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WHAT THE BLUEPRINTS DON'T SHOW

On January 18 of this year, Joanne Branch, a "contract specialist" with the San Diego Unified School District, sent architect Ralph Roesling a letter full of good news. His firm was being retained to do an initial design workup at three older schools being remodeled and expanded using money from bonds sold, thanks to voter passage of 1998's Proposition MM.

"Congratulations on your selection to provide architectural services on another Prop MM project!" Branch wrote. "This letter constitutes your notice to proceed to begin the initial formulation of the design services for three sites, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 per site."

Roesling's firm, Roesling Nakamura Architects, Inc., the letter went on, was being retained to work on the upgrades of Gompers Secondary, Jefferson Elementary, and Oak Park Elementary. "These funds are intended to cover your time and effort while you are holding your two task force meetings per site and finalizing the project scope and budget. Upon the completion of a pre-schematic budget and project schedule, you must provide me with a fixed fee proposal. This proposal is due by or before Friday, March 8, 2002."

Once the proposal was submitted to the district, Branch's letter continued, "We will enter into a brief negotiation phase. When negotiations are successfully completed, a notice to proceed will be issued for you to begin schematic documents." In other words, the original \$25,000 design fee for each school was only the beginning for Roesling Nakamura. In fact, according to district records obtained under the provisions of the California Public Records act, the negotiations resulted in each of the three school projects being issued a "change order," which



Current school board members (beginning third from left): Alan Bersin, Ron Ottinger, Sue Braun, and John de Beck



Oak Park Elementary



Jefferson Elementary school



Gompers Secondary

dramatically increased architectural fees to be paid to the architects.

On June 30, the Jefferson Elementary fees jumped from \$25,000 to \$350,000. The same day, Oak Park went from \$25,000 to \$311,300, and Gompers increased from \$25,000 to \$649,000. Less than a month later, on July 16, a fourth change order resulted in a \$99,650

increase to the Gompers project, bringing its total to \$748,900 in design fees alone, according to district records. According to a July 12, 2002, letter from the district to Roesling Nakamura, the total construction budget of the Jefferson project is \$1,968,000. Based on

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LETTERS

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Sinister Laugh

I burst out laughing at the ludicrous story by Matt Potter that described the sinister plot that supposedly took place regarding funds for a new main library ("City Lights," September 5). Dede Alpert working behind the scenes to block funds for a library to make Dick Murphy look bad because he's a Republican? The Reader's new slogan should be "We may be stupid, but at least we're entertaining."

Scott Richards

Vega's Vote?

I was amazed when I read Matt Potter's column (September 5) to learn that the City Ethics Commission wants San Diegans for Clean Elections to sign a statement admitting it broke the law. It seems their sin was leaving out the dates of six campaign contributions in their ill-fated attempt to get a campaign reform measure on the ballot. Of course, this can be easily remedied by filling in the dates. But the ethics commissioners have total discretion to file charges or to ignore minor violations. They chose to file.

It is interesting to compare their action against a campaign reform group with their attitude toward housing commissioner and registered lobbyist Thomas Steinke, who failed to file his financial disclosure by the deadline date. While admitting that a violation had occurred, a letter from the commission says, "This matter does not warrant the time and resources of the Commission to investigate."

The action against the campaign reform group and the non-action toward Mr. Steinke take place in closed session by the seven commissioners. The votes are not made public. I would be interested to know how

Commissioner Vega voted, since both he and Steinke are members of the same law firm, Seltzer, Caplan, McMahon, Vitek.

Melvin Shapiro
Hillcrest

Distorted Record

This letter is in response to your August 8, 2002, article "Promise-Breakers" by Nancy Fay. Unfortunately, your reporter did not get the facts straight in this terribly disjointed and misleading article.

1. It is not true that proposed amendments to the Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan would have resulted in the loss of open space in the Salt Creek area; and

2. It is not true that the City of Chula Vista had unilaterally changed the Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan in 1998 and had not consulted with the County of San Diego prior to accepting properties within an expanded open-space conveyance area.

With regard to the first misconception, that there was some risk that the Salt Creek parcels would not be conserved, the facts are as follows:

1. Salt Creek is just one of five "keystone" parcels, or important habitat areas, identified in the 1993 Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan adopted by the city council and the board of supervisors. The others are:

— A vernal pool area on the Otay Mesa

— Riparian restoration areas in the Otay River Valley

— Gnatcatcher population areas in Central Proctor Valley

— Gnatcatcher population areas in San Ysidro Mountain

These areas were all viewed as being of high importance to the state and federal wildlife agencies, and no further ranking of conveyance priorities was adopted at that time.

2. The City continues to enforce the obligation to convey open space. The "deal" is still the same; Otay Ranch Company (and now McMillin, Brookfield, and other property owners) are allowed to develop land, and in exchange they are required to convey habitat land in one of the five keystone parcels into the preserve.

3. The "substitute[d]"

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Unpublic relations As school-board elections approach, San Diego Unified chief **Alan Bersin** continues to haul out the big



Al Ziegaus, c. 1980



Bernie Rhinerson

guns to tell his side of the highly contentious story. Word has leaked from district headquarters on Normal Street that none other than **Al Ziegaus**, the public relations maestro behind the now defunct Stoorza Ziegaus PR agency, and his award-winning aide **Bernie Rhinerson** have joined the Bersin bandwagon as behind-the-scenes "consultants" to the district. According to district sources, the new PR hands

are sitting in on weekly district meetings to hash out public relations strategies and make sure that all literature and news releases issued by the district are helpful to the Bersin loyalists running in the two school-board races up for grabs this year. Ziegaus, a city hall reporter for the *Evening Tribune* in the '70s and one-time aide to ex-city councilman **Jess Haro**, went on to join **Gail Stoorza-Gill** to form Stoorza, Ziegaus, & Metzger, which picked up some of the most lucrative PR and advertising contracts in town (third partner, **Bobbie Metzger**, former press secretary to ex-state assembly speaker **Willie Brown**, left the agency in 1996). Two years ago, Ziegaus struck out on his own and set up, with Rhinerson and **Chris Wahl**, Southwest Strategies, which has represented a variety of developers as well as the San Diego Unified Port District. This June, the firm announced it had picked up a contract from the city of Coronado: "SWS will design and produce a city newsletter, prepare city informational news releases, and provide content and design upgrades for the City web site." Just how much Ziegaus is getting from the school district and who is picking up the tab is still unknown. Sources say Bersin has been telling insiders that the money is coming from unidentified "private donors" and not official district funds. PR consultant Ziegaus himself declined comment on anything having to do with his work for San Diego Unified and referred all questions to the district's public affairs office, which failed to return phone calls ... A day after it was revealed here that state Democrats wouldn't be unhappy to see state bond funds for Republican mayor **Dick Murphy**'s pet downtown library project hung up in limbo, state staffers in charge of the money suddenly reversed course last week and said that errors they had found in

the city's \$20 million-plus grant application would be ignored. San Diego Democratic state senator **Dede Alpert** is on the special commission that has ultimate say over how the money is spent. Whether a final vote on the funding is held before or after the gubernatorial election is now considered crucial to whether Murphy manages to collect the money. The mayor has put his prestige on the line with his promise to build the new building across the street from the downtown ballpark and is expected to cite both if he makes his own longed-for run for governor four years from now.

Inside gatherers The big San Francisco law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, which has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to local officials up and down the state, including San Diego city and county, is the subject of a big write-up in San Francisco's legal newspaper, the *Recorder*: "Even where there is a bidding process, Orrick is such a well-known quantity



Bill Richardson

among public officials that it enters the process with a leg up on competitors." The paper quotes San Diego County chief financial **William Kelly** as saying about the firm after sealing a recent deal: "We were very familiar with Orrick."... Padres owner **John Moores** has given \$5000 to **Bill Richardson**, Democratic candidate for governor of New Mexico. Richardson's tenure on the board of troubled Moores-controlled Peregrine Systems has drawn fire from the Republican in the race ... Paralegal extraordinaire **Erin Brockovich** has joined the board of San Diego's Save the World Air, Inc., says a recent news release from the firm, which makes a "Zero Emission Fuel Saver" device ... KUSI weatherman **C.S. Keys**, who moved here from Pittsburgh a few years back, is getting some belated praise from *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* TV-writer **Tony Norman**: "Remember C.S. Keys, the popular, but chronically troubled weatherman for both KDKA and WPXI? Keys grew up watching the same Philly news personalities I did, so he never realized that some things — like allegedly beating up a girlfriend — just aren't done in Pittsburgh. Keys may have been run out of town on a rail, but he landed on his feet in San Diego, where he's managed to stick to the path of righteousness in his personal life."

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Site 653

Vacant Lot in La Jolla Causes Grief

By Ernie Grimm

Parents know the scenario well. A child's toy lies untouched for hours, days, or months until Little Johnny picks it up one day and begins to play with it. Suddenly, Little Janie can think of nothing but that toy and will engage in all manner of bad behavior to get it. That scenario is being played out in La Jolla and in court.



Rabbi Lisa Goldstein

The children in this case are the local branch of Hillel — a nationwide outreach serving Jewish university students — and a collection of homeowners from La Jolla Highlands, a neighborhood across Torrey Pines Boulevard from the University of California at San Diego. The metaphorical toy over which they're

fighting is a quarter-acre strip of land squeezed between Torrey Pines, La Jolla Scenic Drive, and La Jolla Scenic Way. Left stranded when the roads surround-

ing it were built, the triangular piece of land stands alone surrounded by asphalt. A section of ice plant along Torrey Pines Boulevard is the only thing growing on the property. Completely ignored for years, this barren plot has been the focus of a raucous dispute. The dispute started when Hillel of San Diego's directors approached the City of San Diego about purchas-

ing or leasing Site 653. "That was about five years ago," says Neal Singer, vice president of Hillel's board. "Our administrative office is in a facility which we share with five or six other ministries. Very small. All we have room for is a desk. In terms of counseling or activities or anything, we had no place to go."

"When I do counseling," adds Rabbi Lisa Goldstein, who runs the Hillel branch, "I have to meet the students outside somewhere on campus, under a tree maybe."

"And what has happened over time," Singer continues, "is that we have had to lease facilities on an as-available basis from the university to hold religious services. For instance, the Jewish sabbath is on a Friday night and on Saturday. And so typically we do a service Friday night followed by dinner, and for that we've leased for a long time now the facility at the International Center [on campus]. So about five years ago, we decided that we really needed a facility of our own, a place where kids could come study or use the computer or research stuff in the library or have counseling sessions with Rabbi Lisa."

The chief criterion for possible sites for a new Hillel center was proximity to the university. "In many of the private universities," Singer explains, "they are on campus. But there is a

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Voting Made Simple

By Robert Kumpel

San Diego voters are not likely to see any chad controversies in upcoming elections as November's election will be the last election in which San Diego voters will have punch-card ballots.

Sally McPherson has been San Diego County's Registrar of Voters since December 2001. She has worked for the county nearly 30 years, 7 of those in the registrar's office, and she says the punch-card system has been effective for the past 20-plus years. "It's



Sally McPherson

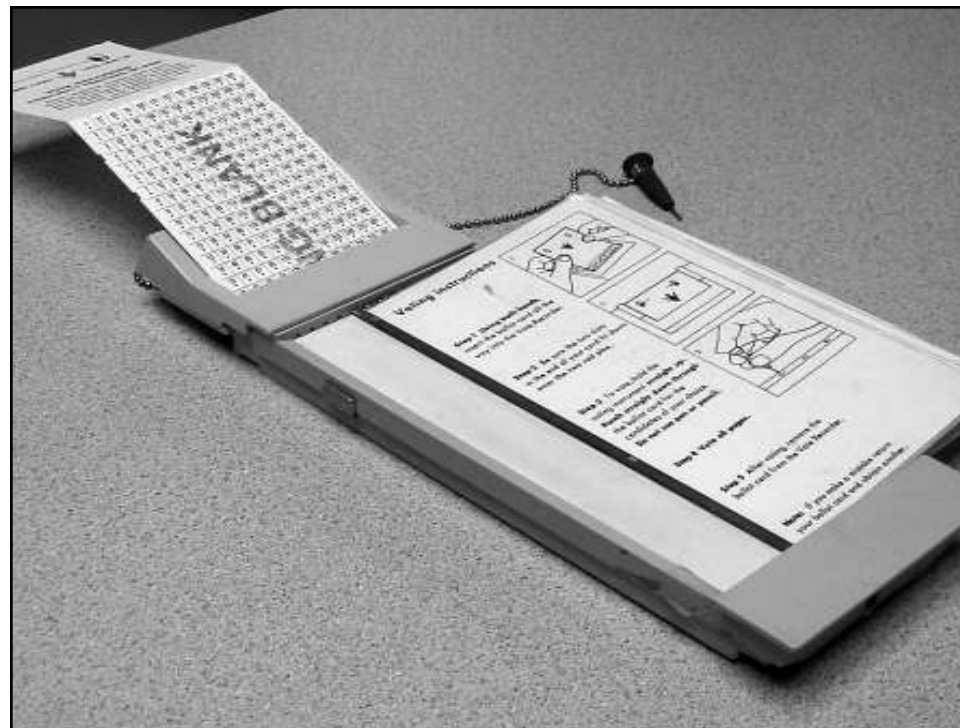
possible that we could have to use the punch ballots if there's a special election, but November should be the last time, because that system has been decertified in the state of California. The two systems, Votomatic and Pollstar, were used in nine counties in the state but were decertified by the Secretary of State, and there was also a lawsuit filed after the 2000 election. The Secretary of State targeted the year 2006, then changed it to 2005. Then, right before the March election, the judge ruled that we needed to move to a new system by March 2004."

The new system will be electronic and will count the votes as they are cast, which brings in much earlier returns than San Diegans are used to.

"The absentee ballots are

coming in before election day, so those we will have to be prepared and ready to count on election night. The ones that come in to the polls on election day or arrive in the mail on election day will be counted in the days that follow. But it will not hold up election results. In fact, on election night, the results should be a lot faster than what we see now. They'll basically bring in a CD from the polls — it's actually a little 'smart card.' " McPherson pauses. "I'm wondering what Election Central downtown will be like when the results come in so quickly."

The new devices used by those voting in booths will be a departure from the punch-card system San Diegans are accustomed to, although the final purchase has not yet been made. "I can tell you that it will be an electronic screen, similar to an ATM screen," McPherson explains. "Most of them are touch-screen, although one system is certified that uses a rotary dial. But it's similar to an ATM screen. They're not as big as a computer monitor, they're generally



Punch-card voting device to be used in November elections

flat — probably about the size of a small portable TV screen. I think it will better serve voters with special needs. Any system that we purchase will have to have an audio component for the visually impaired. I think it's pretty exciting." McPherson estimates that the entire new system (including absentee technology) will cost about \$25 million. "The

state's paying a three-to-one match on that; so they're paying \$3 for every \$1 the county pays."

McPherson sees little chance of San Diego's punch-card ballot system causing a situation similar to the November 2000 election crisis in Florida. "This system has worked for almost 25 years and very well. We think it was pretty

darned accurate. Not just in San Diego County, but in California as a whole. Our elections are run much differently than Florida; the rules are much different, for one thing. We would never have had a recount happen the way theirs did. What happens here is, we conduct the election. We have add-on counts, because there are still ballots coming in. We don't certify an election until 28 days following the election. There is a complete audit that is done — a 1 percent manual audit to test the machine counts for accuracy — before we actually issue the results officially. In the days that follow, we are issuing unofficial results. So if a race gets right down to the wire, it could be almost a month later that we actually know the results. But then, at that point in time, you have 5 days to request a recount. Only then would you be able to do that. In Florida, it was happening right away, and they were still adding ballots in, and because of that, it gave the appearance of confusion. In California, the Secretary of State would not be certifying the state's results until all the counties had completed their audits and the results were in."

With the expanding population of San Diego County, what about new areas like EastLake and Carmel Mountain Ranch?



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Vacant lot grief

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church-state separation issue with the UC system. At UCLA it is right across the street in a residential neigh-

borhood. At UC Santa Barbara it is in Isla Vista, in a residential neighborhood. In Berkeley it is right across the street from campus. We wanted to be in a similar location. There were a couple of [vacant] properties

that the university owned that we inquired about. But they were adamant that all the property they had which adjoins the university was slotted for development. So it was incumbent upon us to find a non-university-owned

property in proximity to the university."

They found a site that met all criteria in site 653. "So we went to the city," Singer says, "and started discussing the possibility of buying or leasing that site.

And it was a long process. They needed to deem it surplus first. And finally in 2000, they had declared that no one had any future need for it, so they could do something with it. And so

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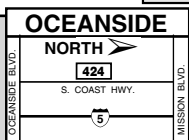
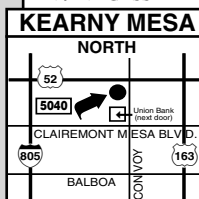
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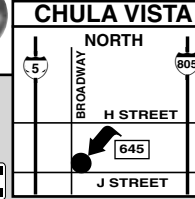
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the city decided to issue what is known as an RFP, request for proposals, to solicit ideas on what to do for

that site. They advertised it, and there were two responses, one of which was ours."

The other proposal was from a coalition of homeowners from the adjoining neighborhood of La Jolla

Highlands. Though they declined to be interviewed, Jennifer Friend, an attorney representing them, explains, "The homeowners in the area banded together and actually raised funds to maintain and operate that

triangle of land as an open park space. They put together an official proposal that basically talked about landscaping and maintenance, and they had committed to paying for that continued maintenance

themselves. The City would still be able to retain ownership of that parcel, but the maintenance of it would be paid for by the residents within the community."

Singer resumes his narrative, "The City put to-

gether a four-person panel, two members of the La Jolla community and two city employees, to review the responses, and they voted to recommend to the city council acceptance of Hillel's proposal. That went before the city council in November of 2000, and they voted 8 to 1 to authorize exclusive negotiations with Hillel. So we started down the path of negotiations and the neighbors filed the lawsuit."

The suit Singer speaks of is actually a petition for "writ of administrative mandamus," which, Friend explains, "is a legal action that challenges an administrative decision by a public entity."

In their petition, the La Jolla Highlanders contend that their proposal for site 653 "wasn't given any consideration whatsoever by the City," Friend says. "And one can take a look at the way the request for proposals process was done, and one could argue that there was no consideration given to any request for proposals other than the ones submitted by Hillel and that the whole RFP process was done with the sole purpose and intent of allowing Hillel to submit its proposal for the lease of that space. And the commitment from day one by the city to lease that space to Hillel could lead one to question whether or not there was ever any intent to consider any other proposal."

"That property sat there for 40 years!" Singer responds. "It wasn't until we went to the city and said, 'We want to buy it. What can we do?' that the process started. And they're right, we wanted exclusive negotiating rights. After all the work and effort we put into it and finding the site and everything, we didn't want somebody else to come in. But the city council said, 'No, we have to have a fair process and issue an RFP.' They opened it up and advertised it, and Joe Developer could have come in there and built two houses. But nobody else responded but us and the neighbors."

The homeowners raise other issues in their 30-page petition. "I feel," Friend ex-

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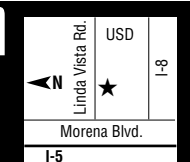
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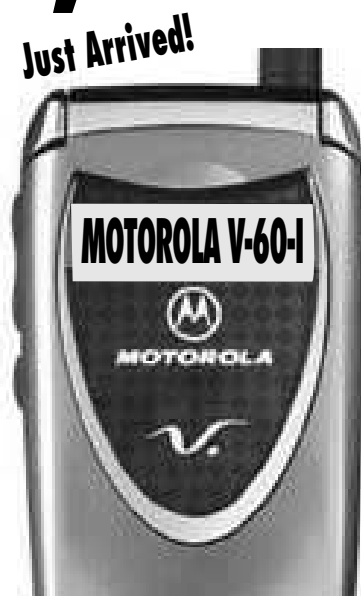
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plains, “that...consideration should have been given to whether it’s improper to only review one use of land that has to do with a religious purpose when in fact there are other proposals that have been submitted that are nonsectarian.”

But the chief point the homeowners’ petition seeks to make is that the parcel was, until recently, designated as open space and, according to the city’s guidelines on open space, it should have remained as such, and therefore, a request for proposals on the land never should have been issued. Singer responds, “The La Jolla Community Plan Amendment came before the council in May [of this year], and on a 6 to 3 vote [which took place June 4, 2002] the council voted to declare that the property is and has always been zoned single family. And single family allows the use we’re proposing. In the 1975 plan, there were two different discussions in the La Jolla Community Plan about site 653. In one section, it said the site is owned by the city, and they can do with it as they please. In another section it said site 653 should be landscaped. It didn’t say by whom, it didn’t say under whose ownership. That was the ’75 plan. In 1995, the plan was amended to designate that site as open space but it was never designated as open space and the zoning was never changed. It was just a recommendation that says it should be open space. What the council did by their last vote was bring the designation back to single family to coincide with the underlying zoning. So now the zoning and the community plan are in sync.”

Calls made to the city planning department confirm that the site is zoned single family. Single-family zoning allows for religious institutional uses such as neighborhood churches. But the homeowners, in their petition, challenge the city council’s June 4 action, saying, “This land-use designation change was done

for the sole purpose of allowing Hillel to lease and/or purchase site 653 and build a student center upon the property.”

Friend says the petition was filed as a last resort. “The homeowners have

done everything within their power to resolve this matter without the need for litigation.”

Singer shakes his head. “The neighbors have refused to meet with us from the beginning.”

Rabbi Goldstein adds, “We understand that open space is a really important thing and that the more open space there is, the more beautiful it is, and so one of the things that we said — and it got incorpo-

rated into the city council’s action in May — is that a minimum of 10,000 square feet will be landscaped and maintained at our expense.” “I get a little heated about this,” Singer says, “because it’s frustrating to me.

If this was so important to the neighbors, why did it sit there all these years just the way it is? Why didn’t anybody do anything about it? It wasn’t until we said ‘We want it,’ that the neighbors got crazy.” ■

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McPherson says there is no need to worry. "We have a whole precincting section, where we develop our precincts for the polls. We don't care so much about population as we do about registered voters. The law says that if we have 1250 registered voters, then we need to have a polling place. For every election, we redraw some of the precincts, and some people have new polling places as a result. Plus, district boundaries changed recently, so we had a lot of work prior to our last election and getting

ready for November. The County of San Diego changed boundaries for its supervisorial districts, congressional districts, assembly districts, and so forth. Every person that votes in a precinct has the same ballot. In the March election, we had 700 different versions of the sample ballot that had to be printed. There were 259 different ballot districts times eight, which was seven parties and nonpartisan."

An election will require between 1400 and 1600 polling places in the county, which, one way or another, are always provided. Businesses and public facilities are always sought out first,

because they tend to be accessible for the disabled; they're more recognizable and have parking. Residences are always the second choice. For newer housing developments where younger families are predominant and most people work, the registrar will issue press releases to seek out poll workers. "There are some areas where we always have a little trouble seeking out poll workers until the last minute, but as long as I've been here, we've gotten every poll open and enough poll workers every time. And you don't have to live in the area where you are assigned to a polling place.

Some people volunteer to go anyplace in the county. We've also sent our own staff at periods when people needed help getting the polls set up."

Despite all the new voting innovations that are on the way, the current system still requires old-fashioned ballot-readers.

Charlie Wallace, the man who operates, maintains, and runs the ballot-reading equipment, opens the door behind the office, revealing an enormous warehouse. In one area are several ballot-readers covered with vinyl tarps. The rest of the space is reserved for the ballots that will arrive on election day. Wallace says that the

technology is fairly old, but the readers have been upgraded. "These readers are about 20 years old. They used to read program decks a long time ago to program mainframe computers, and they were adapted back in the early '80s to read ballots. They read 1000 ballots a minute, which is a lot faster than any other technology that reads a paper-type ballot. Most of the other technologies read between 60 to 400 ballots per minute. They use a blower mechanism to fan out the cards, and the ballots come in from an input hopper with about 650 ballots on the input side." He turns on the machine, which makes an

industrial hum.

Placing a stack of cards in the input side, they are quickly shuffled through to the other side. "They are very fast and very accurate. The only problems with these are chads: if people don't punch the hole out, then it causes some problems with accuracy. But if all of the procedures are followed and the hole is punched out, then these things read at almost 100 percent accuracy rate. Each one of these machines runs between \$4500 and \$6000, depending on whether you can find it used or new. What we've got here is a couple of servers, eight or

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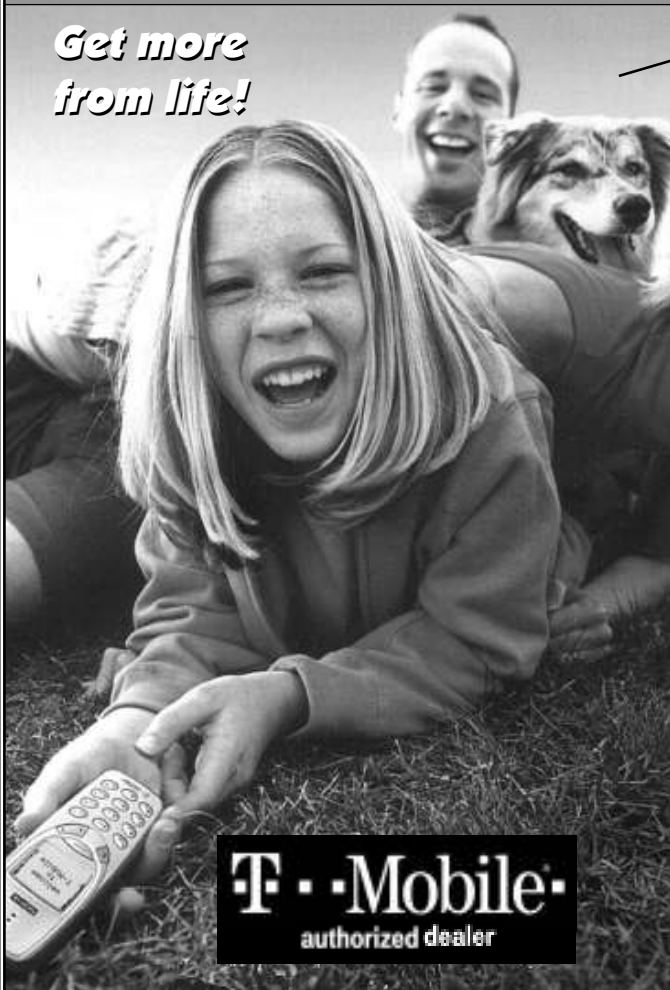
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ten work stations, probably a total of less than \$40,000 worth of actual hardware to count the ballots. The devices that are used for punch ballots at the polling places are worth a total of about \$23 million. There's also the computer software, which is fairly expensive, because it does a variety of things besides counting the ballots. It has to lay out the ballots for the candidates in the right order, with the contests in the right order on the devices. It has to have the ability to edit, change, add records — so it's fairly

comprehensive.”

Another comprehensive task required of the counters is absentee ballots. “It also has to tabulate at the end, and it has to manage a paper absentee ballot system, or it has to handle these.” He points to a stack of absentee punch ballots. “Except these guys won't have holes on them anymore. They'll have marks where the punches are. They call it an optical ballot. These readers are modified to read those. Half a million pieces of paper is a whole lot of paper.”

The new absentee ballots Wallace is talking about will be different from the punch-ballots voters are

used to mailing in. They will be paper mark-in ballots with the names of the candidate or initiative clearly printed on the same paper, making mail-in chads obsolete. “I don't think that chads were the issue for the absentee change. The problem was that you can't just look at your ballot and tell whether you voted for a particular race or measure. It's all numbers. You've got to look back at your sample ballot. That's probably more the issue. The new paper-ballot systems are becoming a lot more sophisticated, and you can count them faster. They will just be for absentee, which isn't a small number. In a general presi-

dential election, where we have our biggest turnout, we have about a million voters or more. Since a third of San Diego County voters vote by mail, we have close to 350,000 voters voting by mail. I think San Diego is a little bit on the higher side for absentee voting — I've heard it's 25 percent for the rest of the state.”

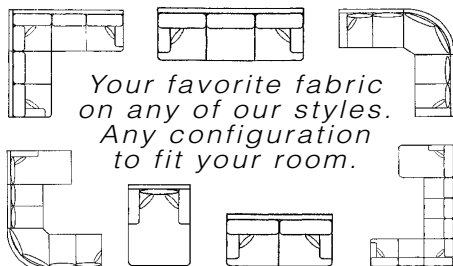
Although most voters probably don't remember, McPherson says that San Diego County had its own vote-counting crisis in the 2000 election. “There was an Otay Water Board election. While all this was happening in Florida, a race in the division for the water board was neck and neck.

We were adding in absentee and provisional ballots after election day. When it came down to certification, it was a tie. So what do you do if it's a tie? You flip a coin! The district did it at their offices, and I went down there for it. It was the first coin toss that I had ever seen. They flipped a coin, and one of the candidates won the toss, so then the other candidate immediately filed for a recount. On our system, if it's one or two or three votes different, that's probably the only time you would ever really want a recount, because if the results aren't turned around, you [the candidate] have to pay for it yourself. If

the results aren't overturned, the candidate pays all the costs. If they are overturned, we pay the costs. There were only 8000 ballots cast for this particular election, so it wasn't huge, but if it were a countywide recount, it would take many days with many people doing it and could be pretty darned expensive. Anyway, they did the recount and, at the end, the results were identical. Unchanged. I think that speaks very well for the system. Having followed what happened in Florida, it was very timely for us, because it was kind of a validation for any questions about the accuracy of our system.” ■

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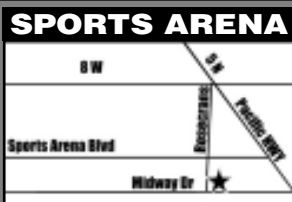
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Hello, Matt:

I was going through that scary area under my bathroom sink the other day and found a bottle of shampoo I had purchased two or three years ago. It got me to wondering, does stuff like that have a shelf life? How 'bout toothpaste, hairspray, deodorant, soap?

— Marina, from net La-La-Land

Shampoo might not have the shelf life of Twinkies or Lucky Charms, but it can hide out under your sink, unopened, for at least two years without big risks. It might be a little thick and goopy or smell funny, but it won't make your hair fall out. The FDA doesn't require expiration dates on cosmetic products with a shelf life of three years or more. And they define "cosmetics" as any product "applied to the human body for the purpose of cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance without affecting the body's structure or function." Soap, nonmedicated shampoo, mouthwash, and bubble bath are cosmetics. Dandruff shampoo, deodorants, sun blocks, tanning aids, and fluoride toothpaste are not. It's not so much that three-year-old deodorant will fry your pits or anything. It's just that some of the ingredients may have lost their effectiveness by then.

As for oil-based facial cosmetics, the FDA warns that they can go rancid within six months. You transfer skin bacteria into the products too, so they can be festering pits of microbes. Even the manufacturers admit a mascara wand is a deadly weapon after just three months.

Heymatt:

I live in the Jamul darkness, and I was wondering why the Milky Way is always in view. Same place, any season, never changes. Have any ideas?

— Lions Peak Lookout

I sure do. We can't avoid the Milky Way because we happen to be inside it. Everywhere we go, there it is. It might look like a broad band of stars running across the sky, but it's actually a huge, spinning, spiral galaxy — biw-yons and biw-yons of stars and planets and space dust. Our solar system is a tiny dot on one of the curved arms that branches off the center. To put it another way, the shape of the Milky Way has been compared to two fried eggs back-to-back. We're embedded in the egg white, somewhere near the outer edge, slightly above the equatorial plane of the formation.

