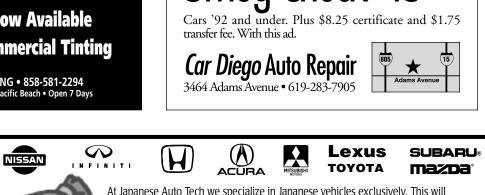
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tiques/collectibles. Also quality furniture, pianos. 1 piece or houseful. Cash paid. Bonded. Licensed. Same day pickup. Since 1965. 1-800-840-4447.

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Unique items and sets. Too much to list. Call for more information. Ari, 619-338-3678.

BEANY BABY. Curly, needs a good home. Brown teddy bear in collector's case with protected name tag. \$20. Mes-sage please, 619-252-2866.

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low Formica, cracked ice style. Dining table, Walter Wabash, walnut(?), match-ing china cabinet. 619-281-1687. PLACE A FREE ONLINE AD by visiting us

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PHOTOGRAPH. aerial view of Southwest Carlsbad including ocean, 36"x48", pre-development, \$95. 760-431-0685. PIPES, 2 hand carved from Meershaum, ancient face figures, made in Turkey, each custom leather case, collector's item, \$40 each or both for \$70. 619-980-

SCHOOL BELL, 1898, mounted on pedestal for ringing, fine condition, loud clear tone carries for a half mile, with history, very rare, \$895/best. 619-444-7354. tory, very rare, \$\$95/best. 619-444-7354.
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closed 48"x48", open 48"x108", \$1000 KITCHEN TABLE, 1950s, chrome and vel**GARAGE SALES**

CARLSBAD. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Satgarage sale. Multifamily, 361 homes. Priced to sell. Paseo del Norte, Harbor

CARMEL MOUNTAIN. Huge garage sale. 7:30-11:30am, Saturday, 8/17. Too many items to mention. 14120 Via Alisal. CHULA VISTA. Garage sale. 6:30am-noon, Friday/Saturday, 8/16-8/17. Furni-ture, clothes, tools, miscellaneous baby, collectibles, vintage items, lumber. 753

odlawn Avenue. 619-691-0628.

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CITY HEIGHTS. Estate sale. 7am, Satur day only, 8/17. Antiques, collectibles, and ull house of furniture. 4061 Manzanita CLAIREMONT. Yard sale. 8am-noon, Sat-urday. Art, computers, home and office electronics, kids and adult clothes, furni-

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ture, toys, sports equipment, above ground pool. 4714 Huron Avenue. ground pool. 4/14 Huron Avenue. **CLAIREMONT.** Moving sale. 8am-1pm 8/17. Mattresses, box springs, CD player, TV, coffee tables, clothes, bedclothes, kitchen items. 3305 Waco St. near Claire-mont Drive. 619-861-6565.

\$8 CLASSIFIEDS!

COLLEGE AREA. Rummage sale. 7:30-12:30pm, Saturday, 8/17. Large salel Fur-niture, clothes, many other miscella-neous. 5082 College Avenue.

COLLEGE GROVE. Moving sale. 8/17-8/18. 2 Victorian bureaus, great side-by-side Maytag refrigerator, etc. 3333 Merid-ian Avenue. See www.members.cox.net/ event. Call 619-818-5522.

DEL CERRO. Garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday, 8/17. Stereo system, fax ma-chine, vacuum, maternity/work clothes (size 4), books, old records, clothes. 6141 Rockhurst

24-hour Internet, phone or fax for private parties. Form on page 166.

DEL CERRO/SAN CARLOS. Garage sale 7am, Saturday, 8/17. Coffee table, com-puter desk, lamps, art, clothing, etc. 6498 Lochmoor Drive. ENCINITAS. Sunday, August 17, 8am-12pm. Household items, furniture, refrig-erator, toys, Beanie Babies, bikes, clothes, etc. 1430 Vanessa Circle. HILLCREST. Multitenant sale. 9am-2pm Saturday, 8/24. 3955 Park Boulevard (back patio).

HILLCREST. Yard sale. 8am-noon, Satur-day, 8/12. Lots of furniture: Couch, bed, trunk, armoire, antiques, stereo, fax ma-chine, printer, surfboards, camping gear. 4129 Ibis Street.

