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Show Me Your Tongue

It's karaoke night at Hennessey's Tavern in Pacific Beach, and Erin Grimmer is feeding ice cubes to her pet plant. The plant is named Phyl, short for prophylactic, since they found him next to the condoms in Kmart. Phyl has wide black packing tape adhered around the circumference of his plastic pot because, Erin explains, Phyl is gothic. At the other end of the table, Marie Marandola argues with Nina Cibil over who gets to dress up as which *Rocky Horror Picture Show* character for the "dyke march" in Hillcrest.

All three girls have their tongues pierced, though their quiet, aqua-haired companion does not. All three cite the same simple reason for their piercing: it was something fun to do. In the midst of speculating about whether to seat herself on the lap of a stranger at the next table and tell him she likes White Russians, Erin pauses to elaborate on her tongue-piercing decision. "It was kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing," she says.

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Hope For Knees

In regard to your August 15 article "Bad Knees," I found it was very enlightening. I'm 18 and when I was 15, I had my lateral meniscus repaired. Unfortunately, both of my knees are now torn. Thanks for an amazing article on how the knee functions and what causes injuries that end up limiting people's lives, especially those of my age who have their whole lives ahead of them. It also gave me hope that one day I may have a chance at knee recovery.

Nikki Ramsey

Cat Fight!

I have recently read the *Reader* with the knee on the cover. This is regarding the article on Court TV ("Legally Blonde," "City Lights," August 15). You stated that the woman from Court TV got a date immediately when she arrived in San Diego. Then you stated that most women in San Diego cannot get a date. Only a man would write such a statement. Have you looked at the men in San Diego lately? Also, perhaps she is not so selective and just wanted to date anyone! Apparently she doesn't have any taste, anyone who likes California pizza.

Name Withheld

Riper, Juicier, More Robust

August Kleinzahler demonstrates fine research but no wisdom in his "Chalky Models" (Pop Music, August 15). The history of the Ruckers harpsichord is fascinating and important to the evolution of the instrument, but why should the reader care what he likes, without signs of either thoughtful experience or experienced thought behind his recommendations? In fact, his description of the sound as "riper, juicier, more robust than other models" imparts all of the useful information of a marketing advertisement for a trendy wine, and his observation that he finds the sound "indescribably delicious and far superior to Italian, French, or German models" is clearly based on little experience and even less understanding. His words do no service to the reader: please don't crow in a similar manner about the clavichord, an instrument of greater refinement and subtly than Mr. Kleinzahler.

Kemer Thomson

Salacious

We want you to know how very much we resent the *Reader* article that refers to our restaurants as "sleazy."

The hacks who were credited with writing the front-page article "Friday Night at Dad's" (August 1) — John Brizzolara, Sue Greenberg, Ken Leighton, and Jill Underwood — busily shoveled out stable stalls in order to spice up this article.

The salacious aroma of the work permeated paragraph after lustful paragraph.

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We believe your article was ugly in content and malicious in intent. Why did you elect to print it before the jury in the Danielle van Dam murder trial (*California vs. Westerfield*) had even received the case? We think the jury hearing testimony is more privy to the truth than the journalistic amateurs who wrote the *Reader* article.

Your *yellow journalism* article described Dad's Café and Steakhouse in Poway as "the kind of bar where you'd have a drink during the day. Hardly an opium den. Not necessarily a staging area for pornographic activities. But sure, why not?" the article asked. "It is no sleazier than a Black Angus and way less so than a Bully's or the Butcher Shop." (That means Dad's is *less* sleazy.)

That's ugly. Painting so many other establishments with the sleaze brush. It's gutter-rank journalism. Charging guilt by inference.

The article paints all the

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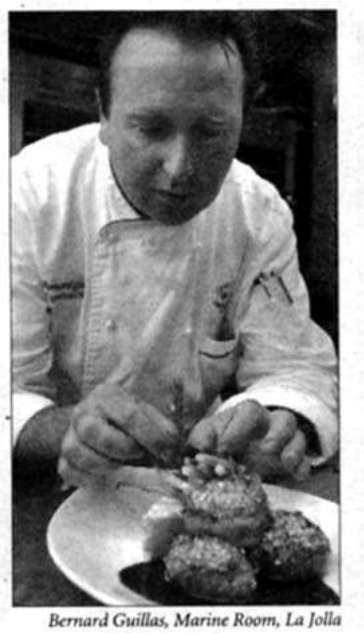

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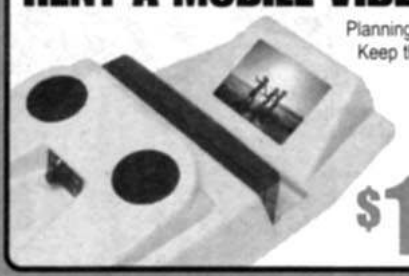

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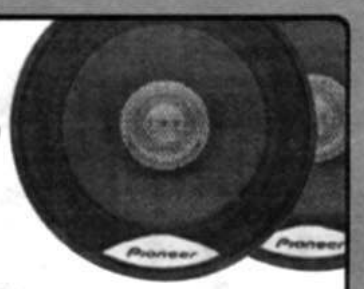

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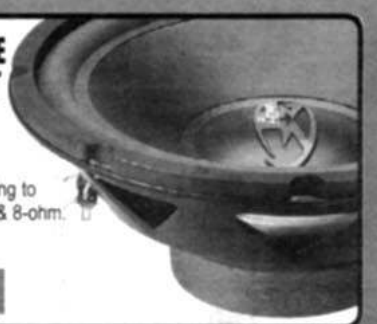

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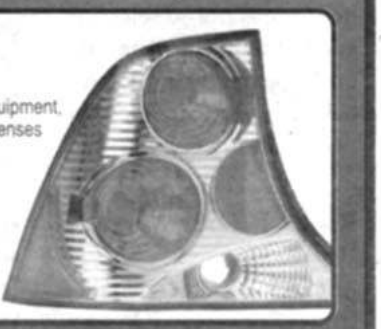



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Upstart Daily Rankles Tijuana

By Ernie Grimm

In mid-July, Tijuana's newest newspaper, *Frontera*, a daily with a circulation of 18,000, was involved in an incident that in many ways symbolizes the three-year-old paper's standing in Tijuana. "We had some problems with distributors in *la linea*, the border line, both in San Ysidro and Otay," explains *Frontera* publisher and chief executive officer José Santiago Healy. "For a long time we have wanted to sell our newspapers in this area with our own distributors like we do in other parts of the city. So we got permission from the authorities, finally. Three years ago we tried to get it, but they said we couldn't. I don't know why. But we recently got the permission, and we started to sell in *la linea*. But these union people, they said, 'Hey, you can't do this because this is our territory.' We said, 'We've got permission.' So we were selling probably for about ten days, and one day they pushed our people and told them to get out of there and threatened to punch them. Fortunately there wasn't any fighting. Our distributors said, 'We don't want any problems,' and they left. The next day we went back, the authorities with us, and we explained that we had been given permission to sell there, and now we're selling there again. We hope they understand that it's not strictly their territory, and we are there legally."



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Printing presses at Frontera *in Tijuana*

The incident caught the attention of Mayor Jesús González, who warned the distribution union not to provoke him and reminded them that the municipal government alone determines who can sell what and where. Healy characterizes the episode as a vestige of the "old way of doing things" left over in a rapidly changing Tijuana. "They feel like it was their territory because they're a union that was supported by the PRI and the Mafia for years."



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Lobby at Frontera

According to Healy, combating such old ways has been a mission of the paper since the start. But he begins this story 65 years and several hundred miles away, in Hermosillo, capital city of the Mexican state of Sonora, south of Arizona. "We belong to a newspaper group called the Northwest Publishing Group. The company started 65 years ago in Hermosillo with the newspaper *El Imparcial*. It was founded in 1937, and my grandfather bought the newspaper in 1942. In 1990, after almost 58 years of working in the newspaper field, we had the opportunity to start a newspaper in Mexicali. So we started *La Crónica*. And then, after some years, we saw that Tijuana was growing a lot, and our circulation for *La Crónica* was growing here, so we came to Tijuana to see what was happening and to try to have more penetration with *La Crónica*. We did some focus groups and some marketing research, and we found that there was room for a new newspaper in Tijuana. We found that more than 50 percent of the people were dissatisfied with those newspapers. So we decided after all of this research to start a new newspaper."

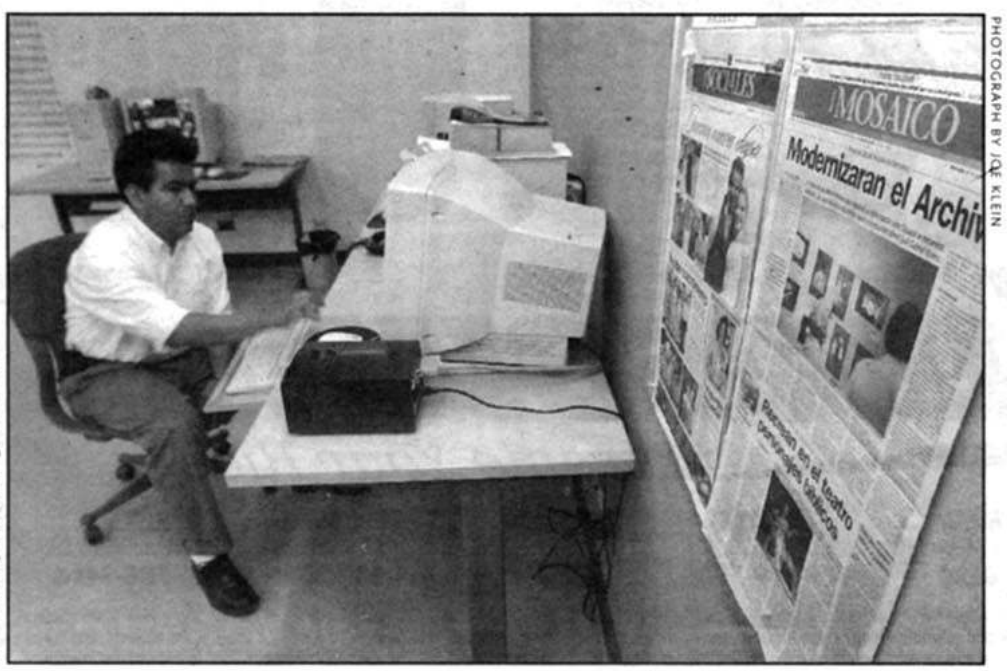

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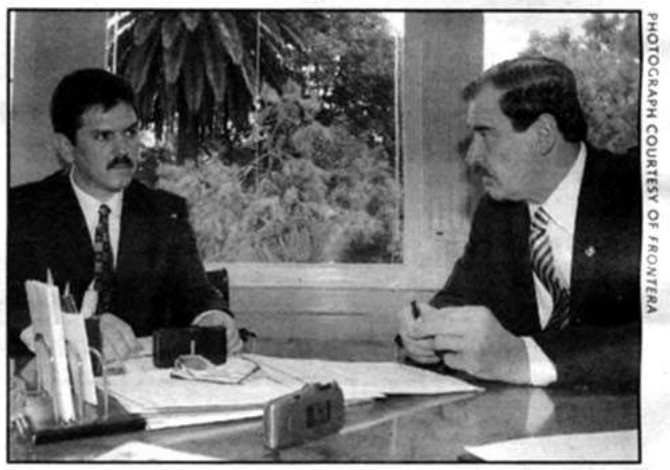
Photo editor in the graphic arts department

That was in 1997, two years before the first issue of *Frontera* was printed. Healy, tall, well-dressed, and mustachioed, leans back in his leather chair behind the leather-topped desk in his 20- by-20-foot office. Ornately framed oil paintings hang on the walls and small bronze sculptures sit on the floor-to-ceiling maple display shelves on the wall behind him. Three of the sculptures are of eagles, the trademark of *Frontera*. "When we started," he recalls, "we decided we wanted a new kind of journalism for this area, more professional, more ethical. Journalism in Mexico, in the past, was very partial and controlled by the government. Newspapers weren't professional. And the focus groups we had done showed that the people felt that newspapers in Tijuana were not independent, that they were tied to the government and official sectors, and to private-sector groups. That's why six months before we launched the newspaper, we hired mostly young people right from the universities, and we put them through a period of training, two or three months. Almost everybody went through a training program here for a month, and then they went to Hermosillo for a month. That was very, very good for us, because we started with a young team, but they were very professional and ethical."



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José Santiago Healy with President Vicente Fox

Established journalists were not hired during the paper's inception because, Healy says, "We didn't want them to come here with bad habits. But we wanted the paper to be professional from the very beginning.

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Matt Potter
is on vacation.

Car Talk

By Robert Kumpel

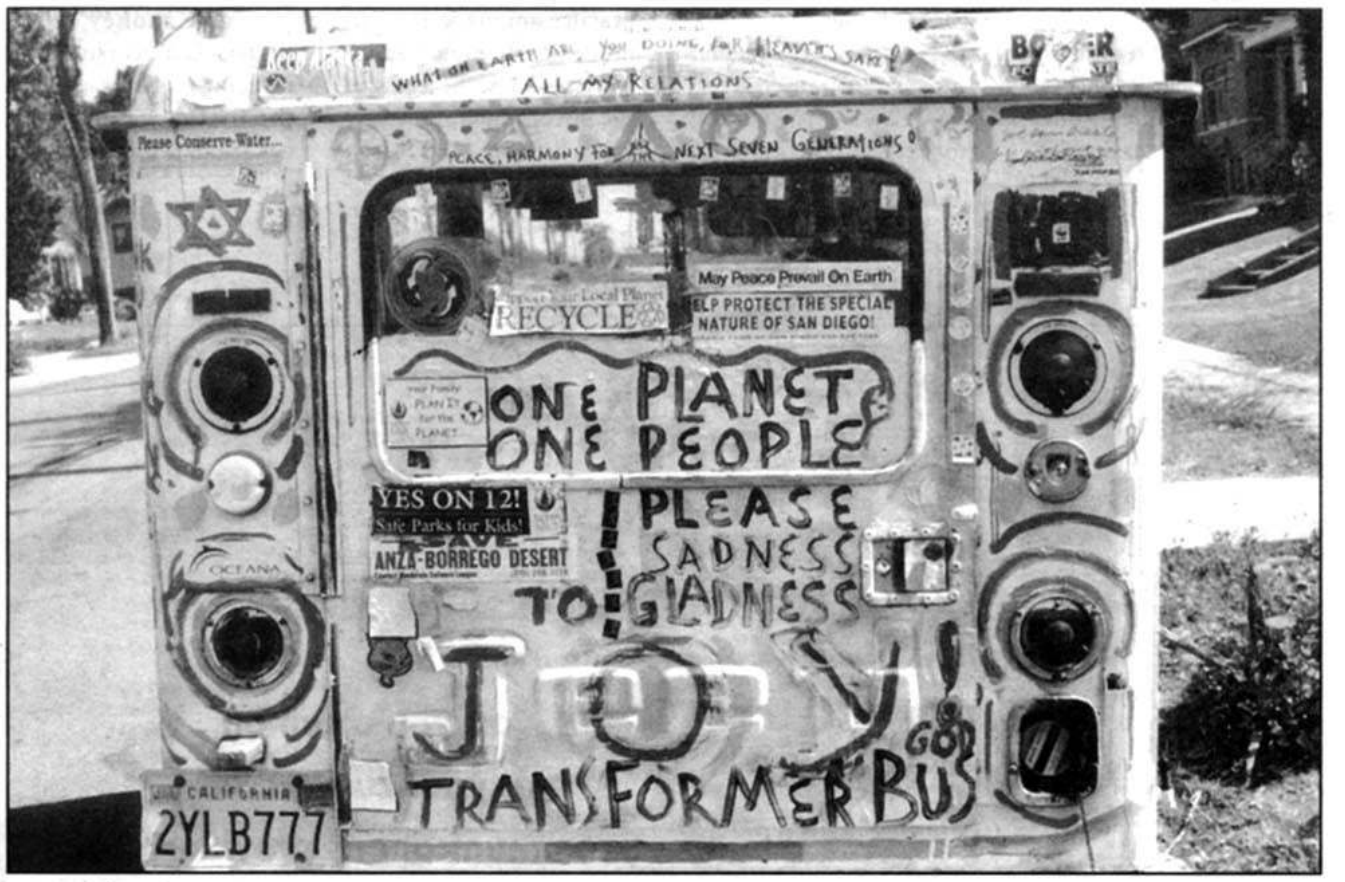
Since September 11, the most frequently seen bumper sticker in San Diego is the American flag, often shown with slogans such as "United We Stand" and "God Bless America." Other popular stickers include sports stickers, supporting the Padres and Chargers. After the two local teams, the next most popular sticker seems to be for the Oakland Raiders. Denise Flores of Paradise Hills has the Raiders emblem on the back window of her Nissan Maxima — the eye-patched head in a football helmet with swords crossed behind it. "Me and my husband are Raider fans, even though we come from Arizona. Actually, I became a Raider fan because of my husband. We go see them when they are in San Diego. I haven't had money to go to Oakland, but I would like to."

Rochelle Harrell of Emerald Hills keeps religious messages on her Pontiac Sunbird. A white sticker reads "The Lord Is Good" and complements two metallic placards, one of the Christian fish symbol and another that suggests, "Try God." Harrell, 25, just wants to share her joy. "These are on my car because I just love God. I go to church, I'm real faithful at my church, and I teach at a Christian preschool. I'm just trying to tell people that they should give God a try and that He is there no matter what."

Manuel Olivo of Mountain View picks up his kids in a white Ford Explorer that glorifies all that is American: baseball and the flag. A baseball sticker with the Padres logo is on the right side and rear windows of the truck, and an American-flag sticker is on the left side and rear windows of the truck. "I like the Padres and I'm an American."

Marciel Rivera's Volkswagen Rabbit has three stickers that boast about his kids and their school. Two are identical — "My Child Was Student of the Month at Cuyamaca School" — and a third says, "My Child Shines at Cuyamaca School." Rivera, who speaks in the broken English of a recent immigrant, does not seem boastful, only proud of his children's success. "I'm just so proud of my kids. For me, it's a big honor that they've been such good students."

Lee Kundrat has political, religious, and sports messages on the back of her Dodge minivan. In the center of the back window is a "Dole-Kemp" sticker that has been placed over a Chargers sticker that is just visible from one corner. The left edge of the window has a Padres sticker commemorating their 1998 National League Championship, and the right edge has a sticker commemorating the Chargers' Super Bowl appearance against the 49ers. On the bumper's bottom left is a Harvest Crusade sticker. "I hate bumper stickers. They're so tacky! My kids put those on. The only one that I would keep is the Harvest Crusade sticker because people get saved going to those crusades. It's full of Christians, and it's a nice place to be. But we were awfully happy when those teams won championships, even though it was a long time ago."





Dan Correll, 17, has three stickers on the back window of his Ford pickup that could seem in conflict with each other. "Slightly Stoopid," in gothic type; "Bob Marley"; and "United We Will Stand," with an American flag in its background. "Slightly Stoopid is a local band from Ocean Beach, and my friend's brother is the drummer," Correll explains. "Bob Marley — I believe in all of his lyrics. I think they're very positive, and I like the feeling that they give me. 'United We Will Stand' reflects my pride as an American since September 11." Correll sees no conflict between an American-flag sticker and a Bob Marley sticker, even though some of Marley's lyrics were critical of America. " 'United We Will Stand' implies the people of America. Marley's lyrics were against the capitalist system and what was happening to the economy of Jamaica at the time he wrote his music. I'm against the capitalist system too, but 'United We Will Stand' is more about the people, not so much the capitalist society that we live in. It's kind of like, 'We will stay united in our freedom.' That's what I believe the American flag stands for. It doesn't say, 'With Capitalism United We Will Stand,' just 'United We Will Stand.' " When asked what kind of system he would prefer over capitalism, Correll has no answer. "I've been thinking about that, and I'm really not sure yet."

Some drivers multiply the messages. Vickie Wilson pulls her Plymouth minivan into a handicapped space at Cabrillo National Monument. Wilson's political ideas are no secret to anyone who sees the back of the van: several bumper stickers express outrage over the 2000 election and criticize the president. "Under Republicans Man Exploits Man. Under Democrats It's Just the Opposite," "Everyone Does Better When Everyone Does Better," "No More Bushit," "Don't Blame Me, I Voted For the REAL Winner" (with a website address, *www.stolenelection.com*), "I Vote Pro-Choice," and "*www.fringefolk.com*."



A San Bernardino resident, Wilson says she never put bumper stickers on her car until she was motivated by political events. "The election was obviously stolen in the year 2000. If you read the foreign media, it is everywhere about what went on in Florida. Votes were purged by the thousands, and the purging was done by Katherine Harris. I want to draw attention to the cause. The mainstream media has been pretty much bought out by very right-wing Republicans. People often stop and ask us why we have these stickers on the car, so I stop and give them an

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Among some in Tijuana, *Frontera* has the reputation of being a *Panista* newspaper, meaning a supporter of

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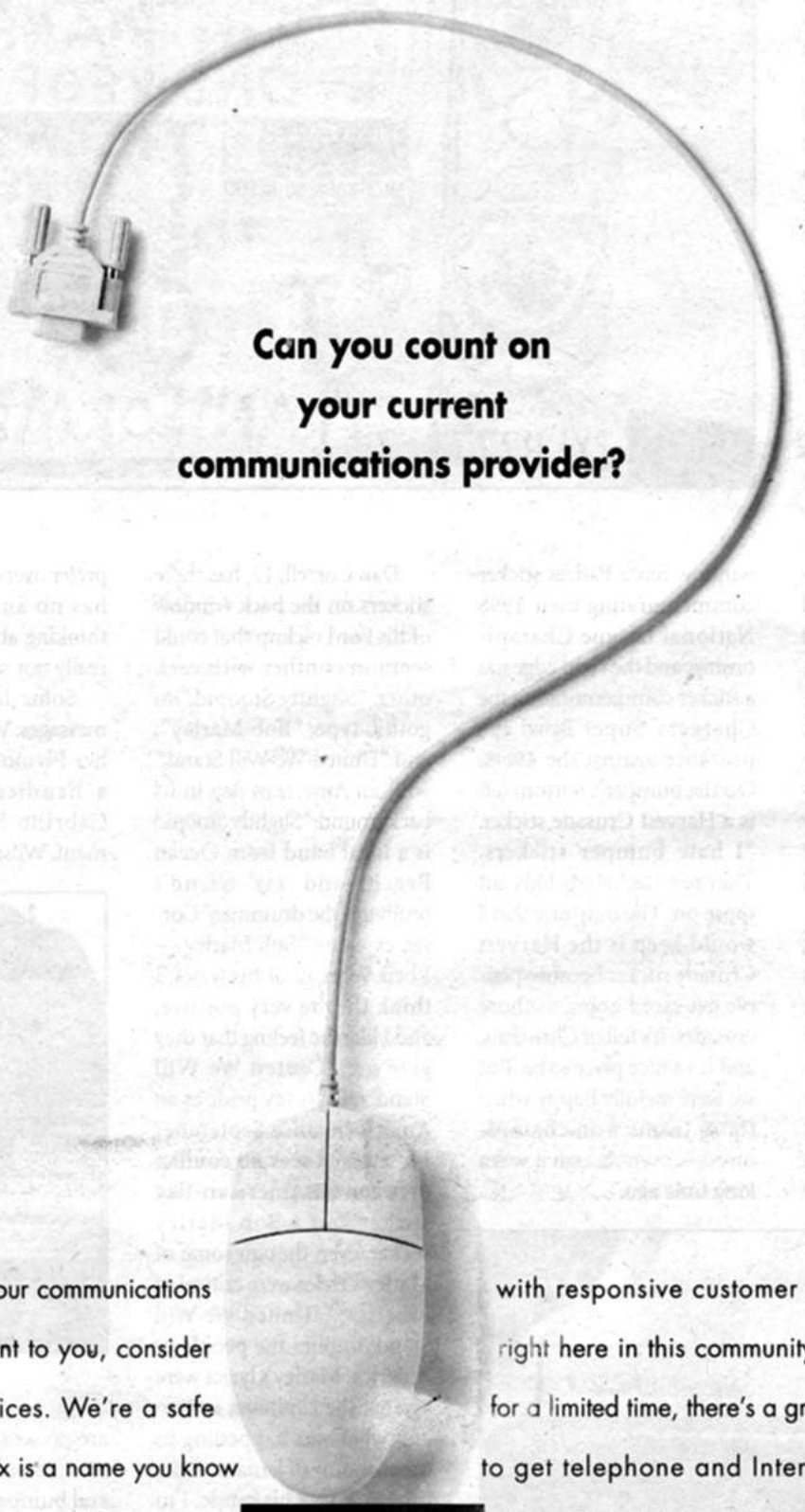

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the political party PAN, the party of Mexico's President Vicente Fox. Healy rankles at the suggestion. "Many people say that," he responds, "because before the PRI lost the presidency in 2000, we were one of the newspapers that was very critical of the PRI. So many people say, 'Oh, you are pro-PAN.' No, that's not it. We support democracy, and we support change to create a better country, but we're not for PAN or any party. In Baja California, the governor and the mayors are from PAN. We criticize them very often. For instance, we found that the mayor of Mexicali had bought some patrol cars for the police direct from an agency that belongs to the government. But, by law, when you buy a big item like that, you have to have a bid process. They didn't have that, and we published that news, and it was a very big scandal for the PAN in Baja."

Asked if *Frontera* has reached a position of influence in Tijuana, Healy nods and offers as evidence, "[The authorities] often follow our lead. A few times we've discovered something wrong, and two or three days after, or even the same day, the authorities do what they need to do. Two weeks ago we discovered a casino working illegally in Rosarito beside the *Palenque*, where the roosters fight. So we put that on the front page, and four days later the authorities closed the casino."

The building that houses both the *Frontera* offices and its printing press sits on the Vía Rápida Poniente, Tijuana's chief east-west artery, about three miles east of the San Ysidro border crossing. It's a modern building, though it incorporates elements of colonial Mexican architecture. You enter into a stone-tiled rotunda lit by high windows and halogen spotlights. Busy staff members bustle back and forth across a balcony at one end of the rotunda. Upstairs, the editorial lounge area is furnished with leather couches and mission-style coffee and end tables. The place has a posh air to it. "We decided to invest in a nice building because we wanted people to know that we came here to stay. We want to be permanent, like we are in Hermosillo and Mexicali. When they see this, they say, 'These people are serious.' And in a way, we think that to be a good newspaper, you give your people a very functional building. Our old newspaper in Hermosillo, *El Imparcial*, it's in an old building, and every year we have to open walls to retrofit the building, and it's very problematical. So we decided to build a functional building so that people would work better."

Like their building, the bulk of *Frontera*'s readership is on the high end. "We are the number one in what we call the ABC market," Healy explains. "The A is the highest class, B is the upper-middle class, and C is the middle class. D is the lower-middle class. We also cover D but not as well as the ABC. E class is the lowest, and unfortunately, they don't read newspapers because it's an expensive product for them. The newspaper costs six pesos, and E class, they don't have the extra money to spend on it."

Healy convinced the paper's board to invest in the paper's design. "My job as publisher and CEO is to push some things like that. I thought we needed to have a very good and very good-looking newspaper from the beginning."

Frontera is visually striking. The first two and last two pages of each section display vivid color in the graphics. And the color photographs are crisp and lack the fuzziness often seen in color newspaper photos. But nice buildings and slick design aren't cheap, and Healy, when asked if the paper is profitable, answers, "Not yet. We are very near to being profitable. We just had a fiesta celebrating three years; now our plan is to be profitable in the fourth year. We're getting there. In fact, the last six months we have been profitable. But if you look at it over all three years, we haven't been profitable. But we're getting closer." ■

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explanation. I can count on one hand the negative reactions I've gotten in the last year and a half. Almost all of the reactions have been positive."

Ocean Beach seems to attract cars with bumper stickers, from politics to surfing. On West Point Loma Boulevard, a Jeep Cherokee sports ten bumper stickers on its rear hatch door. Among them: "Blessed Be," "Dragon Wagon," "Men Are Animals! But Some Make Good Pets," "I'm Only Driving Because My Dragon Is Tired," "Dragons Love You Dipped in Chocolate," "DRAGONS ARE REAL — VIRGINS DON'T EXIST."

The Jeep's owner, Sally, was too shy to discuss her bumper stickers. Her grandmother, Mary Broussard, however, is not shy at all and laughs as she discusses her granddaughter's car decor. "I never put bumper stickers on any of my cars. There was never a one. Her mother had a bumper sticker that read, 'Dragons Like You Because You're Crunchy and Taste Good with Catsup.' Everybody loved that one and thought it was cute. The 'Blessed Be' sticker is not a religious thing, it's a dragon thing. I go around in the car with her all the time, but we really don't get much attention unless the car is parked. To be perfectly honest, that's her first car. She's 20, and I think she's just making her statement that she loves dragons, and 'This is mine and I'll do what I please now.' She works with the public, but she's very shy. She's also very artistic. She won a scholarship to the art school in San Francisco but wasn't able to take advantage of it."

It would be difficult to find a vehicle with more messages than Reverend Neil Voight's mailman's Jeep. Parked in front of his Golden Hill house, Voight's Jeep has too many messages to process at one glance. It's a hand-painted, colorful blend of his own messages, pasted-on pictures, and bumper stickers. The front of the Jeep reads "United States of Awareness" over the windshield and "Cosmic Ambassador" under it.

Other painted messages say, "Jesus says I am the LIGHTen up of the world!" "Help Us St. Isaac Stern to Appreciate Beauty; Each Person, Animal, Tree, Rock, Develop Cosmic Christ Consciousness," "Honor St. Bob Lini," "If You Don't Know Where You're Going, You Most Assuredly Will Get There," "The Self-Made Man Adores his Creator," "Honor Queen Deganda," "One People, One Planet," "Transformer Bus," "What On Earth Are You Doing For Heaven's Sake?" "Thank You For Being You, Be More Of You," "Honor All The Angels And The Divas," "Nature Angels," and "Along the Road of Life There Is a Sign: He Says I Am the Way." Among his bumper stickers are "The Green Help the Earth Live," "Sacred Sites Are More Precious than Gold," "It Takes a Whole Village to Raise a Child," "Support Your Local Planet: Recycle," "Yes on 12. Safe Parks for Kids," "Save Anza-Borrego Desert," "Help Protect the Special Nature of San Diego," "If You Want Peace, Work for Justice," "Protect America's Environment," "Prevent Truth Decay," "Be True to Yourself," and "Time Is Art."

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The car seems to fulfill Voight's desire to rouse people's passions. "People either love me or hate me when they see this car. Real rich people, those stuck in the third dimension, can't stand it. They won't put even a little fingernail polish on their car, because that's sacred to them — money and all that stuff. This just throws a curve to them. They call me a hippie. Well, to me, hippie means that you're not dead yet. Y'know, show some life! It's like the Kent State students puttin' flowers in the guns and all. They were right. We gotta integrate the feminine into the world. People like that love this car, because they see that I'm not attached to the third dimension. It's just a soundboard. It don't mean nothin'!"

Voight, a man every bit as colorful as his car, is a chaplain for Native-Americans and teaches world religions at the community colleges. He dresses in white and wears multiple beads and medallions around his neck. "I'm actually a Catholic priest, but I'm suspended. They don't believe you're allowed to think. The Catholic Church is in a mess 'cause they don't have women priests — that's the only thing that's gonna save it. I was ordained a Benedictine in Indianapolis in 1957. Father Claude Ehringer, up there in Oceanside [at Prince of Peace Abbey], he's my uncle. They kicked me out of the abbey of St. Meinrad in Indiana because I would say things like Carl Jung, 'Monks wear dresses because they haven't integrated the feminine.' They don't know what to do with stuff like that, so they put me out here and thought my uncle could drill some sense into me, but then he kicked me out."

Voight says that I was lucky to catch him, as he will be moving soon. When I ask him where he will be moving, he replies, "I'm on the fast track to ascension. I'll be ascending any day now. Anyone can go home on the third wave, if you just say to Christ, 'Take me home on the third wave.' You can't wait and see if you're gonna go, because you won't go. This only happens on this planet every 26,000 years. I lost a lot of friends over this. They thought I was crazy." ■

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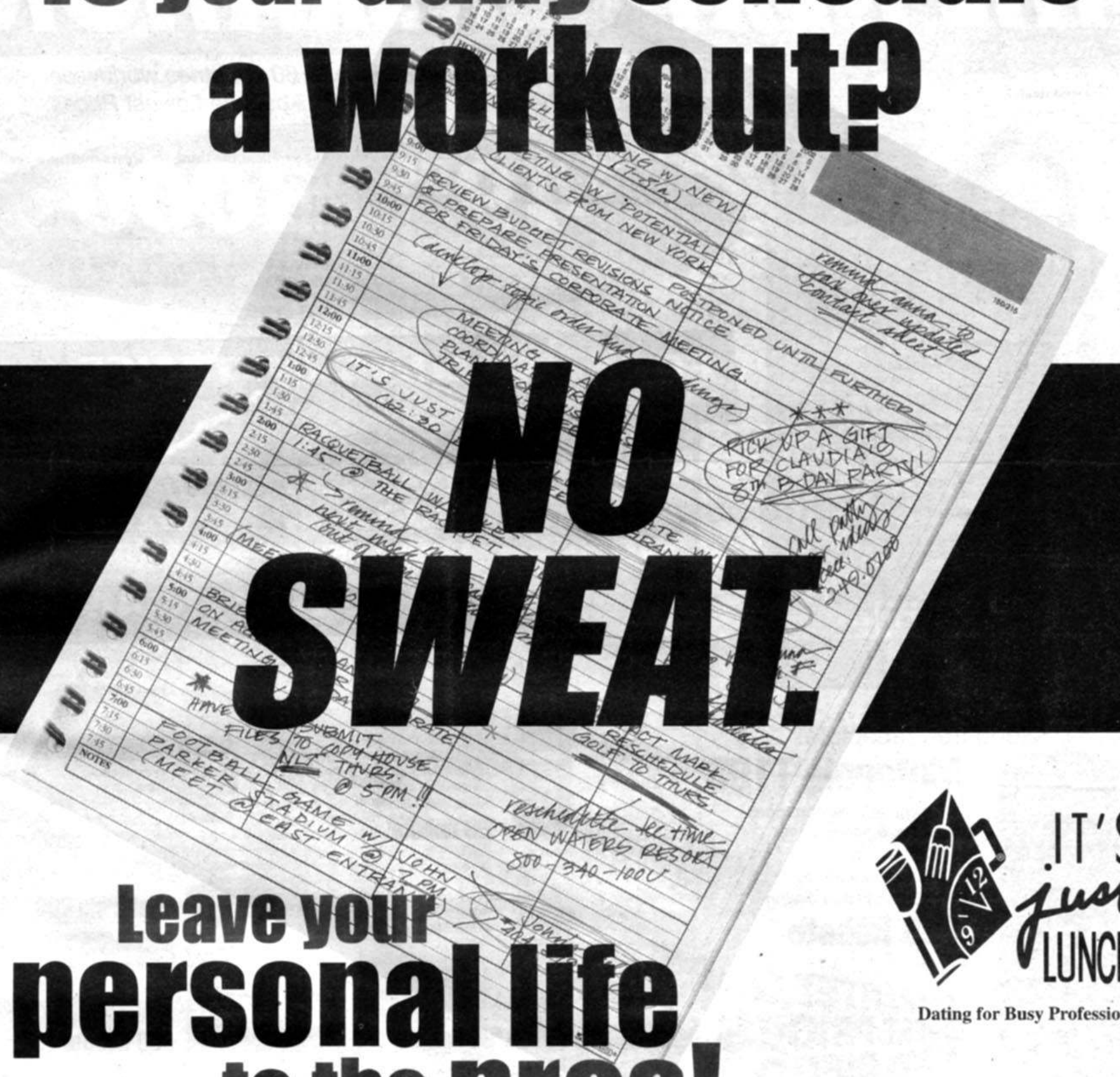

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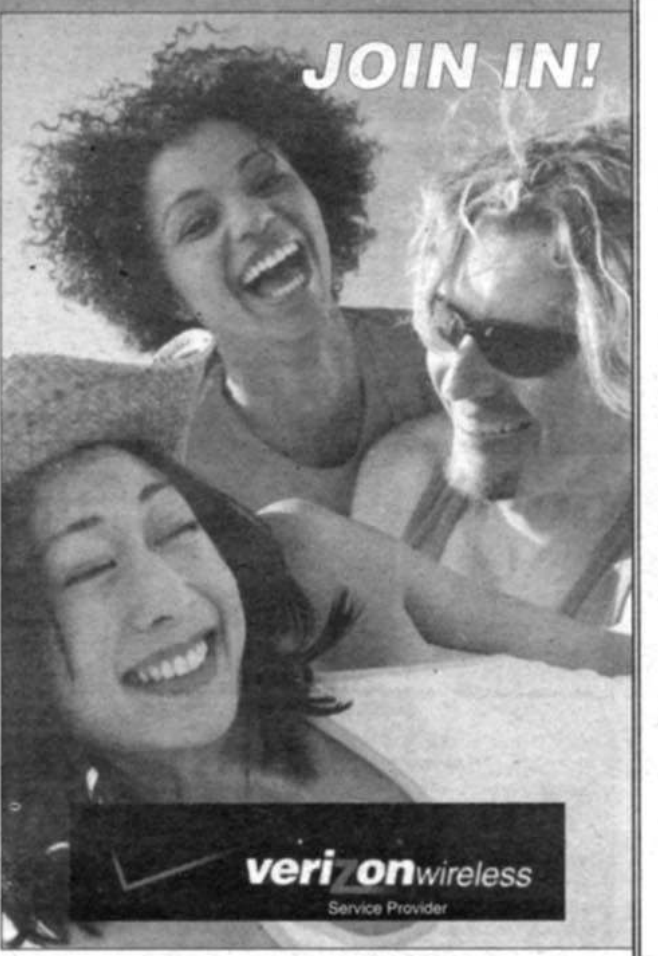

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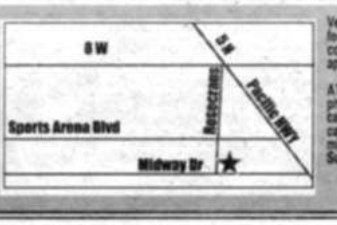

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

Dear Mr. Matt:
Is there really a black hole that rebellious socks escape to when you're not looking? Is there someplace in this world where an enormous pile of lost $20 bills collects to discuss the benefits of freedom? Where exactly do all our lost items go? Do I alone have invisible holes in my pockets?

— B.R., San Diego

So, B.R., that $20 bill problem sounds serious. I'll send one of the elves to follow you around for a week or two to pick up — well, let's say, to pick up some clues. As for that less interesting sock dilemma, single socks go to the same place that single shoes go to after you see them by the side of the road. But since nobody would want to go to any place filled with other people's old socks and shoes, we won't worry about where that is. According to the most up-to-date charts, though, it is a place not too far from where teenagers' minds go while their parents are yelling at them.

Hey, so back to this missing moolah thing for a minute. In the interest of science, could you maybe start carrying around 50s and C-notes for the next week or two? The elves can make more progress if you'll misplace larger denominations. Trust me.

It's about the ants, Matt:
They're everywhere inside my house. Looking for water, I hear. I understood when they hung out in the kitchen. I bought one of those ultrasonic pest repellers, and that seemed to do the trick. But now the ants are in my bedroom, and nothing will convince them to leave. Not Raid, not ultrasonic scary ant songs, nothing. They really like my bed, my laundry, and (gross) my undies. I'm a live-and-let-live kinda girl, up to a point, and I'm approaching that point. How do I get rid of them, and why, for godsake, do they like my undies so much?

— Panty Protector, the net

Ewwww, Panty. We handled your e-mail with rubber gloves and tongs. Well, actually, you're not alone. Protein is one of the things ants scavenge for. Skin flakes, dead bugs, stuff like that. Dirt and oil of whatever impolite kind and moisture in your laundry bag are fair game. They might have preferred the sweet or starchy stuff in the kitchen, but now they've established a new food source. Grandma Alice sez boric acid around the baseboards should do the trick. Or find the crack in the wall where the ants come in and plug it. That at least will slow them down and force them to regroup. Ants store protein for the winter; when the cold weather comes they'll leave you alone.

Everyone is familiar with the knocking pattern that's often associated with "shave and a haircut, two bits." I was recently in Europe and noticed that it is also used there. Can you shed any light on the origin and/or meaning of this pattern?

— Bruce, downtown

Interesting question. Vague, vague answers. Have checked with lots of sources that claim to know lots of stuff about lots of subjects. The best I could do was that it might come from international Morse code. If you translate the knocking pattern as "dash dot dot dash dot, dot dash," that's /a (slash-a), which I'm told can mean "attention" at the beginning of a code message. If you send and receive code all day and you want to wake up your buddy who also sends and receives code, to be funny, you might tap out "attention." Code folks recognize letters, words, phrases by the rhythmic pattern they form, not letter by letter. So my money's on some form of the story that "shave and a haircut" comes from wartime telegraphers. Why "shave and a haircut"? I dunno. I'm sure we'll hear from some Alicelanders with other/better/stranger explanations. But here's a for-sure thing: Don't ever knock on a door in Mexico that way. It has a much ruder translation down there.

Picky, Picky, Picky

Re: Our explanation two weeks ago of those huge, scary glasses oldsters wear that look like Terminator shades. Our pal Brent Millman's long and colorful career at Pacific Eyes & Ts has finally paid off. He feels we cheated you out of the real deal:

Those old folks' glasses are called Solar Shields. They're available at chain drug stores for about $12.99. Among the features you mentioned, the main function is that they fit over the prescription glasses all old people should be required by law to wear while out in public. I worked at Pacific Eyes & Ts in Encinitas. The glasses Arnold wore in the first movie were Gargoyle "Legends," and in the second movie he wore Ray-Ban "Baloramas." Dirty Harry wore the Ray-Bans also.

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

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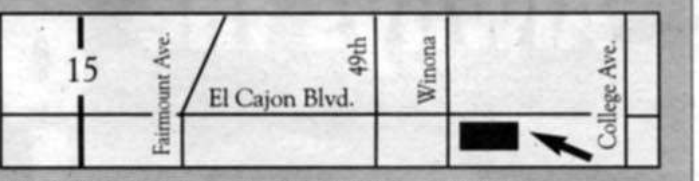

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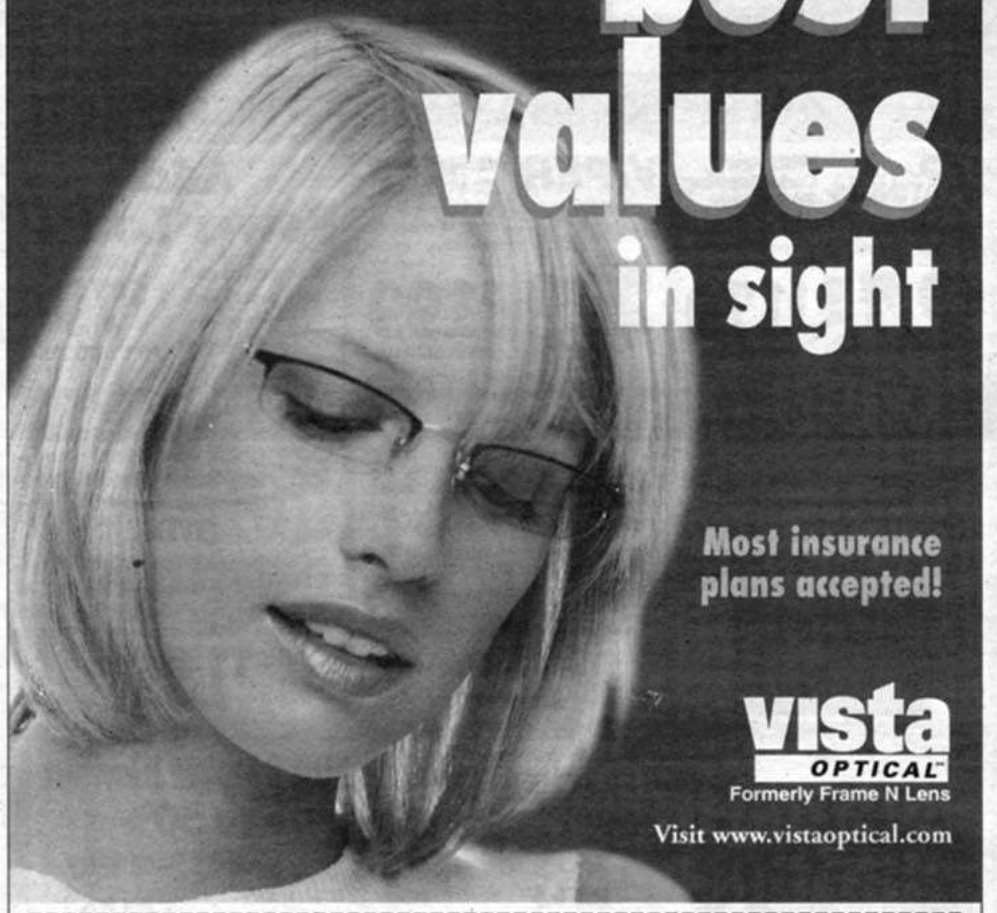

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By Patrick Daugherty

Defend Your Wicket

Saturday morning and two days until payday, which means recreational frolic must be acquired at the price of zero. If this ever happens—well, not to you, but, perhaps to someone you know—allow me to recommend a bracing game of cricket, since one game requires seven hours to play.

Which brings us to UCSD; specifically, to Warren Field for today's match between the San Diego Cricket Club (Team II) and their arch rival, the Santa Barbara Cricket Club. I'm standing on the edge of a huge expanse of grass and way, *way* over there are tiny figures dressed in white caps, shirts, pants, and shoes.

I should note that one does not need to fight crowds when attending a cricket game in the United States. Indeed, I appear to be the only spectator. As I walk over to the game I see that the dressed-in-white people are leaving the playing field. I assume this is a break of some sort. I walk up to a man sitting in a lawn chair, introduce myself, and ask, "How did you get started and when?"

Roger Levy, 58, replies; "I started with the Southern California Cricket Association in 1961 when I arrived from London."

Think Imperial Britain, think retired colonel of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars sipping a gin and tonic at his club in New Delhi, and you have Levy. Levy is classic tropical Brit, with his broad-rimmed canvas hat, white, walrus mustache, and beefsteak face. I ask, "What position do you play?"

"I am the umpire. This is the Southern California Cricket Association [SCAA]. This is a league game. SCAA is the umbrella, under which are 27 clubs and 32 teams. Some clubs have two teams."

I nod toward the nearest circle of men. "Most of the players look like they're from the British Commonwealth."

"Most of the players here, in this particular game, are from Sri Lanka, India, New Zealand, England, and Pakistan."

Of course, they couldn't be Americans. The game reeks of civilized understatement. "How long has the Southern California Cricket Association been around?"

Levy says, "Santa Barbara may be the oldest club in the league. They go back to 1920-something."

I have a vision of Charlie Chaplin. "Hollywood. Movies. Brits?"

"Remember C. Audrey Smith? He organized the first games in Southern California, up in Griffith Park in Los Angeles. He had Douglas Fairbanks Sr., David Niven…"

Too much fun. "What do you have to have in order to play good cricket?"

"Eyes. You can be a lousy runner, you can be in crappy shape, but if you can see the ball quickly, you'll do quite well. It's pretty similar to baseball. You can be the world's worst runner, but if you're Mark McGwire and you've got good eyes, you can be good."

The players are on a tea-time break. I mosey about, saying hello and shortly find myself in conversation with a player named Rohan. Rohan, 33, lives in San Diego and works at Qualcomm. He has a soft Indian accent, dark brown skin, black hair, and a perpetual smile. I ask, "Can you explain the game to me as if I were a small, very dumb child?"

"Yes," says Rohan, a little too readily. "First, there are 11 players on every team. One side is batting, one side is fielding. There are three sticks [wickets]. The idea, for the fielding team, is to knock the wickets down while the batsman is batting. So, you can pitch the ball on the ground. . ."

Stop, you huskies. "The pitcher is trying to knock down the wickets?"

"Yes."

"And the batter is trying to defend the wickets?"

"Yes. It's not like baseball where you have to hit every ball. It's optional for the batsman. If he doesn't hit the ball and the ball hits the wickets, then he's out. If the batter hits the ball and the ball goes in the air and somebody catches the ball, then the batsman is out. But, the batsman keeps on batting until he gets out. Theoretically, he could keep batting forever."

"What's your position?" I'll bet he's good.

"I bat opening. I'm the lead batsman. Either you are a batsman or you're a bowler or you're a wicket keeper. Each position requires a different skill. The opening batsman is a different kind of batsman than a batsman who bats lower in the order."

He's good. "What do you want to see in an opening batsman."

"It's a new ball at that point. The ball has a lot of shine on it. When the bowler bowls the ball, the ball can move in the air. The ball changes direction in the air depending on the shine of the ball. So, that's when the fast bowlers—the fast pitchers—bowl. They bowl in the early innings. They get a lot of speed, because the ball is new."

Players are returning to the field. I'll get Rohan to explain more during the next break. No rush, though, the game has another five hours to run.

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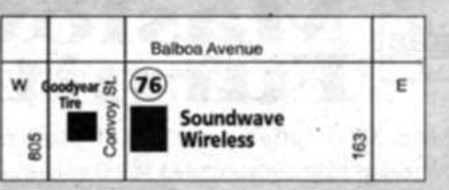

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"I loved the Episcopal Church. But I was first troubled by the decision to ordain women, and then, later, by the Church's teaching on homosexuality. In both matters, I felt the Church had turned its back on the Bible.

"I prayed and prayed for the longest time, asking God, 'What should I do? Should I leave?' And God told me, 'You'll go when I tell you that it's time to go.' "

In 1993, after Canon Gary Heniser had served as an Episcopal priest for 20 years, God finally told him it was time to go. Canon Heniser and 40 people from St. Anne's, his 200-member parish in Oceanside, defected to the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

"The denomination had been founded in San Clemente in 1992 by a group of nondenominational charismatics and neo-Pentecostals. They'd been meeting on their own for some time and had felt that God was drawing them closer and closer to the liturgical tradition."

When I spoke last week with Canon Heniser, I asked, "Since you're liturgical, and since your theology is conservative, wouldn't it have been a lot easier for you guys to become Roman Catholics?"

"There were basically two reasons why that wasn't an option," he explained. "The first issue was the Virgin Mary. There's the Roman Catholic doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, and there's the Roman Catholic view of Mary as being co-redemptrix with Jesus. Although there's much we agree with in Roman Catholicism, we couldn't agree with either of those things. The other reason was that we were *charismatics*. Although there is a charismatic movement within the Roman Catholic Church, there isn't a single charismatic Roman Catholic parish in the entire country. In the Roman Catholic Church, charismatic worship is accepted, but it isn't at all normative. And we wanted to be normative."

In 1994, Canon Heniser, and the 40 people who followed him from St. Anne's, formed the Charismatic Episcopal Church of the Advent, which now meets in San Marcos. If you're familiar with charismatic worship, or if you're familiar with High Church liturgy, what happens on Sunday mornings at Church of the Advent will surprise you.

As a rule, people who swing censers don't speak in tongues. As a rule, people who shout "Praise the Lord!" and "Hallelujah!" don't genuflect. At Church of the Advent, you get it all, and more. The International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church seems to have borrowed much of its liturgy from the Rite One in the 1979 edition of the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. But there's a great deal of kneeling, a *lot* of kneeling. They kneel even during the Prayer for the People. They genuflect very often. But they don't genuflect, as High Church Episcopalians do, during the "He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary" portion of the Nicene Creed. They do, however, make the Sign of the Cross very often, more often than Episcopalians, more than Roman Catholics. And Deacon Bret Heniser swings his censer with zeal. He swings at and around the Altar. He swings it at every man, woman, and child, at every crucifix, at every holy object in the sanctuary and nave.

Everyone speaks in tongues. They speak in tongues after the Kyrie. They speak in tongues during the Eucharistic Prayer ("...we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee...."). And Father Clifford Crowe, while celebrating the Holy Eucharist, speaks in tongues when consecrating the Host.

Canon Heniser's sermon on "God's Restoration" was every bit as evangelical as one you might hear on Pat Robertson's *700 Club*. He became giddy when describing that great day when the "serpent's head will be crushed by the seed of the woman," and everyone on earth will turn to Almighty God who will reign forever on earth in glory.

"But the restoration of humanity," he cautioned, "starts with us."

Several people shouted "Amen!" and "Yes, Jesus!" and "Praise the Lord!"

After the service, while parishioners hugged each other and chatted and meandered to the patio for chilled watermelon and a big Crock-Pot of chili, I grilled Canon Heniser and Father Crowe about their remarkable denomination.

"One of the most important differences is organizational," said Father Crowe. "Our priests aren't beholden to a vestry committee. The relationship between priest and parishioners isn't political. Everything's decided by our bishops. And their decisions are political. They're made with a great deal of study and prayer."

"We're growing very fast," said Canon Heniser. "We have over 1000 parishes across the globe. One hundred in the United States. Many in Africa and the Philippines." I asked Canon Heniser if he'd been afraid to make this particular leap of faith.

"I gave up everything. Pension. Retirement. Health care. I lost some friendships. It was a big step to take. But I had prayed and prayed about it. The transition was gradual. And then one day, it was inevitable. There was no turning back. I love God and trust Him. I had to do what He told me to do."

— *Abe Opincar*



CANON GARY HENISER (SECOND FROM LEFT)

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My sister is five years my senior but didn't get married and have a baby till my three children were already in elementary school. Her son is now four. Whenever I talk to her on the phone these days, her son interrupts during the first three minutes of conversation, screaming repeatedly, "MOMMY, GET OFF THE PHONE!" It doesn't matter what we are talking about when this happens; my sister immediately complies with her son's demand. When I suggest that she could tell her son to play for a few minutes by himself and explain that mommy is talking to auntie, or if I call in the evening when her husband is home, and I comment that perhaps Dan could amuse the little tyke while we finish our chat, she gets offended. She says that her boy is going through a very needy period right now, and she wants to "be there for him." I say her son is getting spoiled and learning that he can push his parents around, which will cause trouble later on. Your view?

DISGRUNTLED CARLSBAD AUNTIE

Dear Disgruntled,

In principle, I agree with you: it's not setting a good precedent to allow a four-year-old to dictate when and for how long adults in the household may talk on the phone. What will the little princeling put his foot down about next? Mommy can't go to work? The TV can't be turned off, ever? Once in a while, if the child is having a problem and the parent needs to deal with a crisis at that moment, it's understandable they might have to interrupt a phone conversation. But what you're describing sounds like a routine occurrence. Since you've expressed your opinion to your sister and offered some alternatives, I think that's about all you can do at the moment. You may have to back off and respect your sister's different approach to raising her offspring. Do continue to set her a good example by the way you reason with your own brood. During this phase, the most opportune time for you and sis to sneak in a hearty gab may be after her little darling has been tucked into bed.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

Recently my well-meaning but wholly intrusive sister-in-law tried to set me up with a neighbor's friend. She suggested dinner for the six of us. I told her that the thought of parading a possibility in full view of her, my beloved brother, and the nosy neighbor and her husband did not make me want to rush out and buy a new dress. She countered in a huff, "Well, now you know why you don't meet anyone!" I was dumbfounded. I know she means well, but this isn't exactly the kind of blind date I'd imagined (if I did, I'd apply to the TV show). Furthermore, the neighbor doesn't really know me and the man she has in mind shares with me neither characteristics nor commonalties. Now, I want to see myself as open to possibilities, perfect and otherwise, but this just sounds like a disaster. I begged off on the phone and have avoided her ever since. Now what do I do?

RUNNING FOR COVER IN OCEAN BEACH

Dear Running,

I do sympathize. When one is single, all kinds of people take it upon themselves to rush into what they perceive as a void in your life and play Cupid. Results can range from gratifying to hair-raising to hilarious to depressing. It's your call if you want to meet a particular someone or not. Just like if somebody asks you out, you're not obliged to accept. There's a difference between being unwilling to take the risk of ever really meeting anyone new and steering clear of situations you feel pretty darn sure will be humiliating. If you're not comfortable with someone's proposal that you and all their aunts and uncles go for a hayride after church so you can meet cousin Buford the dairy farmer, then politely demure. That's your right. It's part of looking out for yourself. Sounds like your sister-in-law got her feathers ruffled because she felt she was doing you a favor, and you didn't appreciate her efforts. If you want to soothe her hurt feelings (which I think prompted her regrettable remark to you), let her know that though you'd rather meet someone one-on-one than in front of a large studio audience, you're grateful for her kindness in thinking of you. No reason to get on bad terms with her over this. Being single doesn't mean you're at the mercy of everyone's misguided matchmaking attempts and can have no input or control. And take heart, my dear. It's possible to meet someone truly wonderful at the most unexpected times and places.

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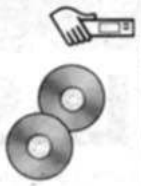

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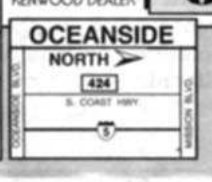

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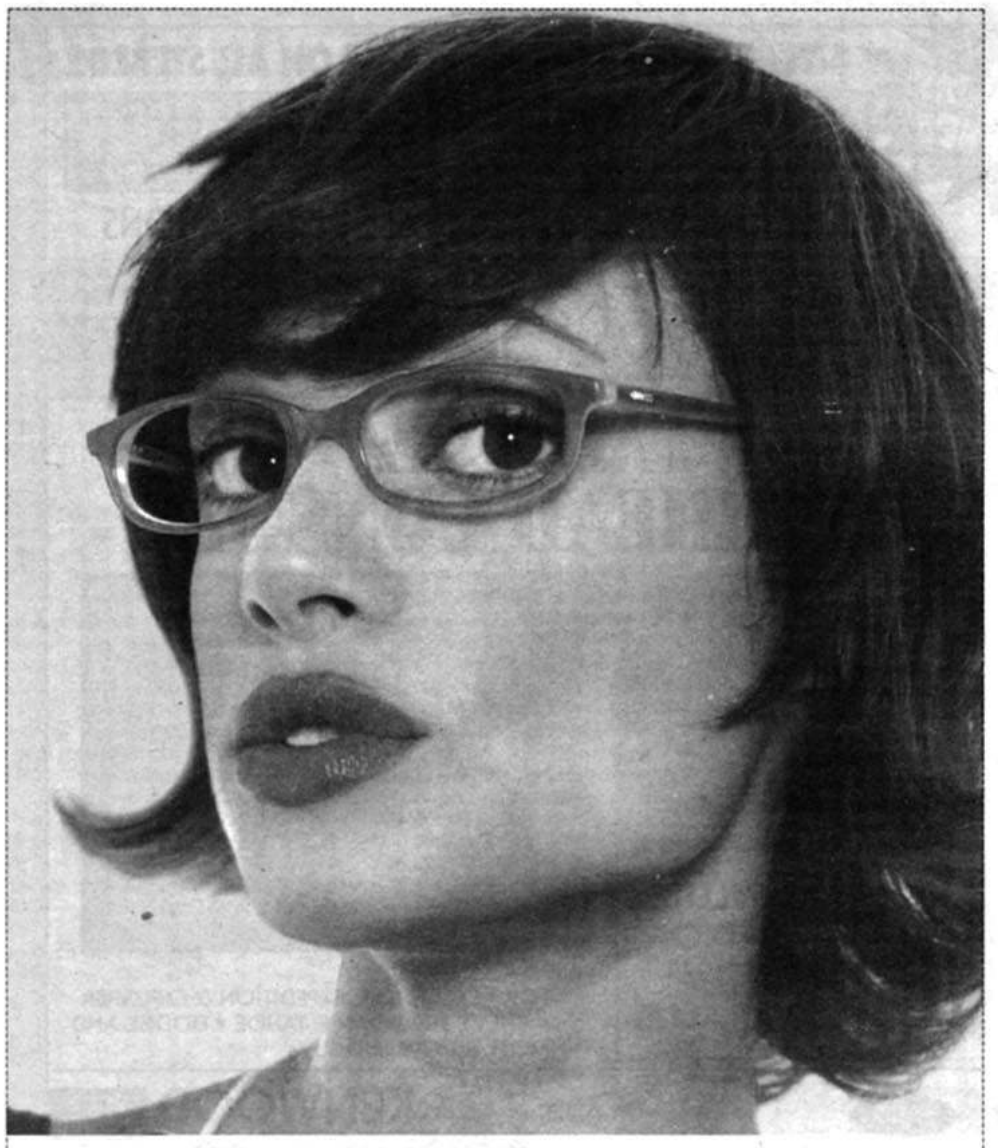

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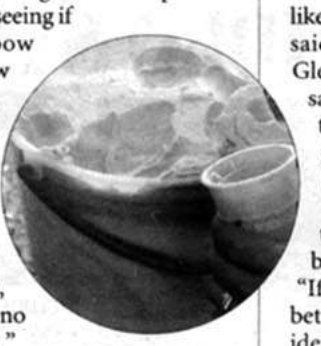
"Sherbet has an identity crisis.... Is it supposed to taste like ice cream or flavored ice?"

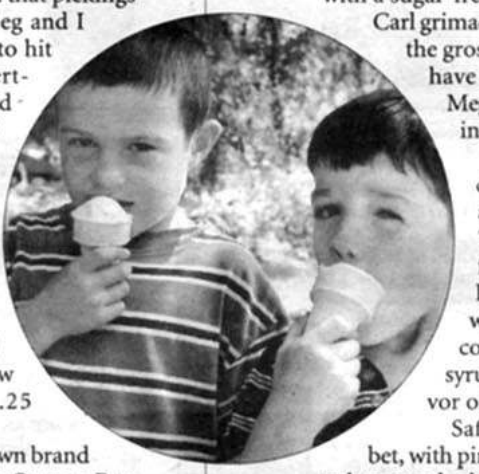
–EVE KELLY

"Sher-bert" is what I call it. My husband Patrick cringes listening to me pronounce it. "Sher-bet," he always responds, shaking his head. Well, I am not the only one putting an extra "r" in the icy delight. I called up about ten different stores seeing if they carried rainbow sherbet. "Rainbow what?" I heard time and time again on the other end of the line. "Rainbow sher-bert," I answered, hoping they spoke my dessert dialect. "Oh, rainbow sher-bert... no we don't carry that."



However it's pronounced, rainbow sherbet is a favorite around my house these long hot summer days and the time had come to find the cream of the crop.

I quickly discovered that pickings were slim. My friend Meg and I headed off late at night to hit the supermarkets. Albertson's carries their own brand of Rainbow Sherbet (**$3.99** for a half-gallon) and Dreyers Berry Rainbow Sherbet for a whopping **$5.19** a half-gallon.



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Ralphs offers their own brand of Deluxe Rainbow Lime-Orange-Boysenberry Sherbet (**$3.19** for half-gallon). They also sell Dreyer's Tropical Rainbow Sherbet (**$4.69** for a half-gallon).

Food 4 Less carries Heritage Farms Rainbow Sherbet (**$2.78** a half-gallon). They were sold out when we got there — no wonder, at that bargain price.

Keil's Food Stores carry Alta Dena Rainbow Sherbet (**$3.69** for a half-gallon) and also Dutch Girl Rainbow Sherbet (**$4.49** for a half-gallon).

On we marched to Smart & Final for the big mama–sized sherbet. "What kind of name is Smart & Final?" laughed Meg, an East Coaster. I dragged her into the store chuckling and picked up the Smart & Final Rainbow Sherbet, **$12.79** for three gallons. We lugged the barrel of delight into the car and headed to our last stop.



Baskin-Robbins sells their sherbet for **$5.65** a pound. A gallon tub of rainbow sherbet sells for **$17.50**. We scooped up a modest double sized cup for $2.99 for the tasting and headed home.

Spreading out our colorful wares across the patio table, we doled out the spoons and began the licking.

Dairy Glen Rainbow Sherbet was flavored with raspberry, orange, and lime. "This color is venturing on neon," remarked Patrick. "It carries a chemical aftertaste," added Meg. Not worth the money, and we moved on.

Albertson's Rainbow Sherbet also had an aftertaste but the color was subtler. "I like the fact the colors don't scream at you," said Patrick. "It is better than the Dairy Glen," added Meg. "It has a thin flavor," said Meg's husband, Carl. "Maybe that is the tradeoff when you go with the icier sherbet rather than the creamier sherbet," he offered.

Carl delighted in the creamy texture of the Smart & Final Rainbow Sherbet, noting that it tasted like frozen yogurt. "If you like creamy, this would be the sherbet for you," said Patrick. "Sherbet has an identity crisis," Carl remarked. "Is it supposed to taste like ice cream or flavored ice?"

Alta Dena won the Disgusting Award for the evening. "Eww," moaned Carl and Meg simultaneously. "This tastes like syrup, with a sugar-free thing going on," Carl grimaced. "This is one of the grossest sweet things I have ever tasted," said Meg, her tongue hanging out in disgust.

We hurriedly cleansed our palates and forged ahead. The best thing going for the Dutch Girl Rainbow Sherbet was its festive rich colors. It left a sickly syrupy Nutrasweet flavor on the tongue.

Safeway Select Sherbet, with pineapple, raspberry, and orange, had chunky fruit bites. "Its texture is more like ice cream than sherbet," said Carl.

Ralph's Deluxe Rainbow Sherbet, with lime, orange, and boysenberry, turned out to be one of the surprise crowd-pleasers of the night. "Very tangy," Patrick smacked his lips. "Lime is the dominant flavor in this, so if you don't like lime, this is not the sherbet for you," he added.

Dreyer's Berry Rainbow Sherbet, with blackberry, raspberry, and orange opened with a powerful whiff of berries. "This is the first sherbet I could smell across the table," I remarked. "It has a strong berry flavor, almost like a berry pie, it would cleanse the palate" Carl said.

Dreyer's Tropical Rainbow Sherbet didn't fare as well around the table. "There is something odd-tasting about this," Carl grimaced and took another spoonful before adding, "it's like the orange glaze on a cheap donut." "There certainly is a tropical candy nastiness to it," said Patrick. "I think you shouldn't have lime and pineapple together in a sherbet."

We finished off the evening with the Baskin-Robbins Rainbow Sherbet. "This is a whole different animal than all the other brands," smiled Meg. "It has a recognizable tangy, tart fruit flavor."

"I like the pineapple in it," said Carl. "It cleans the palate with no lingering artificial flavoring," he added. "If you want to shell out the clams for a special occasion, this would be quite a treat," I offered.

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SHOW ME YOUR TONGUE

Across town, in a beauty salon on Ninth Avenue, Cynthia Raymond gingerly wraps foil around the thinning hair of a blonde, middle-aged woman. They laugh as Cynthia tells about the time a stand-up comedian made fun of the rose tattoo on her breast. There is no mark on Cynthia's tongue where her piercing used to be, but cracks in two of her molars are filled with porcelain. At 40, Cynthia recalls what made her want a tongue bar at 34. Perhaps it's her age, but Cynthia's words have an introspective strength that Erin and Marie's lack.

"Part of it was a way of keeping people at a distance," she says, "and it worked. It's not often you walk up to someone with a mohawk and strike up a conversation." The people who were attracted by her piercings, she says, were much like her, "a little more artistic, more independent, more willing to go a little edgy, a little more permanent with their fashion."

Seventeen-year-old Winnie Kao goes by the name Buffy. Her appearance is quintessentially punk rock: in the middle of summer, she sucks on a cigarette in front of Pannikin wearing black tennis shoes and a long-sleeved black dress with a ladder of safety pins near the hem. Her crop of shiny Taiwanese hair frames a pretty face heavily painted with makeup brushes, in the context of which her tongue piercing seems incidental.

"I went to this place in Lemon Grove that pierced all my friends' belly buttons and one of my friend's eyebrows, this place where they don't check I.D.s," she said. "The guy at the counter was, like, 'So, are you 18?' I'm, like, 'No…' He's, like, 'Do you have a brother or sister who could fake a signature?' I'm, like, 'Nope.' He's, like, 'Okay…' I was, like, 'Well, will they still do it?' He's, like, 'I don't know. You'll have to talk to them.' Because he wasn't a piercer, he was just a tattoo artist. So the piercer, she was a girl, actually, and she came in and she was, like, 'So! What do you need?' And I was, like, 'Um, I want to get my tongue pierced.' She's, like, 'Okay, let's go.' I'm, like, 'Good deal.' "

Native tribes in the American Northwest have practiced tongue piercing since before European explorers set foot here, but only in the last five years has it become common in the broader population. Ten years ago, fewer than 5 piercing shops existed in San Diego. Now there are 63. While there have been no national surveys on body piercing, a study of students at a college in rural New York found that 12 percent of female respondents had tongue bars.

Tongue piercing's burgeoning popularity has led to a great deal of scrutiny: state governments crafting regulatory legislation, dental and medical associations publishing articles and fact sheets about metal jewelry's toll on teeth and gums, school nurses and counselors harping on its psychological implications for young people. Those who wear tongue bars tend to think they're not worth all the analysis.

Jeff Fagan is one such person. In 1994 Jeff (better known as Dr. Jefe) opened Dr. Jefe's Body Piercing in Ocean Beach. Since then, more than 60,000 piercings have taken place in his tiny whitewashed room in the back that, with its rows of cabinets and clusters of yellow bottles, looks distinctly like a doctor's office.

Dr. Jefe is all for regulation of the piercing industry. He's skeptical about people who probe too deeply for the emotional roots of tongue piercing — people like me, who look eagerly for answers where there may not be anything complicated to explain. A hefty man in his mid-30s, Dr. Jefe's own piercings (in his tongue, nose, eyebrow, upper ear, and earlobes, which stretch to encompass a ring 5/8" in diameter) complement the gritty residue of a Philadelphia accent.

"People look way, way too far into tongue piercing and try to analyze it way too much," he says somewhat defensively. "In some ways it's a visual aspect. Why are you wearing your necklace?" he asks, gesturing at the carved jade around my neck. "Because it's pretty, it's adorning your body. Jewelry in the tongue is the same thing. You don't need it, but you have it because it's fun. You don't need a sports car either."

Dr. Jefe is not alone is his nonchalance about the matter. Marie got her tongue pierced at a mutilation party on Erin's 18th birthday, at which the entertainment was a caravan down to Pacific Beach to get piercings and tattoos. Like Erin and Marie, almost one-third of respondents in a study of body art among college students said they took only a few minutes to decide on their piercing.

"I just woke up one day and was, like, 'You know what? Screw it. I'm going down there. I'm getting it pierced.' And I just went," Buffy recalled gleefully.

Reckless as this may seem, Dr. Jefe is quick to point out that you can always change your mind about a tongue piercing. Once the jewelry is removed, the hole closes up in 48 hours. The knowledge that the procedure is not a lifetime commitment goes a long way toward explaining why many are so casual about it.

"I took it out for one day, and then I was, like, 'No, wait, I did spend $60 and a lot of pain on that, Marie says. "So I kind of punched it back through."

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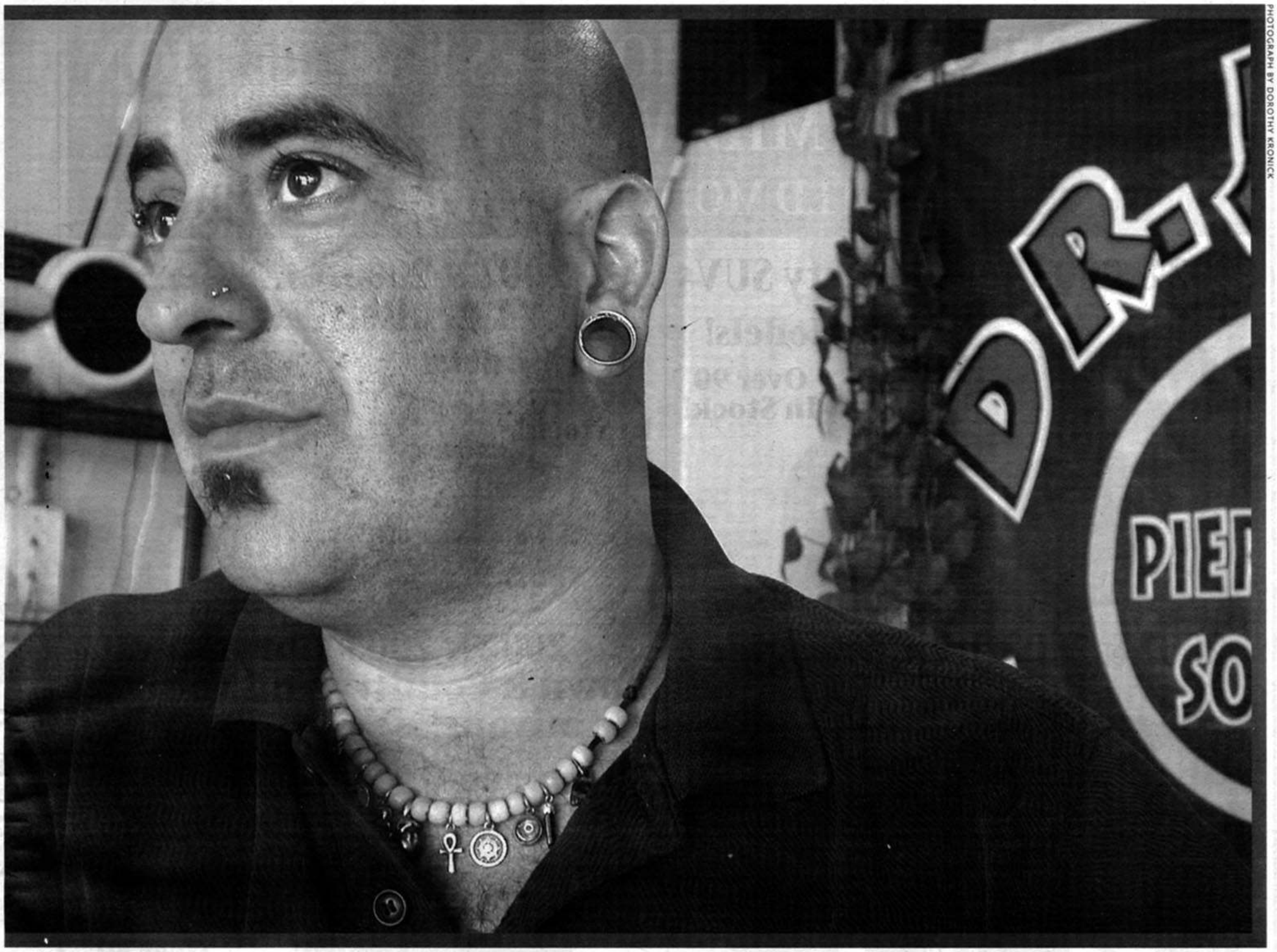

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Dr. Jefe (Jeff Fagan)

The tongue's self-healing capabilities have an interesting consequence. For almost everyone, a tongue piercing is temporary, like a hip winter coat that's worn for a few seasons and then discarded.

"I always knew I would take it out before college," Buffy says. "First of all, it closes right away. But also, it's like, 'You're over your teen phase, get over it.' "

Growing out of a piercing isn't something that happens only to teenagers. Cynthia Raymond is the kind of hairdresser who shifts easily from role to role, one minute therapist, the next a mother, entertainer, confidante. With the same warmth and thought that she shows her clients, Cynthia approaches the subject of her piercings.

"We don't really have ritual in our lives anymore," she said, leaning forward to make herself heard over the whir of midday traffic. "I think this is the creation of a new kind of ritual." Dropping her voice a notch, Cynthia explains that she had her nipples pierced soon after a long-term boyfriend broke up with her.

"You would think that a piercing would hurt a lot, but I was in so much pain that it didn't. I drove myself home," she said, incredulous at her own numbness. "There are so many reasons that we inflict pain on ourselves. Is it to make us feel like we're alive? To make us feel like we're human? Is it because we dislike ourselves?"

At 38, the words of another boyfriend made Cynthia realize that her tongue bar — and her other piercings — no longer made sense. Sean, who would later become her husband, told her that the metal jewelry in her nipples, tongue, and ears were "sharp edges" that he couldn't quite accept in the context of her feminine body.

"I took out all my jewelry because of that conversation with Sean," Cynthia says, unfolding her hands on the table. "When I took my clothes off, I had armor here, here…" (touching her chest and face). "He said it didn't mesh for him, that it was a dichotomy. The conversation was one of those things that — it just brought me to tears, because I just hadn't even thought about that."

Lawrence Friedman, a professor of pediatrics at UCSD and chief of the division of pediatric and adolescent medicine, sees children and teenagers in his office once a week. A Georgetown University graduate originally from Connecticut, Dr. Friedman has his own views on why people are drawn to tongue

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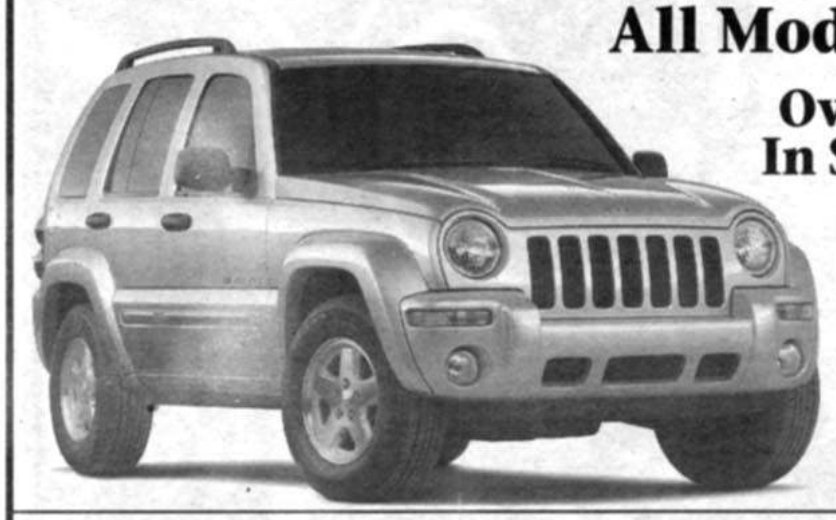

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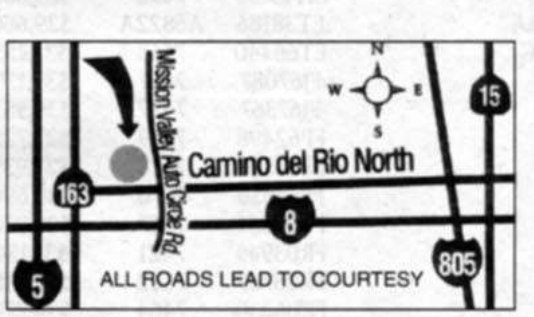

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piercing.

"Every generation needs to feel an identity with itself, so that there are trends in music and fashion that come and go. I grew up in the late '60s and '70s and had long hair, wore bell-bottoms, listened to the Stones, et cetera. The children of people who are currently tattooed and pierced are going to look for a different way to make themselves stand out from the generation that preceded them [their parents]," Dr. Friedman wrote in an e-mail interview.