Because of the seasonal motion of the Earth, the location of the Milky Way does change in the sky if you follow it closely through the year. But because it contains so many stars, it's hard to identify exactly what part of the Milky Way you're seeing at any given time. The Milky Way happens to be part of a cluster of 33 galaxies, all moving in unison through space.

If you don't already, you should consider yourself very lucky, Mr. Lookout. NASA estimates that two-thirds of the world's population is not able to see the Milky Way at all because of urban light pollution. If you're in that two-thirds, it's worth a trip to some desolate place (try a mountain peak in the Rockies) to see the Milky Way and the rest of the night sky. For something around us all the time, we hardly see any of it usually. Just a few bright stars and planets and a lot of blackness. You'll be amazed at what else is up there.

Hey, Matt:

I'm seeing lots of advertisements for "malt beverages" that have the flavor of rum or vodka or any other liquor. Why don't the alcohol companies just make a regular rum and Coke beverage with real rum? Why the nasty-tasting malt stuff?

— John, San Marcos

All of boozedom is divided into two parts: the distilled spirits part and the malt beverage part. Vodka versus beer. Scotch versus Hurricane malt liquor. The drinks you talk about legally are the equivalent of beer and are manufactured much like beer. So if you're Coors or Anheuser-Busch, already grinding out suds, already claiming a large chunk of the beer-cooler space in stores, already selling to beer bars, why would you suddenly want to go into the distilled liquor business with a whole new set of laws, outlets, manufacturing and distribution problems? If you can produce a "clear malt beverage," 5 to 6% alcohol by volume, then tart it up with fake lemon or rum or kiwi-strawberry flavor, or make it taste like a bad margarita, why complicate your marketing life with real distilled alcohol?

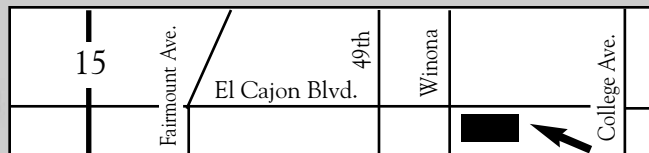
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Got a question you need answered? Get it straight from the hip. Write to Matthew Alice, c/o the Reader, P. O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or fax your questions to 619-231-0489, or e-mail to heymatt@cts.com via the Internet. A searchable archive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

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By Patrick Daugherty

Dancing On Top Of A Pin

NFL bettors were blessed with a particularly revealing opening week. Some of the news concerns San Diego, which makes Week 1 downright historic. Nationally, the story is Monday night's thrashing of Pittsburgh by the New England Patriots. Pittsburgh quarterback Kordel Stewart folded early, this time while warming up on the sidelines. Once in the contest, Stewart fumbled once and threw three interceptions as he has in every big game he's played since entering the NFL in 1955. Still, we learned New England is a legitimate champion.

Locally, San Diego played its best game since...my, it has been a *long time*, hasn't it? The Chargers played a complete game on Sunday, hammering the Bengals, in their house, 34 to 6. San Diego gained twice as many yards as Cincinnati while holding that accursed team to two field goals. Drew Brees threw for 160 yards, completing 15 throws in 19 tries with no interceptions. That will not bring back the ghost of Dan Fouts, but it is good enough for a San Diego player to gain the highest quarterback rating in the NFL, 136.8.

For the first time in four head coaches, San Diego has an offense, defense, and special teams who actually look like they can play professional football. But we are talking about Cincinnati, and just as New England had to stomp Pittsburgh in order to verify their Super Bowl championship, San Diego will have to show more wins than one over enduring incompetence in order to verify that they are a competitive team. Still, it's a nice start.

Now, finally, we arrive at the good stuff. Enter, stage right, the Houston Texans, winner of last week's Lone Star State Championship. The Texans will play San Diego this Sunday at Qualcomm.

Both teams are awash in possibilities. Another way of saying that is nobody knows how good these teams are and nobody knows how bad they are. For the moment, possibility and reality dance on top of a pin and *anything* is possible.

San Diego could be at the start of an extraordinary run. Houston, on the other hand, is definitely at the start of something miraculous. Since miraculous has a considerably shorter shelf-life than extraordinary, we better take a look at Houston while they're here.

On Sunday, the Texans beat the Cowboys 19-10, making them the first NFL expansion team to win its opening game in 41 years. You say, 'So what, Dallas is a lousy team.' First, Dallas is a lousy *NFL* team, which is many clicks up the food chain from where NFL expansion teams snack. Anyway, the point isn't that the Texans beat the Cowboys — although they shouldn't have — what's important is the way they dominated Dallas.

The Texans are an expansion team in name only...at least they were in Week 1. Head coach Dorn Capers gathered, built, and fielded a team that played as if they've been together for years. Now, add Capers's game plan. The scheme contained not a whiff (Mike Riley comes to mind) of sniveling bullshit as in, "I've drawn up a game plan so we won't lose too badly." Instead, Capers had his rookie quarterback throw a 43-yard pass on the first

play of the game and carried on from there. And that's how it went all night: offense, defense, and special teams playing as if a division title was on the line. It was a beautiful game to watch.

Of course, the story line is how Capers knit a brand-spanking-new team together. I have never seen an expansion team play like that. *It was the first game in franchise history.* But, for me, the best part of the evening, besides the humiliation of Jerry Jones, was watching quarterback David Carr, a rookie out of Fresno State.

David Carr could be magic. Magic like Joe Montana. That kind of magic. It's not his stats, it's making the right play at the right moment and being able to pull that off over and over and over again. Doing *that* is going way beyond the realm of excellence into some other place. Carr had the touch in college and showed sparks of it on Sunday.

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 2

[Home Team in CAPS]

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How difficult, do you suppose, is it to go from college star to starting quarterback in the NFL? Well, with the possible exception of Dan Marino, nobody has made that transition in his rookie year. Not Joe, not Brett Favre, not John Elway, not Jim Kelly, nobody. The pro game is too fast, too complicated. The learning curve is too steep. There is simply too much to learn and too little time to learn it. It takes two or three years, for even the best athletes, to understand how one plays quarterback in the NFL.

Ordinarily, San Diego should beat Houston by two touchdowns. The opening line has San Diego favored by 13 points. If the Chargers come home with something like a 34-6 victory, we'll know we have a team. If the game is close, or — *gasp* — the Chargers lose, then we have sighted a puff of magic among us and that is a glorious, life-giving thing. Not bad for Week 2 in the NFL.

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The pretty Filipina in a denim jacket approached a middle-aged fellow waiting at the foot of the steps leading to the altar. The middle-aged fellow, faded tattoos on his forearms, placed his hands above the Filipina's head. An older woman stood with arms outstretched behind the Filipina. The middle-aged man closed his eyes and in a soft voice began to pray in tongues. All of a sudden he brought his palm down firmly on the Filipina's forehead. She swayed, almost collapsed. The middle-aged fellow again closed his eyes and prayed in tongues. He again pressed his palm to the Filipina's forehead. Success. She collapsed backward into the arms of the woman behind her. Slain in the Spirit, the Filipina lay on the floor, trembling.

This wouldn't have been remarkable had it taken place in a Pentecostal church, but the Filipina was slain in the Spirit at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Oak Park. At 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month, a group called Catholic Charismatic Center sponsors a charismatic Mass at the parish.

"We've been meeting here for the past two years," said Shawn Quinn, who for the past six years has acted as diocese liaison for the Catholic Charismatic Center. "Before that, we met in La Jolla. It's difficult to estimate, but I'd say there were around 12 charismatic priests in the diocese. There are probably eight or nine charismatic Masses celebrated each month at different parishes. Here, we call around and get a priest to celebrate Mass for us. It's not difficult."

Holy Spirit's charismatic Mass is unusual insofar that it resembles the sort of "guitar Mass" that was popular two or three decades ago. The choir is made up of a half-dozen men and women in long, white, collarless shirts that appear to have been made of Gandhian homespun. There are two guitar players, one of whom leads hymns in an artless full-throated voice that reminds one of Pete Seeger's. The hymns are *folksy*, commonplace. However, during the hymns, the folks at Holy Spirit's charismatic Mass try to clap along. And after the hymns, they wave their hands in the air and say "Praise the Lord!" and "Praise His Name!" and "Hallelujah!" which is an unusual expression in the Roman Catholic liturgy.

Our Lady of Guadalupe's Father Gilbert Chacon acted as celebrant. His homily seemed designed to dispel all suspicion that charismatic

Roman Catholics were unorthodox. He launched into a tirade against the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and its translation of the Roman Missal. The ICEL, said Father Chacon, had injected "too much politics" into its translation.

"The problem they sought to address was 'patriarchy.' And of course over the centuries many injustices have been done to women. But this is like Liberation Theology. While there were some fine Liberation theologians, and while the poor have been subject to many injustices, the way to solve injustice wasn't for priests to take machine guns and go running off into the jungle.

"The people who wanted to change the language of liturgy and scripture — and these are largely people in the English-speaking world — have a broader agenda. They say that women in the Church are treated like second-class citizens. They're upset that women can't become priests. Fortunately our Holy Father decided he didn't want any of this creeping into our liturgy and scripture."

After Mass, people gathered at the steps before the Altar to pray for one another. Some spoke in tongues. Others, like the Filipina, were "slain in the spirit." I wondered if these Roman Catholics were at all self-conscious about their form of worship, if other Roman Catholics criticized them.

Shawn Quinn was circumspect. He said the charismatic movement within the Roman Catholic Church was 35 years old. He did allow that some very orthodox Roman Catholics were fussy about the anointing-with-oil that goes on among charismatic Catholics.

"The *anointing of the sick*, what used to be called the Last Rites, is a *sacrament*. As a sacrament, it can be administered only by a priest. Now, among charismatic Catholics, laypeople do anoint the sick with oil, oil that's been blessed, but not in that same way as the oil used

in the anointing of the sick. We don't confuse what we do with the sacrament. We know it's *not* sacramental. There are some who worry that we're encouraging laypeople to administer a sacrament. We're not.

"We're very faithful Roman Catholics. All the way down the line. On abortion. On birth control. On the ordination of women. On loyalty to the Pope. We're not theologically *liberal*."

"Twenty-two years ago my wife asked me to attend with her a 'Life in the Spirit' seminar, a seminar for people interested in charismatic Roman Catholicism. I was born and raised a Roman Catholic. But it was during this seminar that I began to take the sacrament of confession in a serious, profound way. I really felt forgiven. And the Eucharist began to mean more to me. I truly felt completed after receiving the Eucharist. So, becoming charismatic, speaking in tongues, exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit, have only made me a more faithful and committed Roman Catholic."

— Abe Opincar



SHAWN QUINN

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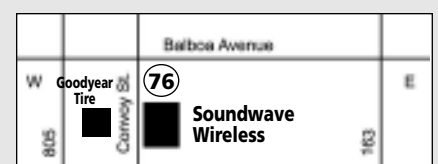
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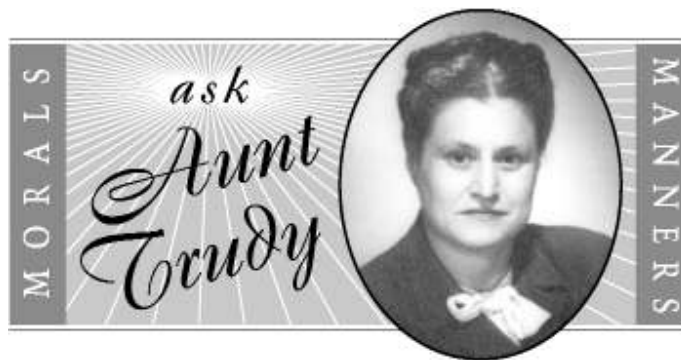
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

The wife of one of my colleagues was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. I know this woman slightly from seeing her at company functions. We've talked a few times. I'm pretty good friends with her husband at work. Apparently her prognosis is hopeful; the disease was caught very early. Still, this must be a horribly scary moment in their lives. I'd like to express my concern and affection, say how sorry I am and that I wish her the best. But I also feel that illness is a personal matter and am not sure I should say anything at all. I heard that she was having these health problems through another person at work, not her or her husband, so maybe they don't really want to talk about it. I saw her at an office get-together a week ago, and I didn't know what to say, so I just avoided her, which wasn't what I wanted to do at all! What is the best, most respectful thing to do here: say something, or keep quiet?

AWKWARD IN ALLIED GARDENS

Dear Awkward,

If I look back on the times I've been ill, or when a loved one was very sick, I think that a compassionate, discrete expression of sympathy and commiseration was almost always welcome. The writer Flannery O'Connor, who suffered from lupus, said, "In a sense sickness is a place more instructive than a long trip to Europe, and it's always a place where there's no company, where nobody can follow." The intense sense of aloneness that can accompany sickness perhaps can't be completely alleviated, but considerate words and gestures (nothing fancy, simply heartfelt expressions) can be of great value to the unwilling traveler in the lands of ill health. If you feel shy about speaking up in a private moment, or if no such moment presents itself, why not write this couple a note? What you said in your letter was graceful and straightforward. I think your colleague and his wife would be grateful to know you were thinking of them. Perhaps you'd like to invite them over for dinner. In such situations, I was often grateful to get out, have some fun, eat good food, and think and talk about other things besides the body's failings.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My son is starting kindergarten soon. He is becoming more independent, and I want to nurture his budding independence while still exercising healthy parental control. This summer my son took a real liking to "Luke," a kid who's a year older and lives down the block. He always is asking to play with Luke. The problem is that Luke is one of the only little kids I've met who I actually dislike. He comes from a "broken home" (his

parents divorced and now continually fight in front of him and yell and threaten to revoke each other's custody rights). It's sad, and I feel for the kid, but he seems to have internalized a lot of the discord he's been brought up with. He's competitive and unkind to smaller, weaker kids. He seems to have developed, even at this tender age, a real knack for sensing people's sore spots and poking at them by teasing. He never does anything really antisocial or physically harmful to anyone, and he's obedient enough, I just think he's not a very nice boy. I'd like to forbid my son to see this kid, but he just loves him, says Luke's his favorite friend. I'm afraid Luke is troubled and a bad influence. Suggestions?

WORRIED LEMON GROVE MOM

Dear Worried,

I'm not a parent, and perhaps because of this I tend to be rather Pollyanna-ish in my reactions to problems involving children, so take this with a grain of salt. I like the idea of turning this situation around. Rather than Luke being a bad influence on your son, couldn't this difficulty become an opportunity for your son to be a wonderful influence on Luke? This means you'd have to keep a close eye on them when they play at your house and participate when needed. You'll want to communicate really well with your son and Luke about their behavior and try to redirect Luke when he picks on kids or acts inappropriately. And don't forget to reward Luke when he acts like a little gentleman. Let him know, kindly but clearly, how you expect him to behave in your house. This means extra work for you, but maybe it's worth it. Sadly, you're not always going to be able to shield your son from dubious, damaged, unhappy people. You're only going to be able to teach him to recognize them and deal with them as intelligently and kindly as possible, and to protect himself.

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—EVE KELLY

"Idle hands are the devil's playground." That was one of Pop's favorite lines for corralling us restless rug rats on a Saturday afternoon, and it was always followed by the assignation of some chore. Dad's hands were never idle; between long hours at work and the endless task of do-it-himself home repair and maintenance, there was always something for him to do.

Now Dad is retired, and he and Mom plan to begin spending the winter months with my family here in sunny SoCal. I knew he'd go nuts just hanging around the house, so I decided to find him a hobby. I remembered catching him looking through the ads for vintage cars; an old car to putter over seemed like the perfect project. And what better car than an old woodie station wagon? It seemed so California to me, the sort of thing you saw in surf posters.

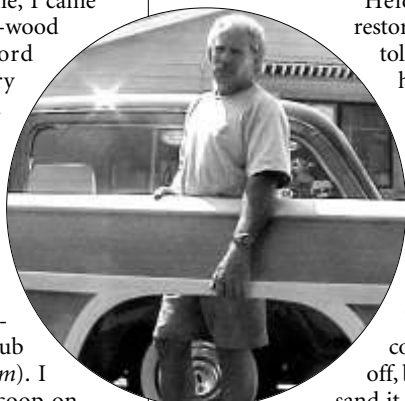
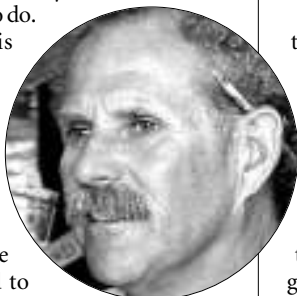
I started my hunt with the *Old Car Trader*, put out by Auto Trader Publications. After combing the 300-page magazine, I came up with four woodies: a 1940 all-wood Pontiac (\$37,500), a 1949 Ford (\$29,950), a 1952 Mercury (\$27,500), and a 1950 Packard (\$28,500). The latter three had wood inlaid on the doors and body to varying extents. All four were in pristine condition, and not one of them was in Pop's price range.

I slipped onto the Internet and looked up the San Diego chapter of the National Woodie Club (www.NationalWoodieClub.com). I was hoping for some inside scoop on these pricey peach crates, along with tips on how to find an affordable fixer-upper. My research turned up the name of Ron Heiden, owner of Heiden's Woodworking (760-753-8047) in Encinitas. Heiden's shop specializes in wooden-car restorations, and later that afternoon, I rolled down his driveway for a chat.

Heiden let me know that I would need to be lucky in my search for a woodie, especially if I didn't have deep pockets. "Nowadays, woodies are being sold by word-of-mouth. They're so popular that if they hit a publication, they're gone. The best place to look is in a publication called *Hemming's Motor News* (www.hemmings.com). It's sort of the Bible of car restoration."

Heiden gave me a little history. "Every manufacturer made a woodie — Chevrolet, Oldsmobile... but mostly what you see nowadays are Fords, because they made more of them." Should I look under "woodie?" I asked. "It'll say station wagon. Woodie is a nickname. They started out in the '20s calling them depot hacks. They were used to haul people back and forth from train stations and airports. You could get a lot of people and luggage into them. People with estates bought them, or people with large families.

Then the car started to deteriorate, and the \$2000 car turned into a \$400 car in the '60s and early '70s, because the wood had rotted.



"Ten years back, there were a lot of cars out there that had decent wood on them."

The surfers would come around with these large surfboards and think, 'Wow, we can get this station-wagon thingy for \$200!' Sometimes, it was \$80, sometimes \$50. They bought a complete running car with a tailgate that was rotten, but they didn't care. They'd take out the third seat and shove their boards in there. The surfers nicknamed them woodies.

"Twenty-nine was the first closed station wagon. They had a metal-frame bottom, but all-wood bodies. Then in '49, they went from an all-wood body to a metal car that had wood planted on the outside. Nineteen fifty-three was the last real woodie; it was a Buick with very little wood on it."

I was glad for the history — Dad would eat it up — but still curious about the possibility of scoring a woodie in the single-digit thousands. "A car that's really rough, that you just found in somebody's garage that's half falling down, the doors don't work and you need to rebuild the motor and body but the car's all there, all the parts? That will cost a minimum of \$5000. From there, the cars go up the scale. I have a rare four-wheel-drive that's \$250,000. But an average woodie that you can get in and drive will go from \$35,000 to \$40,000."

Heiden, who has been restoring cars for 20 years, told me that the bulk of his work now consists in making brand-new wood for cars. "Ten years back, there were a lot of cars out there that had decent wood on them. I'd make one or two pieces, but for the rest, I could strip the varnish off, bleach the wood and sand it down, then refinish it." He uses old wooden pieces as

templates. "I have most all of the Ford pieces, and some Chevy. The Ford products were all Eastern Hard Rock Maple, so that's what I use in the new construction. The GM products were ash. The panels, pretty much, were mahogany."

About 80 percent of Heiden's work is done by hand; it is labor intensive and not cheap. A new wood body for a 1942 Ford, assembled component by component and bolted to the car, will take about five months and cost \$28,000. A car that needs less — say, disassembly, cleanup, a couple of new panels and reassembly — will still run around \$16,000. Heiden showed me one of his panels: eight pieces of wood masterfully joined around a curved sheet of dark mahogany.

I realized that Dad would probably never own a woodie, but I was still curious. So I was happy when Heiden mentioned Wavecrest (www.wavecrestwoodies.com), the Woodstock of woodie gatherings. Wavecrest is a free annual event — this year it falls on September 21 — held at Moonlight Beach in Encinitas. Anywhere from 200 to 250 woodies will be on display, and people come from all over to take a gander. Trophies are given in categories like Best Surf Vehicle and People's Choice. Heiden tells me that woodie people are "not a lower, but a slower group. They try to keep it real easy and mellow." I knew it would be perfect for me and Pop.

1. Ron Heiden

2. Ron Heiden with wood side panel

3. 1942 Ford woodie

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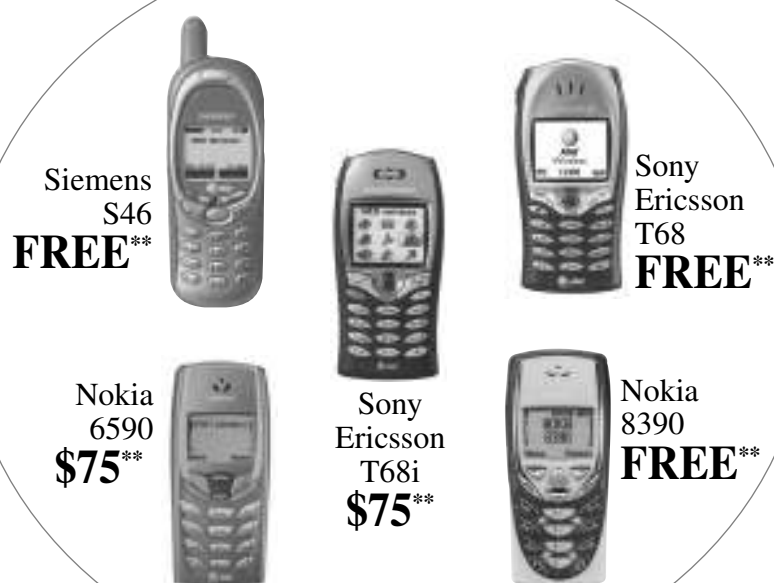
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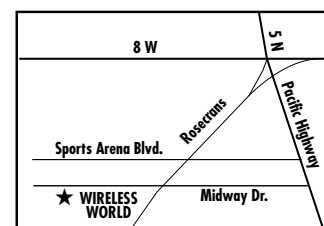
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that figure, the architects' fee represents 17.8 percent of the construction cost. The district letter says the Oak Project construction budget is \$1,270,000, making the architects' fee 26.4 percent. In the case of Gompers, where the total budget is said to be \$4,750,000, the architects' percentage is 14 percent.

The latest cost overrun was the result of an alleged "mistake" made by Roesling Nakamura. In a letter dated July 15, 2002, to school district contract specialist Joanne Branch, Roesling Nakamura business manager Harry Stephens wrote, "Thanks for working with me to get these figures corrected. I appreciate your understanding that it is possible for me to make an honest mistake. I have corrected the figures on Gompers for the Portable Certification."

In a letter responding to Stephens, dated July 16, 2002, Branch wrote, "On July 15, 2002, we were notified that you had identified a clerical error on the proposal for Gompers Middle School related to the fees for the certification of the 32 portable buildings. You had inadvertently re-used the numbers from Oak Park instead of calculating specifically for Gompers.

We have reviewed your claim and find that is fair and reasonable to increase your fees by \$99,650 for the work associated with the certification of these buildings." After saying she would respond to a request for comment after talking to superiors, Branch subsequently failed to call back.

What led to the



Kotaro Nakamura



Katherine Nakamura

other such increases in the fees? What justified them? What was the district's reasoning, and what criteria did it use to negotiate the new contract, granted without competitive bid or any kind of public hearing?

Only a partial accounting of the Roesling Nakamura contract and the negotiations that led to it can be given, because after pro-

viding some documents covering the three projects and their change orders, the district abruptly switched course and refused to turn over any more records, claiming an exemption in the public records law that, the district contends, allows it to keep details of its negotiations with the architectural firm secret.

"The District is

withholding certain materials specifically relating to negotiations, which are exempt under the deliberative process privilege found under Government Code section 6255," according to a letter to Reader attorney William J. Sauer, dated August 26, 2002, and signed by Sandra T.M. Chong, Proposition MM staff attorney.

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eral counsel of the Sacramento-based California First Amendment Coalition, which represents newspapers and broadcasters advocating full and open access to governmental records at both the state and local level, argues that San Diego Unified's use of the "deliberative process privilege" to withhold the Roesling Nakamura negotiation documents is without legal foundation or justification.

"What you see here is an example of a rash or a virus that's spreading pretty obviously among state and local agencies, just using the deliberative process privilege as a wild card for whatever you can't otherwise exempt from public scrutiny." The exemption



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controversial options in as free a way as possible," Franke says. He adds that an exemption under those circumstances is far different from the situation presented in the Roesling Nakamura case.

"It sure doesn't fit what we're talking about. If you do have contract negotiations, then certainly the idea that you want the government's money to be spent prudently without waste, fraud, or corruption means that how it's spent, and the decisions leading to its being spent and the roads taken and the roads not taken should be open to public scrutiny."

"There is no exemption in the California Public Records Act for documents that

claimed by the district, Franke explains, was created over the past several years by four state court rulings in various public-records-act cases. "Three out of the four cases involve information touching

on the governor's decisions. In one case it was simply information on who met with him over an extended period of time, and in two other cases it was information supplied to him by people who wanted to be

appointed to public office. In one case, the fourth case, the court of appeal has applied it to the phone numbers dialed by members of the city council over a year or two." In each case the

court's rationale was to preserve the confidentiality of elected officials for limited purposes. "The idea is to allow policy makers to get the benefit of candid advice and really explore a variety of potentially

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show how a contract was negotiated. If anything, the policy would tend to be in the opposite direction, because it has to do with who gets public funds and how wisely public funds are spent.

“I have simply never heard of anyone even going to court maintaining that they were not required to make public records showing how a professional-services contract was negotiated. If the district were to stick with this and go into court behind that flag, as far as I know it would be the first time, and I think it would be foolish for them to do so.”

La Mesa architect Ed Oremen represents the local chapter of the American Institute of



Typical 3-2 vote by school board members

Architects on the school district’s Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, set up by the district’s board of trustees to monitor how the \$1.5 billion in Prop MM bond proceeds are being spent. Provided a

description of the contract without the names of the parties, Oremen said such arrangements are rare but sometimes employed when the ultimate scope of the project is not known. “I guess you might

use a system like that if you went into the preliminary design without a really clear understanding of the project requirements,” Oremen says. “I can’t think of anything other than a new school that might

represent that kind of a problem. I don’t know if the district is doing that or not. I’m not familiar with any situations like that.”

But the secretly negotiated cost increases are only the beginning of the story. What makes the case especially intriguing is the identity of Roesling’s partner, Kotaro Nakamura, a well-known local architect whose wife, Katherine Nakamura, is currently running to replace outgoing trustee Sue Braun. Mrs. Nakamura, a well-connected San Diego attorney and assistant secretary of the Corporation, Board of Trustees of the University of San Diego, is running against Jeff Lee, an ex-Navy commander who has been

sharply critical of district superintendent Alan Bersin and his controversial reform agenda. Late last month, the *Union-Tribune* slammed Lee for failing to disclose that he had once been relieved of command during his Navy career for allegedly abusing two crew members and then lying to the newspaper about it. The newspaper said it had obtained documents from anonymous sources. Soon after its disclosure of Lee’s record on its news pages, the paper ran an editorial attacking the candidate’s suitability for office. Lee denied that the allegations led to his retirement from the Navy, and his supporters claim he is being

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railroaded with trumped-up charges by the newspaper.

Nakamura, on the other hand, is regarded as a Bersin supporter who has the presumptive endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce and the *Union-Tribune*, which strongly backs Bersin and what it considers his reform program. Bersin has close ties to the University of San Diego. His first job after moving here from Los Angeles was as a visiting USD law professor. Since taking over as superintendent, he has guided the district into a close contractual relationship with the university through which USD oversees an \$8 million principal-training program. That operation is run by Elaine Fink, a close personal friend of Bersin's hand-picked chancellor of instruction, former New York City school administrator Anthony Alvarado.

Questions about conflicts of interest and school contracting are not new for Bersin and the district. In August, television news reports broke the story of a district attorney's investigation into an alleged kickback scandal involving an unnamed district employee and a computer supply company, Mac Exchange, in Eugene, Oregon.

Another recent irregularity is the failure of acquisitions manager Robert Kiesling, a close aide to district construction czar Lou Smith, to file a personal financial disclosure statement, as required by state law. Following a reporter's request to review Kiesling's Statement of Economic Interests, which was due in April of this year, Joanne Sawyer-Knoll, the district's general counsel, responded in a letter dated August 29, 2002. "Mr. Kiesling has not yet filed the 2001 annual statement,

and we will be following up with him to obtain it." Kiesling subsequently filed a disclosure claiming that he has no reportable assets or income.

The Lee-Nakamura race, already nasty as a

result of the *Union-Tribune* revelations and editorial, is expected to get even more intense, especially in light of its widely perceived importance to the tenure of Bersin as school superintendent. Ever since he

was hired, Bersin has been shadowed by the fact that two of the five members of the board of education have been highly critical of his administration; should Lee win his race and incumbent John de

Beck be reelected, Bersin faces the very real possibility he might be fired.

For his own part, Kotaro Nakamura is also linked to some of Bersin's key allies in the business community.

Last December the *Union-Tribune* reported that Roesling Nakamura had been picked to design a \$25 million downtown parking garage for JMI Realty, a company belonging to Padres owner John

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Moores. Two years ago, Moores and a group of other wealthy businessmen, including Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs and real estate mogul Malin Burnham, put up close to a million dollars in a failed attempt to defeat incumbent school board member Frances Zimmerman.

At that time, it was widely believed that the Moores group had designs on school-district property. In 1999, Zimmerman and other Bersin critics had attacked Bersin for establishing an informal committee within the district offices to discuss

selling off and otherwise developing some of the district's vast land holdings. The committee was chaired by Bersin's father-in-law, Stanley Foster, a wealthy local real estate investor who died earlier this year.

Under state law, a four-to-one vote of the school board is required to sell district property, which meant that defeat of Zimmerman and election of her opponent Julie Dubick, a lawyer believed to be in sympathy with Bersin's goals, would have opened the way to the pro-development interests. Following Zimmer-

man's victory, the Foster-led property committee was disbanded.

Kotaro Nakamura himself says he isn't familiar with the details of the Gompers project or the negotiations that resulted in the final fee and then the \$96,000 clerical error. "I am not the architect of that project. If you have detailed questions, I don't know anything about it. I don't know the scope. I don't know how big that project is. I have no idea.

"How the contract was arranged, I have no idea."

Speaking of the

master contract, issued by the board of education in June of last year, Nakamura says: "Only thing I know and can tell you is that it is an open-ended contract. It's about \$5 million for our firm. The reason is they are in a hurry to assign architects, because the district was slow to start implementing Prop MM projects. I understand that they wanted to create this open-ended contract in the way the Navy has for their projects."

He says that the firm gets a lot of work from the school district because it has earned it

and not due to any untoward inside influences. "The district loves us. Our services are number one, and we keep our clients very happy. We are one of the best in San Diego. We like to do good design. Design means a lot to us."

But if his wife is elected to the school board in November, Nakamura says, Roesling Nakamura won't be doing any more work for San Diego Unified. Period. "Yes. We can't get any more projects from the district, which is a tremendous burden to us. When she was

asked to run, and she came to me, and I went to my partner, we discussed no more business with the district. And at that point my wife and myself said, if that is a problem with my partners, she's not going to run.