4129 Ibis Street. **KENSINGTON.** Community garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday. 125 households. Sponsored by Afton Miller and Linda Arti-aga. Watch for signs off Adams, between Terrace and east Talmadge. **LA JOLLA.** Estate/garage sale. 8am-2pm, 8/17. Collectibles, clothing, household, miscellaneous. Southpointe Complex, 8268 Caminito Modena.

LLOU GARMINO MODERA. LA MESA/COLLEGE. Garage sale. Bar Jpm, Saturday, 8/17. Sofa, end tables, desk, countertop, nice clothing, more. No early birds! 4483 68th Street, near Alamo Way.

LAKESIDE. Saturday, 11-4pm. Lamps, desk, dresser, nightstand, air conditioner, patio garden tools, dinette, couch swivel



news of the **WeiRD**

Now Everyone Can Be a Victim

Artist Brock Enright of Virginia Beach, Va., originally started staging rough, vivid kidnappings, using volunteers, so that he could show them on video at New York City galleries, but found so many willing, thrill-seeking victims that he now charges \$500 or more for the realistic experience (but they get to keep the videos). Enright now has two dozen "fetish terrorism" (as Time Out magazine wrote) clients and is thinking of expanding to other cities. A 25-year-old sculptor, supposedly typical of Enright's clients, said he signed on because he wanted to test his limits: "I needed to believe that (the kidnapper) was going to kill me."

- The Lane brothers of New York, Mr. Winner Lane, 44, and Mr. Loser Lane, 41 (their actual birth names), were profiled in a July Newsday report, made more interesting by the fact that Loser is successful (a police detective in the South Bronx) and Winner is not (a history of petty crimes). A sister said she believes her parents selected "Winner" because their late father was a big baseball fan and "Loser" just to complete the pairing.

Sounds Like a Joke

- An unidentified young man walked away, apparently unhurt, after leaping from between cars of a 60 mph West Japan Railway "express" train onto the platform as it roared through a "local" station (Kobe, Japan, July). Two teenage boys were hospitalized with gunshot wounds after they and other boys encircled an older man on the street and began firing at him; the man was not hit (Michigan City, Ind., March). Canadianborn Robert Moisescu, sentenced to seven years in prison for robbing a Plattsburgh, N.Y., bank, told the judge in a letter that his time should be reduced to four years because his loot was worth only 62 percent in Canadian dollars (May).

Science Fair

New Products: British engineers James Auger and Jimmy Loizeau announced their "tooth telephone" (radio receiver implanted in the tooth, vibrating the signal to the inner ear) (June). Fort

chairs, console TV, appliances. 9395 Har-ritt Road #85. 858-514-8637; 619-443-

0622. LINDA VISTA. Multifamily garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday only. Gadgets to giz-mos, tools, software, household items, and etc. 6221 Caminito del Deste. MISSION BEACH. Garage sale. 7am, Sat-urday, 8/17. Refrigerator, nightstand, chrome shelving, armoire, love seat, spi-ral staircase, some miscellaneous stuff. 821 Nantasket Court. 858-272-1929. eat, spi-us stuff.

MISSION HILLS. Garage sale. 8am, 8/17. Furniture, clothes, pictures, bedding, Furniture, clothes, pictures, bedding, plants, knickknacks, doll sleigh, much more 3437 State Street (exit Sassafras off

I-5). MISSION HILLS, multifamily. 8am-2pm, Saturday. Electronics, toys, furniture Saturday. Electronics, toys, furniture, sports equipment, bikes, costumes, cos-mic couch from Silk Stalkings props. 1970 Linwood Street cross Henry.

MT. HELIX. Garage sale. 8am-2pm, Sat-urday/Sunday, 8/17-8/18. Baby/toddler everything, freezer, yard tools, home decor, furniture, more. No early birds. 0575 Strefibel age.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Garage sale. 8am-1pm. Saturday only. 8/17. Miscellaneous. 1pm, Saturday only, 8/17. Miscellaneous, furniture, household, decorative. 2883 Copley Avenue (between Kansas and

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Saturday, 8am no early birds please. Artwork, womens vinearly birds please. Artwork, womens vin-tage clothing, accessories, appliances, furniture, more. 4478 Swift Avenue.

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Worth (Texas) inventor Don Mims and marketer Ron Toms introduced a wooden "Gatling"type gun that rapid-fires up to 144 rubber bands by turning a crank (though the rubber bands have to be hand-loaded) (March). South African researchers working in New Zealand said they are developing cockroach-shaped robots to do housework and yardwork (February).