Though perhaps a broad-brush generalization, there is a healthy dose of validity in his analysis. A study of tattooing and body piercing among college students found that nearly two-thirds of those with piercings agreed with the statement "To be myself, I don't have to please or impress anyone else." For many survey respondents, no doubt the "anyone else" refers to members of the older generation.

Buffy Kao vehemently denies that getting her tongue pierced had anything to do with defying her Chinese parents, who had told her that they would take away her car if she went through with it. Despite this, Buffy is eager to convince me of her complete freedom. In a low-pitched voice that seems intentionally unaffected, Buffy states one of her philosophies as matter-of-factly as she can. "If you want to be friends with me," she says, cocking her pretty head to one side, "you either put up with my crap or you leave, because I am not about to go and adjust myself for every human being."



PHOTOGRAPH BY DOROTHY KRONICK

Buffy (Winnie) Kao

Watching her proudly light a cigarette, I get the feeling that this hearty "fuck you" to the world is directed not just at her parents but at the teenage mainstream. She doesn't like to admit it, but Buffy says that the glamour side of having a metal bar through her tongue — its associations with counterculture youth and rebellion — is something she has come to enjoy.

Cynthia echoes this sentiment. "Part of the reason I wanted it was that it was kind of a secret club. You know, I didn't know very many adults, very many 34-year-olds, that were doing that."

Lisa and Dave Carlson, a married couple living in Pacific Beach who had their tongues pierced together four years ago, also said that being "different or alternative" was a piece of the attraction. They wanted me to know that they wouldn't have removed their piercings

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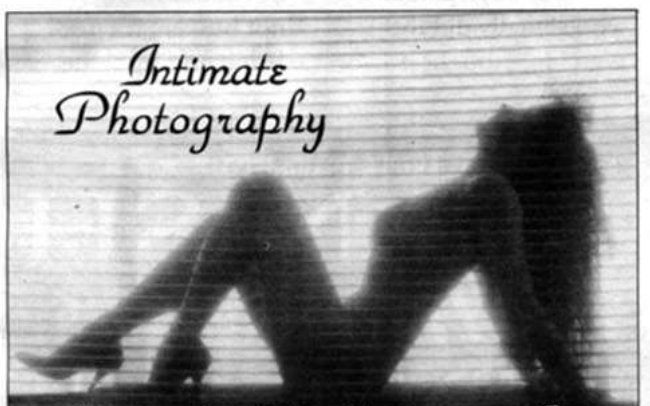

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just because they were having children, that they wouldn't have cared what other parents thought.

And while only 21 percent of those involved in the study of college students' and body art said they got their piercing "to be different," half cited self-expression as their motivation. The line between them is thin.

In her sunny back yard in Pacific Beach, Lisa tips back her white plastic chair and hesitates uncomfortably. "You know what it was?" she begins, trying to explain why she and Dave had their tongues pierced. "It seemed sexual to me. That's what the appeal was."

"Now we're getting somewhere," says Dave. He seems relieved to be through with our stilted conversation about the other, clearly lesser reasons they got their tongues pierced, relieved to have broached the subject that Dr. Jefe refers to as "that sex thing."



PHOTOGRAPH BY DOROTHY KRONICK

Cynthia Raymond

Lisa and Dave are the kind of gentle neo-hippies who drink soy milk and hang tie-dyed clothes in front of their windows. After expressing their concern for an injured wasp that had appeared on the table, Lisa and Dave speak candidly about their disappointing sexual adventures with tongue bars.

"You hear people whisper about it… 'Oh, tongue rings, they're good for fellatio' or…you know, oral sex or whatever. So in the back of your mind you're, like, wow, hey, how do you find out if it's true? So that was part of what drew me in," Dave says.

"It turned out not to be true — at *all*," Lisa offers, shaking her head. Dave elaborates.

"Yeah! It just kind of hurt, you know, because it's just a metal ball and there's no sensation in the ball, so you don't know what's too hard or…"

"That's enough," Lisa says, laughing.

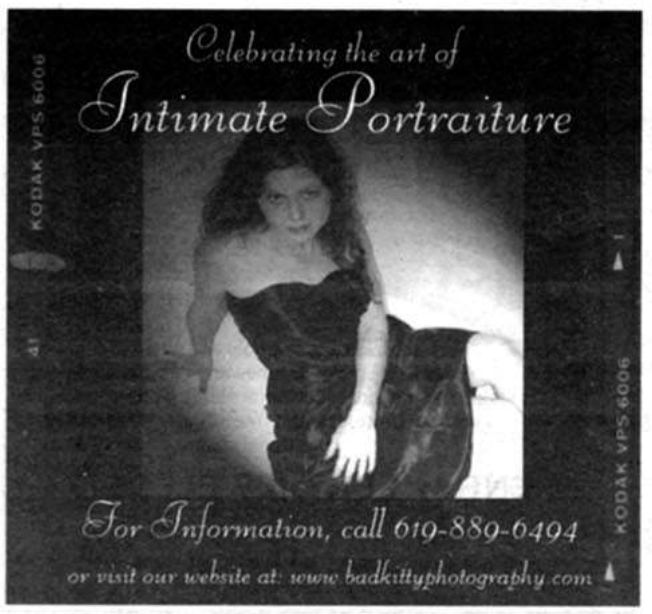
Others didn't have much more luck.

"My boyfriend, who actually did the piercing, thought it would make everything a lot better," Cynthia says. "It didn't really work out. After a while, he named my barbell the Black and Decker Pecker Wrecker."

Grinning mischievously, Erin says that a guy she knew said "it hurt when I wore the bar with the dice on one side instead of the ball."

When I tell these stories to Dr. Jefe, he is surprised. Why would tongue piercing have become such an erotic symbol, he wondered, if there weren't actually any pleasurable results? He offers possible explanation.

"Now, I tell people straight out, if you don't know what you're doing, this isn't going to help you. But also, it's not about fixing what's not broken, it's just about adding some-





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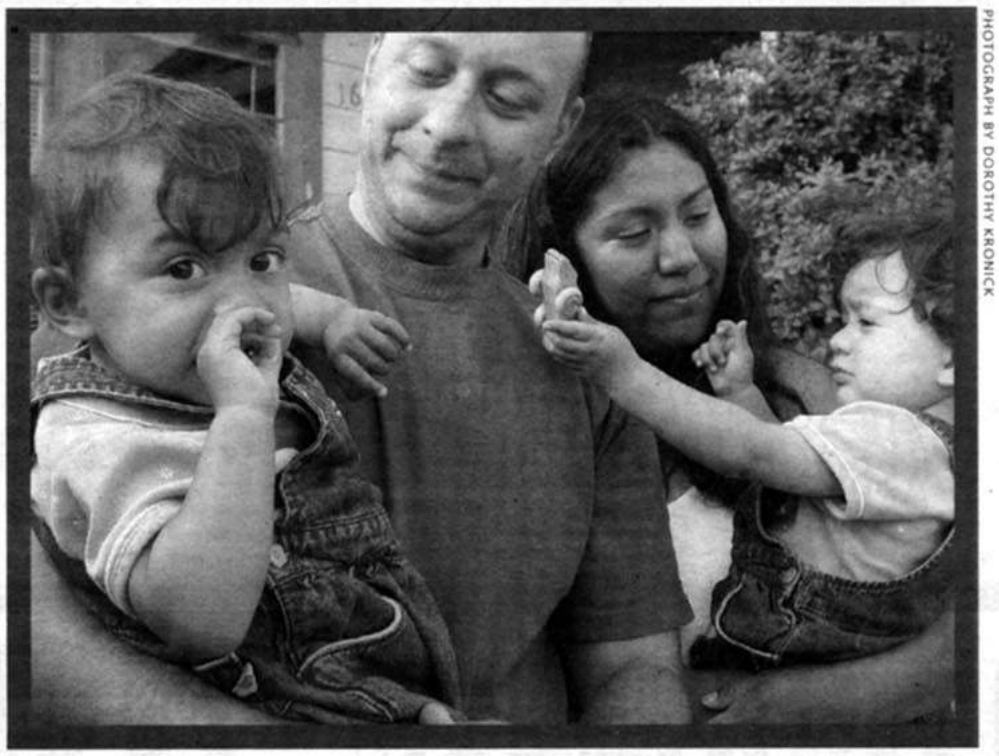
thing a little extra, you know. Female tongue piercings look good, they look sexy, but they're not all that functional, because the size of the ball versus the male genital part is nothing," he explains in an authoritative tone.

A girl named Lauren (who didn't give me her last name because her place of employment doesn't allow tongue bars) lets me watch her get her tongue pierced. Seeing her sweat as Dr. Jefe grabs her tongue with tongs, and listening to her throw up in the bathroom afterwards, made tongue piercing seem like a long way to go to look sexy. But in the context of other things we do to be attractive, I realized, tongue piercing is not all that extreme, when done correctly. It's less permanent than plastic surgery, medically safer than a corset, and cheaper than good cologne.



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Dave and Lisa

The problems occur when it's not done correctly. The tongue isn't just cartilage, it's a muscle; and performing a safe piercing is more complicated than just keeping the needle sterile. A tongue bar has to be placed just right to avoid damage: centered between the arteries, in front of the frenulum. While this knowledge alone can be gained by reading an anatomy book, learning how to locate that spot on an actual person takes practice and training.

That's why Dr. Jefe and others are so concerned about lack of regulation in the industry. In 1998 the State of California passed a law requiring body-piercers to register with their respective county health departments. The law also asked a statewide health organization, the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), to establish registration requirements or conditions that an individual would have to meet in order to begin a body-piercing practice. The CCLHO has since decided on those conditions, and one of them is that an applicant must "provide proof of successful completion of an approved health and safety class" and that the applicant "must demonstrate by examination, knowledge of basic…body piercing techniques, health and safety precautions, sanitation and sterilization techniques."

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health, however, has not yet implemented these standards, which means that it is legal to start a body-piercing business with nothing more than a needle, a cash register, and a business license. According to Liz Quaranta, chief of the food and housing division (which issues permits for tattoo parlors), the department is currently working on enforcement of the registration requirements.

The implications of this laxness are unclear. On one hand, body piercing is partly a self-regulating industry. People decide where to get pierced according to where their friends tell

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them to go, so in theory, a business with a malpractice problem would be shut down by word of mouth. Additionally, tongue piercing isn't brain surgery, and the frequency of complications is relatively low.

"If you weigh relative health risks and the potential consequences, I'd probably be in favor of greater enforcement of things like cigarette purchases, seat belt use, helmet use, rather than piercing. I've probably seen dozens of kids with pierced tongues and actually haven't seen any 'complications,'" Dr. Friedman says.

On the other hand, some of the health risks associated with tongue piercing aren't immediately apparent to those who suffer from them. Unlike infection, which manifests itself in the days and weeks after the piercing, tooth chipping and gum-tissue damage occur over a number of years. Most people wouldn't blame their piercer for a tooth they damaged three years after the initial piercing, even though good practice could potentially thwart such damage.

"I know people who come in, watch me do a piercing, and then go out and start doing it themselves, because they've seen how it's done. What they're not seeing is the thought process that goes behind it. These people have no clue about how to judge the size of someone's mouth, the thickness of the tongue. So to be nice and safe they put a nice, long barbell on everybody's mouth, and then they bite on it and end up breaking a tooth," he says.

Dr. Jefe is right about the dangers of long barbells. A study published in the *Journal of Periodontology* found that nearly half of the people wearing tongue bars for over four years cracked or chipped their molars and that "barbell stem length appears to differentially affect prevalence of recession and chipping."

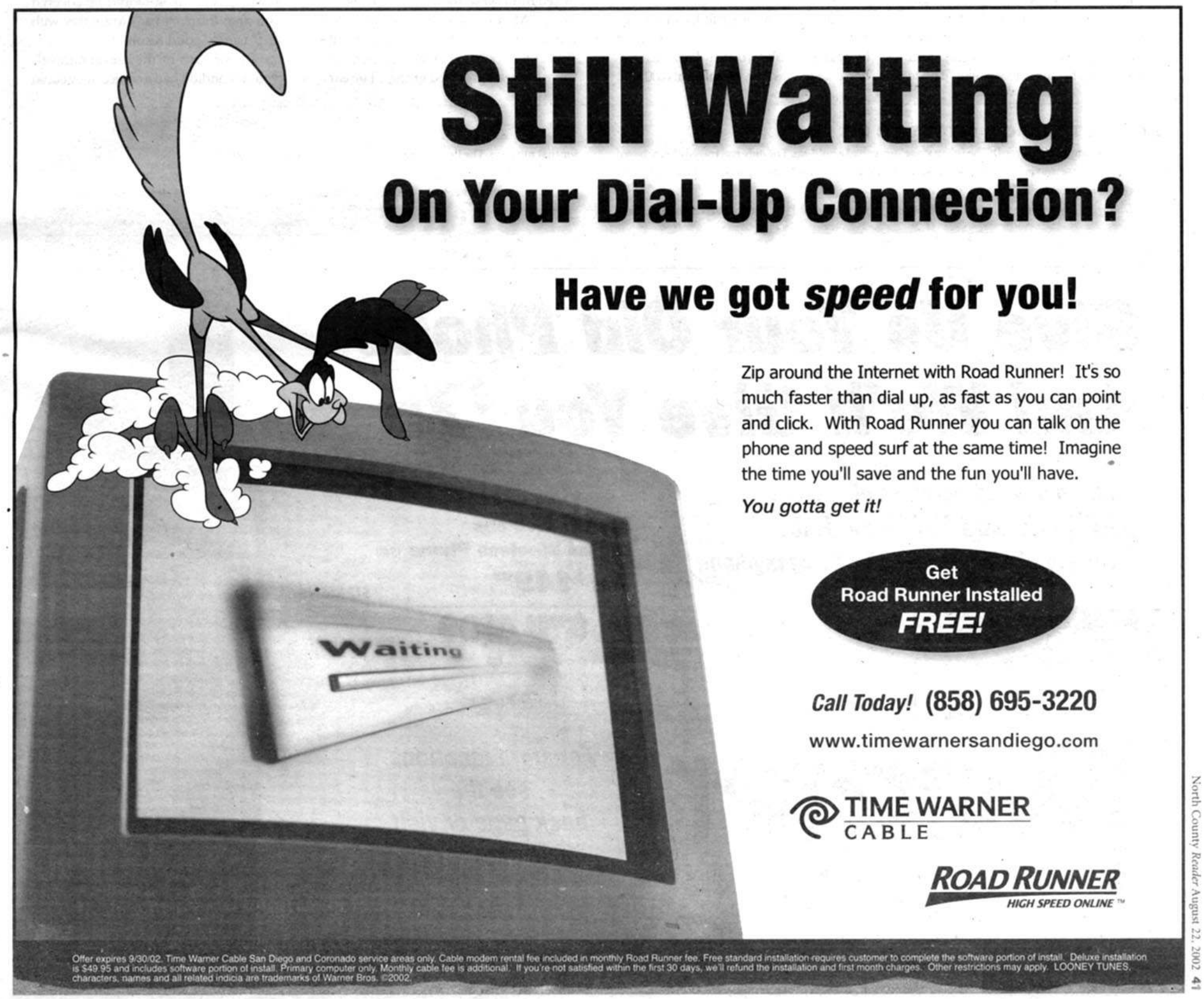
Without even knowing these statistics, the threat of breaking a tooth was enough to make Dave remove his barbell. "After biting into it a few times and making my head ring, I realized I was going to break a tooth, and I thought, 'How worth it is this…' How worth it is anything if you're taking away from your body?"

In many areas of Africa and the Middle East, body piercing is a manifestation of oppression. Women are branded and mutilated as signs of their inferiority, as reminders of their powerlessness. Here, however, piercing has become an expression of freedom: it's not just that people can do it, they do it because they can.

At Synbad's on Garnet Avenue, a pretty waitress with a cropped shirt and low-riding denim miniskirt pours hot coals into our hookah. When she's finished, Marie proudly relates the story of her piercing's relationship with her former employer.

"The whole time I was working at Denny's I just kind of kept my tongue in my mouth, so no one really saw it. When I went to eat there last week, my old boss was, like, 'When did you get that?' I was, like, 'I've had it the whole time!'" Triumphantly, Marie blew a plume of peach smoke into the air and rolled her tongue bar across her lips at our waitress, who pushed her tattooed hips toward us and smiled. ■

— Dorothy Kronick



Unforgettable

LONG-AGO SAN DIEGO

by Jeff Smith

In 1881, eight-year-old Don M. Stewart went by wagon from downtown San Diego to Wolfskill Plains (Escondido), where his family visited friends.

The trip began at dawn, at the Granger Feed Yard, a corral bounded by Eighth, Ninth, I (now Island Avenue), and J Streets. "Fenced in with boards on four sides with one entrance in the northwest corner," Granger offered fireplaces for cooking, troughs for the horses, and "old-fashioned toilets with a box on the wall containing old newspapers." The only drawback: "The walls were rough, affording no chance for writing poetry."

Lyon House cost 25 cents a night (also the price of "a good first-class meal"); Horton House, surrounded by "dirt streets, wooden sidewalks, and weeds," from 50 cents to a dollar. Those who couldn't afford a hotel spread straw on the ground or a blanket and slept under their wagons. "Sometimes travelers would come in for a week, and while the men stayed at the corral, the women frequently put up at the Commercial Hotel, across the street, or with friends.... This system prevailed well down into the early 1880s."

On a "big farm" wagon, only the driver's seat had springs. And only grownups rode "up high in front." For children, although the ride was an incessant bump and jostle, "a few inches of straw on the wagon floor was deemed sufficient." The difference between spring-seats and the floor was "the difference between riding in a Pullman instead of a boxcar."

There was no stage to Escondido in 1881. To go from San Diego to Julian by wagon took two full days. A four-horse stage, however, left Julian at 6:00 a.m. and arrived at New Town that evening. Katie Leng (a frequent passenger, quoted in Richard Crawford's *Stranger Than Fiction*): "The stagecoaches galloping along in the Western movies always upset me because it wasn't that way at all. The horses were trotted, with frequent breathers.... The motion made passengers seasick, and the dust was terrible."



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Horton House (in background), 1872

Athough a wagon trip to Escondido took a full day and stopped at way stations and springs, wagoners anticipated trouble. To be safe they brought camping supplies, feed for the horses, and at least two large kegs of water.

In 1881 the city had no graded roads. "In fact, none were necessary as the downtown area was practically level. When it rained, city street employees hosed mud off to the sides." A common sight: "Men's and women's overshoes left in the mud." Backcountry roads "were practically cow trails, with here and there a few improvised grades. The earliest roads to hills, uplands, and mountains followed the most available routes which would net the easiest grade at the shortest distance. Wild animals traveling to water holes had established that rule."

When a road became rutted, farmers filled in chuckholes with straw. During summer, "The entire sandy bed of the San Diego River to the road leading to Murphy Canyon would be covered with straw from one bank to another, with surprisingly good results."

By the turn of the century, travelers to Escondido had a choice: they could

SELECTED QUOTATIONS:

1. Katie Leng (in Crawford): The Julian stage "never had a hold-up. The only real tragedy I ever heard of was once, before my time, a driver was leading his team across a usually dry wash and was caught by a flash flood and drowned."

2. Stewart: "Few of the families had Christmas trees; they would not cut down trees in those days for that purpose. The holiday was not commercialized as it is today."

3. Stewart does not speak highly of men "who aren't always careful about their language."

4. Stewart: "Tasker had a well-kept beard, and I remember Hoke shaved clean. He was the first man I ever saw shaved."

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head to Old Town on level ground, or ride up today's Sixth Avenue, turning, "at the crest of the hill," at present-day University Avenue. They rode to Sandrock Grade (Texas Street, graded in the 1890s), which led down the mesa to Mission Valley. From there, wagons crossed the river and went up Murphy Canyon. Even when travelers had a choice, however, most preferred the longer Old Town route in summer, because the alternate was dubbed "hot Murphy Canyon." Its many Sycamore and wild plum trees couldn't ameliorate the heat.

Before construction of Sandrock Grade, travelers took the Old Town route, as did Stewart. His wagon left Granger, went up Fifth, over to Fourth and C, passed on a diagonal behind the Grant Hotel, went up Second on an incline, and headed north on First past the last house. "Proceeding in a northwesterly direction toward Old Town, without interference or interruption, you followed the route that offered the best roadbed with the least obstructions. When this road became eroded, traffic simply moved a little to the right or left, whichever the case demanded."

The only building between New and Old Town stood at the foot of today's Laurel Street. Locals called the small ramshackle structure, abandoned for years, Half-Way House. "The name was jokingly given to the place, as was frequently done in San Diego."

The San Diego River's narrowest point lay just beyond Old Town. Here wagons crossed, then headed northeast to the mesa where University of San Diego stands today. The road (Linda Vista Road almost exactly) ascended a fairly steep incline, skirted the mesa, and joined with Murphy Canyon Road, site of the old Camp Elliot headquarters.

The lumpy highway veered northeast, across Seven Mile — now Kearny — Mesa, through rugged chaparral, black sage, sumac (a lemonberry bush), and greasewood, which has a three-inch, oblong root excellent as slow-burning fuel. The next immediate goal: an abandoned adobe house at the eastern end of San Clemente Canyon, site of a "large, deep spring" and, in case of emergency, an "overnight camping point."

The spring was a welcome sight. San Diego in 1881 had two kinds of drinking water: well and spring. "Well water was what is called 'hard.' You could drink it, but you would rather not." (Stewart) By contrast, the sweetness of spring water sounds like nectar.

The abandoned adobe house was another welcome sight because in those days no one wanted to camp on bare ground. Rattlesnakes. When William H. Davis, original founder of New Town, went looking for gold around San Diego in the 1850s, before his group pitched tents, they cleared a 300-foot circle of bushes and scrub oak. They built campfires around the circumference. This "rim of fire" protected them "from nightly attacks of rattlesnakes while we slept. The territory was infested with these repulsive and dangerous reptiles. Every day during our march, Don Ramon [their guide] would kill, on an average, a dozen of these snakes."

From the adobe house, Stewart's wagon proceeded northeast, ascending Poway Grade "at its lowest point in the hills." Near the foot of the grade, leading into "Poway Valley," a man named Dobson had a way station "where the horses could be watered, and they served coffee and cold roast lamb."

Stewart's party, which left San Diego at dawn, arrived at Dobson's around noon, just in time to see a solar eclipse: "We viewed the sun through a well-smoked portion of window-glass."

From Dobson's, the wagon drove north ten miles, to the Bernardo River, "which was easily crossed." On the other side, another welcome landmark: Schellenberger's grocery store. "Refreshments in the shape of crackers and cheese could always be obtained." After watering the horses and having a short rest, the wagon moved north, "slightly to the east of the present highway," about

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three miles to Wolfskill's Plains (Escondido). "A few newcomers were just starting to settle the flat part of the valley." For every person, there were at least 500 sheep.

In the 1880s, bunch grass grew all over Escondido and Nuevo (today's Ramona). The perennial flourished regardless of weather and made an ideal feed for sheep. Two families, the Wolfskills (who owned a rancho at today's Escondido) and the Etcheverrys (of the Santa Maria Valley, now Ramona), were the major sheepherders. In shearing season, they sold wool in 200-pound, 6-foot-long sacks.

Stewart saw herders tending large flocks and alert sheepdogs chasing strays back into the fold. "At night the flock would be driven into a crude brush-constructed corral, as protection from coyotes."

Stewart was among the last to see vast herds of sheep in Escondido. "After the early 1880s, the sheep raising diminished rapidly, as the sheep required great ranges, and these were diminishing."

The wagon passed through Escondido valley, "just about where the present business district now stands," and arrived at its destination, the Christiansen home in northeast Wolfskill Plains, "just about dark." Along with its "abundance of grapes, peaches, and pears," one of Stewart's favorite memories was the Christiansens' concrete swimming pool.

The trip was long, dusty, and arduous, but Stewart doesn't complain. In fact, he enjoyed every minute, because "you were getting somewhere and seeing the country without walking." ■

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When I first met Daramola, I was her client at Sharp Rees-Stealy in the South Bay. I still remember how she entered the room slowly, arranged herself comfortably in a chair, then folded her hands in her lap as if to say, *I'm here as long as you need me.* At the time her garb was conservative tweeds and pumps and occasionally the ubiquitous white jacket; still, I sensed immediately that this was a different kind of physician. I could not have foreseen Daramola as she is today, presiding over her free clinic, dressed in a beautiful peacock blue and green dashiki, surrounded by a platoon of dedicated volunteers.

Some physicians live by the small extract of the Hippocratic oath: *First, do no harm.* But the cause of Daramola's unrest was, that was not enough. In her own words, "If you can't make a difference in this world, then what's the point?" During her two-year stint with Sharp Rees-Stealy, which she considered "an essential part of my grooming as a physician," Daramola happened to see a program on Channel 10 about Dr. Terese Yang, who ran a nonprofit clinic in Santee. Daramola began to volunteer her half-day off a week assisting Dr. Yang.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Dr. Iyabo Daramola

Shortly after that, Daramola left Sharp Rees-Stealy and founded her own nonprofit cooperation called Caring Hearts Medical Foundation. Though she continued her own medical practice in the South Bay, she also opened the City Heights Medical Clinic. Financially, she said, the transition was very hard, but

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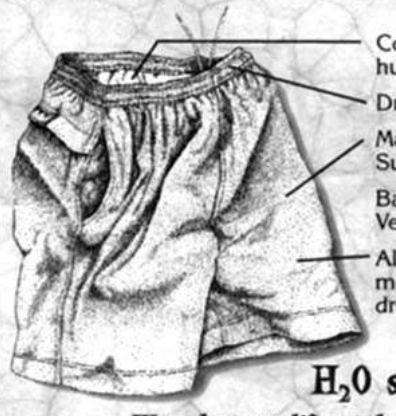

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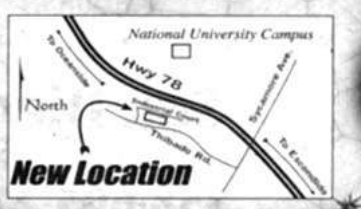

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because she was a single person her personal expenses were limited. She opened the City Heights Clinic because she wanted to reach a population that she wasn't reaching in the South Bay or in Santee, and she was determined that a portion of the new clinic would be free to underserved and uninsured patients.

Daramola seems genetically predisposed to philanthropic work. Her maternal grandmother, Florence McClain, was a "real case — she set up homeless shelters all over Liberia." Daramola's mother in Liberia and her father in a small town in Nigeria called Ogbomosho were both educated by missionaries. Daramola's mother became the first female physician in Liberia. Her father was a nurse, but the missionaries realized his potential and gave him a scholarship to Virginia University in the United States. That is where her parents met and married. They completed medical school in Canada, where Daramola was born. When the family settled down in Nigeria, Daramola's mother ran a free clinic out of the back of their house. Laughing, Daramola told me, "There I was, a six-year-old, translating these big medical terms from English to Yoruba for my mother's patients." On a recent trip to Nigeria, Daramola saw a woman standing at the gates to the hospital. "Her uterus was hanging down between her legs." One of the many reasons Daramola gave me for setting up the free clinic was that she would like to give back to the Third World. Since she can't be there, she has found a way to do that here.

ON THE SATURDAY that I visited the free clinic, the waiting room was already full — a Mexican-American family, an African-American gentleman clutching a plastic bag filled with empty prescription bottles, and a Cambodian couple.

Daramola is concerned about African and East African immigrants. She says that these immigrants have cultural and religious barriers against seeking medical attention and, for the most part, they have no preventative health skills. They are particularly vulnerable because they have a changed environment and diet. On top of whatever health problems they have brought with them — often diabetes and high blood pressure — they fall ill because of the new diseases they are exposed to here in the United States. Daramola works with outreach organizations that resettle refugees. She also works once a month at a day-care center for Somali adults. "These older men really want to know how to cook in a healthy fashion," she said, "how many milligrams of calcium they need to prevent osteoporosis. I don't speak Somali, but these men listen to me because I look like them."

According to Daramola, the typical profile of a person who comes to the free clinic might be someone who came to the U.S. as a visitor from the Caribbean 10 to 15 years ago and who gets paid under the table and doesn't qualify for health benefits. She said she once saw a woman from the Dominican Republic who had been in the United States for 20 years and never had any medical attention. "It doesn't matter if my patients

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and I are of the same ethnicity, or even speak the same language," Daramola says. "For example, there is a Laotian couple who comes to this clinic with whom I can barely communicate, yet we will be friends forever; we understand one another completely." On one of the clinic walls there is a bulletin board with pictures of Daramola and many of her patients. I can't begin to name all the ethnicities in these photos, but the look of mutual respect on all of the faces reminds me of the recent Human Genome Project findings: human beings are 99.9 percent identical.

Quite frankly, the part of City Heights where Daramola's office is located is treeless and ugly. Only the towering red pagoda-like structure redeems the cement-dominated area and foreshadows the mission statement of the free clinic: "To provide health care at no cost to people of different cultural backgrounds in a culturally sensitive way." On the Saturday that I visited the free clinic, the waiting room was already full — a Mexican-American family, an African-American gentleman clutching a plastic bag filled with empty prescription bottles, and a Cambodian couple. Throughout the afternoon there would be many more, including an East County family, originally from Zaire, and several women from Somalia. I had an opportunity to speak with Farah Hersi, who is both a client of the clinic and assists as a translator for Somali patients. "The doctor helps people to feel comfortable," Hersi told me, "especially the ladies; they feel like she is one of them." Hersi says she is studying computer sciences in college but also English literature. She hopes to become a writer and tell the stories of Somalia one day.

I have come to prefer this clinic to the South Bay office because it's just been redone. There are large windows — that is to say, real light, new floors, and a warm decor. A striking portrait of Daramola hangs on one wall. (A Nigerian patient took a photo of Daramola and upon returning to Nigeria commissioned an artist to paint the picture.) The painting is filled with rich, vibrant colors. In it she is answering the phone, a look of concern on her face. Beyond light and color, there is sound; the waiting room is filled with cheery, energetic music from Zaire rather than diluted elevator music. The clinic is multilingual. Aside from English, as one flyer announces: "Waxan ku hadal naa Amhari, Carabi, Spanish, Somali, Tagalog, Tegre Nuer, Yoruba, yo Ibo is spoken here."

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It was a sunny San Diego day. I was having trouble believing that people were choosing to volunteer their time as opposed to taking advantage of a day off and good weather. But to a volunteer, working at the clinic was fun, they insisted. The atmosphere was almost festive. Dr. Rocio Flores, a South Bay internist, said, "I really like this patient population. Coming here is kind of like working out: afterwards you feel so much better." A lot of the patients she sees at the clinic are students without medical benefits or people who make too much to receive social benefits but too little to buy their own insurance. Originally from Peru, Flores spoke of the difference between health care

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there and in the United States. She told me when you are going to have surgery in Peru, your physician hands you a list of things to buy and bring to the hospital. Patients are responsible for saline solution, gloves, sutures, sheets, and so on. Nevertheless, Flores noted that "the health funding in the United States, the richest country in the world, is disgraceful, and the cost of medication is outrageous. One pill can cost $40, a prescription can cost half your rent." She also said that many legal residents suffer from diseases such as diabetes, yet they don't know they are eligible for MediCal or other forms of assistance. This could be remedied, she said, by more aggressive advertising at the state and federal level. Flores is expecting a baby in a few months, and I asked her what will happen with her volunteerism then. "I'll just bring my son along. If it's important to me, why wouldn't it be important to him?" No wonder Daramola foresees a playroom in her future office plans.

Holly Jones, the nurse practitioner who also volunteers at the Saturday clinic, says, "I guess I'm just weird, but it's fun working here; everybody is so wonderful. And if you can't give up three hours once a month, then there's something wrong in your life." She says working with an immigrant population offers her a wide variety of experiences. "I am gaining a special expertise here. Many immigrants have problems that I wouldn't know to ask about — for example, parasites. They often have stomach problems from chronically bad-water sources, or many of them suffer because they are not able to tolerate milk and milk products. Then, too, you have to consider the fact that many immigrants experience depression; they are separated from their families, and it's very hard on them."

You would think that a young man like Emeka Udeh would be out on the town pursuing his social life on a day such as this. "You don't always have to get money for everything you do," he tells me. "You have to have a heart." Udeh works during the week at Villaview Community Hospital. Since emigrating from Nigeria, he says, "It's my passion to be of service to my community." Norma Good declared that working here was fun, although she said her faith plays a part in her desire to serve. Her religion is Eckankar, a belief in a God of light and sound. "Our spiritual leaders teach us that God is love and emphasizes the idea of doing charitable work." Mary Sakaida, the medical assistant volunteering that day, likewise enjoys helping people. She told me she volunteers because "at one time I didn't have any health insurance. I didn't know where to go to get care, and I would end up in the emergency room." Sakaida works during the week at the City Heights Clinic. "Daramola is always calm, always happy," she tells me. "And it's shocking; do you know she even encourages walk-ins? It's typed right on her flyers." At the end of the afternoon, Sakaida's husband and small son came to pick her up. I wondered if they volunteered something as well.

In the '60s there used to be a debate about whether it was possible to change the world one person at a time or whether real change would take dramatic social upheaval. The clinic is filled with volunteers who believe in the first proposition and act upon their beliefs. "If everyone contributes a little," Daramola says, "we will make a dent — two by two by two — and pretty soon you've arrived at 400." More than 22 percent of San Diegans lack health insurance. Until the United States catches up with other "First World" countries in terms of health care, Daramola's small revolution is making an important and necessary dent. Aside from treatment of common medical problems, the clinic offers free mammograms, nutritional counseling, health-education counseling, and screening for diabetes, blood pressure, cancer, and osteoporosis on the third Saturday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 4660 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite 209, in University Heights. ■

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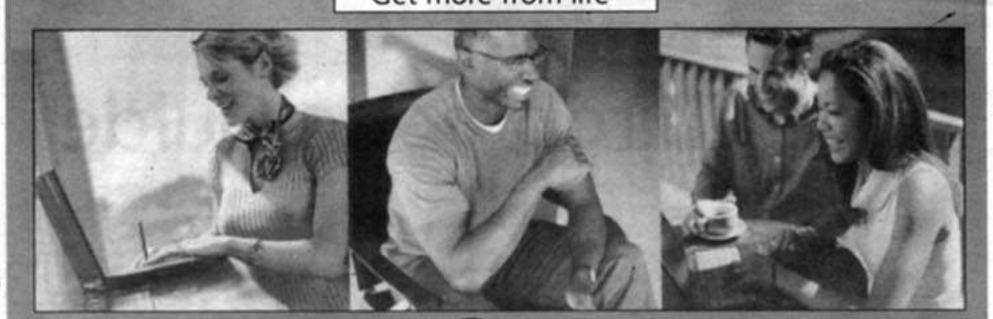

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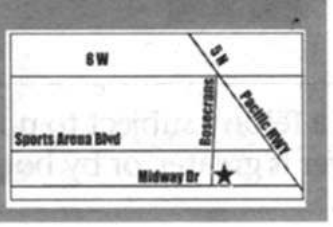

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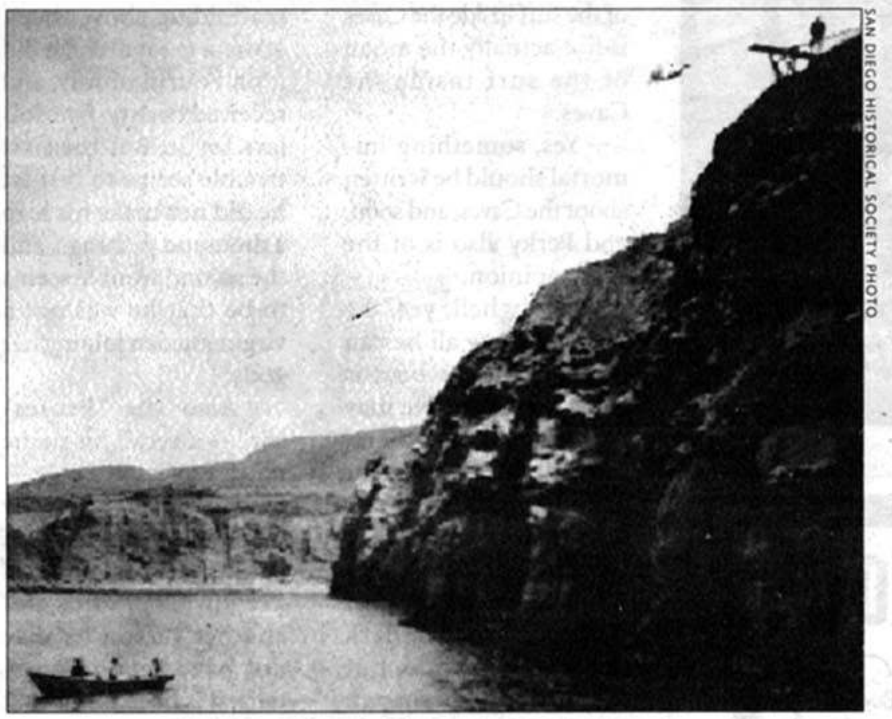
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Horace Poole's dive from a La Jolla cliff, 1896

CHAPTER 22

There is enough vanity in all of us perhaps to want a hometown to remember us, even slightly, and some can do this by donating a flagpole or a fountain or a set of chimes or maybe the uniforms for the high school band.

But in my own case maybe I should do something about the Caves, for at present they are known merely as the Caves. Professional pictures are taken of them, and these pictures are published in magazines, newspapers, guidebooks, and whenever we see any of these pictures we have reason to think: "Ah, the Caves have picked up in business."

But the Caves have not picked up in business, at least very much, and mainly, I think, because no noticeable legends have been created around them. There is, to be sure, one legend which struggled for life for a while, and may still be struggling, for I remember once having seen it in a California guidebook; the legend being credited to some old Indian folk tale that the Caves were gouged out by an ancient Indian chief during a spell of anger. He gouged them out by blows with his bare fists because an Indian princess would not return his love. This legend at least shows a try, and should be given a fielder's credit as such, for it is considerably more than any of the rest of us have done for the Caves, except to take them for granted.

But what the Caves really need is either a murder or a miracle. And if it is to be a miracle, then it should be like those miracles they have in France or Italy, so that the ocean salt water inside the Caves could henceforth be known to do something to people who drink it.

Or if it is to be a murder, then it should be a royal one, say, of a beautiful Spanish queen captured from off a Spanish galleon while en route back to her homeland from the Philippines. She was captured by the English privateers who used to cruise around here capturing Spanish galleons en route to Mexico or their homeland from the Philippines, and she refused to tell her capturers where she had hidden her jade-studded stomacher of great value.

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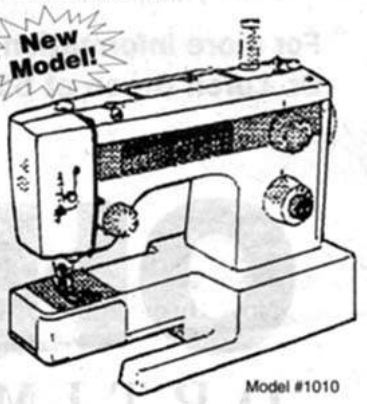
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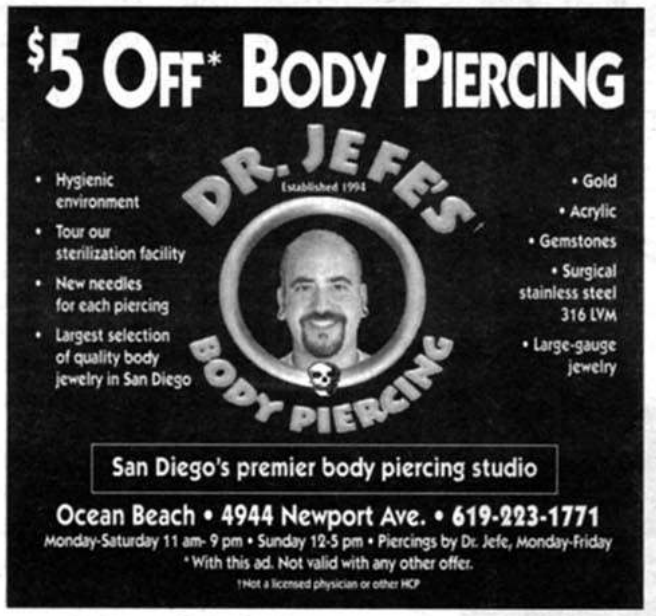



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queen is still encased within the Caves, and it costs a dime to try to find her. Or maybe she is not really dead, and the moan of the surf inside the Caves is not actually the moan of the surf inside the Caves.

Yes, something immortal should be written about the Caves, and soon, and Perky also is of the same opinion.

"Holy hell, yes," he said. For now all he can do from his rowboat is show the Caves. He may be satisfied with them, but his few and irregular customers may not always be as satisfied. For all they can do is look at them.

The Caves are not deep nor are they dark nor are they wide, but they are high, perhaps a hundred feet or so high, and shaped like cathedral entrances. But no stalagmites or stalactites are inside the Caves, and the floors are covered only by ocean-washed rocks, the same kind of ocean rocks one can see anywhere, and during high tides the sea slaps into the entrances.

Cormorants by the hundreds roost on the side of the cliffs outside and above the Caves, and though the cormorants apparently have been roosting there through the centuries, nevertheless cormorants are not romance. And what Perky needs for the Caves is romance. We all need it for the Caves. We need romance with sacrifice and broken hearts.

A long time ago, perhaps 50 years ago, a professional high-diver named "Professor" — well, "Professor" somebody — did the best he could for the Caves by diving off the top of the cliff from a scaffolding above them. It was a great dive, he did it on Fourth of July, and received twenty-five dollars for it. But the first trouble seems to be that he did not make his leap a thousand years ago, and the second trouble seems to be that he was not a virgin maiden joining her gods.

Also the "Professor" — I recall his name now: "Professor" Poole — lived to be quite an elderly man, finally dying in San Diego in 1943, almost half a century afterwards, and another reason he may not have been immortalized is because of that damn $25.

It is not that the Caves need a press agent. It is not that. For visitors from everywhere seem to know about the Caves ahead of time, and want to see them. But it is the visitors' letdown after seeing the Caves which is the current problem. Nor is there anything in the Caves which can be stolen as a keepsake, unless one wants to lug out one of the heavy stones, and he is welcome to do that. Or he can pick up a similar kind anywhere else. Or if he wants to write his name and hometown on the walls he can do that likewise, and the ocean will scrub them off again. But if he wants to tell about the Caves afterwards, about all he can do is say that: "Yes I saw them." For all that they have, actually, is a natural beauty.

A small curio store is on the curving street above the Caves, and the store is doing the best it can for them in a commercial way, and this is by displaying a street sign, "Entrance to the Caves," and stating the store's own admission price by way of an artificial entrance down through a hole in the floor of the store. An owner or somebody associated with the store created at one time this idea by digging a tunnel-like stairway down through the dirt and the rocks, and ending down



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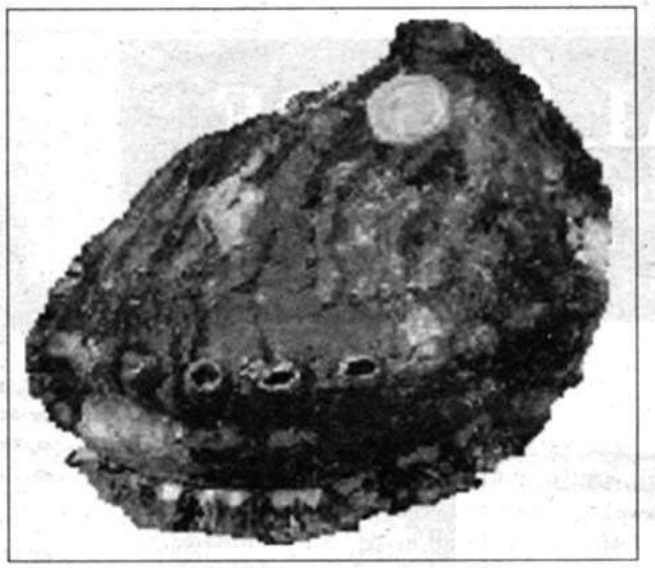
near the natural entrance by the ocean.

Perky knew the man who did all this painstaking work, but I do not know him. Nor do I even know what the admission reads — maybe a dime, maybe a quarter. For I never have gone through the commercial entrance the right way. I have, though, gone through the commercial entrance the wrong way, and it was a mean thing to do. It was mean to the person running the store.

All this was quite a while ago, and I was not alone in the guilt. Perky was with me, and also a former lifeguard on his day off duty. The three of us had been swimming in the vicinity of the Caves when the former lifeguard suggested that we swim into one of the Caves — the one containing the artificial stairway — and climb it.

We did. We swam, then waded our way into this cave, then climbed onto the dry, rocky platform which is the base of the stairway, and we walked up it. In our wet swimming trunks, and with our bodies still dripping, we emerged up inside the curio store through the floor opening, and unfortunately just as a group of paying visitors were about to descend.

On seeing how wet we were, and presuming apparently that this must be what happens to everybody who goes down into this cave, the visitors had logic in demanding back their paid admissions.



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While the three of us continued silently on through the curio store and out upon the street, the curio manager was in the act of returning the money. But we did not wait, nor have we returned.

Yet all of this may be just one more reason why I would like to make it all up someday, both to the keeper of the curio store and to the Caves themselves, by producing a glorious fable.

The fable might win me my name on a plaque, and some sightseer to the Caves could then steal the plaque.

CHAPTER 23

San Diego, and not here, is where the conventions are held. And so about the only times we of this small town are aware of these conventions are when the delegates, or some of them, are taken on sightseeing tours in chartered buses out to see us.

The buses stop at this point or that point along our coast, everybody gets out, everybody looks around for a while, everybody gets back into the buses again, and everybody goes away. But we can tell they are conventioneers because of the caps or the badges or the colored raiment the visitors are wearing.

We may be, then, part of the program too, and even may be included in the minutes of the last meeting.

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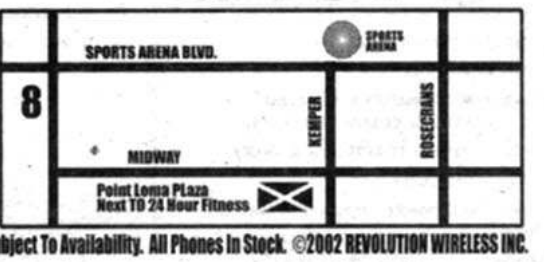

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theless attend our own little conventions without realizing what they are. For we may not be geographically together when we have them. We may be far away from each other, very far away, in different cities, different states, maybe even on different continents.

Often I have wondered about this, and have wondered if it could be true.

For all at once, and almost as if an informal gathering were taking place, I will be thinking of certain people, several of them at once, certain friends, and we will all be together, all moving around, all laughing or kidding each other about something, or all serious about something which in itself is serious. But just what it is, is never quite clear.

But our bondage one to the other seems not only clear but definitely precise, and it appears to go beyond the bondage of the more ordinary initiation rituals. It could have been that we have helped bury some mutual friend in the dusty coral of a distant and tiny island. It could have been that we were at the same battle station during a strike by the Kamikaze. It could have been that we were in the same pyramid tent, with the rain deluging us from all directions, sideways and upwards as well as downwards, while preparing to move on our next operation which we knew would be a dilly. Or our bondage could have been any one quick moment which, in the electricity of its quickness, welded us together as no ordinary bondage ever could do.

But whatever it is, or wherever it was, we are members of our own lodge now. And there may be many such lodges, countless such lodges, intertwined throughout this country or world of ours. Nor in recognition of our peculiar affinity do we have to meet once a year or wear funny hats or be incorporated.

We do meet, though. I am sure of it. We keep on meeting at the most unexpected times, almost

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on the order of a come-as-you-are party, or perhaps, and more equally true, a come-as-you-were party — meaning the faces, the expressions, the circumstances of some indelible instant in the bygone.

We have our own password as well, and one which is passed between us only from the mind to the mind, and with no official acknowledgment of same being necessary. It is receipt enough to feel the password being both received and given.

Some of our members may be known exceedingly well for what they did, or some may not be known — outside this club. But inside this club their membership means everything. Maybe some of them are still doing great things. Yet that does not matter. What matters is the memory of how this or that individual at some time, perhaps some split second, did what most desperately needed to be done, and when nobody else could have done it. It is as if he could have been born just for that one decisive moment, or that one decisive day, or that month or week — and for the good of all of us.

So our club, which saw it being done, retains a loyalty to that individual which overrides anything he may be doing today, whether good, bad, or nothing. For within a single vital hour he had more magnificence perhaps than can be found in all his current-day censors combined, and no matter how long they may live.

Today when some outsider, some nonmember of the club, may say in front of other people: "I saw that friend of yours when I was in Philadelphia a couple weeks ago. God was he drunk" — it is not the words which cause us to bristle so much as the manner in which they are said. For this outsider, by his misplaced laugh, must now be presuming that everything is equaled up again, and that he is now on a par with our own man, our own member.

True, on getting back here after his long absence in the nether world, our member may not always have conducted himself in a way which the immediate world would consider smartly for himself. That is, he failed to be all things in one. He failed to live *that* world and *this* world simultaneously. He failed to keep abreast of all the successful tricks of the *here* as well as of the *there*. And providing that some honors or some medals or some publicity were given to him dur-

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And because by now he may have failed to be any or all of these, and despite the "headstart," then our man is no good, never has been. "And God was he drunk."

We might be too.

Yet of just such people remain the grandest memories and members of our club, our club which always is strangely meeting — I know it is — and without first having to have convention notices sent around.

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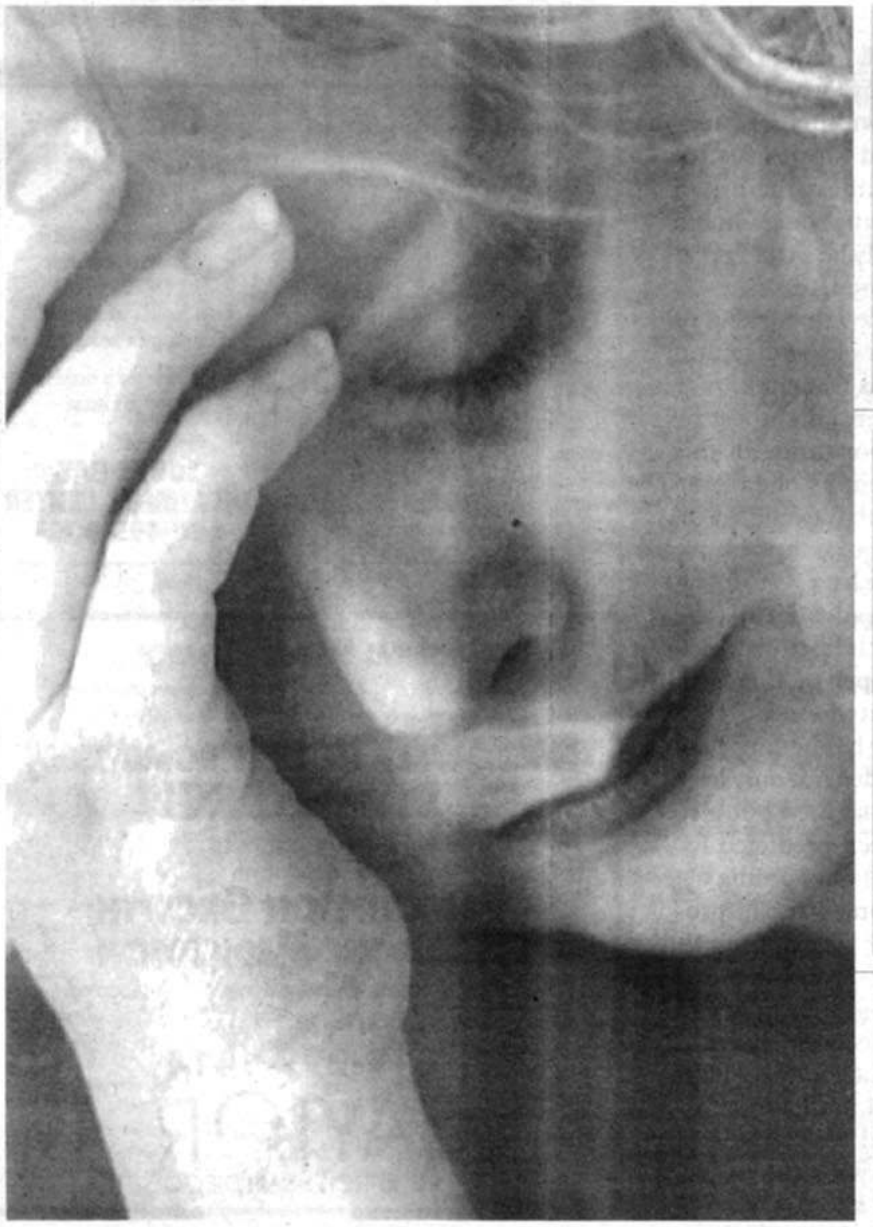

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running around in confusion, and when once again they are bawling: "Oh, why doesn't somebody do something about it — oh, why didn't somebody do something about it — oh, why doesn't somebody go out and stop those enemy bastards — before anything happens to ME!"

And then it will be the same record all over again, and always and only during an emergency. There will be another Jimmy, there will be another Jocko, there will be another "Pappy," and they will be out there slugging it out while the erstwhile smarty-pants at home are still wringing their hands. And will continue wringing their hands, since in an emergency this seems all they are capable of doing.

Having been in two wars I should be used to it by now, and the supercilious attitudes afterwards towards our Jimmies and our Jockos and our "Pappies." I should be used to it, and the aftermath when all is safe again, except that it is impossible for me to get used to this aftermath, these criticisms, these eyeraisings, these smartcracks, by the jolly stay-at-homes, these guys who think of their own financial success and futures first of all — unless their own sacred little bodies should suddenly be in danger at home too late.

"I saw that friend of yours the other day, and God was he drunk."

There might not be the opportunity for this statement as one of the aftermaths next time. For, as dreadful as the fact may seem, we have yet to imagine ahead of time the worst war horrors which can happen on this earth without these horrors actually happening. And some lulus not only have been imagined but also have been predicted for this next one coming up.

If one war can produce by surprise the V-1, the V-2, and then the atom — then how can any of us hope this next time that what will happen will not happen.

And also this next war, as with the beginning of all wars, started before the last one ended.

And we who have seen the buildup of two other wars recognize the same old pattern. We may be older, but the pattern has not changed. It starts with some strong country becoming too secret and too cunning and too coy — so coy that with one hand it reaches for gifts of sympathy and with the other hand, the one behind its back, it turns these gifts into whatever it feels like turning them into, namely war equipment, and "don't look now, we're a very sensitive people, and you'll offend us."

And having seen this occur three times now — once with the Japs and two times with the Germans — how can I help but feel what I feel. Nor for my own convictions must I any longer first run around interviewing other people (memoirs of old reportorial days) for their opinions. For having seen the build-up of two wars (three wars actually), and having been the participant of two wars (three wars actually), I now have as much reason for recognizing this feeling — this feeling of mine — as they do. And for expecting the worst, even the worst against our own country which already happens to be divided against itself, and with so many of our own people already siding with the potential enemy, and bragging about it.

Yet, after having seen far too many of our own American youngsters getting mauled around, chopped up, I would be a heel not to mention somewhere in this book what I am thinking. But, having expressed it, I will quit now and go back to this other business of being still alive and in this little town, my hometown, on the Pacific.

This little town where conventioneers come out and look at us, but where some of us in turn have our own holy and mysterious gatherings — with those few precious guys the world around.

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goodness and light, but still the day may come when this town will know me as Killer Miller, he with the Icy Eye.

And my killing days generally will be on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On these days, and with a shotgun across my lap, I will sit on my ocean steps and glower.

Like the prairie Sioux or Blackfeet or Piegan I will sit and glower at the white race which, coming out in hordes from nowhere, is now making extinct the food supply of us natives. Because of my killings, all of us of the town sooner or later may be placed on a reservation. But we will have to be caught first and taken alive.

And there on the reservation in years to come I will be interviewed, possibly through an interpreter, and asked if it is really true that I can remember as far back as when abalones actually were found on the underwater rocks around here. My reply will be a grunt in the affirmative, but my beady eyes will still retain the hatred which now is beginning to possess me each time I see a new crowd of emigrants swarming over our ocean rocks and slaughtering our shellfish on them — just to be slaughtering something.

There is supposed to be a limit of ten abalones a day to each person, and this is far more than any single person can eat in a week, or maybe even a month, abalones being that rich when prepared and cooked properly. But limit or no limit, the devastation during the past two years has become such that today we natives see more empty shells than we see living ones, and they require many years to grow to a decent size, a size convenient for handling, a legal size of six inches or so.

But whereas the Blackfeet or the Sioux at least could follow their buffalo herds around from season to season, from one feeding grounds to another, we cannot conveniently do that with the abalone. When they are gone they are gone. Besides, they do not roam.



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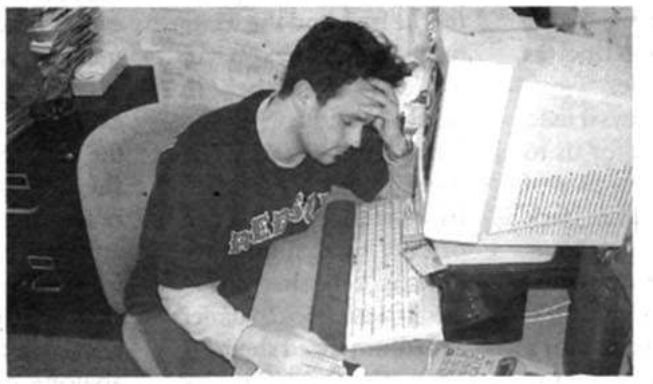

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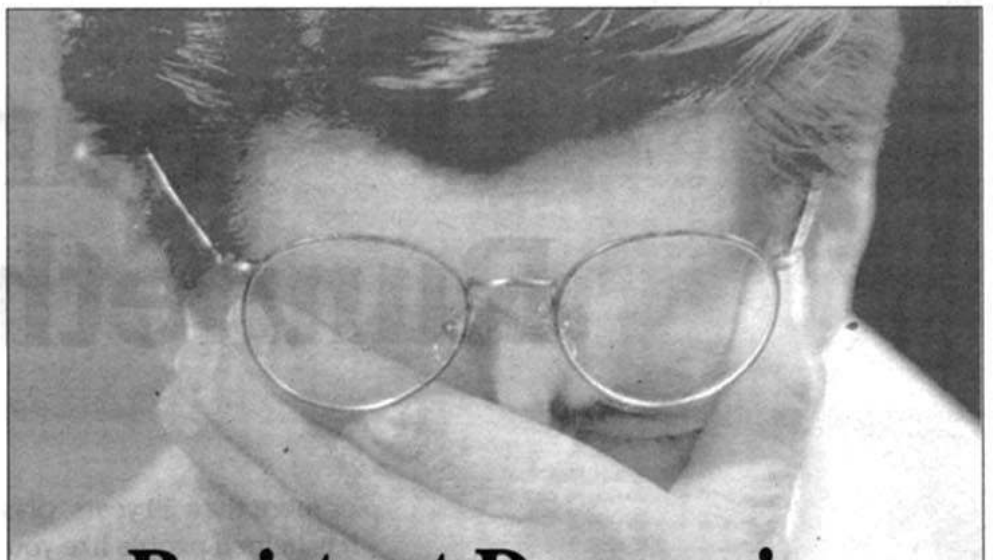

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The situation has gotten so now that whenever I see a pair of swimfins go down underwater I pray that the diver will come up empty handed. That is, unless the swimfins belong to me and I am the diver. For, many new apparatuses have come into being during my time, and all designed apparently to make our local abalone extinct as soon as possible.

In the old days it used to be sufficient for us to swim out with a pair of goggles, and come back with two or three abalones stuck inside our swimming trunks. This would be well and enough for a meal. But today the pursuit has become glorified with face-glasses, inner tubes, rubberboats, swimfins, surfboards, and the largest crowd each party can muster together for scouring the bottom for any lone abalones which may remain. And letters to the editor do not help.

All that will help is for me to become a killer.

The abalone already has enough natural enemies besides man's converted tire-irons for getting between the shell and the rock for prying. Having only this one protective shell, the abalone is a wide-open victim for anything in the sea once this shell has been pried off the rock and the white living meat is exposed. The eels will be there in no time, and so will the lobsters if they can get by the eels. That big-toothed fish, the sheepshead, can pry off an abalone anyhow, once the sheepshead gets its teeth hooked under a medium-sized shell. Or even the starfish, by remaining determined day after day, can stay clamped around an abalone until it gives up too.

This should be enough enemies. But I have seen groups of strangers diving for abalones, then deliberately tossing them up into the air and back into the ocean again, and just to be showing off. Sometimes this is done when the abalone, after having been pried free, has been found to be legally undersized. But whether undersized or legal-sized, the abalone is doomed anyway. It will hardly have time to get its open side turned around, and clamped back onto some rock, before the eels or other enemies will make a rush for it.

Of all the shellfish I ever have encountered, the abalone, I think, comes the nearest to having a brain. The abalone, in its attempts for self-defense, is sensitive to lights and shadows and excessively sensitive to touch. The abalone seems aware of all that is going on, and aware of all the things which are out to get it. The abalone will tighten even when its own rock is touched, or when a shadow comes too close. But the poor little fellow has to stay relaxed once in a while, for only in this way can it absorb food.

Once Perky and I were out in my own rubber boat when a strange thing happened. It was one of those things which require witnesses to be believed. Or rather an audience. For what occurred was not a sight but a sound. The sound easily could be analyzed, of course, as simply being two shells scraping together. But the word the sound gave off was what startled us both, for we both heard it, and both stared at each other to make sure we both heard it.

We had been out getting some abalones for our own meal, and were returning to shore with four of them. We had left them clustered and clinging and moving together on the bottom of the boat, as they always do when struggling to get clamped onto something again, if merely clamped upon themselves. And the sound which startled us was like the metallic sound of one of those toy wires which, when scraped by the thumb-nail, say "Merry Christmas."

But this metallic-like sound from the abalones did not say "Merry Christmas." It said, and all too distinctly, and with what should be printed in tiny plaintive letters: *Mur-der-r.*

"Did you hear what I heard?" I asked Perky.

"Yes, I heard it, and I'll be god-damned."

If this had occurred during those ages when fables were becoming immortalized about princesses and dragons and mermaids and talking fish, the abalone naturally should have continued by pleading for its life and granting us three wishes if we returned it safely to the sea again. And not by just tossing it back in, but by putting it back on a rock...

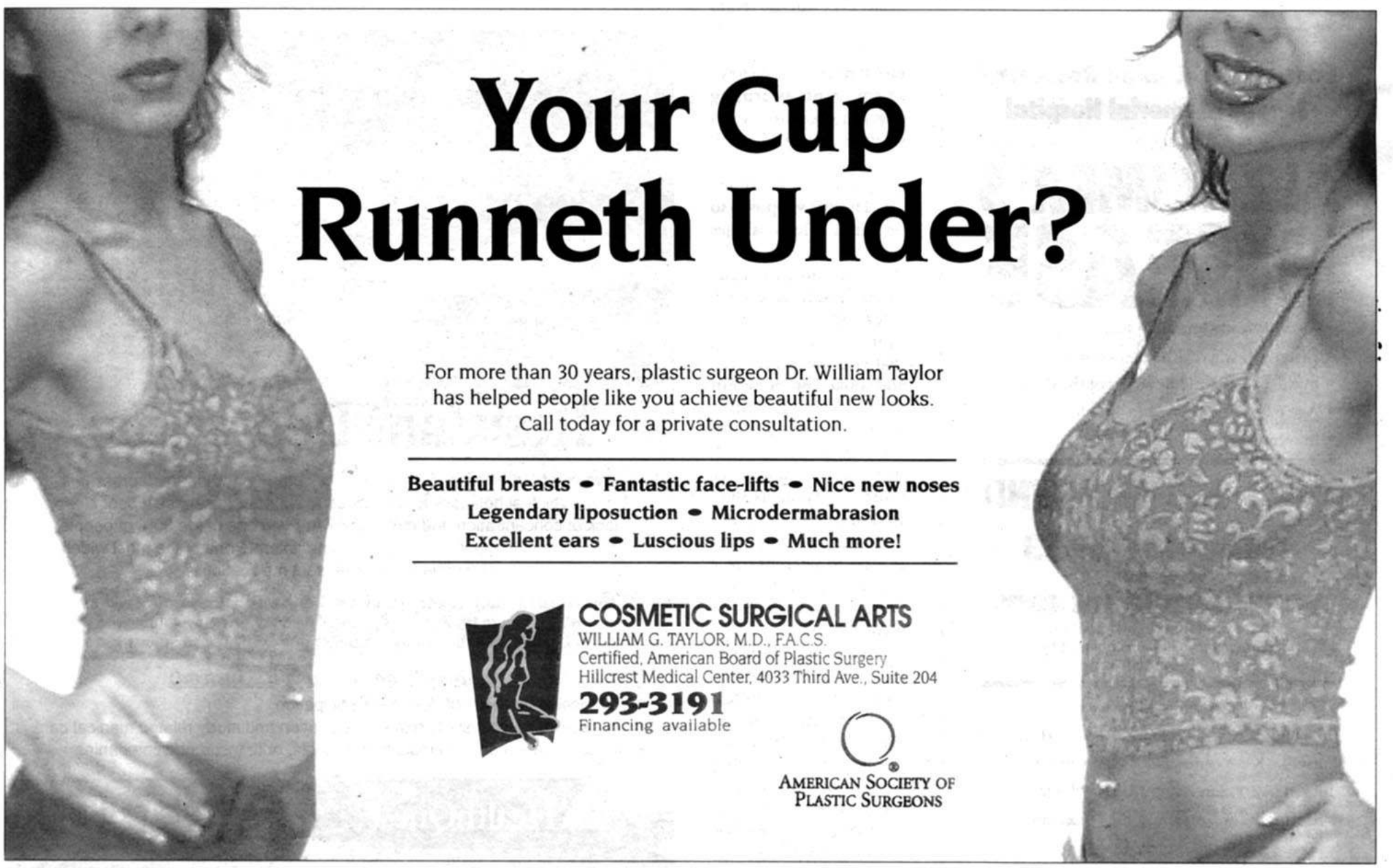
But enough of that.

For when I see this waste going on with the destruction of abalones, especially when it is going on over what used to be my own little abalone patch in front of my own home, my own anger actually startles me as much as this sound startled me. There are so many things in the world to be angry about, why, then, should I let this particular anger predominate? I have tried to reason it out, and there is no reason, other than the primitive one which has its source supposedly with food. But I could hold a war dance around these people who waste a single abalone. I could burn out their stomachs.

I could put splinters in their eyes, and turn them over for further treatment to my fiendish squaws. I could set flame to the car caravans in which these people arrive, and I could leave them wandering lost and stark naked in the snow, except that we have no snow.

Hate is a strange item, all right. But now I also know what it is. It is when somebody else gets what we want for ourselves. ■

Next week: The meaning of lust



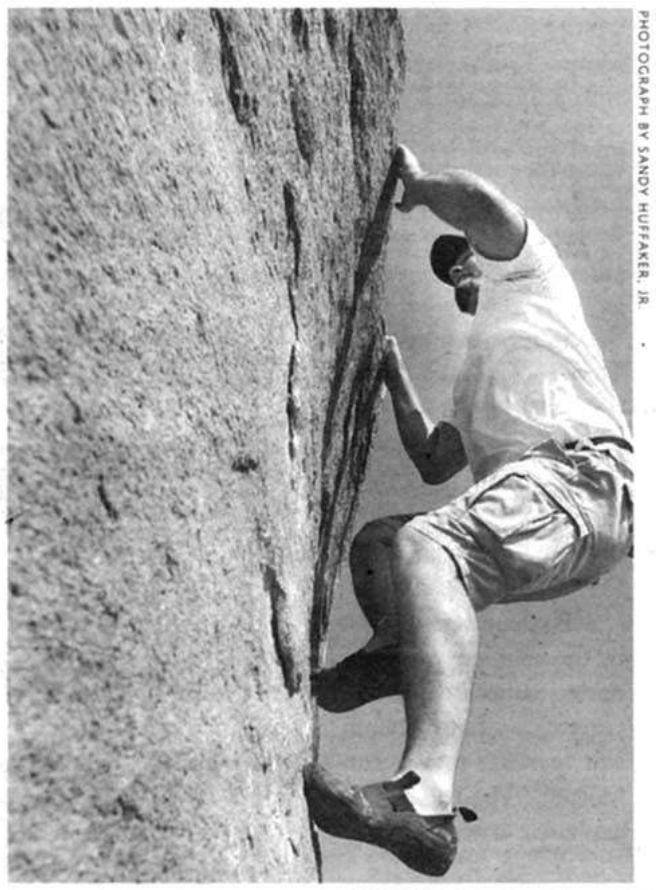
Bouldering

I'M SURPRISED when I meet local rock-climber Jim Merten. He's much bigger than I expected. Blond and goateed, he stands 6'2" and weighs over 200 pounds, has heavy legs, a thick midsection, and Popeye forearms. The picture I had in my mind of an experienced rock climber was a short, wiry man with no fat on his body. "A lot of guys are like that," Merten says, flashing a toothpaste-commercial smile. "Many of the guys who push the super, super hard grades are really light, little guys. They're very lean, and they're always hunched over because their shoulders are so buff from doing so many pull-ups."

"All you need is a pair of shoes and a chalk bag and you're in business."

We've met at Sport Chalet in the Sports Arena area, Merten's place of employment, because they rent climbing shoes and chalk bags, the basic necessities of rock climbing. Turns out I wear the same size shoe Merten does, and he's got an extra pair and an extra chalk bag. "We're going to climb Santee boulders," Merten tells me as we walk out of the store. "Why don't you follow me out there."

I manage to keep up with the speeding Merten on the 20-mile drive to Santee via Highway 52. We exit at Mast Boulevard and head northeast. After a minute, Merten turns right into the parking lot of West Hills Park. A range of hills looms to the north. The ridge is maybe 500 feet higher than where we park. Two-thirds of the way up, the hillside is dotted with a dozen boulders. From down in the parking lot, it's hard to discern how big they are, but they're the most prominent feature on the hill.



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Jim Merten

Merten pulls a big green backpack from the bed of his truck. From that he takes out a vinyl bag, about the size of a woman's purse, cinched closed with a drawstring. "This is your chalk bag. Hook it to a back belt loop or the waistband of your shorts."

After hooking on his own chalk bag, Merten hoists the pack onto his back, and we start up toward the boulders. As we cross Mast Boulevard, he starts a crash course in climbing to prepare me for my first effort. "There are a few different kinds of climbing," he explains. "I do a lot of traditional climbing. That's where you set your gear as you go. You carry everything with you as you go up, and you set it as you go. That way, if you fall, your gear will catch you."

"What is it you set?"

"You're either setting bolts right into the rock, or you're setting a passive protection, which is a nut or something to wedge in a crack. Then there's sport climbing, which is when the bolts are already there. Usually you rappel down from the top and set your runners [in the existing bolts]. That way, when you're climbing, all you've got to do is clip the rope. Then there's bouldering. Bouldering started out as training for mountaineers.

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Then it turned into its own sport. Now, some people, all they do is boulder. That's what we'll be doing today.

"The beauty of bouldering," Merten continues, "is all you need is a pair of shoes and a chalk bag, and you're in business. It's cheap and it's easy."

The well-worn path we are walking on stretches straight up the middle of a draw on the hillside. To the right and left the ground slopes up. In both directions, boulders loom out of the ground, ten or so on each side. Being closer to them now, I get a better sense of their size. Most are as big as a UPS truck. Each one has a name. "That one is Dog Pile," Merten points west to two 25-foot rocks leaning against each other with a third, smaller rock wedged in between. We'll climb that first. Turning to face east, he points to a 35-foot monolith, much taller than it is wide, which looks like a breaching whale. "That's called Moby Dick. The round one to the left of it is called Mud Ball, the one next to Mud Ball with the big vertical cracks, that's called Mud Ball Cracks. The one sitting in front of Moby Dick is called Amphitheater."

The names were given by the climbers who pioneered Santee Boulders 20 years ago — one of whom was Merten's uncle, Sam Merten. "The rule is," he explains, "if you climb it first, you get to name it, and you get to rate it. All of these have names, some I can't remember. There's one called the Big Nothing over there, the one that looks like a wave. It's called the Big Nothing because there are no climbs on it. There's one called Butt Plug, and there's Donkey Dick over there too."

We sit on a rock in the right angle enclosed by the south face and east face of the two boulders that form Dog Pile.

The rating system used for classifying climbs, Merten explains, "is called the Yosemite decimal system. It's a 5.0 scale basically." Five-zero, he says, not five point zero, "is flat ground. Five-one is a little bit more incline, 5.2 a little bit more, 5.3, 5.4. At 5.5, you're starting to go hand over hand, like on a ladder. At 5.6 and 5.7, you start getting smaller holds. That goes up to 5.10. Then you have 5.10 A, B, C, and D. And then 5.11 A, B, C, and D. Right now, the hardest rock in the world is 5.14 D."

I'm having difficulty visualizing a 5.14 D rock. "Think of inverted glass," Merten says. An inverted face is one that hangs out past vertical.

We arrive at the base of Dog Pile as he finishes his explanation. We sit on a rock in the right angle enclosed by the south face and east face of the two boulders that form Dog Pile. "For instance," he gestures to the south face, which is very smooth and slightly inverted near the top, "this climb here is a 5.12, very, very difficult. We're not going to do that. Then this one," he places his hand on the base of the west face, "is a 5.7. It's a pretty good one. Lots of holds, but little holds. We'll rappel down from the top and then climb it."

After a short break in the shade, Merten hops and stands at the base of the east face. "There are a couple of different grabs you use," he told me. "If you have enough for all four fingers, you grab on with your fingertips, and then what you want to do is lock your thumb around your fingers." He demonstrates the technique on a tiny ledge about head high on the rock. "That kind of cams your hand a little more and puts the weight into your forearm instead of your fingers. Then if you can only fit two fingers on the ledge, you can stick them there and wrap your thumb around them, then push down with your palm against the rock. It gives you a little opposite pressure."

"So the weight is on your hand, and your fingers are just the hook?" I ask.

"Exactly. But as spectacular as it is to see the guys doing pull-up after pull-up on their way up a rock, climbing is all about footwork in the end. So," he says, putting his sandled right foot up on the rock and his finger on the side of his big toe, "there's a thing called your edge, which is from the base of your big toe to the front of your shoe. So when you stand on a small ledge, you want to stand just with that edge. This would be a backstep or a backwards edge." He puts the outside of his foot against the rock. "And then there's

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one called a smear. Say there were no cracks or anything, but there was just a bulge coming out. A smear is where you put the bottom of your foot on it and stand, gaining friction with the sticky rubber on the shoes. Those are the basics. Now we'll go up and get the rope out and then we'll rappel down."

With that, Merten grabs his pack and we walk around the left side of the rock and scramble up the back side until we're standing at the top of the face we were sitting under. Up here, we're afforded a generous view of west Santee, Mission Trails, and the surrounding hills. The breezes blowing up the San Diego River Valley and across the Miramar Mesa seem to meet right here. Above, the sun glints off a pair of F-18s banking hard to the north in tight formation. The ground looks farther away

After a minute my fingertips start to give and my right foot tires and slides off the rock.

than where we're standing looked from below. "Here are some bolts right here," Merten taps two metal rings bolted into the rock about four inches apart and four inches back from the edge. "They're two-and-a-half, maybe three-inch bolts, either drilled or gun-shot in here."

"Who put them there?"

He seems puzzled by the question. It's clear he takes their existence for granted. "Whoever," he answers. "I think one of my old buddies might have done these two. Bolting is something that's a little shaky about climbing right now. Bolts scar the rock up. Especially in Yosemite there is a lot of concern about it. Bolts make rust marks and, when you pop them out, they leave a big hole there, and it splits the rock over time."

From his pack, Merten pulls a pair of climbing shoes and hands them to me. They're light, with suede uppers and soft rubber soles. The toe tapers to a point like a woman's shoe and squeezes all of my toes together. But comfort isn't the point, grip is. And I can feel them adhering to the rock as I stand and struggle to put on the rappelling harness Merten gives me while he, already shod and harnessed, anchors the rope to the two bolts. Calling "rope" to warn someone who might have wandered below, he tosses the rope over the side. After he gives me a quick lesson in rappelling, I let myself down the rock. He comes down after me.

"Now, using the techniques we talked about earlier," he tells me, "you're going to climb while I belay."

With that, he takes one end of the rope, ties a loop in it, and hooks into the locking carbine — a metal ring with a twist-locking latch on it — on my harness. Then he feeds the other end of the rope through a device in his harness. "While you climb," he explains, "I'll be taking up the slack in the rope. And if you fall or get tired, I'll catch you. I use the friction of the rope going through the belay device to help me. Without it, I'd be holding your whole weight. Now, the protocol is, you, the climber, ask me, 'On belay?' And if I'm ready to go, I say, 'Belay on.' "

"So can I climb now?"

"Yes, but you have to ask for it," he responds.

"On belay?"

"Belay on."