"My partners were kind enough to let us proceed. I am very thankful to my partners. I have to look for other clients to replace the income we have with the district. I like to do a good job. I like to build good libraries for these kids. At the same time, Katherine wants to do what she wants to do. I

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have other clients, such as the state of California, the Navy, and also we have many other districts — Grossmont, Del Mar Union, San Dieguito, Cajon Valley, Santa Barbara and Oxnard Unified School District. We are on time and on budget, and they have a tendency to give us more projects.”

Nakamura says his written pledge that his firm won’t do business with San Diego Unified is on file in the school district’s attorney’s office. “She talked to the district counsel [about avoiding conflicts of interest]. They were not sure, and they didn’t give us a clear answer. Some people familiar with the law said there was no problem. Finally, we went all the way up to the state of California attorney general’s office, and we asked them directly. They said, ‘Yes, there was a conflict of interest.’ I mentioned I was willing to leave my company; they said that doesn’t solve the problem, that that would be a maneuver, a trick. That was one of my options, and I am still willing to do it, but they advised us not to do it.”

Following the interview, Nakamura faxed a copy of the letter, addressed to his wife and signed by himself and the other partners in his firm, Ralph Roesling, Mun Ying Kung, Chikako Terada, and Joseph Mansfield. It is dated August 20, more than a month after the district received the first Public Record Act request for documents concerning the Gompers remodel and other Nakamura projects.

“In light of your success in the primary election for a seat on the Board of Education, we believe this is an appropriate time to put our current understanding with you in writing,” the letter opens.

“The issue is that

Kotaro Nakamura, your husband, is a shareholder of Roesling Nakamura Architects, Inc., that is doing business with the San Diego Unified School District and if you become a board member, there will be conflicts of interest.

“As we have discussed over the last few months, should you be sworn into the Board of Education, neither of our architectural firms, Roesling Nakamura Architects, Inc., or Gelfand RNP, Inc., will continue to seek or accept contracts for our services with the San Diego Unified School District. This understanding will continue throughout the term of your elected office.”

The letter ends: “Kat, once again, please accept our sincere congratulations. After listening to you talk for years about the importance of education and watching your hard work and commitment at Hearst Elementary School, we can’t think of anyone who would do a better job for the children of San Diego.”

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wanted to move the entire city across the bay by Jeff Smith to Benicia, which had superior potential for a harbor. William Heath Davis (1822–1909), one of San Francisco's founders, refused. "They wanted me to give up the city that I had assisted to build from its infancy and to establish my large business at Benicia, which was something I could not accede to." And yet Davis attempted a similar relocation of San Diego.

On the suggestion of boundary surveyor Andrew B. Gray, in March

1850, Davis founded "New" San Diego on 160 acres next to the bay. But Davis was years ahead of his time — 15, to be exact.

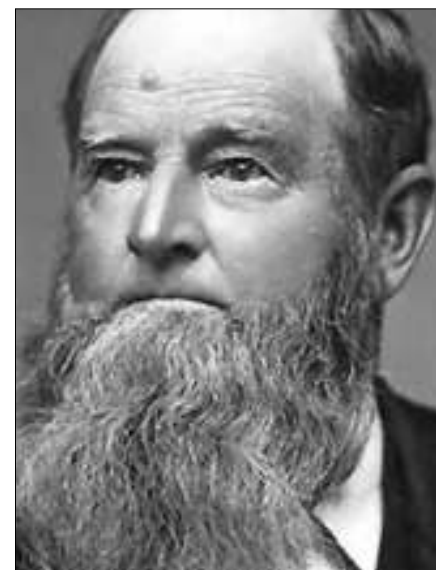
From west of today's Front Street and south of Broadway, down to the water, Davis and associates built a 600-foot L-shaped wharf, warehouses, two hotels, saloons, prefabricated houses, and Pantoja Park — a public square to remain "forever free" to all citizens (now surrounded by a condo complex). They convinced the Army to build its two-and-a-half-story barracks in New Town. They had a jail and a newspaper. By the summer of 1851, ships coming into San Diego Bay saw a brown skyline where a year earlier jackrabbits roamed.

Davis and Gray asked questions that today are out of reach. How do you build a city from scratch? What makes it grow? They knew they had a splendid natural harbor. Gray, who platted the streets and sounded the bay,

hoped that the transcontinental railroad would end at New Town. But when San Diego held its first county election on April 1, 1850, 157 males voted. New Town needed people.

Gray went to Washington, D.C. He sang New Town's praises, its weather being superior to "San Francisco's disagreeable season." He also lobbied for a post office — mail steamers still docked at La Playa — and a custom house. "Headstrong and not on easy terms with his colleagues" (Harlow), the taciturn Gray wrote an elated letter to Davis, predicting "a lovely...flourishing and beautiful town." Gray also urged Davis to "attach to your wharf — where it passes over the sand pit — a bathing house for ladies and gentlemen...a great attraction and profitable also."

Even though 70 citizens petitioned for one, New Town didn't get a post office. Or a custom house. And ships in the harbor were few, as were settlers. San Diego, New and Old, was a scruffy outpost with little to offer. "There was no industry," writes Ed Scott, "and because of the vast Mexican land grants and the city's own Pueblo lands, there simply was no land open for homestead-



Alonzo Horton

ers." In 1851, Scott adds, "New Town was busy around the depot and wharf, but there were only 15 or 20 men employed by the Quartermaster Corps, and most of the soldiers bought their liquor and tobacco at Old Town, which was closer to the Mission camp, so there was not much business for the little stores at New Town."

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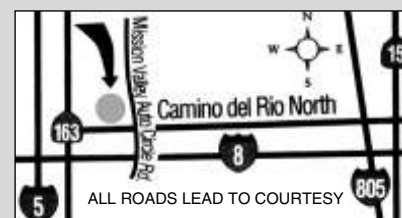
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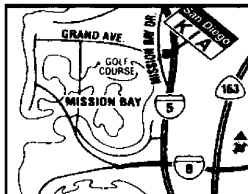
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Davis, who still lived in San Francisco, visited New Town occasionally. An affable man who always looked for positives, Davis was better at big pictures than details. His hotel, Pantoja House, charged "San Francisco prices," which sent frugal boarders to Slak and Morse's nearby Boston House. He paid excessive taxes that he could have contested. And his saloon and billiard room served "fine wines" and quality whiskey. William P. Toler, bar-keep at Pantoja House and New San Diego's first justice of the peace, complained in a letter, "There is no business...even if a few visitors from [San Francisco] come down this winter, they will cause a reaction in the bar rooms." Toler added, "The [Army] officers prefer drinking at home...and the soldiers would rather pay only...for bad liquor."

After a visit to the site, a ship captain urged Davis, "Get water, get water and your place is made!" The original harbor at La Playa had no fresh water. New Town's was brackish, with a high saline content. Davis knew that San Diego's average "[rain]fall...was nine inches" — same as today — but assumed that gutters on the eaves of roofs, and barrels and cisterns below, would catch enough rainwater.

They didn't. Some new San Diegans dug wells, at great expense. Davis drilled one that gave Broadway its first name, Spring Street. Another attempt dug down 52 feet. Drillers found "good water" up to 26 feet but kept going to produce an "artesian" effect — water rising to the surface under pressure. "They never brought in the artesian

flow they hoped for," wrote Ed Scott, "and the project was dropped. There was good water under New Town after all, if the first drillers had not stubbornly insisted that the well be artesian."

One of the few enterprises that flourished was Tasker & Hoke's horse-drawn water tank. It made frequent trips to the San Diego River and charged hefty prices for its contents. New Town's livestock, which had to make a daily three-mile journey to the river, often trailed behind T&H's cash cow.

The old shoreline was another problem. It stood just east of Pacific Highway at Broadway and during high tide submerged half the town under water.

While Gray sung its praises back east, New Town's image took a national blow when Antonio Garra led a brief rebellion against white settlers in San Diego County. According to the San Diego *Herald*, the arrival of the "Hounds" — notorious thugs masquerading as peacekeepers — infested the region with "rowdies, adventurers, and drifters" who, on one occasion, "stoned a poor Indian" to death.

Even when authorities shipped the Hounds out of San Diego, the new harbor had little to recommend it. John Bartlett, of the U.S. Boundary Commission, observed early in 1852, "There is no business to bring vessels here, except an occasional one with government stores. There is no water nearer than the San Diego River...wood has to be brought some eight or ten miles; nor is there any arable land within four miles."

Davis came to California in 1831. He made

millions as a trader and saw such incredible growth he assumed it would continue. His biographer, Andrew F. Rolle, writes: "Had he continued to pay serious attention to the merchandising and trading...he might have kept his wealth. But he could not seem to realize his limitations nor recognize his real forte. While he was suited to the pastoral life that had existed in California before the conquest, he did not seem fully able to cope with the new society.... Because he refused to accept the role of small businessman and trader, much of the remainder of his life was one of frustration."

In 1850, Davis owned 150 lots in New Town. By 1871, he had 22. The population peaked at 250 during the summer of 1851. But there was little to keep them there, even though Davis spent a fortune trying. "All the funds I have drawn from the store and other sources," he wrote from San Francisco, "have been eaten up in the expenses of the town.... We meet with much opposition from the inhabitants of the old town and beach [La Playa] — they make every effort in the world to crush us. I am on my back and unwell."

Scott calls Davis the "ever-absent" founder of New Town, since he was rarely there. Rolle agrees: "His indefiniteness in handling San Diego investments possibly contributed to his failure. His agents complained that he failed to give them sufficient authority to act in his interest, in spite of their on-the-spot residence."

Six fires hit San Francisco in 1851. One burned Davis's "emporium" to the ground. He lost an esti-

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mated \$700,000 and circled his financial wagons, sending no more funds south. Slowly, the citizens of New Town made an exodus, either selling their property or leaving it behind. Many moved their buildings to Old Town.

In September 1851, the San Francisco *Alta California* called Davis's venture "a most disastrous speculation, an immense amount having been sunk in the operation." By that time locals — especially Old Towners hoping it would fail — joked that New Town was "Davis's Folly."

Remaining structures began to disappear. Out-houses vanished first. Then parts of buildings — eaves, window sashes, fences, then doors — were carried off; then the exposed frames, board by board. All became firewood. Scavengers picked at the town like vultures at a carcass. Squatters took up residence in run-down abodes. Weeds grew back, blurring the lines of streets.

In 1853 the steamer *Los Angeles* slammed into Davis's wharf, taking out the last 30 feet — where ships of "deep draft" could lie. Davis never repaired the damage, and the few ships that came to the area anchored way offshore. Two other steamers, *Sea Bird* and *Goliath*, wrecked other parts of the wharf.

By the late 1850s a "Mr. Comstock" offered \$25,000 for the whole of New Town. Davis refused, even though few structures remained. "By his refusal of such sums," writes Rolle, "Davis lost the opportunity to get rid of a financial millstone at a time when the wharf's piles were so brittle they were 'snapping like pipe stems.' He seemed to be refusing to admit a defeat already in existence despite the fact that the San Diego enterprise was draining away his savings."

Andrew Gray returned to New Town on occasion but settled in Tucson. During the Civil War, as a Confederate army engineer, he died in a riverboat explosion on the Mississippi.

In 1867, G.A. Pendleton wrote to Davis: "The building in which Hooper kept store has long since

disappeared, and you are indebted to the California Volunteers for appropriating it to their own use.... Pantoja House shared the same fate at the hands of these miserable specimens of humanity in Uncle Sam's uniform who enlisted because they were too lazy to work."

Even though the enterprise exhausted his finances — after years of litigation, the government awarded him only \$6000 in damages, barely enough to pay lawyers' fees — Davis never let go of his new town. He blamed the Civil War for depleting the area of soldiers and refuted Alonzo E. Horton's claim as the city's true founder.

Far-seeing to the end, Davis tried to start a city at present-day Oakland (he wanted to create a "Brooklyn for San Francisco") and eventually founded San Leandro. Rolle: "In some respects Davis deserves more credit than he received. [History forgets] the sacrifices by town builders like Davis who, too early for their own benefit, tried to create order out of confusion.... In a remote corner of the United States his experiment, though patently unsuccessful, forms a part of the largely unwritten history of the American West." ■

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

CHAPTER 31

Life, I suppose, is a case of getting used to changes, and age, I suppose, is a definite realization of being unable to do anything about them.

For, in regard to everybody coming here to town, and all at once, if a symphony were to be composed about this section right now, the predominating chord would have to be, as in the Anvil Chorus, the sound of pounding, pounding, pounding.

Yet there should be on the earth someplace for some of us to live which does not change every day, and where in the morning we can look out and see at least

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something which is still familiar. But even since I started this book, changes have taken place that make me almost wonder if I am here or somewhere else.

The ocean, or the colors of the ocean, are about all that remain the same. But even the colors upon the ocean can be different from what they used to be. For more people are out upon the ocean now, and whereas I used to be able to recognize just about

every local boat, and who owned it, I cannot do this any longer, and partly because of the war-surplus sales in yellow rubber boats. They put a different hue to the ocean, especially on weekends, giving it almost a smallpox effect. And not only that, but the packages of green dye in the pockets of these rubber boats have not always been removed ahead of time, or before the war-surplus sale was made, so the packages are now being

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The other day, though, I watched a group of newcoming artists put up their easels along a shore-cliff and try to capture the startling green of one of these widening patches. The artists, of course, did not know what had caused the green, but their eagerness was such that I am sure they must have been saying among themselves how nowhere else except in California could an ocean have such unexpected shades.

Often I wonder, however, why people or businesses or organizations which keep on boosting for more and more changes, or for larger and larger populations, do not themselves go to places which already are crowded, like New York, for instance, and leave the rest of us alone.

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But maybe even heaven too has its jolly-up committees — people who, for the sake of attracting crowds, put on weeks of rodeos and fiestas, and then penalize or fine everyone during these

weeks who does not grow a beard. For the momentum of earth-life, and the love of crowds, may be something with these people which cannot be dropped all at once, or the moment their car goes over its last embankment.

I forget, though, that I have been on earth almost a half-century, and so by now should be accustomed to all this. But I am not. And I forget, too, that the rest of us also are changes, and help produce changes, so long as we move anywhere about the earth. Nothing is quite the same, or as it was in the beginning, after we ourselves came. But we need not necessarily gloat about it.

Or if ever I am tempted to presume that crowded



Sheepdog at work

towns and crowded buildings are something new in this world, and that only of late have people wanted to spend their days squirming against each other, I have but to remember seeing one of the oldest of towns — the ruins of Pompeii — and of being impressed by the fact

that not a vacant lot or a vacant footage seemed to have been in the whole community. A single wall could have served for two buildings, and the streets, which I imagined having been filled at one time with bungling chariots, were so narrow and the corners so sharp that the

whole thing literally must have been hell-on-wheels for the traffic cop.

So if we of La Jolla now have reason to think that the entire world suddenly has decided to descend upon us, and to go nowhere else, maybe some of the puzzled little guys in Pompeii had the same notion long ago, and were saying: "Ye gods of Vesuvius damn it, but I like things as they used to be around here."

For the phrase of "wanting things as they used to be" must be, in this kingdom of man, a dramatically old one, and must in its time have been spoken in many languages, some of them now extinct.

There is a certain sadness though, especially out

here on the ever-changing West Coast, that as mortals we are not entitled ever to see again any place as it used to be. Maybe the Ozarks still have such places, but out here we do not. Yet the people coming here must be coming from somewhere. Ghost towns or ghost villages must be in the process of being ghosted somewhere to allow for all our influx.

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The Sheriff’s office said it would send officers after the elopers as soon as possible. The Board of Supervisors immediately moved to cancel the \$152.91 monthly relief allowance and send them back to Oklahoma.

“These people ought to be sent back to wherever home is,” the Supervisor said. Records showed the parents and the 10 children still living with them came here in April, 1942, from Arizona, where they were on relief for two years. They were on Phoenix relief rolls four years before that, after

arriving from Oklahoma. The wife could not understand her husband’s elopement.

“He’s always been a perfect husband and father,” she said. “Never worked too much, but he always shared and shared alike with me and the kids when the relief checks came in. But I couldn’t take him back after this. He couldn’t be trusted anymore.”

(Baby sitter’s name), an orphan released on probation three weeks ago from the Colorado State Industrial School for Girls, where she was an inmate for two years, was living with friends a few doors away from the (name) trailer home.

(Wife’s name) said she “jumped right in to help” after the birth of 13th child.

“She started taking things over. She smoked my husband’s cigarettes and ran her hands through his hair and tickled him. I asked her to leave him alone, but she wouldn’t. I told my husband that I didn’t think she should be stringing along with him. She just teased, tortured, and tantalized him.”

(Flash Insert:) In this afternoon’s paper, I have just learned, however, that the wife and husband again are reconciled, all is forgiven, and so we have a happy ending, after all — and so perhaps, too, another lovely baby already on its way.

But even though the hills and valleys and villages of Oklahoma and Arkansas and Tennessee must surely be getting vacated to supply us with so many eager-breeding newcomers, nevertheless it would seem that the adults from there would wish to return at some time to the scenes of their childhood when fond recollections return them to view. But the adults do not seem to want to do that. And even though the scenes of their childhood could possibly have changed as much back there as our town have changed out here.

Not too many years ago, and in hope of finding an old memory place still intact (all of us are entitled to at least one of these) I revised the Northwest where as a kid I had been sent to

school. Not having the money to go just traveling around, or to go searching for emotions, this trip was tied up with some assignment on my way to Alaska, and I remembered how, out of Everett, Washington, there had been a wild little river which had its source deep in the Cascade Mountains. And I remembered how, during a school vacation, two other youngsters and I had followed this wild little river up from Granite Falls, and up into the mountains. Two weeks, maybe three weeks, we had all of this to ourselves, and with the snow-pocketed mountains as the finality and the kicker.

There were deer, there were bear tracks, and there were berries. There were great boulders, big pools, and great trees. And all of these belonged to us, and to us alone, as we tramped, climbed, and waded, and as we slept on ferns at night. And so strong was my memory of these weeks of wild perfection along the little tumbling river that I could not resist, these many years later, of returning to “our”

river. I should have known better, of course. For not only was the river now lined with habitations, drive-ins, motor-courts, but the little river itself was conspicuously posted with this sign: “Warning: Do Not Drink This Water.”

Many stories are written, as we know, about “Old New York,” or “That Was New York,” or “New York As It Was,” and usually by people who were born there, grew up there, and are still there. They seem to have an affection for their own olden days, or at least presume to have one, but again their memories are concerned mostly with people, people, people, and perhaps horse-drawn cars and brownstone houses. But there are some of us, raised here in the extreme West, who have our own affections too, and they have to do with just the opposite of people, or houses of any sort, including brownstone ones.

Yet such is the prerogative of each new generation anywhere that I presume the Western kids of today are “exploring” just as

much as we used to do, and that what to us may seem blasphemously changed and blasphemously crowded and blasphemously stilted may still seem to these kids as new and wild and bright and venturesome. But just the same they naturally will have a hard time finding a lake today as we used to find one, some lake in the Northwest surrounded by virgin spruce, cedars, firs, and with the boughs dripping down into the water, and with chipmunks scampering along the boughs. And so thick would be the water vegetation around the shores that we would have to climb out on some fallen tree to get into the water at all to go swimming.

We were talking about this the other evening, Ray and I, for he had just returned from a trip into Idaho, up into the Coeur d’Alene lake region, where as a boy his parents had taken him after having given up the ostrich farm. He said he found the locality all right where he used to go swimming. He said he used to have to climb out on a certain old log to get into

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the water. And I said, just to emphasize what I was thinking: "And the log wasn't there now, of course."

"You know what?" he answered. "You know what? By God, it was. And some other kids were using it now."

So, there went my own story — shot right through the heart.

CHAPTER 32

Here on this edge, and with our most prominent group of buildings being a clinic and a hospital, and with lonely people from everywhere standing around on the shoreline as if waiting for transportation, I could jump out of my pants in happiness at the sight of a ghost, or for that matter any manifestation whatsoever as proof that I too might be in accord somehow with the where-do-we-go-from-here.

Yet when friends sit around discussing the subject, or perhaps even describing their own experiences with the subject, all I can do is listen. For my own personal experiences on this score amount virtually to nothing, and the little which did occur can be explained away altogether too easily with earthy logic, and yet nobody could be more eager to know about these other things than I am.

But each time I try, it is almost as if I were pushed back into my box of a body again and told to stay there, leaving all the future to the more privileged boys and

girls if they want it. Nor does this seem quite sporting.

For in a world where everything, in a hopeless effort to survive, is forced to eat up everything else which also wants to survive, I would just as soon know ahead of time and some other place where this may not be the situation.

To be sure, I have read books on the subject, perhaps the best books on the subject by the sincerest of people, but am left neither convinced nor unconvinced, and simply because, I suppose, what may have occurred to these others has not occurred to me. And so here I stay grounded, and I do not like it.

Friends die and do not come back to me — at least to my knowledge — although once something did occur in regard to a little dog I once owned long ago on the Montana prairie. But again the whole thing, including its rather merry sequel not so long ago, so easily can be brushed aside as the association of ideas

that this is exactly the way I do brush it all aside. And it is too bad, too. For, as I say, I would like something, especially with this ocean horizon out there suggesting a constant question mark.

The logic in what I read or am told, may be there, the descriptions may be there, the sincerity may be there, but again they are not enough for my own curiosity. Emotions in others are not enough. One has to know for himself and by himself. And as much as I would like to be among the gifted in this matter, still I am not among the gifted. I can believe that the mind may be more than the brain, and the person more than the body. I can believe this because I think I can see this in others every day. But what happens after that, after they are separated, after they disintegrate — no, I can help no person in assuming to know anything ahead of time. And even in regard to the

word "faith" in this respect, I have no understanding either, unless perchance it means: just-keep-going-and-see-what-happens.

But the dog I mentioned was a useless little dog for herding or for anything else, and about the only thing it could do well was to chase tumbleweeds. For whenever the dog was sent to bring home our cow in the evening the dog would bark at the cow's head instead of its heels, making matters worse until finally I would have to go for the cow myself. And I think the dog enjoyed watching me have to do this. For on that prairie I was the dog's only companion, and (except for

tumbleweeds) perhaps its only entertainment. And when finally I was sent off to the Coast to go to school — for we had no school there — the dog went crazy and had to be shot.

I was not told about this until years and years later, long after I had forgotten all about the dog, and while I was paying my first visit to the abandoned homestead. My brother in Great Falls wanted to see if I could find the location by car out of the nearest town, Conrad, where each month or so we used to drive by wagon for our mail and supplies. So the trip was a game with him, for I had not traveled that prairie by auto-

mobile before, but always by horses or even on foot.

And now 30 years at least had passed, and this section of the prairie around our homestead, instead of becoming more cultivated, had instead become even more abandoned than ever because of drought. And what once had seemed as hills to me when a kid were now only knolls. So it was harder than ever for me to try to find the location where the old shack used to stand. Even after I had left the car and was walking around, everything was still confused.

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30 years I still could recognize this flavor, as there is nothing else quite like it. And I was watching this hot wind blow a tumbleweed across the prairie in front of me when all at once, behind the tumbleweed and chasing it furiously, was my dog.

“Kim!” I said out loud. I know I must have said it out loud because my brother turned to me and asked: “What did you say?” And I answered what was on my mind: “My God, there’s Kim.”

Yet why I even had remembered the little dog’s name I do not know. Nor does it matter, although for these many, many years I had forgotten the dog and the dog’s name and everything about the dog. And then the tumbleweed continued bounding on across the prairie, but with the dog not there anymore.

But, to repeat, I make no more of the matter than the association of ideas: the hot prairie wind, the dry buffalo grass, and the tumbleweed. Nor do I make any more of what followed years later while visiting a friend’s country home in the East. Skeptic is hardly the word for either of us, as we are willing to try anything once, and usually have had a lot of fun doing so. We had fun this time. For of all the damn things to try for the first time for either of us was a Ouija board, which somebody had given to his daughter to amuse her while she was sick. But, after reading the instructions which came along with the board, he and I took over faithfully, although just for the hell of it, and the comical thing instantly leaped almost from under our fingers. It leaped around so fast that we had to call out the letters for somebody else to record them, and to add them up into words afterwards — providing the letters were making words.

Apparently the letters were adding up into words. For when finally the board stopped momentarily, and when we asked the recorder of the letters: “Well, do these letters make any sense?” the answer was: “Yeah, there seem to be some words here, but if so, the grammar’s godawful.”

The grammar indeed

was not the best, and the letters, among other things, had spelled out: “mac milder sir we got yur little yella dog.”

What occurred after that, each evening we had time to work the board, became such a series of comedies in sequence that we just kept on for the fun of seeing how the jolly stories would come out. They were more fun than going to a show, and this is how we regarded them, our own floor show of a sort there in this room. If our subconscious, or whatever it is, was working the board, then our subconscious, or whatever it is, was working the board. But at least we both had more sense than to be wasting our time sitting there deliberately moving the board. For we then would have been kidding only ourselves, and there would have been no point in that. Our own fingers could have been moving the board, to be sure, without our being aware of it. And if this were the case, I feel like congratulating our fingers — even today — for having developed some robust characters which otherwise we would not have known.

All of them seemed to be living in the same old village somewhere, and all of them seemed to be Irish and tough. There was, for instance, Michael Degnan, “killed in the Battle of Yorktown,” and who wanted us to plant a tree over his unmarked grave there. The location of the grave was described, and when we asked him what kind of a tree he wanted planted the answer was: “a holy tree of course sir.” By this, and getting into the mood of the thing, we presumed he meant a holly tree. The answer was: “yes tis green sir.”

The next request was that the tree be planted on St. Michael’s day. But not knowing when this day was, we asked him, and were told the date. We looked up the date, and it was correct. But just the same we certainly were not going all the way to Yorktown on a screwy affair like that. But still wanting to play the game for whatever it was worth, or not worth, we compromised by agreeing to plant a holly tree there

in the yard for him — on St. Michael’s day — and naming the tree after him.

So, on St. Michael’s day, and feeling like a couple of idiots, we did plant the tree, the greenest holly tree we could buy in a nursery. We printed his name in green next the tree, and that evening while on the board, and still playing the game, we thought he would be overjoyous about thanking us. But he did not “talk” to us at all, but the “constable” “talked” to us, and said Michael Degnan was in jail, spelled “gaol,” for fighting, “for getting drunk and fitin,” describing how the honor of the planting and the occasion had been too much for him, and he had bragged too much for him, and he had bragged too much to his other Irish cronies there in the apparent village. And they in turn had thought their own names also should have been included in the tree-planting, and the resultant fight had turned into a free-for-all, and “mac milder sir” was asked to put up the bail for getting Michael Degnan out...

And there was another character among them, “Shag” Hogan, who neither could read nor write, so would have the others spell out for him what he wanted to say. And there was a young lady among them who gaily called herself Rose “Hiawatha” Scully, and the only one who always could spell my name correctly, and who said she used to make up impromptu rhymes as part of her act while a professional entertainer, and who admitted: “I used to trod the boards but between board and bed I found out where my talent blossomed best.”

Anyhow, when we asked her to make up some impromptu rhymes about us, she did so, although the lingo, with a few exceptions, were too frankly robust to be repeated here, but two examples can get by all right: “cheap bitches were fitches,” and “max miller is a salty dog who dearly loves his glass of grog.” But, as for any of the other examples? — no, I had better not.

And so this intertwining story of the “village and the villagers” went on and on, each time we had the time to touch the board. But instead of answering much for us in regard to

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our own futures, or anything like that, the customary questions one presumably should "ask" a board, these characters instead asked us questions about their own future welfare. It was just the reverse, I suppose, of what it should have been.

But regardless of all that, I too must now plead guilty to having "worked" the Ouija, if merely for the floor show it gave us, or what we subconsciously were giving ourselves, and all because of that catchy introduction: "mac milder sir we got yur little yella dog."

Today, of course, I will not go anywhere near a board. It is not in fear I may start taking it heavy. For I always could stop short of that, I know. But it is because a village with its characters was made to exist for both my friend and me. And whether or not our own minds created these characters, and without us being aware of it — that is not the point. The point is that we do have them now, the village and all, and can keep on laughing about the creation with all its intermingling antics. And that is enough for two worldly guys to have.

Nor do I want to receive letters from addicts urging me to continue or anything like that, or to tell me I was only in the "first stage," or was in the hands of "evil spirits," or however the phrases go. For these characters had "evil thoughts" at times, all right, but then do not we all.

I presume that scientists or other experts have looked into all this business, the same as mental telepathy was looked into by Reed University, and was found to be not exactly wanting. But, whether this way or that way, this village with its Michael Degan, its "Shag" Hogan, its Finan, its Rose "Hiawatha" Scully, and its several others including an O'Hanigan — all of these still remain in our minds as complete a village, Saturday night dances and so on, as if we had created the village ourselves. Which, somehow, maybe we did.

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words — words we may have known but had forgotten, like my more contemporary little dog.

Still, none of this gets me anywhere here in the long run, here on the Edge, of what I want to know except, perhaps, that if the mind-and-the-fingers are capable of carrying on like that on their own, what is to prevent any of our minds from imagining, even here in La Jolla, whatever we want to imagine.

This imagination, or whatever it is, has the power to put people on Jupiter, on Mars, on Saturn, even on the moon, if we want the people to be there. What the hell? Why not?

And as for ghosts, something I do want to see so much, that strange little character I saw yesterday may have been one — if I want him to be one. He was sitting on a sandstone slab and looking out at sea. I had not seen him before, and do not expect to see him again. As far as I am concerned, he merely appeared to me momentarily and then, after I had gone on, he could have vanished.

And the same could be true with so many of the strangers we so quickly may pass on the streets. They are here momentarily, and then they are not here, for we do not see them again.

Or maybe I myself am a ghost, and that would be fun too, just thinking it. For certainly there are times and places when any of us can feel lost, out of place, and when we cannot understand or make sense out of what we are doing among certain other people. We hardly even know what they are saying or why they are behaving as they are. Even at banquets this can be so, or even among crowds, or even when reading about the behavior of mobs, or even when merely sitting quite alone — like my small stranger there on the sandstone slab.

So maybe, then, with all these constant questions of where-what-why-and-for-how-long — as if stranded in some nether world — I simply am my own ghost haunting myself, and without knowing it. ■

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Jeffrey Bada

Ask evolutionary biologist Christopher Wills and organic chemist Jeffrey Bada, who are studying the origin of life on earth at the University of California, San Diego, to define life and both will answer, "An autonomous

self-replicating system that replicates imperfectly via natural selection." Key for this pair is understanding how the abiotic, or nonliving, world developed into the biotic one. Coauthors of *The Spark of Life: Darwin and the Primeval Soup* (2000), Wills and Bada believe life could arise only in optimal conditions and over a significant period of time.

Between 7 and 4.6 billion years ago, the earth took shape during the formation of our solar system. The earth's first eon lasted between 4.6 and 3.8 billion years ago and is called the Hadean. The Hadean encompasses 800 million years of intense heat in which the earth's core, mantle, and crust formed. Over the next 300 million years, the planet cooled, oceans formed, and land masses were created from volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. Gases from the eruptions helped build an atmosphere of hydrogen, methane, ammonia, and water vapor. Soon, ocean tides pushed onto land and there, in tidepools, the first experiments in organic chemistry led to life at the molecular level. The most advanced of the experiments came when amino acids and short chains of nucleic acids accumulated to form protoorganisms.

Through natural selection, protoorganisms eventually developed into single-celled entities, carrying instructions in their DNA and RNA to replicate.