 Seattle computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky told the San Jose Mercury News in April that he has developed software that will stop his cat, Squirrel, from bringing animal prey into the house when he's not at home. Squirrel can enter though a special door via a magnet on her collar and had been hiding dead mice and birds in the furniture. Consequently, Tsikanovsky developed imaging software, with a camera by the door, that permits Squirrel to enter only if her pixeled profile shows nothing in her mouth.

Leading Economic Indicators

- For a state visit to the drought-stricken southern African country of Malawi in July, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi arrived with an entourage in two Boeing 707s, two transport aircraft and his own personal jet; two security buses loaded with machine guns, assault rifles and rocket launchers; his own mobile hospital; 600 support personnel; and 70 armored vehicles for the drive across the country (with one of the vehicles stocked with \$6 million American, much of which he tossed freely to villagers who had lined his route).

- In May, the British real estate agents Acorns in Lewisham announced the offering of a small, split-level apartment in south London for about \$200,000, even though it was recently converted from an Edwardian-style public restroom and measures about 13 feet by 13 feet. Said an agent, "It is very convenient [and] has its own front door [and] you have no one above or below you, which is unusual for a flat."

Recurring Themes

- News of the Weird reported on black in-vitro fertilization babies born to white couples in the

U.S. (1998) and the Netherlands (1993). In July 2002, a white couple at a British National Health Service fertility clinic gave birth to black twins and are now fighting the clinic's effort to award the babies instead to the father whose sperm created them. Said a NHS official, "Great steps have been taken to ensure that this sort of [mix-up] never happens."

- Among the latest crackpot legal theories: Randall Lynn Harper, 48, was sentenced to a year in jail for resisting a police officer; he had refused to accept a traffic summons because his driver's license is typed in all-uppercase letters, which he said is legally reserved only for corporations and is therefore not binding on humans (Salinas, Calif., June). David Johnston, 54, on trial for swindling investors, subsequently formed a company with the same name as the lead plaintiff suing him, then petitioned under that company's name to dismiss the case against David Johnston, and now thus believes he has been cleared (Clearwater, Fla., July).

- Two months ago, News of the Weird reported that Cuba's Fidel Castro once had the idea of breeding miniature cows that could be kept indoors and which would supply their owners with enough milk for the family. About a month after that dispatch from Havana appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Associated Press reported on Rockwell, Iowa, farmer Dustin Pillard, who is offering his 50 miniature cows (height: 3 feet) for sale, but primarily as pets. Said Pillard, "We're breeding just for the novelty."

Least Competent Criminals

- Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Norman Micallef, 35, created a scene (and police attention) when his van collided with a moose near Sudbury, Ontario, in June; unfortunately for him, an officer who stopped to help noticed a certain scent (\$325,000 worth of marijuana plants in the van). And on May 18 in Torrance, Calif., as members of rival gangs began to congregate over a shooting incident, two F-15 fighter jets flew by, low to the ground, causing the gang members to freeze in apprehension; a couple of minutes later, as

the F-15s made a return low pass, the gang members quickly dispersed in panic, apparently unaware that the jets were part of the nearby Armed Forces Day parade.

Burial Blues

- Arcadia, Fla., officials, citing zoning rules, voted to make Beverly Georges dig up her late husband, Rick, from the back yard, where he had chosen to be buried so as to be united with his beloved pit bull, Bocephus (July). And Linda Montgomery of Staffordsville, Ky., complained to government officials when a dog was buried in the Highland Memorial Park cemetery, six feet from her parents' graves; asked Montgomery, "Do you think they'd [sell any plots there] if they'd said, 'Oh, by the way, there's a chance you'll be buried next to a cow?'" (June). And the family of Jim Crovetti honored his wishes and buried him at the Loving Rest Pet Cemetery, beside his Rottweiler, Lady (Indianola, Iowa, July).

Also, in the Last Month ...

- In the middle of a crowd booing Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, a man was arrested, apparently only because he was holding a slice of pie (since a protester had once hit Chretien with a pie) (Vancouver). Tough-love mother Karen Paape distributed mug-shot posters of her two teenage sons, asking that anyone who sees them smoking should call the police (West Bend, Wis.). A man convicted of sexually assaulting and killing his 16-year-old nephew was sentenced to be thrown off a cliff in a sack, with the provision that if he survives, he will be hanged (Mashhad, Iran). A 20-year-old man was fatally shot wrestling for a gun with a 21-year-old man with whom he had been debating which of the two was more likely to wind up in heaven (Godley, Texas).