Taking a second to dip my hands in the chalk bag hanging from a belt loop on the back of my shorts, I start my first rock climb. Because Santee Boulders is climbed so often, small chalk marks on the rock give away where the holds are. That doesn't make it easy, though; some of the "holds" are less

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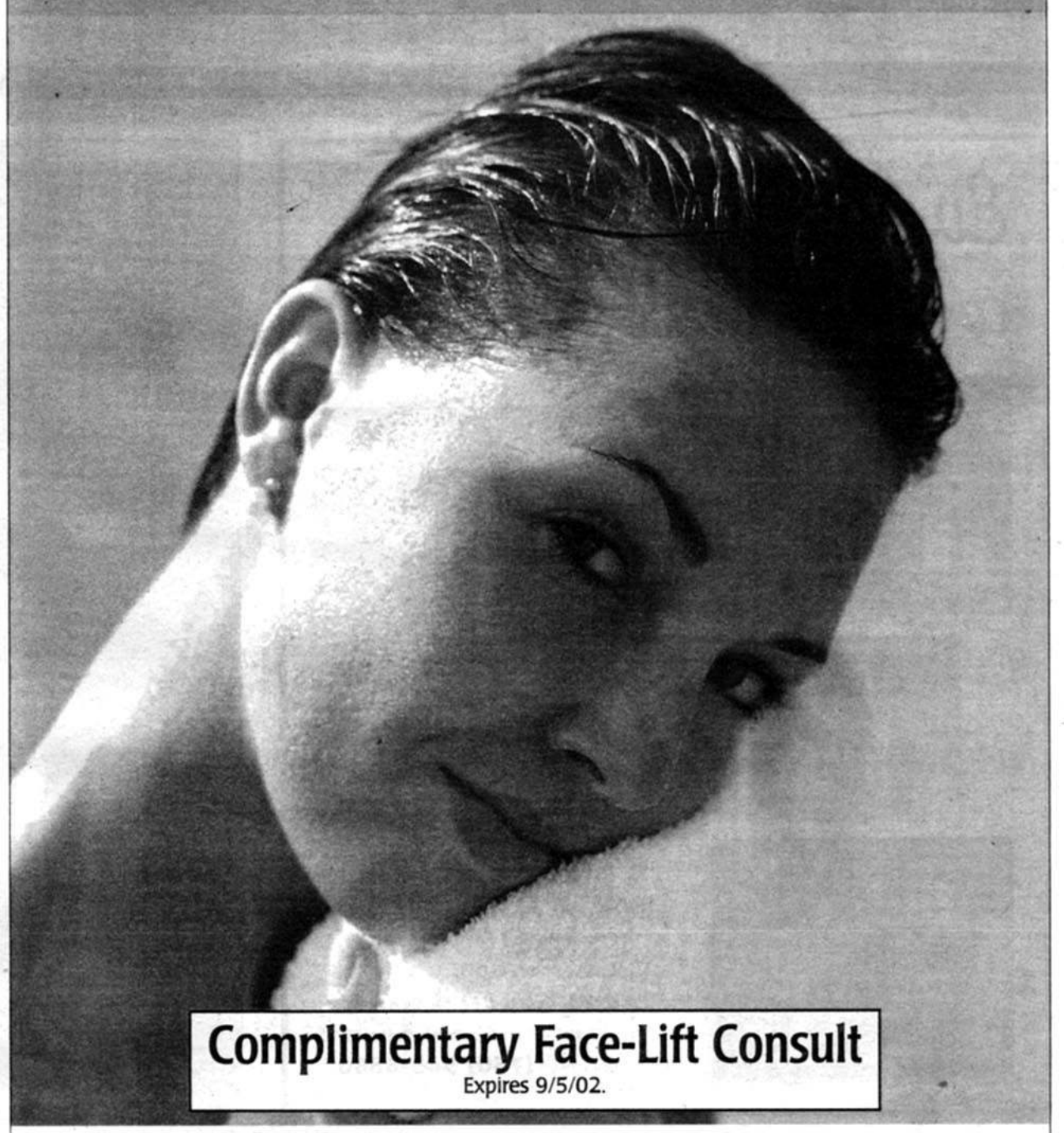

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than the width of a pencil. Once I'm about seven feet up, I meet my first challenge. I have my feet on two pretty good holds, and my hands have places to hang on, but I can't seem to reach any holds above me. "Try moving to the left a little," Merten suggests from below.

I hadn't thought of moving horizontally. Reaching with my left foot, I find a tiny toehold, and I shift my weight to that foot, moving the right foot to where the left had just been. This new position presents a variety of holds, which I make use of to climb up another five feet, where I find myself in a position of having only my right foot to stand on and two very small ledges to hold. Adrenaline surges through my body as I search in vain for something to stand on with my left foot. After a minute, my fingertips start to give, and my right foot tires and slides off the rock. Merten, who could see it all happening, pulls up the rope just as I lose grip. I lean back in the harness, my feet flat against the rock face, shaking my hands to get the blood recirculating. "You're doing well," Merten says. "While you're sitting there, look around for holds; kind of plan out your next few moves."

When the feeling returns to my fingers, I make another attempt at finishing the climb. Merten keeps the rope tight and in a cou-

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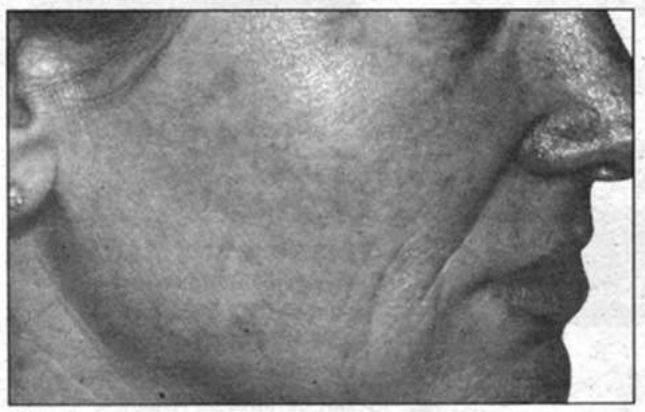
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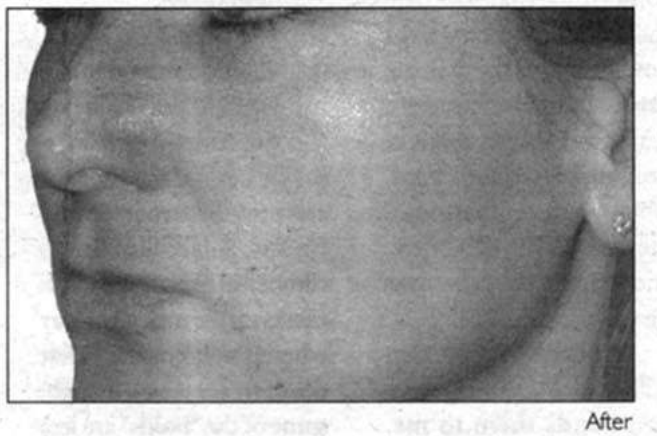
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ple of crucial spots helps by hoisting me up an inch or two. My fingertips are about three feet shy of the top of the rock when Merten calls up, "When you get up high enough, you slap the top of the rope, let out a big grunt, and then I'll belay you down."

But those last three feet aren't easy. I can't find a higher foothold with either foot, and I'm getting tired fast. In desperation I finally pull up with my hands while thrusting up as much as possible with my feet and make a lunge for the top of the rock. The move works — but barely. Merten laughs down below. "Great dino," he says. "That's what we call an all-or-nothing move like that."

With my free hand, I slap the rope, let out a feeble grunt, and walk down the rock, my weight supported by the rope and Merten belaying on the other end of it. "Great climb," he says when I reach flat ground. "Why don't you try this route next?" He gestures toward the left side of the face. That side proves to be more difficult than the right side. But with a little rope help from Merten, I make it.

Next, he shows me how to belay, and he ties onto the other side of the rope. "On belay?" he asks when he's ready. But I can't remember what the response is. He smiles, "If you're ready to go, say, 'Belay on.' "

"Belay on."

Merten starts his climb. Right away I see there are advantages to size in climbing. With his long arms and legs, he reaches holds that were out of my range. His feet are amazing to watch. They seem to stick to the rock in an unnatural way and have more sensory function than regular feet. Without looking down, he taps the side of his big toe against the rock until somehow his foot tells his brain, "This will work," and he stands on the spot. Often it's on a hold that is too small for me to see from below. In my amazement, I forget about my belay duties and Merten calls down, "Keep the

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rope tight."

Another thing I notice about his climbing: he moves in all directions, not just straight up. Sometimes he makes two moves laterally in order to find an upward hold. Once he even descends a step in order to take a different course. When he finishes the climb (in about a quarter of the time it took me), I bundle up the rope while he unfastens the rope harness from the two bolts in the rock. Putting our sandals back on, we walk 200 yards across to the east side of Santee Boulders. "That was a top-rope climb we just did," Merten says. "Now we're going to get into some bouldering. No ropes, just you and the rock."

The first boulder we stop at is called the Beehive Wall. "This is a crack climbing rock," Merten explains after we've got our climbing shoes back on. Demonstrating as he speaks, he continues. "You reach into this big crack here and pull yourself up until you get to here. Then you step through here." He ducks into a kind of tunnel formed by one rock lying over the top of a wide crack in a lower rock. I follow him up, slither through the narrow tunnel, and come out on the other side behind him.

"Next climb," he says, facing the south-facing section of Beehive, which is about 12 feet tall with a long vertical crack in it, "is another

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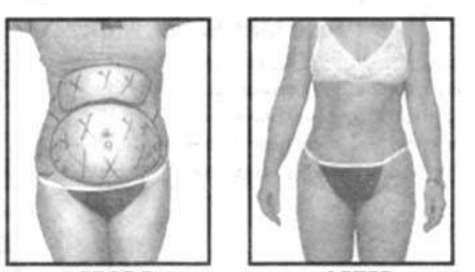
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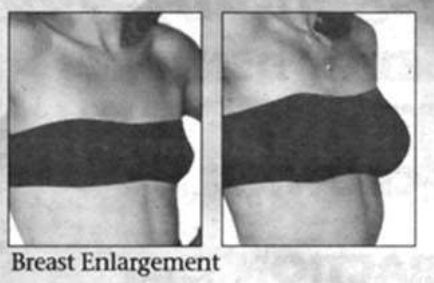

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crack exercise. You reach up into this crack, and you wedge your knuckles in there. There's nothing to grab, really; you're just putting pressure against the two sides of the crack and pulling yourself up."

He demonstrates the move and in two smooth motions is up and over the rock. In a few seconds, he comes walking around the right side of the boulder and motions for me to give it a try. I make about eight attempts at it, all of which fail. Merten demonstrates the climb again, but I still can't do it. "This is a tough climb," he says, "even though it's short. A lot of friends I've taken out here haven't been able to do this. Why don't we move on to the next rock?" My pride slightly wounded, I follow him 40 yards to the south. Stopping at the base of the north side of Moby Dick, he asks, "You want to go first?"

My eyes scan the smooth 45-foot granite monolith in front of me. Just as I notice the lack of telltale chalk marks, Merten laughs. "Just kidding, we're going over here." He leads me down a short slope to the north side of a school-bus-size rock called Bullet Hole Wall. "When you're bouldering like this," he tells me before I attempt to climb, "you need to know how to slide down the rock when you fall. What you want to do is keep your body off the rock and slide down with your toes and fingertips against the rock, and when you hit the ground, keep your knees bent."

It turns out to be timely advice; on four consecutive attempts I make it about six feet up onto the rock and then slip off before I can find another hold. On my fifth attempt, Merten puts both his hands under my rump and pushes me up until I find a handhold. After that, I scramble to manage the last eight feet by myself. "When I put my hands on your butt," he tells me, "it's because I'm keeping you from falling or giving you a little help, not because I'm getting fresh."

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walk to the boulder just to the south called Amphitheater, dubbed so because of its inward-curving south face — about 35 feet long, between 15 and 20 feet high. "I love this rock," Merten says. "There are so many great little climbs on this one face. The first is right here in the middle, and it goes kind of like this." Again he offers a demonstration and in 20 seconds reaches the top. "Once you're up," he says, "you can either climb down the way you came or walk over to this spot." He walks over to the east end of the top of the rock and disappears from my sight for a few seconds before walking around and joining me on the south side. I start up the rock and have success until about four feet below the top. My hands are getting tired. "Almost there," Merten encourages from below. But when I try another "dino," my reach falls short, and I slide down the face of the rock. Merten catches me when I reach the ground. "That was a great climb," he says. "You almost had it. Give it another shot."

I look down at my hands, which are throbbing with a dull pain. My fingertips and palms are bright pink and worn smooth by the granite I've been climbing the past few hours. "Don't eat pizza for dinner tonight," Mertens warns, knowing what tomato sauce would feel like on my raw hands.

On my second Amphitheater attempt, I reach the same spot four feet from the top, and the same feeling of high adrenaline and panic hits me as I search for another handhold, and my feet begin to slide. "Edge! Edge!" Merten commands from below. I look down at my feet and see that my feet were crammed straight into the rock, toes first. Remembering his earlier discussion of the edge, I turn both feet so that my toes point out, and the side of each big toe is flat against the rock. Right away, I feel as if I have something to stand on, and the feeling of panic leaves me. I take my time and find a fingertip hold above and another spot that will hold my left foot long enough for me to get my left hand up to the top. Right hand and left foot in their new positions, I make those moves as planned and, just as my left foot slips off its hold, I reach the top and let out a five-second primal yawp that echoes off the boulders around us. Merten laughs down below. "Great job," he says. "That last couple of moves was excellent."

After a few more climbs up various spots on Amphitheater, we pull off our climbing shoes, replace them with sandals, and head down the hill toward our cars. As we walk, I ask Merten what a novice climber would need to get started and how much it would cost. "You probably need to start off with just a pair of shoes and a chalk bag and a guide book, which tells you where each climb is," he answers. "Each one of those that I showed you today are in the guide book and they're rated. Shoes cost anywhere from $89 to $150, depending on how hard you want them, how stiff, how soft. The beginner usually wants a stiffer shoe, so maybe a board-lasted shoe. Usually when you begin, you don't have as much foot strength. So you'll want stiffer shoes, like the ones you wore today, which are board lasted, whereas mine are slip lasted, so all I have is the liner and the rubber. Yours has a board in there, a piece of cardboard in the sole. That gives you some stiffness so you feel like you have something to stand on. But if you tried the slip-lasted shoes, it would probably be a little tougher for you. Then you need a chalk bag, which will cost anywhere from 15 to 25 bucks. And it's traditional

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GROWING UP IN SICILY, SAYS ANNA, "I WAS SPOILED. I never really learned to cook. I was the youngest of all the family. Everybody did something, but I was just watching. My mother and my sisters were the ones to cook." Even Dad did more kitchen work than little Anna. "My daddy's business — he had a marble factory — was near the fish market. It's called the fish market, but it has everything. At noon, he would go there and shop for the family. He would send the groceries with a workman to our house." Mom and Dad would make plans about what to eat and who was to prepare it. "Daddy would tell Mom, 'Okay, you can start cooking this, but save that' — a particular fish or meat or whatever. 'I'm going to cook it when I get home.' He would come home, and he already knew that he would cook that special dish. Cooking for my daddy was like making art — it was his hobby."

When Anna's brothers and sisters got married, they began cooking for their spouses, preparing meals that were the fruit of years of familial apprenticeship. But not Anna. She married a United States Navy officer who was stationed on the base at Sigonella. A few months after becoming a wife in 1966, she landed in America, and it was then that her culinary education began in earnest.



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Dan and Anna Adams

"I remembered how my mommy and daddy cooked certain meals, but then I began to learn all the cooking from the United States. I was getting recipes from my mother-in-law. She was from Iowa; she cooked a lot of recipes like pot roast and all these kinds of things. I even had a recipe for how to bake fresh pie." She was invited to dinners with her husband. "If I liked the recipe, they would give me the recipe. I liked the casseroles — the American rice casseroles, noodle casseroles. Right away, I began to love all the stuff that was different for me.

"My recipe for lasagna is from a book that I got when I first came to the United States. The Navy Wives' Club had a book that was available, and almost every wife of a military officer had it. It was put out by the White House." Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson provided the lasagna entry. "I used that book so much. It was simply written; I understood. Certain pages have been used so much that they are all worn out. A lot of my friends, when I make the lasagna, they say, 'Ooooh, Anna, this is great.' Then I tell them, 'It's an American recipe; it's not from Sicily!'"

Save for the patio and cactus plantings, the yard is wild.

Today, Anna is no longer a Navy wife. She and her husband Jim divorced in 1984. A few years later, she met Dan Adams, the man who would become her second (and current) husband. Today, she is making rigatoni with meatballs in red sauce, and

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there is no recipe in sight. "This is the sauce for the meatballs," she explains as she preps. "I always use — I'll give it a guess — three tablespoons of olive oil, and, for four people, one large chopped onion and about four garlic cloves."

The onion and garlic simmer in the oil at the bottom of the RevereWare stock pot, waiting for the S&W stewed tomatoes, which are to be followed by the Hunt's tomato sauce. "I use canned tomatoes. I grew up with my grandma and my mom, and they all made things from scratch. I feel I cannot compete with them, because everything they made was fresh, but we're talking about when I was there growing up. By the time I visited them [a few years ago], they were using canned tomato sauces." After the tomatoes go into the pot, Anna swirls a little water around in the cans to capture any reluctant remnants and then pours it in after.

While she works, Dan — or, as Anna refers to him, "Daniele" — with the final *e* pronounced as a long *a* — arrives home, through the door that leads into the kitchen. "Hi, Daniele, *ciao!*" she calls to him, and they embrace with unalloyed affection. After they exchange greetings, Dan heads out into the yard to feed the birds. I follow him onto the concrete balcony — the house sits on the side of a hill in Bay Park and commands a fine view that includes more than a patch of ocean — and down the stairs to the lower patio and yard.

Feeding the birds means filling a plastic bowl with cat food and placing it on a plastic green patio table and waiting for the birds to descend. "Little black birds — there are tons of them," says Dan. "I started out feeding the cats — we've got one official cat and about three tomcats that have adopted us." Then the birds came, followed by the skunks, the raccoons, and the opossums. "It's a little wild here. I don't know where they come from, since there are houses built all around. A lot of them live in the yard somewhere."

The yard, which drops away from the house toward a fence-bound corner some ways down the hill, is a teeming, jumbled thing that does not yield itself easily to a single, sweeping glance. From the balcony, great chunks of space

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are obscured by two hulking trees — one multitrunked palm, one billowing pine. The pine, whose broad radius droops heavily toward the earth, continues its obfuscations at ground level, so it takes a bit of walking to reach the back corner and the probable home of the skunks — the Old Turtle Home. "My mom used to have desert turtles. They're an endangered species — you can't buy them or sell them — but she got them from the San Diego Zoo a long time ago when they used to give things away. She belonged to the Turtle Society. She had two originally, and they must have had 50 offspring. We'd give them to people. Finally, the two older ones, Fred and Ethel, died, but they used to have a hole down there," under the pine boughs. The turtles are gone; the hole remains.

Down here behind the pine, at the yard's back corner, is also the site of one of Dan's cactus plantings. Dan works as a delivery driver for the city schools and spends his days driving a van. One day, "Somebody was in their yard just chopping down" all their wild cactus. "I loaded it up and drove it home." He planted the choppings, and he has yet to see one fail to take hold. Other cacti — most are of the broad, flat-leafed variety — arrived via neighbors' yard sales and discards. He found some in alleys, some where the house's driveway used to be (another house has since replaced the drive).

This lower planting is one of three; the other two are named Arizona and Cactus City and are situated near the yard's other two corners. Arizona's plants are ringed by white rocks surrounded by brick pavers. Cactus City is more elaborate: a white-rock rectangle watched over by a long-dead miniature tree ornamented by a scythe and rake and a nude mannequin seated on an animal crate. An empty picture frame, suspended by two wires, hangs behind the mannequin. Nearby stands an antique electric fan, its blades painted brown, blue, and orange and labeled "earth," "water," and "fire." A toy man on a toy bicycle pedals his way around a plastic globe. Though sculpture is not their primary medium, the grouping gives some indication of the artistic leanings of both Dan and Anna.

A pepper tree sprawls and looms in the corner of the yard above Cactus City. Shoots leap up from uncleared trimmings, themselves hidden among a mass of rubbery Jerusalem plant. Dan is pleased with the tangle; it provides privacy and ground cover. Though he enjoys working out here, he will not be bothered with maintaining grass. Save for the patio and cactus plantings, the yard is wild, a patch of earth creeping toward undevelopment. It is not hard to imagine any number of wild critters taking refuge here.

Dan's mother raised the turtles. Dan's mother planted the pepper tree. But Dan himself planted the enormous pine and palm trees. "The palm was in the back of a Toyota in a little pot — about 20, 30 years ago." The pine "was a live little Christmas tree. Everything grows good here." The home is the home of Dan's childhood (he moved here with his parents when he was in the third grade), but it is more than that. It is the home of his adolescence, his young adulthood, and now, his middle age.

"I never moved out. I went through a lot [over that] — I graduated high school in '67, and if you didn't move out of the house when you were 18, it was, like, 'Whoa. You've got to have your own place.' But I just never saw a need. I thought, 'Why pay money for rent? I've got a room here, the whole thing. My parents don't mind, so…' I don't know if I missed out on something or not, but I don't think so. I've always loved this house anyway." (The four-bedroom/two-bath pale stucco house, while it meanders from room to room in modern ranchy fashion, was built in the '50s and so retains the hardwood solidity of pre-'60s homes.)

Meeting Anna almost drew him out from his comfortably continuous domestic arrangement. Anna had been renting a place in Golden Hill. "Nice little place. I still had my stuff here — I'd be running back and forth." But the love nest was perched in a rather suspect tree. "It wasn't a great part of town. I'd be over there and hear shots at night. One night, a rock came through the window. A policeman even pulled over once and said, 'You know, if I was you, I'd get your girlfriend out of here.' " Dan did just that; he bought a small house near his parents', and Anna moved in. "But then my dad died in 1996, and I inherited this house." Instead of venturing out — by this point his mother needed care — he brought Anna in. Two years later, Dan's mother died, leaving Dan and Anna and their cat as the sole occupants.

The couple sleeps in Dan's childhood bedroom (but not Dan's childhood bed). When the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* came out, Dan painted some of the accompanying art — images of John, Paul,

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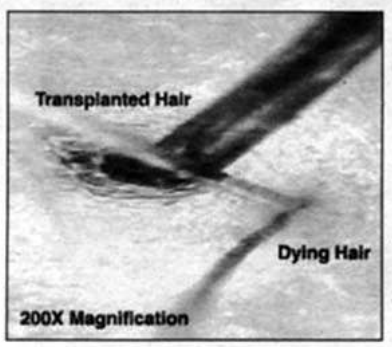

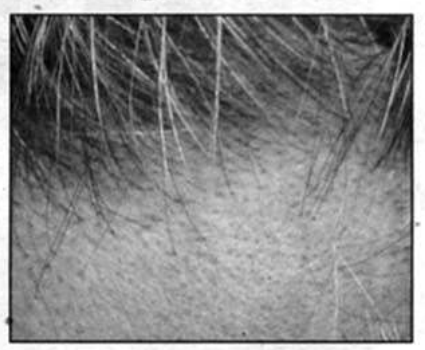

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George, and Ringo — directly onto his wall. He did so again when *Magical Mystery Tour* was released and later added the face from the cover of Donovan's *Mellow Yellow* album. The images remain, preserved as if they were part of a parents' Museum of Departed Children. The ceiling, however, has been repainted. "My parents were thinking of selling the house once, and so they painted the ceiling. It used to be that if a spider crawled across there, I used a golf club and squashed it. It ended up looking like a battlefield up there — little spots all around."

Other little things have endured here, things of the sort that might get lost or discarded in the course of a move. From his dresser, Dan picks up a tiny, formal black-and-white photograph of a young girl. It looks like a school picture from long ago. "This was my first girlfriend, from first and second grade in Ocean Beach. It's neat because on the back, she wrote, 'To Danny, form' — instead of 'from' — 'Adrian.' I remember meeting her again in...I think it was the eighth grade. She seemed about six feet tall and blonde, and I was about 4'6" in eighth grade. It was a shock — one of those things."

Apart from the painted Beatles, the most attention-grabbing aspect of the room is the sketch collection: dozens of small, cartoony sketches, done mostly in colored pencil that flutter in rows along the walls. A few bear the easy curves and general prettiness of Anna's surer drawing hand, but most are Dan's work and feature Dan or Anna or both along with a caption. They are pure sweetness, unabashed and unironic — a picture of Dan holding a stick and a caption reading, "You are so beautiful, I'm going to have to get a bigger stick to keep the guys away." A picture of Anna holding her ears while an alarm clock clangs away — "Sorry about the alarm, honey." Many incorporate references to pop culture. Some are mildly erotic — "Mama Mia, what a night!" — but here, the sweetness of both picture and sentiment keeps it from feeling at all naughty. The sketches spill out of the bedroom and into the adjacent dining room, where they cover a full third of one wall. The collection is

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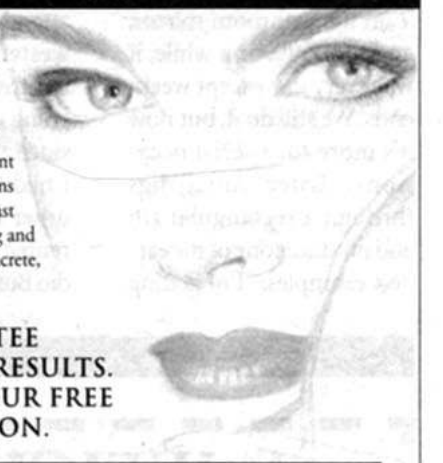

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"I think we started before we got married," remembers Dan. "I would get up first. They take about five minutes to do, so I'd do one, stick it on the bathroom mirror, and take off. For a while, it was every day except weekends. We still do it, but now it's more for special occasions." Later, Anna digs through a rectangular tin and produces one of the earliest examples: "I'm getting married in the morning!"

Dan and Anna met sometime in the late '80s — they're not exactly sure which year. Already a graduate of the Art Institute of Catana in Sicily, Anna decided to attend art classes at Southwestern College. She also wanted "to find out what was going on in San Diego, and since at that time I thought I had to paint somewhere other than in my house, I rented a studio at the Studio Building on Kettner. Dan was there already."

"That's when it first opened," says Dan fondly. "It was great. The artists went in, and we could put up our own walls. You just rented a space, brought in the drywall, and did whatever you wanted to. You could paint on the floor, draw on the door. Now, it's more like an office space."

"I found all these beautiful artists there," resumes Anna. "I would open the door [to my studio] and find all these roses on the floor with little cards: 'Welcome.' I didn't even know who they were [from]."

"Every guy in the studio was going after Anna," attests Dan. "Every single guy." But despite the admiration, Anna left after a year; she couldn't afford the rent. Then, "I went back one time — I [missed] being with the artists, in the environment of art. I went back to the Studio building, and I saw Daniele's studio."

"I wasn't there, but I had a window. I've still got the door downstairs [in the basement]. I took the door with me."

"And I peeked through the window and saw his paintings, and I really was impressed."

"I was doing nightscapes — scenes of San Diego at night."

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"I still have that note."

"— and I put my phone number if he wanted to call, and that's when he called me."

"But we didn't get together."

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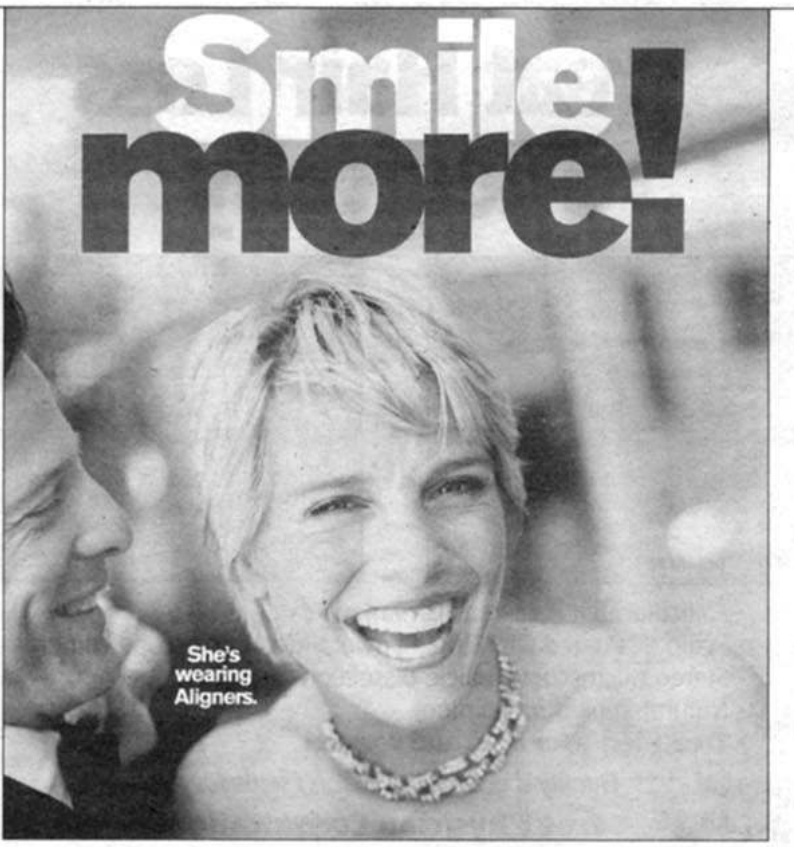

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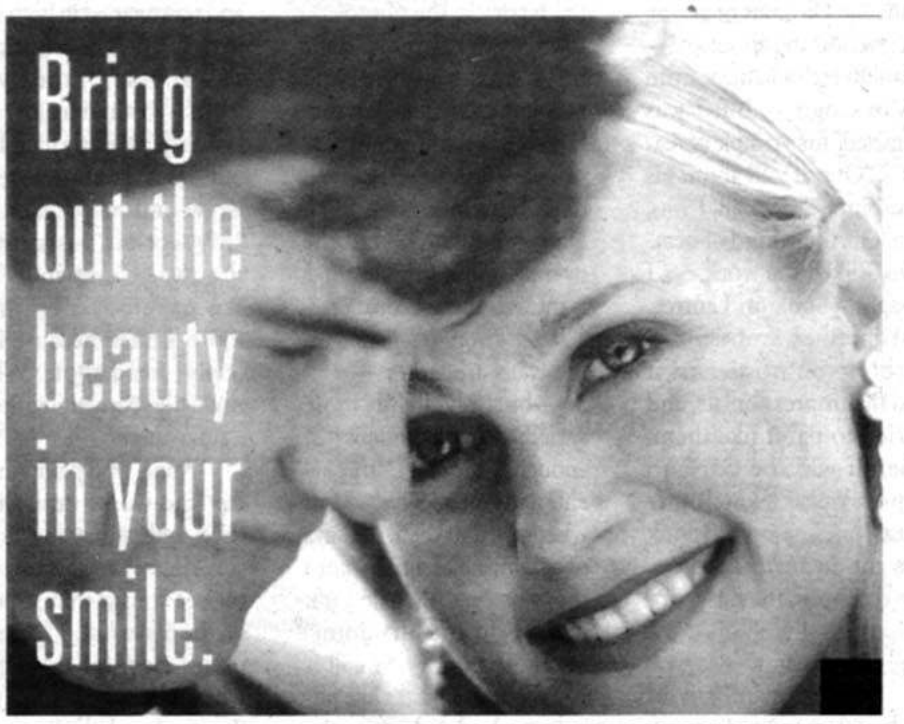
"It was like it was meant to be, you know? You keep running into somebody. We met about four or five times before we went out."

"Then in 1990," concludes Anna, "we began to date." Dan bought her the house in 1995, and they were married in '97.

Anna goes out through the dining room and into the kitchen to check on dinner. By now, the meatballs — ground beef, eggs, pepper, Parmesan cheese, chopped garlic, fresh parsley, and onion — have been fried briefly (without additional fat) and added to the simmering sauce.

Dan and I proceed out of the bedroom's other door and down the hallway to one of the two converted bedroom-studios. The other, Anna's, is at the opposite end of the hall. The walls in Dan's studio are pale yellow, but the walls almost don't register because of the proliferation of stuff. Besides the paintings — hanging on the walls, leaning against the walls, leaning against each other in horizontal stacks — there are display tags, mementos of the works he's sold at shows. ("I have trouble letting them go. I think it comes from being self-taught. I didn't think of making a living with art.") A sideboard holds an ancient stereo, the kind that plays the equally ancient LPs stacked next to it. A large desk is buried in photographs — many of Nika, a hairless American terrier belonging to Anna's son Pall — and papers. Besides painting, Dan and Anna write poetry; they contribute to local poetry journals, use





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poetry to accompany their visual works, and have self-published two books of poems. As usual, Dan avows that Anna's is the greater talent. "Anna's been writing forever. She's the one who got me started writing poetry. I do silly little short things."

The easel sits in the center of the room. Dan didn't start painting until he was 26. "I saw a Lautrec exhibit at the San Diego art museum. I knew nothing about art — I couldn't tell a Lautrec from a Van Gogh — but I was attracted" for a couple of reasons. "One, it told about his size. Since I'm small, I was, like, 'Oh, that's kind of neat.' Two, I liked the work. So, I bought a book on Lautrec, and since then, I've been buying books on artists. First, it was the Impressionists, and I tried to paint like them. Then it was the German Expressionists. Now, [other artists] just inspire me. I think I've got my own style now. I'm really into the surface of the paint — I've always loved really thick paint."

Dan paints mostly in the late afternoon and evening after he gets home from work. Currently, his "serious" paintings consist exclusively of self-portraits on 2′ x 2′ canvases. "I love the two-foot square because head size is almost life size. With all of these, there's a little bit of me in it. What I'm doing is, I have myself, and then I combine [that] with pets or dogs. That one is *The Beast in Me.* That's *On the Prowl.* Nika" — the terrier in the photos — "is my muse right now." Dan's brush strokes are heavy and visible and thick with paint. His color combinations are striking — green and pink and deep blue in a portrait of Dan-as-bulldog — but the overall tone of the paintings is muted, almost somber.

Past works displayed on the walls are larger — 3′ x 3′ — but only slightly more varied: the scope widens just enough to include Dan's parents and Anna. "This is from when my dad died," he says of a painting of a man from the waist up, his pale pink button-down shirt dominating the image. "I call it *My Father's Shirt.* It's like filling somebody's shoes, so the shirt is kind of oversized." Another, entitled *Last Flight,* is taken from a photo of his sleeping mother while she was in a convalescent home. Dan added the bird swooping into the frame toward her head, seemingly ready to carry her away.

The hall leading back through the house is lined with Anna's work, work that is often less representational and more varied in both subject and style. The two painters share space in the living room — both with each other and a few painterly friends — but Anna's paintings are the larger and more arresting. "My work is more introspective," comments Dan. "I'm more focused on myself, more limited because I do [only] head shots. When Anna does something, there's a story there."

Anna, who paints in the day and works until she is tired, offers that she "loves surprises. I like it when people see things that I didn't see in my work. I like surprises even for myself — when I do a painting, and there's a brushstroke, and all of a sudden something appears and I say, 'Whoo! Where did this come from?' I welcome the surprises… This big one right here," she says, indicating a large red canvas bordered by two blackened silhouettes, one facing the other. "I knew I wanted to do those two figures staring at each other, staring and getting from one another. But the woman there [a white-skinned nude, standing in the background], she came as I was working on the painting. I wanted to do the painting quickly — it's supposed to be a quick kind of fast painting — and so I saw the silhouette and I accentuated it. I defined the shape," and the woman appeared.

The woman's face is obscured by a smear of red paint traveling from one silhouette's eyes to those of the other. The violence of the gaze and the way it hides the naked woman's face is unsettling. "When we had the disaster in September, I almost felt really guilty, because I was doing such strange paintings. I thought, 'Oh, my God!' I couldn't look at my work, because it's scary. But I'm still doing big, scary things. Sometimes I don't even understand, and I don't care if I don't understand all of it. I'll let somebody else understand my work. I just do it for feelings — being a woman, being who I am, from another country, admiring the world, what we do to each other, how fragile everything is."

The mention of her immigrant history turns the talk to her homeland of Sicily, and she fetches out a book of photos from a trip she and Dan took to Catana in 1997. She tells a story of Dan getting lost in a festival crowd and of her terror at having lost him. "I thought, 'How am I going to go back to America and face Daniele's mom! *I lost Daniele in the middle of the festival!* I could never go back to America!' " (She found him.)

Anna has lots of photos: photos of her parents, grandparents, and one great-grandparent hang above the door in her studio. Photos of Pall and Tim, her grown sons from her first marriage, dot the living room. She shows me photos of American servicemen visiting her father in his home in Sicily. Photos from her first wedding. A photo from the wedding of the captain of the base at Sigonella. She shows me photos of her work, neatly arranged into books: her downtown barricade paintings; her canvases, both whole and in detail. Just before dinner, she also shows me a medal given to her by the director of the Art Institute of Catana during one of her return visits. "They were giving them to every artist that graduated from that school, but I didn't even know they were giving them. I really am so glad I went there to visit," she says with obvious pride.

Anna's devotion to art leads her to make a sort of pronouncement: "I do believe that, even with all the things we've been seeing with artists — that some of them end up killing themselves because of drinking or whatever — I do believe that art saves lives. You're giving something that stays there. It could be with a painting, it could be with a word." And as with

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her father's cooking, she is willing to widen the scope of gift-as-art: "If you're a good parent, then you leave that to your children."

Dinner is ready. Anna's son Pall — who now resides in the house Dan bought for her — is busy recording with his band, the Black Heart Procession, so he and his hairless American terrier cannot make it. Dinner is rigatoni and meatballs in a red sauce, salad studded with generous slices of avocado, rolls, red wine. We bring our plates to the stove to fill them. The plates are proper china, rimmed with a lattice of silver, beige, and blue. The silver is similarly elegant: the handles are composed from a multitude of silver blossoms. The adventurous art on the walls, the open and affectionate manner of Dan and Anna, the wild yard — none of these suggest such reserved elegance. These are artists, free spirits. My salad bowl, painted with chunky blue-and-white checks, seems more in line with the feel of the place.

But even free spirits have parents, and this is Dan's ancestral manse, after all. The china belonged to his mother, a woman who came over from England, whose husband once provided, in her name, one minute's upkeep of the minister of the Church of St. Peter ("the Mother Church of the North of England") in York. The silver has another story to tell, this one from Anna. "A friend of mine went through a divorce at the same time I went through a divorce," in the mid-'80s. "We were having a garage sale together, and she had a box with all her silver for sale. I told her, 'Well, I'm going to buy it.' What happened was we ended up buying each other's stuff."

Dan swoons over the food. "Oh, man. Oh, wow. Okay, mmm, wow, this is special."

"Bon appetit and God bless," says Anna.

"We don't go to Italian restaurants anymore, because I'm spoiled," says Dan. "I don't find anything as good as Anna with pasta or meatballs. If I order meatballs anywhere, they're kind of like the ones you get in cans, almost like processed meatballs. They're not real meatballs." The couple splits the cooking duties; Anna usually makes enough pasta on Monday to last through Tuesday. Dan takes Wednesday and Thursday and sometimes Friday. "My mom was a great cook, so I never did anything much," he admits. "Luckily, she wrote down her recipe for roast chicken — that started me off. How to clean the chicken and all this kind of stuff. Basically, I just cook the hell out of it for four hours. I helped my dad cook for my mom at first, because she couldn't cook toward the end. It was simple things like rice, just learning as I went along."

"I think you're a natural good cook," praises Anna. "I love your rice and the chicken that you do."

Dan smiles. "Well, rice isn't that hard, but yeah."

When they don't cook, they go out to Tio Leo's for Mexican, China Camp for Chinese, Ruby's for hamburgers, Anthony's for fish, the Mission for breakfast ("I can get egg whites there," says Dan), and on special occasions, the Chart House in La Jolla. "I love their steaks. I'm more of a meat-and-potatoes guy." For drinks, they favor the Whaling Bar at La Valencia hotel. "I have to watch my cholesterol level," explains Dan. "I like to drink Kahlúa, so I get Kahlúa with nonfat milk." Because the Whaling Bar has a kitchen, they are able to accommodate his request; because it is the Whaling Bar, they are happy to do so. Says Anna, "When they see Daniele, one of the bartenders goes back [into the kitchen] without asking."

After dinner, there is coffee. There are brownies. Anna asks if I would be interested in seeing a home video of a trip she took to Catana while her mother was still alive. After scenes of family and friends, the video settles into proper tourist mode. Anna narrates as the camera takes the viewer on a visit to the city's fish market, where she asks the grizzled old men if they remember her father. (One of them does.) Then we travel through the church dedicated to Catana's patron saint, Saint Agatha, and visit the grave of the composer Bellini.

Finally, we arrive at the festival of Saint Agatha, held every year on her feast day. The streets fill with people until movement seems impossible. Everything is noise and bodies. Somehow, towering, ornately decorated spires, one representing each of the city's principal trades, are hoisted into the air by aging, burly men and paraded down the street. The statue of the saint — similarly borne aloft and accompanied by a priest in full golden regalia — makes its way toward the church. The crowd presses in to see the fireworks, which spin and pop in alarming proximity to the nearest spectators. The show climaxes with the lighting of sparklers all along the edge of the church roof, sparklers that send their emanations cascading downward. The sparks, their individual brightnesses blurring together into a liquid flow of light, might be lava. The effect is a tip of the celebratory hat to the eruptive Mount Etna, now hidden in darkness but ever-present in the life and history of the city. The church's façade flickers in and out of view, shadows dancing over its well-wrought surface. For all its stonewalled solidity, the building takes on a ghostly air behind the flickering glow.

The video ends. Anna offers me some meatballs to take home. Dan sees me to the door, and I step out into the clear, quiet dark of a Bay Park cul-de-sac. ■

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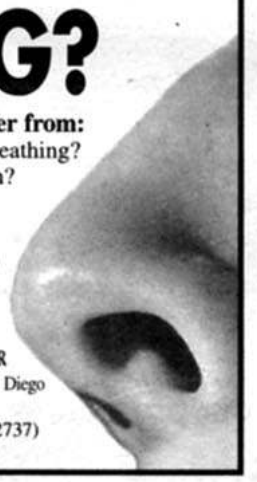

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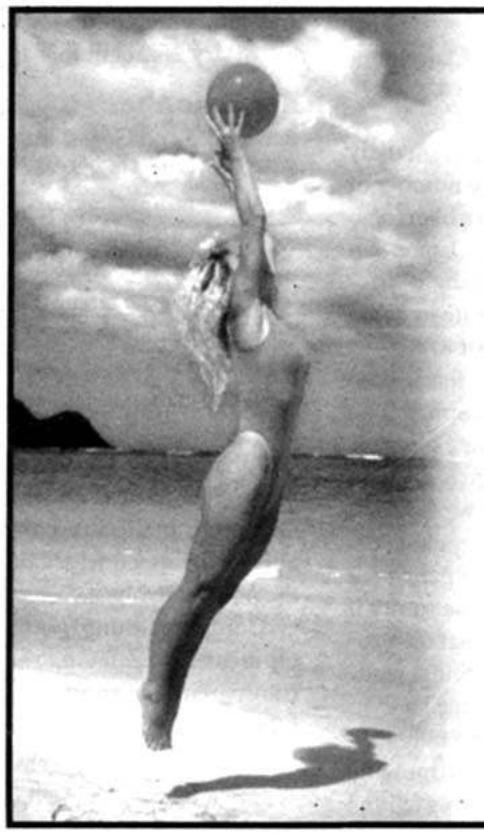

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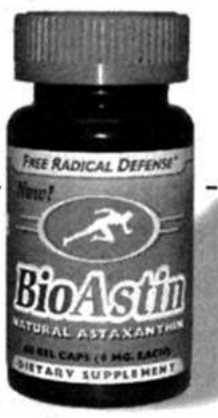

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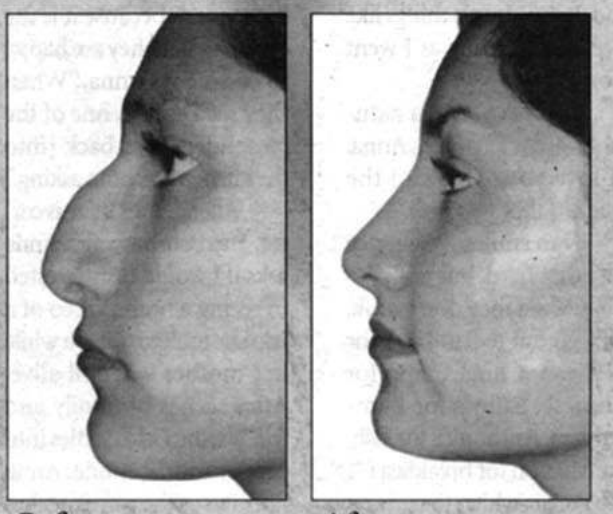

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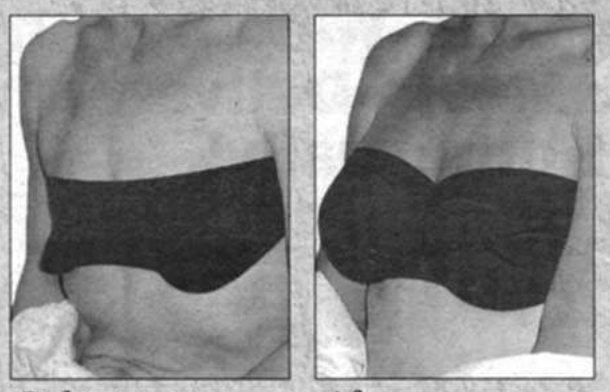

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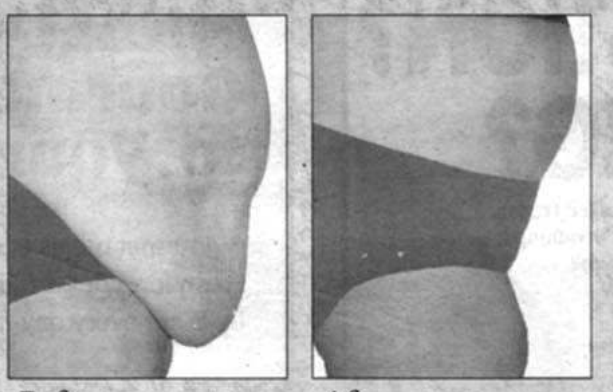

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Lori
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Sleaze

I was appalled but hardly surprised by the number of Sabre Springs neighbors who gave Brenda and Damon van Dam a pass on their "lifestyle" ("Good Life in Sabre Springs," August 8).

The common theme of so many of the comments — their sex life is their business, it had nothing to do with Danielle's death, we shouldn't criticize them, they didn't deserve what happened to them — would be funny if not for the fact that the people saying these things really believe they are true.

No matter who murdered Danielle, it is indisputable that her parents' drug use and sleazy behavior put her at risk.

In today's nonjudgmental, politically correct society, people are loath to cast aspersions on other people's sex lives. Well, maybe it's time we did.

Some "lifestyles" are worse than others. Character does count, morality does matter, and so-called private, consensual behavior does have consequences — in little Danielle's case, unfortunately, deadly ones.

Allyson Smith
El Cajon

Milk Toast

I was absolutely dismayed when reading "Good Life in Sabre Springs" (August 8). The fact that an entire community would identify themselves with square footage of homes and SUVs (mentioned four times in the article) is just bizarre. Also, the audacity to claim to be a community of cultural diversity when they themselves state "mostly white, some Asians… no Hispanics that I know of."

The residents of Sabre Springs should not be embarrassed by a neighbor (the van Dams) with an alternative lifestyle but *instead* should be embarrassed that they (1) admit they don't know how to act and (2) choose to live in a Stepford community where driving an SUV is a source of pride, keeping your garage doors closed is a must, and a neighborhood-association vote is needed to paint your door! I would have to do a lot more than "swing" and smoke pot to live in a self-righteous "milquetoast" neighborhood where individuality and choice are not options.

Mary Elizabeth Jordan

Agnostic Abe

Re: "Sheep and Goats," August 8.

A seemingly agnostic writer for a weekly liberal scandal sheet writes a hatchet-job review of a large, successful fundamentalist Christian organization because he is denied information about their budget.

What is wrong with this picture? Nothing at all. The Christians made a reasonable decision, considering the parties involved.

Congratulations to Abe Opincar for achieving the transparency he requires of others.

Gary Pagel
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Happy Bubbly

A Tribute to Lawrence Welk

Looking for the first time over a list of songs that she's scheduled to sing this weekend, Anacani said, "They didn't include a song called 'Yours'?" She was disappointed. "It's very romantic" — it was written by Maria Grever in the 1930s — "and it's so Lawrence Welk."

Billed as "A Tribute to Lawrence Welk," the Summer Pops features Anacani, who was one of Welk's regulars when his show aired on PBS stations in the 1970s. In an earlier incarnation, in the 1950s and 1960s, *The Lawrence Welk Show* had been on ABC.

LOCAL EVENTS

Grandmothers in their cat glasses swooned. But the producers decided, after 17 years, that the Irish tenor and Lennon sisters were no longer so "wunnerful." ABC banished the whole wholesome crew in 1971.

At about that time, an adolescent Anacani was having dinner at Lawrence Welk Village in Escondido. Established by the maestro in 1964, the place hadn't yet evolved into a "resort." It was just some mobile homes, an old hotel, a few little shops, and the restaurant, said Anacani, who had already had some success as a singer in Latin America by then.

Born in Sinaloa, near Mazatlan, Mexico — she won't say when — Anacani moved with her family to Escondido when she was two years old. She was attending middle school here when her life, as she put it, "took a turn." Her parents got divorced, her father left the family, and her mother was left to raise seven kids by herself. Anacani said, "I wondered what I could do to help out. So I took a chance at show business." Anacani chose her stage name then; it's a combination of her grandmother's name (Ana) and her real name (Consuelo). She began to perform on Mexican television and to tour. It's an unlikely title for a soon-to-be Welk star, but among her first hits was a Spanish song called, in translation, "I'm a Rebel."



Anacani

At the Welk restaurant on that evening, Anacani, her mother, and her agent had just finished their meal and were walking out, when Welk was walking in. "Mr. Welk and I crossed paths in the doorway. And that's how we met."

Did her agent know him? "No, not really. And we had no idea that he was going to be there, of course."

Welk auditioned Anacani and at first hired her to work only at the restaurant. "He called it his 'stepping stone' to the television show. I carried around my little guitar and sang for people on their birthdays and anniversaries. It was like a training program. I was the first one to do it, and it worked out well for me. I understand that for some people who followed me it didn't work out well. But I was so grateful to have been discovered by him and to think that I would get an opportunity to be on his show that I had seen as a little girl."

Why did her style appeal to Welk? "As soon as he met a person, he kind of knew if they would work for his show. Maybe he thought, 'Well, with this girl, who is so different, I could get another type of audience to join in with us.' Mr. Welk had brought in a lot of new people. The Lennons were no longer there. The piano player, Jo Ann Castle, was not there. Joe Feeney, the Irish tenor, was."

How would Anacani describe the Welk style of music? "Oh, gosh, I have to say it caters to the American family." But how would she describe its sound? "Well, in listening to the old recordings, I think that he came across with a very light-hearted, very happy, bubbly sound, and he did call it 'champagne music.' " So he actually coined that phrase for himself? "Yes, and I think he kept that style prominently throughout his career, although later he incorporated the big band sounds of Tommy Dorsey and all of those."

Who has taken up champagne music in his place? "You know, I don't think he can be replaced. I think when show business was younger, when he started out, things were a little easier.



Lawrence Welk

But now it has gotten so complicated. It's so much more competitive. Politics are very much a part of it. It's not as young and naive."

Nor are the Welk fans. So many have died — everybody's Welk-adoring grandmother, for example. "Mine, too," said Anacani.

Nonetheless, there is the tribute, at which Anacani will sing "Granada," a Spanish love-song medley, selections from *West Side Story*, and "Chucos Suaves," a salsa number, whose title, Anacani said, translates roughly to "Cool Guys."

After that, Anacani, who lives in Vista, will travel to the new Lawrence Welk Resort in Branson, Missouri. (There is a third one in Palm Springs.) From there she will do a television special with, among others, the Irish tenor of old. Joe Feeney's still alive? "Yes, and singing better than ever."

— *Jeanne Schinto*

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Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* may be enjoyed in performances on Friday, August 23, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, August 25, at 5 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are $33 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

A Concert is planned by the Autentica Banda Limón at 11 p.m. on Friday, August 23, at Rodeo Santa Fé, located in the Pueblo Amigo shopping center (in the Zona Río). Dial 011-52-664-682-4967 for additional details. (TIJUANA)

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The Cuban Quartet Alter Ego performs on Saturday, August 24, at 8 p.m., in the Foro del Jardín at the Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets are $11 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

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

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

Omnimax Films, *The Human Body* is the current IMAX film, with screenings Tuesday through Friday at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

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Catch the Full Moon Rising on Thursday, August 22, from Harbor Island and you'll witness a beautiful spectacle (weather permitting). From that vantage during the early twilight, the moon majestically rises behind downtown San Diego's skyline.

Speed Walk, naturalist Don Parnell leads this two-hour, low-impact walk at Daley Ranch, Saturday, August 24, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Will he point out natural wonders as you go zipping by? Hat and a quart of water a must. From I-15, exit at El Norte Parkway, go east four miles to La Honda Drive, turn left, drive one mile, and park in the dirt lot. Free. 760-839-4241. (ESCONDIDO)

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"Trekking the Refuges," this monthly program, sponsored by the Chula Vista Nature Center, is designed to introduce you to the different parts of the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Imperial Beach. The guide explains the flora, fauna, and how they're adapted to the environment. This month's is set for Saturday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. all 619-409-5903 for reservations and directions to the meeting place. Free. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

River Cleanup, volunteers are needed to assist members of the San Diego Audubon Society in cleaning up and removing invasive plants on the portion of the San Diego River adjacent to Mission Bay, Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, a hat, and sturdy shoes. Bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Meet south of Sea World Drive, about 1/2 mile west of the South Shores Park intersection on the service road that parallels the San Diego River. Refreshments will be provided, but do bring water. If you can help, call 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

Birding the Creek, birder Wayne Harmon leads an easy walk that winds along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon, Saturday, August 24, and the fourth Saturday of each month. Beginners are welcome. Wear a hat, bring water and binoculars. Meet at the Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. Free. 858-581-9961. (CLAIREMONT)

The Birds and Beasts of Blue Sky are the feature of this guided hike by naturalist Charles Hurd, Saturday, August 24, 9 a.m., Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, Espola Road, north of Lake Poway Drive. Free. Dress for warm weather and bring lots of water. 858-679-5469. (POWAY)

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The Kumeyaay and the Oaks, the guide will lead you on a four-mile hike along the Piedras Pintadas Trail in the Bernardo Bay Natural Area, Saturday, August 24, 9 a.m. Learn how the original inhabitants of the area used the oaks for food, medicine, and shelter. It's sponsored by the San Dieguito River Park and it's free. Dress for hot weather, bring water and a snack. Reservations, please: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Desert Gardens of Balboa Park are the subject for this week's guided walk by Offshoot Tours, Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m. Meet at the visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

In the Cool of the Evening, ranger Jason Lopez leads a six-mile hike from Lake Sutherland to Pamo Valley, Saturday, August 24, 5 to 11 p.m. There will be plenty of wildlife activity in the twilight hours and even after dark. Bring a flashlight and a snack. You'll be shuttled back to the starting point. For details on the meeting place and for reservations, call 858-674-2275 x5. (RAMONA)

"Sky Hunters," Nancy Conney brings some raptors to illustrate her discussion of their place in the ecosystem and how they hunt. Come see hawks, falcons, or maybe owls, Saturday, August 24, 6 p.m., Lake Jennings Park, 10108 Bass Road. Free day use. (LAKESIDE)

Ten-Mile Walk, join members of Walkabout for a moderate to moderate-plus jaunt through La Jolla: UCSD, La Jolla Farms, La Jolla Shores, the Cove, Seal Beach, and back, with some secret paths thrown in. It's scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 7 a.m., meeting at the Starbucks in the Ralphs shopping center at La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla Village Drive. Free. You need sturdy, comfortable shoes; a hat; water. 858-597-0033. (LA JOLLA)

Bird Walk, a guide from the Chula Vista Nature Center will lead birders on a walk at Sweetwater Marsh, Sunday, August 25, beginning at 11 a.m. Free. 619-409-5903 for reservations and directions to the meeting place. (CHULA VISTA)

Birding the Estuary, there's a guided bird walk through Tijuana River Estuarine Reserve, an upland and salt marsh habitat that supports up to 370 species. It's Sunday, August 25 (and every Sunday), from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free. Information: 619-575-3613 Meet at the reserve's visitors' center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

DANCE

"Celebrate Dance Festival," Eveoke Dance Theater founded and coordinates this annual event, now in its seventh year. Local companies and dance collectives, more than 45 of them, will perform and offer workshops — ballet to Butoh to hip-hop — over three days, Friday through Sunday, August 23 through 25, at the outdoor Casa del Prado stage (adjacent to the fountain near Park Boulevard); Friday 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Bring a picnic. It's all free. For more information, call Eveoke at 619-238-1153. (BALBOA PARK)

The International Dance Festival at the City Heights Urban Village Performance Annex continues on Friday, August 23, at 6 p.m., with performances of contemporary dance by McCaleb Dance and Argentine tango by Tango Alma. The performance annex is located at 3795 Fairmount Avenue. Admission is free. 619-641-6123. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Bellydance Workshop, a "spiritual bellydance workshop" will heal your chakras, Saturday, August 24, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., at Yoga Studio Carlsbad, 3138-J Roosevelt Street. The technique involves bellydance moves, plus storytelling and meditation. Fee $45 at the door. Registration/information: 760-522-2554. (CARLSBAD)

Contradancing, the Continental Drifters provide the music, and Martha Wild is the caller for the contradances on Saturday, August 24, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. This Saturday night, a 6:30 potluck dinner precedes the dance. Bring a dish to share. Admission: $6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Danza Azteca 30 dancers from the Danza Mexicayotl company offer traditional Aztec dancing and music and dance that reflect the Chicano/Mexicano and Native American communities, Sunday, August 25, 2 to 4 p.m., the Shops at Las Americas, 4211 Camino de la Plaza. Free. (SAN YSIDRO)

Zydeco dancing, with lessons, will be held on Tuesday, August 27, and every Tuesday night, at Tio Leo's. Lessons begin at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded music from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission $5. It's located at 5302 Napa Street. 619-857-8409. (LINDA VISTA)

FILM

"Rocky" Redux, it's a family reunion for *Rocky Horror* fans. Beginning in 1984, it ran for ten years as the midnight show at the Ken Cinema, and a gang of locals donned costumes for the live floor show and eventually in parades and at public events. Twenty of these former cast members have been rounded up and invited back for the reunion screening and performance at the Ken, Saturday, August 24, at midnight, of course. Admission is $7.75. The Ken is located at 4061 Adams Avenue. 619-283-5909.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Rocky Horror Picture Show, with live stage show, screens every Friday night at midnight at the La Paloma Theater, 471 First Street. Admission is $7. 760-436-5774. The film's been running more or less continuously in San Diego since 1977, when it debuted at the Strand in O.B. (KENSINGTON, ENCINITAS)

Film Forum, *Afghanistan Year 1380,* directed by Albertò Vendemmiati and Fabrizio Lazzaretti (*Jung: In the Land of the Mujaheddin*), is the next feature at the Film Forum, Monday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. (a discussion follows), in the third-floor auditorium of the San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street.

The film was shot in Kabul beginning the week after 9/11. It follows the challenges of a surgeon and his staff at their hospital under heavy military attack and shows the lives of local Afghans and other ethnic groups, the role of international forces, and the treatment of Taliban prisoners of war in Northern Alliance jails. Following the screening, Dipak Gupta, Hansen professor of peace studies at SDSU, will facilitate a discussion of issues raised in the film. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Family Films are screening when the Carlsbad Library's film series concludes with *Stuart Little* on Wednesday, August 28, 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 *Sabrina,* when this series concludes on Wednesday, August 28. 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. (BALBOA PARK)

The French Connection, the "Summer of 2002 Outdoor Film Festival" series at the San Diego Museum of Art, in conjunction with the exhibition "Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting," concludes on Thursday, August 29, with *Les Miserables* (1997), Billie August's adaptation of the Victor Hugo classic. It stars Liam Neeson, Geoffrey Rush, and Uma Thurman. The film begins at dusk. Bring a blanket for seating. 619-232-7931. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, the incredible everyday story of life — that is, the daily biological processes that go on without our control and often without our notice — is told in *The Human Body.* The film takes the audience on a fantastic voyage with great detail and sound through Saturday, August 31.

National Geographic's IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. It can also be seen currently.

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

Get It Together Once and for All, a series of free lectures by Gary DeRodriguez will help you whip your life into shape. They begin with a two-hour session Thursday, August 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. ("Mastering Your Destiny"), continue on September 5 ("Harnessing the Power of Your Mind"), and conclude on September 25 ("Relationships"). They're held at the Neuro-Linguistic Training Center, 3910 Normal Street. 619-260-1662. (HILLCREST)

Natural Alternatives to hormone therapy and new dietary thinking are the subjects of a presentation by Dr. Barry ("The Zone") Sears and Dr. Ron Rothenberg of San Diego's California HealthSpan Institute, Friday, August 23, 7:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn on the Bay, 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown. $20 in advance (1-800-943-3331) or $25 at the door.

"Using Vintage Appliances in Your Old House," the summer workshop series sponsored by Save Our Heritage Organisation concludes with a talk by the proprietors of RMR Stoves, specialists in stoves and services to consumers with historical interests. The event is set for Saturday, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Whaley House garden-gazebo area, 2482 San Diego Avenue. For ticket information call 619-297-7511. (OLD TOWN)

Polly Want Some Information? The Parrot Education and Adoption Center has scheduled two seminars this weekend, each from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way (off West Mission Bay Drive). On Saturday, August 24, one of the most talkative and colorful of the parrot species, the Amazon, will be the subject. On Sunday, August 25, learn something about all the parrots commonly seen as domestic pets and hear how their personalities differ. Admission is $10 per seminar. Call 619-287-8200 for more information. (MISSION BAY)

You're a Vegan, but are you healthy? Dr. Michael Greger has just returned from an international congress on vegetarian nutrition, and he'll share the latest on things like omega-3 fatty acids and vitamin B12, Saturday, August 24, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Ocean Beach Women's Club, 2160 Bacon Street. Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 will be catered by Eatopia Express. Tickets: $10 advance (619-583-9LCA) or $12 at the door; $2 for the lecture only. It's sponsored by San Diego EarthSave and Last Chance for Animals. (OCEAN BEACH)

History of a Synagogue, the Jewish Historical Society of San Diego sponsors a talk by Lewis Fischbein, a lifelong San Diegan who attended Tifereth Israel, as did his parents, when the congregation met at 18th and Market Streets in downtown San Diego. Anyone with photos or memorabilia relating to the synagogue, please bring them to share. The event is set for Sunday, August 25, at 1 p.m., in Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 6660 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

Attacking the Taboo against atheism is the subject when Eddie Tabash speaks for the Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, August 25, at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Center (on Vermont Street). Tabash is a constitutional and civil rights lawyer and part-time superior court judge in Los Angeles County. A $5 donation is requested. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

What's Going on at the Local UN Association? The second "Binational Conference on Commercially Exploited Children" is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, August 26 and 27, at the Recital Hall. Keynote speakers include Dr. Richard Estes, Dr. Roger G. Lum, Theresa Kilbanes, and others. The $40 fee includes materials and breakfast and lunch for both days.

Commemorating the 82nd anniversary of women's right to vote in the U.S., the Women's Equity Council presents "Moving Forward or Pushing Backward: The Impact of the Bush Administration on the Women's Movement — Globally and Locally" on Monday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club. Free. For information on either event, dial 619-223-8074. (BALBOA PARK)

"Maps Can Help You Climb Your Family Tree" (Part II), at the next meeting of the North County Genealogical Society, Harry Drewry continues his talk on the uses of maps in genealogical research, Tuesday, August 27, 10 a.m., in the city council chamber, City of Carlsbad, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. Free. 760-723-1342. (CARLSBAD)

Writers' Drop-In Workshop, get the ideas flowing with creativity exercises with other writers, Tuesday, August 27, 7 p.m., facilitated by author Jill Badonsky. Meet at Bridge Way Books, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, suite A30 (near Harvest Ranch Market). Class fee is $15. 760-943-7875. (ENCINITAS)

The California Coastal Monument is the subject of a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The monument, designated by presidential proclamation in 2000, encompasses the rocks, islands, exposed reefs, and pinnacles the entire length of the California coast, and 12 nautical miles offshore. Monument management will apply

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Representatives of the Bureau of Land Management and other officials will be on hand for the public forum. It will be held at Sumner Auditorium of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 8625 Discovery Way, adjacent to the UCSD campus. Free. (LA JOLLA)

A Delegation to Afghanistan, Kristi Laughlin led the first U.S. interfaith delegation of peace and reconciliation to Afghanistan. Included in the group of Muslims, Christians, bishops, and lay people were two women who had lost siblings in the 9/11 disaster. Laughlin is coordinator of the Afghan Victims Fund for Global Exchange.

She will speak about her experiences and the ongoing results of their work when she speaks at a meeting of the North County Forum on Wednesday, August 28, 7 p.m., Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1600 Buena Vista Drive, Shadowridge. A question-answer session follows. Free. 760-758-2410. (VISTA)

Writers of Fiction, Memoir, or any form of prose are invited to the next meeting of the Grand Avenue Writers Collective for a reading and critique, Wednesday, August 28 (and every second and fourth Wednesday of the month), 7 to 9 p.m., at the clubhouse of Fountain Estates Apartments, 1315 East Grand Avenue. Free. Writers of all levels are welcome. 760-233-0848. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Ayurveda, Diet, and Nutrition, this presentation by Talavane Krishna is based on the basic Ayurveda concept that you are what you eat, and your kitchen is your pharmacy. The presentation is set for Thursday, August 29, 6:30 p.m., Jimbo's, 12853 El Camino Real. 858-793-7755. Free. (DEL MAR HEIGHTS)

"Talkin' Baseball Night," *Padres Talk* host Ben Higgins talks about his experiences with the team Thursday, August 29, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Understanding the Numbers," SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, part of the U.S. Small Business Administration, shares tips with those in business for themselves. This week's seminar is about balance sheets, profit and loss statements, cash flow, and the other critical aspects of a business's financial life. The workshop is set for Thursday, August 29, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Point Loma Nazarene University, Mission Valley campus, 4007 Camino del Rio South. Admission $45 advance, $55 at the door. Call 619-557-7272. (MISSION VALLEY)

IN PERSON

Technical Wizardry, Special Effects and Illusions, and "dazzling production numbers" are promised when Disney's musical *Beauty and the Beast* hits the stage of the San Diego Civic Theatre through Sunday, September 1. The book is by Linda Woolverton, with music and lyrics by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman and seven new songs by Alan Menken and Tim Rice.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday and performances at 1 and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from $22 to $70, available through the box office (619-570-1100) and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Author Betty Byrd's debut novel is *Trinity's Daughter,* a tale of money, power, and betrayal, based on a true story of her family. She will appear at Barnes and Noble, Thursday, August 22, 7 p.m. 1040 North El Camino Real. Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

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 blues from Sista Monica, Friday, August 23. 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, which concludes this year with blues, classic rock, and R&B by Beyond Blue, Friday, August 23, 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 jazz by Blue Largo, Friday, August 23, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Valentine Fist, "a three-member band with an alternative rock beat," performs on Saturday, August 24, at 2 p.m., for the annual summer concert series at Chula Vista Center (at Fifth Avenue and H Street). 619-427-6700. (CHULA VISTA)

The La Jolla Concerts by the Sea features pop music by the Kearny Mesa Concert Band, on Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m., in Scripps Park (at the foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. (LA JOLLA)

The seventh annual Summer Sunday Concerts by the Sea this week features reggae by Kyng Arthur, Sunday, August 25, 3 to 5 p.m. Picnics and dancing are encouraged. Please, no alcohol, glass, or dogs. 760-633-2740. (ENCINITAS)

The "Music in the Park" concert series continues with music by the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, followed by fireworks, Sunday, August 25, at 7 p.m., part of the "Celebrate Chula Vista" event, at Marina View Park (900 Marina View Parkway, off the J Street exit from I-5). For information, call 619-585-5682. (CHULA VISTA)

Fingerstyle Guitarist Jim Earp (*Rosewood*) is the featured performer in the next concert at the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College, Friday, August 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. He's joined by a Celtic guitarist and balladeer. It's free, at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. Free. 619-660-1684. (EL CAJON)

Advice for Parents, author Debra Whiting offers strategies to parents for dealing with teen daughters. She's the author of *Loving Your Teenage Daughter,* and she'll be at Barnes & Noble, on Friday, August 23, at 7 p.m., 1040 El Camino Real. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

Pipe Organ Concert, "French, Frank, and Fire" is the program to be presented by Hector Olivera, Friday, August 23, 8 p.m., United Methodist Church, 2111 Camino del Rio South. A freewill offering will be taken. 619-429-0143. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Yankee Jim" Robinson, in 1852, stole a rowboat in an attempt to steal a larger pilot boat. He and his two companions were caught, but only Jim was hanged. The hanging took place in a corral where the Whaley House stands today. Some claim to have seen Yankee Jim's ghost haunting the place.

On Saturday, August 24, at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m., a 30-minute dramatization of the story will be told in the form of a readers' theater. It presents some of the unique elements of pioneer justice. It will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the trial. Attendees can also get reprints of the *San Diego Herald*'s report of the events published on August 27, 1852. It all takes place in Old Town State Historic Park in front of the 1847 brick courthouse, across the central plaza from the flagpole. Free. 619-293-0117. Free. (OLD TOWN)

"Voyage of Cabrillo" is a fictionalized account presenting different viewpoints of the 1542 encounter between Juan Rodriguez 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

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All the World's a Stage when the Semi-Spontaneous Shakespeare Society and interested volunteers present *Macbeth*, on Saturday, August 24. 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)

Ambient, Electronica, and World Beat, Deborah Martin, Greg Klamt, and Mark Rownd, all artists on the local Spotted Peccary Music label, will be performing songs from their album *Convergence*. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, from 2:30 to 5 p.m., in the Schulman Auditorium of the Carlsbad Library, 1775 Dove Lane. Tickets $5. (CARLSBAD)

Are We There Yet? Judy Botello and Kt Paxton will discuss and sign *More Adventures with Kids in San Diego* on Saturday, August 24, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). For information, call 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Life between Cigarettes," author R.L. Buss presents an all-age reading at Two Sisters Café, Saturday August 24, 4 p.m., 4464 College Avenue. Free. 619-265-7287.

He will perform an "18 and up" reading at Twiggs Tea and Coffeehouse, Tuesday, August 27, 9 p.m., 4590 Park Boulevard; $2. 619-295-2201. (COLLEGE AREA, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Women Interpret the Past, this year's Mary Ward Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the San Diego County Archaeological Society, and the county parks and recreation department addresses the idea of women's perspectives in interpreting the past.

The panel of speakers includes Alexa Clausen, local historian; Courtney Ann Coyle, land-use and environmental attorney representing American Indian concerns; Susan Hector, archaeologist and historian; Carmen Lucas, Kwaaymii elder and American Indian advisor and cultural resource manager; and Cindy Stankowski, director of the San Diego Archaeological Center.

The lecture will be held outdoors at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House, Los Peñasquitos Reserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road (behind Canyonside Park). The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, with a tour of the ranch house. The program begins at 7 p.m. Bring folding chairs, warm jackets, flashlights, and picnic suppers. Dessert and soft drinks will be provided by the Archaeological Society. Free. Information: 858-538-0935 or 858-484-7504. (MIRA MESA)

Cool Blues and Acoustic Jazz by Ruby of Ruby and the Red Hots is offered in the Summer Concerts in the Gardens series, Saturday, August 24, 7:30 p.m., Woodland Park, 671 Bougher Road. Bring a picnic, or refreshments will be available for purchase at the venue. Beach chairs or blankets needed for lawn seating. Adults/students $5; children under 10 free. 760-744-9000. (SAN MARCOS)

Singer-Songwriter Corinne, accompanied by the Sevens (Ken Cawley and Leslie Mink), is slated to entertain in a concert sponsored by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, August 24, 7:30 p.m., San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. $12. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Dueling Divas, vocalist Susan Holder, keyboardist Brad Cole, and "opera diva" Valerie Miller present a concert on Sunday, August 25, at 1 p.m., at Forum Hall (next to Nordstrom, at 4315 La Jolla Village Drive). The program features selections by Andrew Lloyd Weber, Vivaldi, Sondheim, Puccini, Judy Collins, and others. Admission is $15 for adults, $8 for students and children. 858-453-9830. (LA JOLLA)

"Poetsperformance," the summer hiatus is over, and open readings are back at Red's Espresso Gallery, Sunday, August 25, 4 to 6 p.m., 1017 Rosecrans Boulevard. Free. 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

"Playin' the Park," this monthly concert series, sponsored by the Normal Heights Cultural Council, will feature tunes by Jim Earp, the Good China, the Bayou Brothers, and Undecided, Sunday, August 25, 4 to 8 p.m., Adams Elementary School park, Mansfield and School Streets (near 35th Street and Adams Avenue). Throughout the day, Matt Cali will judge an open skateboard competition. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Sundays at Six," the next concert in the amphitheater at Harry Griffen Park will feature Dixieland by the Dixie Express, Sunday, August 25, 6 p.m. Bring a picnic (no glass, please) and a blanket for lawn seating. The park is at 9550 Milden Street. Free. (LA MESA)

Slammin' Poetry on Sunday, the "Last Sunday Jam" at the Urban Grind is set for August 25. San Diego's slam team members are back from their good showing at the nationals in Minneapolis, and they'll be in attendance. They'll be featured between rounds. Sign-up is from 7:30 to 8, or just come to enjoy. Cash prizes awarded. The coffeehouse is located at 3797 Park Boulevard. 619-294-2920. $2 donation suggested. (HILLCREST)

Summer Organ Festival, the 15th annual festival at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion concludes when civic organist Carol Williams is joined by pianist Joshua Rivkin, who offers ragtime tunes by Scott Joplin, for a concert on Monday, August 26, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call 619-702-8138 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Open Poetry Reading, Twiggs Tea & Coffeehouse has scheduled an open reading. Sign-up starts at 7:30 p.m., reading from 8 to 10 p.m., Monday, August 26, 4590 Park Boulevard (at Madison). Free. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Free Speech," open-mike Monday at Café Crema welcomes beats, musicians, poets, hip-hop, soul, singers, free flow, and spoken word. The next event will be Monday, August 26, with sign-up at 8 p.m., 1001 Garnet Avenue. Free. 858-273-3558. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Tuesday Tunes in the Park, this series at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion concludes on Tuesday, August 27, 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 concludes with a performance by the City Guard Band, Tuesday, August 27; the El Cajon German Band on Wednesday, the 21st; and the Kearny Mesa Concert 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)

The Power of Youth, bilingual youth theater, poetry, and music is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 (and the last Wednesday of each month), at 6 p.m., hosted by Teatro Con Safos, at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. 619-230-1869. Free admission. (DOWNTOWN)

"Investigate Everything: Federal Efforts to Compel Black Loyalty During WWI" was written by local author and professor of African-American history at SDSU Theodore Kornweibel Jr. He will be appearing at Barnes & Noble, Hazard Center, 7610 Hazard Center Drive, suite 315, on Wednesday, August 28, at 7 p.m. Free. 619-298-4306. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Word Spoken," Thursday, August 29 (and the last Thursday of each month), Café Crema holds an all-age open mike for poets and more. Things get under way at 8:30 p.m., at 1001 Garnet Avenue (at Cass), 858-273-3558. Free. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Latin Jam, trumpeter Bill Caballero leads a jam Thursday, August 29, from 8 to 11 p.m. Bring your instrument or come to listen, at Voz Alta, 917 E Street; $7 general; $5 students, seniors; $3 musicians. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

The Mike Is Open, at Boomers Brew for poets and others, Thursday, August 29, and every Thursday, 8 to 10 p.m., 1404 Garnet Avenue. Free. 858-273-9377. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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St. Louis, 6 p.m., Thursday, August 22; and San Diego at San Francisco, Wednesday, August 28, 6 p.m.

Chargers' training camp, free to spectators, comes to a close this week, with practices from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 24, through Monday, August 26, at Chargers Park.

Practice camp takes place at the north end of the UCSD campus, in the sports complex. Exit I-5 at Genesee, go west, turn left on North Torrey Pines Road, and then follow the "Charger Parking" signs. Parking in lot 357 is free only during practice hours. Practice times and other fan information: 858-455-1976. For home game ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS.(LA JOLLA)

Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club has competition every Sunday, with preliminary matches beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the featured match 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. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

The 18th Annual Long Board Surfing Contest is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, August 23 through 25, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oceanside Pier, Pier View Way. Free. 760-754-0987. (OCEANSIDE)

Boys of Summer, the Padres are home to the Marlins, Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, 7:05 p.m., and Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m. in Qualcomm Stadium. Friday night is "Recycle Night with the Padres," cosponsored by the city's Environmental Services Department. Deposit ten empty recyclables in the bins at the entrance gates, and get one raffle ticket that might win you a four-pack of plaza-level ticket vouchers, a ball autographed by Phil Nevin, or an electric mulching lawnmower. (One ticket given for each ten recyclables.)

After a travel day, they play in Houston, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27 and 28, at 5:05 p.m., and Thursday, August 29, at 1:05 p.m.

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)

Bike Coronado, join the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society for a moderately easy ride that begins at the J Street boat launch at Chula Vista harbor, proceeds through Coronado, across the bay on the ferry, to the Point Loma lighthouse and back. The ride assembles at 9 a.m., Saturday, August 24. Remember to bring money for the ferry. 619-255-4194. (CHULA VISTA)

Outrigger Race, the Pao Pai Nine-Man Outrigger Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oceanside Harbor. Free. 760-757-510-2999. (OCEANSIDE)

Rockin' Summer Classic, the San Diego Street Elite Inline Racing Club hosts a day of inline skate racing in a variety of categories on Saturday, August 24, at the San Diego Velodrome (2221 Morley Field Drive). Track and registration open at 9 a.m., the 200m time trials and sprint tournament start at 10 a.m., mass-start racing begins at 2 p.m., and awards are given at 4 p.m. Admission is free for spectators; competitors register for $30. For more information, call 858-550-0180. (BALBOA PARK)

Cricket, the San Diego Cricket Club/UCSD Cricket Club has teams in Divisions 1 and 3 of the Southern California Cricket Association. The next home matches will be Saturday, August 24 (division 1 against the Colts Cricket Club), and Sunday, August 25 (division 3 against the Victoria CC), 10:30 a.m. to about 5 p.m. Matches are played at Warren Field in the UCSD sports complex. Practice sessions are held every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-518-1596. (LA JOLLA)

Rev It Up and Go to Cajon Speedway for racing in sportsman, bombers, pony stocks, legacy, and destruction derby categories, Saturday, August 24. The first race starts at 6:45 p.m., with qualifying runs starting at 5 p.m.

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

Third Annual Special Olympics Junior Over-the-Line Tournament, three player teams meet in a single-day tourney, Sunday, August 25, with registration at 8 a.m. and play at 9. It's at the south end of Fiesta Island at Sea World Drive and I-5. It's sponsored by OMBAC. Free viewing. (MISSION BAY)

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

Kayaking, every Thursday evening, there's kayaking on Mission Baywith Aqua Adventures Kayak Center. Meet at 1548 Quivira Way about 5:30 p.m. (to 8 p.m.). It's free if you bring your own kayak, $10 to use one of theirs. No reservations required. They request that you please not wear cotton clothing. 619-523-9577. (MISSION BAY)

The Horses Are on the Track, the 2002 seaside racing season hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 11. Racing takes place Wednesdays through Mondays; post time is 2 p.m. daily except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m. General admission is $5 for adults, free for those 17 and under. Find the Del Mar Racetrack at the San Diego County fairgrounds, Jimmy Durante Boulevard and Via de la Valle. For information, call 858-793-5533. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL

"Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" — this roving exhibit is on display through Saturday, August 31, in the Student Center at Southwestern College. The exhibition features photographs, quotes, and factual information celebrating the lives of these leaders who sought to create a peaceful, nonviolent society.