Recognizing life is easy: it wiggles and wanders about, it reproduces — and seldom blushes. But ask Wills when life first occurred and he will answer, the question is "troubling," even "infuriating." All scientists are drawn to the unfathomable, Wills said last spring in a series of interviews. In his 60s, the English-born, Canadian-raised biologist has been teaching and researching evolution at UCSD for more than 30 years, writ-

ing books about plagues, genes, and divers subjects. Studying the origin of life, he says, "is so difficult that biologists have tended to shy away from it." Bada echoes Wills's opinion. "When I talk to the lay public about the origin of life, I'm talking about something that can't be seen even with the best microscope." The Midwestern Bada, who is also in his 60s and has taught at Scripps Institution of Oceanography since 1970, concentrates on the chemistry of amino acids in marine environments and on exobiology, the search for extraterrestrial life — not Klingons but unseeable

They describe the surface of the earth as "one giant *Exxon Valdez* disaster." The slick "could have been like a giant time-release capsule."

organic compounds that have evolved "in the solar system and beyond." For the past ten years, Bada has directed NASA's Specialized Center of Research and Training in Exobiology, a program whose goal is to find "the importance of extraterrestrial input on the primitive Earth."

And yet as impressive as their bios are, both men still face a monumental problem. If biological evidence that developed during the earth's first billion years has been ground to dust in the maws of the planet's tectonic plates, how can we be reasonably sure that life originated in one

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particular way? The answer is, we cannot be sure — not scientifically. We can only hypothesize.

Part of the trouble in Origin City comes from how we think about origins as a culture. The popular (and paltry) imagination sees origins in facile mechanistic terms, like a car equipped with an ignition switch. In her 1818 novel *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley never shows us Frankenstein creating the eponymous monster. Her Promethean doctor assembles his Creature from pieces of corpses but is never seen to flip any switch. Instead, he merely states, “After days and nights of incredible labour and fatigue, I succeeded in discovering the cause of generation and life; nay, more, I became myself capable of bestowing animation upon lifeless matter.” About the only science the occult-driven Frankenstein engages in is *galvanism* — the 19th-century conceit that beings could

be helped, even brought to life, via electric current.

The origin of life has also been “explained” as either inexplicable or divine, limbs of the same body. The Bible and other tracts — philosophic, spiritual, religious — argue that there’s no argument as to how life got started: God did it (quickly, not slowly), and that’s that. Lack of evidence seems to make a purposive creation more probable.

Until the past two decades, simplistic explanations of life’s origin have guided scientists. An agnostic Darwin ends his *Origin of Species* by writing that “the Creator” breathed life “originally into a few forms or into one.” That hardly sounds like an evolutionist. Up to and during Darwin’s time, scientists *and* theologians believed life sprung into being via spontaneous generation, which is similar to galvanism. Frogs born of the mud they wallow in, for example. I recall

hearing the news conference, two days before the July 20, 1969, moon landing, during which Wernher von Braun, the German rocket engineer, said that the feat was “equal in importance to *that moment* in evolution when aquatic life came crawling up on the land” (italics added). More recently, a smattering of researchers, among them Michael Behe, have bivouacked a new anti-evolutionary camp called “intelligent design.” The group contends that evolution could not have built a system as sophisticated as a first cell. It is, in Behe’s words, “irreducibly complex.” Any structure that exceptional had to have sprung fully formed. In short, a miracle.

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As the tax code did in one century, life seeped into being during its 10- to 200-million-year prime. Wills has called this variable interval no more than “a moment.” But it is a moment that, in his thinking and research, he has tried “to blur,” propounding a series of stages and a number of locales — in the molecular world and on the earth’s surface — for creation to begin. To shape the multiple endeavors of life — breeding, mutation, survival — only a process is possible. Not a birth, but a

very slow *arrival*.

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Around 14 billion years ago, the universe originated with the Big Bang. Seven billion years later our solar system began to consolidate. The materials that would become the earth accumulated: space dust, gases, meteorites, and comets comprising frozen gases and ice. Eventually, the planet orbited into a sphere and its circling around the sun became fixed by gravity.

As the planet formed, the continual volley of meteorites and the decay of the planet’s radioactive elements created intense heat. In such heat, heavier elements sank. The core that drew down iron and nickel was itself soon bounded by a lower-density mantle. The silicates rose or stayed on the surface, and eventually, the surface cooked up a crust. The heat and pressure on the crust, however, were so great that it cracked into plates. The mantle’s circulating heat,

called convection currents, pushed the plates — inches over centuries. This snail-paced but inexorable drift would form and separate continents.

Toward the end of the Hadean period, meteorites slowly stopped bombarding the earth. Free from assault, the crust solidified. The earth’s atmosphere developed, coalescing at first into a smoggy concentration of hydrogen, methane, ammonia, and water vapor, which nearly blotted out the sun. Hydrogen, the lightest element, escaped into space, and methane and ammonia, supplied from outgassing volcanoes, became unstable and converted to carbon dioxide and nitrogen. Regulating the buildup and retention of the atmosphere was the relative size of the earth and its gravity. Had the earth been smaller, even the heaviest gases would have leaked into space.

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ers, the earth began to cool. In the atmosphere, water vapor condensed and fell as rain. During a deluge that lasted more than 100,000 years, the planet's surface depressions flooded and global oceans were formed. The crust, much of it now underwater, hardened as it inched along, while in the downpour the heavier elements gravitated to the ocean basins. The creation of the oceans was fundamental to the onset of life.

Wills and Bada describe the early earth as a "water world," punctuated by emerging land areas on

which "mighty tides" washed in and out. "On islands that happened to stand athwart these massive movements of water," they write, "the tides could easily have swept across far wider regions than would be accessible to the tides of today." They believe these "enormous tidal floods" may have moved "in predictable patterns." And here, in the tidal washing of the land's surface, the "synthesis and sorting of organic compounds" began.

Organic compounds, common to all living organisms, are substances that contain carbon. Atoms of

carbon most often link with atoms of hydrogen, nitrogen, or oxygen and create an almost endless variety of compounds. Amino acids are organic compounds that, when linked, form proteins. Twenty amino acids are found in living organisms. Just as amino acids build proteins, nucleobases — another kind of organic compound — build the large molecules DNA and RNA.

Scientists speculate that organic compounds may have originated in the oceans, from outer space, or in an oil slick that once covered

the earth. Organic compounds may have arisen from hydrothermal vents, or undersea openings, where the crust is thin and superheated water produces chemical reactions. They may have ridden in on particles of cosmic dust, which have been showering the planet throughout its existence. We know today that organic compounds piggyback to earth on meteorites. A meteorite that fell near Murchison, Australia, in 1969, contained several of the building blocks of life, including amino acids and some of the nucleobases in DNA

and RNA. It is these meteor-moored compounds that Bada has explored on this planet and plans to investigate in 2011 when soil and rock samples are returned from Mars. Bada, who has helped design the module that will retrieve those samples, hopes to uncover evidence of simple molecules on Mars that may have contributed to the building blocks of life on earth.

The third source of organic compounds may have been a planet-wide oil slick several meters thick. "The most abundant component," Wills and Bada

write, "must have been tarry material" that "tended to coagulate into gooey lumps or films." They describe the surface of the earth as "one giant *Exxon Valdez* disaster." The slick "could have been like a giant time-release capsule, continuously supplying adenine and amino acids to the oceans of the early Earth." Eventually, the oil would have "congealed into tar and then been broken down slowly by sunlight." But the ocean would have retained the organic compounds created in the tar.

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here or flown in from elsewhere, this grand stew of organic material was cooked during what's called the *pre-biotic* period, a post-Hadean time some 200 million years long.

Could it be that finding the right balance among the oceans, the island chains, the atmosphere, and the size and gravity of the earth was necessary for life to begin? Wills and Bada say this may be part of the equation.

They cite the Gaia hypothesis, formulated in 1975 by British chemist James Lovelock and American biologist Lynn Margulis and named for the Greek goddess of the earth. Gaia suggests that earth is a biosphere where carbon-rich sediments and a carbon-cycling system regulate the temperature. "Variations on the Gaia theme," write Wills and Bada, "may account for the Earth's apparent ability to keep to a nar-

row range of temperatures as the Sun has gradually warmed over the last four billion years." But this hypothesis only works with "living organisms": Protoorganisms had to evolve before the earth became self-regulating. Indeed, for millions of years, the first life-creating system, in order to reach some level of organization, had to battle a severely inhospitable terrestrial environment.

As collaborators, Christopher Wills and Jeffrey Bada are working in what may be a golden age of life sciences at UCSD. The campus has nurtured a host of chemists and biologists who continue to hothouse new ideas about life and its origins. The most celebrated pair of UCSD biochemists are Stanley Miller and the late Harold Urey. Under Urey's tutelage, Miller, while

a graduate student at the University of Chicago in 1953, synthesized amino acids by replicating the supposed prebiotic conditions of the earth — several gases (hydrogen, ammonia, methane), a little water, an electrical charge, and no oxygen — in a bi-level rigging of glass flasks. Having taught at UCSD since 1958, Miller has, among other things, worked on dating the origin of life within a

10-million-year time frame. (*The Spark of Life* is dedicated to Miller.) Nobel laureate and double helix codiscoverer Francis Crick still researches genes at the Salk Institute. Also at Salk is Sydney Brenner, who discovered, with Crick and others, messenger RNA, a genetic strand that orders the amino acids in proteins. Still another Salk veteran is Leslie Orgel, who has made nucleic acid polymers and is research-

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ing a “first gene” that copied itself before complex protein catalysts evolved. And Gustaf Arrhenius of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, having collected carbon isotope evidence from rocks in Greenland, claims that life has existed for 3.8 billion years.

Each of these scientists has struggled with Wills’s “infuriating” question about the origin of life: How did organic molecules “come together” to make a protoorganism?

Some scientists, like

Leslie Orgel, argue that one day there appeared a “naked gene on the beach,” which had already fully formed in the oceans or on “the surface of some mineral particles.” It’s been proposed that this gene, Wills and Bada write, “was capable of making copies of itself from the building blocks supplied by the primordial soup.... The genetic material grew in size and complexity, coding for more and more compounds, with which it surrounded itself.”

Wills and Bada, however,

discount this theory. They believe “a limited amount of organization” had to have “appeared in the molecular world” before genes developed.

Another idea is that life sprung into action in what Bada portrays as a “self-sustained little chemical factory.” The enclosed factory would have been composed of only metabolizing molecules. But Bada disagrees that such an isolated structure could have advanced and labels the idea “life as we don’t know it.”

Wills and Bada contend that the molecular precursors of a first self-replicating entity rooted themselves on the shores of a vast percolating ocean-soup. For millions of years, organic compounds had gathered in the soup. The compounds were then splashed for millions of more years onto the intertidal zones of the emerging land masses. There, in the tidal zones, formed what Wills calls an “ill-smelling residue,” a mineral-rich “organic scum.” This scum

would have settled in nooks and crannies on the rocky shore.

As more and more molecules aggregated in the scum, organic compounds would have begun to produce more complex groups. For example, write Wills and Bada, “in those early tidal flats, whenever amino acids and sugars were concentrated,” a “brownish polymer,” or repeating chain of a simple molecular group, would have formed. The “accumulating sugars could have provided some sort of protective function — perhaps by producing a slimy impervious layer that would have repelled water as tides and waves periodically swept by.” Such a layer might have separated groups of molecules.

One kind of protective layer that Wills and Bada believe developed early on was a two-dimensional-like membrane. This membrane wasn’t like the lipid or water-insoluble surface that houses a cell today. It was a barrier between one group of

molecules and another. Bada describes the membrane as “sticky yet discrete,” allowing for simple separation, and Wills elaborates. These membranes were probably “made of a silky material that floated about in the primitive soup. They would have had [the equivalent of] an inside and an outside, across which charged differences could be generated. [This would have led] to the charging up of these molecules.” Perhaps the membrane’s surface was composed of one-half an amino acid that is negatively charged, which then attracts — to interact or bond with — a surface of positively charged aminos. Charged molecules may have combined and grown into energy-rich compounds that became sources of food for other compounds.

With the mix of ocean surf and the deposit of more and more organic molecules in the tidepools, “billions of tiny experiments” in life-making got going. Wills and Bada hold that tidal action, an agent itself of constant change, is essential to these experiments because on and within the scum favorable and unfavorable aggregates of molecules began to be sorted. Usually we associate a sorting-out process of favorable and unfavorable — the fit and the less fit — with evolution. But Wills and Bada are suggesting that “the sorting-out capability could somehow [have been] decoupled from the reproductive capability” before life began, in what they describe as “the molecular equivalent of birth and

death.” They believe the stronger molecules stuck to the rocks and “lived” while the weaker molecules got washed into the ocean and “died.” Initially, there was a simple piling-on of molecules. In the piles, however, “different collections of molecules would have clung to different types of particles” on the rocky surfaces, eventually “becoming stratified according to their sizes and chemical properties.”


These different collections, still being sorted out, resided in what Wills and Bada call a “molecular ecosystem.” Supported by this ecosystem, a given robust collection of molecules may have been able to accomplish several things at once: attract, with its stickiness and its charged surfaces, other molecules coming in with the tides; absorb energy from sunlight that would aid its development; and protect its expanding aggregate from the ultraviolet light that would normally fry anything exposed.

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We are now almost ready for the arrival. But, due to further complex development of the first living organism, it may be easier to describe the newborn before analyzing its composition. Wills and Bada adopted the term *protobiont*, used by the Russian biochemist Aleksandr Oparin in his 1926 *Origin of Life*, to describe the first self-replicating entity in the molecular ecosystem. The protobiont has several characteristics: it is an organized collection of molecules; it can multiply “inside the complex, slimy layers of molecules” that cling to the rocks; and it carries rudi-

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mentary genetic information. The genes both house the protobiont's hereditary characteristics and transmit instructions for self-duplication.

Wills and Bada believe that the protobionts made a "skeleton," or platform, out of a group of molecules. The platform secured itself by selecting (and affixing) the architecturally strongest organic compounds from the primitive soup. To illustrate this link between protobiont and environment, Wills offers — from much further up the evolutionary ladder — the sea snail.

With the calcium carbonate molecules of seawater a snail builds a shell, a structure, or platform, within which it can survive. "The ability to build the shell is coded in the snail's genes," he says, "but the shell itself isn't." The shell's materials must come from "outside the organism to enable the organism to complete itself." In this way, the protobiont needed the village of its environment in order to be raised.

The protobiont may have also contained what Wills and Bada describe as a "fragment of genetic mate-

rial [that was] made up of a short piece of nucleic acid or a similar molecule." Whatever that genetic material was, it was like DNA, the nucleic acid common to almost all life today. We recall that DNA's structure, the familiar spiraling double helix, is also like a zipper. The sides of the zipper interlock, linking nucleobases into base pairs: adenine with thymine, guanine with cytosine. The human genome is built of 3.2 billion base pairs; the tiny bacterium *Mycoplasma* has 500,000 base pairs. Bada believes the first entity's

structure contained just 30 to 50 base pairs. That was "the minimal size needed to store information in this molecule. And, remember, it's the sequence of the bases that stores the information." As more bases linked, the entity would have had more data to copy and more opportunity to mutate.

What information might have been stored first in the entity's code? Wills and Bada write that the "most primitive distinction that the early genetic code must have made was between water-loving and water-hating amino acids."

If a molecule was coded to "love water," then it would have readily received organic compounds from the soup. If a molecule was coded to "hate water," then it would have built up a structure to repel water, helping the entity survive some of the ocean's pummeling action on the shores. As we have seen before, the two kinds of molecules may have allowed the entity to do two life-enhancing things simultaneously — grow and protect its growth.

One final sorting-out process remains — what Wills and Bada call imper-

fect replication. It's essential to remember that our knowledge of prebiotic chemistry is, as Wills laments, "full of so many missing steps [that] it's difficult to see how these steps might have happened." It must have taken billions of chances for each step to occur — for cosmic dust, hydrothermal vents, and a planet-wide oil slick to seed the primeval soup with organic compounds; for ocean tides to begin pummeling the shores; for organic compounds to stick and polymerize in the scum; for the protobiont to develop fledgling nucleic bases that

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would remember bits and pieces of themselves across a generation. The final step necessary for self-replication would have been for the protobiont to evolve from copying a small part of itself to copying enough of itself that it passed on a living and autonomous organism.

"Life can't get anywhere," Wills says, "if organisms make exact copies of themselves." In order to get somewhere — that is, to survive the severity of its environment — the protobiont was forced to adapt. The primary source of adaptation for the protobiont came through mistakes made while its genetic information was passed on. We may grasp the theory of the protobiont, Wills says, by looking at "the process of

DNA replication itself. DNA is comprised of two strands that spiral, or grow, with each other in the double helix. Suppose you have a sequence of pairs that is A T. If the self-replicating DNA makes a mistake and puts a G in place of the T, you have A G, or a mutation. In this way, organisms acquire mutations and natural selection sorts these mutations out. Humans," he continues, "are very good at repairing our mistakes. We have all kinds of machines in the cell that repair mistakes. As a consequence, we don't have anywhere near the number of mutations per unit time as the bacteria does."

Early on, the protobionts were, like bacteria, mutating at a very high rate. In fact, before the pro-

tobiont became a living organism, different sections of its genetic code, Wills says, must have "replicated extremely imperfectly." At first the protobiont retained a very small percentage of its precur-

Fred Hoyle likened the odds against the spontaneous assembly of life to those for a whirlwind sweeping through a junkyard and producing a fully functioning Boeing 747.

sor's genes, which would not have specified "all the information needed for a living organism." To retain more genes, the protobiont may have evolved a better self-replicating system in which it reduced the num-

ber of its mistakes. But once the protobiont had stabilized its rate of mistakes and enough genetic information was being copied to "secure" its autonomy, then, as Wills and Bada write, this "would have repre-

sented the first stirrings of life."

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How long did it take for the protobiont to arrive? If the protobionts were bacteria-like in their mutative proliferation, wouldn't that have

meant an extremely long time to evolve? Wills says no. In fact, he believes life got going in less than 10 million years. He cites three reasons.

One is an idea developed by Stanley Miller. Miller has written that "life must have arisen in 10 million years or less based on the known rate of decomposition of organic compounds." Organic molecules "died" when, returned to the ocean, they were sucked through the hydrothermal vents in the deep-sea trenches every 10 million years.

Second is that at the molecular level, chemical reactions take place very quickly. Combine this rapidity with the third reason: the growing shoreline space of the young planet. While the protobiont was using

its 10 million years to form and replicate, it also formed and replicated in several billion places — those tiny terrestrial niches where organic scum collected. If incipient life had only one chance in a million billion chances in one locale, the likelihood of its developing is very slim. But if that one chance had a million billion molecular ecosystems within which to experiment, the odds are much better. Quite good, in fact. Enough to cause Bada to say that there were probably "multiple origins of life."

Consider this oblique angle. Estimates suggest that the structure of DNA was fixed more than 3 billion years ago. This includes the DNA of our common ancestor in the bacterial realm. So what were the chances

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that deoxyribonucleic acid developed its very particular sequence? In *The Fifth Miracle: The Search for the Origin and Meaning of Life*, Paul Davies collects several metaphors to try to explain the unlikelihood of life developing on earth as it did. Among them is a quotation from the British astronomer Fred Hoyle, who “likened the odds against the spontaneous assembly of life to those for a whirlwind sweeping through a junkyard and producing a fully functioning Boeing 747.” The possible combinations of billions and billions of interacting molecules to make DNA are, as British zoologist Richard Dawkins is fond of intoning about evolutionary possibilities in general, unimaginable but not incalculable.

DNA “against all odds” sounds fantasy-headed, like a George Lucas movie. But, despite the relentlessness of earth’s geology, DNA beat the odds. We know from the paleobiochemical record that virtually all organisms—the estimate is greater than 99 percent—have died out. We know that all protobionts have been annihilated by plate tectonics. Hence, the self-maintaining biomolecule that came after the protobiont was, up to that date, the most improbable entity to have gotten that far. And still, no matter which organism got through, there is an abyss between the one that made it and all those others that didn’t, all those molecules that were recycled, all those mutations that dropped off the turnip truck. Such loss

is evolution’s stamp. To overproduce the very many so the very few survive.

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Christopher Wills says that perhaps the fiercest of the ongoing arguments among origin-of-life researchers is

A demonstrable origin, for Eiseley, suffers from the defect of explaining nothing, even if it should prove true. It does not elucidate the nature of life.

whether an origin theory can be tested in the lab. This fascinates him because, he says, “Every other science is approachable in the lab; why not the origin?” The success of Stanley Miller’s 1953 experiment is precisely

what attracted an array of scientists to study life’s onset. By the middle of this century, Wills believes, biochemists will, in a series of headline-grabbing experiments, create life, and thereafter, such experiments by

high school kids will be common. Wills imagines the biology teacher’s challenge to her students: “Let’s see who can be the first in the class to make life. I have a hunch it’s going to be far easier than we think.” And

yet, he stresses, it has to be “ineluctably” proven, so that people will accept the molecular *ab ovo* view. To create life in the lab will be a momentous occurrence for two reasons: first, because it may permanently alter the creationist view that God is the only author; and second, because replication may be less complicated than we thought since even high school kids will be able to do it.

Wills, of course, is not claiming that the mystery of creation will be solved with such experiments; the exact conditions that gave rise to life on the early earth are neither knowable nor reproducible. So what will the lab-based synthesis of self-replicating organic compounds prove? Loren Eiseley, a naturalist and author

of *The Immense Journey* (1957), says, not much. A demonstrable origin, for Eiseley, “suffers from the defect of explaining nothing, even if it should prove true. It does not elucidate the nature of life.” Eiseley is pushed not so much by the complexity of origin science as he is by “the loneliness of a man who knows he will not live to see the mystery solved and who, furthermore, has come to believe that it will not be solved when the first humanly synthesized particle begins...to multiply itself in some unknown solution.” For Eiseley, the origin’s incredibly lucky conditions “will never come again.” And it’s this *never coming again* that broods the egg. We — all creatures — are doomed to sit

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on “the egg of night.”

To illustrate the quandary, Eiseley writes, “My memory holds the past, and yet paradoxically knows, at the same time, that the past is gone and will never come again.” Humans may be able to recognize that the irreversibility of their own pasts resonates with the irreversibility of life’s beginning. But, if DNA’s existence coincides almost with that beginning, does DNA hold its past in the same way that an individual’s memory holds its past? Is part of the genetic code of any biomolecule a key for deciphering that biomolecule’s past? Or does the code only give instructions for replication, that is, what will be?

It is possible that DNA has “remembered” its past, that a genetic sequence may contain the origin’s right splash of atmospheric and terrestrial conditions. But that sequence may have mutated through the eons as well as been buried and re-buried, ad infinitum. The origin of life that may be locked in DNA appears to us like a million Rosetta stones, concealed under a few billion years of planetary evolution.

No doubt a “knowable” origin has been entombed by what Paul Davies calls “the carnage of natural selection.” What seems truly irreducible about the first biomolecule is that carnage is not only programmed into its DNA — the overproduction and death of “too many” organisms so that the very few survive — but that carnage has been in motion so long that it has made the origin of that biomolecule more inscrutable than it may be. Carnage also suggests the immense amount of failure that is necessary to create and sustain life. The rate of mutation’s failure to replicate life is many times that of the rate of mutation’s success in continuing life. While the number of species alive today is a few million, the number of extinct species, according to calculations done by paleontologist George Gaylord Simpson, is 500,000,000.

With such odds, no wonder every species and every bacterium tries every trick in the book to ward off the hangman.

Merrily we mutate. Mercifully we die. Is that it? Mutation

and death, carnage and renewal, annihilation and rebirth — ultimately achieving a kind of platitudinal purposelessness? All entities, whether they do or don’t replicate, have to die with

or without ascribing themselves a purpose. Life may have no purpose because the “autonomous self-replicating system” that drives the living bestows little more to do, in the grand scheme,

than accomplish the next round of autonomous and imperfect self-replication. Is that purposeless? I don’t know. I do know that because I’m drawn to summer’s resplendence out my window,

to the feathery top of a eucalyptus bending in a coastal breeze, I think (and it may only be *my* code) that the irredeemable fact of our origin means very little. ■

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Danny, son of my novel's heroine, is 13 years old and has just finished seventh grade when we get to this summer. Since Danny was 10, Danny has felt for Toby what some people might describe as a crush and what other people might call an obsession. Danny is fat and awkward and mildly criminal and a real sad-sack; Toby is a handsome, sturdy, all-American golden boy and a gen-

uinely nice kid. The two boys have been friends forever. When they started being friends Danny was not yet such an apparent creep, and Toby was not yet such an obvious champ. Danny lives on the idea of Toby, that much I know. When a day goes by and they do not at least pass in Coraville's Lincoln Junior High School hallways and exchange some piece of coded talk, Danny droops. Danny feels lost. Toby is Danny's north star. One late afternoon several months before this summer night into whose heat and bright stars I can't scoot my novel ahead to, Danny scrawls *Toby Toby* on a strip of notebook paper. He rolls this strip between his dirty fingers until the strip is no bigger than a big spitball, and he stuffs this damp paper ball down into the pockets of his too-tight Husky-size blue jeans. The hidden name keeps him company.

What, on paper, is trying to happen is that poor

old sloppy fat and delinquent Danny is trying to show the reader how much he dreads Toby's departure. Danny has been awake all night, sitting in the damp, scratchy grass in his back yard, staring at the bright stars and smoking one stolen cigarette after another. While he smokes he hears an occasional firecracker make a *pop-pop* sound. Not until about 2:00 in the morning does the tiny town

I felt hungover

even though

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drunk in many,

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where my novel takes place get quiet. But that's because they'd been celebrating the Fourth. Otherwise, all would have been still by midnight.

I've tidied my work table. I've opened my notebook. The pen in my hand

can't seem to nudge the action forward. Nothing happens. I know what the scene looks like. I know who is in it. But no one moves. No one so much as blinks an eye or draws in a deep gulp of air. Danny, of whom I am more fond than you'd guess, sits around, head hidden from me in his hands. He won't even blow a smoke ring my way. By now, dew has soaked him; his tennis shoes are damp, as are his mustard-smeared jeans (from the Fourth of July hot dogs his dad cooked out on the grill) and his T-shirt emblazoned with the local high school's bulldog and his mother's flamingo-pink sunbathing blanket he's wrapped around his shoulders. Danny's name, each time I write it, seems heavy and burdened and weighted down. His name carries with it secret thoughts that are my own thoughts that I hide from myself. His name carries those secrets from one page to the next. These

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secrets also reside in the ink in the fountain pen that I'm holding, the pen that does not move across the white, blue-lined paper.

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On my sterling silver horse charm bracelet, assembled from 12 identical prancing horses, one horse's leg is broken. When did this leg break? I do not know. I shake my arm to hear the horses jingle, one prancing horse hits against another prancing horse.

Not long ago, over lunch, a man of whom I am too fond took my wrist in his large hand. He said, "I didn't know you like horses."

"I don't," I told him. I heard defiance in my voice. I extricated my wrist and its noisy horses from his warm grasp. I returned to my idle poking away with my fork at pale green

Bibb lettuce leaves. I was glad that I had already eaten the shredded crab, the neatly quartered cherry tomatoes in whose hollows rested gold tomato seeds encased in a pale green gelatinous globule, the buttery avocado, the vile and inexplicable fresh dill. Olive oil pooled in the hollows of the Bibb leaves. The noon sun that shed its brightness over the round café tables caught and glittered in the tiny oil globules. I blinked. I felt hungover even though I had not been drunk in many, many years. How could I bear up, I wondered, beneath so much light?

This morning I must make a choice. I can think about the lunch and the hand, warm around my wrist, and the way that the pale green, gelatinous globules enclose the gold tomato seeds, or I can fill the empty pages with Danny and Danny's troubles. Goldfinches peck at the thistle feeder near my window. In the distance I hear hedge clippers. Closer by, from next door, I hear my neighbor's oscillating sprinkler as it sprays out again and again its fan-shaped curtain of cool water. My pen starts to scratch across the paper. Danny, at 4:15 in the morning, with the sky still inky dark, climbs on his bike and pedals the six blocks to Toby's. "Just out for an early ride" is what he'll say if Toby or Toby's family sees him.

Lamps on at Toby's house throw a golden light onto the dark, sloping lawn. The station wagon doors stand open as does the low-lying ranch house's front door. From that open door drift laughter and giggles and japes, the latter a word Danny recently learned. Danny stops at the lawn's edge. Shrubbery and darkness hide him. Toby appears at the front door. A sea bag is slung over his shoulder. He smiles, a big smile, and he yells to someone in the house. Danny can't make out the words. The tone is happy and jovial. A voice that sounds like one of Toby's brothers' answers. Nobody at Danny's house acts like this. No japes. Danny is a monster, an

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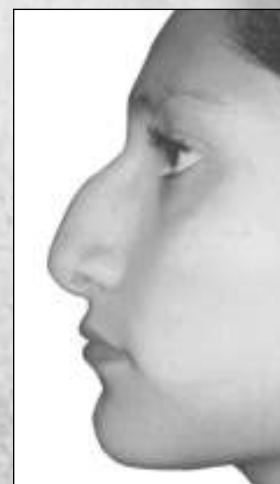


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outcast, a loser; he knows he is. He is a bad person. His father smokes dope and his mother thinks about killing herself and his mother's mother did kill herself and his father's father is a drunk. As you guessed, Danny has stood here before, at night, and watched Toby's house. He has watched through the wide uncurtained picture window as Toby's family drifts back and forth through the front of the house. When the door's

been open, he's listened to Toby's brothers hector each other; one evening he heard the entire family sing "Happy Birthday" to Toby's sister. Not only did you guess Danny had done this before, but I suspect that you are appalled that he does it at all. You think he's really sick. You think he's disgusting and pitiful. You also suspect that when I was young I did something like what Danny's doing now or that

I had friends who did what Danny's doing now. You may think I am disgusting and pitiful. I am. Danny's heart beats fast. Sweat runs from his hairline into his face. Toby and his family must not see him. He turns and pedals two blocks through the dark to a house that has

stood vacant all spring. He drops his bike behind low bushes, and then he flops next to his bike. He is on his stomach. Even if you knew he was there, from the street you couldn't see him. Perhaps three minutes pass, perhaps five, and the big Pontiac wagon, beams gilding the tunnel of road, glides by. The Pontiac is headed toward the freeway. Toby's gone. That's it. It's over. Danny's alone now. Really alone. Wow. He didn't know he'd feel this bad.

He really didn't. So I want to write about how, once Toby's father backed down the family's sloped asphalt driveway and drove north on East Pearl and toward the freeway out of Danny's sight, that Danny had what Henry James Sr. (following after Swedenborg) called a "vastation." The elder James described this vastation as an attack of "doubt, anxiety, and despair, of inmost, implacable unrest." Henry Sr.'s oldest son William was heir to similar suffering. "A horrible fear of my own existence" was how William described these attacks of spiritual desolation and decompensa-

tion, these existential swoons that ran in the James family and run in Danny's too. (William went on to say, about these assaults against his happiness, "It was as if something hitherto solid within my breast gave way, and I became a mass of quivering fear. The universe was changed for me altogether. I awoke morning after morning with a horrible dread at the pit of my stomach.") When I was the age Danny is on Toby's last summer — 13 — and even younger, as young as 7, and when certain friends left town, even for a weekend, I often felt desolate. I felt this "something hith-

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erto solid within my breast" give way. Color seeped out of sky and grass and paintings on the wall; sound drained out down to the last drop. I felt laid waste to. Even my name didn't mean or equal me. There was nobody, then, to whom I might turn in my terror. My mother was the only person at home, and she didn't love me and I didn't love her, although I wanted to love her, and I suppose that she wanted to love me. But we didn't love each other. I was love-starved, and doubtless she was too. But we were as poisonous to each other (and I was as poisonous to myself) as the arsenic that Danny had once actually considered slipping to Toby's father to keep the family from taking off for Iowa.