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must see to appreciate, \$100. 619-230-

0886. ART. Yato, Star of India print, 17-1/4"x23" nlus frame, signed, wood frame, green

faucets, good condition, all for \$110. Weekdays, 858-755-6793 or 858-350-

BATHROOM SURPLUS remodeling in A+ condition. Two vanities, \$40. Oval sinks,

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\$35. Large mirrored medicine cabinets,
\$40. Roman tub, \$50. All white. 619-287-

0406. BATHROOM VANITY, 67"L, painted white with cultured marble top, sink, and faucet,

with cultured marble top, sink, and faucet, \$150. Medicine cabinet with louver door, \$15. 858-451-6944.

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BED AND COUCH. Extra firm Simmons California king, Excellent condition, \$280/ best. Couch, black leather, very good condition, \$270/best. 858-581-6197.

plus frame, signed, wood mat, \$100. 619-328-9173. BATHROOM CABINET counter, sink and

NORTH PARK. Estate sale. Saturday and Sunday, 8/17-8/18. Furniture, collectibles, clothing, linens, jewelry, kitchenware.

3520 32nd Street. **NORTH PARK.** Multiple family garage sale, 8/17. 8am-3pm. Free dryer. Washer/ best offer. Office desk, \$250. Entertain-ment center, \$40. Love seat, \$30. Lawn table, \$25. Large dog house, \$20. Pa-pasan, \$15. So much morel 2527 Wight-man Street between Arizona and Arnold in North Park.

OCEAN BEACH. 2-block yard sale. 8am, Saturday, 8/17. 4600 block of Del Monte Avenue. Questions? 619-224-4248.

Avenue: Guesionis; ois-ze-ve-re-v. OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 9am-2pm, Saturday, 8/17. 5026 Cape May Avenue (between Abbott and Bacon). OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 8/17. Great sale! Bikes, stereo and exercise equipment, plants, TV, bar refrigerator, etc. 2807 Bacon Street.

PACIFIC BEACH. Garage sale. 8:30am-3pm, 8/17. Kachina doll, antique twin PACIFIC SECTION 2017 A state of the section of the

PACIFIC BEACH. Multifamily sale. 8am-noon, Sunday, 8/18. Toys, furniture, sports equipment, refrigerator, clothing, lots more. 395 Van Nuys Street.
 PACIFIC BEACH. Yard sale. Saturday/ Sunday, 8/17-8/18. Holiday, tools, elec-tronics, artwork, toys, bikes, clothes, books (collectible). Great bargains! 2135

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Missouri (between Noyes and Olney). PACIFIC BEACH. Moving sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday August, 17th. Furniture, nice clothes, kitchen items, jewelry, electron-ics, and more. 1949 Thomas.

PARADISE HILLS. Multifamily garage sale. 9am-3pm, Saturday, 8/24. 50 years worth of good stuff! 2415 Morningside Street (1 block west of Reo Drive, off I-oc)

POINT LOMA. Yard sale. Sunday, 8/18. Featuring electronics, music, women/ men's clothing, collectibles, etc. Corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and 4527 Montalvo Street. 619-247-0560.

POWAY. Garage sale. 7am-2pm, Satur-day, 8/17. Clothes, appliances, col-lectibles, toys, books, and more. Come early. Take Carriage Road to 12935 Slack Street.

Street. SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 7am-1pm, 9/2 (Labor Day). Sofa sleeper, TV, tables, lamps, clothes, antiques, lawn chairs, plants, artwork, etc. 3210 Polk Avenue (92104)

SAN DIEGO. Giant rummage sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 8/17; 8am-noon, Sunday, 8/18. Bargains galorel Clothing, kitchen-ware, furniture. Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street, 619-239-0896.