Viewing hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Find the campus at 900 Otay Lakes Road. Free. 619-482-6564. (CHULA VISTA)

Party on the Pier, it will be food and dancing on the OB pier at the Second Annual Ocean Beach Party on the Pier, Friday, August 23, 6 to 10 p.m. Dig some live tunes from Caribbean Invasion and the blue notes of the Ravens. Part of the $15 ticket price will go toward pier maintenance. It takes place at the foot of Newport Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Street Fair, the Eighth Annual Lakeside Street Fair and Dance takes place Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, from 5 p.m. to midnight. For dancing, Calico Ridge plays country and western, and the Stillettos play rockabilly. Additional entertainment is provided by the Lakeside and the Barona Youth dance groups. Custom cars and motorcycles are on display, and there will be food, drink, and crafts available. For further details, dial 619-390-2924. (LAKESIDE)

They're Gone, but They Still Love to Chat, psychic medium Mary Occhino will demonstrate her ability to communicate with deceased loved ones. She'll be appearing on Friday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North. The event is sponsored by the Learning Annex. Registration: 619-544-9700. Admission $44 members, $59 general. (MISSION VALLEY)



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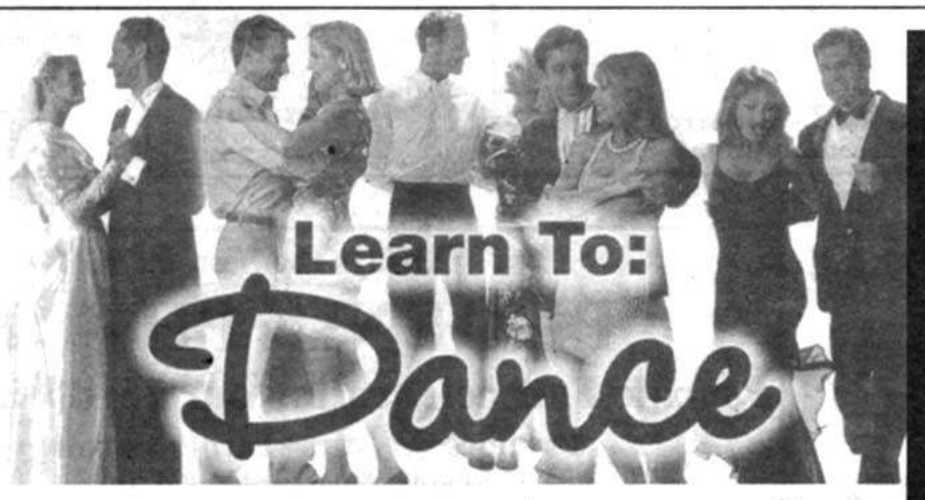

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READING

A Pelican in the Wilderness: Hermits, Solitaries, and Recluses



Isabel Colegate

Counterpoint Press, 2002; 284 pages; $25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: The desire for solitude is as old as human society, its pursuit as various as the individual temperament. From Lao Tsu and the Buddha, St. Antony and the early Celtic hermits, through Rousseau, Thoreau, Ruskin, and Thomas Merton, certain gifted persons, each in his own way, have shown a vocation for living alone and apart, finding in simplicity and attention to Nature a spiritual space to be explored and rejoiced in. Others, retreating from the world in scorn or cut off from it by scandal, have found that solitude is Hell, a pit of melancholy and morbid fantasy.

In this delightfully idiosyncratic and personal book, Isabel Colegate gives us the lives of the solitaries — male and female, medieval and modern, divinely inspired and merely eccentric. But *A Pelican in the Wilderness* is more than a gallery of saints and sinners, poets and misanthropes. It is also a revaluation of solitude for our times, and a reminder that it is in solitude that the self meets itself, refreshes itself, and from there goes out to join the communal dance.

"What one might call the hermit tendency," Ms. Colegate writes, "constitutes a thin but uninterrupted thread through history, a pull of the tide toward some other moon." In tracing that thread, and in telling the stories of those who have felt that pull, she writes with all the virtues that have distinguished her fiction: historical imagination, understated wit, quicksilver characterization, and an eye for the surreal matched by a power to evoke the sublime.

The title comes from Thomas Traherne's *Centuries of Meditation* (and Traherne took the title from Psalm 102): "A man that Studies Happiness must sit alone like a Sparrow upon the House Top, and like a Pelican in the Wilderness." **(See page 89)**

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The New York Times: The true center of *A Pelican in the Wilderness*, however, is her own home territory, specifically a small derelict building in a field she owns. It was the fashion for 18th-century English gentlemen to build ornamental hermitages on their estates, perhaps merely to add interest to their walks, perhaps to serve as rustic chapels when their proprietor felt a need for solitude, prayer or communion with nature. Colegate had reason to think she might find in her field the remains of just such an old "ornamental" hermitage, and after a good deal of trouble she did. It had long been buried, but it could be dug out and rebuilt. From this point she makes a long series of exotic and digressive excursions on the periphery. Then, when all her journeys are done, she returns contentedly to her own patch.

Her pace is civilized and leisurely, but she covers much ground and has clearly done a good deal of research and travel, some of it arduous. But the style is always well tempered, and the transitions smooth. We learn about Chinese hermits, still surviving the onset of Communism. We discover that we can track a Thai monk, a peripatetic hermit, by the orange cloak he throws over a branch when asleep or contemplating. Among the Buddhist hermits of Tibet there was an Englishwoman who wished to be the first female Buddha and spent 12 years meditating in a cave 13,200 feet up in the mountains. And here one remembers Yeats's terrible sonnet "Meru": "Hermits upon Mount Meru or Everest, / Caverned in night under the drifted snow, / Or where that snow and winter's dreadful blast / Beat down upon their naked bodies." You had to be serious to be a Tibetan hermit.

The Washington Times: As evidence that modern men and women seem to have turned their backs on solitude, Miss Colegate cites a prevailing affinity for "group therapy, study of interpersonal relationships, self-improvement exercises and personal training in the gym" — all enterprises that are not likely to assuage "the loneliness of those who cannot bear to be alone."

In times past and in other cultures this was not always so, and in her witty and sagacious portrait of hermits, solitaries and recluses across time, Miss Colegate writes wistfully of those moments in history when individuals sought solitude, valued it and created havens in which to indulge it, often extraordinary habitats in nature's most inviting settings.

Alongside of those who sought solitude for religious reasons are those who desired peace and quiet in order to write or compose. Early in the book Miss Colegate cites the case of Gustav Mahler, whose need to be left undisturbed led him to "requiring the cowbells to be muffled as he sat in his hut at the end of the garden in the Austrian Tyrol to write his Third Symphony." And she cites the experience of J.D. Salinger, who in 1953, from his scenic cottage in New Hampshire, gave his first — and last — interview to a local girl for her high school publication.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Isabel Colegate, daughter of Sir Arthur Colegate (a member of Parliament) and Lady Colegate Worsley, was born in 1931 in Lincolnshire, England. She attended boarding schools in Shropshire and Norfolk, England. She married in 1953; she and her husband are parents to two sons and one daughter. In 1958 Ms. Colegate published her first novel, *The Blackmailer*. She's hardly stopped since, with 13 novels now behind her. Ms. Colegate, celebrated in her own country, perhaps is best known in the States for the film *The Shooting Party*, made from her 1980 novel of the same title.

On the day that we talked — morning in California and early evening in Ms. Colegate's home near Bath — I mentioned to Ms. Colegate that I had noticed that her son-in-law had listed his hobby as ironing.

Ms. Colegate laughed, a beautifully modulated laugh. "To tell you the truth, I don't think he irons much other than his own shirts, which he does do beautifully, I must admit. It's his Sunday-evening relaxation, ironing his shirts."

We talked then about how Ms. Colegate began writing. "I always wrote," she said, "which is really the easiest way to start,

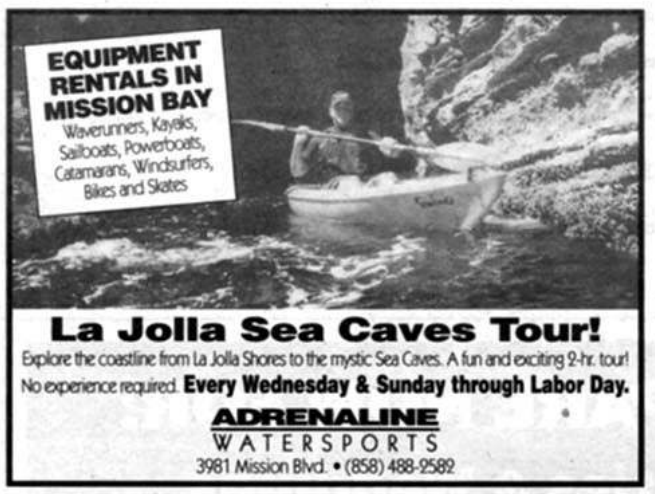
Business Fair for Small-Business Owners, this month's business fair, sponsored by the Alliance for African Assistance Micro-Enterprise Program and the City of San Diego, will be held on Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parking lot of the alliance office, 5952 El Cajon Boulevard. There is also a monthly seminar on the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. in the alliance offices. Free. 619-298-6770. (ROLANDO)

The Urban Art Trail runs through the East Village area of San Diego. It's public works by local artists, and you can hike the trail with Patty Fares, who leads an Urban Safaris walk on Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee: $10. Call 619-944-9255 for reservations and information about the starting point. (DOWNTOWN)

Recycling Contest, it's a good weekend to change your oil. I Love a Clean San Diego is sponsoring a contest to see which city, Ramona or Chula Vista, can collect the most used motor oil. It's an effort to remind us to dispose of that contaminant properly. The contest runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kragen Auto Parts, 1935 Main Street, and the Kragen store at 1396 Third Avenue. Recycled motor oil is re-refined and reused as motor oil, fuel, or other petroleum products. 1-800-237-2583. (RAMONA, CHULA VISTA)

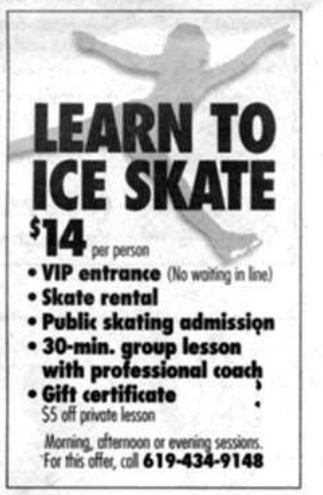
Gyotaku is the Japanese art of printing designs on paper or fabric using real fish as the medium. The Japanese Friendship Garden sponsors a gyotaku class on Saturday, August 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon; $10 members, $15 general includes all materials. Bring a T-shirt, pillowcase, or other item to be printed. Registration: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Love Alaska? Love the Yukon Territory? The Alaskan Yukon Club invites you to a chapter meeting on Satur-

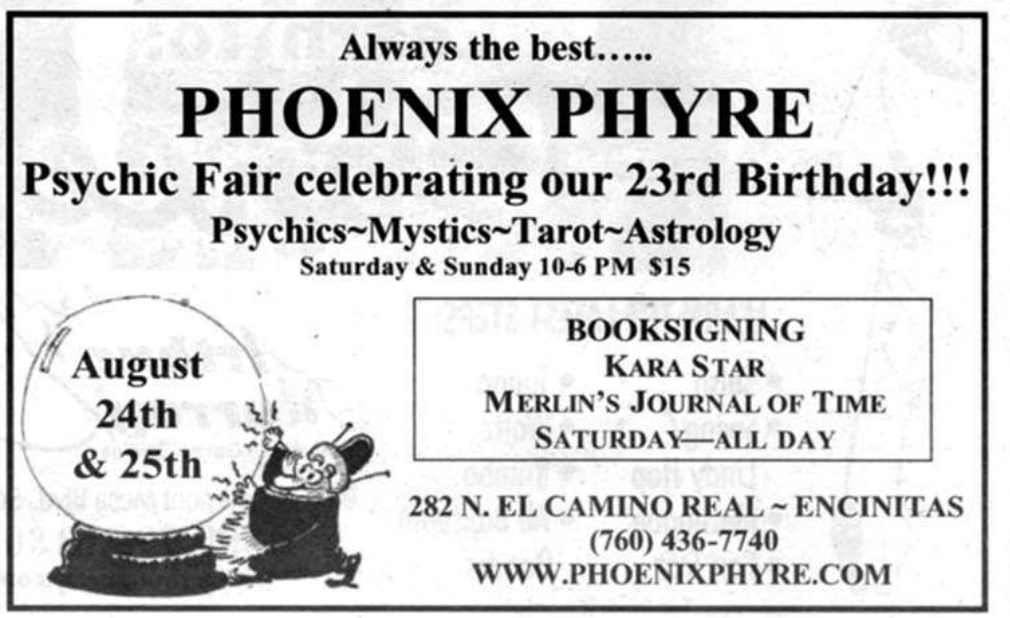














because if you've done something since you were a small child you go on doing it for quite a long time before you ask yourself, 'Why?' And as a child I was always writing books. Writing seemed part of reading; having read a book that you tremendously enjoyed you wanted to write one. I think the only difference between me and lots of other sort of rather bookish little girls was that I did tend to finish the books I wrote. Of course, they weren't full length like an adult book, but I did finish one when I was 11. That was the first."

I asked if Ms. Colegate, as a child, lived out in the country.

"Yes. I did. And we were quite isolated. I didn't think of it as being isolated or feel any lack. I had three older sisters. But we didn't see many other children, and this was probably because it was during the war and we were living first in Lincolnshire and then in Yorkshire, and parents didn't in those times make the efforts that they make now, that children must see lots of other children and so on. So I suppose to that extent it was quite an isolated childhood."

"Could you tell me how you happened to take up hermits and recluses?"

"Well, I'd written 13 novels, and they'd all been published, and in a funny way — although I don't know that anybody would necessarily notice it — these 13 novels worked through a lot of the 20th Century because there was always some kind of history or social history in the background of the story.

"And I felt that, at the end of that 13th one, 'I don't want to write another novel for the moment.' I like writing about places, and I wanted something that would be places and people, the effect of places on people, why people sometimes feel personally so deeply devoted to certain places. But, of course, if they have that feeling, they've probably got to be alone in that place. And this led me on into thinking about why people do like to be alone.

"And then I was also interested in the basic need, which people do have, to have some solitude. Obviously it varies from person to person, but you must have some time on your own. I think that's important. And that made me begin to think, 'What is a hermit doing alone all the time?' And off I went, you see, and then I thought, 'All right, I'll look at the whole history of hermits.'"

I said that, reading Ms. Colegate's book, I noted that many people who are solitaries seek tiny enclosed places in which to live.

"Yes," said Ms. Colegate, "they do. After all, there's a whole phase of childhood, isn't there, which is making dens, making your little place. It's something like that. 'My little place.' "

What did Ms. Colegate make of cell phones' effect on solitude and quiet?

"I think it's a terrible habit. I really think it's a bad habit. I hope we'll all grow out of it. I think that the feeling that you've got to have this thing glued to your ear and be talking the whole time, when you're walking along, whatever you're doing, is an awful thing. You can't take anything in — you're chatter, chatter, chattering. And most of the chatter is just complete nonsense, quite unnecessary. I really think that people do need to disconnect from each other just sometimes to get their own feet on their own ground.

"When you're always 'connected,' you lose touch with yourself, with the ground of your being, if you like. And there are people, you know, they — young people or whatever — who don't mind that. They can just keep on chattering and chattering and don't realize that they haven't got a proper self."

Ms. Colegate makes clear that people who wish to be alone are not necessarily misanthropists. This desire to be by yourself, she said, does not have to be "an anti-world thing. For many of the religious solitaries — or for those like John Muir who just want to be alone with nature, as it were — often they find they can love their fellow human beings more if they don't see them so much. And, when it's really good, the person who spends a lot of time alone, willfully, gets a feeling of a kind of oneness with the whole of humanity. Oneness with all the life in the world is a very generous feeling and not the feeling of a bad-tempered recluse at all."

One of the pleasures of writing a book like Ms. Colegate's is that the author can rather endlessly read. I said to Ms. Colegate that she must have gathered quite a stack of books.

"Yes, they did pile up rather. That was the fun of it for me, really; the way in which one thing led to another. And the trail was very clear. I had to follow everything up. And I didn't use everything that I did follow up. I've got a lot more stashed away."

Did Ms. Colegate spend a lot of time alone?

"Well, if you've written all your life, you have spent a lot of time alone, inevitably. I know there are writers who can sit at the kitchen table with everything going on around them and write, but I can't. So I always have spent a certain amount of time alone. When you're working on a particular thing, particularly when you're just sort of grasping it, you do need to be alone. But I'm not excessive. I like domestic life. But I have sometimes, when having difficulty with a book, actually said, 'Look, I've got to go somewhere right away for a couple of weeks or something.' "

Did Ms. Colegate have a desk where she always worked?

"Yes," she said, she did. She added, "I think lots of writers find their writing place very important and don't like it if it gets moved or changed in any way. You can even be quite superstitious about it."

I said, "I find that the person I am who does the writing is quite a different person than the person who goes out and gets the groceries and takes the mail. Do you find that?"

"Yes, I do. I do. To tell you the truth, now that I'm getting older, I find that the two people are closer together than they have been since I was about nine. And that the person who does not do the writing has got to take a bit of care of the person who does the writing, occasionally, in case she gets somehow lost."

"I wondered," I said, "as I was reading this book, if hermits and solitaries aren't very similar in character to a writer at her desk."

"Yes, I think that's certainly true. What a serious writer is like when they're on the job, as it were, is very similar to what a hermit is like when they are on the job. I mean the search, what you're doing, the focusing, the trying to clear your mind of chatter and increase your awareness of things. It's the same; it's the same process.

"I think that people for whom the call to solitude is so strong that it overcomes everything else and has to be the whole of their life are very rare. I think that their solitude can possibly produce something wonderful, either in a work of art or in spiritual wisdom. I think all of us in varying degrees are kind of half-solitaries, and especially if we're writers."

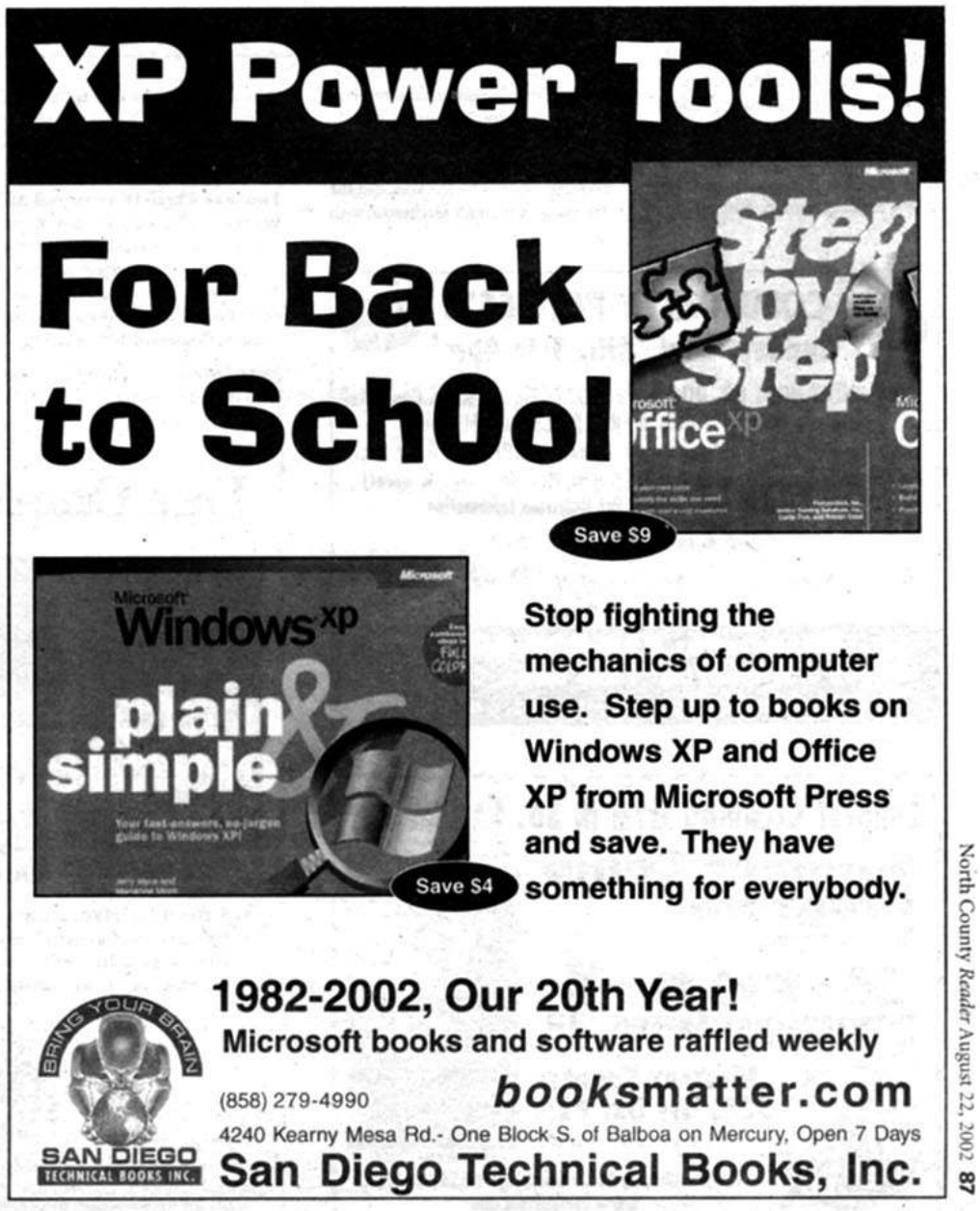
— Judith Moore

day, August 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a picnic at Lake Murray Community Park, 7051 Murray Park Drive. Burgers and franks provided; bring a side dish to share. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. For more information, call 858-551-1856. Free. (DEL CERRO)

Open House, the Oceanside Heritage Park and Museum offers an antique car show; live music by a band that plays vintage '50s music and tributes to Hank Williams Sr.; and the Orpha Family Cloggers dance. Refreshments are available. It's set for Saturday, August 24, 1 to 4 p.m. at 220 Peyri Drive (adjacent to the Mission San Luis Rey). Free. 760-433-8297. (OCEANSIDE)

Turtle and Tortoise Show, the San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society holds its annual show of native and exotic species Saturday and Sunday,





August 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. The society is a rescue, rehab, and adoption organization. They will also have a plant sale, turtle care information, and refreshments. Free. 619-593-2123. (BALBOA PARK)

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 week's performance includes a Mexican art song from José Palomino in which a couch sings about the lovers who have met in the parlor. Wendy Greene is the singer. Original music by Royko Amadee Goguen accompanies a quick retelling of "The Three Billygoats Gruff."

The festival closes with this performance on Saturday, August 24, at 1 p.m., in the lower level of Geisel Library at UCSD. Don't be late, because the show is under 30 minutes long. Admission and parking are free. Call 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Designers' Showcase, a new 8500-square-foot home in the Fairbanks Ranch area (4657 Rancho Sierra Bend) is the choice for the 2002 Designers Showcase, sponsored by the local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. Twenty designers have transformed the home. It is open for tours from Sunday, August 25, through September 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Mondays. Tickets at the door are $25. (RANCHO PACIFICA)

"Celebrate Chula Vista," the family festival offers live music on three stages, dancing, hundreds of exhibits and vendors, demonstrations by Navy SEALs, a ton of children's activities, BMX and in-line skate demonstrations, ethnic cuisine, and special evening concerts by Rockola and the San Diego Chamber Orchestra, with fireworks. It will be held on Sunday, August 25, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Marina View Park, 900 Marina Parkway. Admission is free. (CHULA VISTA)

Two- and Three-Dimensional Art Works in all media by two dozen Point Loma artists can be seen in the third annual "Art in the Park," Sunday, August 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Point Loma Community Park, 1049 Catalina Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Piano Lovers meet with others of like skills in a get-together at the Santa Fe room of the Balboa Park Club (near the Aerospace Museum) on Tuesday, August 27, at 10 a.m. Classical and originals are on the program. Bring your own music and join us. It's free. 858-483-3939. (BALBOA PARK)

Historical Tour, this month's guided walk, sponsored by the Escondido Historical Society, will be through the east side of the Old Escondido neighborhood, containing early houses from the city's history. It's scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, beginning at 6 p.m., at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

Bookmobile Launch, Caldecott Award-winning children's author and illustrator Gerald McDermott (*Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale; Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti,* and *Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest*) is the featured guest at the unveiling of the Escondido Public Library's new bookmobile, Wednesday, August 28, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Grape Day Park, 321 North Broadway. Free. 760-747-2233. (ESCONDIDO)

Projected 3-D Slides, join enthusiasts of this kind of photography at a presentation of their work at their next meeting, Wednesday, August 28, 7 p.m., at the Photo Arts Building, Village Place (east of Spanish Village). 619-595-7856. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Tour, docents from the La Jolla Art Association lead a walk through the association's gallery and discuss some of the works and tell the history of the 82-year-old institution. The final tour of the summer is Thursday, August 29, 1:30 to 2 p.m., at 7917 Girard Avenue. Free. 858-459-3001. (LA JOLLA)

A Renoir Dinner, a four-course gourmet dinner at Le Fontainebleu in the Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue) and a visit to the San Diego Museum of Art's Pierre Auguste Renoir exhibit is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets, which include a champagne reception at the museum, are $99 for two adults (tax, tip extra). For reservations and additional information, call the hotel at 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

"Back to the '50s," classic cars and motorcycles from the 1950s will be displayed along La Mesa Boulevard every Thursday night from 6 to 9 p.m., through September. Awards for best of class are made at 8 p.m. Free viewing. 619-462-3000. (LA MESA)

Roam-O-Rama

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

The barren 11.5K-foot summit of San Gorgonio Mountain, the highest elevation in Southern California, is a classic destination for San Diego hikers. The century-old Vivian Creek Trail route to the top from the south is the easiest of about eight distinct routes or variations; even so, you face a round-trip of 15.6 miles with a total elevation gain and loss of 5700 feet. Some people backpack the route over two or three days, while fit dayhikers clock in at ten hours or less. Be aware that until about mid-September dangerous afternoon thunderstorms may visit Gorgonio's higher slopes.

Whether dayhiking or backpacking, you must secure a wilderness permit from the Mill Creek Ranger Station, at Mill Creek Road (Highway 38) and Bryant Street, east of Redlands. You will pass this facility if you are driving up from San Diego by going through San Bernardino and Redlands. The station currently opens at 8 a.m. weekdays and 6:30 a.m. weekends. Some permits may be available by self-registration outside the door before those hours. Others may be available in advance by mail. You will also need a National Forest Adventure Pass ($5) per day, for parking at the trailhead. Call 909-794-1123 for more information.

The trailhead lies at the east end of Valley of the Falls Boulevard (Forest Home Road), just east of the cabin community of Forest Falls. Valley of the Falls Boulevard intersects Highway 38 at a point 6.2 miles east of the Mill Creek Station and 14 miles east of Redlands.

From the paved parking lot at the road end, walk east (uphill) past a vehicle gate and follow a dirt road for 0.6 mile to its end. Go left across the wide boulder wash of Mill Creek and find the Vivian Creek Trail going sharply up the oak-clothed canyon wall on the far side. The next half mile is excruciatingly steep; and this pitch is worse on the return, when your weary quadricep muscles must absorb the punishment of each lurching downhill step.

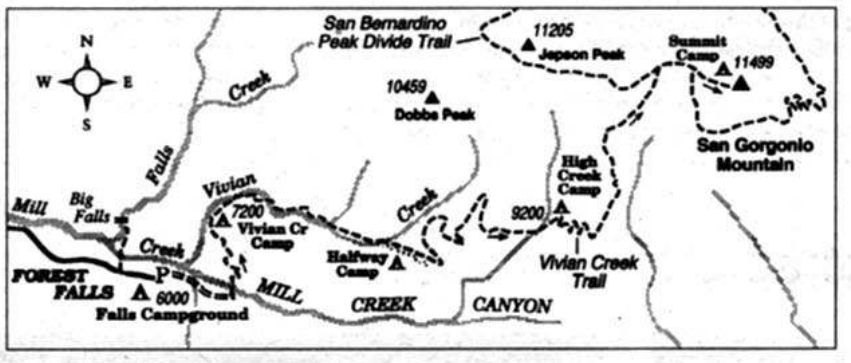
Mercifully, at the top of the steep section, the trail levels momentarily, then assumes a moderate grade up alongside Vivian Creek. A sylvan Shangri-la unfolds ahead. Pines, firs, and cedars reach for the sky. Bracken fern smothers the banks of the melodious creek, which dances over boulders and fallen trees.

Near Halfway Camp (2.5 miles) the trail begins climbing timber-dotted slopes covered intermittently by thickets of manzanita. After several zigs and zags on north-facing slopes, you swing onto a brightly illuminated south-facing slope. Soon thereafter, the sound of bubbling water heralds your arrival at High Creek (4.8 miles) and the trail camp of the same name. Be ready for a chilly night if you stay here; cold, nocturnal air often flows down along the bottom of this canyon from the 10,000-foot-plus peaks above.


San Gorgonio Mountain summit

Past High Creek Camp the trail ascends gently on several long switchback segments through lodgepole pines and at length attains a saddle on a rocky ridge. The pines thin out and appear more decrepit as you climb crookedly up along this ridge toward timberline. At 7.2 miles, the San Bernardino Peak Divide Trail intersects from the left. Stay right and keep climbing on a moderate grade across stony slopes dotted with stunted pines.

On the right you pass Sky High Trail, which bends around the mountain and descends toward Dry Lake and South Fork Meadows in the north. Don't give up! Keep straight and keep going. A final burst of effort puts you on a boulder pile marking the top of the San Bernardino mountain range.



FOR KIDS

Comic and Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble offers "Bitsy's School Adventures," through Sunday, August 25, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Puppet Express performs "Pepper's Favorites #2" Wednesday, August 28, through Sunday, September 1.

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)

Diggin' It in Emerald Hills, the San Diego Natural History Museum and the Malcolm X branch library offer a chance for families (kids 4 and over) to join a paleontological dig, Saturday, August 24 (and the fourth Saturday of each month), from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Space is limited. For reservations and additional details, call 619-527-3405. Free. (EMERALD HILLS)

"It's OK to Be Different!" Hear the story, then participate in a craft project related to the theme, Saturday, August 24, 11:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 10775 Westview Parkway. Free. 858-831-0446. (MIRA MESA)

"Totalmente Latina," this national tour of "teen empowerment" makes a stop at the San Diego Convention Center on Saturday, August 24, from 1 to 7 p.m. Celebrity panelists (Adamari López, MDO, Lesley Ann Machado, and Gloria Araya-Quinlan) will tell their own stories of struggle and success (1 to 3 p.m.). MDO performs in concert from 3 to 3:30 p.m. And from 3:30 to 7, the expo of products and services will be open. *Latina* magazine is one of the sponsors. The convention center is at 111 West Harbor Drive (619-525-5000). (DOWNTOWN)

Roving Reptiles, crazy TV science lady Mrs. Frizzle explains what makes a reptile special in this class open to kids aged four to six, Saturday, August 24, 1 to 3 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum; $12 members, $14 nonmembers. To register call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Children's Classics," the San Diego Actors Theater is holding another acting workshop for kids four to

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nine, Saturday, August 24, noon to 1 p.m., in the garden amphitheater of L'Auberge Del Mar Resort, 1540 Camino Del Mar. This month's plays are *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *The Mad Tea Party,* plus songs and poetry; $10. Reservations required: 619-268-4494. (DEL MAR)

"Mama's Little Bear" by Nancy Tafuri is the story for Parent and Tot Story Time, Thursday, August 29, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 10775 Westview Parkway. Free. 858-831-0446. (MIRA MESA)

Tide's In, Tide's Out, the junior rangers program (kids 7 to 11 years) of the Tijuana Estuary Reserve this week talks about the tide and its daily and yearly patterns. It's set for Thursday, August 29, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., at the visitors' center, 301 Caspian Way. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

A Concert by teen singing star Kaci (*Paraise*) will entertain on Thursday, August 29, at 5 p.m. in the food court of the Chula Vista Center mall, Fifth Avenue and H Street. The concert is the first in a series of events that include prizes, giveaways, fashion modeling and other events for teens and young adults. Free. 619-427-6700. (CHULA VISTA)

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.

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

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

California Surf Museum, "Early California Surfriders, 1900-1940" honors Doc John Heath Ball, the first surf documentarian, telling the stories of those pioneering surfers in photographs by Ball and text. Many

CENTURIES OF MEDITATION AND PSALM 102

Centuries of Meditation

One great discouragement to Felicity, or rather to great souls in the pursuit of Felicity, is the solitariness of the way that leadeth to her temple. A man that studies happiness must sit alone like a sparrow upon the house-top, and like a pelican in the wilderness. And the reason is because all men praise happiness and despise it. Very few shall a man find in the way of wisdom: and few indeed that having given up their names to wisdom and felicity, that will persevere in seeking it. Either he must go on alone, or go back for company. People are tickled with the name of it, and some are persuaded to enterprise a little, but quickly draw back when they see the trouble, yea, cool of themselves without any trouble. Those mysteries which while men are ignorant of, they would give all the gold in the world for, I have seen when known to be despised. Not as if the nature of happiness were such that it did need a veil: but the nature of man is such that it is odious and ungrateful. For those things which are most glorious when most naked, are by men when most nakedly revealed, most despised. So that God is fain for His very name's sake lest His beauties should be scorned, to conceal her beauties: and for the sake of men, which naturally are more prone to pry into secret and forbidden things, than into open and common. Felicity is amiable under a veil, but most amiable when most naked. It hath its times and seasons for both. There is some pleasure in breaking the shell: and many delights in our addresses previous to the sweets in the possession of her. It is some part of Felicity that we must seek her.

— Thomas Traherne

Psalm 102

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.
Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.
For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.
My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.
By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.
I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.
Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,
Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.
But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.
Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.
For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust there of.
So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.
When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.
He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.
This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;
To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;
When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.
I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.
Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:
But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.
The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.



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

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

Computer Museum of America, "Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology" explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

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

Flying Leatherneck Museum, the museum is dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. For information, call 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Museum of History and Art, "Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Thirty Years Later" is the new show, which will open Thursday, August 29. The show includes 30 portraits and personal profiles of Vietnam-era POWs and information on where they are now, 30 years later. The stories tell about how they rebuilt their lives after adversity. Photographs are by Jamie Howren Quinn and profiles by Taylor Baldwin Kiland. The show will travel to Pensacola, Annapolis, San Francisco, Norfolk, and Washington, D.C., when it closes on November 12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1[illegible]. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, what was life like on Earth in the years between the dinosaur extinction and the rise of human beings? Find out in "After the Dinosaurs: When Crocodiles Ruled," continuing through Tuesday, September 3. The traveling exhibition is based on the discovery of 60-million-year-old Wannagan Creek Quarry by the Science Museum of Minnesota's curator of paleontology, Bruce Erickson. The species uncovered at the site, combined with those found at other quarries worldwide, tell the story of climatic, geologic, ecological, and evolutionary changes that form the modern world. Exhibit sections include "Welcome to Tropical North Dakota," "World Change Central," and "Field Camp."

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

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

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

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

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

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, found at 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

In "Secrets of the Seahorse," guests explore the unique adaptations and biology of seahorses and their relatives while learning about the current threats to their survival and what can be done to conserve this diminishing creature. The exhibit showcases 13 species of live animals, both local species and those from abroad.

Technology, motion, and illusion combine to create a realistic environment to "challenge and stimulate the mind" in Morphis: Movieride. Morphis is described as "a 20-seat motion theater featuring three ride films: *Riding With the Dolphins*, *The Water Cycle*, and *Astro-Canyon Space Roller Coaster*." Each film is around three minutes long. Tickets are $4 (in addition to the regular admission fee). Children must be 42 inches tall to ride.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For more information, call 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo Bank History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. There's an audio-visual theater presenting short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)





Happiness!

...a young blond knockout in tight black slacks...

REVIEW
JONATHAN SAVILLE

The La Jolla Chamber Music Society's SummerFest 2002 began with a graceful speech by the festival's artistic director, Cho-Liang Lin, in which he expressed the hope that the music at this and the subsequent concerts would bring the audience happiness. What a happy change already from the previous regime of Cesare Borgia and the Dragon Lady, where the speeches always had as their message: "How marvelous all of us here on stage are!"

Nevertheless, if Lin had said, "How marvelous all of us here on stage are," he would have been right. What a group of musicians! What a program! What a concert!

The programming alone provided a breath of fresh air. There was not a hint of the routine in Lin's choice of works. Not one of the four could have been anticipated. None of them, in my memory, had ever found a place on a SummerFest concert (or in the much more extended winter series of the Chamber Music Society over the years). Yet every choice made sense and enriched the listener's musical life.

The concert began with Schubert's F Minor *Fantasia* for Piano Four-Hands, D. 940. Among the large quantity of more-or-less trivial house music Schubert composed for piano duo, there are four or five masterpieces, and the *Fantasia* ranks first among them. The last time San Diegans heard this unique work was in an unfortunate performance at the Athenaeum by Karen Kushner and the late (and much lamented) Igor Kipnis, which gave scarcely any idea of its grandeur. SummerFest offered the more felicitous combination of the great Leon Fleisher, whose tragic loss of the use of his right hand has now been miraculously overcome, and Christopher O'Riley. I had nothing but bad things to say about O'Riley in his recital of Russian music at Sherwood Auditorium two years ago, but his participation in the Schubert *Fantasia* (and elsewhere on this SummerFest program) made me change my mind by 180 degrees. The power and profundity of his performance (he took the higher part) were no doubt in part inspired by Fleisher's playing, but all O'Riley's own was the uncanny way he played the haunting initial theme that recurs throughout the composition. The delicacy of his touch, the eerie, floating quality of his tone, the cool and yet infinitely poignant expressiveness of his phrasing — these immediately gave the *Fantasia* a quality of having emerged from another world, and each time the theme returned (after sections of titanic dramatic turbulence and the following characteristic pause, when for an instant all existence is suspended), O'Riley once again called us back under his spell. The emotional impact of the rending dissonances in the treble, just before the final chords, was devastating.

The atmosphere of emotional intensity (although without the quintessentially Schubertian uncanniness) extended into the Barber Cello Sonata, Opus 6, which followed. Once again, O'Riley was the pianist, this time in conjunction with cellist Ralph Kirshbaum, and these superb (and superbly matched) artists gave as passionate a performance of the Barber work as I have heard. Kirshbaum's dark, concentrated, feeling-laden tone was ideal for this heartfelt music. As in the Schubert *Fantasia,* the playing of the two collaborators was so in tune with the composer's vision that it repeatedly brought tears to my eyes — not just from identification with the emotions of the score, but also from the thrill of witnessing music-making of such perfection.

John Adams's *Road Movies* (the composer was in attendance) brought to the Sherwood stage violinist Leila Josefowicz and pianist John Novacek, for a piece of total music theater that no member of the audience is likely to forget. Josefowicz, a young blond knockout, was dressed in tight black slacks and a black tank top with diagonal bands of glitter. Why mention these "sexist" visual details? Because watching Josefowicz play this driving, dazzling, virtuosic, and supremely American score (Adams says its style is ragtime and big-band jazz, but what I heard mainly was bluegrass fiddling) was as much a part of the experience as listening to her. She not only played like a ball of fire; her body motions (in no way contrived but simply the natural consequence of her playing) were like a sassy dance, one sizzling gesture and movement after the other; even her pretty face was a delight to watch, as its irrepressible animation, its joyous smiles, and its air-kissing *moues* captured every inflection in the music. Pianist Novacek, himself quite a good-looker, carried on his own vivid, shoulder-shrugging dance at the keyboard. The two of them embodied in their very persons — their youth, beauty, vitality, exuberance, and lack of inhibition — the spirit of the music they were playing.

It does remain to be asked whether *Road Movies,* if performed by Jascha Heifetz and Vladimir Horowitz (neither of them dressed in a tank top), would have produced the same effect. Heifetz and Horowitz could not have played more sensationally than Josefowicz and Novak (both these young musicians are technicians of the highest order). But can the music stand on its own, without Britney Spears and Ricky Martin doing disco?

There is no denying the attractiveness of Adams's rhythmic impetus, notably in the breathtaking first and last movements. But, as in all this composer's work, his manner is to establish one striking idea, repeat it (with minor variants) for a long time, and then go on to something else. There is no logical development of ideas, no hierarchical structure, no sense of an inevitable ending. In spite of the exciting surface activity, there is nothing like real dramatic movement. That is why *Nixon in China* and *The Death of Klinghoffer,* for all their brilliant passages, are so theatrically static. Everything in Adams is a short ride in a fast machine.

Even when the pace is slow, the aesthetic remains the same. The slow movement of *Road Movies* is a case in point: a brief melodic motif (a rather undistinguished idea in this case), many times reiterated, going nowhere, and after a while — for no particular reason — stopping. How much more real life there is in something like the "Blues" movement of the Ravel Violin Sonata, which "Second movement: meditative" wants to resemble. But then (as the title of the work tells us) Adams's aim seems to have been to reproduce in musical terms the culture of the American road movie, shallow, characterless, always in a hurry, on the lam from the contradictions and complexities of the human condition.

Movies were also inevitably called to mind by the Suite, Opus 23 by Erich Wolfgang Korngold (how did he become Erich Maria Korngold in the printed program? — or is this a snide remarque?), which voluptuously filled the second half of the program. Korngold was one of the almost-great composers of the 20th Century (his finest work was in opera), but he became sidetracked by Hollywood, where his melodious, Romantic, heart-on-sleeve idiom was familiar to



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Leila Josefowicz

SummerFest: opening concert
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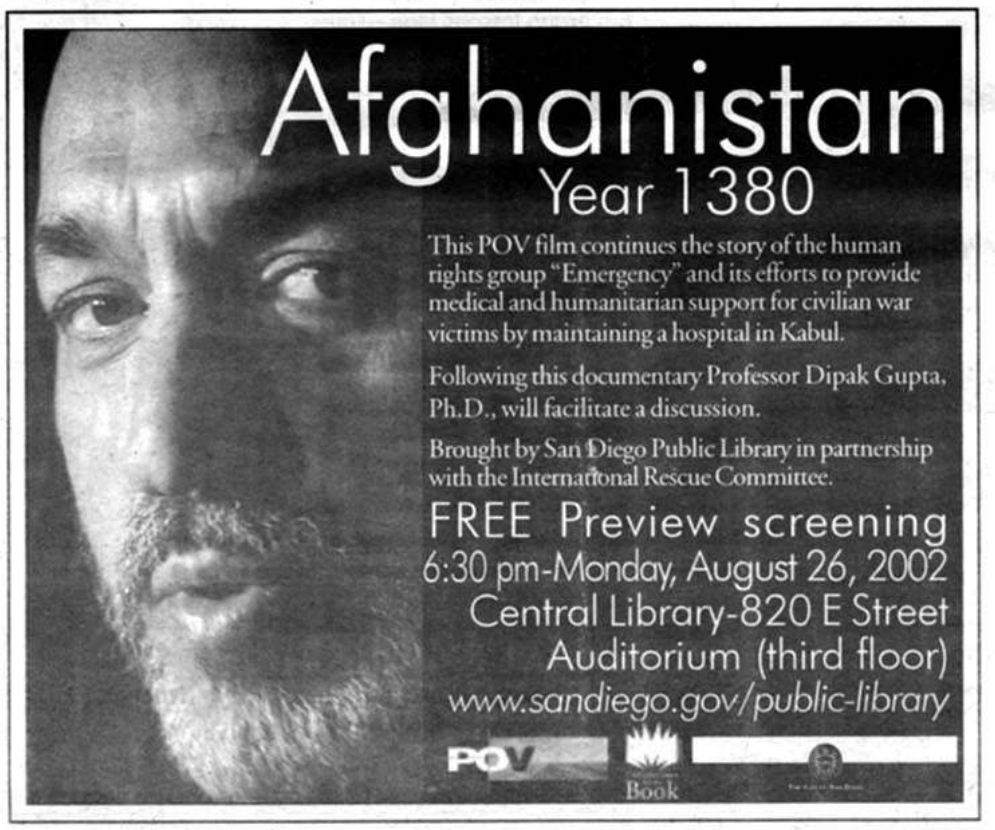
Schubert, Fantasia *in F Minor for Piano Four-Hands, D. 940; Barber, Sonata for Cello and Piano, Opus 6; Adams,* Road Movies *for Violin and Piano (1995); Korngold, Suite for Two Violins, Cello, and Piano Left-Hand, Opus 23.*





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millions of fans of *Captain Blood, The Sea Hawk, The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex,* and other such stirring epics.

The Opus 23 Suite antedates the composer's Hollywood years (it was first performed in 1930), but flickering through it one detects foreshadowings of things to come, as the giant face of Bette Davis rises momentarily into one's mind and just as quickly vanishes. The movie manner is mixed with highly chromatic, post-Straussian modernism, a mastery of classical form, and good dollops of Viennese sentimentality. Even the unusual orchestration — two violins, cello, and piano — recalls the kind of band you might have heard soupily playing *"Im Prater blüh'n wieder die Bäume"* in the garden of a *weinstube* in Grinzing. (The Grinzing pianist, of course, would not be confined to using his left hand — as was the injured Paul Wittgenstein, for whom Korngold composed the Opus 23.)

You'd think this would be impossible to bring off, yet Korngold does it with consummate panache. Bette Davis is there, but her heart throbs not for Errol Flynn but for Brahms. The shifting of stylistic gears and the bathos are in fact part of the charm. The melodies and harmonies penetrate right into your soul. The writing for the instruments is gorgeous. And one could not imagine a more persuasive performance of this wonderful, idiosyncratic work than the one the SummerFest musicians gave it. Cho-Liang Lin's ripe, sweet tone and passionate expressiveness were created to play Korngold. How interesting it was to hear violist Michael Tree essaying the second violin part, and playing with his habitual suavity. Cellist Ron Leonard, a longtime SummerFest artist, provided his usual sturdy musicianship. And Leon Fleisher (who has kept in his repertoire the left-hand-only pieces that were all he could play during his long interregnum) was altogether stupendous, from the first moments of the vehement piano cadenza that opens the Suite to the pyrotechnic ingenuities of its variation-form *finale.* ■

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Pacem Summer Sings, your last chance to join the choir and sing classic choral works will be Friday, August 23, 7 p.m., St. Paul's Cathedral, 2728 Sixth Avenue. Stephen Sturk will conduct John Rutter's "Requiem." Admission for singers $10. Bring your own score or rent one at the door (cost included in admission fee). Listeners are free. 619-298-7261 (DOWNTOWN)

Greatest Hits and Summer Pops — The Perfect Combination, the San Diego Symphony commemorates the life and music of Lawrence Welk in the next Summer Pops concerts on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24. Special guest stars will be veteran Welk performer Anacani and the United States Navy Band.

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)

"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)

Benefit Concert, Patti Page and the San Diego Chamber Orchestra perform in an event sponsored by Interfaith Community Services, the North County Times Charities Fund, and KSWB Cares for Kids, Saturday, August 24, 5 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard. Tickets are $20 and $30 for the concert only, or $150 for the concert, dinner, dance, and auction. For banquet tickets and details, call 760-489-6380; concert-only tickets are available through the CCA box office, 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Organ Concert, civic organist Carol Williams presents the weekly concert on Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Journey from Brahms to Mozart," Paul Groves plays bass clarinet, and Roland Rubino plays piano in this concert that will benefit the Coordinated Maritime Services Maritime Youth Programs. They will perform classical and contemporary pieces on Sunday, August 25, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Gallery on Broadway, 625 Broadway; $20 at the door. 760-434-9573. (DOWNTOWN)

Classical Trio, the Encore Trio comprises Irina Bendetsky, piano; Natalka Kytasty, violin; and Yelena Babayeva, cello. Works by Mendelssohn and Glinka are on the program when they perform on Sunday, August 25, 2:30 p.m., third-floor auditorium, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5810. (DOWNTOWN)

Love Opera? There's a "showcase of great singers" promised when the Small Opera of San Diego hosts "I Love Opera" with pianist John Danke on Sunday, August 25, at 7 p.m., at the Ark Center for the Performing Arts (93554 Kettner Boulevard). Singers include Katiana Mckelvy, Viola Rohling, Stephen Chan, Pia Cristobal, and many others. The suggested donation is $10. Dial 619-725-0777 for details. (MIDDLETOWN)



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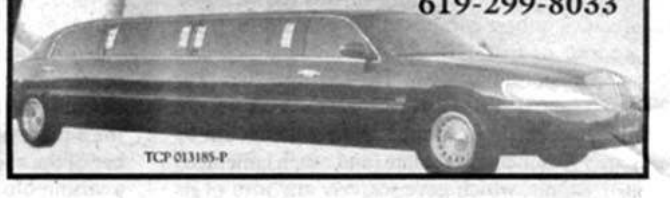

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GALLERIES

"Relics: Meditations on Decay and Renewal" is the name of the exhibit of paintings by John Halaka. In his work, characteristics of plant and animal life meld into vaguely disturbing but beautiful hybrid forms. The works are on display through September 29, and an artists' reception is set for Friday, August 23, 6 to 8 p.m. in the gallery at the Earl and Birdie Taylor branch of the San Diego Public Library, 4275 Cass Street. Regular viewing hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Featured Artists are Annie Licari Dover ("Given to the Light: Italia," oils) and Alo Munizza ("...in the eyes of the beholder," photography) at the opening reception at the San Diego Art Institute in the House of Charm, Friday, August 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Also on view is juried and prize-winning work from visual artists of the San Diego region. The reception is free. The show runs through September 15. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday noon to 4 p.m., with a requested donation of $3 adults; $2 seniors, military, students; children 12 and younger free. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Shibori, wearable art in the shibori technique, the work of Doshi, goes on view with a reception for the artist on Friday, August 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Fiber Arts Gallery, 7644 Girard Avenue. The artist will demonstrate and discuss shibori on Thursday, August 29, at 7 p.m. at the gallery. Seating is limited; call 858-454-6732 for reservations. Both events are free. (LA JOLLA)

"Initial Intellect," L.A. artist Lee Pratt incorporates translucent fiberglass, acrylic, cable, and machined aluminum elements in his sculptures. Suzanne Peña's encaustic and acrylic paintings employ sensual minimalism. The two-person show can be viewed through September 30 and open with a reception for the artists Saturday, August 24, 6 to 9 p.m., Gallery Nagdeo, Center for the Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest. For viewing hours or additional information, call 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Plein Air Paintings by Daryl Millard are on exhibit through Saturday, September 7, at the eponymous Daryl Millard Gallery (342 South Cedros Avenue). Meet the artist during the reception set for Saturday, August 24, at 5 p.m. 858-847-9030. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Solace and Chaos," figurative oil on board by artist Ascencio, can be seen at the Exclusive Collections Gallery. He will be at the gallery Saturday, August 24, 6 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, August 25, noon to 5. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Fashion Valley shopping center. 619-920-4684. (FASHION VALLEY)

Digital Paintings by Renata Spiazzi, Ed Pieters, Carol Benioff, and Cher Threinen-Pendarvis are on view at the Hyde Gallery of Grossmont College. The show opens with a reception for the artists Tuesday, August 27, 7 to 9 p.m. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The gallery is in the 200 building on the main quad, at 8800 Grossmont College Drive. 619-644-7922. (EL CAJON)

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 five-foot-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 the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, "Public Projects" is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center's 12-acre campus. Through June 30 of 2003, see the work of San Diego public artist db smith. The show was curated by Sally Yard, professor of art history at the University of San Diego.

in "the playground," the artist explores themes of childhood and childhood memories from the perspective of an adult. "the instruments," on display in the museum's Tower Gallery, is a swing and a seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The center is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. 800-988-4253 or 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown, "Language: Form and Function" explores the use of written language as a fundamental component of visual art. "For many artists, working with text is simply another way to conjure images in the mind of the viewer." Work featured in the exhibition — by artists including Lorna Simpson, John Baldessari, and Edward Ruscha — uses text as a central element. See the show through Sunday, November 17.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a new, year-long series of exhibitions at the museum, seeking to present works created by regional artists — specifically from San Diego, Los Angeles, and Baja, California — and to create a forum in which artists will explore common cultural issues. The inaugural exhibit is titled "Gordas," highlighting work by Tijuana-based artist Tania Candiani. The exhibit includes Candiani's "large, machine-sewn canvases exploring cross-cultural questions of female body image." See the show through Thursday, September 26.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

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 platinum 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."

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado. For information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Ethel Greene: Surrealist Painter" is a retrospective of the imaginative paintings by this respected San Diego artist, who died in 1999. The exhibit opens with a preview reception on Saturday, August 24, 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is $8 general, members free. The museum's regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., 704 Pier View Way. $5 general; $3 seniors and students; $3 active military. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, explore Pierre-Auguste Renoir's impact on the American art of the first half of the 20th Century in "Idol of the Moderns: Pierre-Auguste Renoir and American Painting." Consisting of 41 paintings — only 12 of which are by Renoir himself — the exhibit demonstrates how American painters working in a variety of styles participated in the "idolization" of Renoir between 1904 and 1940. See the show through Sunday, September 15.

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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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 more than the script. The subdued approach favors underacting (Daniel J. Travanti could kick Joe up several notches) to the pell-mell, boiling-over release the ending requires. The talented Robin Pearson Rose reaches toward those heights as Kate, as does Trevor Norton's expressive lighting, which tells the whole tale with sunshine and shadow. Seer's staging is certainly competent, as is the production (especially David Ledsinger's dappled, detailed-to-the-inch set). All that's needed is the cast to embrace the more ornate acting of the mid-1940s and cut loose.
Worth a try.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Annie Get Your Gun
The Christian Community Theatre concludes its summer season with the Irving Berlin musical about Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill Cody, and Frank Butler, on whom Annie has an eye.
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Beauty and the Beast
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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

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 SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Boomers
Class is in session: Intro to Baby Boomers. Born between 1946 and 1964, they're the largest generation in history, they're writing the book on "self-obsession," and one turns 50 every seven seconds. Kerry Meads and Vanda Eggington's salute takes musical walks down all manner of memory lanes: historical, sociological, even televisional (at one point the cast blazes through TV theme songs, and mini-bursts of recognition ignite in the audience). The show alternates between nostalgia and hard looks at then (JFK, Vietnam) and now. Backed by a hot four-piece band, the seven-person cast sings snatches of songs. It's as if your time machine is channel-surfing. Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of memories. Directed by Meads, the briskly paced production boasts accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith Waterman, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of *Mad* magazine), and a strong cast. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the "Big Chill syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever.
Worth a try.
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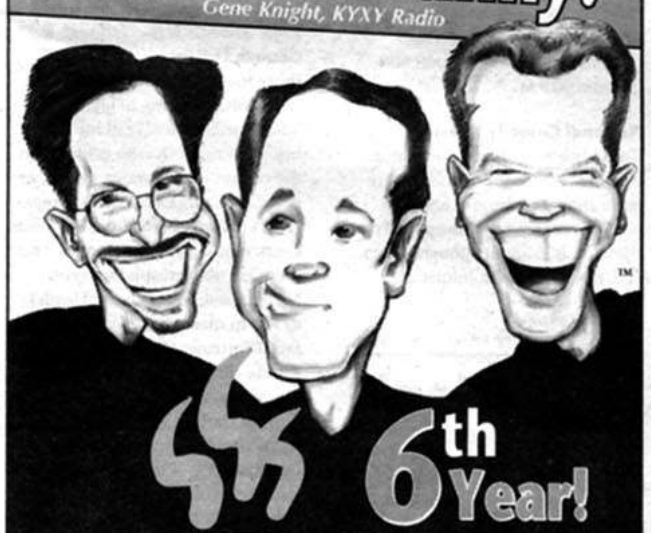

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Deep River
Must have been what, 20 years ago? David McFadzean wrote a play, produced by Lamb's Players, about a mother, daughter, a father (who may or may not exist), and a vague secret. The script was passable, albeit bland, and the production shored 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 double-binds); 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.
Worth a try.
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Michael Rudko's Frank, Tim Donohue's Teddy, and the astonishing Lizbeth Mackay's Grace narrate so well you wish director Seret Scott would just let them do it. Instead, Scott has actors put on and take off coats, do extraneous business, and move when unmotivated (the lighting has a similar nervous-to-entertain quality). Around the speakers hums one needlessly *busy* production! *Faith Healer* isn't for the attention span-challenged. It's long on questions, mute on answers. Like the Big Bang, the closer you get to a solution, the more unfathomable it becomes. And halfway through, the play does an extraordinary thing: it sheds a cocoon. What seemed traditional, straightforward becomes nonlinear, outside of time, and interfused with mysteries far deeper than first imagined.
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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 SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.



Deep River

The Importance of Being Earnest
Codirectors Sean Murray and Rosina Reynolds have assembled one of the North Coast Rep's strongest casts. Through this summer the actors perform double roles, as *Earnest* runs in repertory with Tom Stoppard's *Travesties.* Although the opening-night performance of *Earnest* was a tad shaky, Oscar Wilde's farce is definitely a show to see and savor. Along with being one of the funniest plays ever written, *Earnest* is cross-thatched with scathing social commentary so subtle it's almost unnoticed (fortunately for the characters, they don't listen to each other; if they did, society as they know it would crumble). Murray's scenic design includes walls so hyper-lime green they resemble a new, heartily tweaked Gatorade. When combined with proper *fin de siecle* furnishings and Shulamit Nelson's white and beige formal period costumes, they create a bifurcated tableau much like Wilde's play: a surreal rationalism. The only persisting opening-night problem: often the cast spoke more naturalistically than artificially. But with Wilde the rules don't apply. It's okay to sculpt a line and to "perform" (as does Annie Hinton's wonderful Lady Bracknell). After all, these carefully ordered sentences might be the only glue holding Wilde's fragile society together.
Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: *EARNEST* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH TOM STOPPARD'S *TRAVESTIES.*)

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The Killing of Sister George
Diversionary Theatre presents Frank Marcus's comedy-drama about a popular BBC radio soap opera star whose private life conflicts with her saintly image. Tim Irving directed.
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A Life in the Theatre
The Black Dog Theatre Company stages David Mamet's drama about the relationship between a seasoned pro actor and a young amateur. Patrick Stewart directed.
SUSHI COMMUNITY SPACE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, THROUGH AUGUST 31; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Much Ado About Nothing
For its sixth annual "FREE Outdoor Shakespeare Production," the Coronado Playhouse stages the Bard's comedy about "two weddings, a fake funeral, and many comic antics." Keith A. Anderson directed.
CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THEATRE BY THE BAY, THROUGH AUGUST 25; FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

My One and Only
Starlight Musical Theatre presents the popular musical about Captain Billy Buck Chandler. He wants to fly solo across the Atlantic. Then he "lays eyes on" Edith Herbert.
STARLIGHT BOWL, THROUGH AUGUST 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.

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Ragtime, the Musical
Moonlight Stage Productions presents the musical — book by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens — based on E.L. Doctorow's novel.
MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 8; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Rio Can Be Murder
Mystery Cafe reprises its most popular show. *Rio* is easily the least mysterious of the interactive dinner theater's offerings. It is also, however, the funniest. Author Byron LaDue takes us to Rio de Janiero's Hotel Ipacabana. It is 1946. The war is over, though a German U-Boat was spotted offshore loaded with would-be war criminals. Speaking of loaded, the hotel owner, Fritz ("call me Uncle Fritz") Wright, likes to get high on the venom of poisonous snakes, especially during Carneval. In preparation for which, the hotel denizens break repeatedly into sambas. And there are no unsuspicious types: Nicole Larsonette (Carrie Heath) in Rio to marry handsome Captain Jack Legstrong (Ben Gilbert), who shouts "I'll deck anyone who says Americans are intolerant!"; There's Orphio Carioca (Chris Wylie) who fights for truth, justice, and the Brazilian Way. Or does he? There's also the headstrong Rita Sambina (Laura Arnold, back where she belongs — on stage!), Roscoe Carnahan (Darren Phillips), a corporal up to little good, the "Black Widow of Rio," Cordelia Ranchera (Bonnie J. Stone), and, of course, Uncle Fritz, played by James Pascarella, one of the funniest people in San Diego. The set's a kick. The show takes place aboard the William D. Evans, at the Bahia Hotel. The evening includes a funny show (with the audience making big contributions), a three-course dinner, a harbor cruise, and a mystery to boot!
Worth a try.

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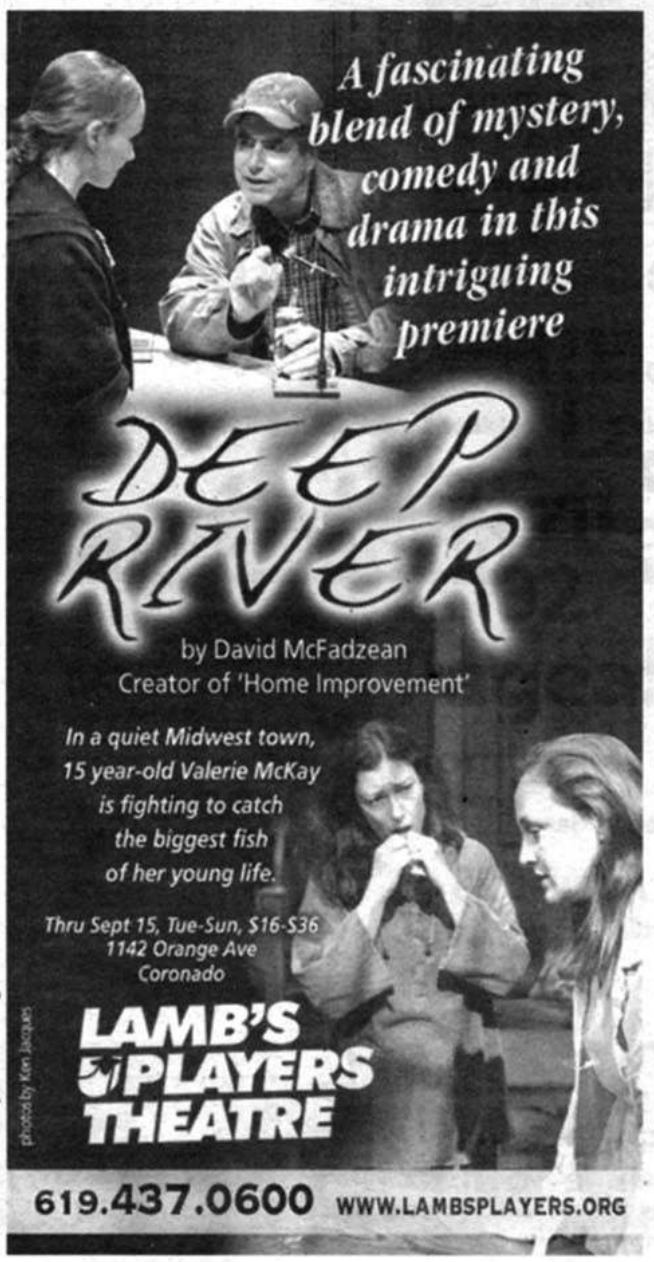







Faith Healer

works of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There's some movement, a slight suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek tragedy, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading, and admission is free (though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations for new lighting instruments). Next play: Sunday, August 25, at 2:00 p.m., *Andromache* by Euripides — a new translation by Marianne McDonald. ***Worth a try.***

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22. FOR INFORMATION (AND A LIST OF FUTURE READINGS) CALL 619-688-9210.

Singin' in the Rain
The Welk Resort Theatre presents the story of Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont and their troubled transition from silent films to "talkies."

WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH AUGUST 31; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

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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 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Travesties
One of the North Coast Rep's finest shows ever! Tom Stoppard's "epic farce" is funny, thought provoking, and moving, and the NCRT gets *all* of it. What makes the achievement so special: *Travesties* is a Grendel-sized monster. The play has no middle. It thrives on extremes both supremely earnest and a "travesty" of earnestness. James Joyce, Tristan Tzara, and V.I. Lenin meld in the doddering memories of Henry Carr, erstwhile minor British consul in Zurich and lifelong trouser fetishist. They debate the meaning and function of art, while Carr grafts them into a production of Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Earnest*. Codirectors Rosina Reynolds and Sean Murray (wonderful as Carr) have honored the play's themes and catalogue of theatrical styles (everything from vaudeville and magic to sophisticated comedy, poetic riffs, documentary, song). And the cast, performing Wilde's comedy in repertory with *Travesties*, is tops. That the actors often play the same (though opposite) characters adds yet another rinse to Stoppard's richly layered "pig's breakfast." *Travesties* is about art, of course (Lenin saw it as a political tool; Tzara as a bomb to level the old order; Joyce as "art for art's sake") — but the play's also about old Carr. He outlives three of the 20th Century's most influential shapers yet must reside, to his chagrin, in the unstable century they helped to usher in. And here he wanted the world to imitate life in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. ***Critic's pick.***

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: *TRAVESTIES* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*; CALL THE THEATER FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES AT 858-481-1055.)

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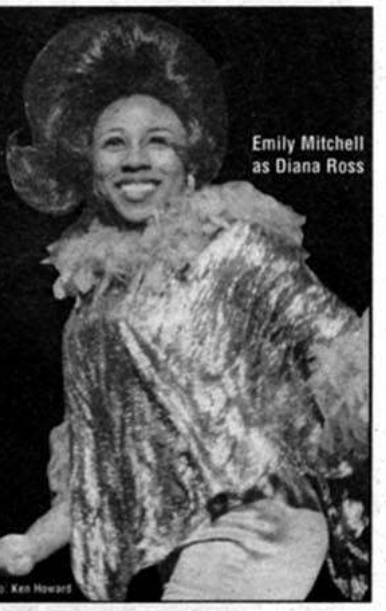

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line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

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When Grace Comes In

It just looks as if Margaret Grace Braxton has the dream life: married 16 years to a U.S. senator, three kids, posh home, A-list chums. Or is she just a bit player in her husband's dream? What concerns her more are urges to leave the family and become a restorer of paintings. But she wants to run *to* art, not *from* her family, a distinction Heather McDonald's drama labors to sustain. It's doubtful that McDonald could ask for a finer world premiere 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. The best thing about *Grace* is its subject: mothers leaving children to pursue a private calling (the eldest daughter makes sure everyone gets this: "the new angle is definitely the mother angle"). The play, however, tries too hard to make you like Margaret (Jane Beard plays her as almost angst-free, if you don't count all those visions of rushing water), to see her choice as positive; it does a kind of avoidance behavior. *Grace* doesn't break new ground but points to where tilling could happen. The play, however, spends so much time propping up Margaret, so much energy justifying her move and hiding negatives, it feels timid, repetitive, and flat. Virginia Woolf, writing from a room of her own, said there are two keys to revision: "to compress and enliven." *Grace* needs both.

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The La Jolla Playhouse presents the world premiere of Charles L. Mee's farce that asks, "Can a couple of young people in love work their way through the rubble field to find each other these days?" Les Waters directed.

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Karl Denson got a firsthand view of the inner workings of the Deadhead empire recently when the remaining four original Grateful Dead members (Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Bill Kruetzmann, and Mickey Hart) played their first show together since the 1995 death of Jerry Garcia at the outdoor Alpine Valley Music Theater in East Troy, Wisconsin.

The Disco Biscuits, Donna the Buffalo, and Denson's six-piece soul-jazz band played during the day for the two-day event billed as the Terrapin Station concert.

Denson said the surviving Dead — who now perform as the Other Ones — get along fine with each other. It's the outsiders who he says are causing the friction.

"People are realizing just how much money they are worth.... It sold out immediately." Denson said the concert sold 35,000 tickets per show. "People came from all over the country. They could have probably sold out four shows."



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

KARL'S UNIVERSE JOINS EX-DEAD

Although many other bands would probably have played the show just for the exposure, Denson said he and Tiny Universe did not.

"I'm too old for that," said Denson who lives in Scripps Ranch with his wife and three kids. "I don't go on the road unless I get paid. I turned down the Lenny Kravitz/Pink tour this summer. Lenny offered it to me, but the money wasn't right."

Denson says he is amazed at the lack of hometown appreciation.

"When I came back, I saw Channel 10 did a feature on the Deadhead reunion. We were thinking that it would have been nice if they might have mentioned that a local San Diego band actually played there."

Denson's new CD, *The Bridge*, was released Tuesday, available at *www.karldenson.com*. Karl Denson's Tiny Universe appears tonight at House of Blues in Anaheim.

— *Ken Leighton*

"The bottom line is this band is adamantly opposed to playing 21-and-up shows," said one insider well versed in the history of Sonic Youth. The pioneering grunge band is staging a comeback with the release of its new CD *Murray Street* and a coinciding nationwide tour. Their local stop is tomorrow at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's "4 o'Clock Friday" series.

"It is being pitched as if this is an all-age show," said the insider. "How many kids do you know that go to the races?"

Tomorrow's Sonic Youth racetrack gig is open to those under 18 — *if the minors are accompanied by an adult.*

"It does seem strange they would play the racetrack," said Lou's Records employee John Salcido, who said he has been a Sonic Youth fan for about 15 years. "Probably my guess is that somebody at the racetrack knows their manager or something. It might be a favor, or it might be for the money."

The insider said money *is* the reason Sonic Youth is playing with the ponies.

"They would normally be worth $8000 or $10,000," said the insider. "My estimate is they are getting $15,000 to play the racetrack. It's the same as the Indian casinos which overpay their artists. Even though Del Mar is not an Indian reservation, the emphasis is on gambling.... By getting kids to go to the racetrack, they will then hopefully come back and gamble when they get older. It's almost like Vegas, where they make it look like it's a family place, but the bottom line is to get kids into the habit of gambling."

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's Josh Rubinstein said he could not comment on what Sonic Youth was getting paid, except to say, "Our [band payment] rates are in line with what they usually get."

Michael Meisel of GAS Entertainment, Sonic Youth's management firm, forwarded questions about the booking to New York press agent Perry Serpa.

"I didn't even know that was the case," said Serpa about the racetrack's age restriction. "I don't think the band knew that."

Sonic Youth appears tomorrow at the Del Mar racetrack. Admission is free with $5 admission to the track. No one under 18 is allowed without an adult guardian.

— *Ken Leighton*



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CONVOY TAKES DENVER OVER DEL MAR

"Convoy pulled out of the show. I talked to [leader] Jason Hill and told him I was very disappointed."

Josh Rubinstein is one of the people responsible for selecting the bands for the "4 o'Clock Friday" live music series at the Del Mar racetrack. This year the series

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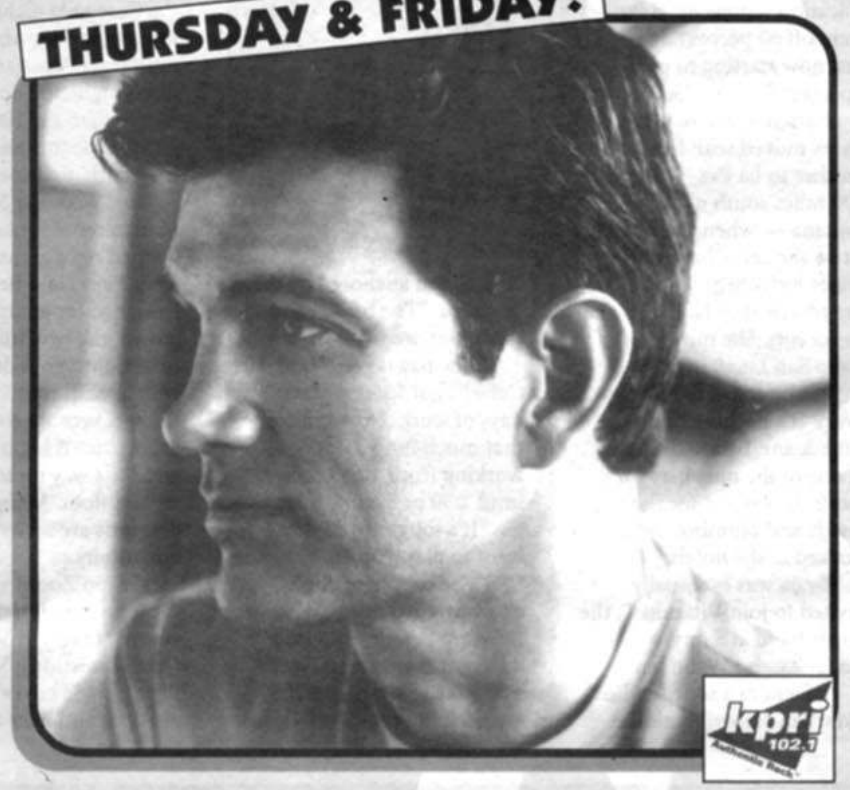

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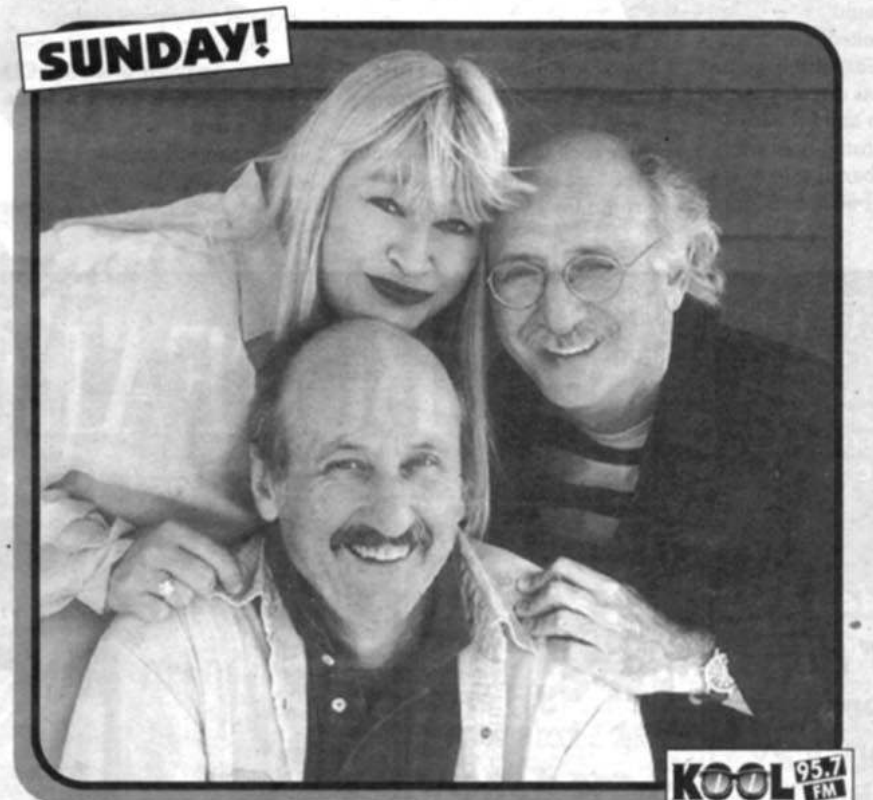

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continued to signal it wanted to connect with the young, musically hip crowd by booking such cred-hefty artists as Sonic Youth, Cracker, and the Vines. The Friday series made a huge coup last year by booking Jack Johnson.

Radio station 91X proudly announced that the last day of this year's series, September 6, would feature San Diego's own Convoy. The only problem is that Convoy was also booked to play a multiband show organized by a radio station in Denver — on the same day.

Convoy told the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and 91X that they would not be honoring their Del Mar September 6 date even though their agency, Monterey Peninsula Artists, said they would.

"We booked it through the agent," said Rubinstein, who works as director of sponsorship and broadcast for the Thoroughbred Club. "They [the band] told us it was double booked and that they [the band] would play the show at Red Rocks [amphitheater in Colorado] instead.... They said they would come back and play for us for free."

So will Convoy be invited back to play for the racetrack?

"I don't see them playing here in the near future."

Jackie Nalpant is the "responsible agent" for Convoy at Monterey Peninsula Artists. She said, "This happens a lot of the time with [multi-artist] radio shows. Sometimes the record company and the band make the decision to play them on their own."

Convoy records for Hybrid Recordings of New York. Hybrid employee Nathan Cefaratti did not want to speak on the record, saying the issue would best be addressed by the band. But he did say that Convoy now manages itself with the help of Hybrid, having separated two months ago from Brad Bogart, Convoy's L.A.-based manager for over a year. Convoy would not comment.

Convoy will appear at the Street Scene September 7.

— Ken Leighton

Tomorrow the Alibi will have music for the first time in 54 years. Joe Patrone and his wife Stacy will bring live rock to the Hillcrest club. Joe tore out his office to make room for a 9′x20′ stage.

"We've [Joe and his wife] had it for three years. Before that my father had it since 1972. Before 1968 it was known as Perry's."



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PATRONES ADD MUSIC TO HILLCREST'S ALIBI

For about 15 years the Alibi has been the hangout for the tattooed punk/rockabilly crowd. Now some of those regulars can play at their favorite watering hole.

"It's free admission. Hopefully I can keep it that way."

The Alibi's Patrone said he has not booked any shows beyond tomorrow night.

Red Eye Gravy holds their release party for their new CD *Heat-n-Serve* tomorrow at the Alibi's first live gig. The Reverend Mike Remy opens at 9:30 p.m.

— Ken Leighton

"It hasn't been the same anywhere in Baja since September [11]. In Ensenada the tourism business is off 20 to 30 percent."

Samantha Byars, 26, makes her living as the lead singer of Grupo Zoom, a band that plays at three different Ensenada nightspots. She says the Mexican bar and hotel industry was hit hard by the terrorist attack.

"It gets worse the farther down you go. La Paz and Cabo San Lucas are really suffering. Vacation rentals in La Paz were off 60 percent. It's just now starting to pick up again."

Raised in the Bay Area, Byars moved with her mother to La Paz — about 700 miles south of Tijuana — when she was 11. At 18 she came back to the States for college, and at 21 she returned to La Paz to sing dance hits. She moved to Cabo San Lucas in 2000.

"Cabo is a very touristy town. It's nothing but Americans. I started singing at one of the only bars for locals. It was just for the maids and plumbers who worked at the hotels."

Byars was eventually invited to join Vitamin T, the house band at Sammy Hagar's Cabo Wabo bar.

"If you're a tourist who likes Van Halen, that's the place for you."

In January, Vitamin T made it up to Ensenada for a working vacation. She liked Ensenada so much, she stayed.

She joined the band Grupo Zoom, a pop/rock cover band anchored by three brothers. "The bassist and drummer are twins."



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SAMANTHA BYARS OF GRUPO ZOOM

"The pay is very good. [In Cabo] I got $250 for four days of work. Now I make that much in two days" — working from 10:30 p.m. until 2:30 or 3 a.m.

"It's tough if you don't want to play Top 40.

"The bars here don't allow original music. The Mexican people are a little different than Americans. They like to hear what they are used to versus Americans, who are a little more open-minded. Down here you have to play what people like to hear."