Danny wants to go into the house right away, but he knows better. His left hand in his jeans pocket caresses the key to Toby's back door. Months earlier, Danny stole the key from its spot on the garage pegboard. He had two keys made. Two, in case he lost one. He hadn't worried that anyone would miss the key because no one in Coraville locked up. But they would lock the house when they went on vacation.

The sun was only beginning to trace out its first trail of light as Danny pedaled back to his house. The gears whined and the tires rattled against the metal fenders. Matt already would have been picked up to go to Billetter's to buck hay. Danny got into his room and stripped his clothes and slipped into bed without waking his parents. When he rolled out of bed at 10:00, no one was home. He showered, dressed, got on his bike, and rode the ten blocks to the city library, a modern sandstone building shaded by a canopy of maples. He sat at a table, sweat on his forehead and under his arms drying in the air-conditioned cool, and in an encyclopedia, he read about Iowa. Iowa was admitted as the 29th state in 1846; Iowa was part of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. Iowa was organized as a separate territory in 1838. The Mound Builders lived in

the area in prehistoric times. Des Moines is the capital and the largest city. He looked at photographs of Iowa cornfields and Iowa cattle and Iowa hogs and Iowa soybeans and sturdy Iowa people. Toby hadn't been gone 12 hours and life didn't even begin to seem worth living. This was Day One that Toby was gone, and Toby's father had probably driven his family across three state lines already.

Danny pedaled past Toby's house (and I don't need to add that he pedaled slowly, because anyone will know that's the way he went past the house, and they will know, too, that Danny would try to appear casual, so I also don't need to write that). He rode up and down the street and then up and onto the graveled alley. He skidded into the carport and stood his bike against Toby's mother's green Plymouth. Concrete steps led into the back of the house. Danny took the key from

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his pocket. He turned the key in the lock. Once inside, he locked the door. In houses on either side of Toby's no one was home, he felt sure, but Danny crouched anyway as he passed the kitchen windows, set in high over the sink but fairly low by the breakfast nook. Danny headed for Toby's room, at the far end of the long hallway that led off from the living room. Once he was in the dark hall, Danny felt safe. If anyone came in the house now — a relative, or the neighbor to toss in the mail — Danny felt confident that he could hide and outwait the intruder. With windows shut and the air conditioner off, the big house smelled more of itself than normally it did, and Toby's room, as Danny tiptoed through the door, smelled more of Toby than it did when Toby was home. Toby's mother demanded neatness. She must have made Toby clean his room before they left because Danny could not recall seeing everything as tidy. The

blue bedspread, a jacquard woven with lighter blue anchors and red sailboats, was pulled tight on the single bed. The pillow was flat and the blue pillowcase without creases. The room, situated on the northwest corner, was not large. It held the single bed, a desk and desk chair, a tall chest of drawers, a bookcase, a bedside table. If you shut the door or pulled the door almost closed, which Danny did, you could see yourself from almost any point in the room in the full-length mirror mounted on the door. Danny pulled out the desk chair and sat at Toby's desk. Danny touched the dictionary and a battered tin measuring cup filled with colored drawing pencils. Danny slipped open the drawer. Last year's high school and jayvee football schedules. Danny rummaged the rest of the drawers. He didn't find anything that interested him — Christmas cards from Toby's grandparents and uncles and

aunts and cousins and birthday cards. School pictures. Football and basketball schedules. Swimming pool ID. (I need to tinker with Toby's room.)

Danny rustled through Toby's dresser. He touched Toby's bleached white Jockey shorts and undershirts. He handled the soft cotton-knit garments tenderly; he lifted them carefully, one after another. He knew what he was doing was creepy and he didn't care. Danny opened the closet door. Shirts that Toby wore to school hung from wire hangers on the wooden rod. Danny smoothed the black watch plaid that Toby wore when he and Danny broke into a rent house over by the college; he smoothed the blue-and-white striped button-down shirt that Toby spilled catsup on when their class took the field trip to the city. All of the shirts had a story for Danny. On a hook the navy blue terrycloth bathrobe held the shape of Toby's shoulders. Danny reached into the robe's

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pocket, and the pocket was empty. Not even lint. Danny knew this was sick. This business of having shirt memories and searching pockets.

Danny stretched out on Toby's bed and gazed up at the bright yellow ceiling. From several doors away he heard the *clack-clack-clack* of hedge clippers. The round-faced clock on Toby's bedside table ticked. Danny fell asleep and he dozed, maybe for an hour, maybe for two hours. When he awakened, whoever had been using hedge clippers no longer was using them. The ticking clock showed the time as 4:00. Danny had been in the house for three hours. He crept through the hall and kitchen and out the back door. He grabbed his bike, looked around, saw no

one, and pedaled out into the alley, whistling in a way that he thought made him seem normal. Just a boy in summer. A fat boy whose shirttail has pulled out of the back of his blue jeans, leaving his pimpled back bare to the breeze. At dinner that night when his mom, my novel's heroine, asked what he did all afternoon, he said he read in the library and then rode bikes with the guys. "Mmm," Polly said. And then studying him, added, "I want you to be careful that you don't get sunburned." His dad said, "Good for you for getting in the bike ride." Danny thought, "Go fuck yourself, asshole."

Day Two that Toby's gone, Danny sleeps late. He doesn't get up until his dad's left for work and his brother's gone to his hay-

buck job. His mom's out in the garden where he, actually, is supposed to be, helping with weeds and fertilizing, and if he doesn't get out there soon, his mom will be pissed, and she and his dad will not give him his allowance again. His mom has asked him to pull up and dig out the prickly burdock that's

bathroom sink, "Enough's enough." He tells himself that it's not as if he has no friends, because he does. Three or four boys and several girls regularly call him or talk to him in the hall after class or pop down a tray next to him at the lunchroom table or ask if he wants to go to the movies. He does not want

on the dirty husky jeans he wore yesterday and the same stinking shirt. He feels the way I felt that day that I pulled away my wrist from the warm grasp of the man whom I like too much. He sneaks out the front door and around the side of the house opposite to where his mother kneels in among the green pole bean vines, the vines aflutter with white bean flowers. He does not see his mother, and she neither sees nor hears her younger son. She is afloat on fantasies. I suspect, but do not know, that she is drugged on tranquilizers.

The six blocks between his house and Toby's house Danny does not notice pass by. He is doing what comes naturally. He parks his bike next to the Plymouth. He unlocks Toby's back door. The lock whines when the turning key pulls back the bolt. Danny has forgotten his mother; he has forgotten the burdock. He is no longer thinking, "I should do this" or "I should not do that." He is only doing what comes next, what does not ask for a yes or a no. He wanders into Toby's parents' room. He examines Toby's dad's tie tacks and cufflinks. He rustles through a top drawer in which Toby's dad's underwear and socks are stored. He feels in among the boxer shorts and dark, rough socks. He does not know what he is feeling for. Jewelry? Cash? Drugs? He is

just feeling. He sorts through drawer after drawer this way, his fingers doing the work, searching and touching. He finds nothing. Toby's parents, unlike his own, seem to have no secrets. He is sweating heavily. He smells bad. He is all id now, raw id, and as he strides through the darkened hallway, were you to see him, you'd say he reminded you of an ape. You'd be surprised he was not grunting and growing hair all over his fat body. You have got to keep in mind how fat Danny is, maybe 200 pounds on a five-foot-five- or six-inch frame. He is o-bese.

He walks through the hall and turns in to the kitchen and opens the refrigerator. The refrigerator hums. The cool air feels welcome on Danny's hot, red face. He sees Gulden's dark mustard and French's bright yellow mustard and Heinz's ketchup and Best Foods mayonnaise and cans of Coke. He goes to the walk-in pantry. Toby's mom has enough canned goods for months. Danny now is entirely in the present tense. He is doing what he does and doing it next. Nothing asks about itself. He takes down a can of B&M baked beans. He likes B&M beans. He opens the can, rinses the top off under the faucet. He reaches into the silverware drawer and takes out an oval soup spoon. He sits

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down at the kitchen table in the chair where, normally, Toby sits. He splays out his legs and slouches in a way that Toby's father would not permit. The salt and pepper shakers are a Dutch girl and Dutch boy, and the sugar bowl bears the face of a red-cheeked Dutch girl and the sugar bowl lid, her hat. Danny didn't eat breakfast. He spoons up the beans out of the can and into his mouth. Oh, the beans, the delicious maple-sweet mushy baked beans. Even the beans' skins, caught between his teeth, taste delicious to Danny. For the moment, while Danny spoons and chews and savors, he is pure poem. He gobbles the fresh air of open vowels. He is no longer a hired-hand to my story. He is no longer a day laborer assigned the arduous toil of hewing out of the hard rock of nothingness the personable and talkative subjects and the tricky verbs and the bramble of adjectives that tear at your skin with their poisonous thorns. He is free. He belongs for a few pages to himself and not to me.

I hear my pen scratch across paper. Gray finches, speckled black, peck at the thistle feeder outside my window. I've filled three white pages with black slanted-to-the-right handwriting, and I am trying to understand. Why will Danny, day after hot July day, sneak into Toby's house? What does Danny want? Why can't he stay away? Why, day after day, when he has perfectly good food at home cooked for him by his very own mother who loves him, does he open cans of noodle soup and jars of apricots from Toby's mother's pantry shelves? Why does he stand in Toby's mother's kitchen and boil water for strawberry Jell-O? Why does he use Toby's mother's electric mixer to make a chocolate cake-mix cake? Why does he lie on his stomach on the kitchen floor and read Toby's mother's *Joy of Cooking* while the cake bakes? Why does he read in *Joy of Cooking* about seven-minute frosting? What do I not know about Danny? What do I not know about myself? Why did I pull my

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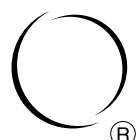
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wrist away from the grip of the man who at least pretended to admire the 12 silver horses that dangle off my charm bracelet?

I am hunched, my head bent over the page, my hand moving across the paper. I do not dare look up. I do not dare.

When I was three years younger than Danny is when Toby's father drives the family to Iowa, I did something like what Danny does. You will not be surprised. Any reader who pays even the slightest notice to words on the page knows that the person who writes those words has at least imagined the acts about which she writes. You can't write about an ax murder without blood getting on your shirtfront. Who is kidding who?

My mother and I were living in an apartment in Manhattan. My mother and I didn't see much of each other. On weekdays, she rarely got home until dinner, and she was often gone all day Sunday, because she was the

soprano soloist in a huge midtown church, and she not infrequently sang both at morning services and in afternoon chorales and oratorios. Weekday afternoons I practiced my piano lessons and played outside, but if my mother was gone, as she sometimes was, in the evenings or on those Sundays, I felt lonesome and restless. I did not feel frightened. I was more afraid when she was home than when she was not home.

Two floors above us lived a woman with whom my mother had sung in a choir. Her first name was June, and I was permitted by her to call her June, an honor in those days when relations between children and adults were somewhat formal. I see now and I knew then that I had a crush on her. She was a tall, slightly heavyset natural ash blonde. Her parents were Norwegian, and June had large features and big blue eyes that I thought of as "Norwegian eyes." My mother wasn't crazy

about June, whom she cat-tily described as "horse-faced" and "man-crazy." June was nice to me, though, June was; very nice. She often took short trips out of town to perform or to attend master classes or to visit family, and when she made these trips she paid me 20 cents per day to take care of her mail. The mailboxes were on the first floor. Each mailbox

I made believe she was my mother or a big sister who had adopted me when our parents died.

had its own combination. My job was to look in her box and see if she had mail. If I did see letters in her box, then I spun the combination and slipped out her envelopes and magazines (every week she got *Life* and *Look*, and she also subscribed to *Etude* and *Harper's Bazaar* and *Vogue* and *Theater Arts*). I had a cardboard box that I kept in my bedroom where I

stored June's mail. On her arrival home, she always handed me a wrapped and beribboned gift. These gifts were items my more practical and cash-strapped mother would not have given me — a green leather purse, a bottle of children's cologne, a multicolored lollipop as big as a dinner plate, Nancy Drew mysteries, a gold locket, a charm bracelet from which hung

silver ballerinas, a wooden flute, and an amazing zither on whose strings I repeatedly plucked out "Sentimental Journey" and "Blue Skies." She took me out one Saturday afternoon to a soda fountain, and she ordered fizzy chocolate sodas for us, and she asked me if I wanted to be a pianist or a violinist when I grew up, and I said I didn't want to be either, that I

was sick of the piano, and the violin, on which I recently had begun lessons, was too hard. I showed her where the violin strings already had formed calluses on the fingers of my left hand. On several other occasions she took me for hamburger lunches at a nearby drugstore lunch counter. She told me stories about when she was a little girl in Upstate New York, and how she and her two sisters ice-skated on a pond behind their house, and how their mother dressed the trio for family parties and church in matching dresses, and how she and her sisters hated being dressed identically. I asked her if she could skate figure eights into the ice, and she said she could; plus, when she was young, she could twirl and twirl and twirl on the metal toe of one skate blade.

As I said, June was so nice to me. She spoke to me in such a mellifluous voice, the melody of her apparent pleasure in me cascading down around me.

Her hands on my bare arm or my cheek were cool and dry, and she smelled spicy from the perfume that she dotted behind her large ears and on the pulse points at the back of her wrists. I'd guess that not even a week passed after she and I first talked that I began to think about her and began to talk with her in my mind, to tell her what had happened at school and at my violin or piano lesson and to ride the elevator two floors past our floor to June's floor. I'd step off the elevator and stand outside her door and press my ear against her door and listen. Sometimes she would be playing Bach Two-Part Inventions or Chopin Preludes on the Acrosonic spinet that sat in her living room; other times she would be vocalizing, her serene mezzo running up and down the scales, or she would be trying out a Schubert song, her voice then exploratory, returning again and again to the same phrases. Not infrequently I heard her talk

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on the telephone, but I never heard what she said. Sometimes, too, when June wasn't yet home from one of the classes she attended or the choir practices or church services or voice lessons, I might strap on my roller skates and skate back and forth in front of our apartment house, or I might sit on the long wooden bench near the mailboxes and read a book. If June arrived while I skated or while I turned pages in my book, I acted surprised. I acted as if I'd just happened to be there, where she was, but the fact was that I was always trying to figure out how to be where she was, and if a day passed or two days and I didn't see June, I felt sad and broken and in need of mending. And if, as occasionally happened, June was distracted and didn't pay me much mind, if she was walking with someone and only said "Hi" to me and didn't stop to talk, I felt panic-stricken. I feared it was all over between June and me.

The year that I was ten, June went on sabbatical to Germany for spring semester. She paid me to water her African violets. The African violets sat in small pots, and each pot sat in a saucer. I was, June told me, "to water from below." No way was I to get water on the violets' fuzzy fat leaves. If water got on those leaves, June told me in her soft, almost hypnotic contralto, then brown spots would form on the leaves. Her hand on my neck was cool as we stood at mid-morning in the bright eastern exposure in which the violets flourished. I didn't care one way or another about houseplants. But because June spoke so passionately about these tiny flowering wonders, I conceived a mild fondness for them and promised I'd do everything she told me. I promised I'd love them as if they were my own. I meant what I said.

June hadn't been gone more than a few days before I began coming home after school and hanging out in June's apartment. With June's key in my pocket I climbed the two flights to her apartment. I unlocked her door. I made myself at

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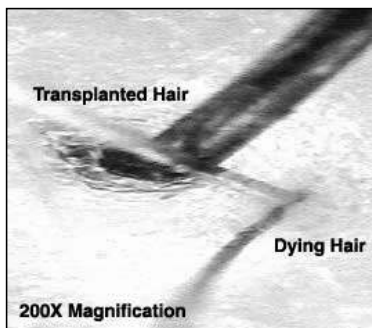
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home. I made believe she was my mother or a big sister who had adopted me when our parents died. I made believe she would be home, any minute. I threw myself in her chintz-covered living room easy chair with its wide and comfortable arms. If I'd known to say it, I'd have said, "What bliss."

Bit by bit I rifled everything she owned. I examined her huge brassieres whose cups easily would have held cantaloupes — they were that big, the bra cups were. I examined her navy blue Kotex box and the big Kotex pads. I tried on her costume jewelry necklaces and her surprisingly small high-heeled shoes. I sat in her bedroom pale-green velvet slipper chair and practiced dangling the high-heeled shoe off my toe the way that ladies in movies dangled their shoes. I admired her Christmas and birthday cards and Valentine cards and the many sympathy cards sent her when her father died. I read letters

from her mother and her sisters. These letters were mostly the boring "How are you? I am fine" letters. Some, though, written by June's mother and sisters, were about her father's long and painful death from stomach cancer. And yet other letters, letters two and three years old, referred to a boyfriend with whom June had broken up. He had married another woman. They had a child, a son, and were living in Boston. June, her mother wrote, "was better off without him." This new knowledge about June made me feel sorry for her and as if she and I, unlucky as we were in love, had something deep in common. I thought then that I had heard sadness in her singing and seen sadness in her big blue eyes, and I loved her even more.

I went through June's pantry. June had B&M baked beans. I opened the can and, like Danny, I spooned the beans, cold, from the can into my open warm mouth. The beans

tasted vivid and rich and sweet in a way that the same beans, eaten warm at the kitchen table in our apartment, never tasted.

You can guess the rest. I heated and slurped up June's Campbell's soups, her chicken gumbo, pepper pot, chicken noodle, beef noodle, and nasty cream of celery. I right away ate all her saltines and left the empty box. How did I even begin to imagine that the crackers would replenish themselves? But I did. And I ate her canned cling peaches and albino white pear halves and gaudy fruit cocktail, I ate her golden raisins and small dark sultana raisins and her dried Calmyra figs and I stuffed into my mouth lumps of her brown sugar. I sat at June's kitchen table, my elbows up on its pretty strawberry-printed oilcloth cover. I wiped my mouth with the paper napkins from her napkin holder. I imagined that June talked to me, in that soothing mezzo, about her pink- and white- and pur-

ple-flowered African violets and their care. I imagined that she told me about her father and how he taught her and her sisters to twirl on ice. I imagined that with one of her pretty, sheer cotton hankies she patted at the corners of her eyes and told me about the boyfriend, how handsome he was, how she loved him. When the solid food began to run out, I made tea with June's Lipton tea bags, even though I didn't like tea. I enjoyed drinking the tepid Lipton's from June's translucent and almost weightless china cups. Months passed and June's shelves emptied.

Because I was a child and because, like Danny, I tended to dwell in an eternal present of mad, unchecked impulse, I had not permitted myself to notice that the shelves, well-stocked when June left, were now almost bare. I rearranged boxes and cans that remained, all of which were foods I did not like — unsweetened pie cherries, several pounds

of Chock Full o' Nuts coffee, grapefruit sections, green turtle soup, pink salmon — so that these cans stood at the front of the shelves. Also, because I was a child, I didn't recognize how dirty and food-spotted June's apartment had become. Even though I tried hard to be tidy, her apartment, spotlessly clean when she left for Europe, by summer was filthy. While I didn't realize *how* filthy the three small rooms were, I could see that I had dropped cracker crumbs and dribbled soups and canned fruit juices and heaven-knows-what on her carpets and her upholstery. I ran the carpet sweeper over every floor. I scrubbed with a washcloth at the dark stain on the crisp flowered chintz that covered her armchair, and my scrubbing only enlarged the area of filth. As I looked at that wet, filthy spot on the arm of the chair, a spot that darkened a pale pink rose and pastel green leaves, it was as if I had awakened from

a long pleasant dream through whose warm tropic landscapes I weightlessly floated. What I had awakened into was a winter harshness. I was in big trouble. I took for granted that when June returned she'd tell my mother I'd eaten her food and made a mess. I was so scared I felt sick to my stomach. The day that she was to return, a day to which earlier I had so looked forward, was now a day I dreaded. I was so frightened about what would happen — hearing my mother scream that I was a thief, watching my mother get out the belt and scream that she'd beat me, the first sharp strike and sting when the leather belt's metal tip slapped against my bare leg. The worst part of all this, though, was not my fear of the beatings. I was somewhat accustomed to the beatings. What I was not accustomed to was what I felt for June. I loved her and I felt guilty and ashamed. I had let her down. I had stolen from

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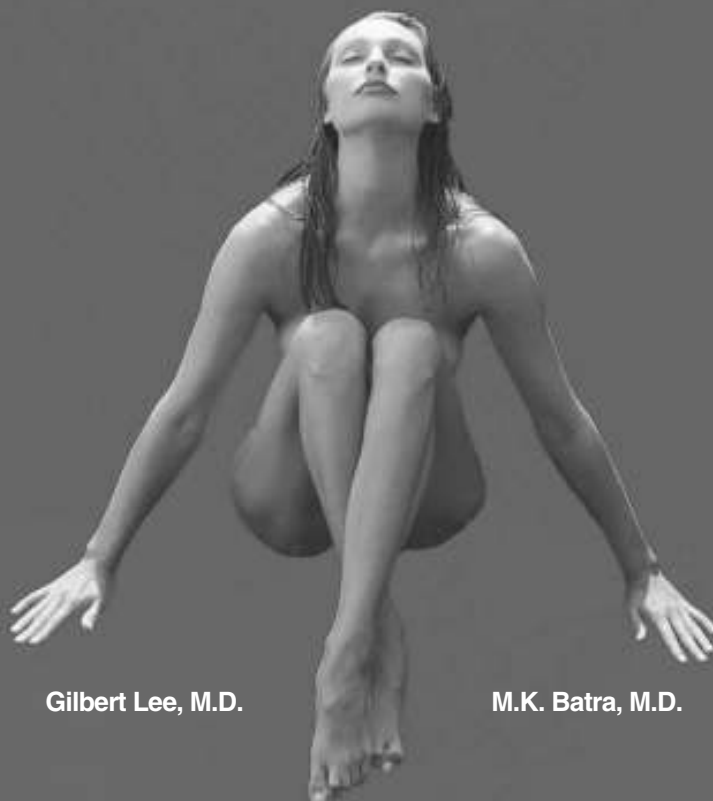
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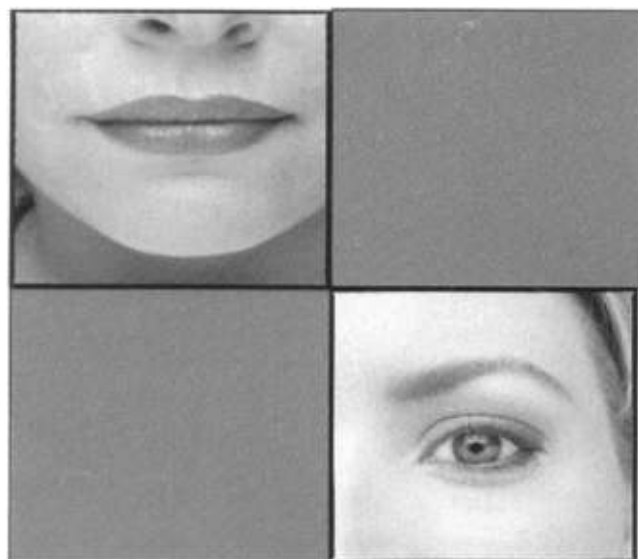
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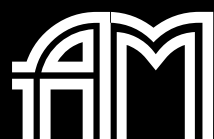
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someone who loved or at least liked me, someone who trusted me.

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Surprising to you but not to me, my mother paid me so little attention that she never realized I'd practically been living in Jane's apartment. She didn't realize that some nights I ate almost none of my vegetable soup or beans and franks. And Polly, who drifts in my novel in a daze of her own misery, never guesses how Danny spends his days for the three weeks that Toby's gone. She never guesses that Danny, who with his mother is sweet and gentle, is also an accomplished thief and a habitual liar.

I wish in a way that I hadn't told about June and what I did that year when I was ten. I will be embarrassed now in your presence. I will sense that you regard me as someone not to be trusted, someone stealthy and sneaky and sick. I will say in my defense, although it is a small point, that I kept my promise about the African violets. Not one of them died, nor did an ugly and terrifying cactus that she kept in a blue cachepot in her bathroom. ■

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other land — further away and with less value” conveyed by the Otay Ranch Company involved keystone parcels of gnatcatcher habitat in Proctor Valley and San Ysidro Mountain. As noted above, the habitat in Salt Creek, Proctor Valley, and San Ysidro is coastal sage scrub, and it was all determined to be of high value in the initial Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan, and subsequent biological reports do not dispute these conclusions.

4. The Otay Ranch General Development Plan restricts the use of all the land within Salt Creek to open-space-related land uses, and 341 acres of Salt Creek have already been set aside in perpetuity to the City by the developer of Village 11. All the remaining open space in Salt Creek will be required to be conveyed to the Preserve Owner Manager as further development in Otay Ranch occurs.

With regard to the second issue, suggesting that the City of Chula Vista had acted without the knowledge or concurrence of the County of San Diego in this matter, the facts are as follows:

1. Otay Ranch Company requested both the City of Chula Vista and County of San Diego planning departments to amend the Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan in February 1998, several months before the City Planning Commission and city council approved the request. County staff members were notified of the request and the matter was discussed with them on several occasions prior to the City's action to approve the proposed amendments.

2. On July 1, 1998, the County Board of Supervisors Otay Ranch Subcommittee was briefed by County Planning Staff regarding the fact that the Chula Vista City Council had approved the proposed amendments and that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game had reviewed and supported the proposed amendments.

3. On April 28, 1999, Robert Copper, deputy chief administrative officer for

the County, recommended that the board of supervisors accept the dedication of land within this expanded conveyance area in conjunction with approval of an allocation of “coastal sage scrub loss allotment” to the Otay Ranch Company and City of Chula Vista. In his report to the board of supervisors, Copper wrote that “the City of Chula Vista and County Department of Planning and Land Use are preparing amendments to the Otay Ranch Open Space Preserve Conveyance Plan (part of the Resource Management Plan, Phase 2), anticipated to be heard by the board of supervisors in late June 1999.” The board of supervisors acted on the recommendation and approved the requested allocation of coastal sage scrub credits.

4. When the status of this proposed amendment to the Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan was discussed with the County Planning Commission in September 1999, Rick Rosaler, principal planner for the City of Chula Vista, along with several staff members from the County Department of Planning and Land Use, addressed questions regarding the status of the Otay Ranch Resource Management Plan and amendments to that plan that had been approved by the City in 1998 but had not yet been acted on by the County. Mr. Rosaler *never* indicated that the City had any intention of acting unilaterally with regard to these amendments, and in fact County staff was continuing to meet and correspond with City staff on a regular basis regarding the status of processing of the proposed amendments by the County.

Subsequent to the City's action to approve the proposed RMP amendments, property owners began to convey land within the expanded conveyance area to the City through irrevocable offers of dedication (IODs). Prior to accepting any of these IODs, they were forwarded to County staff for their review and approval, and each of the IODs was *signed and accepted* by County staff prior to being accepted by the City. This practice continued until the City and County were

notified in late 2001 by another Otay Ranch property owner that the County had never approved the 1998 amendments, and questions were raised regarding the appropriateness of accepting the IODs for the expanded conveyance area. Since that time, the City and County staffs have been working together to resolve the issues resulting from the fact that the County staff never followed through in bringing forward the proposed amendments to its Planning Commission and board of supervisors.

In summary, the plan for conserving open space in Otay Ranch is not being “thrown away,” but is being *fully implemented* by the City and County, as reflected by the recent action of the Board of Supervisors to approve the amendments to the Resource Management Plan that were approved by the City in 1998, while at the same time the City of Chula Vista entered into an agreement with Otay Ranch Company and Otay Land Company to facilitate acquisition of all the remaining property in Salt Creek. To date, the City and County have acquired over 1700 acres of the 11,375 acres of open space planned in the Otay Ranch, and this latest acquisition will bring the total to over 2000 acres. We are proud of our accomplishments in this area and hope that you will check your facts more closely in the future prior to publishing articles that distort this record unnecessarily and unfairly.

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Major Mistakes

The August 8, 2002, San Diego *Reader* article by Nancy Fay entitled “Promise-Breakers” regarding the Otay Ranch Open Space Program is fraught with inaccuracies, distortions, and misinterpretations. The Otay Ranch Company is the target of much of the article. We are disappointed that the *Reader* published the article with such reckless disregard for the truth.

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avoided providing the Otay Ranch Company such opportunity when we informed her — prior to publication of the article — that her perspective was seriously mistaken. She called our office on Friday, August 2, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. to ask for directions to Salt Creek. She was informed at that time that it was near Wueste Road. She thanked us and attempted to end the conversation. Because we recognized her name as the author of an inaccurate commentary previously published in another newsletter, we inquired as to whether she was going to ask for the Otay Ranch Company's comments for this article. She asked if she had made mistakes previously. We said that she had. She responded that she did not then have time to conduct an interview but that she would call again before 2:00 p.m. She did not. She did not return the phone call made to her the following Tuesday. She did not respond to our e-mail inquiry. The *Reader* article was published anyway. It is clear that Ms. Fay had no desire to understand the facts, no desire to hear a perspective contrary to her own (or that which had been fed to her by others) but rather was intent upon weaving a web of fiction to inflame passions and damage the Otay Ranch Company. The *Reader*, unfortunately, facilitated these efforts.

While legal recourse is available to pursue compensation for damage to our reputation, we are particularly concerned because the article not only damaged the Otay Ranch Company but also challenged the integrity of the Otay Ranch Open Space Program and undermined the credibility of the Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP). These programs are essential to San Diego's nationally recognized habitat conservation planning efforts, to which the Otay Ranch Company has demonstrated uncompromised commitment for over a decade. As there may be no particular recourse for rehabilitation of the MSCP's reputation, we want to take this opportunity to set some of the record straight.

The Otay Ranch Company is the principal author of the Otay Ranch Resource

Management Plan, which creates an 18-square-mile nature preserve located in the city of Chula Vista and in the County of San Diego. It has been held up as a national model for resource conservation. The plan requires that for every 1 acre developed in Otay Ranch, 1.2 acres must be set aside as permanent open space. When complete, the preserve, a mix of protected habitat areas and recreation areas, will ultimately encompass 11,375 acres, or more than eight times the size of San Diego's Balboa Park.

The plan was adopted by Chula Vista and the County a decade ago and remains fully intact today. The Otay Ranch Company has dedicated more open space to this preserve than was initially required and far more than any other landowner has conveyed. None has switched open-space land to development land. If anything, as events have unfolded, the Otay Ranch open-space system will be larger than originally contemplated.

Contrary to Ms. Fay's assertions, the Otay Ranch Company has already transferred more than 1100 acres of pristine open space within this preserve to the City of Chula Vista and the County of San Diego. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, the City, and the County approved all of these actions because the properties conveyed were deemed to be "keystone" parcels of high-quality habitat in furtherance of the MSCP. Moreover, rather than simply conveying land to the preserve, the Otay Ranch Company simultaneously pioneered a funding program to ensure that the open space we conveyed (and will continue to convey in the future) is managed and monitored in perpetuity. Otay Ranch is the *only* development in the county that taxes *itself* in order to generate sufficient funds to ensure the success of a publicly owned preserve system. To date, more than \$1 million has been set aside for this purpose.