SAN DIEGO. Alley sale. 8am-1pm, Satur-day/Sunday, 8/17-8/18. Oak 9-drawer

washer/dryer. 3929 Arizona Street (in al-ley). 619-294-3638. Isy Statut 2013 (2013)
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SAN DIEGO. Moving sale. 8am-2pm, Sat-urday, 8/17. African and Southwestern art, rugs, country kitchen items, artifacts, and furniture. 6045 Caminito del Oeste. SERRA MESA. Gigantic multifamily. 7am-3pm, 8/16-8/17. Something for everyone. 3426 Stellar Drive (off of Ruffin South). SOLANA BEACH. Moving sale. 7:30-1:30, Saturday, 8/17. Furniture, computer, rugs, lamps, miscellaneous, clothes. 250 South Sierra Avenue #6. 858-345-1050. Justical Avenue #0. 858-345-1050. UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Moving sale. 7am-1pm, Saturday, 8/17. Furniture, clothes, desks, bookcase, CDs, movies, kitchen, golf, computer games, more. No early birds. 4523-1/2 Georgia Street. 619-293-3905.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Used booksale. 8am-3pm, 8/17. By Friends of the San Diego Public Library. 4193 Park Boule-vard (University Heights Branch lower love)

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West Washington. 619-294-4448. ANSWERING MACHINE, Sony TAM-2000 answering machine, perfect condition with manual, slim white, set your phone on top; was over \$100 new. \$25. Donna, 619-424-6133. ARMOIRE, beautiful French Victorian style, dark mahogany wood, intricate de-tail on crown molding and doors, custom converted from wardrobe to office inte-rior, \$1500. 619-857-4334.

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ARMOIRE, Custom made computer ar-moire, solid wood cherry finish, 2 drawer, 4 shelf total. 7-months-old. \$3000. 858-243-4804. ART. Large oil painting of enormous flow-ers, 4'Hx5'L, green/aqua tones, beautiful,

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No wonder my juvenile delinquent self-image never got any traction on this cinematic treacle.

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

It is something I've longed to do for many moons and one of my top-five ideas for a fun Friday night. That it overflowed into an entire weekend is typical of my historic pattern of indulgence. This time, however, as I write these words on a Sunday night, the difference is that I neither look nor feel like Keith Richards at the end of it. I rented a bunch of movies from Kensington Video (the only serious video-rental archive in San Diego), but not just any movies, movies that meant something to me at one stage of my life or another. I wanted to see if something could be recaptured or re-created, I suppose. To learn whether these films stood up as art, or even good escapism, or what exactly their effect, if any, would be on me nowadays.

Thank you, Mrs. L. Bedford of Coronado, for e-mailing me the suggestion. I have learned something, I think; not the least of which is that during more than one stage of my life I must have been an idiot.

The first movie was Beau Geste (1939). I know I had seen the blackand-white film as a kid, but it wasn't really the movie I remembered; it was the book by Percival Christopher Wren. September of 1964... I think I can place it.

I was starting high school at a Catholic school in Westchester, Illinois, famous for its mostly black basketball team as featured in the movie Hoop Dreams. The Christian brothers ran the thing and dunned it into all of our heads from the first day that we were all useless masturbating scum. I was convinced I had joined the French Foreign Legion like Beau and Digby Geste, and it was a good thing I had this Ace paperback survival manual. The indignities suffered by the Gestes became mirrors of my own humiliation at the hands of disciplinarian Brother Justin, religion teacher Brother Stanislaw, and a lay gym teacher, the sadistic Mr. Eiserman. Looking at the book now, I see, for example, that the thing is riddled with a casual anti-Semitism I hadn't noticed at the time. The only Jewish person I knew (that I was aware of) was a kid named David Mandel. He gave me some excellent swimming pointers and introduced me to the superior kosher hot dog and certain comic books like Sergeant Rock and His Fury Commandos, I believe, But the movie was pretty absurd. Gary Cooper as Beau Geste and Ray Milland as the brother were a couple of boy scouts. No wonder my juvenile delinquent self-image never got any traction on this cinematic treacle: the only character I liked was the craven and bloodthirsty Sergeant Markoff, the only sane person in a hostile environment full of murderous Tauregs (whoever they were) under a killing sun.

The next movie helped me get the taste of Beau Geste out of my mouth. It was The Last Remake of Beau Geste, a Marty Feldman project influenced heavily by Mel Brooks and a box-office bomb in the late 1970s.

The opening theme music as the credits roll set the tone for what follows. To a marching beat:

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In this one, Michael York is Beau (real name Obadiah Spittle), and his twin brother is Feldman. The high point, I would say, is the section of the original film, with Feldman pasted into it in black and white where Ray Milland should be. Feldman and Gary Cooper share a joint of Moroccan gold.