Depending on what bar they are in, Grupo Zoom will play only American covers (No Doubt, Creed, Sheryl Crow) or American hits mixed with covers by Latin ska/rock bands (Cadillacs, Rabanes). "Ska is a lot bigger in Mexico."

Byars said she will stay in Ensenada at least through the rest of the year.

"I really like it here. It never gets hot."

The last major change to the Ensenada nightlife came in the mid-'80s when the multilevel Papas and Beer disco/nightclub opened. Before that, the 100-year-old Hussong's cantina was the landmark nightspot.

Last week the Mango Mango restaurant and disco opened right across the street from Papas and Beer. Designed for an upscale crowd, the two-story café/nightclub is done up with a safari motif — even the speakers are covered in zebra skin. A big mango tree winds its way up to the second floor. Mango daiquiris are served downstairs.

Grupo Zoom appears at the following Ensenada venues: Friday at Viva Wings (free admission); Saturday at El Squid ($5 cover); Sunday at Papas and Beer (free





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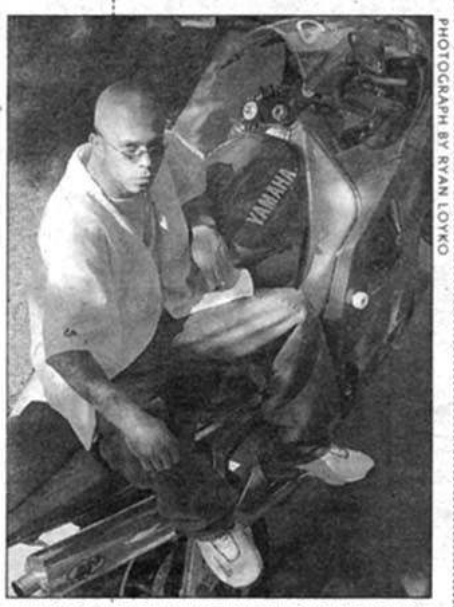
"A rapper is somebody who wraps gifts at Macy's. An MC is a person like myself who writes lyrics and who gets onstage to kill the microphone."

Lefty (who prefers not to give his real name), 27, is a Camp Pendleton Marine corporal who started rapping when he was 15 while growing up in the Bronx. He says the depiction of hip-hop artists as nothing more than "money, ho's, and clothes" is ruining the hip-hop culture.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"All these rappers talk about is money, girls, and cars.... There is a band called the Cash Money Millionaires. What does that tell you?... Anyone can write a song about girls' butts and car tires and drinking Dom Perignon."

Lefty started performing in March at a beach club on base run by the USMC. He made his local civilian debut last month at the Belly Up Tavern's local band showcase.

"I did an a cappella song called 'My Father.' It was just me and a microphone. It was about my father, who was killed by a drunk driver. During the song the audience went silent. I brought 50 CDs with me. Five minutes after that song was over, every copy was sold."

Lefty won that first round. Winners are determined by slips filled out at the door. "I brought a lot of friends from the North County Lunatics. It's a motorcycle club." He didn't win the second round held last month.

Lefty unleashes fast-paced, freestyle rhyming rants against his opponent, usually based on their physical appearance.

For example: *Walking around spreading cheese on your Triscuit / Put your hat on backwards looking like a fake Limp Bizkit.*

To keep his chops up, he reads the white pages for practice. "I read the phone book as fast as I can and rhyme the names and numbers. That's how I practice. It makes you sharp. You gotta be sharp in this game."

— *Ken Leighton*

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: WINSTON'S — JAY ALLEN SANFORD



The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at *eBay.com* between June 10 and July 30.

Slightly Stoopid's 1996 debut CD on Skunk Records sparked a bidding war among seven eBayers. Its New Jersey seller said, in the item description, "This is one of the hardest Slightly Stoopid CDs to get...Bradley Nowell of Sublime and Ras 1 of Long Beach Dub All Stars guest star on this CD." Tracks include "Smoke Rasta Dub," "Wake Up Late" and "F*ck the Police." Bidding started at $23.95, and the lucky winner took it home for $61.

A DVD video collection, *Ratt: Videos & Unplugged 1983–1991,* features 14 music videos as well as live cuts and unplugged numbers. "All the Ratt you'll ever need," pitched its seller. Five bidders drove the cost from $14.99 to a closing price of $36.



Recently deceased ex-guitarist Robbin Crosby's name attracted higher than average bidding activity for Ratt memorabilia. A 90-minute "Ratt Detonator Tour...[with] Robbin Crosby" videotape of a 1991 Osaka, Japan, concert featuring one of the last performances by the "classic" Ratt lineup closed at $9.99. Its "unofficial" (read "bootleg") origin is hinted at by the seller's disclaimer — "I bought this at a collectibles convention; it is not a store bought video."

A metal watch featuring the logo for POD — Payable On Death — with an 8" chain-link metal band, packaged in its original metal box, sold for $29.99.

Two front-row seats for the Rolling Stones' November 14 Sports Arena show — section LL14, row 1, seats 13 & 14 — drew 16 bids before the tickets closed at $550. The previous week, a pair of eighth-row seats for the same concert saw 26 bids totaling $162.50.

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

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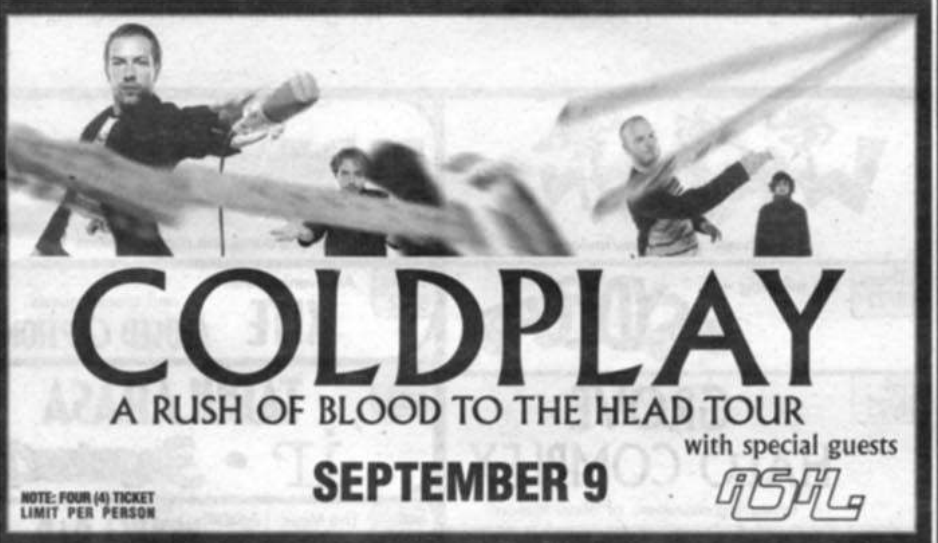

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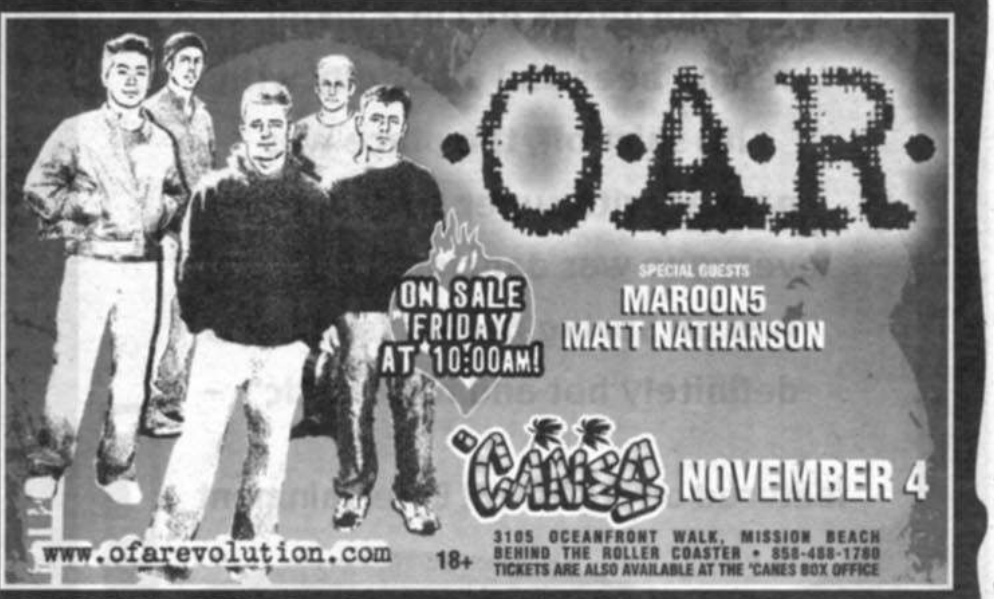

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Linda Brzycki, who's in her 40s, can't think of the words to her favorite song. She starts humming "da das" for a few seconds. I say a few lines, and she tells me I have it. We can't think of the name, until we come to the chorus, "And I Love Her."

"We danced to their music in the school cafeteria at lunchtime. We had a jukebox and always played the Beatles' music. My girlfriends and I were totally hooked on Paul." Linda says she doesn't care much for today's music and occasionally listens to country.

Joe Belmonte, 48, grew up in New York listening to the Beatles. He says his favorite song is "Hey Jude." He easily recites the lyrics: "Hey Jude / Don't be afraid / Take a sad song, and make it better / Remember, to let him into your heart / Then you will start, to make it better."

I ask what he thinks younger people think of the Beatles, and he says, "Some probably think of them as influences on today's musicians. Others probably think they're old-fashioned."

I ask if the Beatles had a big influence on his youth, and he candidly says, "I probably took as much LSD and smoked as much pot as they did!"

He looks around and asks, "Are you going to print that?"

I ask if he wants me to delete it, and he says, "Ah, no. That's all right." When I steer the topic into today's music, he tells me, "It seems they have higher production values today. And dirtier lyrics."

Brian Terdik, 50, also brings up the drugs when it comes to the Beatles. He said, "My favorite song is 'Revolution #9' because when I was spanked out on LSD it just sounded so weird."

I ask him to recite the lyrics, and he laughs, saying, "All they say is 'Number nine, number nine, number nine.' " He tells me young people probably don't follow the band, since they have their own groups.

I ask how the Beatles represented his youth, and he said, "I grew up in San Diego and had good times listening to them and other '60s bands. I saw lots of concerts at Balboa Stadium, the Hippodrome, and La Jolla Cove."

When I ask him about today's music, he says, "I don't listen to much. But, with rock, it's still the same. A guitar, bass, and drums. Bands like U2 have political things to say, like some of the '60s groups. Tom Petty rocks, and when he came out, everyone thought he sounded like the Byrds."

Romy Desticamento is 64. When he tells me his age, I say, "That's a Beatles song." He laughs and says, "Yes, but my favorites are 'Here Comes the Sun' and 'Give Peace a Chance.' "

Romy has no problem singing "Here Comes the Sun." I don't try to make him sing "Give Peace a Chance" since it actually is a John Lennon song, and the lyrics are just a list of words except for the chorus.

"Here comes the sun / Here comes the sun / And I say, it's all right / Little darling, it's been a long, cold, lonely winter…"

I ask him what people under 30 think of the Beatles. He says, "They are quite familiar with the music of that time period, because undoubtedly, their parents have been singing or playing those old songs."

When asked to compare music from then to today, he responds, "The music of then is now classic, for so many reasons. We had storytellers back then. Will rap become like that later on? Not a chance."

Ida Miller, 55, says her favorite group is the Doors, but she also likes the Beatles. Her favorite song is "I'll Follow the Sun." She knows the lyrics. "'Someday, you'll look / To see I've gone / But tomorrow may rain so, I'll follow the sun.' I could go on, but I'll start singing!"

I ask Ida what younger music fans think of the Beatles. She tells me, "They don't even understand who the Beatles were and what contribution they have to today's music. Until the Beatles, popular music was largely bland. A lot was just written by songwriters and then performed by popular singers of the day. The Beatles wrote their own stuff."

"Did the Beatles represent your youth?"

"I was in high school when they were on *Ed Sullivan*. My friends and I were so excited. When I watched, I looked at my LP and tried to figure out who was who. This new music was the soundtrack for my high school years."

"Can you compare the high schoolers today?"

"There is no comparison. There may be some new and exciting music today, but there's also a lot of crap. It's hard to find meaningful stuff. We've regressed to where we have pretty boys and pretty girls singing hits."

Michael Davis, 40, says his favorite song is "The way she moves."

I say, "You mean 'Something?' "

"Yeah, something in the way she moves, attracts me like no other lover." He breaks into song.



Michael Davis

This is the second person who has picked "Something." Perhaps it's on people's minds since George Harrison — who wrote the song — died last year. Frank Sinatra even mistakenly called it "my favorite Lennon/McCartney tune."

Michael thinks the majority of teenagers don't know about the Beatles. He adds, "They know their music through other artists who have done remakes of their songs." Most recently, the entire soundtrack to the Sean Penn movie *I Am Sam* is all Beatle songs covered by current bands (including Encinitas' own Eddie Vedder).

In regard to the Beatles representing his youth,

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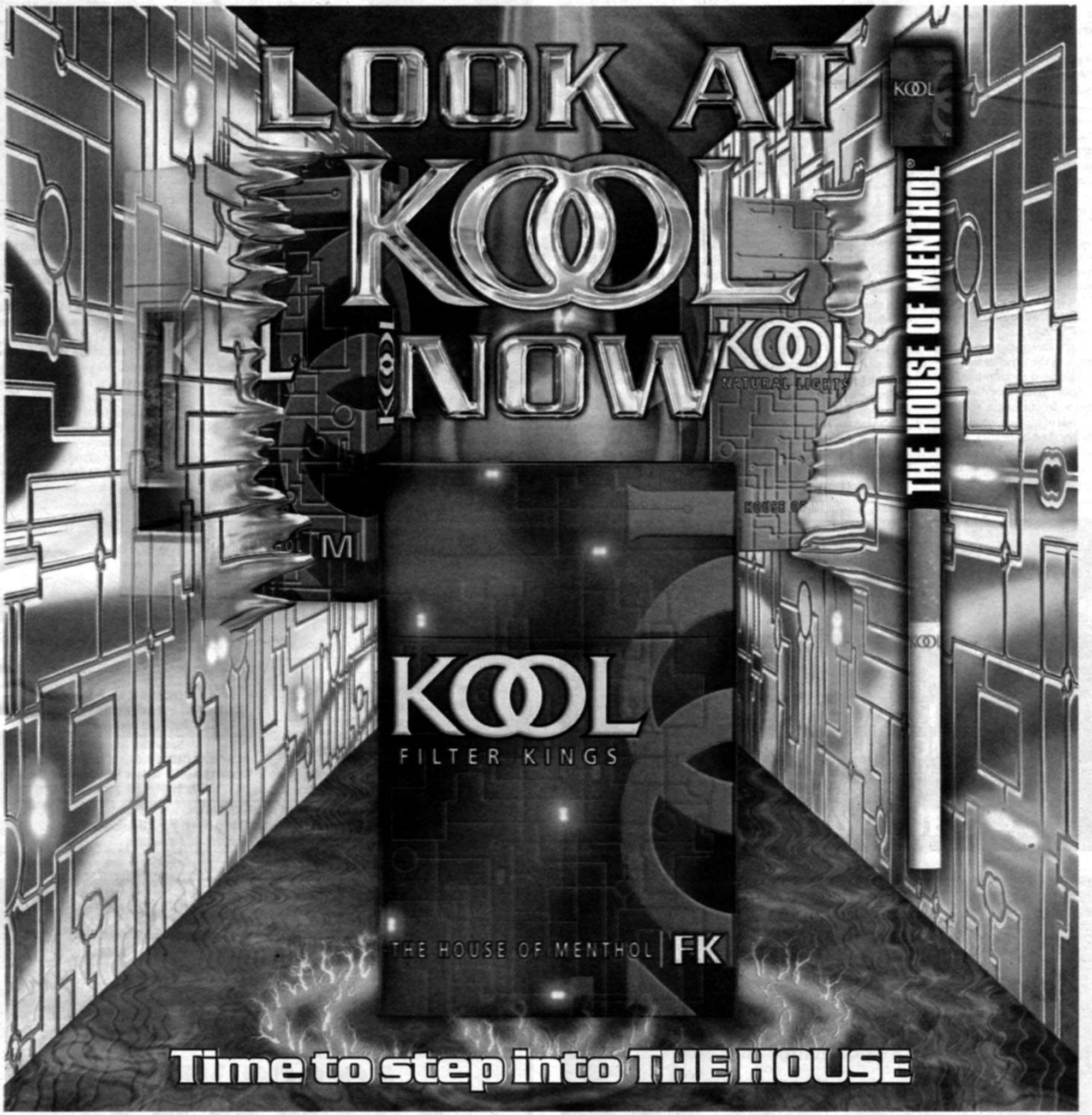

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he thinks for a moment and says, "In some cases, it was rebellion. In other cases, the message of 'Love one another…' Music of that time was pure. And, you didn't have to listen to it 15 times to feel it or know what it was actually saying to you. The music now isn't universal like most of the '60s music. Today one form of music is targeted for one group of people. Another kind of music for another group of people."

Felicia Chase, 47, said her favorite song was "She Loves You," because it's bright and happy, with its "power pop" sound. She tells me she knows all the lyrics and adds, "There are a lot of 'woooos' and 'yeah, yeahs' in it."

I ask about younger music fans, and she says, "If they are sophisticated about music, really know music, they'd love the Beatles. In our house, we play all kinds of music. Our kids get a heavy dose of Beatles. But, I was talking to an 18-year-old recently, and he didn't know who Paul McCartney was."

How did the Beatles represent your youth?

"They were the spokesmen of our generation.… I can't recall boys with long hair before the Beatles."

George, 40, didn't seem too excited about the Beatles. He says his favorite might be "Rev-



George

olution" but isn't sure how it even starts. He feels every generation knows about the Beatles and their influence on rock 'n' roll but adds, "They didn't really represent my youth. I liked the hard rock of the '70s more."

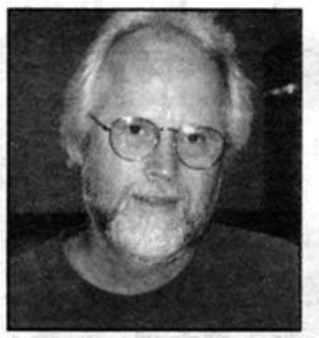
Jim, who is 50, doesn't want to give me his last name, and didn't want to give me his age. He seems a little reluctant to talk, until I say it's about the Beatles. He quickly replies, "That's my favorite band!" His favorite songs are "Here Comes the Sun," "No Reply," and the entire second side of *Abbey Road.* And later, when I'm talking to somebody else, he comes back to tell me to switch his favorite songs, although I forget now what he wanted to replace it with. He said he knows most of the lyrics to all the Beatles' tunes. I ask him what people half his age think of the Beatles, and he says, "I don't know. They might not even care about them. Maybe only a few are aware of them."

I ask him how music today compares to the times when the Beatles were writing songs.

"Today, it's mass produced. They just care about how they look onstage. It was more substance and creativity back then. People had to actually be able to play an instrument."

Mike Zeff, 49, says "Help!" is his favorite song, because "it was between their older, exuberant 'yeah, yeah, yeah' period and before the later, more experimental period. This song has elements of both. I know the lyrics to at least a hundred Beatles songs."

Bill Haas, 54, has the quickest response when I ask his favorite Beatles song. "Eight Days a Week," he says without hesitation. But when I ask him to recite the lyrics, he takes a lot longer. He's humming and saying lines, but not in order. "Love you all the time,



Bill Haas

girl…ah…Eight days a week." He finally gives up trying. I ask him what today's youth think of the Beatles, and he says, "They love them. That CD they just released [*1,* which has all the Beatles' number-one hits] last year sold well."

The record went to number one on the charts.

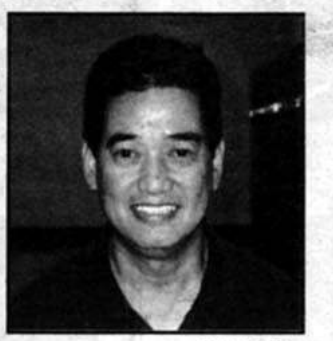
"How did the Beatles influence your youth?"

"Everyone started growing their hair long, wearing 'Beatle boots.' Elvis was out the door when the Beatles came along."

Noly Medina, 44, grew up in the Philippines and was a big Beatles fan. He says "Yesterday" is his favorite song and, when asked to recite the lyrics, does it with ease. "Yesterday / All my troubles seemed so far away / Now it looks as though they're here to stay / Oh, I believe in yesterday."

When I ask about today's kids and whether or not they like the Beatles, Noly tells me about his own son.

"He asked me about the Beatles. He asked about their songs and how they became well known. He saw my tapes and some of the pictures I had of them."



Noly Medina

I ask how he would compare his music with his son's music, and he says, "Well, it's different. Most '60s was love songs. Now you've got rappers. And this heavy-metal thing."

Reuben Ruiz, who's in his 50s, says his favorite is *Abbey Road.* Since that's an album and not a song, I ask him to pick a favorite from that album. He's hard pressed to name a favorite



Reuben Ruiz

tune but ends up naming a few songs off the white album. When I ask about what people under 30 think of them, he says, "They probably flash back and listen and see how good it was back then."

I ask if the Beatles represented his youth, and he says, "Actually, I liked the Rolling Stones more than the Beatles. I enjoy a lot of the hard rock today, too. Especially Ozzy Osbourne."

His wife quickly says, "You're calling Ozzy Osbourne today's music?" ■

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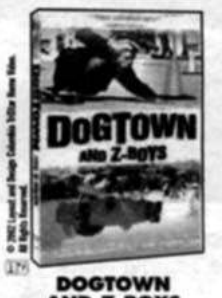

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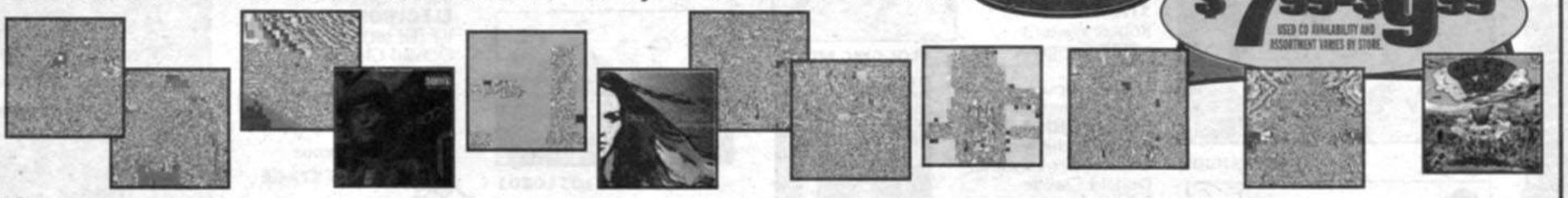

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Describe the time in your life when you were unhappiest.
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Erin Hisayo Fujioka

When were you happiest?
"When I was in kindergarten and my mom and my dad took me and my sister to Disney World. And that's, like, the only time I can ever think of us doing anything as a family."

Are you ever unhappy without knowing why?
"Certain times in your life you just feel unsatisfied with yourself and with what's going on; you just feel generally unhappy and unsatisfied."

What do you do when you're unhappy?
"[I go to] the beach."

Who do you have to turn to?
"Either my boyfriend or my sister, because they know me very well and they just always seem to know what to say and how to comfort me."

Sad songs:
"That one duet by Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men ["One Sweet Day"]; it can always make me unhappy."

Soothing tunes:
"It just depends on what's bothering me at the time. It could be from Tori Amos to Incubus to anything that seems right for the moment."

Happy fantasy:
"I would travel the world."

Born and raised in San Diego, Alison Pham, 17, is going into her senior year at Serra High School. She likes shopping, going to amusement parks, and playing computer games such as Counter Strike. When not with her friends, Pham works at a Dairy Queen in Tierrasanta. She's saving money so she can go to a good college and study to become a dental hygienist or pharmacist.


Alison Pham

Describe the time in your life when you were unhappiest.
"The one time where I was most unhappy was when my family went through some medical problems and one of my family members was sick."

When were you happiest?
"When I found out that that particular person was okay and living at home with me."

Are you ever unhappy without knowing why?
"Yes, I cry every night because I'm very sad and depressed."

What do you do when you're unhappy?
"I go shopping, to the malls."

Who do you have to turn to?
"My best friends or my boyfriend because they listen to my problems and they help me out through rough times."

Sad songs:
"Sad love songs like Jagged Edge's 'I Gotta Be.' It makes me think about the happy times and the sad times and ups and downs of relationships that I've been in."

Soothing tunes:
"Fast, upbeat types of music."

Happy fantasy:
"I would feed all the kids, the hungry kids that I see on 'Save the Children.' "

From Australia, Reuben Kuhnert moved to San Diego in the fourth grade. The 17-year-old senior plays clarinet for the Serra High School marching band and wind ensemble. Kuhnert's other interests lie in designing computer games for clients. He incorporates original music, images, and voice recordings for his characters. Kuhnert hopes to continue this work and become involved in the development of computer science.


Reuben Kuhnert

Describe the time in your life when you were unhappiest.
"I'm unhappiest when my ex-girlfriend keeps hitting on me."

When were you happiest?
"When I go to my friend's house and eat them out of house and home."

Are you ever unhappy without knowing why?
"No."

What do you do when you're unhappy?
"When I'm unhappy I just sit and think and contemplate about why I'm unhappy. [Also,] I go to my friend Jeff's house."

Who do you have to turn to?
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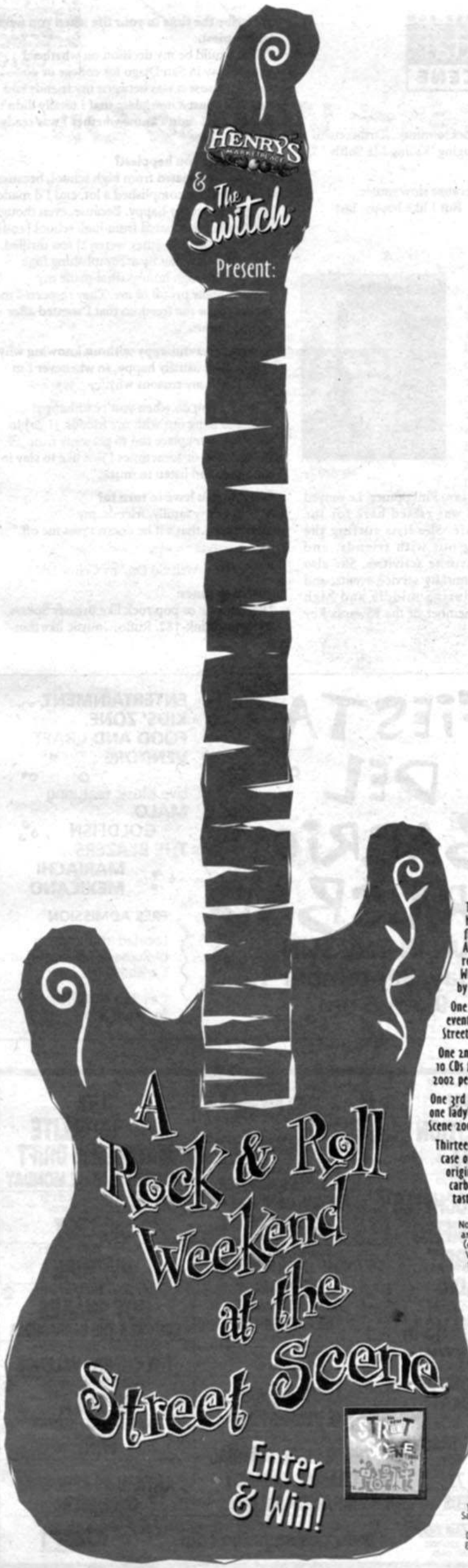
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My Anh Le

My Anh Le recently graduated from Serra High School. This fall she will be a freshman at UCLA, where she hopes to major in psychology and minor in business or East Asian culture. Born in Bataan, Philippines, Le moved to San Diego and was raised here for the majority of her life. She lists surfing the Internet, hanging out with friends, and shopping as her favorite activities. She also participates in community service events, and for many years, during middle and high school, she was a member of the Kiwanis Key Club.

Describe the time in your life when you were unhappiest.
"That would be my decision on whether I should stay in San Diego for college or go away, because it was between my friends and family against a new place that I totally didn't know, and I didn't know whether I was ready to leave home."

When were you happiest?
"When I graduated from high school, because I felt like I'd accomplished a lot, and I'd made my parents really happy. Because, even though my brother graduated from high school [and] they were thrilled, [they weren't] too thrilled. And I thought that by accomplishing high school with high honors, that made my parents really proud of me. They respected me and gave me the freedom that I wanted after all these years."

Are you ever unhappy without knowing why?
"No.... I'm usually happy, so whenever I'm sad I know my reasons why."

What do you do when you're unhappy?
"I like to hang out with my friends. [I go] to the mall, someplace fun to get away from all the sadness, or sometimes I just like to stay in my room and listen to music."

Who do you have to turn to?
"I turn to my family, friends, my boyfriend…that's if he doesn't piss me off."

Sad songs:
" 'My Heart Will Go On,' by Celine Dion."

Soothing tunes:
"R&B music or pop rock like Britney Spears, 'N*Sync, blink-182, Rufio…music like that."

Happy fantasy:
"I would become very successful and take care of my parents because I know they want me to be successful in life, and they've done so much for me and in return I just want to take care of them when they get old."


Linda Chau

Seventeen-year-old Linda Chau, a senior at Serra High School, has lived in the same Tierrasanta neighborhood her entire life. She enjoys photography and playing tennis and is team captain on Serra's varsity tennis squad. Interested in politics, Chau is president of her high school chapter of the Junior Statesmen of America, which she helped start. After graduating from college, she wishes to attend law school.

Describe the time in your life when you were unhappiest.
"Probably when I received my first set of SAT scores. They were lower than I expected, and I kind of thought lower of myself because I had thought that those type of scores established who I was, and I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to go to the college that I wanted to because of those SAT scores."

When were you happiest?
"I don't think there's ever [been] a time when I was the happiest, but probably, in correlation with my unhappiest time, when I improved my SAT scores by 200 points. That made me happy because my parents were — actually my mom was — very happy for me and congratulated me on that."

Are you ever unhappy without knowing why?
"Not really, I've never come across that type of situation where I don't know why I'm unhappy."

What do you do when you're unhappy?
"When I'm unhappy, I probably like to hang out with my friends or with family or just watch a movie by myself. Or just go somewhere alone and just think or just relax."

Who do you have to turn to?
"I turn to my friends when I'm most unhappy. They can help me out by giving me advice, or they're comforting and they understand my problems 'cause they're my friends, and my friends are my peers and know what types of troubles teenagers go through. And I can sometimes go to my parents, but they're not as helpful in understanding my feelings."

Sad songs:
"The song that makes me feel unhappy, whenever I hear it, is the song by Eric Clapton, 'Tears in Heaven.' It was based on his son that died when he was so young."

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After a month or so of having saturated myself with Baroque keyboard, I was in want of something different. Not entirely exhausted with the keyboard — never exhausted, in fact — I moved along some 150 years, leap-frogging the Classical and Romantic eras, and paid yet another visit to Debussy and his two books of *Preludes*.


Claude Debussy

That's how I do: I gorge on a delight until the approach of surfeit, then turn to something new. Were it painting and I had been on a Vermeer, Van Eyck, and De Hooch jag, after a while I might well be ready for a patch of Braque and Morandi. Not necessarily, but that's a plausible surmise. I am merely describing my listening behavior, certainly not recommending it.

Regardless, Debussy hit the spot, and this recording on DG by Krystian Zimerman (b. Poland, 1956) is stunning. I know I've gushed about Gisseking and others, but wrap your ears around this 1991 digital recording.

Book I of the *Preludes* was published in 1910, when Debussy was 48. He had been contemplating the project for two or three years, and when he finally sat down, these 12 miniatures were executed in a two-month period. *Book II* of the *Preludes* was published in 1913. It, too, contains wonders, wonders that would change the course of this century's music, but the second book is not the sustained burst of brilliance that is *Book I*. Clearly, Debussy had been working toward the *Preludes* for quite some time, but it was not his first significant sequence for piano, nor was it to be his last. His first series of *Images* dates from 1905 and the second from 1907. His three *Estampes* are from 1903. All magnificent, revolutionary compositions, as are his *Etudes* from 1915, with atmosphere replacing argument and development, and introducing an entire new universe of harmonies and timbre. But *Book I* of the *Preludes* is his masterwork for solo piano.

"The century of aeroplanes deserves its own music," Debussy would insist. "As there are no precedents, I must create anew." Debussy hated having his work described as "impressionist." "I'm attempting 'something different' — realities in some sense — what imbeciles call *impressionism*, just about the least appropriate term possible." Debussy can rail against that particular characterization all he wants, but a century later, if we're looking for a soundtrack to a painting by, say, Monet, it isn't going to be by Bach or Scarlatti, or Beethoven or Rachmaninov. It will be by Debussy, and if not Debussy, then Satie, Ravel, perhaps Fauré.

The effects sought by Debussy in his keyboard works were only possible on the modern piano, with its range of sonorities and dynamics, introduced around the middle of the 19th Century and marketed by Steinway. Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert would all have been familiar with a different sounding, more restricted instrument. Still, these early fortepianos had their own character and loveliness of tone.

In order to really hear the *Nocturnes* of the Irish composer John Field, you must listen to his pioneering compositions on what is called a square piano. The instrument, actually a compact rectangle, was the invention of a Bavarian named Johann Socher around 1742, later introduced to England, in the 1760s, by one Johannes Zumpe, where it became the first popular form of the instrument. The square piano's action, the mechanism that connects the keyboard and strings, was a simplified version of that used by Cristofori and Silbermann in their earlier pianos. The first square pianos were about five feet long and around 18½ inches from front to back. They enjoyed a five-octave compass with two strings per note. Its strings had less tension than modern instruments, and its small leathered hammers less force. The first public recital on the instrument was by J.C. Bach in London in 1768, a performance that went a long way toward popularizing the instrument in England. Chopin favored a square piano, playing some 50 years later.


John Field

If you've heard — or heard of — piano nocturnes, you've heard them identified with Chopin, but it was Field who invented the form. The nocturne tends, by nature, to be dreamily melodic, agreeable in tone. Field was drawing from the *bel canto* style of singing, popular in Italian operas heard throughout Europe in the first two decades of the 19th Century, with their "long, sinuous, sighing melodies and dissonant points of punctuation, supported on an undulating orchestra accompaniment." Field translates the *bel canto* style to piano in a simplified form with the right hand providing melody and the left hand accompanying with modest ornament and simple countermelodies. Field, a celebrated virtuoso pianist in his day, would have played these nocturnes in a smoothly flowing *cantabile* style that would have been most at home and effectively delivered in the candlelit drawing room of cultured society. Here are two impressions of his playing by contemporaries:

> Field's playing was at once sweet and strong and characterized by admirable precision. His fingers fell on the keys as large drops of rain that spread themselves like iridescent pearls. Here let me say — and I am sure that my opinion is shared by many who heard Field — that I do not share the view of Liszt, who told me on one occasion that he found Field's playing "sleepy." No! The playing of Field was not sleepy; on the contrary it was strong, capricious and improvised. In particular he never descended to charlatanism to produce his effects. (Glinka)
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> His pose, nearly immobile, his face without much expression held the attention.... His playing flowed clear and limpid.
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> Those above all who have heard Field himself play, or rather dream these pieces, found him abandoning himself to his inspiration. He was not bound down to the notes which he had imagined but devised without ceasing new groups of ornaments which garlanded his melodies. Each time they were differently ornamented by him with these flowers showering like rain, but nevertheless never disappearing under the ornaments. (Liszt)

John Field (quick, name three other Irish composers) exists for many as a mere footnote in musical history, as the man who delivered the nocturne to Chopin, who in turn took it places, harmonic and otherwise, that Field (who patronized the young Pole as a "sickroom talent") would never have dreamt of. By comparison with Chopin, Field's *Nocturnes* will strike many as rudely fashioned and limited in their expressive range. It is not an unfair judgment; Chopin's *Nocturnes* are among the greatest works for solo piano in the Romantic repertoire.


Arthur Rubinstein

But try to have a listen to Field's *Nocturnes* played by Joanna Leach on these three square pianos, period instruments from 1823 to 1835, especially the 1823 instruments, a five-octave Stodard and a six-octave Broadwood. By 1835, with the D'Almaine model, the case has gotten heavier to accommodate the greater tension of thicker strings, which gave the piano the larger sonorities and sustaining power we recognize on the modern instrument.

Withal, all three instruments, with smaller volume and more delicate tone, less sustaining power and lighter damping (the dampers come into contact with the strings of the piano when the sustaining pedal is depressed) enhance Field's work, which depends to a large extent on pedaling for its muted, cloudier effects. These early square pianos make all the difference. It was on a square piano that Chopin would have first heard Field play his *Nocturnes*, inspiring the fragile Pole, 30 years Field's junior, to explore the form himself. Later on, Debussy would have heard Chopin's *Nocturnes* and been mesmerized, continuing in his own compositions for piano to further explore tonal and harmonic possibilities — in fact, composing an orchestral suite himself called *Nocturnes*, first performed in October of 1901. ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

THURSDAY

The Juliana Theory *[113]*, **Two Thirty Eight,** and **Element 101:** 'Cones Bar and Grill, Thursday, August 22, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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.

FRIDAY

Slightly Stoopid *[352]*, **Agent 51, Thicker,** and **Authority Zero:** 'Cones Bar and Grill, Friday, August 23, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"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.

SATURDAY

Dave Koz & Friends *[676]* (featuring **Norman Brown** and **Brian Culbertson**) and **James Ingram:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, August 24, 8 p.m., 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 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Misfits *[496]* and **44 Double D:** 'Cones Bar and Grill, Sunday, August 25, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

MONDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

EXTENSION 4001

UPCOMING CONCERTS

AUGUST

"Del Mar 4 O'Clock Fridays" featuring **Cracker** *[487]*: Del Mar Fairgrounds, Friday, August 30, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. 858-755-1161.

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]* and **Solitude** *[507]*: 4th & B, Sunday, September 1, 8 p.m., 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Ratt, Fith *[402]*, and **Tall:** Brick by Brick, Sunday, September 1, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-220-8497 or 619-275-5483.

Digital Underground *[238]*: 'Cones Bar and Grill, Sunday, September 1, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Ozzfest" featuring **Ozzy Osbourne** *[526]*, **System of a Down** *[571]*, **Rob Zombie** *[569]*, **P.O.D.** *[187]*, **Drowning Pool, Adema,** and more: Coors Amphitheatre, Monday, September 2, 9:30 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Cinderella and **Cage:** 4th & B, Tuesday, September 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

"Street Scene 2002" featuring the **Stone Temple Pilots** *[581]*, **James Brown** *[598]*, **Ja Rule, Live, Melissa Etheridge** *[599]*, **Nickelback, Social Distortion** *[424]*, the **Black Eyed Peas** *[459]*, **Wyclef Jean, Bad Religion** *[226]*, **Jimi Hendrix Tribute** (anchored by the **Band of Gypsys** and **Double Trouble** with **Slash, Kenny Wayne Shepherd** *[917]*, **Res, Doyle Bramhall II,** and **Les Claypool**), **Unwritten Law** *[261]*, **De La Soul** *[605]*, **George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic** *[193]*, **Dilated Peoples,** the **Roots** *[267]*, **Busta Rhymes** *[158]*, **Blackalicious, Living Colour, Nappy Roots** *[267]*, **Michael Franti & Spearhead, Sevendust, Ozomatli** *[200]*, **Default, Speech** (of Arrested Development), **Sugarcult, Save Ferris** *[758]*, **Linton Kwesi Johnson & the Dennis Bovell Band,** the **Kottonmouth Kings** *[129]*, **Flogging Molly** *[316]*, **Slightly Stoopid** *[352]*, **Sprung Monkey** *[513]*, the **Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra, Home Grown** *[172]*, the **ICONS, Truth Hurts, Rochelle Rochelle** *[570]*, **Los Lobos, Eek-A-Mouse** *[734]*, the **Dragons** *[115]*, **Indigenous, Alpha Blondy & the Solar System, Common Sense** *[736]*, **Convoy, Michael Rose** *[749]*, **Jackpot,** the **Reggae Revolution Band, Elijah & the Revelations** *[732]*, **Chuck Prophet, Mutabaruka** *[755]*, the **Skool Band, Robert Walter's 20th Congress** *[665]*, **4th Avenue Jones, Terry Mullan, Z-Trip, Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers** *[209]*, **Eric Wright, Blues Traveler** *[458]*, **Agent 51, Manmade God,** and **Face to Face.** Electronica Stage: **Rabbit in the Moon, BT,** the **Crystal Method, Christopher Lawrence, Donald Glaude, Pauli P, Grant Plant, JQ, Shaheen, überzone, Terry Mullan, Reza,** and more. Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8. Recorded information, 800-260-9985; tickets, 619-220-8497; tickets and performer showtimes, *www.street-scene.com.*

Wire and the **Standard:** The Casbah, Saturday, September 7, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Air Supply *[532]* and **Christopher Cross** *[566]*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 8, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Wilco and **Minus 5:** 4th & B, Thursday, September 12, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel *[603]*: Coors Amphitheatre, Thursday, September 12, 8 p.m., 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.

The Goo Goo Dolls *[220]*, **Third Eye Blind** *[472]*, and **Vanessa Carlton:** Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 14, 7 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Jaguares *[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.

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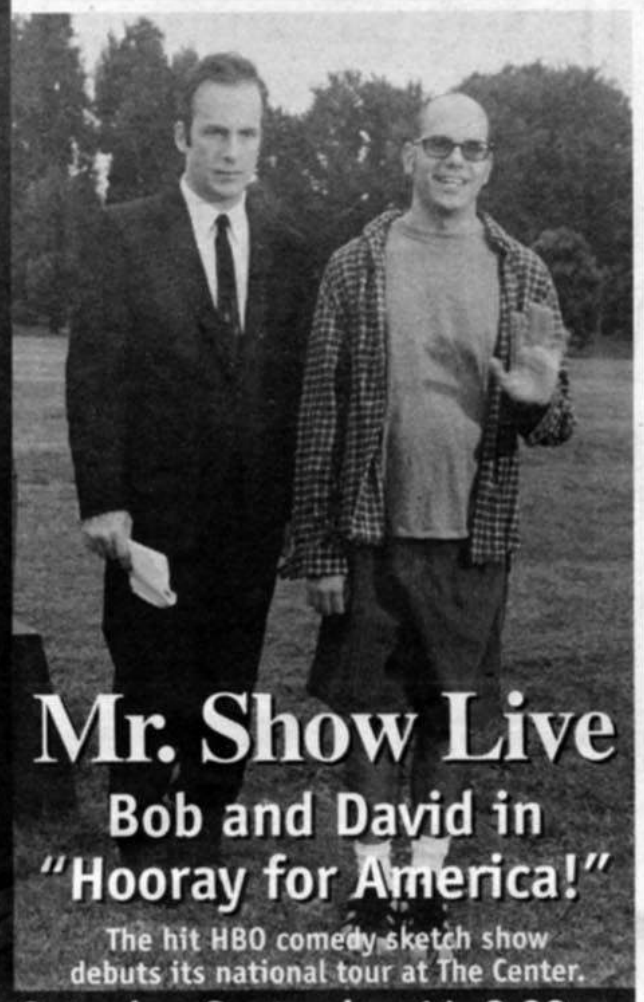

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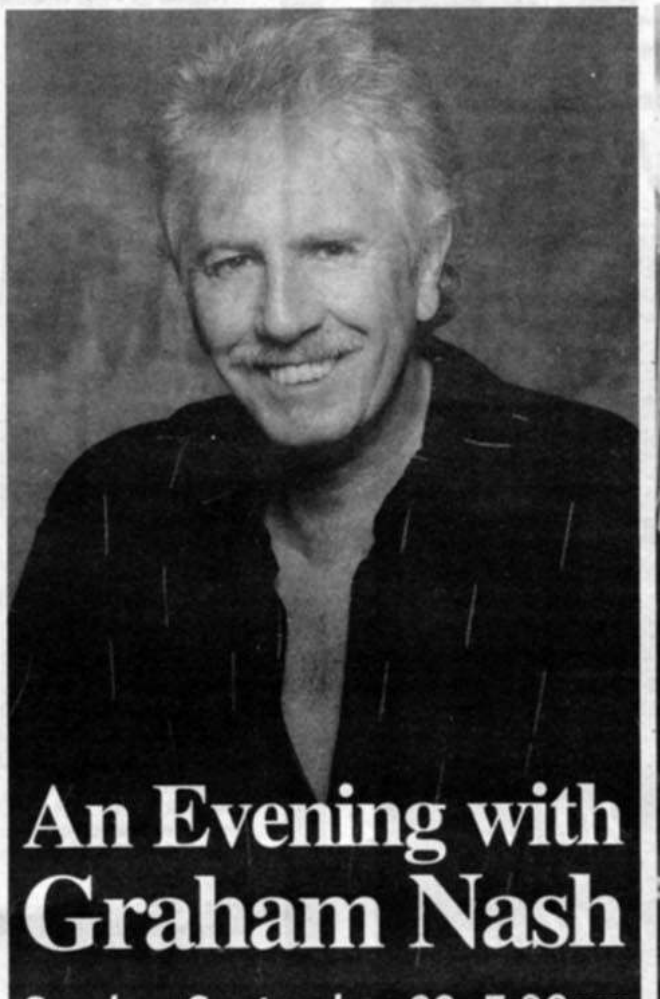

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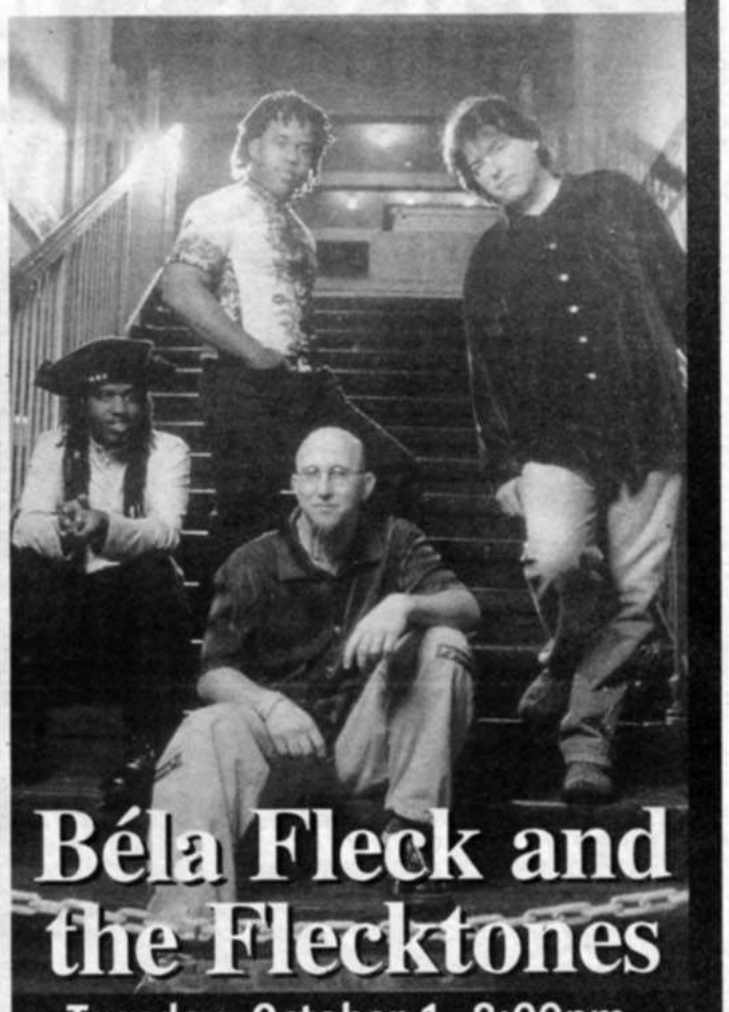

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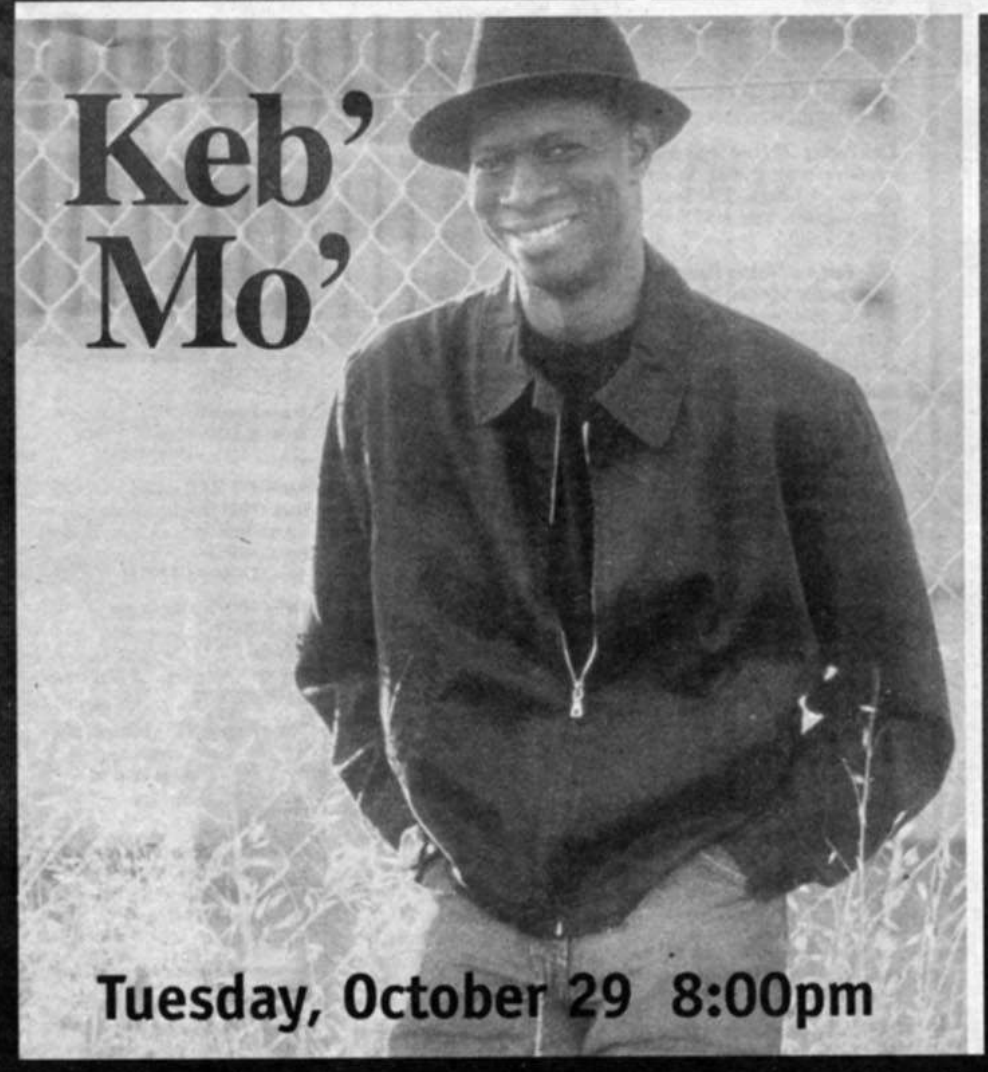

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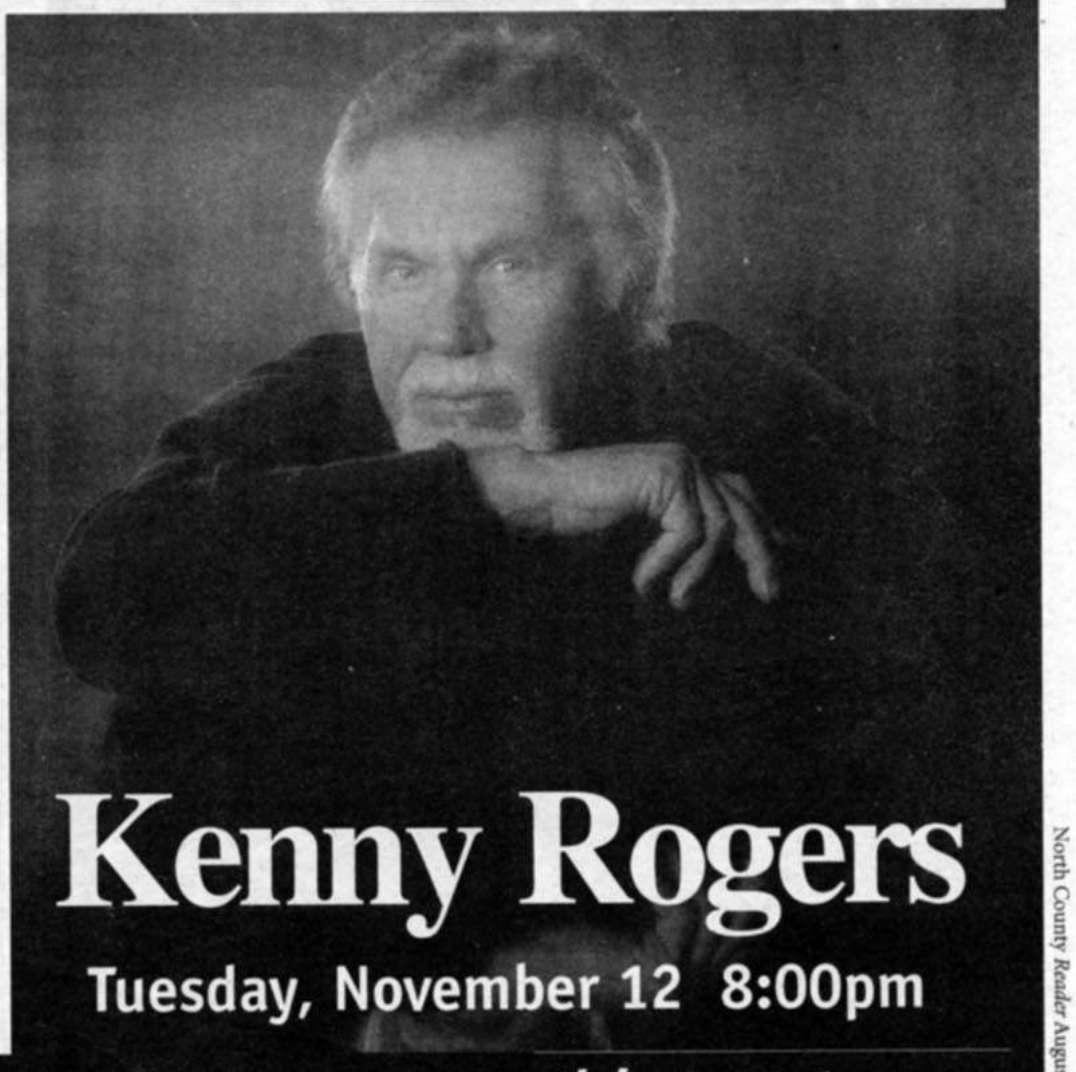

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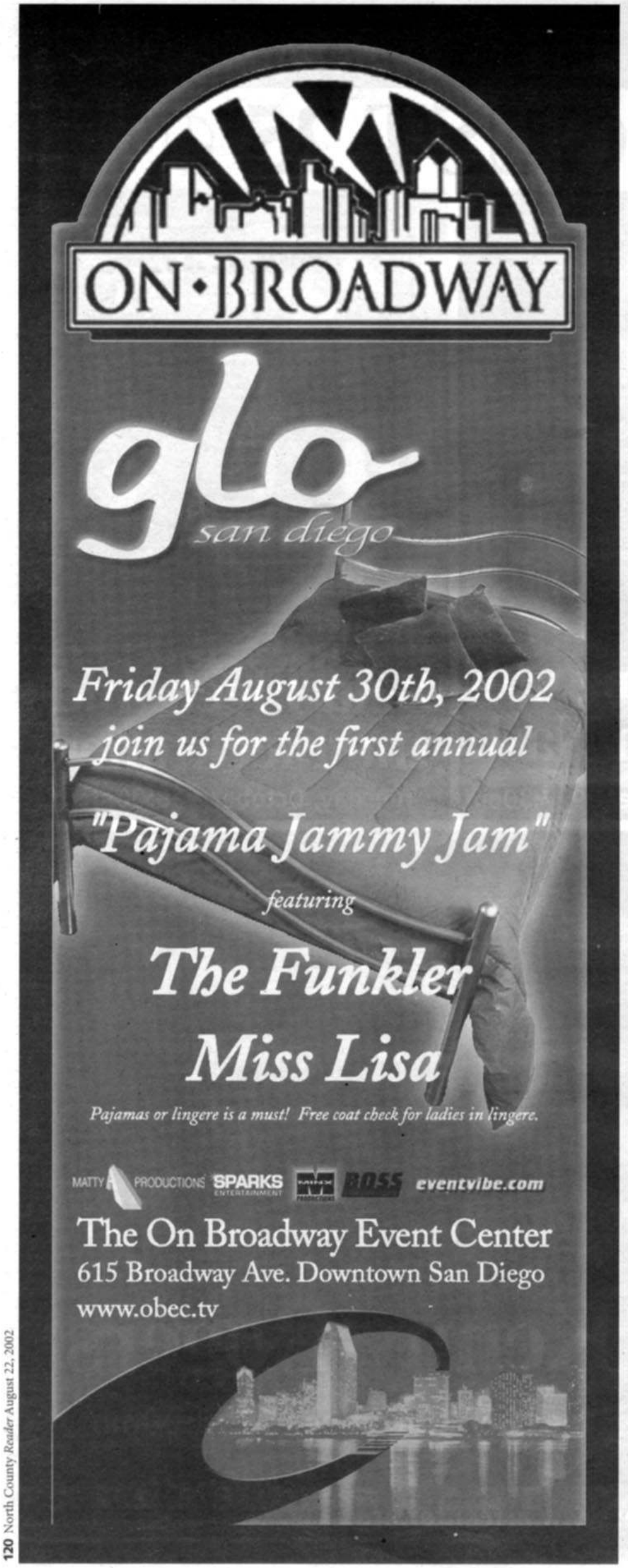

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Sleater-Kinney, the **Bangs,** and **Shannon Wright:** The Scene, Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

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. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Brad Paisley *(794)* and **Steve Azar:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Willy Porter and **Ashley Flynn:** The Casbah, Tuesday, September 24, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

Rush *(462)*: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Herbie Hancock Quartet and **Holly Hofmann** *(684)*: Humphrey's Concerts by the 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.

Switchfoot *(103)* and **Pax 217:** The Scene, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Jeanrenaud/Masaoka/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.



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Béla Fleck & the Flecktones *(646)*: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 1, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Acoustic Alchemy *(834)* and **Strunz & 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.

Mana: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 4, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002 *(694)*: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

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.

Jerry Cantrell: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Marco Antonio Solis and **Rocio Durcal:** Cox Arena, Friday, October 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Bob Dylan & His Band *(563)*: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 19, 8 p.m., 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, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

Merle Haggard: 4th & B, Sunday, November 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Aerosmith *(485)* and **Kid Rock** *(198)*: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, November 5, 6:45 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Thrice *(491)* and **Hot Water Music** *(545)*: The Scene, Friday, November 8, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny Rogers *(785)*: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 12, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

The Rolling Stones *(506)*: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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The Bitty Bums: Blind Melons
119 **Buckfast Superbee:** The Kensington Club
Cheeky Monkey: Dream Street, Blind Melons
Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine: 'Canes Bar and Grill
The Classified: The Casbah
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The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons
Deploi: Blind Melons
Destroy Miranda: The Casbah
Dissolution: The Scene
Element 101: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Fifth Ornament: The Playhouse
The Fookin Wankers: Brick By Brick
Golden: The Casbah
Grand Prix: The Kensington Club
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Hemlock: The Scene
The Hiptransmit: The Casbah
Hot Like a Robot: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Alfred Howard: Blind Melons
Innocent Bloodshed: The Scene
Insinsear: Dream Street
The Invaja: The Casbah
Ithaca: The Casbah
113 **The Juliana Theory:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
379 **The Mike Keneally Band:** Victor's Restaurant & Bar
King Dub: Dream Street
121 **Kitten With A Whip:** Sham Rocks Shack
Larger Than Life: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Life Hates Me: The Scene
Life or Death: The Scene
Likemillions: Belly Up Tavern
Lodus: Dream Street
The Lost Sounds: The Casbah
Lualta: The Kensington Club
Magnuson: Dream Street
Maple Tongue: The Playhouse
Mr. Orange Undercover: The Scene
Miss White's Monster: The Casbah
Modern English: Brick By Brick
308 **Munkafust:** Belly Up Tavern
No Reply: The Casbah
No Sense: The Scene
One Track Mind: 'Canes Bar and Grill
OOO Product: Dream Street
186 **Gregory Page:** The Ould Sod
Pilot Scott Tracy: The Casbah
Pit Boss: The Playhouse
Pushed: The Scene
The Quatros: The Casbah
Red Eye Gravy: Belly Up Tavern
Relic: Dream Street
213 **Riboflavin':** Brick By Brick
The Rye Coalition: The Casbah
Shamnation: Dream Street
Shut Up and Drive: The Scene
Sin Sin 77: The Casbah
Skydiver: The Kensington Club
352 **Slightly Stoopid:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Sought Out: The Scene
The Matthew Stewart Project: Dream Street
Thicker Than Thieves: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Thought Experiment: The Scene
Tori Cobras: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Turam: The Scene
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Two Thirty Eight: 'Canes Bar and Grill
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Vena Cava: Belly Up Tavern
The Vespertines: The Casbah
Vocoder: Brick By Brick
Watch It Burn: Belly Up Tavern
The Wonderland Murders: The Playhouse

EXTENSION 4003
ROCK

Alan Iglesias & Crossfire: Cannibal Bar
514 **Altered Time:** Etta's Place
538 **Beston:** The Rhythm Lounge
Blizzard: Brick By Brick
BPM: Belly Up Tavern
Brain Storm: Brick By Brick
Break This: Chasers Lounge
The Bumpin' Uglies: Surf N'Saddle
Closed Caption: Blind Melons
Cold Beer: Fannie's
Collage Menage: Etta's Place
Thomas Conner Band: Brick By Brick
Cornelius: Belly Up Tavern
D.J. Turbo: Sham Rocks Shack
Deke Dickerson: Tio Leo's Lounge
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Emergency Broadcast: Blind Melons
EXP: Brick By Brick
Footloose: Carvers
44 Double D: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Furball: Hennessey's (Gaslamp)
Fuse Box: Victor's Restaurant & Bar
Gear: The Kraken
Gene's Pool: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Grove: Winstons
Heartland: Rockin' Bejo Lobster
461 **Hera's Olive:** Dick's Last Resort
Herb 'N Root: Brick By Brick
Hollywood Blonde: Dream Street
547 **Hot Rod Lincoln:** The Gordon Biersch Brewery, Tio Leo's Lounge
Humucleus: Winstons
ir: Blind Melons
The Kitchen: The Rhythm Lounge
Kite: Blind Melons
Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
The Late Late Show: Hennessey's (Gaslamp)
Leroi: Dream Street
Lighter: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), Tiki House
496 **The Misfits:** 'Canes Bar and Grill
Nemesis: Second Wind (San Carlos)
Neverbound: Brick By Brick
The New Breed Band: The Alley
Night Shift: Dick's Last Resort
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489 **Private Domain:** Dick's Last Resort, Second Wind (Escondido)
468 **Proof of Burden:** Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
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570 **Rochelle, Rochelle:** The Casbah
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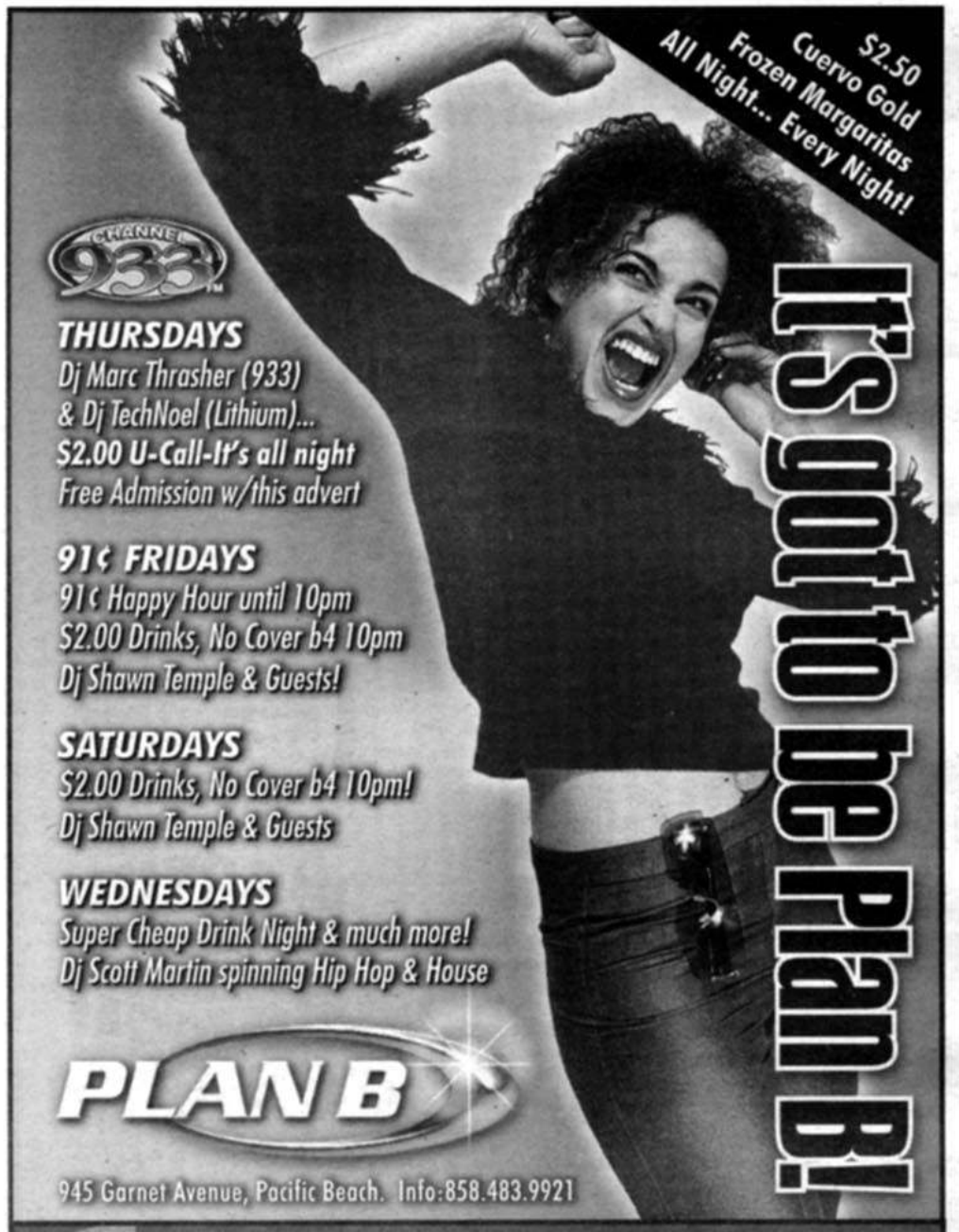



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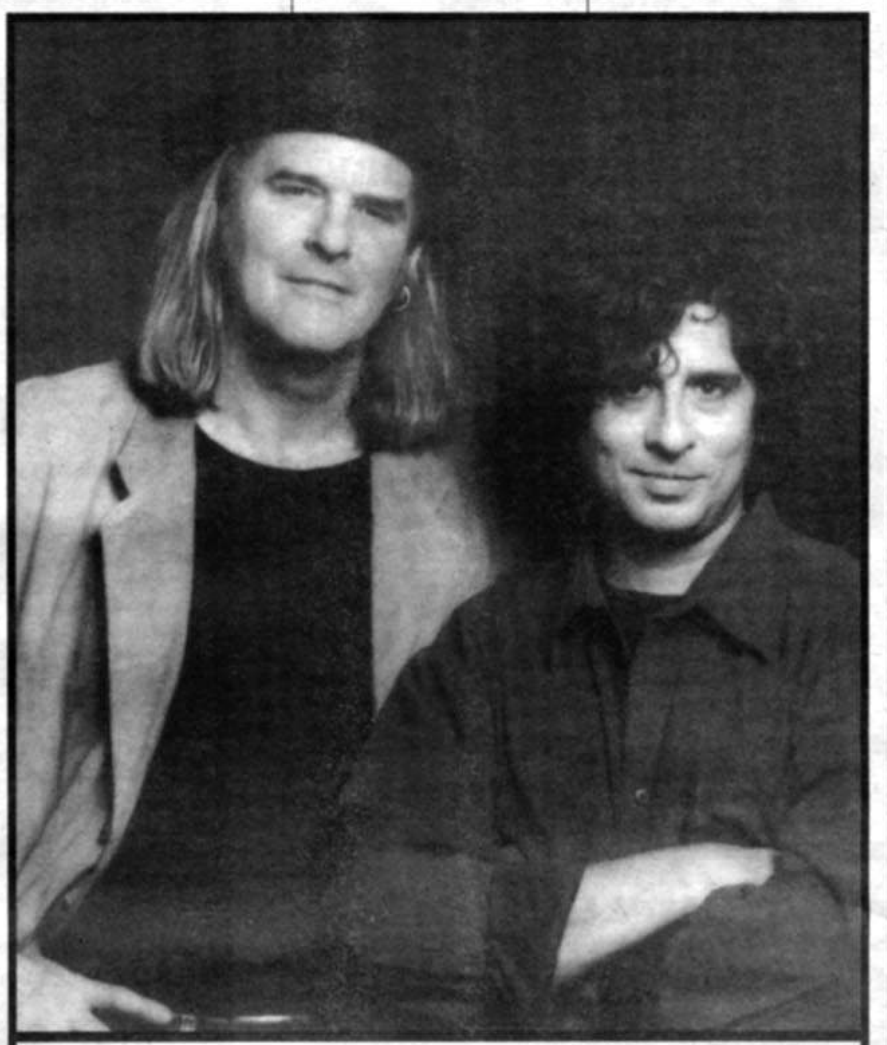

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The B-3 Three: Bayou Bar & Grill
649 ..... **The B-Side Players:** Belly Up Tavern
The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies
666 ..... **Lori Bell:** Inn L'Auberge
Bohemia Atomic: Il Fornio
Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado
703 ..... **John Cain:** Hotel del Coronado, The Westgate Hotel
Cal-Son: Dizzy's
The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, Croce's Jazz Bar
667 ..... **Gilbert Castellanos:** Dizzy's, Bayou Bar & Grill
The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet: Juke Joint Cafe
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Craig Clark: Caffe Salotto #1
Cold Fusion: Bayou Bar & Grill
The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill
Jo Dark: The German-American Societies
638 ..... **Glen Fisher con Alma:** Croce's Jazz Bar
5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House
Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge
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The Cynthia Hammond Trio: Juke Joint Cafe
Al Howard and the K23 Orchestra: Galoka
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The Mahaba Jazz: Cannibal Bar
Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's
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The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott
660 ..... **The Shep Meyers Quartet:** Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar
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Mystique: Jimmy Love's
Francisco Ojeda: Bayou Bar & Grill
Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort
John Opferkuch: Inn L'Auberge
641 ..... **Sue Palmer:** Juke Joint Cafe
The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Ben Powell: Jim Kelly's
Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly Up Tavern
The Darren Raser Band: Bayou Bar & Grill
Calvin Romance: Humphrey's
Rick Ross: The Beach House
659 ..... **Rick Ross-Piano:** Moray's Lounge
The Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble: Bayou Bar & Grill
The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites
698 ..... **Ron Satterfield:** Inn L'Auberge
724 ..... **Spaceman Spiff:** Cannibal Bar
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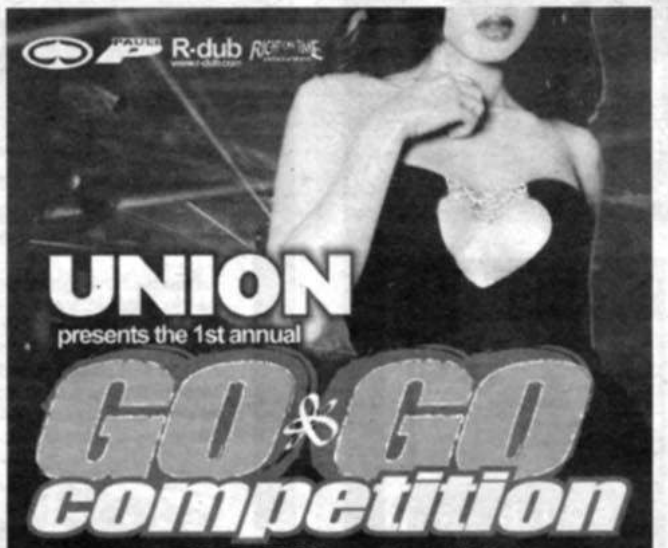

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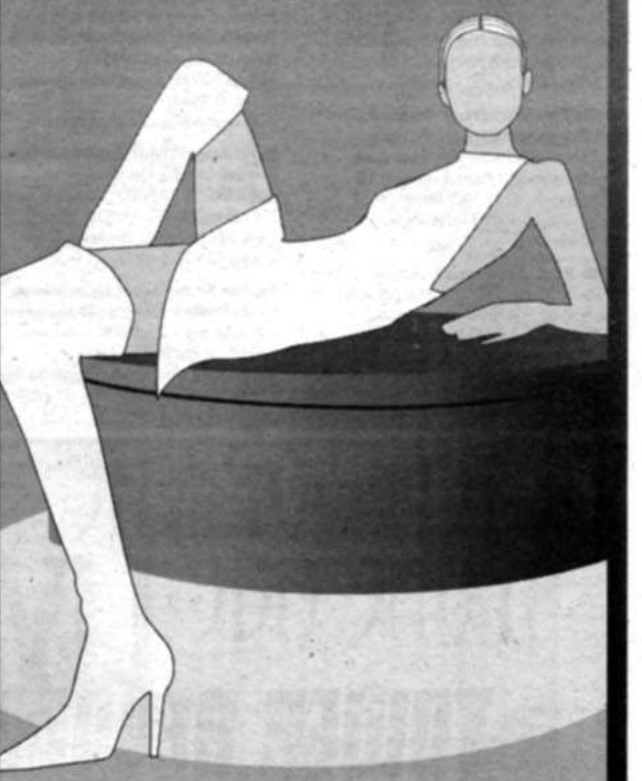

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Club Tropics: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, DJs Kool T and guests spin Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

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Eavesdrop: Wednesdays, downtempo 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.

Karma: Thursdays, house music from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, midtown, 619-294-9590.

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Rio Nilo: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays, resident DJs Mikee and Junior spin *quebradita* and *cumbias;* Saturdays, Tijuana Club Music. All ages, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. 4345 Home Avenue, San Diego. Event information, 619-264-8297.

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Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The longest-running industrial-fetish-danse club in San Diego. The first Friday of every month at Club Xanth, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., 18 and up, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Remaining Fridays at the Flame, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and up, 3780 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 619-295-4163. Event information, 619-465-5827, *www.klubs.com.*

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!OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

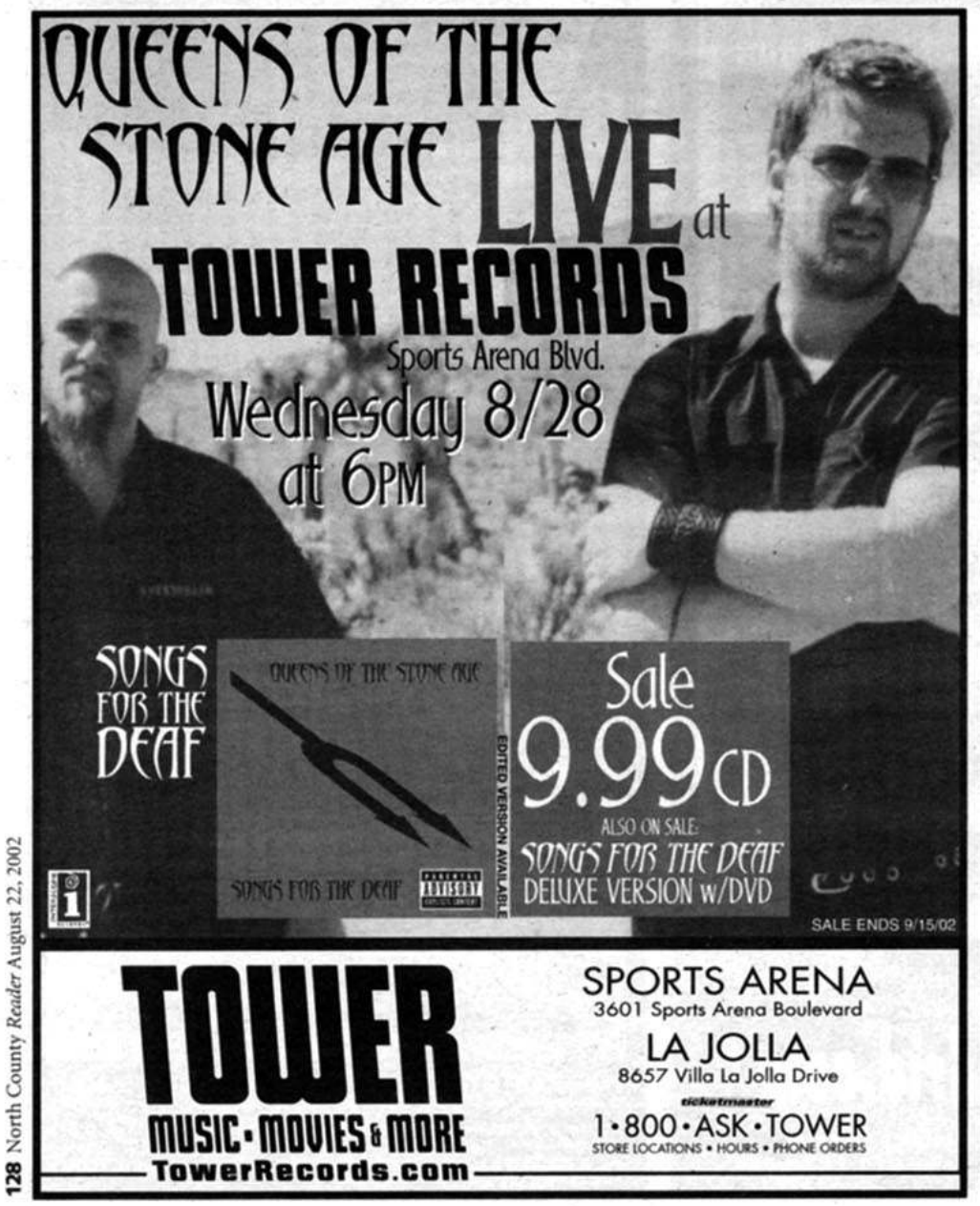
Corinne and her trio **The Sevens** took the long journey around to go backward in time. Historically, their blend of acoustic folk/rock/country music lands them roughly at the second coming, the folk revival of the whole-earth '60s and '70s. It has Woodstock mud all over it. But rather than take her porch music from country to big city the way Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger did generations earlier, Corinne has taken her Sevens from the city to the country. She headquarters now in Northern California, in a place so rural that the FedEx truck only comes a couple of times a week.