Ms. Fay contends that the Otay Ranch Company has not conveyed the Salt Creek open space as initially contemplated. She fails to mention that 73 percent of Salt Creek has already been deeded over to the preserve

owner/manager and that the remaining land — owned by the HomeFed Corporation — is now and will always be open space. HomeFed is contractually bound through an agreement with Chula Vista to keep the land open space. The only question is when the open space will go from private to public ownership. HomeFed could answer that question right now by conveying title to the 440 acres as mitigation for its proposed development in the Otay Ranch. Instead, they are insisting that the 440 acres be acquired by the Otay Ranch Company — something that we are willing to do, if we can purchase the property at fair market value. Unfortunately, HomeFed is trying to hold the Otay Ranch Company and other property owners hostage by demanding the outrageous price of \$80,000 per acre — which is approximately 10 to 20 times more than similar open-space land sold in Otay Ranch. If HomeFed is successful, this \$80,000 purchase price will serve as the benchmark comparable sale for the acquisition of all of the remaining thousands of acres in the MSCP preserve, much of which is planned to be acquired with tax dollars. That, in short, will blow the estimated costs of the MSCP preserve out of the water. It will spell the death knell for the successful implementation of the MSCP preserve. In order to avoid this situation, we have offered to acquire the property through condemnation so as to insure that the price is determined fairly by a court of law.

In the dispute between the Otay Ranch Company and HomeFed Corporation, Ms. Fay purposely decided to consider only the distorted information propagated by HomeFed, rather than asking the fundamental question: which company is more likely to undermine the MSCP program — the company that created the Otay Ranch Nature Preserve, created a funding mechanism to finance the management of that preserve, and contributed 1100 acres of pristine land to the preserve; or the company that has yet to dedicate one acre of land to the preserve and is now demanding prices that would effectively preclude any public agency from realisti-

cally acquiring even a single piece of the MSCP preserve? The answer is clear. To try to put the many mistakes in some kind of organization, below is a summary of the article's major mistakes.

1) The article states that the Otay Ranch Company reneged on a commitment to set aside open space in perpetuity. This is not true. The Otay Ranch Company has set aside over 1100 acres of pristine habitat in perpetuity and consistent with the Otay Ranch General Plan policies and guidelines.

2) The article creates the impression that less biologically valuable property has been used by the Otay Ranch Company for preservation. This is not true. Both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game approved the land set aside by the Otay Ranch Company as being "keystone" property of critical importance to the MSCP. Additionally, the County of San Diego's biologist stated that the lands set aside by Otay Ranch Company are more sensitive and more important to the MSCP than the Salt Creek property identified by Ms. Fay. The whole article ignores the fact that the Otay Ranch Development General Plan identified five "keystone" areas as priorities for early conveyance. The General Plan did not identify Salt Creek as the *only* area which was to be transferred to public ownership early.

3) The article implies that the Salt Creek area of Otay Ranch is at risk if not acquired immediately by the Otay Ranch Company. This is not true. All 11,275 acres of the Otay Ranch Nature Preserve are designated as open space and may not be developed now or ever. The issue is not whether or not Salt Creek will be open space, but when Salt Creek open space will be transferred from private to public ownership. Additionally, the article states that Salt Creek is 1248 acres. This is not true. Salt Creek is approximately 623 acres, of which 73 percent has already been transferred to public ownership, a fact also ignored by the author.

4) The article states that the City of Chula Vista amended the Preserve Con-

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veyance Plan without the knowledge or involvement of the County of San Diego. This is not true. The County of San Diego was fully apprised of the Chula Vista action and acknowledged in writing all land which was conveyed jointly to the County and City of Chula Vista.

5) The article implies that an assessment has been levied on Otay Ranch property owners for open space maintenance when no open space has been conveyed to public ownership. This is not accurate. To date over 1600 acres of open space has been conveyed into public ownership.

6) The article states that Baldwin-related entities reneged on commitments to construct a park in Carmel Valley and, therefore, that the City of San Diego will have to spend \$1.5 million to construct the park. This is not true. Baldwin-related entities are obligated to complete the park at Baldwin's expense without City

contribution. This could have been easily confirmed with one phone call to the City of San Diego.

7) The article states that Baldwin-related entities had an option to purchase Salt Creek for open-space purposes. This is not true.

8) The article states that the amended Preserve Conveyance Plan would cause the builders of SR 125 to purchase right-of-way for the needed facility that otherwise would have been given free of charge. This is not true. The Otay Ranch General Plan does not require any party to give right-of-way land to SR 125 as part of the open space program. However, affected property owners in South County, including the Otay Ranch Company, have donated SR 125 right-of-way, free of charge, with one notable exception — HomeFed Corporation. Unlike other South County property owners who have willingly contributed the right-

of-way without payment, HomeFed is forcing Caltrans to condemn the right-of-way for SR 125 in an effort to profit from the much-needed highway. This is consistent with its efforts to profit from the Otay Ranch Nature Preserve, and is in spite of HomeFed's written agreement with the City of Chula Vista committing HomeFed to dedicate SR 125 right-of-way free of charge.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Fay elected to write this article not as an investigative journalist but as an advocate of the HomeFed public relations "spin." It is equally unfortunate that she did not bother to pick up the phone to call us, the City of Chula Vista, or the County. One phone call would have eliminated a myriad of erroneous statements in the article.

What is perhaps the most unfortunate, however, is that the *Reader* facilitated this reckless disregard for the truth by publishing the arti-

cle without questioning its veracity. We expect, the public insists, and the law compels higher professional standards.

The Otay Ranch Company
Robert B. Cameron
Executive Vice President
Counsel

Nancy Fay responds: The Baldwin Company, predecessor of the Otay Ranch Company, which is now in control of some of the land at Otay Ranch, was required to set aside certain land popularly known as Salt Creek. Instead of setting aside all of the land, Baldwin distributed some of it among its creditors during bankruptcy.

After getting rid of the land it was supposed to use for open space, neo-Baldwin (Otay Ranch) returned to Chula Vista to get permission to do what it had already done. The City approved the change in spite of the Memorandum of Understanding between the

City of Chula Vista and the County that neither would change the plan without the consent of the other.

The Otay Ranch Company tried to substitute some land three miles away from its project and from the land it was originally supposed to donate. Some environmentalists say this off-site setting aside of open space is not nearly as valuable as mitigating habitat damage closer to where the damage occurred.

Otay Ranch says that even though it no longer controls the land it was supposed to donate, that land will forever stay open space. Maybe. But the fact is, several public and private groups have plans for the land in and around Salt Creek — including State Route 125 and a proposed public university — thus the reason county documents identify Salt Creek as an area that should be acquired first to set aside.

Otay Ranch says it notified the County when it made changes to the plan. In a separate annotated copy of my article, Otay Ranch goes on to say that

these changes were never docketed or approved by the county board of supervisors. Again, Otay's attorneys aren't saying we were wrong; they are objecting to our reporting something they admit.

Otay Ranch's lawyers say, "The article implies that an assessment has been levied on Otay Ranch property owners for open space maintenance when no open space has been conveyed to public ownership." The article implies no such thing. Baldwin's homeowners pay a monthly fee for open space maintenance. Part of that fee is going to maintain land at Salt Creek that Baldwin no longer owns. People are paying for something they are not receiving, i.e., maintenance of a piece of Salt Creek that is included in a plan that has never been implemented.

Baldwin defaulted on several obligations in Carmel Valley. And that has been the subject of newspaper articles and lawsuits. Baldwin was supposed to make certain improvements at certain times, including development of a park. It never

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did. Open space and other land deteriorated, and the City of San Diego finally had to take over much of the property. Baldwin never came through on its obligation to bring half of a ten-acre linear park under the SDG&E power lines up to a standard that would allow the City to take ownership.

I reported that the original source of these allegations was reporting by Lisa Ross. Ross is an award-winning columnist and a former member of the Carmel Valley Planning Board. During her tenure on the board, Baldwin's noncompliance with its obligations was a source of complaints and frustration to people who live in Carmel Valley.

Otay Ranch did sign a document in which it retained the right to repurchase some of the land it spun off in bankruptcy court. Public records show that it let that option expire.

Otay Ranch says there is no agreement to donate land for Route 125. Then it says, as part of this nonagreement, that it and others have agreed to donate land for the road. All but Salt Creek's current owner, Home Federal, that is — who wants to sell its land. And that, Otay Ranch says, may hold up the construction of Route 125.

Otay Ranch's attorneys say the question is really this: "Which company is more likely to undermine the MSCP program — the company that created the Otay Ranch Nature Preserve, created a funding mechanism to finance the management of that preserve, and contributed 1100 acres of pristine land to the preserve; or the company that has yet to dedicate one acre of land to the preserve and is now demanding prices that would effectively preclude any public agency from realistically acquiring even a single piece of the MSCP preserve? The answer is clear."

Yes, it is, but it may not be the answer Otay Ranch's attorneys would like.

Otay Ranch says that anyone who reports its failure to live up to the open space agreement is somehow a "puppet" of the HomeFed Corp., which owns the land in question.

These people whom Otay Ranch calls HomeFed "puppets" must also be considered

puppets of the Sierra Club, the San Diego County Planning Commission, and several local builders who believe that once a landowner gives his word, he should keep it without being forced back into court.

Clinton In Robes

Regarding Judith Moore's article, "A Tall Steeple Pastor Confronts His Fall," August 29.

Judith, you spend too much time and print on senseless drivel from a defunct pastor who just doesn't get it. He lied to his wife, his family, his parishioners who trusted him — and he wove lies to justify his deceit to his wife, his family, his church — a Bill Clinton in pastoral robes!

He no longer deserves the trust of the church he chose to follow. Let him make peace with his God...but leave the rest who seek religion alone. He should find a new profession!

For the Reader — I am a faithful follower of your newspaper, but please limit the drivel about someone who hasn't gotten the message, "I am responsible for my own actions."

James A. Carr
Oceanside

Cineast Schtick

While slipshod ramblings are simply par for the course in your publication — especially in the music section — and most not worthy of comment, nothing can account for Dave Good's piss-poor ten-ock-thousand-word "investigatory" piece and the ranking imbecile over him who edited it ("Harlem West Hustle," Pop Music, September 5).

As far as the Huffs and their miserable festival are concerned, let the chips and lawsuits fall where they may. However, as a personal and professional acquaintance of Mr. Steve Spencer for some seven-plus years now, I take exceptional umbrage at Mr. Good's puerile efforts to link Steve to the chicanery fostered upon other professionals in the entertainment industry — a link that Good waffles on when he points out that even Steve has yet to get his money from the Huffs.

Whoever edited that piece couldn't find crap in a fertilizer factory, much less a writer who could string together a coherent sequence of events to put the blame for

the fiasco of Harlem West where it clearly belongs: on the shoulders of Karen Huff.

Had Good done anything that resembled his homework, he would've discovered that Steve Spencer's professional track record is beyond reproach, if for no other reason than he pays his people promptly and at great personal expense — I and a few others can vouch for this. It is perhaps something the esteemed Ms. Huff can learn from.

Steve has put on events in venues such as the U.S. Grant Hotel, 4th & B, and several other nightclubs around town, and his Brazilian Carnival is the largest on the West Coast. He is held in very high regard in the Brazilian community in San Diego, Los Angeles, and elsewhere.

While it's unfortunate that Steve's good-hearted nature and willingness to assist his fellow African-American on his or her endeavors has resulted in an even more unfortunate set of circumstances, the treacle your publication issued last week has set an all-time low in the annals of "alternative" journalism. The music section of the Reader actually citing the U-T? O irony, where is thy sting?

As an aside to Karen Huff...don't screw around with ethnic do-gooding, get John Moores to back your efforts! He's done wonders with our local city council and school board. I'm sure Mr. Moores would love to be able to line his pockets in the interest of multiculturalism.

Finally, as an ancillary note to Duncan Shepherd: enough already with the poorly done Jorge Luis Borges knockoffs. At least Borges had enough literary and artistic ken to make a few short films in his lifetime. Roger Ebert managed to get one of his scripts shot by no less than Russ Meyers; hell, even Rex Reed managed to get Myra Breckinridge shot.

The die-hard cineast schtick (especially in light of the trademark knee-jerk dismissal of digital technology) does nothing to inspire future artists, inform the ticket-buying public, and makes the world that much more safer for Hollywood.

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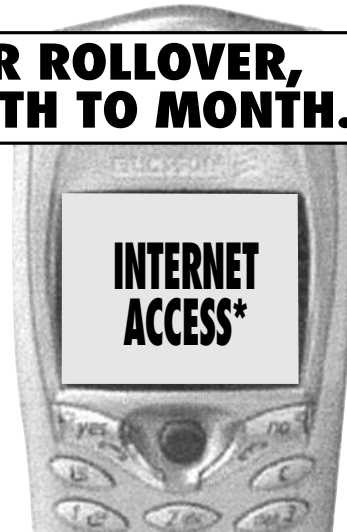
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Sexy Rebel

The Poetry of Ho Xuan Huong

The poet's name, Ho Xuan Huong, means "spring essence" in Vietnamese, says John Balaban, her translator, who slowly gives the pronunciation key in four syllables: "It's 'ho.' Then 'swan,' like the bird. And then 'who-ung.'" *Ho. Swan. Who-ung.*

But the poetry of Ho Xuan Huong isn't slow. It's nimble and quick-witted — and not about spring. "It's about social injustice," says Balaban, speaking by phone from North Carolina, where he teaches. "It's particularly about injustice from a woman's point of view." Her poem, "The Condition of Women," says in part: "Sisters, do you know how it is? On one hand,/

the bawling baby; on the other, your husband/ sliding onto your stomach,/ his little son howling at your side..."

Today, Ho Xuan Huong's feminism seems unremarkable; during her own time, it was shocking. Born at the end of Vietnam's feudal era (c.1775), she wrote, "When the traditional strength of women in Vietnamese society was being eroded," Balaban says. "She was part of a rebel movement that took charge of the throne. It was called the *Tay Son*, a populist movement against the conservatism of the Le dynasty, which the movement overthrew."

Ho Xuan Huong's poetry is also about love, a particular kind — "Enduring love," says Balaban. "Or fated love. It was something she hungered for and never really had." Love that was "meant to be"? he is asked. "Absolutely. Made in heaven, even."

Ho Xuan Huong, whose love life consisted of being a concubine, or second wife, wrote about sex, too, in clever ways. "She loved the double entendre, the sexual innuendo," says Balaban. Her poem, "Male Member," goes like this:

Newborn it wasn't so vile. But, now, at night,
even blind it flares brighter than any lamp.

Soldierlike, it sports a reddish leather hat,
musket balls sagging the bag down below.

Balaban is aware that Ho Xuan Huong is sometimes compared to Emily Dickinson and Sappho, but he discounts the Dickinson, because of Ho Xuan



Portrait of Ho Xuan Huong, from the 1914 woodcut edition of her poetry

Huong's sexual content. True, Sappho's "interest in and hunger for love are certainly similar" to Ho Xuan Huong's, and her "sharp bite, caustic bite" is similar to Anne Sexton's. A poem of Ho Xuan Huong's, called, "Consoling a Young Widow," illustrates his last point:

Your funeral cries just hurt our ears.
Stop wailing or you'll shame the rivers
and hills.

Let me advise you on your tears;
if you've got weak blood, don't eat rich
food.

"But, in fact, there's no one who does what Ho Xuan Huong does, no one with her issues and her dexterity," says Balaban.

And what life experiences prepared Balaban to be not only Ho Xuan Huong's translator but her champion, giving readings of her work around the country, as he will do this week in San Diego? Did he, for instance, grow up in a houseful of women?

A Philadelphia native, the son of Romanian immigrants, Balaban laughs. "I did grow up in a houseful of women, but I never thought of it that way. Two older sisters and my mother. But I also had an older brother." More

importantly, he says, "I went to Vietnam as a conscientious objector in 1970. Later, I traveled around Vietnam, on a government grant, collecting oral folk poetry. And during that time, while talking to Vietnamese about poetry, inevitably Ho Xuan Huong's name came up." His translation of her work, *Spring Essence*, was published in 1999.

Balaban, who has traveled to Vietnam a dozen times since the war ended, will also read from his own poetry and from his memoir, *Remembering Heaven's Face: A Moral Witness in Vietnam*, published in 1991. Avoiding the subject of the war for so many years (and reluctant to speak about it now), still he felt compelled to write about it. "I don't think memories of things like that go away so conveniently."

Do a lot of Vietnamese-Americans come to his readings? "Lots and lots," he says. But their language is English...? "Well, the book is bilingual. So Ho Xuan Huong is put into their hands in their own language. And it also puts into print for the first time in history the script that she wrote in, a calligraphy called *nom*."

Even Vietnamese natives "are probably not familiar with *nom*," says Balaban, since it hasn't been used for 100 years. "But everyone knows about

it and knows it's part of their cultural past."

And what of the natives' reactions to poems like the bawdy "River Snail"?

Fate and my parents shaped me like a snail,
Day and night wandering marsh weeds
that smell foul.

Kind sir, if you want me, open my door,
But please don't poke up into my tail.

"The Vietnamese have loved those poems since they were written," says Balaban. "That's why her work is still alive 200 years later. There's nothing so conservative about the Vietnamese culture that it forbids that kind of interest. I think the Vietnamese like her *because* she rebelled against the conservative, Confucian strain."

— Jeanne Schinto

The Poetry of Ho Xuan Huong
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BAJA

“Fotografia-Picture-Photographie,” this photography exhibition with work by Josué Castro, Roberto Córdova, Annie Lemoux, and Thomas Eaton may be seen on Friday, September 13, at 8 p.m., at the Galería del ICBC (on Avenida Centenario, in the Zona Río). For more information, call 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

A Mexican Music and Dance Festival is planned by the Yi-Ma Folkloric Ballet Company on Saturday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$7 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)

Desert Drags, watch the one-eighth-mile sand drag races at Rancho el Mezquite (south of San Felipe on the road to Puertocitos) on Saturday, September 14, starting at 6 p.m. Live music is promised, and a playground for kids will be available. General admission is \$3.50 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-686-552-6825. (SAN FELIPE)

Bulls from Reyes Huerta meet up with matadors Eloy Cavazos, Miguel “Armillita Chico” Espinosa, and Paco González on Sunday, September 15, at 4 p.m., at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea. For information, call 619-428-9517. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Pop Music may be heard when Nicho Hinojosa performs in concert on Sunday, September 15, at 10 p.m., at Baby Rock (located at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in the Zona Río). Tickets are \$28 U.S. For more information, call 011-52-664-634-2404. (TIJUANA)

Fair Days! The Tijuana Fair continues in Morelos Park (along Boulevard Insurgentes) through Monday, September 16, boasting food, music, arts and crafts, and entertainment. Admission is \$4.50 U.S. Call 011-52-664-686-1391 for further information. (TIJUANA)

¿Langosta for Lunch? Head to Puerto Nuevo for “Lunch in Lobster Village” when Baja California Tours hosts a guided outing on Wednesday, September 18. The \$56 fee includes transportation, lobster lunch at El Patio de la Langosta, and shopping in Tijuana. For reservations, call 858-454-7166 or 800-336-5454. (PUERTO NUEVO, TIJUANA)

Omnimax Films, currently showing: *Bears*, with screenings Tuesday through Friday at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center is located at Paseo de los

Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

“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)

OUTDOORS

The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant native shrubs covering most of San Diego County’s lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain somewhat green this summer, despite the unprecedented drought. Unlike the dormant, scrubby-looking native plants found closer to the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round.

This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring’s flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and a few wildflowers may have popped up here and there in response to scattered thunderstorm activity over the mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hillsides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley, Japatul, and Boulder Creek Roads in East County. Or head inland from Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center.

Fall Migrant Birds such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast.

Cooper’s or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend and during the early part of next week. The subtle glow is caused by the sun’s light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac, and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is “false dawn” — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

You Better Get This (Work) Party Started, tend California natives, weed native plant gardens, and remove invasive plants with the Friends of Famosa Slough around the treatment ponds at this urban wetland on Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes, and bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. (POINT LOMA)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, take a nature walk hosted by the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy at 9 a.m. on September 14.

Free. Call 760-436-3944 for directions and information. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Parade Through a Pocket Park and hoof it past a horse farm when Walkabout walkers take part in “Carmel Valley Variations” on Saturday, September 14. This 1.5-mile moderate walk starts at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Carmel Vista and Ruelle de Ville. For more information, call 619-231-7463. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Okay, It’s Not Giza, but you can explore the Egyptian District, the Vermont Street Bridge, Gill architecture, and find a few surprises when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari on Saturday, September 14, at 10 a.m. \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (HILLCREST)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring the structure, growth habits, and landscape value of palm trees in the park on Saturday, September 14, beginning at the visitors’ center at 10 a.m. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Kumeyaay Culture is the subject when Roberta La Bastita shares a collection of artifacts and demonstrates their value to the Kumeyaay way of life on Saturday, September 14, at 6 p.m., in William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Dial 858-694-3049 for details. Free. (JULIAN)

Sing Around the Campfire during the family campfire planned at Stelzer Park on Saturday, September 14, starting at 7 p.m. Expect skits, jokes, stories, marshmallow roasting, and hot chocolate. Bring a blanket. Find the park at 11470 Wildcat Canyon Road. The program is free, but parking is \$2 per vehicle. For reservations, call 619-561-0580. (LAKESIDE)

How Can Plants Survive in this heat and with as little rain as they’ve re-

ceived this year? Find out when naturalist Patty Heyden leads a hike focusing on “Plant Life of the Canyon” on Sunday, September 15, at 9 a.m., in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Find Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Hike Through Chaparral Bloom, chaise, white sage, California sagebrush, laurel sumac, and lemonade berry, among many other plants, when the Canyoneers host a hike in Florida Canyon on Sunday, September 15, at 1 p.m. To reach the spot, take Morley Field Drive from Park Boulevard, crossing Florida Drive; at the top of the hill, turn right twice into the parking lot next to the lawn. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Where Is Lindo Lake? This small city park is the site for birding planned by the Audubon Society on Wednesday, September 18, 8 to 11 a.m. Look for vermilion flycatchers and tricolored blackbirds.

To reach the spot, take I-8 to Highway 67. Go north on 67 and take the Riverford Road exit. After exiting, turn left on Woodside and go to the end of the road, where the park will be visible. Continue as the road curves to the right and then to the left for about one block. Then turn left into the parking lot, and meet there. Picnic tables, water, and restrooms are available. Easy hiking. Free. 619-692-3246. (LAKESIDE)

Raven or Crow? Find out how to tell the difference and learn little-known facts about the two when naturalist Vesta Dineen leads a 2.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Thursday, September 19. This easy jaunt starts at 8:30 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive), with water and hiking boots. For details, dial 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

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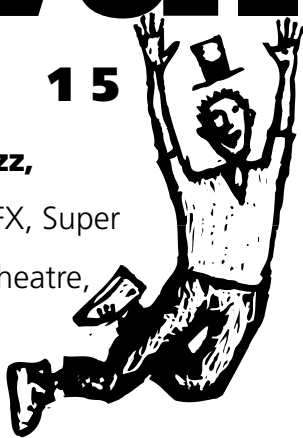
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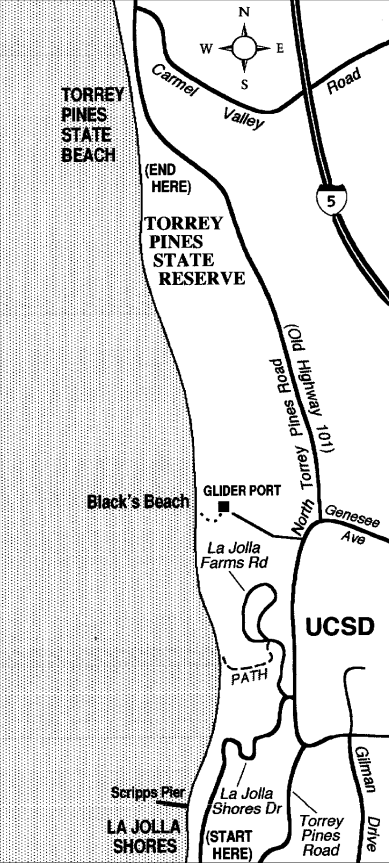
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There are only a few places along the Southern California coastline where you can walk for miles in a single direction and hardly



see any highway, railroad tracks, powerlines, houses, or other signs of civilization. The beaches below Torrey Pines State Reserve and the Torrey Pines golf course are one such place. Here, for a space of about three miles, sharp cliffs face the shoreline and cut off the sights and sounds of the world beyond.

If five miles one way isn't too much, begin your beach hike (or run) at La Jolla Shores Beach and travel all the way to Torrey Pines State Beach, past the end of the cliffs. Otherwise you can enjoy any smaller segment as you wish by entering or exiting the beach on the paved access path below La Jolla Farms Road, or by means of the trail descending from the glider port.

September, like August, along San Diego's coastline features the year's warmest sea and air temperatures. September, unlike August, is refreshingly uncrowded. Plan your outing during a low-tide period, when there's a wider, smoother, wet-sand surface to walk or run upon.

Walk north under Scripps Pier and on past the rocky tidepool area, which can be negotiated in sandals, or running shoes, or with bare feet if you aren't a tenderfoot. Once you're beyond the last of the cobbles and wave-rounded boulders, foot protection isn't normally needed.

Black's Beach ahead is San Diego's unofficial clothing-optional venue for sunning or bathing. Sadly, gender balance is hardly ever achieved in the pursuit of those activities.



Torrey Pines beach

At about four miles from La Jolla Shores Beach, you reach Flat Rock, where a protruding sandstone wall blocks easy passage. Follow the narrow path cut into the wall. From a low shelf on the far side, a trail slants upward, providing access into the scenically eroded landscape of Torrey Pines State Reserve.

In the fifth and last mile, the narrow beach is squeezed between sculpted sedimentary cliffs on one side and crashing surf on the other. These are the tallest bluffs in western San Diego County. A close look at the cliff face reveals a slice of geologic history: the greenish siltstone on the bottom, called the Del Mar Formation, is older than the buff-colored Torrey Sandstone above it. Higher still is a thin cap of reddish sandstone, not easily seen from the beach, called the Linda Vista Formation.

In the end, the beach widens and you arrive at Torrey Pines State Reserve's entrance and parking lot along North Torrey Pines Road.

DANCE

The Circulators Square Dance Club has a beginners' class starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13, at the Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). The first class is free; thereafter, pay \$3 per person. Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). Call 619-464-0135 for information. Open enrollment continues through September 20. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance, the Old Twine String Band makes the music and Steve Barlow calls for the contradance on Friday, September 13, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dancing begins at 8 p.m., following beginners' instruction at 7:45 p.m. Admission: \$6. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

An Evening of Indian Folk Dances is slated for Friday, September 13, beginning at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Sharmistha Sarkar and Neha Patel choreographed this version of Krishnaleela to be performed by the Antarnaad School of Dance.

Tickets for nonmembers are \$7 or \$9; call 858-538-0666 for reservations. For information, dial 858-487-8751. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Dance the Night Away during the open ballroom dance party planned on Saturday, September 14, at Absolutely DanceSport (2400 Kettner Boulevard). The dancing takes place from 8 p.m. until midnight. The cover: \$7. 619-531-1700. Singles and couples are welcome. (LITTLE ITALY)

Hot from Houston! Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners play for the zydeco dance party planned on

Saturday, September 14, for the Bon Temps Social Club. Doors open at 6 p.m., dance instruction starts at 6:20 p.m., followed by open dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall (take Presidents Way off Park Boulevard). Admission is \$10 general, kids under 12 free. Call 858-496-6655 for more information. (BALBOA PARK)

Macedonian and Bulgarian Dances will be taught during the workshops planned by Vicki Maheu on Saturday, September 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the Folk Dance Center. International request dancing runs 8 p.m. to midnight. Find the center at 4569 30th Street. For fees and information, call 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Forever Plaid" is the theme when the Sandpipers Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Romney Tannehill and Peter Gomez cueing on Saturday, September 14, at St. James (625 South Nardo). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares and rounds from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The donation is \$6. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

Learn to Dance when the Rhythm Rounders start a new beginners' dance class on Monday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bostonia Recreation Center (1049 Bostonia Street). Participants will learn the two-step, waltz, cha-cha, jive, rumba, tango, foxtrot, steps, and routines. Basic steps are taught, and choreographed dances are cued using the steps students have learned. The fee is \$4. For information, call 619-690-4361. Partners are required. (BOSTONIA)

Zydeco Dances with lessons take place every Tuesday, including September 17, at Tio Lio's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is

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All Things Swing and More, special “hot topic” dance workshops — fancy footwork for swing dancers! — are promised when the group gathers on Tuesday, September 17, at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). Workshops run 7 to 8:45 p.m., with open dancing to DJ music (mixed swing) from 9 to 11 p.m. Beginning lessons start at 9:30 p.m. The fee for lessons is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; admission to the dance only is \$5. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

Dance Argentine Tango every Wednesday night, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). The fee is \$5. Call 619-970-6620 for details. (HILLCREST)

A Celebration of Life in Movement, music, and color is on offer when the Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández hits the stage at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The troupe’s many dances encompass pre-Hispanic rituals, dramatic events from Mexico’s past, and depictions of Mexico’s diverse culture and folklore. The performance is set for Thursday, September 19, at 8 p.m. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Tickets range from \$25 to \$45. Call 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

“Move Something,” says dance instructor Prince, who leads hip-hop classes every Thursday, 7:54 to 9 p.m., at Dancing Unlimited (4569 30th Street). Learn a new style, lose stress, and work it out. The fee is \$10 per class. For information, call 858-635-1211. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

FILM

The Physical, Spiritual, and Emotional Journey of a brother and sister is chronicled in Nicolas Roeg’s *Walk-about*. The two city kids stranded in the outback join an Aborigine boy on his tribal initiation into manhood in this mystical journey from innocence into experience. This 1971 Australian film screens for the Sunday Matinee at the San Diego Public Library at 2 p.m. on September 15. Find the library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Up for a “Smoldering Passion Play of Forgotten Dreams and unspoken desires”? If you answered yes, head to the San Diego Public Library for the

Film Forum screening of *Mararia* on Monday, September 16. The film is set amidst the austere volcanic splendor of Spain’s island of Lanzarote, concerning “the destructive power of love and obsession.” The screening starts at 6:30 p.m. at 820 E Street. 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

The Seats Are Alive, with the... Sing-Along *Sound of Music*” when the production is offered at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido September 17-29. Fans are invited to arrive in costume for pre-movie contests. New prints of the film are screened, with subtitles of the songs burned onto the celluloid for easy singing.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets range from \$14 to \$24. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Dial 800-988-4253 for reservations. (ESCONDIDO)

Meet the Thin Man, the Carlsbad Library’s film series features *After the Thin Man* on Wednesday, Septem-

ber 18, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Non Ci Resta Che Piangere,” by Roberto Benigni and Massimo Troisi, screens for the Italian Film Series on Thursday, September 19, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601 for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian *without* English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *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. The film reveals how the success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through Friday, February 14, 2003.

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

“Jihad” Is a Loaded Word, but distinguished Yemeni Muslim scholar Habib ‘Ali Al-Jifri will present “Jihad: Its Significance and Understanding in Islam” to “explore, clarify, and contextualize this controversial” concept on Thursday, September 12, at 3:30 p.m., at San Diego State University’s Casa Real. The speaker is a pro-

fessor at the Dar Al-Mustafa Institute in Tarim, Yemen. The lecture is in Arabic, with an English translation. For more information, call 619-204-4706. Free. (SDSU)

Models Wanted, the San Diego Automotive Museum hosts a model-building workshop for those 15 and older beginning on Thursday, September 12, 6 to 8 p.m. The course runs four consecutive Thursdays and covers assemble techniques, painting, using an airbrush, and more. Kits and necessary materials are included in the \$50 nonmember fee. For space availability, call 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

“Equal Justice for All,” this three-part community legal forum focuses on “Legal Basics for Young Adults” (September 12), “A Woman’s Guide to the Law” (September 19), and “Legal Basics for Seniors” (September 26). The sessions are presented by the Center for Self-Empowerment, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Tubman Chavez Youth and Family Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-660-5555 or 619-822-1114. (SAN DIEGO)

“The Bone Detective,” forensic anthropologist Madeleine Hinkes speaks on her work for the Archaeological Institute of America on Friday, September 13. The talk begins at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, September 13, in room H-117/118 of the cafeteria building at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). The lecture is free. For more information, call 619-669-0238. (KEARNY MESA)

A Pastel Demonstration is promised when artist Joan Grine visits the upcoming Clairemont Art Guild meeting on Saturday, September 14, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

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Meet the Scientist, noted paleoanthropologist Donald Johanson will speak in conjunction with the “Footsteps Through Time” exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Man on Saturday, September 14, at 5 p.m. Johanson, renowned for unearthing a 3.5 million-year-old fossil nicknamed Lucy, will answer questions and discuss his many fossil discoveries.