The next selection was the 1958 movie The Viking, with Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis, and Janet Leigh. The Viking was a turgid movie with this going for it: Douglas gets his eye put out by Curtis and for most of the movie looks frightening with one cataract eyeball. Douglas has a really cool helmet with a falcon on it, and the part is not so much that of a hero as a real bastard. I doubt you'd get Harrison Ford to do it.



Entertainment for former Rolling Stones

You see the pattern emerging here? Idiot romanticism, adolescent power fantasy, and infantile prepubescent humor, pure and simple.

Though I'd heard about this next one for years, Kensington Video gave me my first opportunity to view Island of Lost Souls, based on H.G. Wells's Island of Doctor Moreau, with Charles Laughton and Richard Arlen, script by Philip Wylie. This movie was made twice after this 1932 version, but the later films didn't catch the creepiness of Laughton's Moreau, and black and white is helpful to the imagination in the depiction of the beast men. Again, I had read the book at exactly the right time, during puberty. And while the idea of vivisection didn't scare me, the sudden growth of hair on body parts and uncontrollable, primal instincts hijacking my behavior kept me riveted to the page.

The last movie I had seen not even 20 years ago. It was The Deceivers, based on the John Masters novel, starring Pierce Brosnan in a role that blows doors on James Bond. Made sometime in the '80s, it was considered an art flick, I guess. It is really a first-rate adventure story, tinged with Eastern mysticism and ending on a note of Christian cynicism, as Brosnan, Colonel Savage, throws his rosary crucifix away into the Indian wilderness, having become a murderer and a witless slave of Kali. This movie can follow me into adulthood. This story, directed by Nicholas Meyer, could well be one of Graham Greene's entertainments. I hate to think that it is that note of despair that I relate to as a 51-yearold man. I prefer to think that it is just a well-told cautionary tale about damnation being the crocodile on the banks of the river of morality and good intentions.

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Like wilting flowers in an un-watered garden, my mood had been languishing for the past several weeks. It wasn't anything I could point to, just my own version of June gloom, hanging on through July. I was in desperate need of a pick-me-up. As I cleaned my house for what seemed like the third time that day, I came across our copy of Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat. The book tripped a memory: when Dr. Seuss, aka Theodor Geisel, and his second wife, hosted dinner parties, all the guests wore different hats to present to the good Doctor. The more interesting or outrageous the hats, the better. "What I wouldn't have done to be a fly on the wall at one of those parties," I thought, and then it struck me. A hat. Just what the Doctor ordered. A big-brimmed hat; the bigger the better. It would shade my face from the punishing rays of the SoCal sun and brighten my mood at the same time. In a snap, I was out the door; the house would have to wait.

Once in Mission Valley, I popped into Nordstrom Rack, hoping some cute lids had floated down from the mother store. I found only two hats with large brims. The first was a tan hat with an open weave of connecting flowers; the brim drooped down about four and a half inches (\$10.97). No maker was

named on the inside of the hat; all I saw was a tag that read "100 percent paper." The brim hung around my face like a wet paper bag. The second hat was a raffia cowboy-style chapeau (\$19.99). Not to my taste.

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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 200 1.0 I hurried out of the 14 0 2 store and over to Marshall's before my mood had a chance to plummet any further. The place looked like a typhoon of shoppers had hit it; I found only about seven hats, piled helter-skelter next to the scarves and umbrellas. None of them had any pizzazz, except for a hot pink/light pink woven straw hat by Francesco Bing (\$19.99). The brim

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"Take your straw hat into the bathroom with you every couple

of months."

stretched out about four inches, and dipped down for the last inch. I pondered, and at last decided that it was not big enough. (Besides, I don't look so pretty in pink.) I wanted the mall crowds to part like the Red Sea before my brim.

A stop at Hats-n-Things at Horton Plaza yielded several disappointingly bland tan straw hats with brims topping out at four and a half inches (\$24.95-\$44.95). Fashion Valley's Robinsons-May got my hopes up with a 25 percent markdown on all of their hats, leaving the price range at \$13-\$68. A hat with a hand-painted leopard-print brim and black crown by Liz Claiborne (\$25.99) caught my eve — how jaunty! but the brim refused to budge past four and a half inches.