Corinne's voice is sweet and enduring, with a clarity on the verge of plaintiveness. Critics have described Corinne's songwriting in terms of mysticism, archetypal imagery, and symbolism. For me, her songs sometimes do and sometimes don't make contact. Symbolic imagery aside, they are rooted in simple tradition, and on her three-song EP, what I hear most is utopian idealism: "Right outside of my cabin door/ the breeze is soft and clean," she sings. "Just outside my cabin door/ there's a whole world to be seen."


CORINNE & THE SEVENS

Corinne holds a day job bending steel and glass into ornamental sculpture. Her parents were not particularly musical; as a child, she listened to her mother's Sufi dance music and their various eight tracks and records. By 18, Corinne was covering Sabbath's "Paranoid" and tunes of similar ilk in L.A. She moved there on her own at the age of 16; she says her parents were not supportive. To fund the adventure, she busked on acoustic guitar at street level and washed windows. As far as recording goes, Corinne is waiting to get chemistry down on record. "When I'm performing live, the communication is in the room," she says. "On record, you have to somehow capture it."

CORINNE & THE SEVENS, San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Saturday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. Folk Heritage information line, 858-566-4040. $12.







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The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Primasi,* folk.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel Mountain. 858-618-1814. Saturday, 8 pm, *Carol Ames,* folk.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods,* Celtic folk. Saturday, *Gene Warren,* folk.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *the Jackson 3,* pop. Saturday, *Footloose,* rock and roll.

Chasers Lounge, 215 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-966-2677. Thursday, live reggae. Friday, live band. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Brian Porterfield.* Wednesday, *Break This,* breakbeats.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Ventilators,* rock, blues. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Fish & the Seaweeds,* blues, funk. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Blue Largo,* 6 pm to 10 pm, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues. Sunday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Nathan James,* 5 pm to 9 pm, *Peter Sprague,* blues, jazz. Monday and Wednesday, call club for information.

The Del Dios Country Store, 20154 Lake Drive, Escondido. 760-745-2733. Friday and Saturday, live country music.

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Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Thursday, 7 pm to 9:30 pm, *John Foltz,* acoustic rock. Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Satish & Dan,* folk.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Cradit Union,* swing. Saturday, 9:30 pm, hip-hop, live bands. Sunday, 9:30 pm, salsa and *rock en español.* Monday, *the Tim Gill Orchestra,* swing.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Friday, 8 pm to midnight, *North Star,* pop.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, *the Stilettos,* rockabilly. Saturday, *Trio du Jour,* jazz.

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, *Private Domain,* rock and roll.

Solana Beach Coffee Company, 437 South Highway 101, Solana Beach. 858-792-1553. Music plays from noon to 3 pm. Saturday, *John Foltz,* contemporary. Saturday, call club for information.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *the Bumpin' Uglies,* rock.

Beaches

Barefoot Bar and Grill, the San Diego Paradise Point Resort, 1404 West Vacation Road, Pacific Beach. 858-274-4630. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, live music.

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It says a lot about **Sonic Youth** that the band's website proclaims that *Interview* magazine declares the new *Murray Street* their "most accessible album in years." It's sort of a backhanded compliment, like *"USA Today* raves: 'It's not unlistenable!' " But I admit that after I read those words I went out and got myself a copy, and I haven't done that with a new Sonic Youth record since *Experimental Jet Set.* So I can't say that *Murray Street* is a return to form or Sonic Youth's best since *Goo* or anything like that. I can say it's good. It's got a lot of long instrumental passages made up of pretty guitar lines — as opposed to artfully dissonant string scrapes and feedback. I guess that's what makes *Murray Street* more accessible.

But Sonic Youth has always had an ambivalent relationship with accessibility. Forged in the New York avant-garde scene of the '80s, the band eyed the mainstream with suspicion. When the alt-rock revolution came along, the band seemed intrigued enough by the prospect of commercial success to start producing some fairly catchy riff-rock — I still think "Kool Thing" could have been a hit — but no one seriously thought that these arty weirdos were going to compete with Garth Brooks in the CD bins at Middle American Wal-Marts. The thing is, the more accessible Sonic Youth sounds, the less it sounds like Sonic Youth. The more avant-garde it sounds, the less anyone wants to listen to it. The middle ground is a Sonic Youth concert, where the band is completely in its element.


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'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Juliana Theory, Two Thirty Eight, Element 101,* and *Coheed & Cambria.* Friday, *Slightly Stoopid, Agent 51, Thicker Than Thieves,* and *Authority Zero.* Saturday, *Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine.* Sunday, *the Misfits, 44 Double D,* and *Tori Cobras.* Tuesday, *One Track Mind, Amherst, 21 Rest,* and *Hot Like a Robot.* Wednesday, call club for information.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Stevie Ray Vaughn Tribute* with *Alan Iglesias & Crossfire* and *Spaceman Spiff.* Wednesday, *Rockola.*

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, *Relic, Hollywood Blonde,* and *Leroi.* Friday, *Insinsear, Cheeky Monkey, Shamnation, Magnuson,* and *the Matthew Stewart Project.* Saturday, *Lodus, OOO Product,* and *King Dub.* Wednesday, *Organix.*

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.

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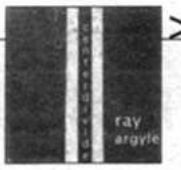

>hometown CDs

BY MARY MONTGOMERY

CD Review: *Center Divide* (2002)
Artist: Ray Argyle
Label: M-Theory Records
Songs: 1) Between 2) Heavy Head 3) Dive 4) Be My Guest 5) Death on Our Side 6) Glimpse 7) Underground 8) WEB 9) Sound of Motion 10) Awake at Night
Price/Where Available: Available at M-Theory Music in Golden Hill
Extra Info: Ray Argyle also plays bass in the band Congress of the Cow and keyboards in the band the Twenty-First Century Lepers.

Center Divide, Ray Argyle's fourth solo album, offers earnest apprehensions in an engaging musical form. Argyle comments, "*Center Divide* isn't meant to be a true 'concept album,' but the theme is basically the persistent feeling of not feeling completely at home with any philosophy, social circle, or self-identity. It's not supposed to be a pity party, it's supposed to be kind of liberation in that the realization that no social scene, no way of perceiving the world, and no society-imposed label is entirely right."

A majority of the ten tracks on Argyle's CD have slow tempos that are carried by electric guitar. In a faster song entitled "Between," a frustrated Argyle sings about his malaise toward society, "follow form/ wear the uniform of the winning team/ I ride the bench/ fingers clenched constantly/ in between/ this will be my life."

Argyle's lyrics, focusing on topics from conformity and loneliness to admiration and desire, are at times more powerful than the voice propelling them. He remarks, "The reality is that I just write stuff down when I feel like it. I usually feel like it when I'm in some kind of dissonant mood, so I guess it makes sense that I ended up with an album's worth of this particular kind of discontented lyrics."

While all of Argyle's lyrics are poignant, he saves his prowess for the verses of the last song on the album, "Awake at Night." In the ballad he sings, "I believe in more than me/ more than I understand/ and in all the possibilities/ out there in infinity/ as sad as that may be/ and I know I'm not alone."



Ray Argyle

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Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Forward Funk.* Saturday, *Al Howard and the K23 Orchestra.* Sunday, call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Proof of Burden,* rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, live band, call club for information.

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. Thursday, *Kristy Bruneau, Shelly Om, Nobella,* and *Jefferson Jay.* Saturday, 8 pm, *Lowen & Navarro* and *Anne McCue,* folk. Sunday, *Jenny Alin* and *Meghan LaRue.* Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich,* piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus.*

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, live music.

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.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Club Tremors, call club for information.

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, *the Red Channel Revue,* rock. Friday, *Wonka Bar,* rock. Saturday, *Lighter,* rock. Sunday, open acoustic.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Friday, 9 pm, *Carlos Washington's Giant People* with *Diego Roots,* Saturday, *the Mike Keneally Band* with *Fuse Box.*

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Psydecar,* reggae, funk. Friday, *Grove* and *Halo Complex,* rock/alternative. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Bad Mama Jamma,* 8 pm, *Garaj Mahal* and *Dexter Grove,* reggae, Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors,* 10 pm, *Humucleus,* pop, funk. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band,* rock. Tuesday, *the Damn Dirty Apes,* groove. Wednesday, *Crucial,* reggae.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Thomas Conner Band* and *Neverbound.* Friday, *the Who Show, Vocoder,* and *the Fookin Wankers.* Saturday, *Herb 'N Root, Rjboflavin',* and *Brain Storm.* Tuesday, *Modern English, Spell Toronto,* and *Blizzard.* Wednesday, *EXP* and *Trapt.*

Caffe Salotto #2, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard. 619-582-5908. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Tony Taravella,* jazz.

Club Hollywood, 1320 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-2102. Call club for information.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Saturday, Battle of the Bands, call club for featured bands.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Collage Menage,* rock. Saturday, *Altered Time,* classic rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Blues Invaders,* blues.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Hot Rod Lincoln,* rockabilly. Saturday, *the Small Town Heroes,* blues. Sunday, *Svoboda & Benedetti,* acoustic.

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 and Friday, 9:30 pm, *Eve Selis,* roadhouse rock. Saturday, 6 pm, *the Persuasions,* 9:30 pm, *Quino,* reggae. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Calvin Romance,* jazz. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 pm, *Rockola,* classic rock. Tuesday, *Quino.*

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.*

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Saturday, call club for information.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans,* acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price,* acoustic.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell.* Friday, *Dale Peterson.* Saturday, *Kayla Black.*

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *Buckfast Superbee* and *Skydiver,* alternative. Saturday, *Lualta* and *Grand Prix,* alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Bluebelly,* blues. Saturday, *Blue Variation.*

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, live classic rock, swing.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Maple Tongue* and *Fifth Ornament.* Saturday, *Acts of Aggression, Pit Boss,* and *the Wonderland Murders.*

The Rhythm Lounge, 3048 Midway Drive, San Diego. 619-224-4835. Saturday, 9 pm, *Beston, the Kitchen,* and *Travessias do Pagode.*

Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.



NightSpotting

THE SCENE
7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (cross street is Convoy)
858-505-9111

MUSIC ➤ mostly hard rock and alternative bands; occasional DJs and MCs

SPECIAL NIGHTS ➤ no special nights

CLIENTELE ➤ 13-year-olds to adults; average age is 19; 95% Caucasian, same amount of women as men

COVER ➤ usually $8 for local bands, up to $25 for touring bands; dollar-off coupons available inside the club; cash only, no ATM, though they say they have "ordered one"

HOURS ➤ 7:30–11:30 p.m.; usually closed Sunday through Wednesday

DRINKS ➤ nonalcoholic – sodas are $1.75; energy drinks (such as Red Bull) are $3, juices are $2, Gatorade $2.50; the drink special when I went was Dad's root beer for $1

FOOD ➤ no kitchen, only snacks at a concession stand (there was no line); lots of candy bars and bags of chips, also nachos and slushies (in the $2 price range)

ACCESS ➤ plenty of parking in the parking lot, which is on the sides and in back of the club.

DRESS ➤ casual; blue jeans, some skirts, and 90% T-shirts (Old Navy, Guess, and lots with rock-band names)

DANCE FLOOR ➤ no special dance floor, but a lot of room to dance since the place is gigantic; when rock band plays, just a few hips shaking at 10 p.m. on a Thursday.

BATHROOMS ➤ clean and spacious; in men's room – two urinals, two stalls, and two sinks; recent graffiti had been painted over, but still a "WM" tagged on the door; women's bathroom was equally spacious (minus the urinals)

CAPACITY ➤ 800, very limited seating; no more than 30 people can sit at one time

SPECIAL AREAS ➤ smoking in the back of the club, outside, in an area that is about 30 feet long and 12 feet wide – and was packed with smokers; there are three video games off to the side, and snacks are around the corner where music isn't as loud

FURNISHINGS ➤ three decent-looking couches you might see in someone's living room, and a few long benches

DECIBEL LEVEL ➤ 119, when 25 feet from the amplifiers (during a set by the band Mother Superior). For a decibel-level reference, know that from ten feet away, a circular saw cutting wood measures in at 107 decibels; sound quality was good; room is big enough to where you can stand farther back if your ears start to bleed up front

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ➤ Clusterfunk

QUOTABLE ➤ five guys standing at snack bar, one finally says, "Let's just go next door to Carrows for some real food."

You can't see the Scene from the street; it's behind a building with the address 7510 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. At 8:45 p.m. on a Thursday night, I hear two girls in their teens saying to the doorman, "Here are our IDs." He laughs and says, "These are fake, get out of here." The girls go in – an example of all-age club humor.

A sign in the window states, "If you are under 18, and it's after 10, you either need a parent or guardian, or a written note from them."

Since this club is located in a business park, there's no need to worry about noise complaints from the neighbors. If you stand close to the stage (as many people do), you'll probably go home with ringing in your ears. On the night I went, there were a hundred people standing there, watching Nobody Zero. The bands playing that night were hard rock, and the dancing consisted of a handful of women shaking their hips.

The Scene is huge, with low ceilings, which probably contributes to the sensation that the sound is louder. There's limited seating – three couches, and two benches – but a whole lot of standing room. There's a small smoking area outside in the back.

For anyone who gets bored with the music, there are three video games (Galaga, Off Road, Asteroids). Every few months the Scene has some national act play there. Last month it was the Hives.

– By Josh Board

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative. Thursday, *No Sense, Shut Up and Drive, Sought Out,* and *Mr. Orange Undercover.* Friday, *Life Hates Me, Hemlock, Pushed,* and *the Thought Experiment.* Saturday, *Dissolution, Turam, Innocent Bloodshed,* and *Life or Death.*

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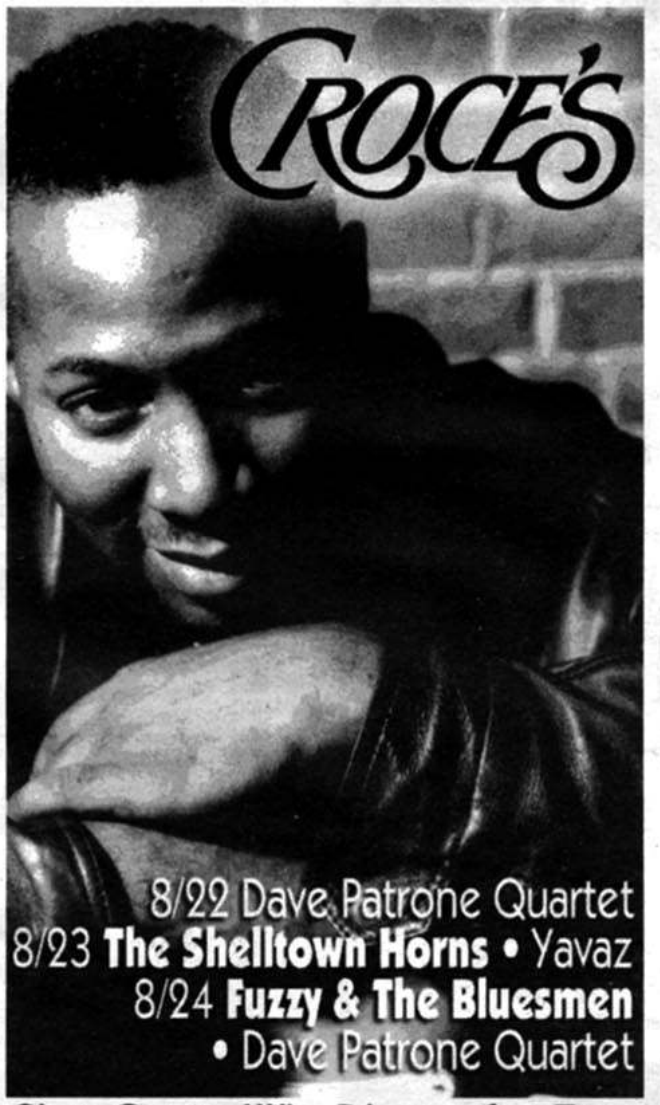

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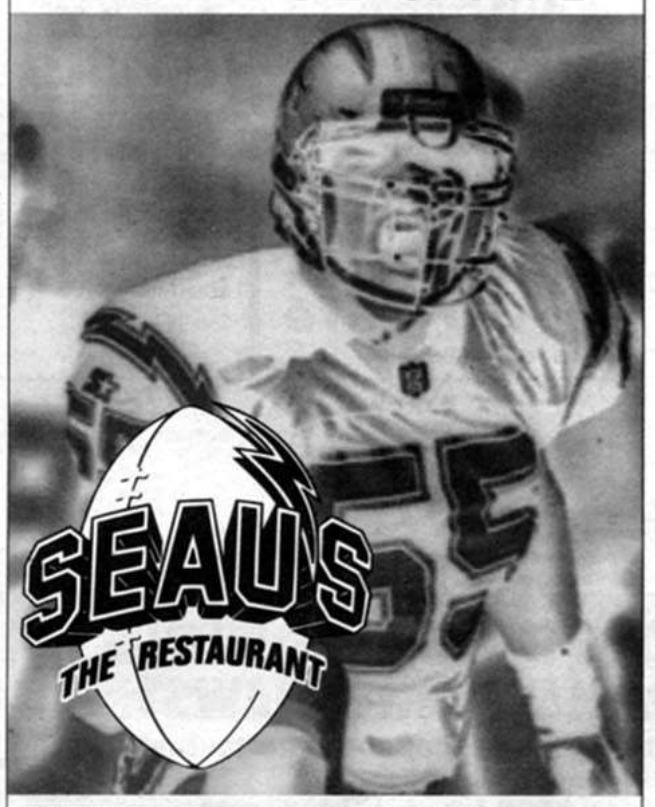

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Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant, 9570 Murray Drive, El Cajon. 619-466-2912. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Rhythm Kings*, Latin.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Elmore Jennings*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Cold Beer*, rock, country.

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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

With all the new restaurants opening in the Gaslamp District, Momo was so far outside the usual pattern that it inflamed my curiosity. A huge Asian seafood buffet? In the Gaslamp? I was drawn to it like a cat to a goldfish bowl.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, I'm pretty wary of buffets, but when they're done right, they can be a joy. Momo lured me in with its large tropical aquarium displaying some of my favorite finny snorkel buddies ("Hey, gorgeous, didn't I see you in Hanauma Bay?"). The bright, airy decor in green, white, and satiny dark wood, with a windowed side wall, is pleasant but odd in the context — it's rather American Provincial, like a 15,000-square-foot version of some scenic-route café attached to a souvenir shop selling Taiwan-made papoose dolls. Shoulder-high wooden barriers divide the space into three long dining areas. An L-shaped buffet bar, about 150 feet long, wraps around two sides of the room.

A review posted in the window led me to believe that there'd also be an à la carte menu. Not really — only sushi selections (spicy scallop rolls, rainbow rolls, sashimi platters) are available fresh-made to order. (The alternative is sushi sitting on the buffet.) We asked a (non-Japanese) server if we could order *ama ebi* (sweet shrimp sushi). He said he thought so and returned to our table with a big bowl of ice-cold *edamame* (steamed soybean pods). Ama ebi — edamame? Uma, meet Oprah.

There are literally hundreds of buffet selections: salads, iced seafood, cooked seafood, meat and chicken dishes, fried Asian appetizers, teppanyaki, a couple of soups, sushi and sashimi, and a host of desserts. Enlisting four friends to help me cover this waterfront, I found a few stars, a few disasters, and, alas, a vast mass of pedestrian belly-fill.

The stars first, of course: By popular acclaim (of me and my posse), the best dishes were cold ginger mussels, tender in a bright slick of tangy sauce, and a salad of classic spicy Thai-style rice noodles. Chunky, spicy cucumber kim chee was the runner-up, and (from the fried appetizers) a little cake of ground pork — seasoned like *siu mai* dim sum filling — also held its own. The miso soup was above average, and a cool, serene sliced tofu salad offered a pleasing contrast to the predominantly greasy or heavy flavors of the cooked and fried dishes.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Crab claws at Momo

The disasters included beef ribsteak in brown soy-based gravy. ("It tastes so bad, I'm afraid to take another bite," said Lynne. "It's not spoiled, just — awful.") Batter-fried items (spring rolls, tempura, chicken katsu) were cold, dry, and greasy, even when their trays were newly refilled. Gyoza (Japanese pot stickers) were rubber-skinned, their pork filling weirdly sweet from an excess of onions. Steamed clams in a "ginger" broth were little erasers-on-the-shell. (Sang bravely took a sip of the broth and made a face — "Just salty water," he reported.) The "top" items — flavorless baked lobster tails and mushy-textured stuffed jumbo prawns — were tragic victims of overcooking, overworking, and an overlong stay on the steam table. ("What did they put on this poor prawn?" asked Rebecca. "Bread crumbs and Cheez Whiz?") Even the raw oysters were from a subspecies of such unalluring flavor, I actually stopped at two. (With good oysters, I might've whipped through a dozen. Almost no calories, you know.)

Next we perused the vast sushi display. Sashimi was cut in small chunks, not classic slices, but the fish was fresh, of acceptable middling quality. A huge selection of preassembled sushi sat under the bright lights as their fish and rice dried out, each little mouthful hoping that somebody would choose it before it expired. During our two hours at the restaurant, none of us spotted any replacement of new sushi for old. We tried several selections — ultra-salty ikura, skimpy tobiko, shriveled maguro... Only the eel roll, with its slick of sauce maintaining a little moisture, survived its long, thankless wait at the counter.

Momo boasts the first teppanyaki grill in the downtown area. A teppan "grill" is actually a griddle — a hot iron sheet on which the teppan chef stir-fries the ingredients of your choice. In classic teppanyaki (popularized in this country by Benihana), customers sit around the griddle, with their plates kept warm by its heat, as the chef swiftly slices, dices, and cooks each order individually. At Momo, the ingredients are already cut up, waiting in trays, and you'll be taking your plate back to your table to eat lukewarm.

Momo
(fair)
555 Market (at Sixth), Gaslamp Quarter; 619-231-9000

HOURS: Lunch weekdays, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; dinner, Monday–Thursday 6:00–9:30 p.m., Friday 6:00–10:00 p.m., Saturday 5:30–10:30 p.m., Sunday 5:30–9:30 p.m.
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CUISINE & BEVERAGES: All-you-can-eat buffet of Asian-style seafood. Japanese beers, California wines, good sake list.
NEED TO KNOW: Arrive early for freshest food.

Todai
½★ (acceptable)
2828 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley; 619-299-8996; *www.todai.com/pages/todai/branchmap/sandiego.htm*

HOURS: Lunch, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. daily; dinner, 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Sunday–Thursday; 5:30–10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
PRICES: Lunch, $13; weeknight dinner, $23; weekends and holidays, $24. Senior dinner discount 20 percent. Children under 12, $4–$12, depending on height.
CUISINE & BEVERAGES: All-you-can-eat buffet, emphasizing Asian-style seafood. Japanese beers, California jug wines, generic hot and cold sake.
NEED TO KNOW: Reservations for large groups only. Always crowded, possible weekend waits. Arrive early to cover the territory; buffet lines move slowly. Family atmosphere, noisy.

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The protein choices include beef, chicken, shrimp, and bay scallops. You complete your dish from an assortment of vegetables and your choice of noodles or rice. The chef gathers all the ingredients you choose (including the starch) into a bowl and upends the mixture onto the hot, lightly oiled griddle, stirring them from time to time, and finishing them with your choice of "regular" or "spicy" soy-based sauce. This all-at-once method overcooks the scallops to tiny rubber balls; beef is probably the best choice. We found the overall flavor as bland as a stir-fry at a 99-cent Chinese joint.

The dessert array is nearly as large as the sushi selection, to no better effect. The safest choices are probably the red and green Jell-O cubes. The pallid melon slices were underripe. The cakes (we sampled four, plus a brownie) were of supermarket-bakery quality at best. Their colors varied, but their flavors seemed near identical, except for a coconut lemon cake frosted with such an overdose of cream of tartar, it filled our mouths with the alarming taste of metal. The most "interesting" dessert, perhaps, was green tea ice cream (stashed in a bin next to the miso soup). It was certainly the greenest I've ever seen — grass green, tomato-leaf green, almost Palmolive Original green. Only distantly related to its kin at good Japanese restaurants, it bore not even a hint of Zen subtlety. The texture was slightly powdery, and the scent was so floral, I thought the flavor might be jasmine-vanilla. "You don't recognize it? You've never eaten house-brand supermarket ice cream," said my sweetie. "It's probably vanillin — artificial vanilla." Rebecca pushed her plate away, muttering, "I don't want to waste calories on cheap ice cream."

Momo's price is reasonable, the fish are fresh, the staff are pleasant, and the cleanliness is sparkling. And you can wash down your meal with a number of fine sakes, including fizzy, unfiltered Momokawa Pearl, which resembles a rice-wine version of Asti Spumante or a *petillant* dry Vouvray. However, with very few customers as yet, there's no economy in a fast turnover of the buffet items. The contradiction is, unless the owners damn the costs and speed the turnover, it's unlikely that they'll draw many new customers through word of mouth.

After this disappointment, I wondered how Momo compared to the original of its ilk — Todai, which bills itself as "The Mother of All Seafood Buffets." (Momo's owners, the Baik restaurant family, were among Todai's original investors.) Todai now has 17 branches and counting, with major concentrations in Silicon Valley and the outskirts of L.A. Our own seven-year-old Mission Valley outpost occupies a large building that may once have been a church: it's got a dome on top and leaded-glass clerestory windows. Inside is a seafood Disneyland — multicolor floors and pastel neon lights in fanciful shapes (moon, stars, fish) adorn three separate buffets. The central station (for cooked foods) is raised like a shrine on a brightly lighted platform directly under the dome. The two huge dining rooms (seating 500) adjoining the two side buffets are actually rather drab, with strong, dingy lighting and utilitarian tables and chairs closely spaced to seat the masses. (Even on a Monday, the rooms were packed.)

Once again, it's a good-bite bad-bite story, although none of the food is to die for. Todai's average is higher than Momo's — until a half hour before closing, they changed the trays regularly. The stuffed jumbo prawns, for instance, seemed to be the original version of Momo's cheese-and-crumb recipe but had survived the treatment better — the cheese was still gooey. Among the hits: miniature crab cakes were clean-flavored and crab sweet. "Champagne shrimp" (steamed in wine sauce) were pleasant, and a steamed green bean-shiitake mushroom mixture was simple and perfect. A slightly sweet bean sprout salad with small shrimp (from the round table near the cold buffet) was fresh flavored, as was the spiced cucumber salad on the cold counter. If the fatty "Korean BBQ" ribs weren't very Korean, their Chinese plum sauce glaze was sweetly enjoyable. And some long, lanky iced King crab legs were quite nice. (Ask the roving servers for crab-crackers; these shells are too tough for teeth.)

The worst failure was another crab, Todai's big "ta-da!" item — the hot table's one-to-a-customer Dungeness crab halves, here labeled "Dungeon crab." They'd been boiled so long, their shells were soft enough to bite through; then they were bisected by cleaver but not cleaned, leaving the body veiled with inedible gray "devil fingers" (lungs). The meat matched the crab's new name: the gray-tinged mush was dark as a dungeon and dank as your shoe. Almost every plate we passed on our trips to and from the buffet bore one of these objects. Hey, guys, this is not what Dungeness really tastes like.

There were also hard, slimy calamari rings, mediocre miso, rubbery mussels, both hot and cold, and ghastly fake-crab Louis. The cold claws of Jonah crab (kin to New England's prized peekytoe) had been boiled to death. The fried rice was unspeakable. The spring roll tasted cheap. But there were some pleasant surprises, too, in just the areas where Momo was lacking.

The teppanyaki followed the same procedure as at Momo, but here the sauce took on interesting, smoky overtones that grew on us as we ate. The sashimi were sliced correctly, with fresh fish of okay quality (although the octopus was — can you imagine? — severely overcooked).

The sushi was wildly inconsistent — it seemed made in different batches, by different chefs. Some of the rice was dead bland (especially in the simple nigiri-zushi), but some rolls were surprisingly lively, reaching a peak in a vivacious smelt-roe maki that could have come from the hand of a real *ita-mae-san*. None that we sampled tasted too old or tired, and we'd arrived mid-evening.

At 8:30, some items were starting to run out; the sashimi tray was empty of all but octopus. At 8:45, an indecipherable squawk came over the loudspeaker — I think it said, "Everybody out of the pool!" This precipitated a mass rush to the dessert tables. The cakes proved reasonably good, especially one with a complex mocha syrup topping and nut filling. "That one keeps on going!" said Lynne. The freshly made crêpes (filled with whipped cream and your choice of bananas, raspberry syrup, strawberry syrup, or the works) were pretty good, too, although at that late hour the chef had to rush them a little.

At 8:55, the lights were dimmed and the loudspeaker squawked again. This blurt sounded like a Narita Airport announcement in Japanese for our plane's final boarding call. If I were ever to go back to Todai, I'd arrive at 6:00 sharp, so that I could taste little bites of the whole array and still have time to go back for the good stuff before the squawk of doom.

I've been to a lot of seafood buffets, in many cities, of qualities all up and down the scale. To me, neither Momo nor Todai measures up to the best that a buffet can be. Obviously, multitudes of people adore Todai: it really draws in the crowds — not just in San Diego but in malls and suburbs and tourist districts across the nation. Me, I just report what I eat — to help you decide whether or not to trust your palate and your wallet to the restaurants I've visited. ■

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Angel Memories

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TIN FORK
ED BEDFORD

You gotta see this at night. Linda's place cowers under the I-5 freeway, in a kind of no-man's-land, glowing blue. So-oo…'50s. 'Course when Hank parked his li'l old rolled-gold Camry outside, around 7:00 p.m., it was still light. The setting sun angled straight through the open door. Pool table shone green like it had a spotlight on it. The bar disappeared into gloom, 20 stools long (couldn't help counting). Two people sat up to it — a Navy officer and a civilian. The civilian played a video game, the officer chatted with a Filipino lady behind the bar. On the sound system, Julio and Willie sang "To All the Girls I've Loved Before." Hank and I took a couple of bar stools at the far end.

Oof. Hot. Ceiling's low here. Air clings to you like a cat in heat. You can see this place has a history. Worn concrete floors, old ship plaques ("USS *Frederick*"), a chrome fender bolted to the ceiling from some ancient gas guzzler, and bills. Aged dollar bills, Aussie bills, Thai baht, Singaporean dollars, pasted all around the mirrors. And here's a funny thing: the wiring and plugs are all strung along the outside of the wall, like the place had actually started up in the age of lamps and candles…

"This place been around a while?" I ask Linda, the Filipino lady behind the bar. The owner, it turns out.

"Sure," she says. "It opened in 1934. Became Club 13 in 1943. Nothing's changed too much since then." She says it was called Club 13 because Civic Center Drive used to be 13th Street.

"Supposed to be the second-oldest bar in California," says the Navy officer, Randall. "Hell's Angels always stop in here on their ride up through California. They call at all the oldest bars."

"Lots of memories here," says Roy the civilian, who used to be a prison cook. Drives deliveries now. "My dad always called me from the shipyards. He'd say, 'Meet you at Zone 13.' That was code for here, so Mom didn't pick up on it."

"And man, we've had some times," says Randall. "Every now and then Linda lets me throw a party. Lots of friends, plus I've got my karaoke system. Hell, I got *married* here. Sixth wife. Right by the pool table there."

"So," says Linda. "You'd like anything? Beer?"

"Let's have the pitcher," says Hank.

It's $6. Probably a deal. Even though I see it goes down to $4 on weekends.

"Want to eat too?" says Linda.

"She makes her own lumpia," says Randall. "Can't beat it. I sometimes help her."

The other choices are the double burger and fries ($7) and chicken wings (also $7 with fries). Except I'm jes' not up to burgers. "How about we share?" says Hank. "You get lumpia and I get the buffalo wings."

Sounds good to me. I uncrumple the week's last Jackson. The two food orders and the pitcher eat it up exactly. Takes Linda about ten minutes. "She's great," says Randall. "She works so hard. I almost went in with her on this."

Linda brings two oval plates stacked with French fries and lumpia tubes on one and chicken thighs and wings on the other. Hank and I do an exchange of prisoners. Chicken thigh for lumpia. I bite into my lumpia. Hmm. Nice veggie, marinated meat taste. "I cut all the garlic, onions, carrots up," Linda says, "then I cook the ground beef separately, then I get the egg-roll wrap and hand roll each piece. Lot of work."

Lot of taste. Specially when you dip them into the hot sauce she brought out with them. "It's vinegar, jalapeño, garlic, ginger, onion, salt, pepper," she says. "Should be good."

It is. And it all goes great with the beer. Pretty soon, Linda's showing photos of the wedding ceremony, and Randall's trying to remember the names of his six wives. "Aaah, jeez. There was Jorja; Irma, she was Puerto Rican; then Lisa; Sylvia, she was Mexican; then Dawn, the love of my life. From Texas. I was a cop in Dallas. That was after Vietnam. Army. Two tours. Dawn was rich. But she wanted me home. Then I went and signed up again — Navy this time. So she divorced my ass."

Linda tells how she sank her life savings into this place in 1993. "I paid too much," she says. "When I first came, the walls and the ceiling were thick with dollar bills customers had stuck up there for luck. I used half of them to buy paint. It took me six coats to get rid of the tobacco stains. This was 1993. Fifty years of smoking!"

She shows a picture of Randall at his wedding here. Amy, number six. Filipina. Really pretty, cute. "Yeah," says Randall, "but we had issues. Whatever, I still come back here."

Everybody does, he says. "You can imagine men crashing around in some typhoon on a WestPac. They'll be in their bunks saying, 'Oh, man, what would I give to be back at Moonlight on the Sea, rubbing the Buddha's tummy.' "

The big brass Buddha's down at the end of the bar, where we go to try our luck with the karaoke. Randall and I do a pretty good rendition of "On the Road Again" — amazing what echo mikes can do — then Hank whups me at pool. Then Randall calls me up for another Julio and Willie…

Gonna be a long night. But, hey, it's a full moon out there. ■

The Place: *Moonlight on the Sea Club 13, 640 Civic Center Drive, National City (619-477-2851)*
Type of Food: *American, Filipino*
Prices: *Lunchtime grilled-cheese sandwich, $3; cheeseburger and fries, $5; dinnertime double burger with fries, $7; hot wings, fries, $7; lumpia, fries, $7*
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Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

Around 70 years ago, Perry Beeson's father acquired a ranch in Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley. The land had been previously owned by San Francisco businessman Bill Paxton. Paxton had owned a winery, and besides hay crops and fruit trees, he had planted grapes on the ranch. The eight-acre planting followed the pattern made popular in part by wine-making Italian immigrants in the late part of the 19th Century: mostly Zinfandel, with some Petite Sirah, Carignan, and Pinot St. George thrown in for character.

Around 13 years ago, Perry Beeson approached the vineyard manager at Dry Creek Vineyard and asked if the winery would be interested in taking over care of his grapevines. Beeson, a dentist, had been farming the vineyard on the side and selling the grapes to Dry Creek, but the years were starting to tell on him.

Vineyard sharecropper Paul Bernier takes up the story: "The vineyard manager came out and looked at the vineyard, saw those narrow rows and steep hillsides, and said, 'No, I can't do that. But I know somebody who can.' " He called his friend Bernier.

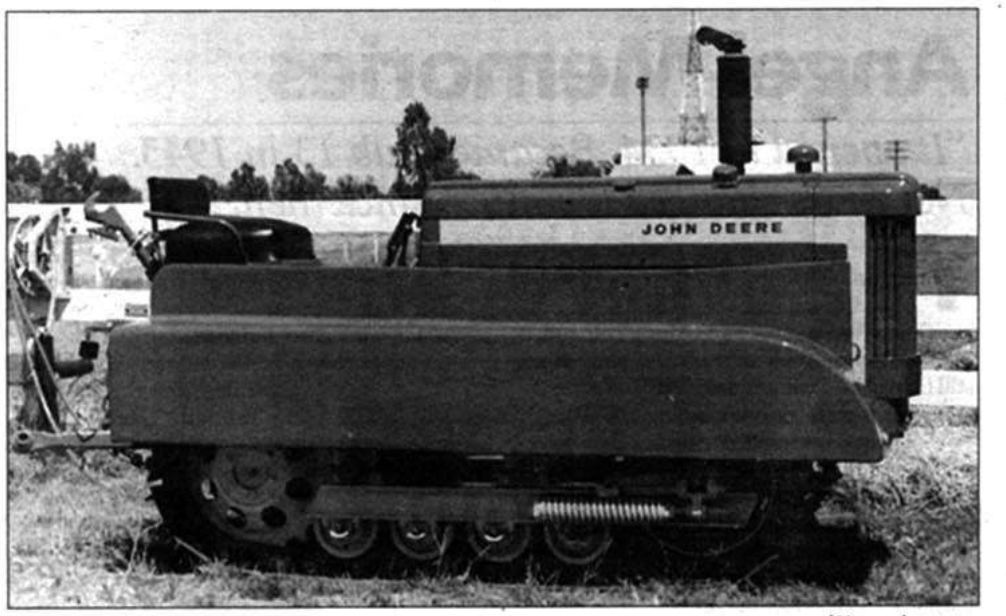
The vineyard manager declined, says Bernier, because "he didn't have small enough tools." The vines were planted in an eight-by-eight spacing — eight feet between the rows and eight feet between each vine in the row. Bernier says that the original planters experimented and found the eight-by-eight to be ideal for a couple of reasons. First, the equal spacing "let them work in either direction" without damaging the vines, an advantage when you're working on a hillside, whether your equipment is a horse and plow or a tractor.

"Seven foot is about as narrow as you can go with an old, head-trained vineyard and still be able to get through with tractors." ("Head-trained" means that the trunks of the vines were pruned low to the ground — below the level of the horse's plow gear — with canes radiating out in all directions.) "Nowadays they go [as narrow as] six feet, but the vines are very carefully pruned from the first day right at that six-foot line. They don't bulge out into the rows like the old vines."

Second, "The soil is hill soil; it's not very rich like bottomland soil. They found that a grapevine would take up about that much space and be perfectly happy. There wasn't any need to crowd them anymore. You'd just get smaller vines" from the increased competition, "and it would cost you more, and you wouldn't really get any better result." Bernier grants that these days, "You do see a lot of really dense plantings and they do it for quality, but I think the jury is still out on that. There are plenty of wineries that take fruit off 11-foot-wide rows and maybe 7-foot spacing, and they're perfectly happy with that."

Dry Creek was one of those happy wide-row wineries; hence the vineyard manager's apprehension. "The rows he's farming are nine and ten feet wide"; his tractor would have been bumping into bunches of grapes. "Doing those old narrow vineyards has been my niche for the past 25 years," says Bernier. "I picked them up pretty much through default, because nobody else had the tools to take care of them. The technology I use is out of the '50s. Some of the tools are new, but the ideas for farming these vineyards are out of the '40s and '50s." The tractor he uses on Beeson is a mere 52 inches wide.

Another reason Bernier was called is that he doesn't know "any vineyard that's being farmed that's steeper than the one at Beeson Ranch. It's about as steep as you can put a tractor on, and you can't just use a wheeled tractor. I'm using a crawler tractor, and even they're sliding sideways. I'm always having to drift upwards. I've never rolled one off that hill, but it is challenging; the biggest thing is if you slide down and get tangled up with the grapevines below you. You've got to stop, get another tractor and chains, and pull yourself out."



'50s crawler tractor

Bernier, a self-titled gearhead, likes tractors. But when he arrived at the Beeson Ranch, one of the first problems he noticed had been brought on by the advent of the motorized plow. "In the '50s, they stopped farming with horses and started farming with tractors. The vines were allowed to grow taller," since the danger of canes catching on horse gear had been removed. "Now, some of them are quite tall — the basic vine standing four and a half to five feet."

The growth happened like this: "The spurs — old, pruned canes which produce the next year's fruit-bearing canes — grow two inches a year. They just keep growing if you don't cut them back. Add up 30 or 40 years of growth, and you get these big, rangy vines. When I got there, I saw big stretches of vine without a whole lot of life. The root system wasn't able to maintain the top.

"The way to cure it is to prune the vines back hard, remove a lot of the old growth. That lets the vine come out through less buds in the springtime, and it has to maintain less wood." And because the vine usually grows other canes besides those that have been allowed to stretch into enormity, "There are usually opportunities on old vines to just take a saw, cut off an arm, and cut the vine back to two spurs. That's how you limit their length, bring them back into balance. Because of that, you get stronger growth."

Bernier isn't worried that his saw will traumatize these venerable vines or that his efforts at restoration won't pay off. "Vines don't wear out like people do. They don't have livers or lungs or hearts or anything like that to go bad. Every year they're renewed. As with any tree or woody plant, the center is dead. The only part that has life is the outer layer. You'll see this gnarly old grapevine, but in reality, the live wood is only one year old or less." ■

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — *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.*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. 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. Inexperisive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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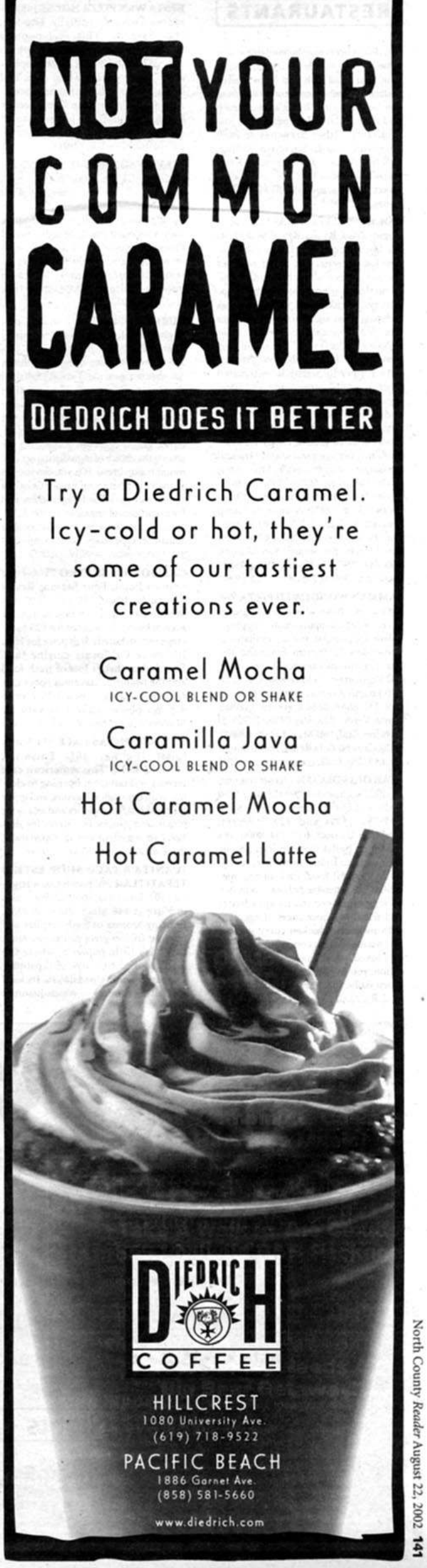

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ROCKIN' BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego's Rockin' Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm-frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like "Viva Bonita!" and "Work is for people who don't surf." The menu's big draw is the "big Baja bucket" (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and Oriental dressing in a cilantro tortilla. Open 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, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 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, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

BISTRO SOLEIL 641 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-9549. Most French food in Encinitas is of the weighty cream-and-*demi-glace* traditional genre. Soleil offers an alternative with a seasonal menu of light, herbal Provençal specialties. The emphasis is on seafood, and on olive products instead of dairy. Dinner, Mondays through Saturdays. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

CALIFORNIA BISTRO 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6800. On Wednesday night, an all-you-can-eat French buffet is available for $25 (beverage not included), half price for kids. It's more California cuisine than French, but there's lots of fresh food and the beautiful luxurious room carries the evening. Open 5:30 p.m to 9 p.m.; please make reservations. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

LA BONNE BOUFFE 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Town and Country Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog's legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA ESPECIAL NORTE 604 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-916. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It's just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o' beans — savory black beans, Cuba's staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There's no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the fur-

What the Chef Eats

OVEN-ROASTED SONOMA LAMB CHOPS

BY BERNARD GUILLAS

Executive Chef, Marine Room, La Jolla



During my travels throughout the world I have come across lamb prepared in many different ways. From the coast of Brittany to the Andes, the flavor of the lamb varies with its origin. It is one of the most versatile meats because it tastes good in any season.

One of my favorite preparations is Oven-Roasted Sonoma Lamb Chops with Honey Stone-Ground Mustard Pistachio Crust, accompanied by a Mushroom Bread Pudding and a Garlic Rosemary Jus.

I created this dish 14 years ago when I was chef at the U.S. Grant Hotel. I have never left it off of a menu since. I prefer to use Sonoma lamb from Northern California, and I like the balance of the stoneground mustard and the honey with the toasted flavor of the pistachios on top of the meat.

The bread pudding is very easy to prepare and can be varied with the many exotic mushrooms available in markets year-round. This is a perfect dish to serve friends or family for a special dinner and is particularly good in the fall or winter when chanterelles, morels, and cèpes are readily available. People love this savory take on an old-fashioned and well-loved classic dessert.

I would serve an Australian Shiraz from the Barossa region with this dish, or if you prefer California wine, a Hartford Court pinot noir or Ed.Meades Zinfandel.

HOW TO DO IT

In mixing bowl, blend stone-ground mustard and honey and set aside. In another mixing bowl toss almonds and pistachios and set aside.

Season chops on both sides with salt and pepper. Heat two tablespoons olive oil in heavy skillet. Sauté chops until medium-rare. Remove chops and place on baking sheets. Spread top of chops with honey mustard. Sprinkle with pistachio/almond mix. Set aside.

For the bread pudding, heat 1/4 cup of olive oil in heavy skillet over high heat. Sauté mushrooms two minutes until liquid evaporates. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Remove from skillet. Combine with brioche cubes and set aside. Place 1/4 cup of shallots, finely chopped, in skillet. Cook over medium heat without browning. Deglaze pan with white port. Reduce by half. Pour in heavy cream. Bring to boil. Remove from heat. Set aside to cool. In separate mixing bowl, beat eggs until well combined. Pour in cream, herbs, and porcini powder. Season with sea salt and freshly ground black pep-

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per. Place mushrooms and brioche into a buttered baking dish. Pour egg and cream mixture over top. It is very important to ensure that all of the bread is saturated with the custard. Cover tightly with foil. Bake at 350 (30 minutes or until set).

For au jus, remove excess oil from skillet and sauté one teaspoon minced shallots and three finely sliced garlic cloves until translucent. Pour in black Muscat and sherry vinegar. Reduce by half. Add beef stock. Reduce by half. Incorporate sweet butter and rosemary. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Place chops in 450 degree oven for 1–2 minutes to obtain a golden pistachio/almond crust.

On warm serving plate, place wedge of mushroom bread pudding at 2 o'clock, then place three lamb chops leaning on left side of pie. Ladle sauce around chops. Sprinkle with chives. Garnish plate with fresh herb sprigs and steamed asparagus.

Bon appétit!

INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons stone-ground mustard
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 cup chopped pistachios
1/4 cup chopped toasted almonds
2 racks of lamb, cut into 12 chops, trimmed, frenched
1 lb loaf brioche, crust removed, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 lb shiitake mushrooms, sliced
1 lb oyster mushrooms, sliced
1 lb portobello mushrooms, diced
Shallots, 1/4 cup finely chopped, 1 teaspoon minced
1/2 cup white port
1 tablespoon butter
5 eggs
3 cups heavy cream
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 tablespoon chopped chervil
1 teaspoon chopped thyme
2 tablespoons porcini powder
1/4 cup black Muscat
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
1 cup beef stock
1 teaspoon sweet butter
1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
3 garlic cloves, finely sliced
6 fresh herb sprigs
2 tablespoons fresh minced chives
36 green asparagus, peeled, steamed
Olive oil
Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper

thest Papa goes with critters. The "Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe," rightly subtitled "a meal in itself," is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don't miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

PAUL'S PLACE 3671 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

ROXY NATURAL FOODS RESTAURANT 517 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don't have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit into Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery — the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SAMURAI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar," as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts ($60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers Northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-eggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "café potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled volau-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

TOM GIBLIN'S IRISH PUB 640 Grand Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234, *www.tomgiblins.com*. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, block-long Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/02)*

VIGILUCCI'S 505 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting can-

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NORTH INLAND

A LITTLE BIT OF GERMANY 1717 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-941-4626. Authentic German menu offers most of your favorites: chicken in champagne sauce, *sauerbraten* (beef in wine-vinegar sauce), Wiener schnitzel. Hot potato salad, made-on-the-premises *spaetzle*, and strudel major pluses. Call for directions. Closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

ASHOKA THE GREAT 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chiêu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albóndigas* soup(lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of *asado, cabeza, pastor, carnitas*, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos, tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They're beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* ("raise the dead") seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FIRESIDE 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as "North County's Finest Steak House." It also seems to be the area's community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French-Continental — think duck *à l'orange*, tournedos Rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. All steaks and prime rib are USDA Choice or better, dry-aged for maximum flavor, cooked to your preference. You can taste the difference. Sometimes an octogenarian pianist tinkles out old show tunes. Isn't it romantic? It is. Dinners nightly, with bargain-priced weeknight twilight dinners, champagne brunch Sundays. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

THE FRENCH MARKET GRILLE 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway at Pomerado Road, Ralphs Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-8055. Don't miss this small but chic French restaurant. The chef/co-owner, originally from Brittany, produces superb nouvelle cuisine, with a menu of fresh dishes changing seasonally. Reservations strongly advised. Breakfast served Sunday; lunch and dinner served daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

GOLDEN EGG OMELET HOUSE 316 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-489-6420. This morning treasure-house is large but Swiss-style cute, its brick walls festooned with knicknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

KOUNTRY KITCHEN 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, livery flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

LUNGREN BROTHER'S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. It's all so cozy here that you don't care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around $6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house's gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LA JOLLA

THE CHEESE SHOP 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait, and a cool street scene outside where you can eat and beautiful-people-watch. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-2303. — *E.B. (10/01)*

COME ON IN! 1030 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Delightful 30-seat restaurant in mini-mall serves excellent Euro-bistro food. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dinners are best bets with first-rate soups, pasta dishes, fresh fish. Try the daily fresh fish or gnocchi in Bolognese sauce. Or select nightly soup plus salad. Open all day Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W. (1/00)*

CUVEE 5656 La Jolla Boulevard (at Bird Rock Avenue), La Jolla, 858-551-4090. Also at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, 858-259-5878. *www.cuveerestaurant.com.* Seasonal but rather underseasoned California-Mediterranean cuisine designed to accompany an interesting wine list priced at low retail plus $8 "corkage" per bottle; same corkage for BYO. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. Dining rooms are pleasant but quite noisy. Reservations are urged; a few tables on heated garden patio are available to drop-ins. Small parking lot in alley behind restaurant. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

FRENCH PASTRY SHOP 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094, *www.frenchpastryshop.com.* A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

INDIA PALACE 7514 Girard Avenue (at Pearl, across parking lot from Vons), suite 10, La Jolla, 858-551-5133, *www.diningsandiego.com/cyber67.htm.* In one of the best (and prettiest) Indian restaurants in the area, the refined cuisine of the north is served in a curvacious, serene room with a domed ceiling. Most dishes are gently spicy, but you can specify your preferred hotness. Stunningly tender tandoori sea bass (and a rich, slightly sweet stew made from it, fish *masala*) is a house specialty. Vegetable entrées are also outstanding, particularly the sprightly *navrattan korma*, mixed veggies in a luscious nutty, creamy yogurt sauce. Other fine choices include tandoori

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lamb dishes, stir-fried prawns *karahi*, lamb *pasanda*, and eleven house-made Indian breads. Fried appetizers, however, tend to be greasy, and chicken in all preparations is overcooked dry breast meat. For dessert, don't miss the fresh, fruity house-made mango *kulfi* (Indian ice milk). Service is competent and cordial. Reserve for weekends. Open daily. Bargain-price buffet lunch (à la carte also available). Dinners inexpensive to low moderate, with a price-leap for tandoori meats. — *N.W. (6/01)*

LA JOLLA CANTINA 2161 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-4075. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices. *Huevos rancheros* (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and *machaca* (*carne asada*, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl, sitting with a *cerveza*, dishing the day's dirt. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

LA TERRAZZA 8008 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-9750. This pleasant Italian café provides a loving and festive atmosphere. The pastas are delightful and so are the salads. A good place for casual dining. Same menu lunch and dinner except for nightly specials. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

MANHATTAN OF LA JOLLA Empress Hotel, 7766 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-459-0700. If you're searching for a restaurant that provides a sense of gaiety as well as good New York-style Italian food, then try Manhattan of La Jolla. Of the many tantalizing à la carte dishes, some of the best are rack of lamb, superb steaks, and "Seafood Mediterranean." Cannelloni is the best in San Diego. Very New York atmosphere. Lunch and dinner daily. Reserve for weekend dinners. Expensive. — *E.W.*

OCEAN KITCHEN 5525 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-3993. The dishes at this Mandarin and Cantonese restaurant contain no MSG, nor are there starches in the sauces. Very lively cooking with many unique recipes. The dinner menu is available from opening to closing. This remains one of our best natural Chinese food restaurants. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

P.F. CHANG'S CHINA BISTRO 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. At least 21 items, most of them fresh seafood and fish plus New York-cut beef and chicken. Price is $28.95, $10.95 for children. Add $10 for 1-1/4 pound fresh Maine lobster steamed to order. Excellent value for the money. Friday night only. Expensive. — *E.W. (6/99)*

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ALADDIN'S CAFE 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111, *www.aladdin_cafe.com*. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

THE BEST LITTLE RIB HOUSE 4706 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (Diane/Ross Center), Clairemont, 858-581-9444. It's small, modest, and lost in a meandering mall, but this little rib house delivers on taste. You get nine basic rib choices of chicken, beef ribs, pork ribs, or different combos. They also do pulled meat, taken off the bone, on the plate or in sandwiches. First time, take the number 7 sampler: beef rib, pork rib, and chicken, along with cornbread and two sides such as wedge country fries or macaroni salad. The standout is the pork. Some customers swear by Good-Time Charlie's sauce — a BBQ elixir that Gail's pappy Charlie Coyle perfected 65 years ago. The chipotle, molasses, and mustard seeds will kick your taste buds awake. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

LORNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN 3945 Governor Drive, Vons shopping center, University City, 619-452-0661. Twenty pasta dishes are prepared here, all from scratch, as well as hot sandwiches and pizza. Fine place for families. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

NIJIYA MARKET 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (8/99)*

PAMPAS ARGENTINE GRILL 8690 Aero Drive at Montgomery Field, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. Argentine favorites, steaks, parrillada or mixed grill, empanadas, Italian-style Argentine items, fish, and chicken provide a wide range of choices. Lively atmosphere and good service. Since the grill is very hot, order all items cooked medium or rare, else the beef, listed as organic without hormones or pesticides, arrives overcooked. Open lunch and dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (8/00)*

SEOUL B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-505-0038. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

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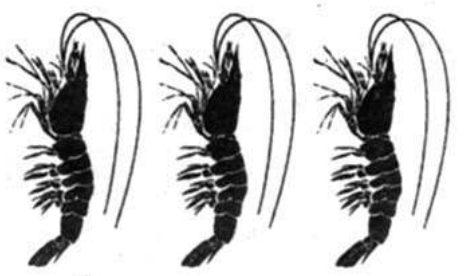

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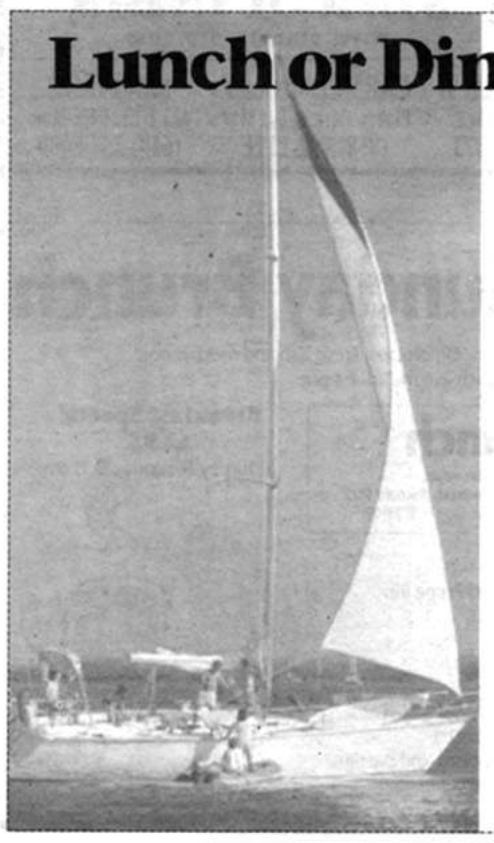

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TROPICAL STAR 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

THE AUSTRALIAN PUB 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CHATEAU ORLEANS 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744, *www.chateauorleans.com.* Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crabcakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218, *www.costabravasd.com.* Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11:00 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It's light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There's also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

LOTSA PASTA 1762 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-581-6777. This family Italian-American restaurant seats 160 people. It offers a menu where you can select your own pasta and your own sauces (12 pastas, 18 sauces). Best bets: dinner specialties with dinner salad $8.95. Only restaurant to offer *timpano* (from the movie *Big Night*). Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION CAFE AND COFFEE HOUSE 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

RANCHOS COCINA 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MIDWAY, OLD TOWN & MISSION VALLEY

CAFE PACIFICA 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-291-6666. Superior standards always prevail here. The cooking is clean to the palate and bursting with freshness. For appetizers: Dungeness crab cakes or mussels steamed in chardonnay. For entrées, daily fresh fish, lamb chops, pasta. Everything is memorable. Not to be missed. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HORSE AND COW BAR AND GRILL 2734 Lytton Street, Loma Portal, 619-224-6409. This hard-to-spot place "runs deep," like the customers it serves — submariners. Here is where the "Silent Service" lets off steam — noisily. The H&C has probably the world's greatest collection of submarine memorabilia. Subs' banners, bells, lighters, even the deepest flush toilet in the world (it belonged to the USS *Dolphin*). The sub-like interior is dark, with walls painted camouflage blue-black. Snacks include mozzarella sticks, fried mushrooms, onion rings, chicken nuggets, and wings. If you're hungry, the flop-over-the-edge steaks and burgers with fries are generous. Not that it matters. What you're really digesting is the atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

IKEA RESTAURANT & CAFE 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley. 619-283-6166, ext. 1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for take-out. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas,* big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada;* intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

PAIPA'S OASIS Sycuan Casino, 5469 Dehesa Road, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

PEARLS OF THE SEA Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, 619-445-6002. In a quiet refuge from the bustle of the casino, you'll find refined Hong Kong versions of Chinese classics, skillfully prepared in the light Cantonese style. The menu ranges from low-priced noodle bowls (including a dynamite Cantonese take on Filipino *pansit*) up to live Maine lobster and excellent Peking Duck served with beautiful little Mandarin buns. The rear of the restaurant boasts live tanks, and if you love good seafood, do step back to choose your fish, which can be sensitively steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried — your option. (By the way, a whole fish to feed a tableful runs less than a skimpy fillet at any fancy restaurant.) Since most gamblers want to gobble and run, tell the server immediately if you want your meal served in leisurely courses (as the food deserves). No alcohol. Reserve for weekends or large groups. Inexpensive, with a few large dishes and specialties at moderate prices. — *N.W. (6/01)*

POTRERO'S CAFE 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2694. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for


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SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. Construction workers come in during the day, students at night. Around 6 p.m., you get a little of both. And the food tells the tale: yes, there's little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalepeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Brunch daily from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday special from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Open Saturday from one hour after sunset to 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

THE WAYSIDE CAFE 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633. Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASIA CAFE 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *Larb-Kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *Bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *Lard Nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

HAPPY HOUR SPORTS BAR 2519 Market Street. (No phone.) Winner: hardest-to-find eatery in San Diego. You have to walk from 25th and Market till you hear the sound of barking dogs. Next to their dusty yard sits a little building that looks 100 years old and they say used to be a carriage house. It is 10 feet wide at the max, weather-worn chocolate brown, and hidden by a big California pepper tree. No sign except for a notice in the musty window: "Yes, we're OPEN." Reminds you of *Lonesome Dove*. Inside, maybe the friendliest bar since *Cheers*, but a lot smaller, a lot more real. During the week expect only hot dogs, but weekends, great bargains with down-home dishes like the Pork Chop Plate, Swiss steak with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn, and BBQ spare ribs. Outside BBQ during the football season. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

MAMA'S BAKERY AND LEBANESE DELI 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials ("Meatloaf Mondays," etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Talmadge, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

SAIGON 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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CAFE ON PARK 3831 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Seven days. Expect a line on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with great sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — *N.W. (5/02)*

THE GATHERING 902 West Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

HAMBURGER MARY'S 308 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, *www.kemosabesandiego.com.* Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decoratfng the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

ONO SUSHI AND PACIFIC SPICE 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (11/98)*

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. — *M.N. (10/99)*

SASSAFRAS 3667 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-4745. This restaurant claims to serve "Continental Americaine" (whatever that is), but chef-owner Andre Bellard is a son of Lafayette, Louisiana, and knows his Cajun flavors inside out when he chooses to showcase them. The Acadian seafood gumbo, which includes spicy house-made andouille sausage, is one of the best in any town; oysters Bienville resemble the better-known oysters Rockefeller, but Bellard miraculously manages to barely warm the bivalves while he bakes the lush spinach topping. Several other appetizers are creative flights on traditional Creole ingredients, and on Wednesday nights, there's an exuberant crawfish feast on the enclosed patio, with mudbugs shipped live from Louisiana cooked with andouille and corn in a tasty house-made "boil." Alas, the regular entrées are rather simple and not nearly so scintillating. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. High-moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663, *www.savoronfifth.com.* This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions. Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for lunch weekdays, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

DOWNTOWN

BANDAR FINE PERSIAN CUISINE 825 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-238-0101. The best Persian food in the city is prepared here. It's sensuous, low-fat, and a blessing to the sight as well as the palate. Try stuffed grape leaves, yogurt, eggplant, charbroiled filet mignon, lamb, or chicken. Order all three kinds of rice. Enchanting interior, wonderful service. Not to be missed. Open daily, same menu lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BAY CAFE 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, breakfast to pre-dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp District, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice and good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822. Family-style, southern Italian cooking in a dining room seating 305 people. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambiance is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not for gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "*la nueva cocina Mexicana,*" a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huitlacoche* ("corn fungus," but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DIM SUM KINGDOM 730 Broadway (at Seventh Avenue), downtown, 619-239-1782. This "99-cent joint" is a great place to start the day if you're low on cash and crave some Chinese-American food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries,

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DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

GRAND CENTRAL CAFE YMCA, 500 West Broadway (at Fifth Avenue), downtown, 619-234-2233. A nice Broadway surprise — who'd expect the "Y" to have terrific meals? But Grand Central tries hard. The breakfasts are big and filling, and the lunch chili with salad and cheese toast is a tasty bargain. So is the veggie-burger with fries, coleslaw, soup, or salad. Plus you can look down onto Broadway and check when your boss is returning to work. Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GYROSCOPE GREEK CAFE 926 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-235-4635. You want cheap *and* interesting food in the Gaslamp? Gyroscope's one of the few that make that list. They grind their own meats fresh daily, with beef and lamb on alternate days. (They're among the few to offer lamb *dolmades*.) The menu features the usual medium-priced kabobs, moussaka, *spanakopita*, tiger shrimps, and steak. But you can also get amply filling "sandwich" size plates for just a few bucks: beef kabob, lamb, chicken breast, and of course the gyro (marinated lamb and beef slices in pita bread). Get one of these, a glass of burgundy, and a table with a view of the passing parade, and you'll be feeling like a king. Even cheaper at lunchtime. Open daily, lunch and dinner, early dinner on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

JUKE JOINT CAFE 327 Fourth Avenue (across from Cost Plus), Gaslamp District, 619-323-7685, *www.jukejointcafe.com*. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood (but the Gaslamp is lots safer). They call their cooking "West Coast Soul Food," but it's still mighty South Coast, too, including a just-about-perfect filé gumbo, thick and rich, flavored with genuine Louisiana sausage. Good jambalaya, fried foods (try fried pickles and gizzards for a down-home treat), huge steaks, and live music for a hip crowd make this a tasty scene. Full bar. Reservations strongly advised. No cover charge with dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good. I suggest the calamari plate, and the rotisserie-roasted chicken or pork are both moist and delicious. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscany-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

REDFISH 731 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-7226, *www.redfishamerica.com/sandiego.html*. At this sprawling New Orleans-style restaurant/nightclub (one of a small national chain), the varied music playing over the speakers before showtime is consistently tasty. Alas, one can't say the same for the cooking, so order with care. Best dishes include a rich, smoky crawfish etouffée, interesting okra gumbo, and mainly-decent salads and appetizers. But authenticity and taste go blazes in a tomatoey jambalaya with the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-a-lug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SPICE HOUSE CAFE 1401 Ninth Street (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-239-8510. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Original branch at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028, also serves dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TRATTORIA PORTOBELLO 715 Fourth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-4440. The owners of Panevino operate this chic restaurant with its light menu and wide variety of dishes. You can make a meal from appetizers. The pastas are the best bets. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

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THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PANCAKES 562 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-5133. This is a great place for three things: your family, your kids, and your appetite. The restaurant is famous for its "Grandma's" buckwheat pancakes, its banana-pecan pancake, and its rolled pancakes, oozing with berries and topped with cream and powdered sugar. Just try and survive their *8-12* egg omelet! Other good bets include a deluxe burger with French fries, tomatoes, and house sauce, and a grilled tuna sandwich with fries. Breakfast/lunch only, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GALLEY AT THE MARINA 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you're gonna buy when you win the lotto. It's run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego's greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — *M.N. (11/98)*

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

TIJUANA

(The prefix for all Tijuana numbers is 011-52-664. From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.)

CAFE LA ESPECIAL 718 Avenida Revolución (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA LENA 11191 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-2920. Don't miss the charming room, the open grill, and the tortilla maker who prepares fresh tortillas as the diners are seated. Dinners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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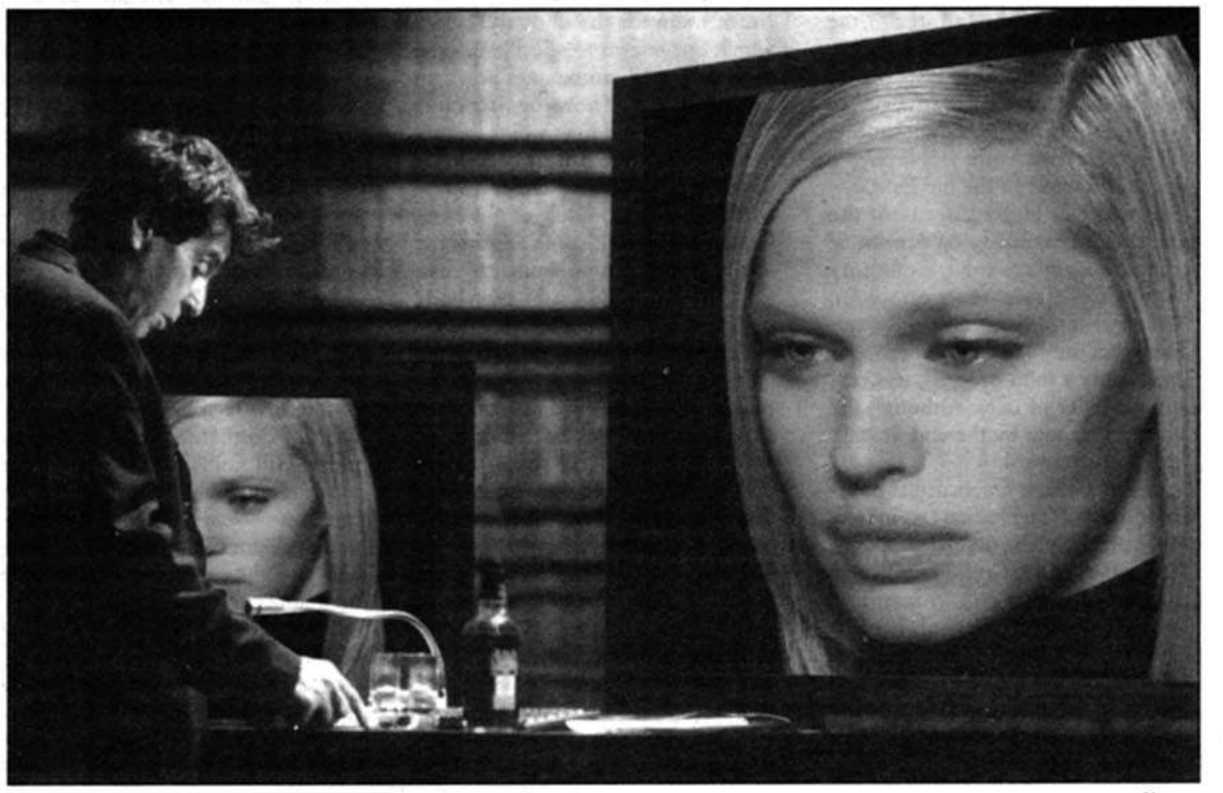
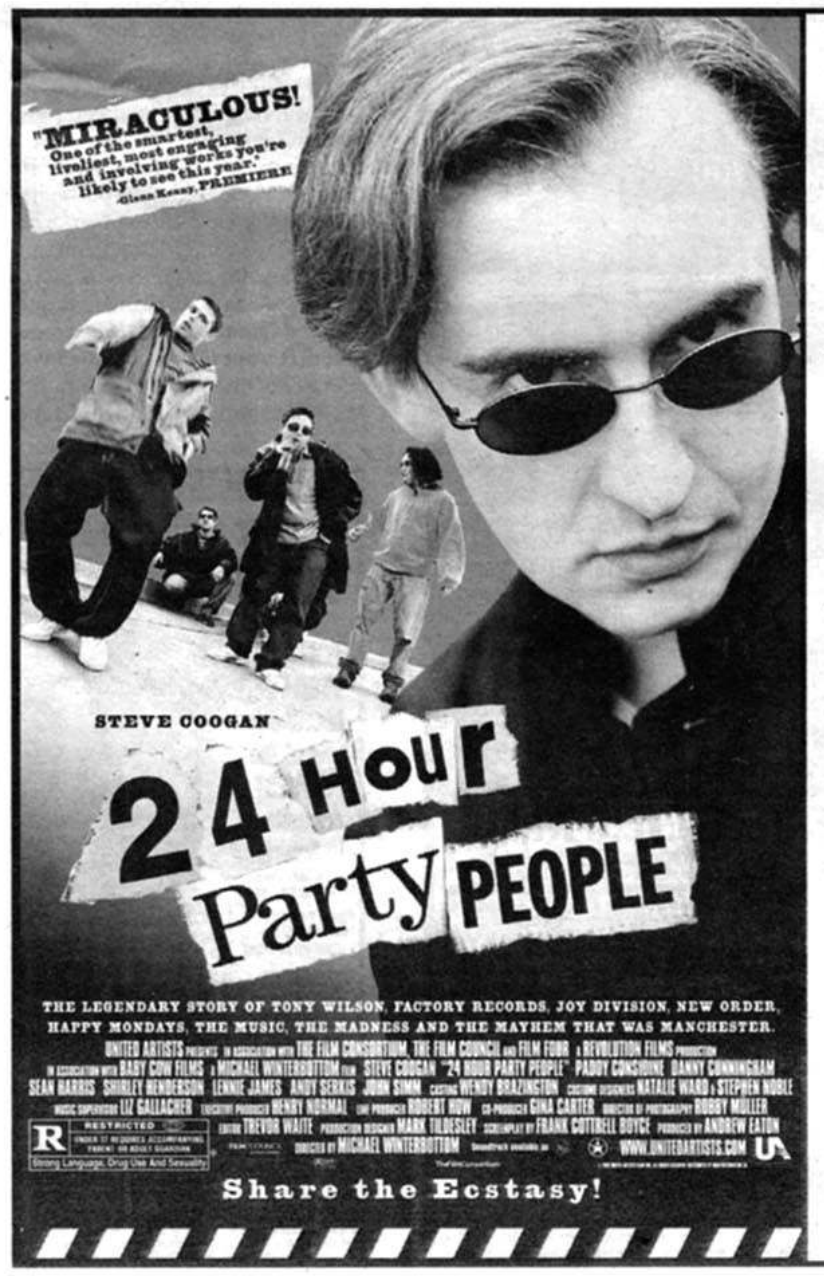


Simone

Already it seems a long time ago — and maybe nowadays five years is indeed a long time ago — that Joel Schumacher was crowing about how moviegoers would be unable to tell when, in *Batman and Robin*, they were looking at George Clooney and when they were looking at a computer-generated image of George Clooney. This boast has been rephrased thusly, "Our ability to manufacture fraud now exceeds our ability to detect it," in Andrew Niccol's *Simone*, a science-fictional Hollywood satire that just barely qualifies as science fiction. Of course we have not yet, so far as we know for a certainty, and despite any suspicions we might have about Julia Roberts, reached the point where the female lead of a live-action film could be supplanted, without detection, by a CG stand-in. (Actors in Batsuits must be easier to replicate.) Even so, the possibility scarcely stretches our imaginations. Along with the increasing lifelikeness of computer animation (it's common enough now for CG dinosaurs, dogs, mice, and Jar-Jar Binkses to co-exist on screen with actual humans), we have also been witness to the increasing sculpturization or robotization of flesh-and-blood actors: "Most actors these days have digital work done to them," goes another line in *Simone*. "It's a gray area." The meeting point of these two trends, or passing point, cannot be far off.

Winona Ryder, whose chiselled and sandblasted countenance and buffed body have begun to look less and less like Winona Ryder and more and more like everyone else, permits herself to be submitted in evidence in *Simone*, in the cameo role of a "supermodel with a SAG card," whose fits of temperament ("Am I or am I not entitled to the biggest trailer on the lot?") drive her current director, Al Pacino (having fun for a change), to cut her loose ("Creative differences? The difference is, you're not creative!") and to replace her with a cyberstar known as Simone — short for Simulation One — whose uncomplaining pliability surpasses anything ever demanded by Alfred ("Actors Are Cattle") Hitchcock. Inasmuch as the aforementioned meeting or passing point has not been reached in reality, an actual supermodel with a SAG card, name of Rachel Roberts, is enlisted to play the creation of a software mad scientist (Elias Koteas), able to call upon a memory bank of past movie stars to shape every look, every gesture, every inflection. Not surprisingly, this Roberts — perhaps not all that distinct from Julia in this regard — shows nothing to justify the raves she receives for her acting talent: "Absolutely unreal!" "Not of this earth!" Moreover, the whole element of fraud — the director's refusal to come clean on his ruse, his erection of an inviolable Garbo-esque mystique around his elusive "star" — causes problems of plausibility as the plot rolls along to additional film projects, a J.Lo-like singing career, TV interviews, and so on. But where plausibility suffers, truthfulness nevertheless thrives. The particulars of the premise — though it has been carefully set up and inventively fleshed out — do not matter as much as its reverberations. These extend into such fertile territory as the Hollywood teeter-totter of technology vs. art ("This is a classic case of



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technology in search of an artist"), the directorial ego (the Pygmalion complex, the Svengali syndrome, the Frankenstein mania), the eternal power struggle between director and star, the unchanging public preference for the visible puppet and indifference to the hidden puppeteer, the escalating frenzy of the press, the expanding dominion of computers, and above all, the illusory nature of whatever we see on screen. Niccol, writer-director also of *Gattaca* and writer only of *The Truman Show*, is certainly a man of ideas, less certainly a teller of tales. Although the whole thing sags by the end, it stays with you afterward.

Secret Ballot is an absurdist political comedy set on Election Day in Iran. More precisely, the desolate island of Kish in the Persian Gulf. The officious election official, a city woman in a heavy chador that leaves only her face exposed and requires constant readjustment, has until five o'clock to round up every vote on the sparsely populated island, and by God she means to do it, escorted by a burly, meaty-faced soldier with a too-small hat (like Chaplin, like Langdon), a rifle, and a jeep. A fugitive in flight from authority gets run to earth: "We must have his vote!" A list of ten candidates will be presented to everyone (or photos of them for the illiterate), from which the voter is to select two, even if his preferred candidate is nowhere on the list, even if he recognizes none of them. One old man wants to vote for Allah alone. With time running short, the law-abiding soldier stops at a red light in the middle of nowhere, though they haven't seen another car all day. In the by now familiar Iranian way, nobody smiles, and everybody tirelessly repeats themselves. Writer-director Babak Payami, not one of the hitherto familiar names (but Mohsen Makhmalbaf is credited with the story idea), exhibits total assurance to go along with, and lend support to, a balky, mulish pace. He shoots predominantly in long shot, careful, purposeful compositions that hold the screen and are long held. Apart from the marvelous sense of landscape, of entering it and of moving around in it, the distances from the camera generate an air of watchfulness and patience. Democracy advances slowly.

Undisputed takes Walter Hill back to the arena of his auspicious first film, the boxing arena, but this time inside prison walls instead of subterranean bare-knuckle streetfighting. He has not been much heard from lately. Six years have gone by since his last directing credit on *Last Man Standing*. (His name was removed from the disastrous *Supernova* more recently.) It is somewhat startling to realize he has hit the age of sixty, a codger by the standards of contemporary Hollywood: Walter Over-the-Hill. Seeing as how he has come so far without ever once succumbing to the lures of fashion and prestige, the important thing now would seem to be to finish out his career without tarnishing the achievement of *Hard Times* (that first one), *The Driver, The Warriors, The Long Riders, Streets of Fire, Extreme Prejudice*. This low-profile, low-tech summer throwaway will not do that. Nor will it do any more. Hill holds the *de rigueur* rap music to a tolerable minimum, but he can nonetheless be faulted for inflationary rhetoric in putting the reigning heavyweight champion behind bars on a rape charge (not that that in itself taxes credulity: I think we all know whom Hill is thinking of), where he can be matched up against a lifer who ten years earlier was a ranked heavyweight himself and is currently the undefeated Inter-Prison champ. There's nothing much doing until the fight, in fact so little that the ninety minutes must be filled out with pre-penitentiary flashbacks and archival prizefighting footage. The outside champ (Ving Rhames) intermittently punches someone to prove who's the Big Dog ("I ain't no punk-ass rapist!"), while the inside champ (Wesley Snipes) turns inward in solitary confinement and constructs a miniature pagoda out of toothpicks. No time is wasted on drumming up sympathy for either one of them, nor excitement over their nonstop, no-style slugfest. The movie is lean to the point of starvation, tough to the point of unchewability.