The other participants include UCSD anthropology professor Jim Moore, forensic anthropologist Madeleine Hinkes, physical anthropology curators Rose Tyson and Tori Heflin, anthropologist Trisha Biers, and High Tech High science teacher Theresa Giley (conducting DNA experiments). They will conduct hands-on experiments and informally discuss their areas of expertise.

Adult nonmembers pay \$10, those up to 17 pay \$5, and family “four-packs” are \$25. To make reservations, call 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Proper Plant Selection is important when planning a landscape. Landscape architect Kay Stewart discusses “Using California Natives in the Landscape Plan” when she presents

the Second Saturday Seminar on September 14, at 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College’s Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. Call 619-660-0614 for information. (EL CAJON)

“Relics: Meditations on Decay and Renewal” is the name of the exhibit of paintings by John Halaka on view in the gallery at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library through Sunday, September 29. Halaka presents an art talk on Saturday, September 14, at 1 p.m. Find the library at 4275 Cass Street. Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Bring Your Imagination when Earl Storm leads “The Artist’s Way” workshop planned on Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arts College International (840 G Street). The workshop includes an introduction to the tools and insights of Julia Cameron’s groundbreaking book. The fee is \$33. To register, call 619-2331-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Write Exceptional Love Letters, personal stories, and more when the Del Mar Art Center hosts four creative writing classes led by Sharon

Carey starting on Saturday, September 14. The fee is \$12 per session. Find the center at 1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street; call 858-481-1678 to register. (DEL MAR)

Vietnamese Zen Buddhist Monk, Scholar, and peace advocate Thich Nhat Hanh is visiting the area from his monastery in Plum Village, France. He’ll present “Refreshing Ourselves: Touching the Wonders of Life” on Saturday, September 14, at 3 p.m., in Golden Hall at the Community Concourse (202 C Street). Tickets are \$20 general, available by calling 619-570-1100 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 760-291-1003. (DOWNTOWN)

Make Sure Your Advance Directive Is Honored after Sallie Troy presents “Will My Medical Instructions Be Honored? Update on Latest Changes in California Advance Directives” on Sunday, September 15, for the Hemlock Society. The talk starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

Unidentified Objects in D.C.? Ed McBride examines “The 1952 Washington, D.C. Capitol UFO Sightings — 50th Anniversary” when the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) meets on Sunday, September 15, at 6 p.m. (following dinner at 5 p.m.), at the Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Admission to the talk is free. Call 760-753-2456 for information. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Make an Egg Basket, also known as an Appalachian rib-style melon basket, when Carol Lang leads a class on Sunday, September 15, noon to 5 p.m., at the Oceanside Museum of Art’s School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). Participants will use locally available natural materials as well as commercially processed items. The \$63 fee includes materials (but you need to bring a towel and pail to soak materials). To make the required reservations, call 760-431-1645. (OCEANSIDE)

Military Film Expert Lawrence Suid is joined by Navy Commander Bob Anderson to discuss “San Diego’s Military in the Movies” on Sunday, September 15, at 6 p.m., at the San

Diego Historical Society. The panelists will discuss how San Diego has been used in movies, show film clips, and answer questions from the audience. Tickets are \$7 general. For reservations, call 619-232-6203 x112. (BALBOA PARK)

Dangerous Prayers from Jesus, French philosopher Simone Weil, the Sufi saint Rabi’a, and the Tibetan teacher Chagdud Tulku are included in Regina Sara Ryan’s new book, *Praying Dangerously: Radical Reliance on God*. Ryan, a former Catholic nun, gives a presentation on Sunday, September 15, at 9:15 a.m., at Saint Paul’s Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

“A Tribute to Stephen Jay Gould” is promised when UCSD biology pro-

fessor David S. Woodruff speaks for the Humanist Fellowship on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Woodruff worked closely with Gould in scientific research activity. Free. Call 619-670-4159 or 619-544-0640 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Talk, Susan LaTempa, co-author of *Storybook Travels: From Eloise’s New York to Harry Potter’s London*, speaks for the San Diego Writers/Editors Guild on Monday, September 16, at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). The fee: \$5. 858-576-3800. (HILLCREST)

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Herbs and Spices and the landscaping business Coastal Sage Gardening, and he'll explain, when he speaks for the California Native Plant Society, how the natives easily fit into natural landscapes and can be incorporated into many styles of gardens.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. For information, call 619-685-7321. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Hailing from Guinea, West Africa, master drummer Mamady Keita visits the county to present workshops on September 17 and 18. Participants will learn the rhythms of Africa on the traditional instruments of *djembe* and *dunun*.

Beginners meet from 6 to

7:30 p.m.; intermediate and advanced workshops convene from 8 to 9:30 p.m., all in the community space at Sushi Performance and Visual Art (320 11th Avenue). The fee is \$20 per workshop. Don't have a drum? Call 619-697-4666 in advance to reserve one to use. (DOWNTOWN)

Q: What Distinguishes Birds from All Other Creatures and enables them to succeed and thrive? The answer of course is feathers. Get the scoop on "Aspects of Bird Feathers" when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this program on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$17 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Geology of San Diego, expect an "intensive study of the geomorphology and rock types" of the county's landforms when the San Diego Natural History Museum offers this four-day class featuring two field

trips. The class begins on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. The fee is \$67 for nonmembers. For further details and registration, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

He's a Nationally Recognized "Independent Scholar," so military historian Lawrence Suid is a natural to kick off the 20th anniversary year for the San Diego Independent Scholars. Suid will focus on the relationship between the armed services and the film industry when he speaks on Wednesday, September 18. "Guts and Glory: The Story of the Relationship between the Film Industry and the Military" commences at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of the Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. Free. Call 760-603-8930 or 858-453-1878 for information. (LA JOLLA)

"Perfection of Patience," Buddhist teachers will discuss this Buddhist concept during an open forum scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m., at the Shi-ho Center for Creative and Healing Arts (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period. The requested donation is \$10. To register, call 760-944-3441. (DEL MAR)

"Strengthening Key Relationships" is the subject when Harriet Lerner speaks for the Women's Council on Mental Health on Wednesday, September 18, at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines (10950 North Torrey Pines Road). Lerner, a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist, is the author of *The Dance of Anger* and *The Dance of Connection*.

Registration opens at 11 a.m., doors open at 11:45 a.m., and the program and lunch commence at noon. Tickets for nonmembers are \$38. For space availability, call 858-514-5153. (LA JOLLA)

"Axis Mexico," contemporary art curator Betti-Sue Hertz leads a tour of this new exhibition of contemporary art for an "insight gallery talk" on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The lecture is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The Nicene Creed, formulated in about 1569, based on text adopted at the Fourth-Century Council of Nicea, has been called "the creed of the universal church," but serious questions have lately arisen about some of its provisions. Bible scholar Stewart Dadmun leads a class beginning on Thurs-

day, September 19, at 6:15 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue, at Fifth and Nutmeg). Class continues through November 21. To register, call 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Art Collectors' Round Table, the talk turns to "Art Book Collectors" when the discussion convenes on Thursday, September 19, 6 p.m., at the Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). The panel will be led by Doug Simay, director of the Arts College International. Free. 619-585-5627. (CHULA VISTA)

Whaddaya Know About Probate? The Women's Legal Center of San Diego hosts a Community Law Forum on Thursday, September 19, at 7 p.m., in Camino Hall room 153 at the University of San Diego. Other speakers will focus on family law, guardianship, and bankruptcy. Free. 619-209-6500. USD is found at 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Wanna Improve Your Pet's Chi? Enhance your pet's energy and "balance the environment in your home" when the San Diego Humane Society offers "Feng Shui and Pets" on Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m. The fee is \$10. Find the society at 887 Sherman Street. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x249. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

Mystery Author Margaret Coel signs and discusses *The Shadow Dancer* on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Have a Ghoulishly Good Time when the Comedy Codependents perform at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday the 13th (of September), at 8 p.m. The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel the improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"End-Dependence Tour," this spoken-word tour of Central American and Mexican poets features members of the Epicentro Poets, the Non-Prophet Poets, and César A. Cruz. The tour hits Voz Alta on Friday, September 13, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$7 general. Voz Alta, 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Medical Suspense Author (who knew such a category existed?) Tess Gerritsen visits Mysterious Galaxy Books on Friday, September 13, at 7 p.m., to sign and discuss *The Apprentice*. Free. Find the shop at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by calling 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Comic Rehabilitation, Paula Poundstone performs on Friday, September 13, at 8 p.m., at Humphrey's by the Bay (2241 Shelter Island Drive). Tickets are \$28, available by calling Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SHELTER ISLAND)

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Enjoy Roadhouse Rock when Eve Selis performs for the Concerts on the Green series at Prescott Promenade on Main Street on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Make a New Fuzzhead Friend when Janell Cannon — creator of *Stellaluna*, *Verdi*, and *Crickwing* — signs and discusses her new book *Little Yaw: A Fuzzhead Tale* on Saturday, September 14, at 11 a.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). For information, call 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Comedy That's Noisy! The Fault Line Players present their politically incorrect comedy show "Dirty Shorts: Silent but Deadly!" on Saturday, September 14, at 8 p.m., at the Fault Line Theatre (3152 Fifth Avenue, at Spruce). Tickets are \$7. 619-692-3382. (HILLCREST)

Canceled but Continuing, the HBO cult classic *Mr. Show with Bob and David* comes alive again when creators Bob Odenkirk and David Cross present "Hooray for America" on Saturday, September 14, at 8 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$37.50, available by calling 800-988-4253 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). (ESCONDIDO)

Fallbrook's Americana Music Series continues when Geoff Muldaur performs on Saturday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 for kids. For information, dial 760-723-7255. (FALLBROOK)

Once Known as the Best Blackjack Player in the World, Darryl Purpose joined the Great Peace March in 1980s. Now a full-time songwriter and performer, Purpose performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets: \$12. For reservations, dial 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Roots Rock Raza, the Taco Shop Poets host a "candid discussion and au-

dience question and answer" period about spoken word, Chicano poetry, and "chorizo tonguefire" on Saturday, September 14, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta. An acoustic open mike follows, hosted by local writer Victor Payan (sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m.). Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general. (DOWNTOWN)

Japanese, Latin, Brazilian, and African Rhythms are combined with "innovative lighting and staging techniques" when San Jose Taiko performs on Saturday, September 14, at 7 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Taiko drumming has been described as "both the essence and the heartbeat of the Japanese spirit"; this troupe was formed to "convey the unique experiences" as third-generation Japanese-Americans (or *sansei*). Tickets — \$30, \$40, and \$50 — are available by calling 619-232-2721 or 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Award-Winning Cartoonist Jerry Scott signs his new collections — *Baby Blues* and *Zits* — on Saturday, September 14, at 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books. Free. Find the galaxy

at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Calling All Kids, local writer Suzy Spafford reads and signs her new book, *Witzy's Book of Words*, on Saturday, September 14, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Authors Bettie and Jennifer Youngs will sign copies of their book *A Taste Berry Teen's Guide to Setting and Achieving Goals* on Saturday, September 14, at 2 p.m., at Waldenbooks in North County Faire (200 East Via Rancho Parkway). Free. 760-746-4859. (ESCONDIDO)

African Drum and Dance Jam, traditional African rhythms will be performed by students of the Tam Tam Mandingue Drumming School, led by Monette Marino, on Sunday, September 15, at 7 p.m., at the San

Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Tickets are \$10. For information, call 858-793-0178. (HILLCREST)

Choosing a Path to a Promising Future, author Lauren Tratar visits Myztic Isle to sign and discuss her book *September 11: A Case for the Higher Purpose* on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m. Find the shop at 8036 La Mesa Boulevard and by dialing 619-465-3100. (LA MESA)

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

and a Native American woman. Take in the program at 12:30 and 2 p.m. on Sundays through September at the Cabrillo National Monument. Admission is included in the regular park entrance fee of \$5 vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

A "Very Open Reading" is promised when Poetsperformance convenes on Sunday, September 15, 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). Participants will read "round robin" style, with no signups. Share your own work, or read from your favorite authors' work. Free. 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

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NEW YORK POEMS

Let Me Say This

We are here now but soon
we will not be here.
There are pigeons asleep in the sunlight
on the roof of the station house in Greenlawn;
there is an elderly woman on a bench
looking up from a crossword puzzle.
And on the train a girl cuts the curls
on a doll and talks to it
with the whimsical authority
of a mother of the inanimate
or the invisible, the way the woman
I used to meet in the restroom
in Penn Station was always fussing
and baby talking into a carriage
that, except for a few cans
and some garbage, was empty.

— Marlena Morling

The Nature of this City

Children walking with their grandmothers
talk foreign languages
that is the nature of this city
and also this country

Talk is cheap but comes in variety
and witnessing dialect
there is a rule for all
and in each sentence a perfect grammar

Fear

I am afraid of nature
because of nature I am mortal

my children and my grandchildren
are also mortal

I lived in the city for forty years
in this way I escaped fear

— Grace Paley

Photograph from September 11

They jumped from the burning floors —
one, two, a few more,
higher, lower.

The photograph halted them in life,
and now keeps them
above the earth toward the earth.

Each is still complete,
with a particular face
and blood well-hidden.

There’s enough time
for hair to come loose,
for keys and coins
to fall from pockets.

They’re still within the air’s reach,
in the compass of places
that have just now opened.

I can do only two things for them —
describe this flight
and not add a last line.

— Wislawa Szymborska

(translated by Stanislaw Baranczak and Clare Cavanagh)

Steps

How funny you are today New York
like Ginger Rogers in Swingtime
and St. Bridget’s steeple leaning a little to the left

here I have just jumped out of a bed full of V-days
(I got tired of D-days) and blue you there still
accepts me foolish and free
all I want is a room up there
and you in it
and even the traffic halt so thick is a way
for people to rub up against each other
and when their surgical appliances lock
they stay together
for the rest of the day (what a day)
I go by to check a slide and I say
that painting’s not so blue
where’s Lana Turner
she’s out eating
and Garbo’s backstage at the Met
everyone’s taking their coat off
so they can show a rib-cage to the rib-watchers
and the park’s full of dancers with their tights and
shoes
in little bags
who are often mistaken for worker-outers at the

West Side Y
why not
the Pittsburgh Pirates shout because they won
and in a sense we’re all winning
we’re alive

the apartment was vacated by a gay couple
who moved to the country for fun
they moved to the country for fun
they moved a day too soon
even the stabbings are helping the population
explosion
though in the wrong country
and all those liars have left the UN
the Seagram Building’s no longer rivalled in interest
not that we need liquor (we just like it)

and the little box is out on the sidewalk
next to the delicatessen
so the old man can sit on it and drink beer
and get knocked off it by his wife later in the day
while the sun is still shining

oh god it’s wonderful
to get out of bed
and drink too much coffee
and smoke too many cigarettes
and love you so much

— Frank O’Hara

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September 16, at 7 p.m. Free. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar and by calling 858-755-2707. (DEL MAR)

Why Is Balboa Park America’s Greatest Urban Park? Enjoy lunch followed by a presentation by Pamela Crooks — author of *Discover Balboa Park: A Complete Guide* — on Monday, September 16, at 11:30 a.m., at

the San Diego Natural History Museum. Tickets are \$7. For reservations, call 858-552-8097. (BALBOA PARK)

The Weekly Jazz Series featuring saxophonist Russ Gonzales — joined by Ryan Moran (drums), David Hilton (bass), and Davey Carrano (guitar) — continues at Voz Alta on Tuesday, September 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are

\$7 general. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Slightly Twisted Open Mike — poets, musicians, performers, and philosophers share their original works at the 101 Artists’ Colony on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. This month’s event is hosted by “comic, musician, psychiatrist” Howard Richmond. For information, call 760-414-1949. The requested donation is \$5 to \$15. Find the colony at 25 East E Street. (ENCINITAS)

Known for Translations of Vietnamese Folk Poetry, John Balaban presents a poetry reading and discussion on Wednesday, September 18. Balaban is also credited with “almost single-handedly” introducing the Western world to the “beloved poems of Ho Xuan Huong,” an 18th-Century female Vietnamese poet who wrote in a script called *nom*, a style that borrows Chinese characters but alters them to have Vietnamese meanings.

Balaban’s program begins at 7 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Admission is free. Call 619-538-8165 for information. (MIRA MESA)

Hmmmm...author Nancy Cetel will sign *Double Menopause*, described as her “authoritative guide for couples on how to deal with common physical and psychological changes” on Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-mike poetry event on Wednesday, September 18, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is free. 619-231-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Sanjay Nigam signs and discusses his novel of the Indian immigrant experience *Transplanted Man* on Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Cof-

fee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Call 858-755-2707 for more information. Free. (DEL MAR)

Support Living Writers, author Allan Gurganus reads for the Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series on Thursday, September 19. Gurganus is the author of *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All* and *Plays Well With Others*, as well as his latest volume of four novels, *The Practical Heart*. The reading begins at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. 619-594-5318. Free. (SDSU)

Latin Jam Night, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, September 19, from 8 to 11 p.m. You’re invited to bring your instrument and jam on-stage with local Latin jazz musicians. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for musicians. (DOWNTOWN)

Three Generations of Strong-Willed and cunning women are followed in

Harem, which author Dora Levy Mossanen will discuss and sign on Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick’s Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for information. (LA JOLLA)

The “Reading, Writing, and Rhythm: 2002 World Music Series” continues with a concert by the spectacular Perla Batalla on Thursday, September 19. Batalla performs original compositions and traditional Spanish-language classics reflecting her “rich bicultural and musical heritage.”

Concerts begin at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Sunshine Brooks Theater (217 North Coast Highway). Tickets are \$7. For information, dial 760-435-5533 or 760-435-5570. (OCEANSIDE)

Secrets of Mariachi Music Unlocked! Head to the San Diego Museum of Art when Mariachi Champaña Nevin presents “Virtuoso Mariachi” on Thursday, September 19, at 7:30 p.m. Artistic director Jeff Nevin “unlocks the secrets of this increasingly popular and respected music style.” Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers. Call 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

A Poetry and Story Circle convenes on the first and third Thursday of each month, including September 19, at 6 to 8 p.m., at the Palomar Family YMCA Youth Center (1050 North Broadway). Free. For information, call 760-745-7490. (ESCONDIDO)

SPORTS

The Crack of the Bat, the San Diego Padres host the San Francisco Giants in Qualcomm Stadium September 12-13, starting at 7:05 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Both teams head to San Francisco to play in Pac Bell Park on September 14 and 15, at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday and at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday. The Pads return to the ‘Q for games against the Arizona Diamondbacks September 17-19, beginning at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and at 2:05 p.m. on Thursday.

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

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I found him at the entrance
Of a tower made of dark blue glass,
Crumpled on his side, naked,
Shielding his crotch with both hands,
His rags rolled up into a pillow.

The missing one, missed by no one,
Bruised and crusted with dirt,
As all the truly destitute are
Who make their bed on the bare pavement.
His mouth open as in death,
Or in memory of some debauchery.

The city at this hour tiptoe-quiet,
A lone yellow cab idling at the light,
The sleep-woozy driver taking a breath
Of the passing breeze,
Cool and smelling of the sea.

Insomnia and heat drove me out early,
Made me turn down one block
And not another, as if running
With a hot cinder in my eye,
And see him lying there unclothed,
One leg quivering now and then.

I thought, What if the cops find him?
So I looked up and down the avenue,
All the way to where the pyre
Of the sunrise had turned the sky red,
For something to cover him with.

— Charles Simic

Three Weeks After
Gravity works long hours, tall buildings come to
rest across our shoulders, the sky is different, and
the hands of clocks
spin to make us older.

Children are playing again but more quietly, as if
they were children who still had to learn
how to lose themselves in shouting.

On the street I stop to talk to friends.
I touch his leather elbow, the blue of her coat. I look
at his remarkable face. How deep her eyes have
become.

— Ronald Wardall

Man on a Fire Escape
He couldn't remember what propelled him
out of the bedroom window onto the fire escape
of his fifth-floor walkup on the river,

so that he could see, as if for the first time,
sunset settling down on the dazed cityscape
and tugboats pulling barges up the river.

There were barred windows glaring at him
from the other side of the street
while the sun deepened into a smoky flare

that scalded the clouds gold-vermilion.
It was just an ordinary autumn twilight—
the kind he had witnessed often before—

but then the day brightened almost unnaturally
into a rusting, burnished, purplish red haze
and everything burst into flame:

the factories pouring smoke into the sky,
the trees and shrubs, the shadows
of pedestrians singed and rushing home. . .

There were storefronts going blind and cars
burning on the parkway and steel girders
collapsing into the polluted waves.

— Edward Hirsch

Expulsion
In the cab, light plays down his neck from behind
making the collar shine, making his lifted fingers
describe
something inhuman
even though they only meant to indicate
emphasis or touch the
glass divider. Once
the light seems to let his whole hand come to
the very edge of the burning
field. She thinks he touched her with it once
but can't recall. Did he? Were they nearing
their address? Cloud-cover gathered.
At the studio, John
showed them two different prints of the Bresson
in which a figure seen from behind is running up
— or is it into? — an incandescent village (Greece),
walls gone,

difference gone, shine, shine,
and then three windows and the one black door
that cut the light
making it come
true — Oh it's a city. And there are stairs. And
there's
a girl about to
disappear.
According to which print you see, she's running
towards
something
or desperately away.

When greys govern it looks like fate, what holds the
white
place down —
(barely) —
In the high-contrast print it looks like history —
They say this to each other holding one print in
either
hand,
and then the photograph of Moore a week before
she
died,
then Faulkner looking away, back to the snarling
dogs.
I think we misunderstand the Hopi injunction
against the photograph.
It's not that it steals the soul away.
Rather that being-seen will activate that soul,
until the flesh is something that can be risen
through,

(continued on page 86)

Tennis for Newcomers, the Bobby Riggs Tennis Club hosts an open house with free tennis clinics (for adults and kids), open play, exhibitions, racquet demos, and more on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find the club at 875 Santa Fe Drive. To reserve a spot, call 760-753-4705. (ENCINITAS)

Rev It Up and Go to Cajon Speedway for competition in the sportsman, street, Grand American modifieds, and pony stock divisions on Saturday, September 14. 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)

Semper Fit, the Camp Pendleton Half-Marathon is slated for Saturday, September 14, in the Main Exchange area on base. Registration starts at 6 a.m., with the racing beginning at 7:30 a.m. Dial 760-725-6836 for more information. Civilians are welcome. (OCEANSIDE)

Fire Up the Surf, the Oceanside Fire Team Surf Contest 2002 is slated for Saturday, September 14, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the south jetty at Harbor Beach. Spectating is free. For more information, call 760-757-7754. (OCEANSIDE)

(Wheelchairs) Over-the-Line, have you ever tried playing softball while seated or connected with a pitched ball from a wheelchair? Athletes of all ages will rise to the challenge when the 24th annual World Championship Wheelchair Over-the-Line Tournament takes place on Saturday, September 14. The three-player teams will play from 9 a.m. on the lower parking lot of the former Naval

Hospital (at Presidents Way, east of Park Boulevard). Admission is free for spectators. Day-of-event registration for teams begins at 8 a.m. 619-282-1882. (BALBOA PARK)

Nearly a Century, take a hard ride with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists on Sunday, September 15. This 90-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive) and includes Valley Center, Lilac, and more. Free. 619-583-8547. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

The First Home Game of the season for the San Diego Chargers features the Houston Texans on Sunday, September 15, at 10 a.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Testing Both Horse and Rider, the Sunnyside Saddle Club hosts horse shows throughout the year. The next event is set for Sunday, September 15, starting at 8:30 a.m. Find the arena in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road, at Central Avenue). Admission for

spectators is free. For more information, call 619-479-1125. (BONITA)

Paddle for Clean Water, the 11th installment of this event is slated for Sunday, September 15, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Ocean Beach Pier. All ocean enthusiasts are invited to participate in this free event; paddlers may use surfboards, Boogie boards, kayaks, and any other sort of paddling device to move around the pier. Be creative! For information, call 858-792-9940 or 858-274-7605. (OCEAN BEACH)

Polo Time, the San Diego Polo Club hosts the Rancho Valencia Cup on Sunday, September 15. Preliminary matches begin at 1:30 p.m., the featured polo match at 3 p.m. The traditional half-time divot-stomp starts at 4 p.m., when guests are invited to take the field and replace the divots. General admission is \$5, as is parking. The club meets at 14555 El Camino Real. For information and reservations, call 858-481-9217. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

SPECIAL

Festival of Sail, this San Diego Maritime Museum event runs September 12-16, starting with a parade of ships sailing into San Diego Bay on Thursday, September 12, at noon. The tops'l schooners and square riggers will be led by the *Star of India* and sail under the Coronado Bay Bridge, where they'll be greeted by shoreline cannon salutes.

The tall ships will dock near the Maritime Museum (1306 North Harbor Drive) for dockside tours, cannon battles, and public receptions. Tours on September 12 run 4 to 7 p.m., with public tours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the ensuing days. The Ancient Mariners Sailing Society will stage a sail-by of their antique wooden ships.

Tickets for tours are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children; cannon battle sails are \$40 for adults, \$25 for children. For

more information, call 619-234-9153 x123 or x126. (DOWNTOWN)

Porcelain Wonderland, it's the theme when the Porcelain Artists of San Diego host their annual china sale and show September 12 and 13 at the United Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). There will be exhibits of porcelain, demonstrations, and vendors. Admission is \$4. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. For information, call 858-715-6856. (POINT LOMA)

Explore the Stars when the Cleveland National Forest and Orange County Astronomers join forces for programs on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, at the renovated Observatory Campground (located two miles from the Palomar Observatory). The event begins with a 45-minute amphitheater presentation, followed by evening viewing with telescopes provided by volunteers. For times and other information, call 760-788-0250. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)



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NEW YORK POEMS (continued from page 85)

until the face you offer up is the one that can't be helped.
Give me that look that says you know I'm seeing you
but you
don't care, John said, sit still, yet
that's the look now, yes, that's beautiful.
What was it she wanted to tell him
about the light as they left,
light coming to do what can be done
to hold a city?
Brick, glass, she might have whispered,
it slips in gratitude off of the wires he would have said,
they cannot hold it, it loves them best —
Reader,
now it's almost visible to them, the after wards,
the face of the god who wouldn't be seen except from
behind,
hand on his piece of rock,
hand pressing down where the young man hides.
What can you find looking up from this white page
now,
what can you find across the room? Or is it a store?
An
avenue? — See how they glow even now these
minutes,

this hiding
place —
Lord what were they meant to have done with it
(shine, shine) — ?
To take it up entire into themselves? extinguish it?
sucking the whole field up into the
present tense, turning each thing again and again
in their hands as if to see it from all sides at once,
that
dream —
the visible having stood still for them for over a
thousand
years whispering describe, whispering take me
back in — ?
Isn't that what place had wanted
them for?

— Jorie Graham

Overheard in the Love Hotel
Again the cab slips west down 14th almost
To the river—
The cobbled meat market, steel grates down;
A thrown-up Christmas tree
Lot on an old dock beyond the stalled highway;
A whiff of blood and the first snow
That keeps not falling.

We've just checked into the Love Hotel—
Film noir signatures on the register:

"Tom Neal," "Ann Savage";
Spouses discarded, even her
Two other lovers forsaken at the bolted door.

Fading polyester roses drape the bed — matching
Trellis on an overhead mirror; evening breeze
Out of Hoboken through cracked panes
— Nothing can dispel the half-life traces of
Roach Bomb
She chases with a blunt cigar. . .
"So sexy you brought these. This is sweet —
And throws a little curve into the day."

Blue ice pail; Absolut from a frosted cup.
Raking her new coil of brassy curls,
"Can you picture me with grey hair?
My mother passed her forties as a blonde;
Now you know my true color —

You and a few others."
Wrapping her ankles around his, she pins
Him on the spread
As from a room upstairs springs rattle to a finish;
It's like I'm one of them. . .
All the passion, the ecstasy—
We spend the rest of our lives trying to shake."

Reflected along the ceiling, freckles
From her back rotate constellations

He traces like a blind man reading a star map;
"You've got to see who I am—
These yearnings, sometimes they last two years,

Or they can burn out after all of seven seconds;
But they're intense, and very real."
The wall phone rings — Twenty minutes, please.
"I wish I could say I didn't know
How they call just before your time's up,
Or not getting your hair wet in the shower,
The towels that irritate your skin" —

Six-inch scar across her panty-line
Where last spring the surgeon
Scooped out her insides,
Reddening with soap and steam;
And still stings when she wears silk.

Outside, snow holding. Another cab.
"Where was I, tonight? I've been
Lying to Kevin about Steve, Steve about Kevin;
And to Stanley about both of them. . .
Only you have the whole story.
First time I lie to you —
Then you'll know we're really going someplace."
— Robert Polito

Explore the Absurdity of Human Existence (and much more) when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets for Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* on Friday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Home Improvement, pick up some "valuable home improvement information" at the 2002 Expo Home

Show, running Friday through Sunday, September 13-15, during regular business hours, at the Expo Design Center located at 7803 Othello Avenue. There will be cooking demonstrations, grilling techniques, design seminars, and a picture frame designing art workshops for children. Admission is free. 858-569-9600. (LINDA VISTA)

Happy Birthday to the Birch, the Birch Aquarium-Museum celebrates ten years in its current location with

festivities on Saturday, September 14, including a scavenger hunt, crafts, live entertainment, and cake cutting (at 1 p.m.). The celebration is included in regular museum admission (\$9.50 general, \$6 for kids). Find the aquarium at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive); 858-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

A Time to Tour, COVA's 2002 "open studios" events take place in the North County and Julian areas

on September 14 and 15 and in the San Diego City, South Bay, and East County Regions on September 21 and 22. This year, there's a bus tour to 13 Tijuana artists' studios on September 28 and 29.

The fee for the catalog (the ticket and guide to the participating studios) is \$20 for two people. Tickets to the Tijuana studios event, which includes lunch, a stop at the Tijuana Cultural Arts Center, and a wine tasting at L.A. Cetto Winery, are \$55. For catalog

outlets and other information, call 619-234-0928. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Celebrate the Ethiopian New Year and "Become Seven Years Younger!" We don't know what that means, but it's part of the fun during the Ethiopian festivities promised on Saturday, September 14. Ethiopian girls will perform the "famous Abebayo songs," and there will be traditional music, dance, (delicious) Ethiopian food, and a spoken-word event. The party runs 3 to 5 p.m. at

the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street (at Euclid). Admission is free; donations are welcome. 619-299-0974. (ENCANTO)

Fiestas Patrias — known to gringos as Mexican Independence Day — is being celebrated on Saturday, September 14, from noon to 4 p.m., in Old Town State Historic Park. Enjoy 1800s Mexican period games, trick ropers, entertainment, and "townspeople" in period attire. Ad-

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Safety Is No Accident, Imperial Beach Safety Days — with educational and family activities including a vehicle rescue demonstration, public safety dog demonstrations, a bicycle rodeo, and a lifeguard rescue by helicopter — is set for Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Pier Plaza. Admission is free. 619-423-8223. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Many Tribes, One People, the 18th annual California American Indian Days Celebration is slated for Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. The program includes California Indian dance groups, storytellers, and demonstrators from across the state. Food and art vendors will offer their wares. Admission is free. For more information, call 619-281-5964. (BALBOA PARK)

There's a Giant book sale planned on Saturday, September 14, 10 to 5 p.m., at the Oceanside Public Library's Community Rooms (300 North Coast Highway). For information, call 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Poway Days, the community is celebrating its heritage with events on Saturday, September 14. The day begins with the annual Poway Days Heritage Parade at 10 a.m., boasting floats, marching bands, and 50 classic cars. The parade starts at Poway and Pomerado Roads and ends at Bowron Road. Spectating is free. For information, dial 858-748-0016.