Fatigue was setting in, amplifying my low mood. I alighted home for lunch and rang up The Village Hat Shop in Hillcrest. Patrick had found his straw hat there, and seemed to remember some big-brimmed numbers for ladies. Clerk Joseph suggested I check out their web2

site for specific brim sizes. He told me that the hats might be made from "raffia, twisted sea grass, Toyo (paper), and Panama. Some are bleached; some are not. The lower-quality hats might be twisted sea grass; the higher quality, raffia or Panama. Some have an 1217 open weave; others are tighter. Cer-12 tain Panamas have a tighter weave." Weaves are given a grade, depending on the tightness of the weave and how

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Another clerk, Jill, offered some hat-care tips for my as-yet-unfound beauty. "Keep your hat in a bag or a box when not wearing it, to avoid dust. If it does get dusty, wipe it off with a damp cloth. It's best to put it on by using the

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brim and not the crown. The oils in your fingers transfer to the hat, and after a while the place where you're touching the crown will become like a pinch. Also, take your straw hat into the bathroom with you every couple of months and let the steam soak in. That helps keep it looking good and keeps it from getting brittle and cracking."

After hanging up, I perused the website, www.villagehatshop.com. Although they carried a huge selection of straw hats, with prices mostly hovering between \$20 and \$40, I found only two real possibilities for my nog-

gin. One was the Cappelli Vent Crown Swinger (\$14.95) — white Toyo with a five-inch brim (one size only). The other was the Cappelli Swinger with Flowers (\$32) - tan straw with a cluster of faux flowers at the base of the crown and a five-and-ahalf-inch brim (one size only).

The brims were wide. but not wide. I called my friend Bernice, who sometimes knows just the place to indulge these odd little whims.

She had a notion. "I saw a large selection of hats at Mrs. Burton's Tea Room in Old Town's Heritage Park. There were some big-brimmers there, and at good prices." I bounded out the door and into my car. As I slipped through the front door of the Tea Room, I met owner Judy Peterson. She displayed her wares, which ran the gamut from simple straw hats to dressy lace and velvet bouffant hats. "I have hats made of all different materials. Some are straw, some are shimmery [a fine straw interwoven with polyester for a shiny look], some are nylon and some are paper." She pointed me toward some fourand-a-half- to five-inch paper hats (\$19). "These hats are beautifully done, and crushable. You can put them in your purse or pack them in a bag. When you take them out, the brims spring back.'

Would straw hats last longer than paper? "That's questionable, but most women only wear the hat for a season, anyway." But while her hats still have some of that fashion-accessory character, Judy noted that "women are coming in and buying more large-brimmed hats for their own facial protection. They've abused their faces, burned them up. What amazes me is that they come in already wearing hats. They're making hats part of their everyday wardrobe." She also noted that women were buying hats to use as decorations in memory rooms and tearooms. "They'll put them in a room with their mother's bridal dress, a child's christening dress." Prices ranged from \$19.99 to \$75. "I don't want to gouge anyone. You can go to Nordstrom's and find some of the same hats I have with prices going up to \$300."

I poked around a bit, and then I saw it. My sour mood and I were instantly transported to a better place. A sharp black straw hat with a four-and-a-half-inch crown, tight black grosgrain ribbon and flat bow, and a whopping six-inch brim (\$42). The hat was made from 75 percent paper and 25 percent nylon. Judy said it was her biggest brim, and a popular seller. It also came in red and offwhite. I placed it on my head - straight up, with brim bent forward. Judy showed me the best way to wear it - tipped slightly

> to one side, with the side of the brim bent upward. Snazzy.

I sauntered about the shop, hat on head, and noticed a collection of vintage hats. One, outfitted with fat straw slats and covered with little sewn-on blackberries, jumped out at me.

Judy informed me that the hats weren't for sale, but that they did get worn. "Customers who come in for tea may choose a hat to wear. Teas range from a simple pot of tea, with a cookies and fruit plate, to a high tea, complete with scones, clotted cream and lemon curd, dessert tray, and tea sandwiches tray." (Reservations required, two-person minimum.) "Everybody gets to come in and play dress-up; they get to pick a hat and get their picture taken. It's an experience."

An experience, indeed; one I would take over Prozac any day. Mrs. Burton's Tea Room is located at 2465 Heritage Park Row in Old Town. Phone: 619-294-4600.