Possession, the umpteenth recycling of that title, poses a Jamesian literary mystery in the vein of *The Aspern Papers* and *The Figure in the Carpet*. Two present-day scholars, an American male who specializes in a fictitious Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria and an English female who specializes in a lesser-known poetess known to be a lesbian, track down evidence of a secret affair between their two specialties, and strike a similar spark between themselves. You can imagine their excitement as academic detectives, never mind as potential lovers. Yet you cannot really feel it, perceive it, sense it. (Even the rival treasure hunters from New Mexico can't turn up the flame.) Part of this might be traced to the casting of Gwyneth Paltrow, the Anti-Charisma, reprising her clothespin-on-nose British accent, and the unshaven Aaron Eckhart, who seems to say it all about himself when he assures his genteel hostess that he's just "a brush-and-flush kind of guy." Part of it, too, might be traced to the mere fact of adaptation to another medium: puncturing the literary airtightness of the A.S. Byatt novel and flooding it with raw, rough, washed-out illustrations. That would only be speculation. I haven't read the novel, but it comes across on screen as little more than a sop story with highbrow pretensions, a paperback romance bound in Moroccan leather. Jennifer Ehle, the Pseudo-Streep, and Jeremy Northam, suave as ever, wear their costumes well in the flashbacks to the 19th Century, and in general carry off their roles better than their modern counterparts. ("You cut me, madam." "I only meant to scratch.") But the spectacle — the stunt — of the astringent, the acid Neil LaBute (*In the Company of Men, Your Friends and Neighbors, Nurse Betty*) turning his attention to High-Tea Cinema is not so much broadening of his image as shattering of it. It could be argued, if any partisan could be mobilized to argue it, that the theme of the difficulty and destructiveness of relations between the sexes connects to his earlier work. It could also be said, by way of retort, that his habitual coldness and aridness create a hostile climate for this particular work. Somehow, too, the extreme poverty of his first film imposed a sense of form that has since run to flab.

The official opening last week of the Madstone Hazard Center afforded a few hints as to what this new theater has to offer the moviegoer, over and above baked goods and Numi teas and tables at which to consume them. First is the possibility of increasing the traffic flow of foreign and American independent films (*Late Marriage, Who Is Cletis Tout?*), as if by adding a new lane to a freeway. Second is the possibility, rather in the sporadic manner of the Pacific Gaslamp, of lengthening the life of such films after they've played out their string at a Landmark theater (*Sex and Lucia, The Fast Runner*): we wouldn't want the traffic flow to accelerate to such a pace as to muffle word-of-mouth. What might temper



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our enthusiasm about both those possibilities is that either way we are faced with films of the 21st Century. Thus the best, the most innovative, the most altruistic idea, now that the Ken shows little interest anymore in repertory, is the third possibility, of devoting one screen a week to a treasured oldie (*Umberto D.*): an even better idea than Numi teas. (One awaits reassurance that a theater which cares enough to show such things will also have the equipment and the know-how to show them in the correct aspect ratio. I'm told that *Citizen Kane*, on the inaugural Free Weekend, was shown incorrectly.) I do not say that this is a good idea economically. And I do not say that the film program at MoPA could sure use the competition. But I do say that the best film at that theater last week was on that screen.

As long as I am mentioning the Pacific Gaslamp, I could mention I was caught completely off guard when it branched out and premiered Shohei Imamura's *Warm Water under a Red Bridge* a week ago Friday. (That's Shohei Imamura of *The Pornographer, Vengeance Is Mine, The Ballad of Narayama, Black Rain, Dr. Akagi*, et al., an eminent figure through four decades of Japanese cinema.) I can't really recommend the movie. I can only commend the theater. ■

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The Adventures of Pluto Nash — Science-fiction comedy starring Eddie Murphy and Rosario Dawson, directed by Ron Underwood.
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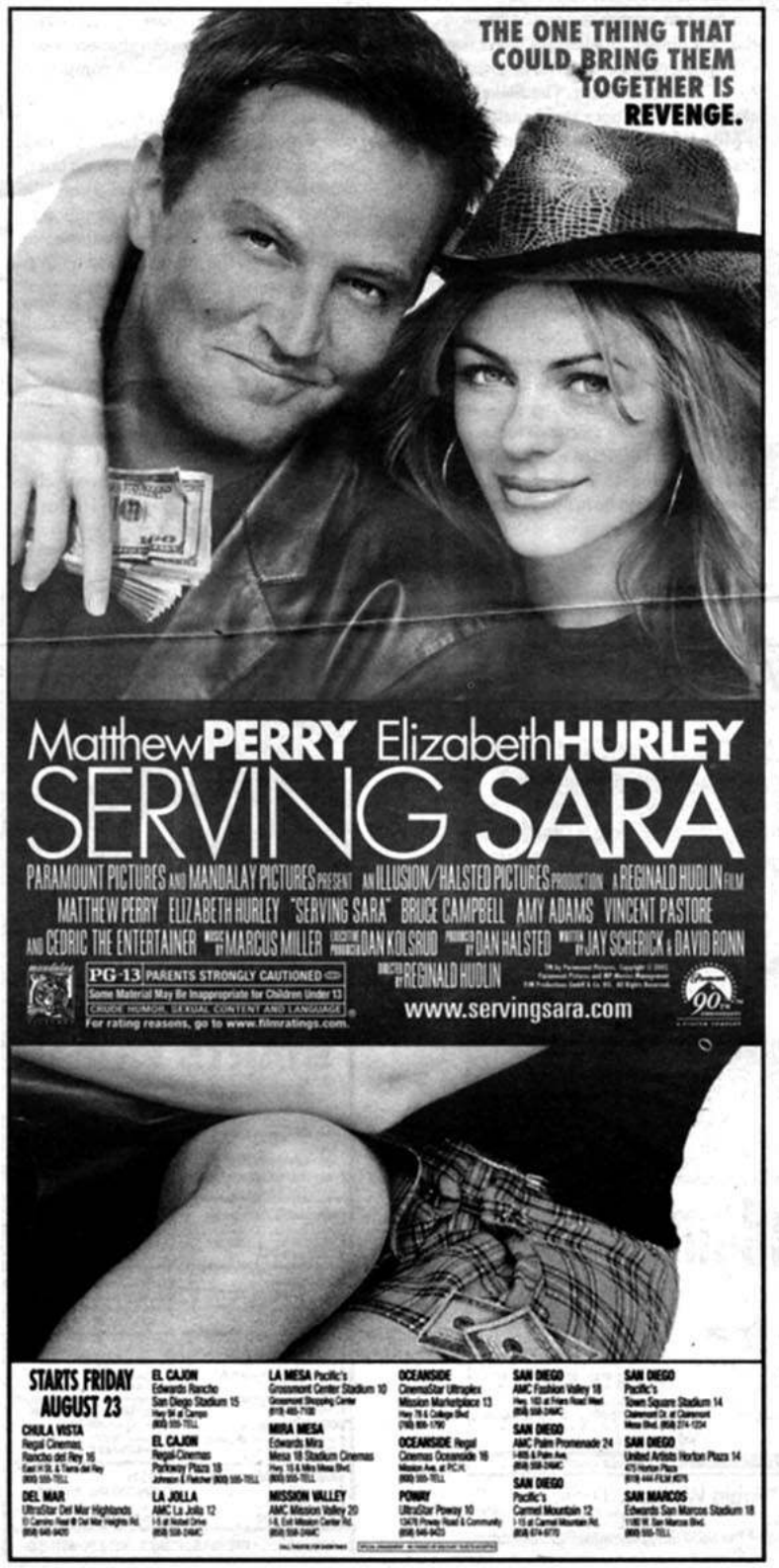
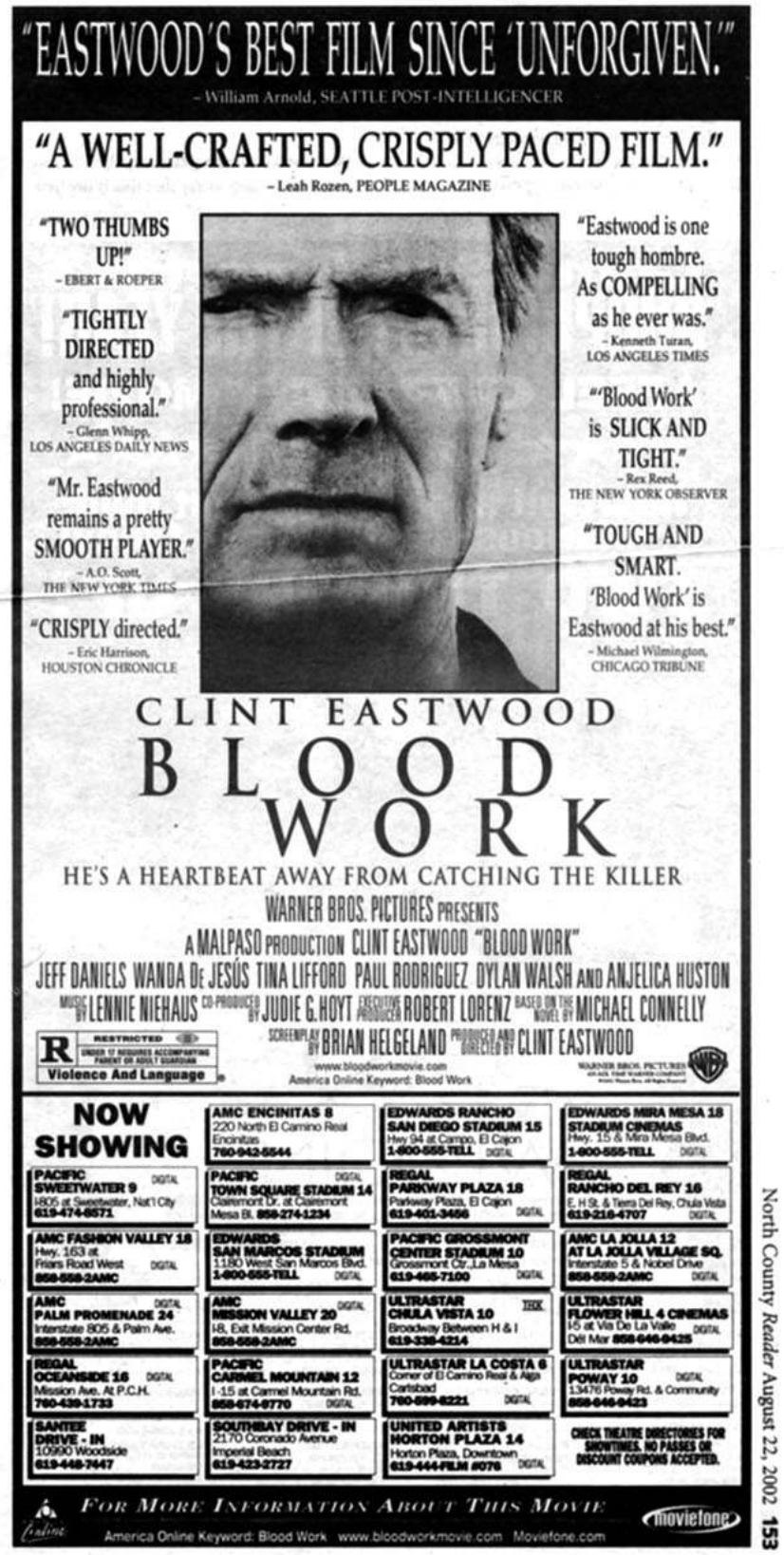
Blood Work — The original novel by Michael Connelly seemed to have been written with a movie in mind: one of those overblown, overheated thrillers whose villain is a taunting, string-pulling, game-playing archfiend of boogeyman dimensions. Clint Eastwood (cited, for unspecified services, in the book's 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 familiar Eastwood whisper. (Hardly the miraculous, water-into-wine, sow's-ear-into-silk-purse transmutation of *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 FBI profiler — twenty years older than the one in the book — with a newly transplanted 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 repeat: has been. Now, even the boogeyman cannot quite get his eye to widen or his lip to curl. With Jeff Daniels, Wanda De Jesús, Tina Lifford, Paul Rodriguez, Anjelica Huston. 2002.
★ (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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Blue Crush — Can the local Hawaiian surfer chick bounce back from a near drowning, conquer her fear, and win the Pipemasters Contest at the same time as she romances a *GQ* NFL QB? Director John Stockwell, of *Crazy/Beautiful*, murmurs some feminist sweet nothings, but his PC lip service is overcome by a penchant for *Baywatch* montages and a severe case of the fidgets. Wipeout! With Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanoe Lake. 2002.
● (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)

The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (*Swingers, Go*) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert Ludlum best-seller about an amnesiac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman's cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But that only accentuates the scent of the social climber: the "independent" who's looking for a hook-up. For all its démodé denigration of the CIA as a band of dirty tricksters, the plotline is very much an ode to the superspy: far more Bond than Smiley. The hero doesn't know he's one of those, nor even know his own name, after he's hauled out of the Mediterranean by subtitle-speaking fishermen, with two slugs in his back and a Swiss bank code implanted in his hip. His training, however, comes out in a twinkling whenever he needs it: one-man-army karate, human-fly climbing, Grand Prix driving, fluency in any language under the sun. He can even do a spot of women's hairstyling for purposes of altering appearance. And the need arises often, because there's an army of assassins on his tail, for reasons unknown, or anyway







unremembered. Watching him extricate himself from one tight spot after another, you have to wonder how he ever managed to drop his guard long enough to get two bullets in the back and lose his memory. The answer, when finally it comes to him in flashback, reveals an incongruously, and laughably, soft heart. At that point, you have to wonder how he ever got the assignment to begin with. To give Liman his due, this is slick, sleek, fast entertainment, and he therewith demonstrates that he's up to the task of big-budget blockbuster filmmaking — if "up" is indeed the correct location of it. 2002.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

The Cockettes — Bill Weber's and David Weissman's documentary on the gender-bending San Francisco cabaret troupe ca. 1970.
(KEN, 8/23 THROUGH 29)

Les Destinées — Three-hour French costume piece covering decades in the life — early 20th Century — of a disillusioned reverend turned industrialist. Painfully slow in spite of (or partly on account of) a hectic visual style: haphazard cutting, a groping, staggering camera. An appetite for antique costumes will be satisfied in any case. Charles Berling, Emmanuelle Béart, Isabelle Huppert; directed by Olivier Assayas. 2000.
★ (KEN, THROUGH 8/22)

Enigma — Second World War espionage thriller, set on the British homefront at Bletchley Park, otherwise known as Station X, the top-secret cryptography center, where they've now got just four days to crack "Shark," the revised German U-boat code, before a convoy of merchant ships from the U.S. enters perilous waters. In other words: same genre, same era, same milieu (more or less) as the nearby *Charlotte Gray*. We even meet the protagonist, a woolly-headed math whiz ("With numbers, truth and beauty are the same thing") recovering from a nervous breakdown, exactly where we earlier met Charlotte: at the window of a train compartment, which gives way to another train compartment in flashback. And like *Charlotte*, it belongs in the unglamorous, unromanticized, Graham Greene branch of spy fiction, notwithstanding the love triangle between an ace decoder (Dougray Scott, looking a bit like a young Tom Courtenay), a mysterious willowy blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter's wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Plot convolutions aside, it's historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of *Charlotte*. But that's not to say it's cinematically more interesting. Not to say — to take our metaphor from their introductory scenes — that it fits together as tightly and moves along as powerfully as a railway train. *Charlotte* is a Eurostar, a Thalys; *Enigma* is more of a huffing-and-puffing handcar. To be sure, the Enigma code machine — a sort of rewired typewriter with ever-changing letters for each key — is an interesting object, as is the primitive computer with its rows upon rows of revolving colored wheels. But these are essentially static museum exhibits. With Jeremy Northam; written by Tom Stoppard; directed by Michael Apted. 2002.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 broad-mindedness. As storytellers, however, even as documentarists, the filmmakers are to a high degree inept. And at nearly three hours in length, the experience is a bit of an ordeal. 2002.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 8/22)

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 peepee-poopoo jokes, and incongruous spoofs of rap music, blaxploitation films, *The Silence of the Lambs*, what-have-you. And suddenly our swinging superspy can develop parental-approval 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 skit-length.) And there's one sophisticated line of dialogue, quoted here in its entirety if it will save you the bother: "There are only two things I can't stand in this world. People who are intolerant of other people's cultures. And the Dutch." With Mike Myers, Beyoncé Knowles, Seth Green, Michael York; directed by Jay Roach. 2002.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 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; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 8/23; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Happy Times — A happier experience for the moviegoer than for the 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, rainbowy palette. It looks, if inflation hasn't dimmed the compliment, like a million bucks. 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 as she is with a pampered son of equal 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. The comedy and its cast of characters, however, are much more than just comic. They — one or the other or both — are also pathetic and heroic, small and ambitious, cynical and hopeful, all at once or in rapid succession. A complex mixture that approximates real life. 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 Paradise* — to avoid manipulation altogether. But to the extent that this is manipulation, it is expert manipulation. Gentle, deft, unforced. 2001.
★★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

K-19: The Widowmaker — Fact-based story of a near-miss nuclear disaster aboard a Soviet submarine in 1961. (A companion, of sorts, to *Thirteen Days*.) Full of Russian fatalism, isolationism, and hugger-muggerism, in addition to clenched muscles, sweat, and merciless music. A grind, but not unbearable. The only comic relief comes in the coda: the twenty-eight-year reunion of the survivors, all of whom (even those who were rookies at the time) are done up in gray wigs and old-age makeup. With Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard; directed by Kathryn Bigelow. 2002.
★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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Godfather, Chinatown), a former two-bit actor (*Man of a Thousand Faces, The Sun Also Rises, The Fiend Who Walked the West)* and former women's sportswear manufacturer (Evan-Picone). It's something of a trade-off: you get bountiful film clips, stills, talk-show appearances, and, not least, all-star excerpts from his *Get High on Yourself* public-service TV special in penance for cocaine possession. But you also have to put up with his bassy, reverberant, abrasive, monotonous voice as it dispenses His Side of the Story in pseudo-tough, terse, platitudinous prose: "We both came out of the same school of drama. The drama of life." And: "Any man who thinks he can read the mind of a woman is a man who knows nothing." And (inevitably): "You live by the sword, you die by the sword." Besides tough, terse, and platitudinous, he can also be appallingly tacky: his soon-to-be wife (later ex-wife), Ali MacGraw, is christened "Miss Snot-Nose Flower Child." What finally, during the closing credits, tips the balance into the black is Dustin Hoffman's just-for-fun imitation of Evans at the time of *Marathon Man* — 1976 — but also, by a stroke of luck, broadening the imitation to a forecast of what he might be like in twenty-five years (i.e., right about now). If you've stuck it out till then, don't leave your seat too soon. Directed by Brett Morgen and Nanette Burstein. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 8/22)

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)

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Little Secrets — A cool, collected, fourteen-year-old violin virtuoso (Evan Rachel Wood, a sweetie-pie) sets up a pocket-change business as the official secrets-keeper and advice-giver of her neighborhood, and the younger kids are happy to line up and pay fifty cents per secret. But all these secrets, including a whopper of her own, begin to weigh on her as she's preparing the Mendelssohn concerto for a Youth Symphony audition. Wholesome family film (targeting pre-teens and early teens especially), ingratiating, touching, damn near embarrassing. With Michael Angarano, David Gallagher, and Vivica A. Fox; directed by Blair Treu. 2002.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/23)

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. Writer-director 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.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 8/23; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 8/22)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; SWEETWATER 9)

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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

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)



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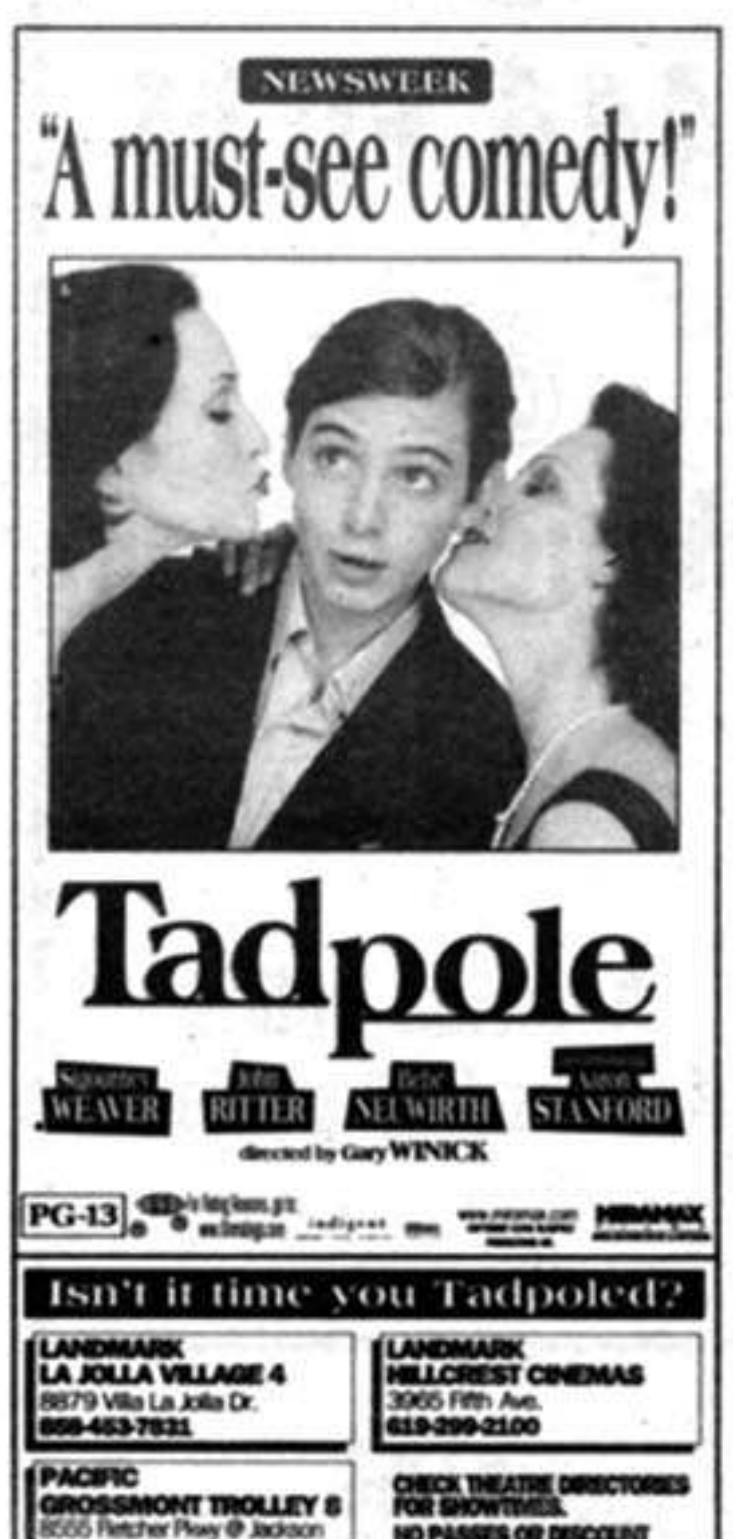

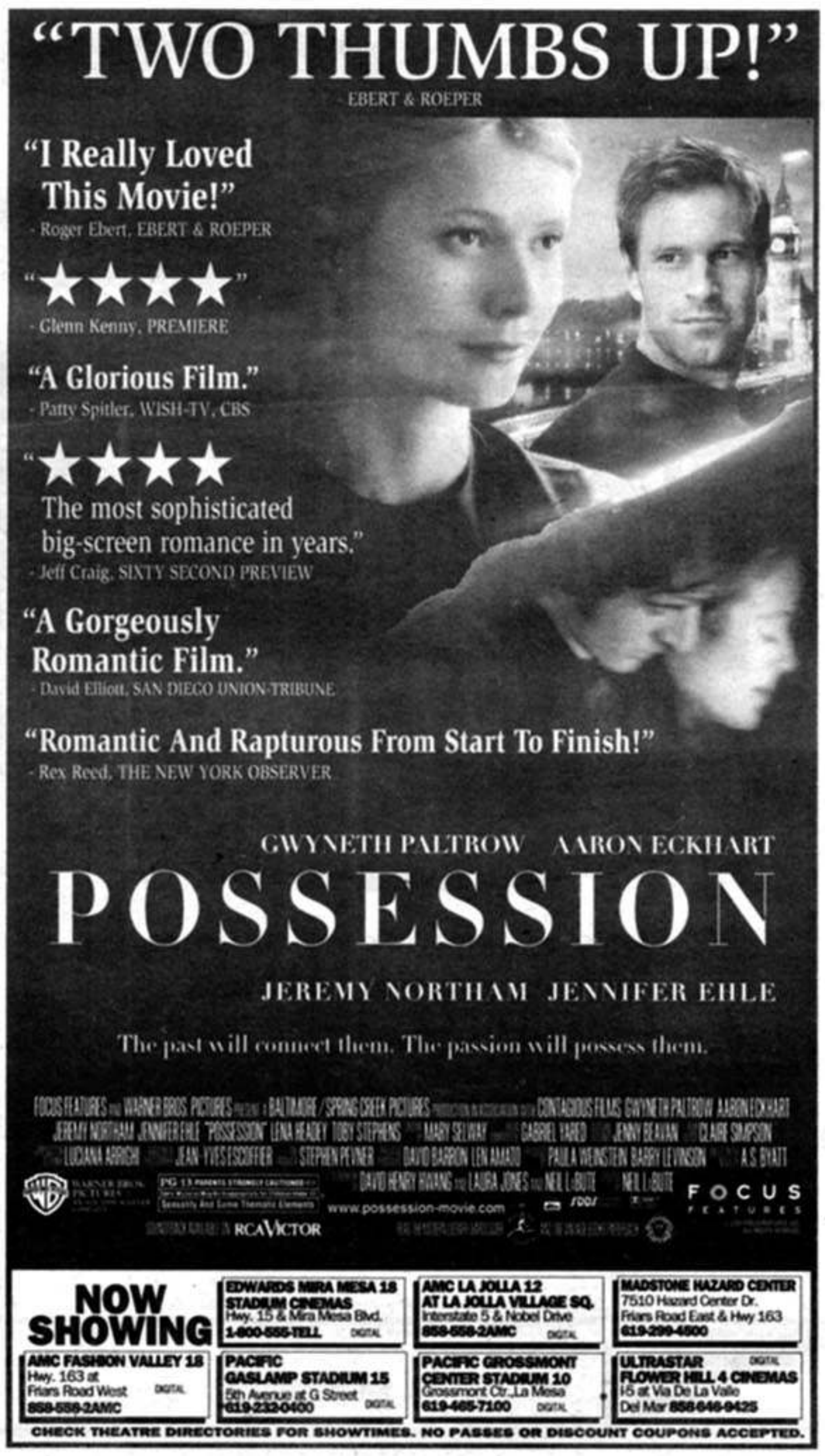



Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial *femme fatale*, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from *Dune*, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald's cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every Quarter-Pounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

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, THROUGH 8/22)

Minority Report — A Steven Spielberg vision of the future, via Philip K. Dick, with a legitimate science-fictional idea in it. The idea has to do with an experimental crime-prevention unit in Washington, D.C., in the mid-21st Century — the Department of Pre-Crime — whose task is to stop the murders foreseen by a co-ordinated trio of clairvoyants known as Pre-Cogs, soaking round the clock in a communal bath, in a perpetual twilight zone between sleep and wakefulness. They can't tell everything. They can't, for reasons brushed aside in a single snippet of dialogue, foretell any crime but homicide. And they cannot tell *where* the crime will occur, much less whether the Pre-Crime storm troopers will arrive in time to prevent it. They can, though, tell the names of the victim and perpetrator (neatly spelled out on little wooden balls dispatched through a pneumatic tube), and they can tell, to the exact minute, *when* the crime will occur. It's the detectives' job to view the mental images (stored somehow in those engraved billiard balls) and to figure out the scene of the crime before the literal deadline. The system seems to be fool-proof, until, at any rate, the Pre-Cogs spit out a perpetrator's ball inscribed with the name of the lead detective (Tom Cruise, in the military haircut of the first *Mission: Impossible*, and briefly, shadowedly, in the shaved head of boot camp: what a trouper!), together with a victim's ball inscribed with a name the detective has never before heard. There must be some mistake. At around the forty-five-minute mark, the concern with issues (destiny, determinism, and the like) gives way to a concern with chases, fights, games of hide-and-seek, cheap plot tricks. (School's out. Playtime begins.) Well before that, even, the concern with issues has already had to jostle for space alongside a concern with various forms of spectacle: eye-assaulting special effects, elaborate set design, gizmos and gewgaws, smoky desaturated monochromed color. That's the price you have to pay in a Spielberg movie — and the price *he* has to pay as well. Never can he work on a movie without overworking it. Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton, Max Von Sydow, Tim Blake Nelson, Peter Stormare. 2002.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)



Little Secrets

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? Fōot fetish? Homage to Buñuel?) And even though Sandler is no Gary Cooper — much less a Lou Gehrig — Frank Capra makes a helpful hitting instructor. 2002.
★ (PALM PROMENADE 24)

My Big Fat Greek Wedding — Self-anointed "Frump Girl" meets Mr. Wonderful, with the X-ray vision to see the beauty within. Only problem: he's not Greek. Nia Vardalos, scriptwriter and star, gets to unburden herself on her lineage ("My cousins have two volumes, loud and louder"), and at the same time indulge herself in an Ugly Duckling fantasy. It seldom rises above an ethnic sitcom, but the "personal" angle stirs sympathy. With John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Gia Carides; directed by Joel Zwick. 2002.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MISSION VALLEY 20; 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)

Possession — Reviewed this 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)

Reign of Fire — A plague of napalm-breathing dragons plunges the planet into a new Dark Age. The computer-animated dragons are well designed, although (a common drawback of computer animation) they're a bit fast and agile for their size. Nice opening scene of the first dragon aroused from slumber in the London underground; amusing scene, later, of the grown-ups re-enacting *Star Wars* for the entertainment of their benighted kids. Most of the remainder, though, is derivative and underimagined. And the posturing actors and chi-chi photography underscore the silliness. Christian Bale, Matthew McConaughey, Izabella Scorupco; directed by Rob Bowman. 2002.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 eyes of his eldest (named, in a further echo of the Corleone clan, Michael), for whom the father has higher hopes. The film

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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.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Saturday Night Fever — A softened, popularized version of the *Mean Streets* topic: the hell-raising of Italian Catholic buddies in the New York boroughs. You can also see traces of *Rocky* in the awkward, inarticulate boy-girl romance, and in the Sylvester Stallone poster that hangs on the hero's wall alongside the best-selling posters of Bruce Lee, Al Pacino, and Farrah Fawcett (John Avildsen, the director of *Rocky*, was fired from this project early in production). The lead role — a paint store clerk who, Cinderella-like, blossoms into a disco king every weekend — fits John Travolta as snugly as his pants. It's hard to imagine this actor ever bettering himself hereafter. Despite the weak-willed commercial concessions (the broad domestic comedy, the incongruous gang fight, and the hero's profound self-revelation at the end), the movie shows some small braveries. One is that the central boy-girl relationship is defined without their once going to bed together. Another is that the moviegoer is asked to acknowledge the humanity of people who speak in Brooklyn dialect. The really big success of the movie, though, is the dancing, which is quite exciting enough to have done without the camera acrobatics that accompany it. With Karen Lynn Gorney; directed by John Badham. 1977.
★★★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 8/22 THROUGH 24, 9 P.M.)

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)

Secret Ballot — Reviewed this issue. With Nassim Abdi and Cyrus Ab; written and directed by Babak Payami.
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 8/23)

Serving Sara — Comedy starring Elizabeth Hurley and Matthew Perry, directed by Reginald Hudlin.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/23)

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)

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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Simone — Reviewed this issue. With Al Pacino, Catherine Keener, Evan Rachel Wood, and Rachel Roberts; written and directed by Andrew Niccol.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 8/23)

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, Daryl 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 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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Thirteen Conversations about One Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines



Possession

on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional chopping-up and rearranging are achieved through chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: "Ignorance is bliss," "Fuck guilt," "Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others," "Eighteen inches of personal space," and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-joint construction — a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it's hard to be sure you're really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative. The former tends to sound "written" and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it's not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell's *The Concept of Happiness* as a "jumping-off point." The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone's good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on

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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

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Call theater for program information

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; Mon.-Thu. 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)
Roller Boogie, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **Saturday Night Fever**, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:05 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 and 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; **Possession** (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

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
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;

Clockwatchers. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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, THROUGH 8/22)

Undisputed — Reviewed this issue. With Wesley Snipes, Ving Rhames, Michael Rooker, Wes Studi, Jon Seda, and Peter Falk; directed by Walter Hill.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; FROM 8/23)



Secret Ballot

Warm Water under a Red Bridge — Poky odyssey of self-renewal for a laid-off Tokyo office worker. Well-made but unenthralling, despite the wacky supernatural element of a village vamp who fills up periodically with water and must "vent" it ("It's not like it's urine") by shoplifting or screwing: she leaks, she gushes, she sprays. With Koji Yakusho and Misa Shimizu; directed by Shohei Imamura. 2001.
★ (GASLAMP 15, THROUGH 8/22)

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)

XXX — National Security recruits a multi-tattooed 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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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 and 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 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, 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

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
Broadway 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)
Serving Sara; **Simone**; **Little Secrets**; **Undisputed**; **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**; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13); **Stuart Little 2** (PG); **Road to Perdition** (R); **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13); **Minority Report** (PG-13)

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at 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 and 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

Vogue
226 Third 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

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

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, 3:25, 5:35) 7:45, 9:55; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 3:25) 5:20, 7:10, 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, 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, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50, 9:55; **Austin Powers in Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 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) Fri.-Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:15) 7:30, 9:40; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:30, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:20, 9:50; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:55, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 1:30, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 5:50, 7:10, 9:15; Sun. (12:30, 1:30, 2:40, 3:40) 5:00, 5:40, 7:10, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 1:30, 3:10, 3:40, 5:10, 5:40) 7:10, 9:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:45) 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45) 7:00, 7:45, 9:35

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** (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

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; **Austin Powers in Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:05) 7:50, 10:30; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:10, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10) 7:00, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:00; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40); **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:30; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:20); **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:15, 3:25) 5:45, 8:05, 10:20; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:45) 7:10, 9:30; **Minority Report** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:00, 10:10; **Mr. Deeds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:50; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:55, 4:30, 5:00) 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:45, 1:30, 2:15, 4:05, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:25, 3:45) 6:00; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 1:50, 2:10, 4:35, 4:50, 5:15) 7:25, 7:40, 8:00, 10:15, 10:25, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Austin Powers in Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; **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

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 Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

ENCINITAS

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
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri. 6:30, 8:40; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:30, 8:40; Mon.-Thu. 6:30, 8:40; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
The Adventures of Pluto Nash (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50; **Austin Powers in Goldmember** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:15; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:30, 1:35, 2:15, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30

Oceanside 16
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)
Serving Sara; **Simone**; **Undisputed**; **Little Secrets**; **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); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **Goldmember**; **Road to Perdition**

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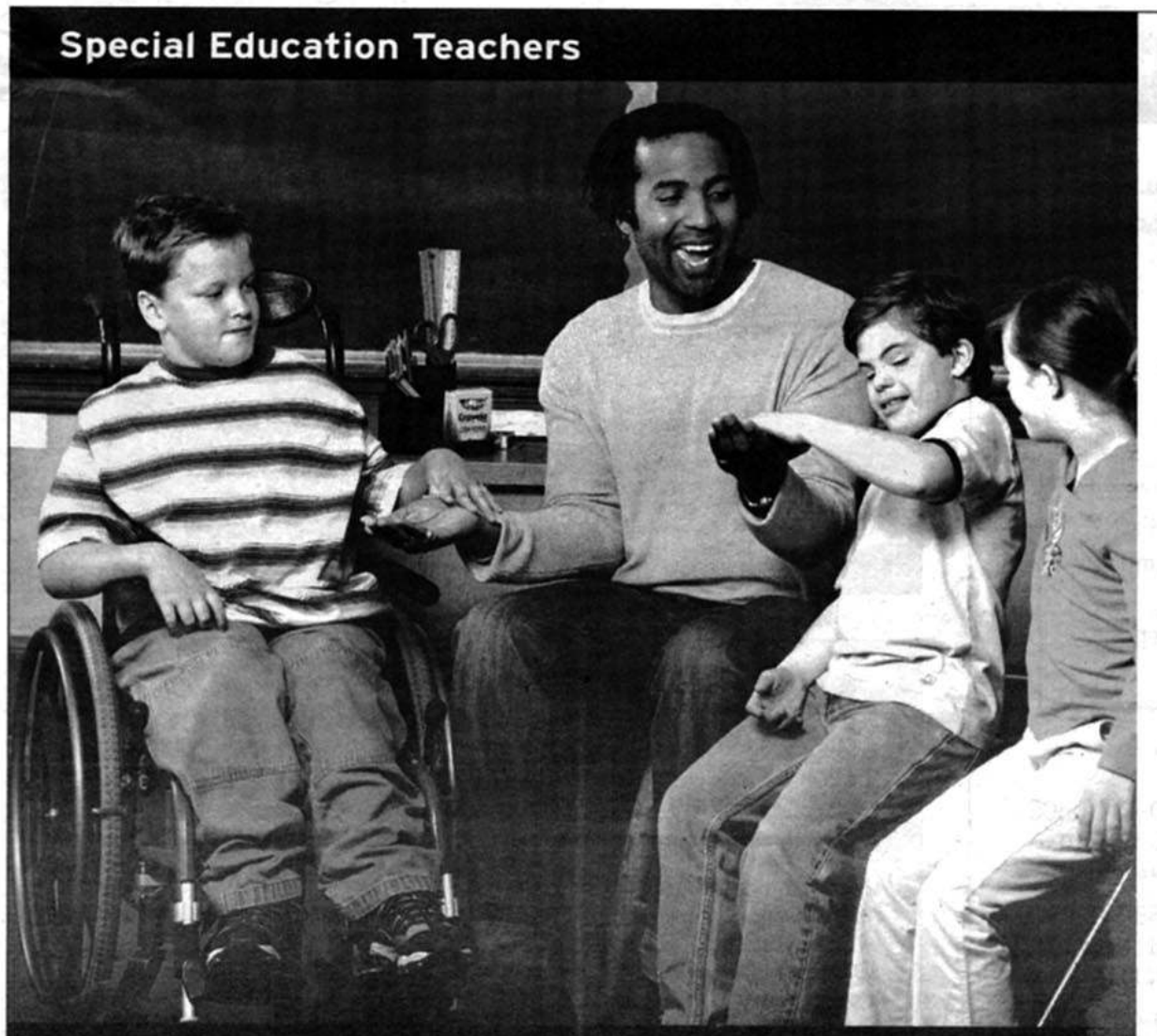

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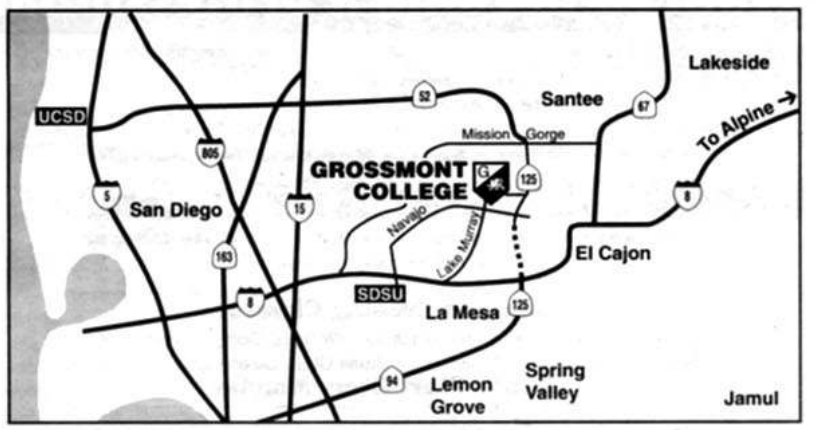

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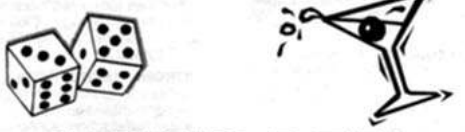

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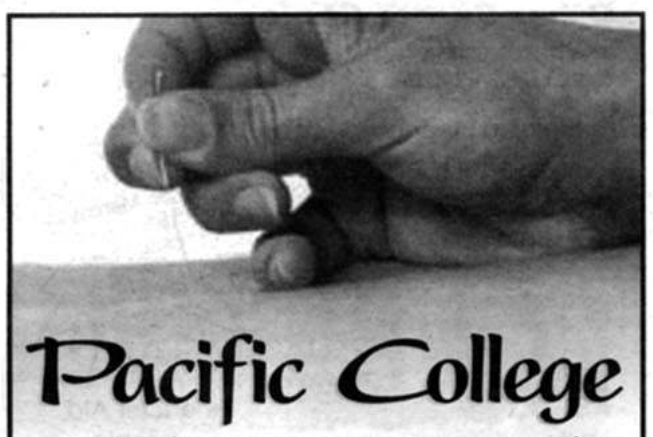

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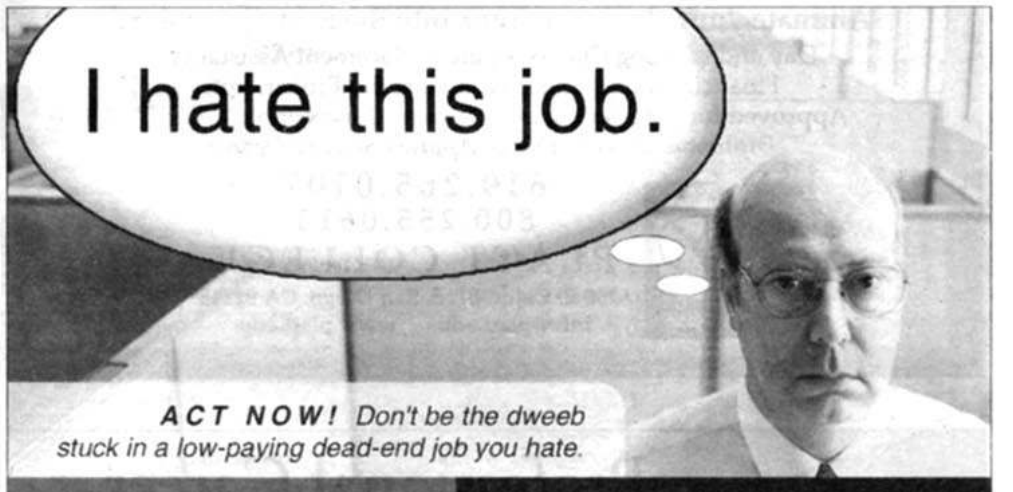

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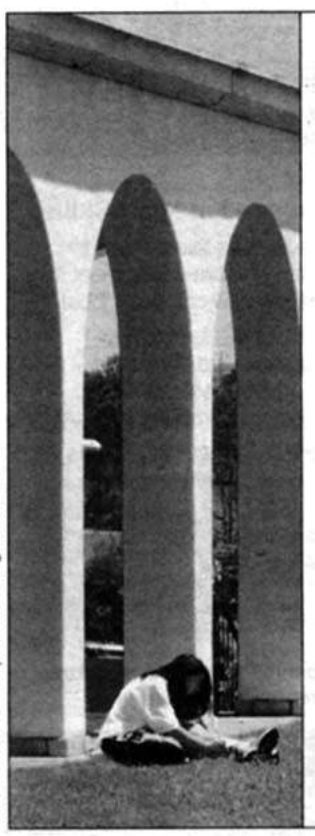

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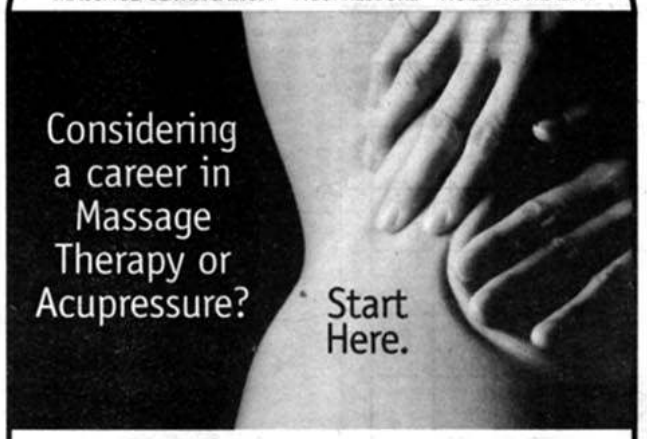

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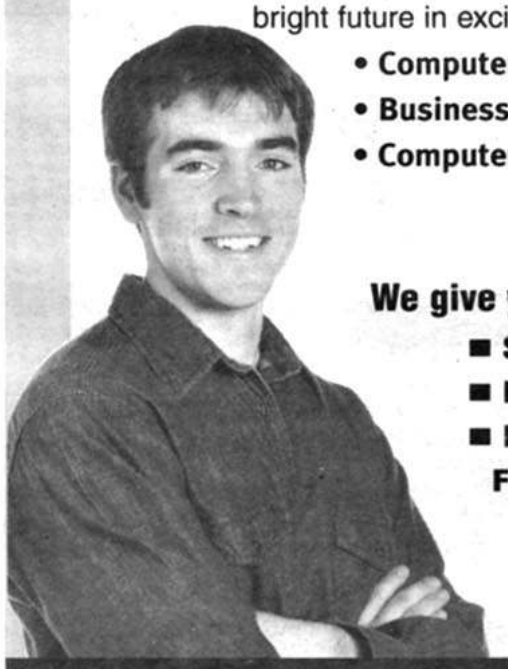

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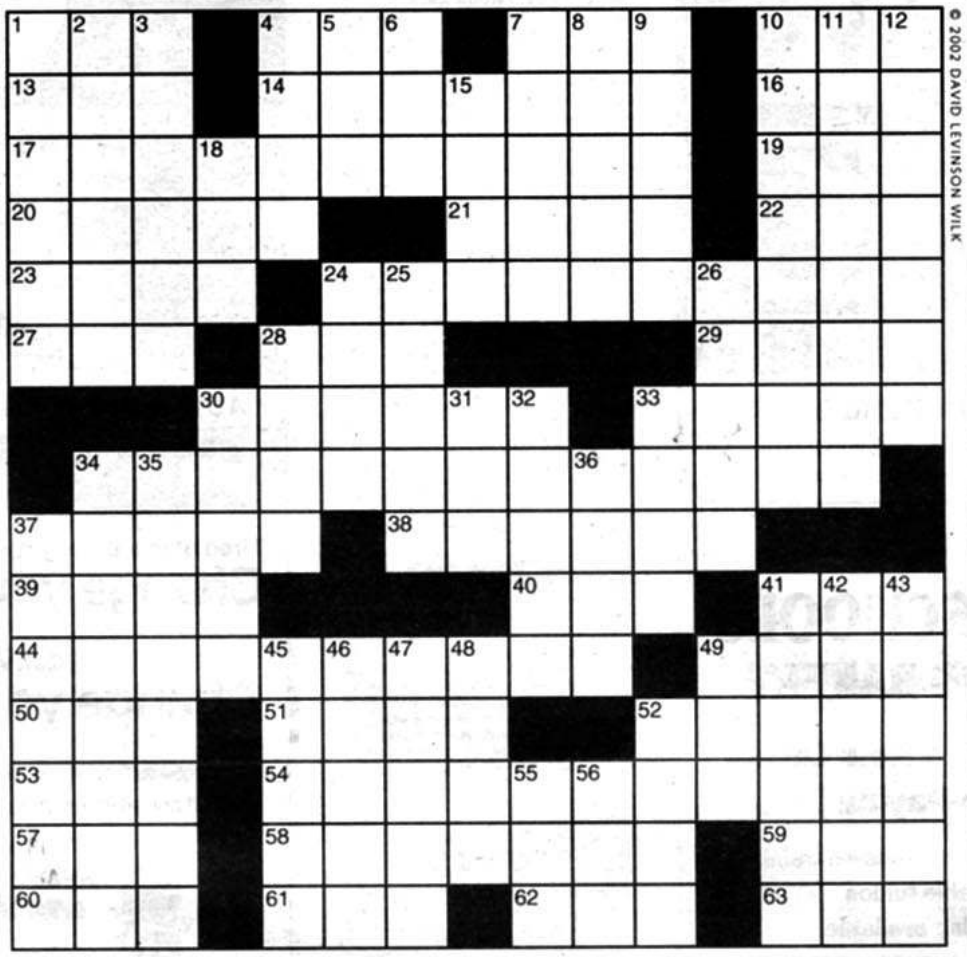
1. Letters after Q
4. Support system?
7. Corn on the ____
10. Arafat's grp.
13. Greek vowel
14. Change, like a question
16. Football's Dawson
17. He called 34-Across "The finest prison in the world"
19. Took the cake?
20. ____ the side of caution (play it safe)
21. Filmmaker Riefenstahl
22. Lao-Tzu's "way"
23. With, to Jacques
24. He called 34-Across "Better than any one we ever lived in"
27. McCarthy target
28. One who plays for a living
29. Ill-gotten goods
30. Like the Ganges, to Hindus
33. "I'm ____ Git You Sucka" (1988 movie)
34. This puzzle's subject
37. Makeup artists?
38. ____ mixer
39. Discharge
40. Suffix with strict
41. Snicker syllable
44. He called 34-Across "Far more pleasant than I had ever expected it to be"
49. Word of warning
50. Commando's weapon
51. Resentments
52. Bootlegger's product
53. Larry and Curly's chum
54. He called 34-Across "The finest public housing in America or the crown jewel of prison life"
57. Lt. j.g.'s inferior
58. Comebacks
59. Verdi's "____ tu"
60. Put in rollers
61. ____ gratia artis
62. Measures of some losses: Abbr.
63. Present time: Abbr.

Down

1. Listen to again, as arguments
2. Go on a food strike, say
3. Like many modern roads
4. Pennsylvania's ____ Mawr College
5. Nov. honoree
6. Congo continent: Abbr.
7. Bedouin's mount
8. Muscat native
9. Country that borders Burkina Faso
10. Groups of troops
11. "Not to mention ..."
12. City on the Susquehanna
15. "No Smoking," e.g.
18. Sinbad's bird
24. Keystone's place
25. ____ acid
26. Influence
28. Dog's "dogs"
30. Name for a king or queen?
31. One of les saisons
32. Object
33. Departed
34. Atlantic or Pacific
35. Person least in need of Rogaine
36. Driven group
37. Peanuts, e.g.
41. Sounded like an owl
42. "Let's hear another!"
43. Italian or Jewish, e.g.
45. One who's diplomatic and urbane, astrologically
46. More arid
47. Some fabrics
48. Capital near the 60th parallel
49. Mafia leader
52. Snake sound
55. Have a bawl
56. Inc., in London



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 8/15/02.

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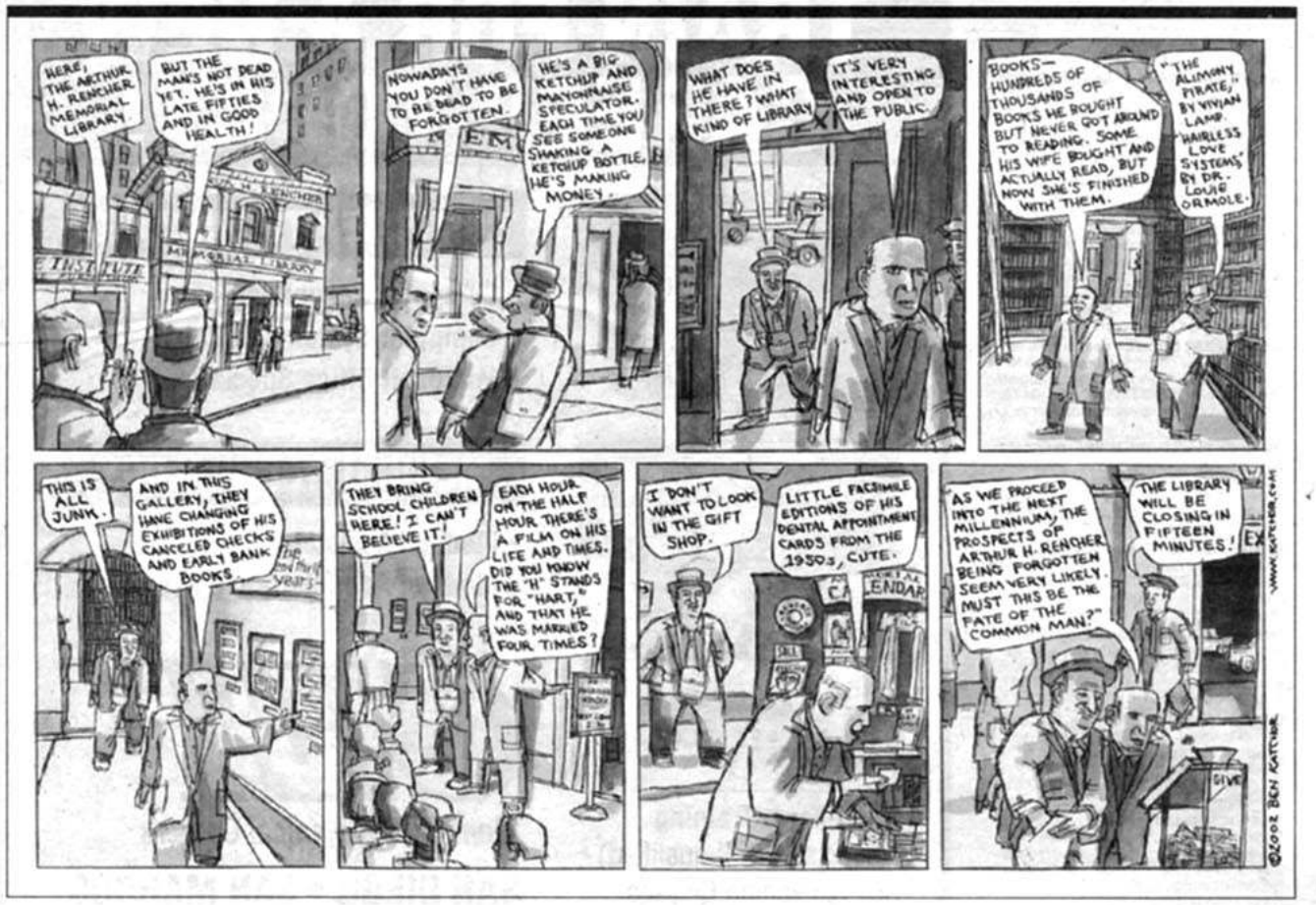

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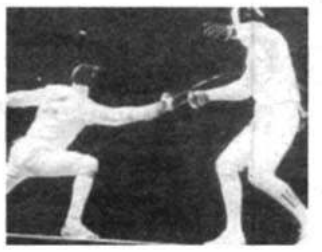

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NEW AGE BLONDE, above-average looks, 33, physically active, college educated, nonsmoker, into spirituality, stable, seeking relationship with same who's 29-36, looks is Latino, Hawaiian. (8/28) ☎34480

NAKED! GOTCHA! Beautiful, vivacious, sexy professional, emotionally sound, physically fit, financially secure, 29, seeking quality man for dating, spontaneous play, romance and possibly? (8/28) ☎34464

POLITICALLY LIBERAL MD, 49, casual lifestyle, unencumbered, seeks stimulating companion: New ideas/cultures, ethnic cuisine, social justice causes, dogs, gardening. Allergic to Republicans, religion, materialism. (9/4) ☎34508

43, FUN, SINCERE. HELLO. I'm 5'9", blonde/blue, 147lbs. Photo online. Interested in meeting an unmarried, tall, Caucasian man between ages of 43-53. (9/4) ☎34522

CREATIVE BLONDE SEEKS adventure, laughter, romance, with 45-55, positive, tolerant, affectionate, nonsmoking counterpart for sailing, desert skies, starry nights, country dancing. Harley rider a plus. (8/28) ☎34474

BOSTON IRISH CHARM, Seven Sister polish, Manhattan class, California spirit. 56, 5'4", slender, attractive, warm, optimistic, lovable. Wit, authenticity, emotional availability, playfulness, energy, conversation essential. (8/21) ☎34393

REAL COOL GRANDMA. I'm 60ish, not over the hill, energetic, spunky, fun, affectionate, loving, passionate, tactile, young at heart, youthful looking, happy, healthy, intelligent nonsmoker. (9/4) ☎34489

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE blonde, great legs, 125lbs., 5'3", selective, exciting, traditional, seeks lifetime playmate, 55+, 165lbs.+, nonsmoker, emotionally/financially secure, sincere, active, healthy, humorous, theater, travel. (9/4) ☎34491

TALL, BLACK, MEDIUM build, all natural, pretty smile, 30ish seeking playmate for fun and getting in shape. Love outdoors, dancing, concerts and more! Let's play! (9/4) ☎34503

SEEKING GOOD QUALITY person in my life. Travel, rock and roll concerts, walks at the beach. No drugs. (8/28) ☎34438

ASIAN, SINGLE MOM (one), 37, professional, intelligent, honest, responsible, sincere, profound, spiritual, many interests, family oriented, good looking, fit, same. You, love children. No addictions! (9/4) ☎34496

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE, professional, 30, seeks white male professional, 30-40, for a long-term relationship. I like movies, romance, dining, amusement parks, picnics and travel. (9/4) ☎34501

ATTRACTIVE KOREAN, 40, mother of one, enjoys classical music, travel, swimming. Seeking 40-55, emotionally mature, Caucasian/Asian, financially secure, honorable, nonsmoker, no drugs, Christian values. (8/28) ☎34469

SMOOTH JAZZ LOVER WANTED! 5'5", black, attractive, professional. Enjoy music, theatre, sports, travel. Seeking tall, attractive gentleman, professional, for a committed relationship. Ready to play? (8/28) ☎34437

TEDDY BEAR, HUGGABLE, Christian, slightly gray, blue eyes, cleans up and travels well, distinguished, enjoys fine food and wine, theatre, movies, Padres, hiking and fun. (9/4) ☎34500

CALL THE LAW. Rescue me from the single life. Me: 6', fit, athletic, curvaceous, honest. You: 6'+, muscles, adventurous, humorous, self-assured, 35-45, relationship ready. (8/28) ☎34462

SENSUAL LADY HERE! 48, don't look it, fuller figured, auburn, green. Seeking tall Caucasian man, 40s above. For fun, laughter, friendship, romance. Full of surprises. (8/28) ☎34442

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IVORY FOR EBONY. I'm attractive, 5'6", 160lbs., 40s, successful career woman. Seeking financially secure, honest, attractive, height/weight proportionate, commitment minded. Enjoy R&B, cuddling. (9/4) ☎34523

PRETTY, SUCCESSFUL, Del Mar doctor artist, 5'9", 130lbs., healthy body/mind/spirit. Seeking life partner: Tall, spiritual, growth oriented, intelligent, emotionally available, solid professional, childless. (8/28) ☎34451

ME: 41, 5'3", PROPORTIONATE, hazel/brown, funny, warm, mischievous, articulate. You: 40-55, proportionate, fun loving, caring, articulate. Seeking fun, laughter, companionship, friendship, long walks, romance? (9/4) ☎34524

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN brunette/blue, 49, 5'1", 125lbs., educated English, secretary, psychology, union, Sierra Club, health, hike, snorkel, paddle, ski, music, comedy, travel, nieces. Clairemont. Pacifist. (9/4) ☎34518

I'M DOWN-TO-EARTH, athletic, Christian, love life, laughter, kids, animals, ocean sports, gym, the arts. Hawaii, paddling and running. Looking for a best friend. (8/28) ☎34453

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN. Great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy, 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, noodrugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (9/4) ☎34488

RETIRED LADY, 5'8", white, slender brunette, seeks white male, 60-75, 5'10" or more, to share friendship, movies, dining out. (9/4) ☎34494

FEMALE, 41, 5'3", attractive, blonde, blue eyes, spiritual, creative, loves life. Seeking male, 40-48, fit, self-assured, honest, respectful; loves animals, kids, travel, financially secure. (8/28) ☎34479

FIT CHRISTIAN WOMAN with adorable infant son seeks secure Christian man to share outdoor activities, dinners, life, laughs. Honest, caring, active, nonsmoking professional, 28-39, 5'10"+. (9/4) ☎34535

WE'RE BOTH LOOKING for a long-term, loyal relationship with chemistry, communication, honesty. Petite 40 seeks that special someone, 35-50; weekend getaways, movies, fun times. (9/4) ☎34533

HUGGABLE, LOVEABLE, full figure, black lady looking for a financially secure white male for fun in the sun, age 49-63. Make it happen with me. (8/28) ☎34436

YES, LIFE IS EXTRAORDINARY! 43, attractive, curvaceous, 5'7". Share love, honest communication, personal growth, adventure, fun, relationship seminars, community, play, self-expression, freedom, friendship, partnership. (8/28) ☎34460

PRETTY LADY IN HIGH HEELS and mini skirt seeking 55+, tall, fun-loving gentleman who is snuggable, romantic, adventurous and upbeat attitude. (8/28) ☎34433

BEAUTIFUL, MATURE, self-actualized woman of substance, playful, joyful, honest, active, spirited, enjoying life seeks companionship of fun, secure, truthful, youthful, spiritual man. You there? (9/4) ☎34507

BLACK MALE PROFESSIONAL, 40s-early 50s, nonsmoker, no drugs, intellectual, financially solvent, height/weight proportioned; loves music, sports; sought by Filipina with similar qualities for friendship foremost, possible relationship. (9/4) ☎34490

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT, independent, selective, sassy brunette, 44, 5'2", 118lbs., white, seeks white, honest, good-looking male professional for friendship, romance and more. 38-48, 5'7"-6'1". (8/28) ☎34459

FEMALE CHRISTIAN, 50, North County, 5', 76lbs., (skinny). If you don't require a ten, then continue. Love to travel, humor, fishing, boating, ocean. Love life. (9/4) ☎34519

JEWISH, ATTRACTIVE LATINA, smart, employed, affectionate, 52, slim, 5', relationship minded, enjoys films, conversation, music; seeks kind, educated to 60 years for relationship? (9/4) ☎34528

MISSING: ROMANCE. Petite Asian female, 35, seeking an honest man with a sense of humor who enjoys jazz concerts, ethnic restaurants, museums and coffee! (9/4) ☎34505

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GOAL: BALANCED, HAPPY home life. Divorced parent (one son), pretty, slender, intelligent, homeowner, seeks 39+, professional, dad wanna-be; exceptional character, integrity, warmth. North Coastal. (8/28) ☎34476

SEEKING HANDSOME, HUMOROUS, honest, fun, affectionate, athletic professional, nonsmoking, dark-haired sweetheart, 42-49, by attractive, trim redhead. Dinners, movies, blading, kayaking, bicycling, being with you. (8/28) ☎34473

MANNERS MANDATORY! Pretty, selective, childless, multifaceted tomboy, 5'8", 40, seeks stable, tall, fit, active gentleman, 35-45. Enjoy cycling (road), hiking, films, dining, home improvement, cats. (9/4) ☎34531

GENUINE CHRISTIAN GAL, 42, outgoing and friendly, caring and kind, committed and strong, passionate and romantic. Seeking Christian man, 40s, for conversation and companionship. (9/4) ☎34525

DEVELOP A PERFECT, long-term relationship with me by both of us studying what makes a partnership work then committing to doing it! (8/28) ☎34478

VOLUPTUOUS, SPIRITUAL redhead, 35, seeking male, 35-45, honest, caring, not afraid of commitment. Female professional looking to meet special person. (9/4) ☎34504

Just Do It! Love, romance. Question is: Are you looking for a real relationship? I'm tall, slim, attractive, well educated, traveled, financially secure. Seeking man, tall, attractive, secure emotionally/financially, between ages of 40-50. Do you want a 20-year-old girl? Don't call! Only serious about dating and exploring possibilities. (9/4) ☎34513

FUN-LOVING, INTELLIGENT, affectionate techie would like to meet a romantic and fun guy. Must like football or I'll think you're weird. (8/28) ☎34440

35-YEAR-OLD, LOVELY and educated lady seeks an attorney for dating. (8/28) ☎34450

ARTIST, EXPLORER, CUTE, sexy, petite, fit lady. Love nature, spirituality. One with universe. You are kind, giving, 45+, cute, fit, upbeat path for higher consciousness. (9/4) ☎34529

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus-size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic. (9/4) ☎34486

GREAT SMILE, TALL redhead, fun to be with, seeking tall fellow, fun, upbeat, established, enjoys family/friend. Looking to date/love special lady. Me: 45-65. (9/4) ☎34506

I AM BACK! OUTGOING FRENCH lady, 44, teacher, homeowner. Like nature, sports, travel. Looking for sincere Asian man for a lasting relationship. (8/28) ☎34454

LIFE'S BETTER WITH A LADY at your side who's totally feminine, petite, fit; personal growth. Love hiking, biking, ocean, mountains. You: 45+, fit, handsome nonsmoker. (8/28) ☎34431

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PETITE BRUNETTE, healthy, positive, successful, searching for white, single, secure, educated, unencumbered gentleman, 45-60, with moral values to share quality times and possible relationship. (9/4) ☎34485

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GUYS SAY I AM SEXY, curvaceous, beautiful, brown-skinned girl, 5'4", 120lbs., 32, look 24. Brown eyes, professional, degreed. Fitness, nutrition is a lifestyle. Love to dance, beach, spontaneous, movies, open minded, no games, emotionally available. Seeking white male, 30-38, 5'10" or taller, with same interest, characteristics. (8/28) ☎34472

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 40ish, intelligent, interesting and active. Love music, movies, good conversation and working out. Looking for a single black male with similar attributes. (8/28) ☎34447

LOVELY BLONDE BEAUTY, beautiful energy, gentle spirituality, loves to laugh and feel peaceful. Wish to attract similar strong soul for best friend and mate. (8/28) ☎34429

ENTERTAINING, FIT TRAVELER sought by petite, attractive art docent, 55. Fun-filled adventure, a glass of wine and easy conversation. (8/28) ☎34452

CURVACEOUS, BLONDE/BLUE, sincere, fun. Seeking handsome man with integrity, 44-54, who is fit physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially. We enjoy outdoor activities, water, culture, more. (9/4) ☎34483

WOMAN SEEKING MALE between age 50 to 60. Wants a nice, gentle, compatible, loving person. Phone me. (8/28) ☎34461

WANT TO HAVE SOME quiet time, then let's meet. I'm 53, black and a 100% woman. Love to have fun traveling, movies, and if you're between 55-65, call me. OK. (8/28) ☎34455

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VIVACIOUS, CLASSY, spiritual, 48, attractive, humorous, intelligent, stable, longhaired brunette, nurse, North County, loves to dance, seeks romantic nonsmoker/drinker, 35-53, looking for same qualities. (8/28) ☎34441

ME: LOOKING FOR CHEMISTRY, 30-40, feminine, fun, freaky, fine, healthy, curvaceous, calm, caring, creative, cultured, original. You: 30-40, smart, spiritual, mellow, traveled, truthful, creative, amusing. (8/28) ☎34465

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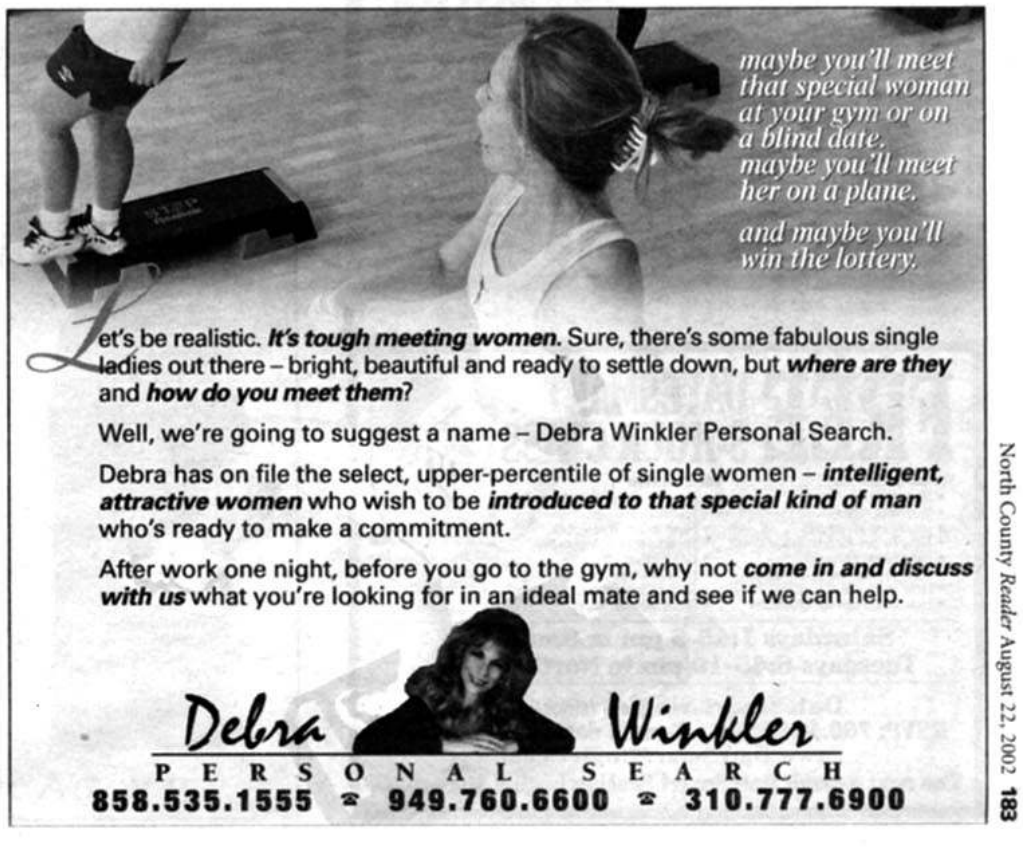

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47, BLONDE/BLUE NURSE, fun, happy, caring, romantic, secure, nonsmoker, professional, active, attractive, grounded, family values, seeks tall, white, educated male, honest, marriage minded, travel. (8/28) ☎34482

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless homeowner. Seeking fit, successful, generous white professional, 35-55, nonsmoker. Let's enjoy summer food, music and explore. (9/4) ☎34530

SLIM BUILD, ATHLETIC, college educated, professional, 40, divorced,no kids, brunette, 5'6", enjoys most all outdoor activities, movies; social drinker, nonsmoker. You are between 38-45. (9/4) ☎34499

SWEET SASSY GAL, big brown eyes, killer smile, dimple in the chin. I'm 35, 5'3", curvy, Rubenesque physique. Looking for caring, funny, charming guy. (8/28) ☎34448

ONE-MAN WOMAN, PETITE, 50s, attractive, likes jazz, dancing, quiet evenings, walking in the rain. Sounds interesting, and if you are 50-60, give a call. (8/28) ☎34471

LATINA FEMALE SEEKS professional, educated, Prince Charming, 35-45. Must be honest, sincere, fun, humorous, and down to earth. Start out as friends, possible serious relationship. (9/4) ☎34516

NORTH COUNTY BEAUTY, young-looking 56. Slim 5'5". Cooking, swimming, jazz, skiing, dancing, travel. Seeking romantic communicator, 5'10"+, for relationship. Jeans to tux, nonsmoking gentleman. (8/28) ☎34434

RAD, 18-YEAR-OLD BLONDE female, 5'4", 120lbs., loves beach and punk, hardcore, rock music. Looking for skater/surfer, 18-26 guy to kick it with. (9/4) ☎34521

DID YOU FEEL A SPARK? Secure, cute, fit, happy, independent, petite, slim professional, blonde/blue, seeks gentleman, 39-45, attractive, fun, intelligent. Military officer a plus. (9/4) ☎34497

58-YEAR-OLD LATINA looking for honest, sincere man, 58-62, ready for retirement. I'm divorced. No children at home. Very honest. (9/4) ☎34537

ARMENIAN LADY, AMERICAN citizen, 47, 5'7", 150lbs., attractive, tall, great figure, family values, seeks gentleman professional of good character to built family with. (8/28) ☎34470

BLACK FEMALE, 45, still looking for white male, 32-55, sincere, honest, no games playing, who knows what he's looking for in life/relationship besides me. (8/28) ☎34427

ADVERSE TO PARSIMONY? White female (insufferably cute) seeks neat, sweet, complete male professional. Prefer average height/build, yet abnormally high intelligence. No smokers/heavy drinkers! (8/28) ☎34439

NO ACTION! SO TRYING AGAIN. It's not hard to figure! 60s, attractive lady seeks gentleman nonsmoker wanting good conversation, fun, togetherness. Worth it, you'll know! (8/28) ☎34432

AFFECTIONATE WHITE FEMALE, 49, 5'6", 173lbs., brown/brown, seeks affectionate white male, 40-65, for picnics, walks on the beach or rain, swimming, swap meet, exploring San Diego or slow dancing with someone special. (8/28) ☎34468

ATTRACTIVE, 5'6", SLENDER, auburn, 40-year old seeks special man to share easy, abundant and graceful life. Loves hiking, animals, tennis, sailing, diving, travel, dancing. (9/4) ☎34538

HI GUYS! I'M SINGLE white female living in the East County looking for new friends and? Message me. (8/28) ☎34444

ATTRACTIVE, CULTURED damsel with Ph.D., kayak, bicycle, piano, 5'7", blue eyes, seeks compatible, well educated nature lover, 46-56. Concerts, travel, stimulating conversation spice up routine. (9/4) ☎34495

FULL-FIGURED, SENSITIVE, Jewish lady, 49, interested in warm, good-hearted gentleman, sincere relationship, possible marriage. Enjoy movies, homelife, cooking, dining out, long walks. (8/28) ☎34435

BEAUTIFUL, 50ish, quality blonde. 5'10", hourglass, intelligence, honesty, integrity, creative, fun, free, young spirited. Seeking kind, gentle, passionate, emotionally mature, dedicated, humorous, attractive, intelligent man. (9/4) ☎34487

CUTIE WANTS CUTIE! You: good looking, white, 21-31, 5'10"+. Me: white, 5'8", cute brunette, sweet, fun, adventurous, sensual, passionate, caring, warm. Wanting fun; nothing serious. (9/4) ☎34536

BABY GOT BACK. Attractive Latina, 41, 5'1" and shapely, seeking black male, 32-45, for dating, possibly more, who enjoys movies, dining, coffeehouses, quality time. (8/28) ☎34463

GREAT LOOKS, EUROPEAN, classy lady, honest, passionate, romantic, feisty, fun, successful homeowner loves life, arts, people, and seeking accomplished gentleman, 40-50, with similar interests. (8/28) ☎34475

MY FRIEND SEEKS MR. RIGHT: 28-40, 5'10", medium athletic build, financially/emotionally secure, loves children. She is an attractive, black, 5'3", smart and witty mom. (8/28) ☎34481

SUPER NICE GAL, TALL, slim, fit, caring, educated widow, enjoys outdoor/cultural activities, travel; seeks tall, honest gentleman, 65+, for quality relationship. (9/4) ☎34534

PASSIONATE LADY, 46, professional nurse, massage, love children, OK looking. White, healthy, average male, 45-55, self-employed, no drugs/bad tempers; married minded. Love dance. (9/4) ☎34515

CALL THE LAW. RESCUE ME from single life. Me: 6', fit, athletic, curvaceous, honest. You: 6'+, muscles, adventurous, humorous, self-assured, 35-45, ready for relationship. (9/4) ☎34511

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 51, 5'5" professional who seeks a man with traditional values, 45-55, for fun, happiness, romance and marriage. (9/4) ☎34493

BEAUTIFUL, PROFESSIONAL, 47, 5'6", 130lbs. Interested in meeting tall, attractive, professional, working man of Afro-American decent. Must be sincere, honest, healthy, and a great kisser. (8/28) ☎34445

MEXICAN, CAPRICORN, petite woman, classy, healthy, sincere, educated. Museums, art, galleries, dancing, movies. Seeking for an honest man, 54-60s, nonsmoker; long-term relationship. (8/28) ☎34430

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49-YEAR-OLD, DIVORCED mom with two daughters, American-Indian plus Caucasian. No drugs. Don't drink, don't smoke. Looking for a long-lasting relationship. (9/4) ☎34532

28, NATURAL BEAUTY, curvaceous Hispanic woman, never married, loves life. Want quality, spiritual, mature, strong character, adventurous man with morals. No bad habits; sorry kids. (9/4) ☎34509

SPOIL ME! I'm worth it! Black, beautiful, childless, intelligent, charming, humorous. Love travel, arts, music. Seeking white, charming man of substance. Humble, humorous, generous. (8/28) ☎34457

GENUINE, BEAUTIFUL, humorous Sagittarius loves to laugh and have fun. Seeking an attractive, happy, good-hearted man, 50-60, with sense of humor. Let's talk. (8/28) ☎34456

SEXY, SMART, EUROPEAN, educated, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious, no previous kids, 38-48, 5'9"+. No Republicans. (9/4) ☎34540

ATTRACTIVE, EUROPEAN, petite blonde, 54, outgoing, enjoys skiing, tennis, dancing, laughing. Seeking similar nonsmoker, 5'10"+. (9/4) ☎34492

BEAUTIFUL BLONDE, 40, seeking younger man for relationship. Please be employed and not in a relationship. Please be fit and handsome. (9/4) ☎34510

LATIN LADY, ATTRACTIVE, sweet, kind, 40s, petite, loves music, art, movies. Searching for an unencumbered, secure, honest, attractive, 48-60 gentleman to share quality times. (8/28) ☎34425

THOUGHTFUL JEWISH WOMAN searching for educated, healthy, sincere man, 48-64, for active lifestyle/reciprocal caring. Me: Pretty, nice figure, warmhearted smile. Tell me about you. (8/28) ☎34443

NORTH COASTAL, BICOASTAL, Jewish gal, 55, brainy, zany, cultured, fit, homeowner, seeks tall, educated, domesticated, liberal lightbulb to turn on. (9/4) ☎34484

APARTMENT MANAGER, BORED. Seeking smoker, 57+, beard, boots, nondrinker, flexible. I'm 57, 190lbs., widowed, smoker. Like: country music, talking, kickback attitude, spontaneous, weekends. Coffee? (9/4) ☎34520

MARRIAGE MINDED, attractive, tall, 35, Latina, romantic, sensual, artistic, loving, wants children. Seeking commitment, gentleman, honest, sincere, loyal, funny, spiritual, passionate, travel, responsible, tall, 30-40. (8/28) ☎34466

I WANT TO FIND a man of my dreams. (9/4) ☎34512

EUROPEAN,COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health-conscious, interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (9/4) ☎34527

VIVACIOUS, VOLUPTUOUS, vixen! Love life! Bright, happy, fun, outgoing, beautiful inside/out. 35, 5'8". Seeking together hunk, 30-42, for friendship, love, romance, endless possibilities. (8/28) ☎34458

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

CALIFORNIA MAN LOOKING. 5'7", blond hair, blue eyes, average weight. Seeking a nice woman who likes long walks on the beach, conversations, dancing and cuddling. (9/4) ☎48394

DATING, FRIENDSHIP, romance. Interested? I'm filthy rich (not). Still interested? I'm 5'11", tall, 200lbs., athletic build, sexy, educated, spontaneous, vibrant, playful, romantic, mature and single. (9/4) ☎48392

SIMPLE KIND OF MAN, 48, comfortable, enjoys nature, sports, nightlife. Seeking girl next door with a taste for adventure, and long-term relationship in sight. (9/4) ☎48381

A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH. Latin professional, 35, fun, fit, attractive, interesting, cool, nice and even romantic. The complete package. Searching for 24-39 lady. (9/4) ☎48450

TRAVEL MATE FOR JOURNEY through friendship, happiness, peaceful moments, spirituality, romantic awakenings. Destination: complete intimacy secured by heartfelt oneness. 59, 6', fit, professional pianist. (9/4) ☎48383

I LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL. Holidays, cruises, outdoors, motorcycle, cinema, anything. Want to play too? Call me! (9/4) ☎48397

30-YEAR-OLD, law enforcement guy seeks a gal in shape, funny, and who is currently not under a doctor's care. (8/28) ☎48365

MEXICAN, HANDSOME, HONEST, sincere, mellow, blue collar, 6', 210lbs., 44, never married, childless, seeks tall, slender, short, petite, pretty, sincere, honest Mexican/white/Italian, 35-44. (8/28) ☎48302

I'M A LONELY MAN. I'm 49 lonely, handsome, lonely, slim, lonely, honest, lonely, romantic, lonely, passionate, lonely, imaginative, lonely. Did I mention I'm lonely? (8/28) ☎48327

HISPANIC WOMAN WANTED! I'm Italian, 47, 5'11", 175lbs., nice looking, caring, affectionate, outgoing. Own home in Bonita. Seeking Latina under 55. All replies answered. (8/28) ☎48301

NO GAMES. Committed, permanent relationship. Wanted: Life partner to share joys, trials, tribulations, laughter, sorrow, fun, communication. Nonsmoker, active. Love volleyball, music, walking, animals, kids. (9/4) ☎48413

ATHLETIC COMPUTER professional: Black male, 6'1", 190lbs., seeking athletic lady, 38-45, for conversation, dinners and enjoying life. College educated a must! Spiritual, music lover desired. (9/4) ☎48407

AFRICAN AMERICAN, 5'6", 48. I am looking for a large size female for a long term relationship, between the ages of 30-50, race unimportant. (9/4) ☎48434

HARDWORKING, EAST COAST Jewish guy, 40ish, seeking Jewish woman with family values who loves travel; enjoys spontaneous adventure, getaways. I'm looking for a lover, friend. (9/4) ☎48385

TRAVEL ROMANCE! Attractive, fit, well-proportioned, well-adjusted adventuress wanted by handsome, athletic, retired, 58, Sean Connery look-alike to enjoy fun, camping, hiking, trips. (8/28) ☎48353

FILIPINA 30-50, ATHLETIC, very attractive, sought by Italian/American, 48, 6', 182lbs., biking, tennis, hiking, foreign films, comedy clubs, dancing, jazz, North County. (9/4) ☎48446

WANT TO PLAY. TALL, handsome, sexy, white male, 50ish, lives alone (Mission Valley); seeks shapely, romantic, sensuous young woman, intimate evenings. Love to kiss/love. (9/4) ☎48390

ASIAN LADY, 45-55. Caucasian, secure, professional, wants to share jazz, dining, golf, travel, with happy, trim, easygoing lady who enjoys same. Let's enjoy together. (8/28) ☎48312

HIT THE BULL'S-EYE HERE. A black male, 45, seeking white or Asian lady for romance and Street Scene. Respond for a life-changing experience. (8/28) ☎48313

INTENSITY AND SOFTNESS; emotionally up-front, handsome, fit businessman, 5'8", intelligent backpacker, intuitive tennis, complex jazz, gut-level meditator, secular humorist, seeks similar professional, 34-50. (8/28) ☎48357

WHITE MALE, 6', 172lbs., blond/blue, fit, handsome, intelligent, creative, financially secure, spiritual, seeks attractive, slender, open-minded Latina for sailing, dining, dancing, music, fun. (8/28) ☎48362

Time For Us!