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Ben didn't like the boat. The last week in July, my husband Jack and I took our five children on vacation. We went to Mammoth Lakes in California's Eastern High Sierra. We stayed in a condo. We visited with my sister Anita and my brother Jason and my sister-inlaw Joan, who all live in the Mammoth area. Jack and Rebecca, nine, and Angela, seven, rode horses around Convict Lake just south of Mammoth. I staved at the condo and took Lucy, Johnny, and Ben, aged five, four, and almost two, to the pool. Jack and I had our obligatory vacation fight. "We're spending too much money," Jack said.

"You didn't worry about how much money we spent last summer when we visited YOUR family," I answered.

"You always turn innocent remarks into some kind of family feud," Jack said in exasperation. Our third day in Mammoth, after Jack and I talked and I cried and we made up, we drove up to the Mammoth Mountain ski area. After buying tickets for the whole family (\$48) and a bottle of water (\$2.50), we rode the gondola to the top of Mammoth Mountain. We walked along the mountain's crest to a spot where we could see down into the Mammoth Lakes Basin, 2000 feet below. "Those are the lakes we're going to visit this afternoon," I shouted to the kids over the 50 mph wind gusts.

"Can we go on a boat?" Rebecca shouted back.

"Sure," I answered.

Jack took the kids partway down a ski slope so they could play in a dirty patch of leftover snow. When they walked back to the crest, Jack looked like a mountaineer on the final ascent of Everest. "Are you going to be okay?" I asked.

"I'm just a little short of breath," he assured me. He carried Ben, who had fallen asleep on his shoulder, back to the gondola station. We rode down to the base. "This is really beautiful," Jack said to me. "I'm glad we came."

After a trip back to the condo for lunch, we headed up the winding mountain road to the upper lakes. As we drove around Lake Marv. I pointed out spots of interest to Jack and the kids. 'That's Crystal Crag," I said indicating a large rock formation that rose above the lake. "And this is the spillway into Lake Mamie. Uncle Jason and

I used to wade in the fast water." I spent my junior high and high school years in Mammoth. When we first moved to Mammoth in 1974, my parents managed Tamarack Lodge on Twin Lakes, another of the upper lakes.

"Is this where we're going to go out on a boat?" Angela asked.

"Yup," I answered as I steered the car into the Pokonobe Lodge parking lot.

"I'll go rent the boat," Jack said. "You get the kids ready."

While Jack disappeared into the store, I reapplied sunscreen to all the kids and gathered up our sweatshirts and sweaters. "It looks pretty windy out on the lake," I told the kids. "You'll want these."

Jack came back with a smile on his face. "I got a pontoon boat," he said. "It's the only boat big enough to hold us all. It'll be great."

The kids cheered when they walked out on the dock and saw our boat. A platform measuring approximately ten feet by twenty feet was set on a pair of giant metal pontoons. A low wall of green canvas enclosed the platform and the seats that were set about for people to fish and sightsee. A green canvas canopy covered the platform.

Jack and I helped the kids put on their life preservers while the man working the dock started our boat. When we had all climbed aboard, the man sat at the steering wheel and showed Jack how to drive the boat. "Here's the throttle," he said. "Up for forward. Down for reverse. It's pretty easy. If you want to stop and fish, don't

turn the motor off. Leave it in idle. It might be hard to restart.'

As we pulled away from the dock, Ben started to wail. I tried to pick him up in his life jacket. He squirmed away from me and threw himself down on the platform. For the next half hour, we motored around the lake. The kids practiced casting with the fishing poles Jason and Joan had gotten for them. Jack exclaimed over the beautiful scenery. I basked in the sun and tried to keep Ben from climbing the green canvas and throwing himself into the water.

As we idled in the middle of the lake, Ben toddled over to the driver's seat. "Mommy,' Lucy called out. "Ben's trying to turn off the motor."

A moment later, the motor went dead. Lucy started to cry. Ben started to cry. Jack tried to restart the engine. He couldn't.

"Are we going to drown?" Angela asked near tears.

The wind caught the canopy like a spinnaker and blew us toward shore. As we neared the rocks, Jack leaped into the water and pushed the boat toward deeper water. Think Humphrey Bogart in The African Queen.

A few minutes later, the man from the dock buzzed out to us in a motor boat and towed us back. The moment Ben's feet hit the dock, he stopped crying. Rebecca slunk back to the car in embarrassment. "Someday this will seem funny," I assured her.

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