Handsome, successful entrepreneur, youthful 56, 5'11", fit, healthy lifestyle, quick wit, easy smile, loves films, music, nature, stimulating conversation; seeks special woman for friendship, laughter, love. (9/4) ☎48429

GUTSY LADY SOUGHT by strong, gentle, tender man, 48, 6'2", 200lbs., employed for dinners, plays, conversation, committed relationship. Height not important. You'll like my voice. (9/4) ☎48457

GREAT GUY HERE. Pretty/slim woman wanted. Handsome, tall, confident man, 44, 6'2", 187lbs., fit build. Us: Healthy, happy, responsible, sincere, kind, fun, loving. Nonsmokers. (8/28) ☎48333

COLORFUL GREEN-BLUE eyes, attractive, unencumbered, degreed professional, German-Irish Catholic, 38, 6'1", 220lbs., clean cut, conservative appearance, short brown hair, seeks very attractive, warmhearted Caucasian female, 22-32, possessing exceptional inner and outer beauty. (8/28) ☎48305

WANTED: CUTE, SLIM GIRL under 35. Me: 6'1", nice body, smile, home/business owner into rock concerts, jet skiing, rollerblading. Nonsmoker, single mom OK. (9/4) ☎48426

NUDE-SUNBATHING, FEMALE friend wanted. I'm 38, 5'10", 175lbs., handsome, lovable, sincere, homeowner, with great smile/personality. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, caring female. (8/28) ☎48300

5'6", 210lbs., 42. Professional, kind, intelligent, loving, romantic, witty, strong, good looking, sensual. Seeking kind, intelligent, compassionate, sensitive, witty, soft, proportional, 33-45, long-term relationship. (9/4) ☎48444

TEACH ME TO DANCE. 50, 5'8", 170lbs., into motorcycles, sailing, scuba, biking, Magic Mountain. Easygoing, educated by life. You: fit, fun, independent nonsmoker. Marriage minded. (9/4) ☎48386

ASIAN LADY. 30 WHITE. Love workouts, beach, football, soccer, ice cream, steak, acting, couch potato. Preschool teacher who would like to meet someone nice. (8/28) ☎48354

NEW TO SAN DIEGO. 36 years, Asian male, professional, 5'8", 170lbs., loves beach/outdoors, travelling, ethnic foods. Seeking Asian female with similar interests. (9/4) ☎48393

SO YOUR FRIENDS SAY YOU'RE beautiful with great personality, but you're lonely. Circle ad and call me if you really want to change your life. (8/28) ☎48324

LIGHT-SKINNED BLACK, 44, seeks sensuous, playful white, 45-55, for fun, fantasy and emotional fulfillment. Outdoor enjoyment and quiet cuddling can be shared together. (8/28) ☎48369

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (9/4) ☎48391

OLDER WOMAN, SLIM and or athletic, sought by handsome, very fit and fun professional, 6' tall, dark short hair, tan and adventuresome. (9/4) ☎48402

ANY GIRLS LOOKING for a guy to treat them right. I am 37, male looking for honest girl for long-term relationship. (8/28) ☎48376

ADVENTUROUS? 55, 6'1" wants friend, lover and life partner. Take a chance, you never know. Dancing, movies, walks on the beach and communication. E-mail me. (9/4) ☎48435

GENTLE, STRONG, CARING spiritual, grounded, affectionate, fun-loving, professional 47-year-old seeking mellow, spiritual woman, 39 and under, to celebrate life and each other. (9/4) ☎48432

ACTIVE BLACK MAN, 61, seeks creative, adventurous woman for cycling, tennis, concerts and a chance to share a good life and more together. (8/28) ☎48321

WE'RE BOTH HONEST, ambitious, sweet, active, bright, responsible, sincere, fun, practical, patient, understanding, unencumbered, traditional, slenderish, Caucasian. Tall, 41 seeking 27-34 for friendship, commitment, family. (8/28) ☎48307

INNER JOURNEY MIND, outer journey body, journeying together soul. Join me in self/we exploration and self/we development. Fitness of mind, body, joy, bliss. (9/4) ☎48401

EAGLE MAROONED ON PLANET of turkeys seeks counterpart to soar with. Desire relationship without children. Enthusiastic, business owner, empathic, intelligent, passionate, creative, attractive. 41, 6'1". (8/28) ☎48338

SOPHISTICATED GENTLEMAN, 39, emotionally, financially secure, interested in kind lady (20-30) who enjoys the arts, reading, dining. Entertaining listener looking for someone to spoil nicely. (9/4) ☎48410

SEXY, FUNNY, ROMANTIC, Clairemont guy, 45, 6'4", seeks black female, 27-53, for barbecues, sports, beaches, jazz. Listen to my introduction and call! Be seventh caller! (9/4) ☎48421

CHRISTIAN, 6', 175lbs. Like music, concerts, movies, tennis, outdoors, travel, comedy/theater. Looking: Slender, sweetheart lady, fun, friendship first, fellowship. Nonsmoker. (8/28) ☎48328

HANDSOME, INTELLIGENT, athletic, natural blond, Caucasian, youthful homeowner with beautiful pool, seeks someone to enjoy with. (8/28) ☎48374

ECLECTIC? ATHLETIC? Frustrated with conventional men? 43, nonconformist, physically active, romantic, have daughter, successful Renaissance tradesperson, love animals, possess solid ethics. Seeking life mate, 30-45. (8/28) ☎48330

DON'T BE SHY! Me: Very outgoing, funny, like to try new things. You: Not afraid to try new things; enjoys outdoors from snow to sand! (9/4) ☎48404

MALE PROFESSIONAL, 44, big guy, easygoing, genuine, financially secure, who enjoys the outdoors, animals, travelling, quiet, seeks sincere, down-to-earth woman for serious relationship. (9/4) ☎48398

UPBEAT, INTERESTING, attractive, very easygoing, funny, confident CEO with large power boat seeks slender, trim lady, 48-57, for tender loving care, possible long-term relationship. (8/28) ☎48373

EDUCATED ATTRACTIVE MALE, doctor's degree, 38, high achiever, company president, book author, guitar player, very creative, funny, empathetic, sensitive. Seeking growth-oriented bright, sensitive female. (9/4) ☎48456

ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS OWNER, 41, looks 30, athletic, sandy blond/blue eyes, fun loving, positive, seeks attractive lady, kids OK, kind, smart, sensual, passionate, honest, warm. (8/28) ☎48310

ROCK AND ROLL LOVERS! Fit, handsome, tall, professional, good/bad boy, 39, responsible, eclectic rocker, huge heart. You: Slim, attractive, cool, ready for love, 30-40. (8/28) ☎48315

ACTIVE, PROFESSIONAL, great sense of humor, intelligent, classy. Have had success in life and looking to share my success with the right woman. (8/28) ☎48329

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME. 38, attractive, affectionate, artistic, good kisser. Seeking 30+, childless, passionate, trim brunette or redhead to spend lots of time with. (9/4) ☎48395

I KNOW WHAT I WANT AND I know what I don't want. 28, fit, attractive. Looking for fun. Aren't you? (8/28) ☎48340

CHRISTIAN, tall, blond, fit, 40, educated, traveled, active, coastal, communicative, seeks Godly, marriage-and ministry-minded, semi-fit woman that appreciates life's simple pleasures. (9/4) ☎48427

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THIS GODLY GUITAR man seeks godly woman, 30-50, who loves Jesus and is marriage minded. I am fit and spirit filled waiting for you. Blessings (9/4) ☎48439

MUSEUM QUALITY, humorous, fit, artistic, smart, 38, 160lbs., charming and good looking. Seeking open-minded, fun, happy, sarcastic girl for a first date, maybe more. (8/28) ☎48317

SAX AND THE CITY. Now that I've got your attention. 75-year-young man invites one energetic, young-spirited woman to join him for fun. (8/28) ☎48326

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HANDSOME, SEXY, SUCCESSFUL executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (8/28) ☎48306

BLACK'S BEACH, WHITE MALE, 39, looks 30, 5'8", 138lbs., attractive, seeks 18-45, height/weight proportionate female to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (8/28) ☎48360

BRIGHT, ESOTERIC MAN seeks lively, creative life partner including a future with children and a beautiful home and garden. 40, 6'4". (9/4) ☎48438

LET'S HAVE FUN! Hardworking, hard-playing, not-so-pretty boy, 33, seeking under 35, cute, classy, intelligent date; movies, cycling, Vegas, bonfires, sushi, gym, etc. (9/4) ☎48437

EASYGOING, 43, 5'11", 168lbs., nice appearance, athletic, childless, varied interests, financially independent. Wish to meet slender, nonsmoking lady for conversation, movies, dining, maybe more. (8/28) ☎48350

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Professioanl, 50s, intelligent. Seeking nonsmoking woman to enjoy weekend adventures, events, entertainment, evenings at home, good food, my cooking, life. (9/4) ☎48453

SINCERE, HANDSOME, WHITE male, 33, enjoys chatting, movies, the outdoors, North County, seeks loving, down-to-earth, fit lady in 20s/30s for friendship/romance. (9/4) ☎48414

CAUCASIAN, 42, ACCOMPLISHED, physically fit, communicative, educated, speaks French/Spanish; enjoys hiking, camping, dancing, motorcycles, mountain biking, sailing, gardening, traveling, wine tasting. Seeking outdoorsy woman. (9/4) ☎48431

DECENT LOOKING, WHITE, 46, seeking earthy, passionate, romantic friend. Lots of humor, some intelligence required. Ethnic foods, outdoors, travel, movies. Prefer unencumbered, 30ish to 50ish. (9/4) ☎48412

OCEAN LOVER? Hopeless romantic! A fit, tattooed, pierced, handsome, surfer/sailor is seeking his passion. She is passionate, strong, sensual and knows what pleases her. (9/4) ☎48406

WANTED: woman who can throw a frisbee, strap on skates, isn't afraid of water. Lean, funny, sexy, white male with true spirit needs a challenger! (8/28) ☎48347

WITH AN EYE TO CHILDREN: I am a Caucasian professional, secure San Diego homeowner, with natural blond hair and green eyes, good mind, good looks, slender, able and athletic. I seek a woman who would like to have at least one child. I would love to be with you for life. Please call. (8/28) ☎48371

NICE MIDWESTERN GIRL? 30-40, professional, fit, attractive, good values. Me: Very positive, good sense of humor, successful, blue eyes, muscular. Seeking best friend and more. (9/4) ☎48415

VERY ATTRACTIVE SCIENTIST, lean, sexy, witty, 6'2". Seeking intelligent, thin, pretty, woman, 28-43. Heart, soul and subtle humor a must. Travel, adventure, workouts. No smokers. (9/4) ☎48449

MR. RIGHT COMES AROUND only once. Unless he's lost, then he'll circle for hours before seeking directions. Me: 41, 5'6", brown hair, witty, homeowner, Jewish. (9/4) ☎48419

FULL-FIGURED, VOLUPTUOUS female. Handsome, romantic, affectionate, North County Coastal, Spanish male, 45, degreed, seeks you for dating, romance and a possible relationship. All answered. (9/4) ☎48387

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, slender white male, 50, affectionate, funny, employed, enjoys beach, movies, dinner, wine, hiking, music, dancing, hugs, kisses. Seeking woman under 50 for romance. (8/28) ☎48331

LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, Chinese food, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (9/4) ☎48399

HI, I AM 36, BLOND/BLUE, cute, strong, secure, affectionate, caring. Seeking fit, caring, affectionate, brown-eyed, childless, nonsmoking woman, 25-35. We can exchange photos. (9/4) ☎48422

GOOD-LOOKING, BIG-HEARTED music lover, 34, seeking outstanding, natural woman. I'm happy, intelligent, playful, progressive, healthy, thoughtful, outdoorsy, dependable. Smile, lasting love happens! (9/4) ☎48409

ATTRACTIVE-LOOKING, 42-year-old, white male, 5'8", 165lbs., likes sailing, hiking, dining, working out regularly; never married, nonsmoker. Interesting, fun, caring, loyal, compassionate. (8/28) ☎48359

PASSIONATE ROMANTIC, intellectually stimulating, athletic, outgoing, a great listener, quiet thinker, seeking nice lady, acquainted. Race/age inconsequential. Hopefully long term. Want to be friends. (9/4) ☎48403

45, THOUGHTFUL, FLEXIBLE, open minded, successfully self-employed, 6'1", 185lbs., fair to good looks. Like good food, red wine, alternative music, NPR, C-Span 2, travel, movies, hiking, running, swimming, sports. You: Smart, fit, a positive attitude and height/weight proportional. (8/28) ☎48337

WANTED: Full figured, plus-size lady between 30 and 55 for dating. Must be open minded and have sense of humor. Let's have fun. (8/28) ☎48372

HANDSOME, YOUTHFUL 50, fit, trim. Wish list: Hot woman, sweet, happy, beautiful, employed, not moody, thin waistline, fat wallet, no more than 6 kids, sense of humor. El Cajon. (8/28) ☎48304

HEAVY METAL FREAK SEEKS new age, liberal, garden lover of life for mayhem, concerts, camping, salads, barbecues, harassment of authoritarian figures, Ozzy worship, Enya meditations. (8/28) ☎48311

LOOKING FOR LOVE or a lot of fun. I'm 6', blue/brown, good looking, happy. You: Honest, sexy, happy; want someone for love/fun, etc. (8/28) ☎48367

BLACK FEMALE. White, attractive male, 45, professional, well built, athletic seeks very attractive female, 35-45, professional, fit, jazz, outdoors, for quality relationship. (9/4) ☎48455

JAZZ, MOZART, PUCCINI, Renoir, Rodin. Seeking slim, attractive woman, 37-43. If these interests get your attention, especially jazz, please call this gentleman. Thank you. (9/4) ☎48389

HELLO SAN DIEGO. 34, single black male, originally from New York. Looking for a down-to-earth woman for dating, dinner, movies and cuddling. (9/4) ☎48417

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, sophisticated, stylish, sensual, passionate, well-educated, fit, lady, professional. 35-55. (9/14) ☎48445

TALL AND HANDSOME SALE: Lean fast special, 37 original miles; sports package, flower vase, white; no spare tire, mint condition, cooks on all four burners. (9/4) ☎48411

ASTROLOGER SEEKING VENUS. Pisces, Scorpio moon, Leo rising. 53, tall, thin, bald. (9/4) ☎48384

ADVENTUROUS, ATTRACTIVE, affluent. Nontraditional romantic seeks sincere, affectionate, passionate woman, 35-43. Share entertainment, dining, outdoors, travel, humor. Serious fun, possible relationship. You won't be disappointed. (9/4) ☎48396

50, WHITE MALE, HANDSOME, intelligent, good job, eclectic, spiritual, easy-going, unpretentious, fit, seeks attractive, intelligent, independent, slender/fit woman for fun, travel, mutual life enhancement. (8/28) ☎48320

CONSERVATIVE AND PATRIOTIC. I'm seeking a woman who will settle for nothing less than an honest, sincere, and respectful man. Boats, trucks, desert and fun. (9/4) ☎48423

CAPTURE MY HEART. Fun, fit, romantic white male, 49, 6', 185lbs., seeks affectionate gal for quality time together. (9/4) ☎48430

FIT, FUNNY, FINANCIALLY secure, 47, white male, sown his wild oats, now seeks one good, loving woman for adventure, more. Must be smart, sassy, sexy. (8/28) ☎48336

Bonjour My Special Lady

I traveled a long ways from Canada to search, explore, a very special lady like you that wants to share romance, happiness from the heart. Must be honest, open. No games. So, please go out with me. So, ladies, take a chance. What do you got to lose? (9/4) ☎48425

THIS SHOULD BE EASY FOR US. Me: 33, Caucasian, professional, 6'2", blonde/blue, fit, athletic, witty, modestly handsome. You: 25-33, Asian, slender, adventurous, honest, intelligent. (9/4) ☎48454

YOUTHFUL LOOKING 36, 6' African-American, MBA, nice job, will keep you laughing/never leave you crying. Race open. P.S. Must like to dance. (8/28) ☎48375

HARD BODY AND BLUE EYES, white male, 45 years young, tall, lean, nonsmoker, no children. Ready for adventure. Seeking Asian sweetheart for friendship and dating. (8/28) ☎48361

HOW ADVENTUROUS ARE YOU? Attractive, warmhearted, successful Jewish guy from Michigan, 42, seeks creative partner for mischief, mayhem and earth trekking. Healthy rebels, nonconformists welcome. (8/28) ☎48364

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46. Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable. 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking marriage-minded attractive blonde, 33-41. Be my lady. (8/28) ☎48355

HANDSOME, AMBITIOUS, black male, 5'10", 205lbs., athletic, muscular, enjoys beach walks, movies, outdoor fun; seeks spontaneous, attractive, fit female, 25-50, who's open minded. Call me. (8/28) ☎48348

INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, good-hearted, misplaced Southern gentleman, 37, seeks same in gal, 27-35. Must like honky tonk, alternative-country, rockabilly. No scenesters or needy types. (9/4) ☎48405

IF YOU LIKED THE "Story Of O", try the new book "Lease". 5'10", 170lbs., 50, defined hard body, sensitive and aware; occasional Alpha male attitude. (9/4) ☎48382

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST, white navy lady wanted. You're slender; you're looking to date a handsome, Christian Science boyfriend, me 35, long-term marriage/relationship, kind, sincere. (8/28) ☎48316

BEATNIK CARTOONIST seeks mate in her 30s or 40s. Must have humor, faith and creativity. (9/4) ☎48418

GO FOR THE GOLD! Adventurous, well-valued Jewish male, 32, with upbeat personality, seeking honest, sincere, witty female for friendship, adventure and fun. (9/4) ☎48428

BILINGUAL MEXICAN, 31, loves to watch movies, dance, have fun, Kiss fan, seeks nonsmoking female, 21-34, affectionate, loyal, fit, cute. I'll be your teddy bear. (8/28) ☎48322

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GOOD COMMUNICATOR, SENSUAL, warm, intelligent, funny, responsible, accomplished. Also trim, toned, nice appearance, youthful, early 50s. You: 35 to 45, nice figure, childless, North County. (9/4) ☎48388

OCEAN BEACH-STYLE WOMAN wanted. Into the beach, Jam Band music, road trips, camping. I'm tall, athletic, fun and handsome. Call me. (8/28) ☎48349

AS YOU WISH. Tall, dark, fit, handsome, romantic, professional, intelligent humorous 30-something seeks thin, smart, feminine, sexy, playful, conversational, family-oriented 24-34. (9/4) ☎48436

SINGER, 5'10", LONG HAIR (blond), brown eyes, 180lbs., secure, into music, Chargers, camping, 4x4, jacuzzi. Lighthearted, slender, easygoing, loving woman, 25-35, wanted. (8/28) ☎48314

WHERE ARE ALL THE CHINA dolls? Caucasian male, 45, looking for Chinese beauty who wants to be treated like a queen. Extra points if tall. (8/28) ☎48370

LONGHAIRED GENTLEMAN, handsome, young 40, educated, honest, sincere. Love animals, music, photography, computers, hiking. Seeking sweet, petite, childless, vibrant, creative, longhaired lady with diverse interests. (8/28) ☎48339

You'll Never Have To Guess How I Feel About You

I'm an affectionate, fun, thoughtful, adventurous, intelligent, ambitious, movie-buff, 24-year-old entrepreneur. Looking for an independent, goal-oriented, adventurous, cool girl, 18-27, fun, with great sense of humor. You like movies, sparkling conversation, great talks, great fun. Honesty a must. No smoking, no drugs please. (8/28) ☎48368

GOOD-LOOKING, SMART, stable, successful, unencumbered nice guy (approximately 6', 180lbs., 45) seeks slender, single, highly educated, nurturing beauty (32-42) for balanced, long-term relationship. (9/4) ☎48416

GOT GENITAL WARTS? Life's not over! 30, male, tall, educated, caring, sensitive, adventurous, traveler seeks cute girl for dining, movies, camping, beaches, friendship and romance. (9/4) ☎48433

GOOD HEARTED HEALTHY gentleman, 44, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner, enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (9/4) ☎48447

SCORPIO, PASSIONATE, spontaneous, the one mom told you to stay away from. Do you still listen to mom? Feel adventurous? (8/28) ☎48366

WANT INDEPENDENT LADY with looks, brains and sexy attitude. Me: White gentleman, 5'9", 53, 176lbs., medium hair, fun, healthy, romantic, loving, creative and will commit. (8/28) ☎48303

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, renaissance man seeks cultured, college educated, cosmopolitan, but also into sailing, scuba and outdoor stuff. (9/4) ☎48400

BEGINNING GOLFER? Me too. White professional, 47, fit, no emotional baggage, seeks nice lady, fit, attractive, financially and emotionally stable, for golf, more. Call me. (8/28) ☎34449

HEALTHY, HANDSOME, energetic artist, degreed, 64. Seeking honest, mutually supportive, fun loving, relationship with open-minded, intelligent, compassionate female with great sense of humor. Nonsmoking. (9/4) ☎48452

JEWISH MALE, 59, 5'9", 160lbs., attorney, real estate developer, honest, attractive. Seeking sincere, attractive, slender female for long-term relationship, 47-56, preferably with long hair. (9/4) ☎48451

I'M A TOURING MUSICIAN and will always come home to San Diego. Get bored with guys you're dating? I'm 32, white, attractive, funny and monogamous. (8/28) ☎48351

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 50, seeks spiritually-sensual white woman, 35-50, sensitive, creative, intelligent, a killer kisser. Ready for the passionate ride of her life. (9/4) ☎48424

YOU KNOW IT; GO FOR IT. Straightforward, honest, passionate and an intimate conversationalist. Friendship first. You want it, the rest will follow. Call me. (8/28) ☎48363

ATHLETIC, ACTIVE ASIAN. 5'10", 45, young looking, attractive, romantic, fit, fun, successful, MBA+, world traveler looking for Asian, 30-39, as travel and sports partner/lover. (8/28) ☎48325

FIT PROFESSIONAL, 42, 6'1", likes biking, swimming, outdoors, animals. College educated, childless, nonreligious, seeks awareness, sincere. You're similar, nonsmoker, non to light drinker. (8/28) ☎48319

Queen Size

Big, beautiful, white or Hispanic woman wanted by handsome black male, artist, early 50s. I want you as my life, my love, my woman. (9/4) ☎48380

NATURAL MAN SEEKS NATURAL woman. Your being intelligent, educated, professioanl, creative, funny, realistic, unencumbered, health conscious, tall, slim, attractive, at least 45, would be terrific. (9/4) ☎48420

DON'T WANT TO GROW OLD alone. White male, Lakeside homeowner, 59, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoys music, movies, honest talking, sharing feelings, caring companion. Lots of time. (8/28) ☎48358

TALL, VERY HANDSOME, well-mannered, 54, happy, emotionally and financially stable, beach homeowner seeks warm, sensual, lovely woman for romance, fun and meaningful relationship. (8/28) ☎48309

WARM, INTELLIGENT GUY, 48, loves music, nature, good conversations. I'm 6', 180lbs., student and work. Seeking woman, 40-50+; depth and fun both important. Call me. (8/28) ☎48377

FIT, 50, 5'7", EASYGOING, nice appearance, medical professional, seeks smart, attractive female, 35-45, to celebrate life via romance, travel, dining, dancing and anything you want. (8/28) ☎48334

ALMOST 50. Ready for marriage with right person. 5'8", 160 solid pounds, educated, well above average in appearance. Padres, travel, fun, rock and roll. No Republicans. Good conversation and heart; want to start family. (8/28) ☎48356

CAN YOU TOUCH MY SOUL? Will you bare yours? Can you warm my heart? Will you open yours? Will you walk with me hand in hand into the unknown? Will you ease my fears and share yours? Are you willing to sing, dance, laugh, risk bring the fool? I am! Tall, fit, white male, 44, open minded, romantic, balanced. (8/28) ☎48299

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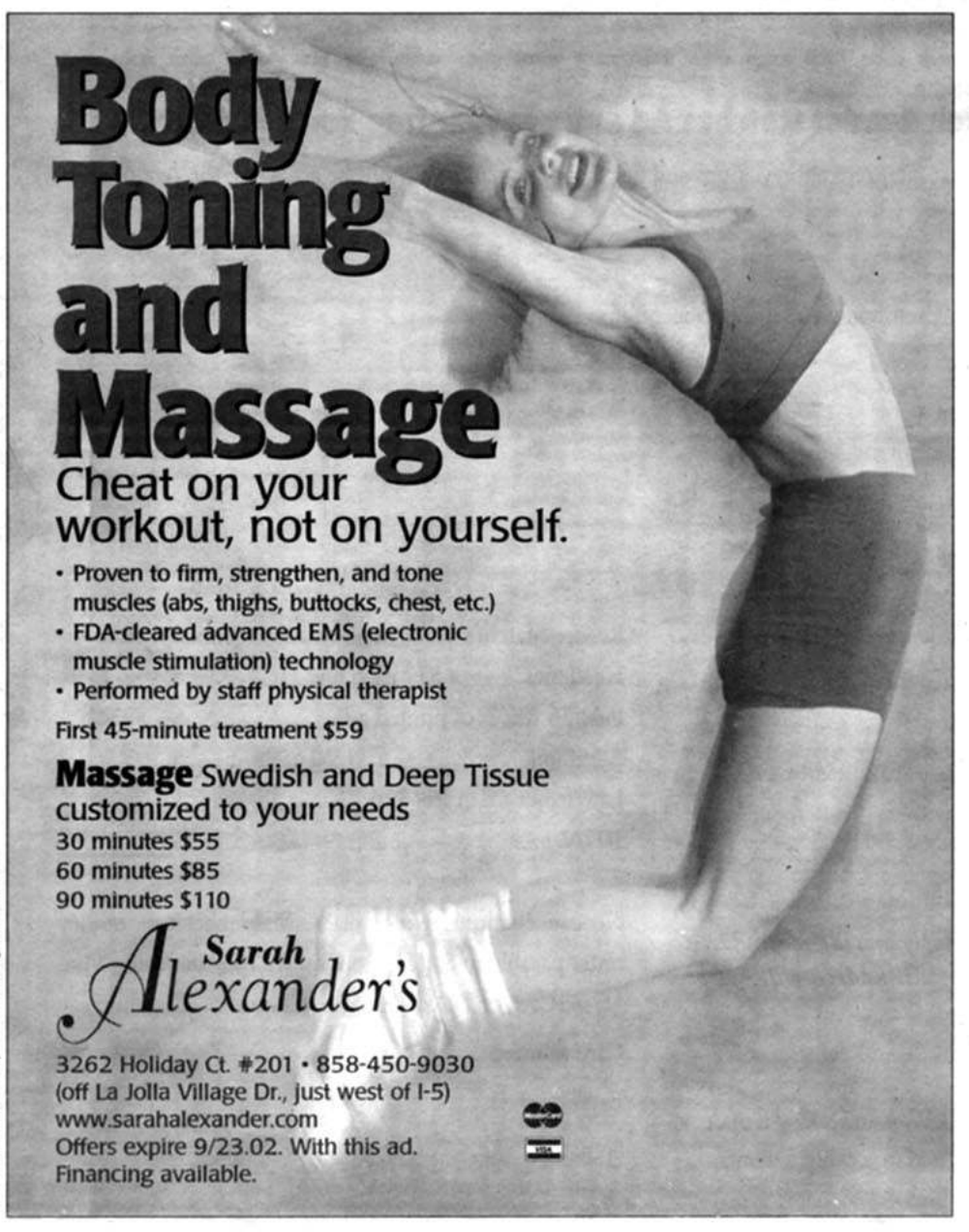

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DOWNTOWN. $875. 4th/K. Share new 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Parking included. Gaslamp 1 block. Balcony with view, washer/dryer, gym, roof deck. Nonsmoking/pets. Female preferred. 619-818-0039.

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ENCINITAS, DOWNTOWN. $512, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Large room, walk-in closet. Garage, washer/dryer, DSL, yard, view, balcony. Nonsmoker, prefer male. Share bath with female. 619-235-2415, x15353.

ENCINITAS. $650, bedroom and bath. Guest quarters, $950. No smoking, pets, drugs. Pool, jacuzzi, nice house, canyon, beach, shopping, washer/dryer, etc. 760-436-2796; 760-492-2796.

ENCINITAS. $550, 1/3 SDG&E plus deposit. Male preferred. 4 bedroom home. Great location. Laundry, cable, hardwood floors. Close to all. Have cat. Nonsmoker. 760-436-7015.

ENCINITAS. $650. Share huge, gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house with loft, sun deck, family room, fireplace, washer/dryer, many extras. Great location! 760-942-8100; 619-235-2415, x28324.

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ENCINITAS. $650/$550, 1/4 utilities. 2 rooms: One master bedroom with private bath. One room with shared bath. Full access to house, yard, washer/dryer. Dogs OK. Nikc75@hotmail.com. 760-438-1503.

ESCONDIDO, LAKE HODGES. $750 plus deposit/utilities. Private room, bath. Gorgeous estate, 3 fireplaces, 6 thousand square feet. Pool, spa, all amenities. 25-foot ceilings. View of lake. Easy freeway access. 9/1. Nonsmoker/pets. Female preferred. 760-737-9010.

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ESCONDIDO. $425 plus security, includes utilities, cable, laundry, house privileges. Nice yard. Wood floors, share bathroom. Available 9/1. 760-736-3580.

FASHION HILLS. $500, includes utilities. Female roommate wanted to share house. Ocean view. Washer/dryer. Private, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Star 82, 858-565-7294.

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HILLCREST. $525 plus 1/2 utilities. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs apartment. Convenient location. Laundry, off-street parking. No smoking, drugs, pets. Male preferred. 619-295-3250.

HILLCREST. $395 plus utilities. Female only. Share beautiful, old, spacious home with 5 others. Pool, yard, trees. Share kitchen, bath, laundry. Nonsmoker. No pets. 619-295-6864.

HILLCREST. $610 plus 1/2 utilities. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs. Small complex. Next to park. Dishwasher, laundry, storage, parking space. No smoking. Cat considered. Female. 619-982-6029.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. $650, 1/2 utilities, $350 deposit. Female nonsmoker. Large master bedroom/bath, patio. Air conditioning, fireplace, washer/dryer. Small, quiet, gated complex. 619-888-4675; 619-235-2415, x21427.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. $600. Share sunny 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Balcony faces south, excellent view. Walk to restaurants, bars, shopping. Nonsmoking/drugs. Available immediately. John, 858-361-0347.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $550. Share house, includes utilities, cable, laundry, recreation room. Near ocean, ample parking, carport, kitchen, big backyard. Nonsmoker. 619-980-1716; 619-429-7876.

IMPERIAL BEACH. $250, $250 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Room in 2 bedroom apartment. 1 mile to beach. 619-429-9377.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Male preferred to share 2 bedroom house, 2 blocks from beach. Provide assistance with household support for man with disability. Pay negotiable. $450 month plus 1/2 utilities. Nonsmoking. 619-594-8924.

KEARNY MESA. $650 includes utilities. Near Mesa College. No smoking, drugs or alcohol. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Pool. Please call Jorge, 858-573-9920 or 858-546-7032; 619-235-2415, x20948.

LA COSTA. $600 includes utilities. Share beautiful condo. Private bath, cable. Quiet neighborhood, pool, jacuzzi. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoker, no pets. Available now. 760-929-0353.

LA COSTA. $695. Share light, bright, clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Panoramic views. Fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, pool, jacuzzi. No smoking/pets. Available 9/1. 619-235-2415, x13238.

LA COSTA. $675. Bedroom, private bath, balcony, 1/2 garage, phone, cable. Spacious, modern, quiet house. Fireplace, all appliances. Share utilities. Available 9/1. Deposit required. 619-235-2415, x23412.

LA COSTA. $500, own bath or share bath (female only), $450. 2-story house, yard, view, fireplace, mirrored closets, garage. No smoking/drugs. 877-593-6275.

LA COSTA. $695, 1/2 utilities. Dual-master bedroom in 2 bedroom townhome. Own bath/balcony. Washer/dryer, 2-car garage, cable, pool, jacuzzi. Nonsmoker. 760-634-3477; 619-235-2415, x19877.

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LA JOLLA, VILLAGE. $1000 plus deposit. Available 9/1. Large room and 1/2 office in huge 2 bedroom apartment. Underground parking included. Call Craig, 858-456-2423.

LA JOLLA, SHORES. $990. 2 blocks from beach. Own bath. Female preferred to share large, bright, spacious home. 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces. Pool, washer/dryer, garage and more. 858-829-1771.

LA JOLLA. $500, $500 deposit each. 2 rooms in large 4 bedroom house. Available 9/1. 619-933-3915.

LA JOLLA. $495, $300 deposit. Small, furnished, studio room. Private entrance, patio, washer/dryer, cable. No house privileges. Share bathroom. Maid. Microwave, small refrigerator. 858-454-6294; 619-235-2415, x31792.

LA JOLLA. $550, 1/2 utilities. Historical 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, furnished except room. Laundry. By Windansea Beach. Female preferred. No alcohol/drugs. Joanna, 858-459-2595; 619-235-2415, x21696.

LA JOLLA. $600, 1/3 utilities and housekeeper. Nonsmoking females seeking third for furnished townhouse. Unfurnished room, cable, separate phone, private bath, kitchen, laundry, amenities. 858-450-0725; 619-235-2415, x13438.

LA JOLLA. $750, 1/2 utilities. Regents/Nobel. Master bedroom, master bath. Secure complex, underground parking, convenient location, fans, patio, courtyard, racquetball, pool, jacuzzi. 858-454-7090.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Large home. Pool, fireplace, off-street parking. $625. No pets. 858-452-0118.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $700. Private bedroom, private bath. Share 2 bedroom condo. Furnished/unfurnished. Garage. Pool, gated community. Close to freeways, UCSD, shopping center. 858-623-8434.

LA JOLLA/MT. SOLEDAD. $1300. Share Mt. Soledad home. Your lavish master suite has private bath and big screen TV. Lovely grounds with pool. Includes maid and gardener. References required. 858-729-9802.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $725 including cable. Master bedroom with bathroom/walk-in closet. Unit has laundry, large balcony. Complex has many amenities. Available 9/1. 619-807-2233.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $905, spacious bedroom. $995, extra-large master bedroom. Luxurious, fully furnished, 3 bedroom townhome. 2 decks, shared office, high-end upgrades, beautifully maintained, private garage. 858-552-1237.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. $600 plus 1/2 utilities. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, garage, jacuzzi, pool. Please leave message. 619-235-2415, x18853.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $700, 1/2 utilities. Bedroom/private bath. Large townhouse. Have 2 cats. Nonsmoking/pets, no garage. Seeking female, long term only. Available now. 619-235-2415, x28450.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $700 including utilities. Female only, nonsmoker. Own bedroom, bath, phone. High ceiling. Washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis, racquetball. Available 9/1. 858-658-0216.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $685 plus 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 cat. Washer/dryer in apartment. Overlooks the park. Pool, jacuzzi, etc. 619-602-0859.

LA JOLLA/UTC. $695. Private, large bedroom and bath in apartment. Washer/dryer, pools, workout facility, underground parking. Nonsmoking. 619-723-6526.

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $700, 1/2 utilities. Blocks to the beach. Furnished 2 bedroom house. Front/backyards, parking, washer/dryer, cable. 858-456-6136; 760-521-6582.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $725. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Great location. 300' to Windansea beach. Partial ocean view, parking. No pets. Available now. 619-886-5095.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. From $665 to $685, includes utilities. Completely furnished room in house. Private entrance. No smoking, no pets. 858-459-6322; 619-235-2415, x14399.

LA MESA, WEST/SDSU. $560. Share amazing house with view. Private bedroom, garage, laundry, fireplace, home theater, jacuzzi, air conditioning, garden and more. Available 9/1. 619-235-2415, x23928.

LA MESA. $550/month. Looking for 1 roommate to share a 4 bedroom house. Ask for Giovanni, 619-741-6871.

LA MESA. $575/month. Room for rent in condo. Private bath, pool, club room, washer/dryer, parking. 619-235-2415, x11255.

LA MESA. $550/month for 2 large rooms with private bath. Private home. Quiet neighborhood. Call Rose, Monday-Friday, after 5pm; Saturday-Sunday, 8am-9pm, 619-463-0965.

LA MESA. $400, includes utilities. Bedroom/private entrance, share bath. Furnished. View home, laundry facilities. Clean, quiet. No pets. Absolutely nonsmoking. After 6pm, 619-465-2487.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. $650. Large, contemporary, remodeled, ocean-view home, private entrance, bath, all amenities, spa, gourmet kitchen, fireplace, furnished or not. 619-548-7547; 619-741-6900.

LEMON GROVE. $425 includes utilities and cable. 2 bedrooms available in house. Near all freeways. Female. Cat OK. No smoking or drugs. 619-235-2415, x23039.

LEUCADIA. $575. Nice room available west of I-5. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, washer/dryer, easy access, off-street parking. Mike, 760-815-6164 or Chris, 760-635-2907.

LEUCADIA. $600, room plus own bath. Walk to beach. Female seeking female roommate. First plus deposit. No smoking. 760-632-0696.

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LITTLE ITALY. $550 includes utilities. Own room, share bath and master bedroom with own bath plus garage, $625. Also includes utilities. No pets, nonsmoking, no drugs. $550 deposit for each. Available now. 619-247-4151; 619-233-4686.

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MIRA MESA. $550/$475. Share large house. Master or single rooms available. Furnished or unfurnished. Cable and phone in room. Quiet neighborhood, good location. 858-271-4584.

MIRA MESA. $500 each. 2 bedrooms available in quiet 4 bedroom house. Easy freeway access. Laundry, high speed Internet in each room. All appliances. 619-449-5466.

MIRA MESA. $550, 1/3 utilities. Corner house, furnished, corner bedroom, indoor washer/dryer, full kitchen amenities, DSL, cable, phone, patio, pool. Available 9/1. Deposit. 619-235-2415, x20218.

MIRA MESA. $300 and $400, $200 deposit, share utilities. Large, quiet, clean house. Share bathroom. Laundry, cable, neighborhood pool. No smoking/drinking. Available now. 858-578-7748.

MIRA MESA. $650, $650 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom, private bath. Garage, pool/spa/fitness, central air/heat, upstairs, view, furnished. Female preferred, nonsmoker. 858-566-9675.

MISSION BAY. $600/month includes utilities, cable, phone. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished home. Parking, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, recreation room. Ted. 619-384-3369.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. $1100, own room. $550, share room. Seeking female roommate to share fully furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, ocean-view, luxury condo. September-June. 619-235-2415, x25064.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. $775, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. On beach. Guaranteed parking, washer/dryer, living room furnished. Must see! Jason. 619-252-4683.

MISSION BEACH. $725, $400 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, on beach. Nice patio, garage. Nice location. Nonsmoking, no drugs, no pets. Available now. 619-742-2267.

MISSION BEACH. $700 plus utilities. Seeking roommate to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment on the beach. Month to month rent begins 9/1. Matt. 858-488-2365.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH. $575/each. 2 bedrooms have city/bay views and closets. 1 has private bath. Laundry, appliances, unfurnished, driveway, garage. Ken. 619-692-0227.

MISSION HILLS. $875, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Share contemporary home with canyon/city views. Spacious bedroom with private bath and garage parking. Available 9/15. 805-566-0440.

MISSION HILLS. $500, 1/3 utilities, $200 deposit. Own bedroom/bath available. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Quiet neighborhood, walking distance to Hillcrest. Available 9/8. 619-296-4745; 619-235-2415, x16662.

MISSION HILLS. $650, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom/bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath, luxury condo. Washer/dryer in unit, fireplace, balcony, parking. Available 9/1. 619-549-1599.

MISSION HILLS. $525 plus deposit, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry facilities. Near trolley. No smoking/drugs. Female only. Available 9/1. 760-522-4141.

MISSION VALLEY/KEARNY MESA. $600/month, 1/2 utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo-like apartment. Nonsmoker preferred. 619-423-9101; ask for Doug, home, 858-277-0684.

MISSION VALLEY. $675/month, utilities, deposit. Roommate needed for 2 bedroom condo. Own room/bath. Laundry, pool, jacuzzi, gym, garage space. Call 858-279-4354.

MISSION VALLEY. $700, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Share tasteful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Upstairs to yourself with private entrance. Seeking female, nonsmoker/pets. Have cats. Laundry, air conditioning, fireplace, parking, gym, pool, spa. Available 9/15. 619-997-2002.

MISSION VALLEY. $575, utilities, deposit. 2 rooms, shared bath. Large home, clean, comfortably furnished, cable TV, Internet, washer/dryer, storage, housekeeping, telephone. Near freeways. 619-286-1421; 619-235-2415, x26013.

MISSION VALLEY. $540, 1/2 utilities, $200 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi. Near freeways and trolley. No smoking/pets. 858-467-0824; 619-235-2415, x18996.

MISSION VALLEY. $535, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Quiet, pool, jacuzzi, parking. No smoking, drugs or excessive drinking. Male/female. Available 9/1. 619-851-5947; 619-235-2415, x18391.

MISSION VALLEY. $700, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Female, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, gym, pool, great location. No smoking/drugs. 619-299-9238; 619-743-2368.

MISSION VALLEY, WEST. $500. Female to share 3 bedroom condo with another female. Laundry, pool, spa. 4 miles to beach. 858-499-0140.

MISSION VALLEY. $900. Master bedroom/bath available in new, luxury apartment complex. Close to all major freeways, extra storage space. Jennifer. 858-576-0975.

MISSION VALLEY. $700 including utilities. Beautiful master bedroom with own bath in Kensington Park townhome. Close to SDSU. 619-282-1978.

MISSION VALLEY/USD. $450 plus utilities, deposit. Quiet nonsmoking condo. Washer/dryer, free cable. Olympic pool, jacuzzi, sauna, security patrol. No pets. Available 9/1. 858-495-9128.

MISSION VALLEY, EAST. $525, $525 deposit. Available now. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Female only. Pool, on-site laundry. No additional pets. Leave message, 619-584-4238.

MISSION VILLAGE. $525, 1/3 utilities, $250 deposit. 3 bedroom house. Game room. Washer/dryer, cable. Close to all freeways. Available 9/1. 858-637-3573.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $450/each. Seeking 2 female roommates. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. 1 room has deck, other has window. Both fairly large. 619-957-2513; 619-692-2054; 619-235-2415, x19509.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. $450. 2 large rooms available in beautiful 4 bedroom house with multi-level porches, canyon view, wood floors, fireplace and washer/dryer. 619-957-2513; 619-692-2054.

NORTH PARK. $433/month plus deposit. Female preferred to share 2 bedroom apartment with me and 2 cats. Available 9/1. 619-299-0304.

NORTH PARK. $575 including utilities/cable. Master bedroom/bath in secure condo with fireplace, garage, washer/dryer. Female nonsmoker, no pets. Available 9/15. 619-501-5349.

NORTH PARK. $375, 1/3 utilities. Large bedroom in roomy apartment. Quiet area. Laundry facility. Close to shopping, freeways, Balboa Park. Available immediately. 619-370-5989.

NORTH PARK. $345, 1/2 utilities, $300 deposit. 2 bedroom, shared bath in clean, quiet apartment. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Available now. No alcohol/drugs. Call Joseph, 619-255-3116.

NORTH PARK. $575. Share large house. Private bath, hardwood floors, large room, laundry, backyard with orchard and waterfall. Prefer female. 619-255-3077.

NORTH PARK. $475, 1/2 utilities. Kansas Street, off Adams Avenue. Laundry, share bath. Female. No pets. Already established situation. Safe neighborhood. Available now. Kate, 619-563-7086.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. $525/month plus 1/2 utilities. 2-story, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with balconies and spectacular views. Female preferred. 619-235-2415, x12021.

OCEAN BEACH. $640/month, $600 deposit. Large apartment, nice view. Large master with full bath, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closet, private balcony, parking. Available 9/1. Tony, 619-226-4659.

OCEAN BEACH. $675 plus 1/2 utilities. Share large 2 bedroom apartment. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, pool table, laundry, parking, more. Private bath. Nonsmoking. George, 619-517-2438; 619-235-2415, x20476.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. $490. Ocean view, private bath, 2 blocks beach, beautifully remodeled, laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. 4811 Santa Cruz. 619-223-5092.

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OCEANSIDE. $600/month, including utilities. Room for rent. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Pool, jacuzzi. Available 9/1. Call Kim, 760-721-9675 or 760-505-2008; 619-235-2415, x16412.

OCEANSIDE. $425, 1/4 utilities, $250 deposit. Residential house. Room is furnished. Kitchen, laundry. Driveway parking. Quiet, great view. No pets. 760-966-1163.

OCEANSIDE. $400. Room in house. $700 studio. Utilities included. Swimming pool. Quiet neighborhood. Laundry. No smoking. Female preferred. Pets OK. 760-586-6111; 619-889-8394; 760-433-9324.

OCEANSIDE. $550. Share new 4 bedroom home with 2 others. 3-car garage, landscaped. Nice, new neighborhood. 1 month deposit. Available immediately. Call John, 858-335-4462.

OCEANSIDE/FIRE MOUNTAIN. $500 includes utilities. Share quiet, spacious house, vegetarian kitchen. Fireplace, laundry, patio, safe neighborhood. Near shopping, freeway, beaches. No smoking/pets. 760-439-9965.

OCEANSIDE/CARLSBAD. $850, all inclusive. Beachfront. Share beautiful condo on the beach. Furnished bedroom/bath (tastefully), cable, private phone line, many extras. Must see! 760-757-3753; 619-235-2415, x18135.

OLD TOWN. $550 plus deposit. Overlooking downtown airport. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. No pets/smoking. 619-406-6664.

OLD TOWN. $625, $400 deposit. Master bedroom for rent. Great view. Furnished. Available 9/1. Michael, 619-269-4798.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. $525, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Nonsmoking male or female, share 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Beach 2 blocks. On-site parking, laundry. Greg, 858-483-3193.

PACIFIC BEACH. $500, 1/3 utilities. Own room/half bath plus share shower. Own parking. Share condo with 2 males. Nonsmoking, no pets. Call Skylar, 858-272-9475.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. $675, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Dishwasher, cable Internet/TV, parking, walk to bay. Available 9/1. Matt, 858-272-5802.

PACIFIC BEACH. $795, bedroom, own bath, walk-in closet. $895, large bedroom, own bath, walk-in closet. $995, master bedroom, private balcony. Brand-new 3 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath condo. View of Mt. Soledad. Near Garnet, but away from noise. Available September. 858-344-1855.

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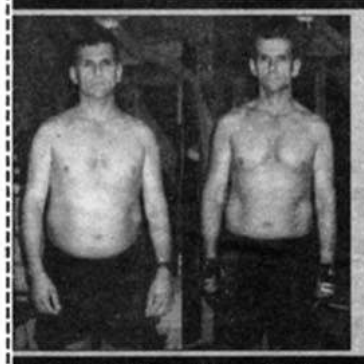

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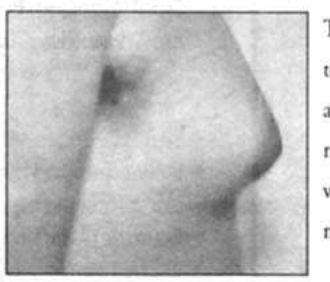

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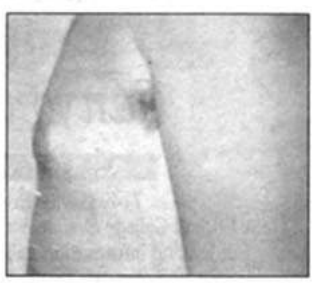

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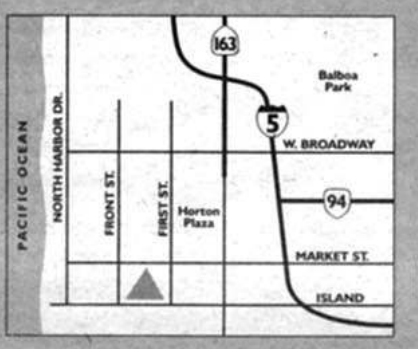

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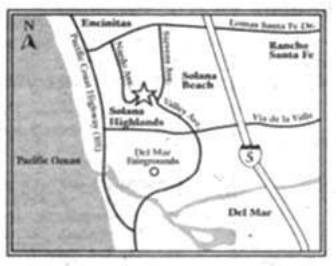

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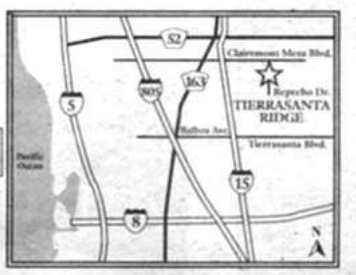

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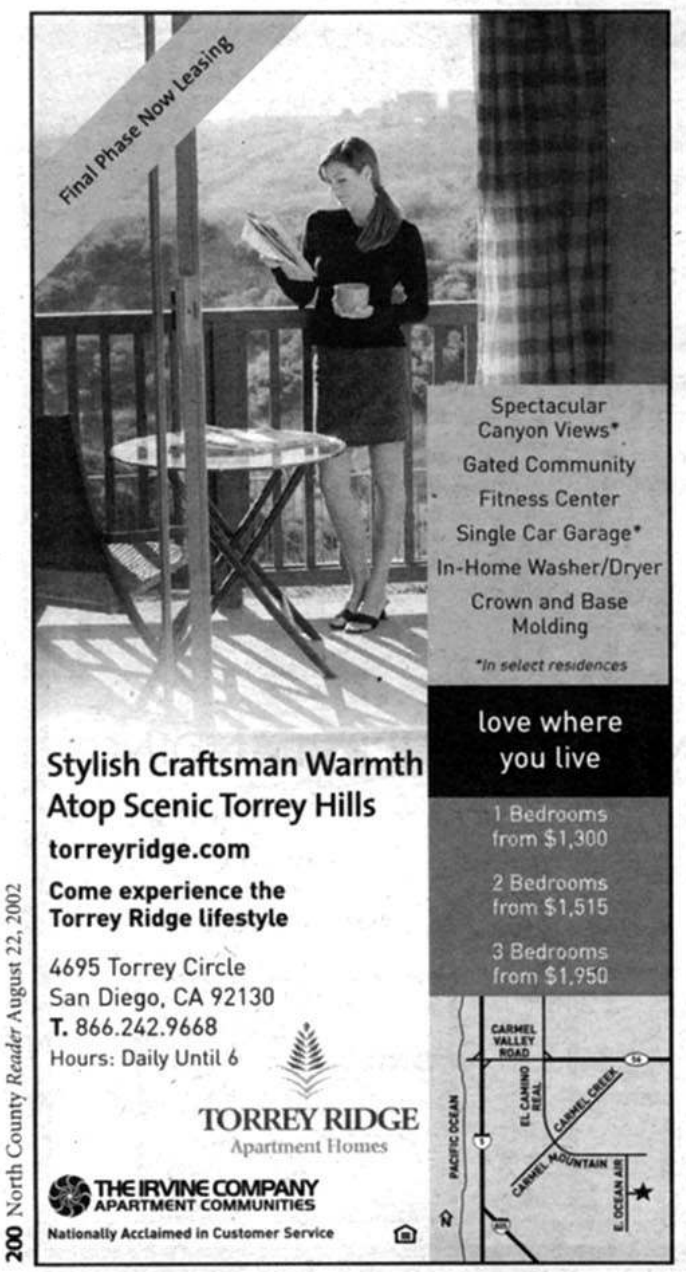

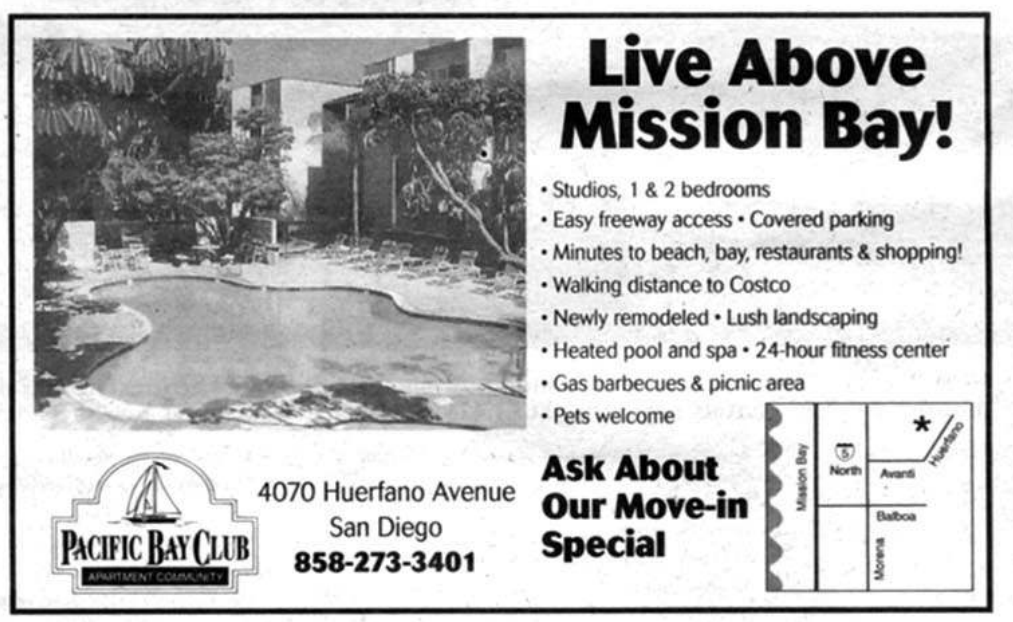



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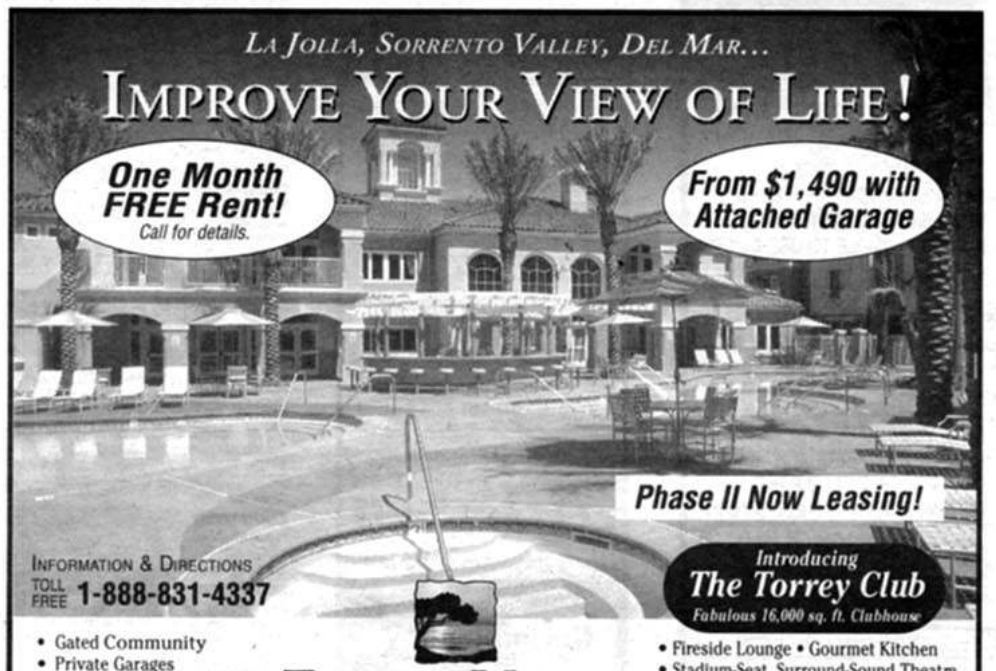

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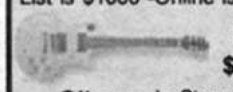

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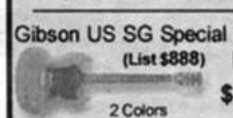

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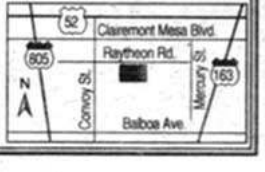

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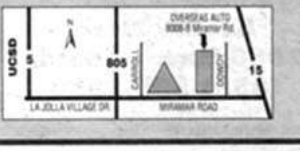

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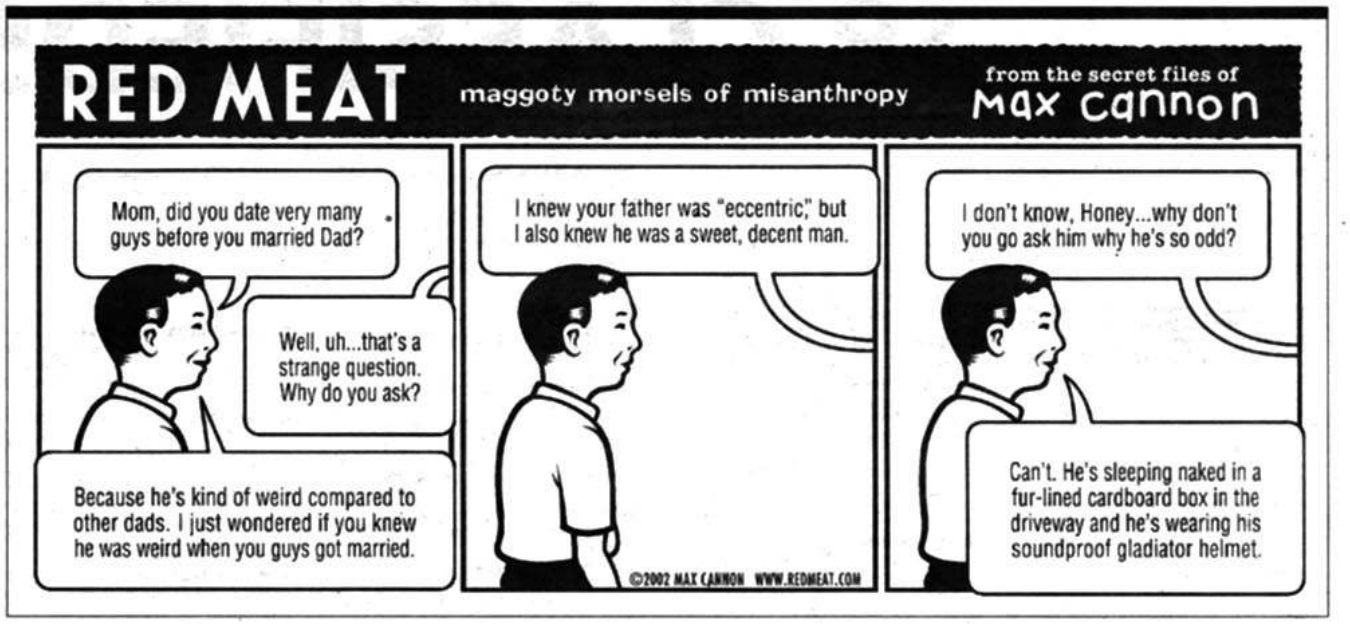

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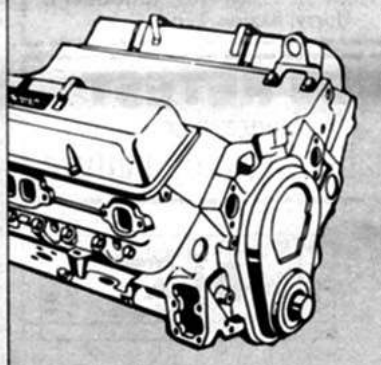

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HILLCREST. Yard sale. 8-11am, Saturday, 8/24. 2 couches, double gas oven, children's pool, and miscellaneous. Excellent prices. 3614 Fourth Avenue (behind, in alley).

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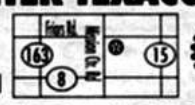

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LEAD STORIES

— Plastic surgeons told *The Wall Street Journal* in August that requests for designer navel and nipple surgery are increasing (probably brought on by the skin-revealing tops women wear), with slim, horizontal-oval navels preferred (a preference also found by panelists in a 2000 surgical journal article), and firm, prominent nipples seen almost as an "accessory" for the excitingly dressed woman. (Almost all such U.S. surgery is in conjunction with tummy tucks or breast enhancement, but navel sculpting as stand-alone surgery has been popular for several years in Japan.)

— Update: In July, a Texas district judge ruled that any professional thoughts that software engineer Evan Brown had in his head during his 10 years with DSC Communications (now Alcatel USA Inc.) belonged to the company even though they may never have been expressed in any tangible form. (*News of the Weird* reported DSC's filing of this lawsuit in 1997.) Brown had signed a contract agreeing that DSC owned any "invention" or anything "conceived" on the job, but said he actually began thinking about his high-level source code solution 12 years before he started work at DSC.

Motiveless Crimes

— Nathan A. Williams, 18, admitting that he robbed a convenience store in White River Junction, Vt., in July, told the judge, "I still don't know quite to this day why I did it." And Gerald Fitzgerald, 73, pleading guilty to a series of petty crimes in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in July: "I don't know why (I did it)." And Ms. Rie Fujii, 24, pleading guilty in Calgary, Alberta, in June to abandoning her children while she partied: "I don't know why." And Darlene Eva Gallant, 41, sentenced to two years in prison in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, in May for maliciously injecting her grandson with insulin: "I hurt someone more precious than my life, and I don't even know why." And pharmacist Robert Courtney, pleading guilty in Kansas City, Mo., in February to diluting customers' cancer drugs: "I keep asking myself, 'Why?'"

Cultural Diversity

— The several African nations' soccer teams that rely on witchcraft to give them an edge were confounded at this year's World Cup when Senegal almost made it to the semifinals after supposedly rejecting that strategy and competing solely on ability. Teams from Ivory Coast and Mali have been in the news this year for their relentless black-magic beliefs (e.g., animal parts buried on the soccer field at midnight; hexing spells by witch doctors on a team's sideline). In February, a Cameroon assistant coach was dragged off the field by Mali military personnel after he was suspected of wielding a lucky charm.

— The traditional, manure-based "Many Weed Tea," taken by generations of rural black families in Alabama as a cold and flu remedy, is fading away despite continued testimonials to its effectiveness, according to a June *Birmingham News* story. Its recipe calls for forming a tea bag of cloth and filling it with two open lemons, stalks of the lavender plant, honey and several dried cow patties, preferably containing visible, undigested leaves and twigs. The brew is supposedly safe for humans provided that it is boiled long enough before steeping.

Latest Messages from Above

— A group of Christian protestors disrupted a pagans' spring equinox ceremony in Lancaster, Calif., in March by blasting their car stereos to drown out the songs and chants of 300 witches and warlocks. What apparently really set off the Christians was the pagans' merry attempt at "animal sacrifice," which they accomplish by fonduing a candy bunny. When a pagan leader yelled "Sacrifice the chocolate rabbit," the Christians leaped from their cars and advanced on them, but violence was averted.

— Bishop C. Vernie Russell's Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church (Norfolk, Va.) has raised $340,000 from his congregation in 14 months for the specific purpose of helping randomly chosen members (59 so far) to get out of debt by having their credit-card bills paid off by the church, according to a June *Wall Street Journal* report. At the special monthly "debt liquidation revival," congregants dance and chant, "stomping" the devil, who is believed to be the cause of the credit-card debt in the first place. Lucky winners must cut up their cards and attend counseling, and Russell believes "cured" borrowers are much better tithers.

— More Violence in Jerusalem: In July, Ethiopian Orthodox Christian monks brawled with monks from the Coptic Christian Church of Egypt at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (the site of Jesus' burial and resurrection) after an Egyptian on the roof moved his chair into the shade. The roof space and all other space and furniture in the church have been allocated by agreement among various Christian organizations, and the Egyptian was said to have crossed a line, provoking the Ethiopians to respond by throwing rocks, iron bars and chairs. Seven Ethiopians and four Egyptians were injured.

Unclear on the Concept

— Greeting the arrival of singer R. Kelly ("I Believe I Can Fly") at the courthouse in Chicago on Aug. 7 for a hearing on the 21 counts of child pornography he has been charged with were 40 children, yelling support and wearing T-shirts reading "Not Guilty," "Case Dismissed," and "Kill his name/Kill the fame/That's the game," among other messages. Said organizer Janet Edmond, "(People) need to stop looking at all the negative stuff and start looking at the good things R. Kelly is doing. (K)ids need something to reach for. They have no role models."

It's Hard Being an Animals Rights Activist

— Aztar Corp. casinos in Evansville, Ind., Atlantic City, N.J., and Las Vegas have recently featured tic-tac-toe games in which gamblers compete with chickens that punch in X's and O's with their beaks, and in June, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals made a formal protest, both of the oppressive conditions under which the chickens labor and the "disrespect" of the chickens that the game represents. Also in June, traveling Alaskan circus artist Emily Harris had her expensive bicycle mistakenly sold while she visited a second-hand shop in London, and the resulting news stories called attention to her particular circus art, which is that she hypnotizes chickens and makes them play a piano.

Least Justifiable Homicides

— Taketomi Miura, 30, was arrested and charged with killing a newspaper carrier, allegedly because Miura thought that a murder conviction would help obscure the shameful fact that he had been embezzling from his employer (Tondabayashi, Japan, June). Shane Sloan, 29, was convicted of killing his mother, supposedly because he was angry at her for interrupting his suicide attempt (and Sloan indeed killed himself in his cell 10 days later) (Pittsburgh, June).

Our Civilization in Decline

— Angel Martinez, 36, was only recently released after serving 17 years in prison for a murder he did not commit, 13 of those years after another man had confessed; Martinez's lawyer had never told him about the confession (New York City, June). A 22-year-old church pastor and his brother were arrested for administering an hour-long beating with a rod to an 11-year-old boy (resulting in kidney failure) because he allegedly cheated in Bible study class (San Antonio, July). Colombian rebels wounded eight humans and destroyed 20 homes with a bomb strapped onto a horse (Guadalupe, Colombia, July).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— A 15-year-old girl won a talent search by "jumping" rope 100 times while seated (by raising her butt for each pass) (Keller, Texas). Witnesses said a 39-year-old youth-league soccer coach rushed onto the field during a time-out and aggressively elbowed the other team's star player (an 11-year-old girl) in the stomach (but the league has specific penalties only for coaches who attack referees) (Mississauga, Ontario). A 44-year-old man, angry that a check he was expecting didn't come, beat up the postal carrier (Shreveport, La.). A catwalk collapsed at Aquarium of the Americas, sending 10 VIP visitors into a tank with 24 sharks (but which, fortunately, had just been fed and were docile) (New Orleans).

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The elephants, it turns out, are worth the price of admission alone.

By John Brizzolara

It's not that Daddy wasn't around to take me to the circus; I never asked to go to a circus. I didn't particularly want to run away with one. And at an early age I decided that clowns, like the Easter bunny, came from the same agency used by otherwise unemployable alcoholics. Lions and tigers might have invoked some genuine awe. I no doubt would have been right respectful of knife-throwing skills and sword- and fire-swallowing finesse. Back when freaks were an attraction, you could have gotten me there, given the opportunity and a plan. But now all that's left in that department are "little people," who only serve to remind us of our political incorrectness because we keep thinking "midgets." It's just that the circus has mostly seemed to me like a third-rate Broadway musical on wheels.

The Greatest Show on Earth was here at the Sports Arena a couple Fridays ago, and the event welcomed thousands of families to its cotton-candy bosom. A fair number, maybe a majority, were Mexican or Mexican-American families. I wondered why that might be, but the closest I could come to an answer was that the cheap tickets up in nosebleed were only $8 for adults — same as a movie on a Friday night.

I can't say I stayed very long. I just wanted a taste, really. And the tickets I got, the only ones left, were $26 but came with an oxygen tank and a Sherpa guide. My distance from the center ring only enhanced the dreamlike sequence I later, in fact, dreamt about. A lone woman rider (young, virginal, beautiful, if I liked; from where I was, why not?) entrancing one cantering, pure-white horse after another, until there were seven that she seemed to have summoned from a glade of shadows. Their manes and tails traced behind them gracefully as feathers and smoke, or sea foam at the crest of a wave. She charmed all seven to back up slowly, one at a time, bowing their way into the shadows and twining themselves into each other from rump to neck to nose. One would have sworn in court to her virginity and the seven ivory horns that sprang from just above and between the beasts' amber eyes of liquid, silent love.

The elephants, it turns out, are worth the price of admission alone. To be reminded of their existence in your city life and away from the confines of a zoo (no matter how wonderful the zoo) is extraordinary to be sure. These things, employed the way they were, may not be dignified or imaginative (like a ringmaster directing a Rolls-Royce around the big top, being pulled by clowns and strongmen with gaily colored ropes to demonstrate that the machine can play a beer commercial from its radio, *ta-dah!*); but their somber intelligence and amenable attitude is cause for rumination, eh? And some kind of smile.

I don't know how long Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus has been coming to San Diego, but I'll go out on a limb and say probably a good long time. Its swing through the Silver Gate and this dusty border town has probably inspired thousands with its displays of the exotic, the dangerous, and the beautiful. The big top's depiction in literature and films, from *Jumbo* to *Something Wicked This Way Comes* to *Nightmare Alley*, has given archetypal imagery to the oldest form of organized traveling entertainment. The word *circus* in the dictionary, between *circumstellar* and *cirrhosis*, speaks of chariot races, feats of human strength, livestock and exotic animals, horsemanship, and performances by clowns.

I did not wait to see tigers be persuaded to get up, sit down, open their throats, or wag their tails. Call me a sentimental neurotic or a tiger hugger; it's just depressing. Might have been the same story with the seven synchronized horses moving backwards too, but it wasn't. As to why it wasn't — that's something to be debated in the language of the night, in poetry, not prose.



An extraordinary reminder

I wonder how common last Friday night's lack of a band might be. The music was supplied, and very well too, by two prerecorded instruments: synthesizer and drums. The electronics can invoke foreign vistas, epics of empire, jungle cruelty, and Savannah silliness; but before too long, the medium meant to broaden horizons shrinks them with repetition.

It was when I felt I was hearing an instant reworking of some science fictional anthem — now become "The Zebra Waltz of the Grand High Mystic Poobah," pretty similar to that piece ten minutes ago accompanying the parade of maybe 18 clowns in horse suits, disembarking from a Volkswagen bug (a tune one might title "Ice Fishing with Boaz and Unk in the Zany Caves of Mercury") — that I decided I could leave and say I have experienced, if maybe not fully appreciated, The Greatest Show on Earth.

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Fish Stories

I never understood fishing. True, devoted fishermen are not like other people. They're obsessed, possessed. My husband Jack has a friend, Mark. The first time I visited Mark's house when Jack and I were dating, I sat on the couch in Mark's living room while Jack and Mark chatted in the kitchen. In the middle of the coffee table, Mark had set a four-inch-high stack of photos. I glanced at the picture on the top of the pile: Mark standing on a dock holding a fish. He stood with his arm thrust forward toward the camera to make the fish look bigger. I lifted the first photo off the stack. The next photo: Mark standing on another dock holding a fish. The next photo: Mark on a boat holding a fish. The entire stack, hundreds of pictures, Mark holding fish.

I began to understand fishing a little more during our recent summer vacation. The last week in July, my husband Jack and I and our five children traveled to Mammoth Lakes in California's eastern High Sierra. The day we arrived, my younger brother and his wife, who live just south of Mammoth, gave my kids fishing poles. "You didn't have to do that," I protested as Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and John clutched their new poles with glee.

"We're happy to do it," Jason said. "Meet Joanie and me Thursday afternoon at the Uketchem at McGee Creek. We'll fish. Then we'll have a barbecue at our house."

When we got back to our condo, the kids tore open the fishing poles' plastic packages. "Can you help me put this together?" seven-year-old Angela asked. Jack and I spent the next half hour screwing the pieces together and feeding clear filament through the rod's openings. Each pole came with a weighted yellow plastic fish to tie to the line's end.

"You can practice casting with the yellow fish," Jack explained. "Then when we go fishing for real on Thursday, you'll replace the yellow fish with a hook and some bait."

For the next two hours, the four older kids stood on the condo's deck and practiced casting. On his second try, Johnny flung his yellow fish 30 feet across the sidewalk into a flowerbed. "That's awesome, Johnny," Jack enthused. "Your Uncle Mark would be really proud." Every now and then, Ben toddled out onto the deck and tried to catch the yellow fish as they whizzed past his head.

For the next three days, the kids practiced casting whenever they could. We took the fishing poles on an ill-fated boat ride on Lake Mary. Before Ben turned the boat's engine off and we had to be rescued, the kids cast their yellow fish into the lake's wind-whipped water. Some confused ducks, thinking we were trying to feed them, followed the yellow fish as the kids reeled them toward the boat.

Thursday dawned clear and warm. We spent the morning shopping in town for souvenirs, then drove the 15 miles south to McGee Creek. Jason and Joan waited beside a ramshackle shed. I parked the car in a shady spot. McGee Mountain rose precipitously above us. To our left, beside the shed, two wide, cool ponds shuddered in the shade of the cottonwood trees. A small waterfall ran from one pool into the other. The air smelled of damp earth and green water plants. "This is Terry," Joan introduced us to the Uketchem's proprietor. "He's going to help you guys fish."

While Jack and I watched, Terry removed the yellow fish from the kids' lines and attached tiny lead weights and fishing hooks. "You can get your bait from the sink beside the shed," Terry said. Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and John dug their hands into a sink full of dark, wet dirt and came up with wriggling worms. Terry threaded the worms onto the hooks and led the kids to the edge of the upper pool. Benjamin snoozed in his shady spot in the car.

Jason, Joan, Terry, and Jack stood among the kids beside the pool. The long, sleek trout moved back and forth through the water. On the first cast, Johnny and Angela both came up with fish. Everyone cheered. Terry helped them reel in their catch, removed the hooks, and placed the fish on a stringer to dangle in the water. "They'll stay fresher longer that way," Jack explained.

The kids cast again and again. By the time they finished an hour later, we had 12 trout. Terry cleaned the fish in the shed, and Jason took them home in a bucket full of ice. That evening, we sat in Jason's back yard and ate some of the fish he'd prepared on the barbecue. My sister Anita joined us. The kids splashed in the Jacuzzi. Ben tried to climb onto the roof. I sat and watched the first star appear above McGee Mountain.

On our drive home two days later, we approached Lake Elsinore at dusk. "Look," I called to the kids in the back seat. "There's the same star we saw at Uncle Jason's."

Angela began to cry. "I miss Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan and Aunt Anita," she mourned.

"So do I," I said.

"When can we go fishing again?" Johnny asked.

"Soon, I hope," I told him. And I do.

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