Before and during the parade, fill your tummy when the Lions Club hosts its annual pancake breakfast (\$4) at the Weingart Senior Center (13094 Bowron Road).

The Community Day Celebrations begin at 11:30 a.m. at Poway Community Park (13094 Bowron Road). Organizers plan family games, live entertainment, rides, face painting, clowns, and vendor booths with food and arts and crafts. The laser and pyrotechnics show wraps up the day at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information, dial 858-679-4343. (POWAY)

Appreciating the Old, the Vista Village Antique Guild plans an Antique Fair on Saturday, September 14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with dealers offering a variety of antiques and collectibles beginning in the Main Street area. Appraisals will be given by Amy Wampler-Kuhl and Lynn Cooke from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$5 per item (limited to three items per person). For information, call 760-724-8822 or 760-758-7254. (VISTA)

Empty the E-Waste Pile that's lurking around the edges of your home office during the "E-Waste" disposal event planned on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in student parking lot #14 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). What to bring? Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, etc. Free. For information, call 800-714-1195. (SAN MARCOS)

Down on the Farm, the Stein Family Farm holds its annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy farm tours, games, old cars and trucks, activities, and booths. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Find the farm at the corner of 18th and F Streets; 619-477-4113 or 619-291-4587. (NATIONAL CITY)

Have Any Sparkly Ice Dance Costumes you don't want anymore? The San Diego Ice Arena holds its annual swap meet on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expect to find "gently used figure-skating apparel and skates," hockey gear and skates, and more. Admission is free. Find the rink at 11048 Ice Skate Place (just off I-15). For more information, call 858-530-1825 x310. (MIRA MESA)

Expect a Lovely Fragrance when the San Diego Plumeria Society holds a botanical show on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. For information, call 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

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

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on September 14. Reservations are not required. Free. 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

Psychic Times, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is planned by the Alexandra Institute on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South), noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. 619-298-3422. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Lung Hsiang Chapter of American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting sponsors its second Asian brush painting exhibit through Saturday, September 28, at the La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Meet the artists during a reception slated for Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m.; Caroline Self leads a tour of the exhibit on Thursday, September 19, at 10 a.m. Free. Call 858-552-1657 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Celebrate the History and Culture of Barrio Carlsbad during Fiesta del Barrio Carlsbad 2002, slated for Sunday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the corner of Roosevelt Street and Walnut Avenue. Enjoy a variety of musical entertainment, arts and crafts, authentic food (for sale), and more. Questions? Call 760-602-2002 for answers. Admission is free. (CARLSBAD)

House of Panama, the group presents the lawn program at the International Cottages on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m. Regional foods will be offered for sale. Admission is free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

What Is Art? Discover A.W. Shakur's interpretation during his exhibition of the same name beginning at the Casa del Rey Moro Museum on Sunday, September 15, at 4 p.m. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Find the museum at 2471 Congress Street. For information, call 619-251-6693. (OLD TOWN)

Be Part of It, the Wildlife Research Institute hosts an open house on Sunday, September 15, from 1 p.m. to dusk, at the new Ramona Grasslands headquarters (18030 Highland Valley Road, at Rangeland). During the event, learn about the effort to preserve and protect the 7000 acres of Ramona grasslands. Free. For more information, call 760-789-3992. Free. (RAMONA)

El Festival del Grito, sights, tastes, and sounds of Mexico are promised by organizers of the Fiestas Patrias 2002 Mexican Independence Day festivities starting at noon on Sunday, September 15, at Coors Amphitheatre (2050 Otay Valley Road). There will be lots of live music, vendor booths, and more. Admission is free. For information, call 619-744-4325 or 619-744-4336. (CHULA VISTA)

Z-Fan? The local Z-Club is taking part in the Z-Day celebrations marking the formal introduction of Nissan's 2003 350Z planned on Sunday, September 15, at Mossy Nissan of El Cajon. Events begin at 8:30 a.m.,

with Z car contests and a barbecue (10:30 a.m.). Admission is free. 619-588-0500. (EL CAJON)

Blast from the Past, these car and motorcycle shows conclude on Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Third Avenue (between F and Park Way). All pre-1977 vehicles are welcome. Tri-Chevys ('55, '56, and '57) are the featured vehicles this week. Free. Call 619-422-1982 for information. (CHULA VISTA)

Guess the Varietal when Cafe 828 hosts a "Sunset on the Rooftop" wine tasting on Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. They'll be pouring eight different varietals of red wines from decanters for tasting and giving participants information on the wines but not details on "which is which" wine. The person who guesses the most varietals correctly wins a bottle of wine to take home. Tickets are \$15. Do your tasting at 828 Sixth Avenue. To reserve a spot, dial 619-231-8282. (DOWNTOWN)

"Here Is New York: A Democracy of Photographs" was created in a SoHo, New York, storefront in response to the flood of images resulting from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The photographs were taken by professional photojournalists, firefighters, police officers, schoolchildren, and all manner of amateurs; the archive has grown to include 5000 images.

Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays through Sunday, November 10. See the show through Sunday, November 10, at the Hilton San Diego, 232 Fifth Avenue (between K Street and Harbor Drive). Free. For information, call 619-232-5133. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Taste of Downtown, celebrate the cultures and variety of cuisines on offer when this self-guided walking tour takes place on Thursday, September 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. Participants may use shuttle busses or walk to the 20 participating eateries ranging from Seaport Village to Little Italy. Tickets are \$25. For tickets and information, call 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

Designers' Showcase, a new 8500-square-foot home in the Fairbanks Ranch area (Rancho Pacifica, 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 through Sunday, September 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Mondays. Tickets at the door are \$25. For information, call 858-646-9896. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

FOR KIDS

What Are "Pepper's Favorites #2"? Find out when Phoebe Coleman Strickland joins Puppet Express for performances through Sunday, September 15, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Comic-ventriloquist Lynn Trimble presents *Giddy-Up, Cowboys!* September 18-22.

Shows begin at 10 and 11 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 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)

Huff and Puff and head to Barnes and Noble Bookstore for *The Three Little Pigs* story time fun on Saturday, September 14, at 11:30 a.m. Participants will "build houses that the Big Bad Wolf can't destroy." Free.

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Poems of New York



Elizabeth Schmidt

Edited by Elizabeth Schmidt
Everyman's Library of Pocket Poets,
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FROM THE DUST JACKET: *New York City has always been a larger-than-life, half-mythical place, and this collection offers an appropriately stunning mosaic of its many incarnations in poetry — ranging from Walt Whitman's exuberant celebrations to contemporary poets' responses to the September 11 attack on the city.*

All the icons of this greatest of cities swirl and flash through these pages: from the South Bronx to Coney Island to Broadway to Central Park, and from Langston Hughes's Harlem to James Merrill's Upper East Side. Wallace Stevens, e.e. cummings, W.H. Auden, Dorothy Parker, Elizabeth Bishop, Allen Ginsberg, and Audre Lorde are just a few of the poets gathered here, alongside many new young voices.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR: On the afternoon that we talked, Elizabeth Schmidt said, from her apartment in Lower Manhattan, "I'm a third-generation New Yorker on my maternal side. My mother's grandmother was born in Albany, and her mother was raised in the city, and both my mother and

my father were raised in the city. I was born in Washington D.C., but we moved back here when I was 2½. I've been here ever since. I'm now just about to be 36.

"I grew up on the Upper West Side. My father was a professor at Columbia Law School, and my mother is a social worker. I went to Dalton in New York. I went to Wesleyan for college and after graduation came right back to the city and taught in East Harlem for two years in a wonderful tuition-free private school called the Children's Storefront School. The school was founded in 1966 by a poet named Ned O'Gorman. It is a visionary place. That was a wonderful experience. I taught first grade, homeroom, and then I taught writing and started a literary magazine at the school. I'm still very much in touch with the school and the program, especially their writing program. They have some wonderful young poets.

"When I was in my second year at the Storefront School, I got a freelance job at the *New Yorker*. I was the assistant to the poetry editor — Alice Quinn. I ended up working, more and more, after the first year, which was a part-time job. I would go there about four in the afternoon, after I had taught, and just read poetry all evening, which was delightful. The next year I became more full-time at the *New Yorker* and worked there for about four years. During that time, I started graduate school at NYU, where now I'm in the final stages of completing a Ph.D. in American poetry, and I'm writing my dissertation on Emily Dickinson.

"I left the *New Yorker* in 1997, just as I was getting to the really difficult part of graduate school. I started to do a lot of poetry reviewing, mostly for the *New York Times Book Review*, and maintained a freelance relationship with them as a regular contributor, and I also contributed short poetry reviews to the *New Yorker*. This past January I was made poetry editor of the *New York Times Book Review*, which means that I select the poems that have started to run on Sundays."

I said how pleased I was to find poems in the *Book Review*.
"I'm delighted. I think it's great. And we've gotten such good feedback. I think it's so important to run actual poems and not just commentary on them."

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)

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

"And how did you choose the poems for *Poems of New York*?"

"The actual proposal for the book grew out of a course that I have been teaching for the last three years at the New School University called 'Poetry in the City,' which features New York but also we look at Paris poets and West Coast poets, especially San Francisco poets. I realized that the New York part of that syllabus was coming together almost as a book. My students were great; they were bringing so many wonderful new poems in all the time. As the final project for that course, rather than writing a long paper, I had students put together small anthologies of their own. It was something they would work on throughout the whole semester."

"Did they write commentary on the poems?"

"Yes, that was where the proposal came from. The proposal had circulated way before September 11. It was during the summer of 2001 that we were sending it out. And then it was in the works at Knopf, and then September 11 happened, and it then became a much more pressing book to do quickly.

"I spent three months in the library, just reading. I e-mailed everyone I knew and asked who their favorite New York poets were. Having this book to work on during this time was wonderful, because it was a difficult time for me, as it was for my friends who are writers."

I said how interesting it was that immediately after September 11, people began sending each other poems, usually via e-mail.

"Here in the city," Ms. Schmidt said, "people who normally don't read poems were reading them. People, who, for instance, more often are into politics, were talking about poems. I don't exactly know what that's about. I think the tragedy stopped people in their tracks and gave them the patience to sit and listen, at least to a poem."

I said that I thought that shorter lyric poems have a way of communicating to the reader in the present tense. These poems create a moment of intense contact.

Ms. Schmidt said, "One of my favorite poets is Charles Simic. He has this great definition of the lyric poem — 'A poem is someone else's snapshot in which you see yourself.' It's somebody's

Find the store at 10775 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Author Robert Gould, creator of *The Time Soldiers*, reads from and signs his work on Saturday, September 14, at 11 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway; 619-593-5119). Free. (EL CAJON)

Let Down Your Hair and enjoy *Rapunzel* when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents its "Children's Classics" on Saturday, September 14, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Gertrude McFuzz*, *The Three Little Pigs*, poetry, and songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

Explore Your Imagination and writing abilities through lively activities, instruction, and interactive play when the Del Mar Art Center hosts creative writing classes for children beginning on Saturday, September 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$12 per session. Find the center at 1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street; call 858-481-1678 to register. The workshops conclude on October 5. (DEL MAR)

Downhill Racers, the 23rd Annual Orange Crate Derby is for kids (7-13) and their parents, who build orange crate race cars and then race them downhill, reaching speeds up to 30 miles an hour. Trial racing runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday,

September 14, and opening ceremonies begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 15. The fee is \$15 for competitors, free for spectators. Find the fun on Rancho del Rey Parkway (off East H Street from Highway 805, which is the first turnout below Home Depot). For more information, call 619-427-9157. (CHULA VISTA)

Hey, Kids: Discover the World Around You! Explore the flora and fauna on a two-mile adventure with leader Cliff on Saturday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m., in the Highland Valley area of San Dieguito River Park. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

All Aboard for arts and crafts, face painting, and refreshments when the San Diego Model Railroad Museum hosts Back to School Family Day events on Sunday, September 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fun is included in regular museum admission (\$4 general, free for those under 15). 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

"**Safe Diego**," it's the idea when the local Girl Scouts host a safety fair on Sunday, September 15, 1 to 4 p.m., in the parking lot at the Girl Scout Balboa Service Center (1231 Upas Street). There will be exhibits; information on home, bike, Internet, and traffic safety; puppet shows; storytelling; youth theater; and self-defense demonstrations. Free. 619-610-0732. (BALBOA PARK)

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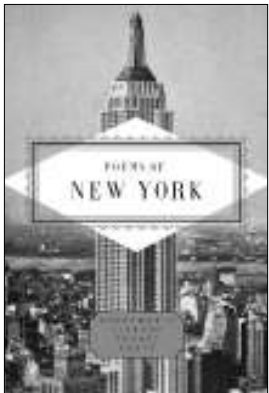
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snapshot in which you, as the reader, actually enter into the world of the snapshot; the poem is not just a static thing, it's something you participate in. *But* this poem also has that ability to freeze time, to leave a record of something that doesn't simply become still and static and closed off but is something that the reader can participate in; a reader actually can understand in such a poem what a particular poet was feeling or seeing or sensing, however long ago."

We talked a bit about the intimacy that poems offer. Ms. Schmidt said, "The incredible potential for contact is completely unique with a poem. Fiction, almost by definition, has to be involved with progression through time, unless it's highly experimental and highly difficult to read. Poetry, however, really does stop time in an interesting way. And it makes you still, and it forces you to slow down in a way that's really good and healing."

I said again that I was so surprised at all the poems being sent about after September 11.

"It's very strange," Ms Schmidt said. "It really is. I know so many people who didn't think poetry was for them but who, after September 11, realized that poetry is not something that's just for academics or for other poets. Every person who has the ability to have an intimate conversation also has the ability to read a poem. If they just slow down enough. But this has been a surprise to all of us who are involved in the poetry world here in the city, how many more general readers have turned to poetry."

— Judith Moore

MISS SCHMIDT'S FOREWORD TO *POEMS OF NEW YORK*: New York as we know it was conceived in 1811, when three commissioners unfurled their eight-foot-long plan for the city's phys-

ical organization. The result: a grid of 2028 more or less equal blocks stretching from the Battery off into the hills of Upper Manhattan. The plan was met with wonder, bewilderment, and outrage. Would the city truly expand past what is now midtown, where Broadway turned from country road to old Indian trail, running through thick woods and grazing pasture? Where were the big avenues? Where were those culs-de-sac and circular streets that London and Paris had? Where were the expanses for grand residences? But these early city planners knew that the crowds that had just started pouring into New York would have to live together on this fairly small island, bound by two rivers, and that small, right-angled buildings were the fastest and cheapest to build.

Walt Whitman was born eight years later, and came of age as city prowler and great lyric poet just as this phenomenon of speculative planning took shape. He marveled as the "numberless crowded streets" and "high growths of iron...splendidly uprising toward clear skies" emerged and spread. Whitman embraced the splendor and the squalor of the city, recognizing the democratic potential of life lived on all those equal blocks. And his walks from Brooklyn up Broadway at the dawn of the industrial age inspired him not only to modernize but also to *urbanize* poetry.

In a sense, the challenge Whitman faced as he set out to write this new poetry was similar to the challenges city planners and architects have felt since the grid determined the development of Manhattan. Whitman faced the printed page; builders, their square lot. Whitman responded by filling every square inch of the page with poetry. His long catalogues of feelings, impressions, and observations flowed well beyond the borders of most traditional poetry. Whitman invented a poetic form for capturing the richness and contrasts, the simultaneity and density of New York life. His cascading, unconventionally punctuated phrases speed along, or stop suddenly, in ways that still correspond to the sensory experience of New York street life. It was a new language for a new lifestyle, one that paved the way for an astonishing range of voices: from Hart Crane's "swift /unfractioned idiom" and Langston Hughes' "drowsy syncopated tune," to James Schuyler's ode to "mutable, delicate, expendable, ugly, mysterious" tenements and

June Jordan's take on "the cool/ formalities of Madison Avenue/ after midnight."

The poems collected in this anthology have about as much or as little in common as the buildings on an average city block — but they all share a desire to record the fleeting, shifting, "parti-colored" essences of New York life in their own particular form and diction. "We are here now but soon/ we will not be here" begins a poem by Malena Morling, one of the youngest poets in this volume. "Can you sing yourself, your life, your place/ on the warm planet earth?" asks Amiri Baraka in his portrait of Harlem. For generations New York poets have worked to capture the immediacy of urban experience, even as it is vanishing, like an ex-lover around a corner or the fading reflection of a sunset in a glass curtain wall.

I began collecting the poems in this anthology just after the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center — an attack I witnessed with my family, neighbors and strangers from the stoop of my building in lower Manhattan. A week later, the *New Yorker* magazine published a poem by the Polish poet Adam Zagajewski, written months before the event, that urged readers to "praise the mutilated world/ and the gray feather a thrush lost,/ and the gentle light that strays and vanishes/ and returns." This poem was followed several weeks later by C. K. Williams' three-part meditation "War," which contains these lines:

These things that happen in the particle of time we have to be alive, these violations which almost always more than any altar, ark, or mosque embody sanctity by enacting so precisely sanctity's desecration.

For many of us grieving for New York, here in the city and around the world, these poems became directives for appreciating all we take for granted. New York continually reminds us that time passes. New buildings go up and old ones come down. Hundreds of faces pass us by on the street each day. Poets who have written about New York are masters at preserving, and allowing us to cherish, moments of life in this theater of chance and change.

— Elizabeth Schmidt

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 County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at

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

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

hibit 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, 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 through September 21 for relocation within the museum).

Do dogs see in color? Do cats see what we see? Find out in the exhibit "Animal Eyes," on display through Tuesday, December 31. The exhibition explores what is known about human and animal vision and the ongoing quest to understand what animals actually see.

The traveling exhibition "California's Native Grandeur: Preserving Vanishing Landscapes" features more than 40 oil paintings of California landscapes from the late 19th and early 20th Centuries by artists whose works inspired early environmentalists. See this show through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

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" *Lost Worlds: Life in the Balance* 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)

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.

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

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

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The Finnish Connection

Every age sees Sappho in its own lights.

The third of SummerFest's three composers-in-residence (the other two were John Harbison and John Adams) is better known as a conductor. But Esa-Pekka Salonen, aside from being the popular music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, is also one of the prominent Finnish composers who, in the last couple of decades, have produced what is virtually a new style of music.

Others in this informal but coherent group are Magnus Lindberg and Kaija Saariaho. Although they have differences of character and tone, they share certain fundamental musical approaches. All are deeply concerned with the expressive capabilities of tone color: they are at their most characteristic in orchestral works exploiting a wide range of textures and timbres, including a large array of often exotic percussion instruments. Their music is emotionally intense, full of shocks, wrenches, and explosions, with searing sweeps and blocks of sheer sound. Their rhythms are irregular, flexible, motoric.

Their harmonic language follows no rules, with harmony of all sorts used chiefly for expressive purposes. Structurally, they tend to be guided by nothing other than the way the spirit moves them. The introduction of a new section (new in color, rhythm, or mood) is determined not by a logic of repetition, contrast, development, or variation, but by an intuitive program that offers no explanatory clues, but that can sometimes grip the listener's imagination with visceral power. If you want to hear what this music sounds like, you might listen to recordings of Lindberg's *Aura*, Saariaho's spectacular *Graal Théâtre*, and — in the case of Salonen — the CD (Sony 89158) featuring his *L.A. Variations* and several other recent works. (If you don't have a top-notch sound system, huge speakers, and tolerant neighbors, don't even try.)

Salonen's opening contribution at SummerFest seemed on the face of it to be something less ambitious: a six-minute work merely for solo violin (here given its world premiere by the dedicatee, Cho-Liang Lin). The minute Lin began playing, however, Salonen's habitual attitudes toward sound, expression, and architecture asserted themselves, and not in any timid

way. He had chosen his violinist well. Lin is noted for the richness and variety of his sound and the concentration and veracity of his emotions, and his impassioned performance offered persuasive evidence that Salonen's extreme manner is not just for the sake of external display, but that it is driven by a vibrant inner life. While moment-by-moment events responded, as always, to the composer's impenetrable sense of rightness, the work's overall structure clearly resembled that of a Liszt Hungarian rhapsody, with its slow, internalized *lassu* bursting into the fast gypsy frenzy of the *friss*. Liszt was called to mind as well by the nearly unbelievable pyrotechnics of the final section, which Lin executed with a virtuosity to leave the listener gasping.

As for the title, *Lachen verlernt*, the printed program suggested no exegesis, and if this is a reference to something in German poetry, I did not catch it. The words intimate that someone who once knew how to laugh has lost that ability, which can only have come about through painful suffering or paralyzing depression, neither of which I could at all detect in the music. But then the titles of these Finnish works regularly tend to opacity: *Engine*, *Arena*, *Gambit*, and the like. Clarity and logic are not what the composers are after; mystery and obscurity, as in the Symbolist poets, are their meat.

Many avant-garde Finnish composers have been particularly successful in the setting of poetic or dramatic texts, where the problem of amorphousness is obviated by the controlling structure of the texts themselves. This is true of Salonen's *Five Images after Sappho*, which he conducted at the SummerFest concert, and which can also be found on the *L.A. Variations* CD. His soloist at Sherwood Auditorium, Heidi Grant Murphy, was fully comparable in vocal skill and idiomatic command to Dawn Upshaw on the recording, with perhaps just a slight superiority in the fresh and youthful timbre of her voice (that of a perfect *Rosenkavalier* Sophie), so suitable to these evocations of an adolescent girl's discovery of love.

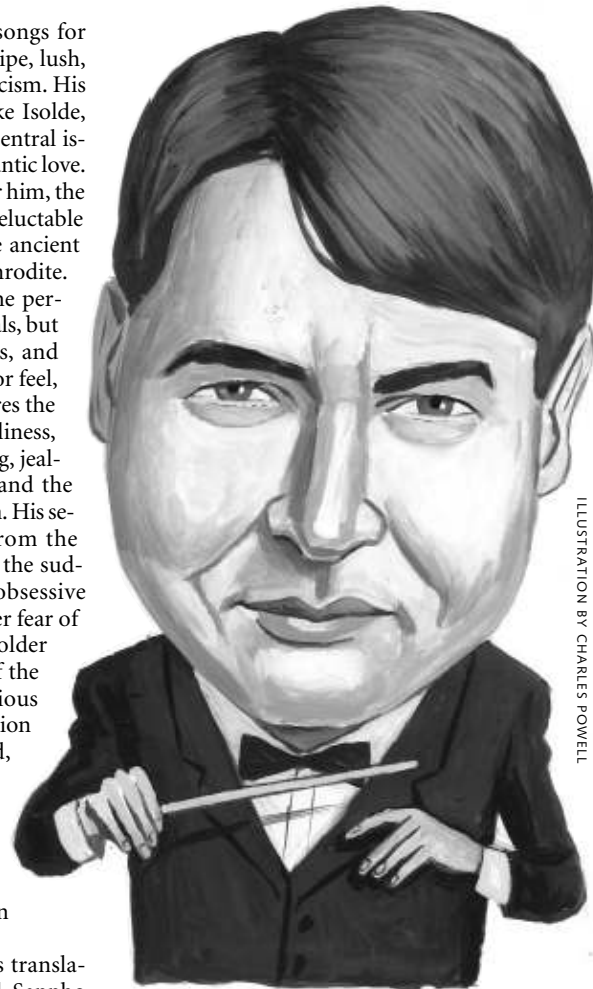
Every age sees Sappho, the sixth-century B.C. Greek poet, in its own lights. In the early decades of the 20th Century, Sir Granville Bantock com-

posed a wonderful series of Sappho songs for mezzo-soprano and orchestra, in the ripe, lush, gorgeously lyrical style of late Romanticism. His Sappho is passionate but dignified, like Isolde, and — as in Wagner's *Tristan* — the central issue is the psychology of individual romantic love.

Salonen's interest lies elsewhere. For him, the issue is the glorious, terrifying, and ineluctable force of the sexual drive, the force the ancient Greeks embodied in their goddess Aphrodite. Aphrodite's influence is reflected in the personal feelings and behavior of individuals, but she is far greater than any individuals, and whoever they are, whatever they want or feel, she will have her way. So Salonen ignores the other subjects of Sappho's poetry: loneliness, the pain of rejection, the grief of parting, jealousy, vindictiveness, old age, death, and the ecstasies and torments of lesbian passion. His selection extracts a single story line from the multiplicity of the poems, showing us the sudden violent onset of love, the girl's obsessive preoccupation with her young man, her fear of losing her virginity, the advice of an older woman who tells her this is the way of the world and there is nothing to be anxious about, the triumphant, raucous celebration of the wedding, and the lovers in bed, asleep, after the consummation. Salonen closes the story of Aphrodite's doings here, but at the Sherwood performance, soprano Murphy's advanced state of pregnancy happily alluded to the next episode, providing an additional dimension, as it were.

For his texts, Salonen used various translations by Paul Roche and Mary Barnard. Sappho is an impossible poet to translate, first of all because of the fragmentary nature of what remains: quotations, sometimes of only a line or two, in the works of other ancient writers, and bits and pieces of papyrus with disconnected words, like a poem being recited in a deafening hurricane. The compression and allusiveness of her language make for even more daunting difficulties, as do the cultural assumptions that lie behind it. Translators of Sappho often construct their own poems, adding, omitting, adjusting, and combining, in an effort to make sense (according to their own lights) and to achieve shapely forms.

So in the poem about the coming of love being like a wind assaulting oak trees, Barnard unaccountably leaves out that the wind swoops down from a *mountain*. When the girl complains to her mother that she cannot continue her weav-



Esa-Pekka Salonen

SummerFest: Esa-Pekka Salonen Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)

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Salonen, *Lachen verlernt*; *Five Images after Sappho*

ing because Aphrodite has overcome her with desire for a boy, Barnard makes the object of affection "that boy," with overtones of comic vexation or disdain (which Salonen reproduces

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in his musical setting of the words). For the wedding song, Roche is not satisfied with the notion that the bridegroom, the equal of the god of war, is so tall that the carpenters must raise the roof-beams for him. The translator adds an unconnected fragment to this, about the superiority of singers from Lesbos to those of other lands — an addition that weakens the magnificent hyperbole rather than strengthening it (and in Salonen's setting, the whole passage is repeated three times).

There is also the problem of tone. Barnard's use of the American colloquial has its charms, but they are inauthentic ones. And poor Roche, trying to find an intelligible equivalent in the marriage song for the refrain "hymenaeon" (the name of the god of this sacred ritual), cannot come up with anything better than "Hurrah for the wedding!" Pathetic! Still, what counts in vocal texts is chiefly what the composer makes of them (especially when, because of a high soprano's enunciation and the copresence of a loud body of instruments, the words are not always fully intelligible). If we cannot perceive the divine force in the words, we can hear it in the relentless, violent energy of the music Salonen set them to; even the sense of excessive length in the section with the refrain seems to convey something of the superhuman meaning of the action.

Salonen's music, in fact, everywhere lives up to the spirit of Sappho's original, bursting through any ineptitudes in the English translation. The vocal line, often declamatory rather than tuneful, unpredictable in its intervals, and never sounding remotely like Sir Granville Bantock, is nevertheless expressive, dramatic, and thoroughly lyrical in inspiration, as Murphy's beautifully shaped singing continually emphasized. (In a similar way,

Cho-Liang Lin's irrepressible feeling for the nature of his instrument brought out these traditional violinistic qualities in *Lachen verlernt*.)

Salonen's orchestral writing is fabulously imaginative and exciting. The variety of fascinating sounds produced in Sherwood Auditorium by the 14-player ensemble (with percussion such as conga drum and Thai nipple gongs) was astounding, and more than in a superficial sense. The sensual vividness in itself seemed to give one insight into the very heart of musical meaning (as in the very different sound-world of Harry Partch). When the wind of erotic passion swooped down on the shaken heart, the interlaced descending scales throughout the orchestra, in an array of strangely evocative colors, persistent and irresistible, potently expressed what the translated words could not: that the source of this experience was not a psychological feeling but the act of a god (Eros). The mountain was there in the music. ■

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The Romero Family Festival recital series opens with the youngest generation of the "Royal Family of Guitar," Celino and Lito Romero, in a duo recital on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Tickets are \$47. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway).

For reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Metropolitan Master Class, the local Metropolitan National Council Auditions host a master class for singers interested in opera on Sunday, September 15, at 1:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). The class will be conducted by Martin Wright. The requested donation for spectators is \$5. For information, call 619-479-8184 or 858-755-8727. (LA JOLLA)

Commemorating the Tragedy of September 11, 2001, the Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music Chorus presents the first concert of the Seagate Sundays series on September 15. The first half of the program includes John Rutter's "Requiem"; the second half boasts original choral music written by composer-in-residence Stephen Sturk. Soloists include soprano Virginia Sublette, organist Allison J. Luedecke, with five members from the Orchestra of San Dieguito Chamber Ensemble.

The concert takes place at 2 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 seniors and military, \$5 for children; two adults and at least one child are admitted for the family rate of \$25. For reservations and information, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, September 15, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Vienna Revisited," pianist Frederick Moyer performs music by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert on Sunday, September 15, at 7 p.m., in Linder Hall at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Child-care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Concerti Grossi by Corelli, Handel, and Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" may all be heard when the Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra presents a concert on Sunday, September 15, at 7 p.m., at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (6556 Park Ridge Boulevard, at Wandermere). An offering will be received. Call 858-609-2467 or 619-582-6189 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

Music of Spain and Latin America is promised when Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda perform classical, contemporary, and original works on Monday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m., for the fall Chamber Concert Series at the Chula Vista Civic Center Library (365 F Street). Free. Call 619-691-5164 for more details. (CHULA VISTA)

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Beauty Overload

What mattered to the designers was the deranged turbo-fired surge of pictures, excitements to occupy but not engage the eye.

On January 22, 1817, the Frenchman Henri Beyle, journalist, opera-going bon vivant, travel writer, biographer, later a novelist writing under the pseudonym Stendhal, who years later would write (dictate, actually) one of the great European novels, *The Charterhouse of Parma*, in 52 days, descended by coach from the Apennines toward Florence. His entire being was charged up.

"My heart was leaping wildly within me," he writes in his journal. "What utterly childish excitement!" It's the excitement we all feel when anticipating new, rich experience. He's not even there yet. He can only see *il Duomo*, the great cupola Brunelleschi designed, and is crushed with pleasure to see it.

As he rides into town his head spins with historical memories. Dante, Michelangelo, Da Vinci all worked there; Lorenzo de' Medici established his powerful court, which, in Stendhal's telling, was the first since that of Augustus to make military prowess secondary to artistic achievement. This is where Western European civilization was renewed. Stendhal's soul is not tranquil. It's revving up in predictable but worrying ways: "I found myself grown incapable of rational thought [and] surrendered to the sweet turbulence of fancy."

It was his first time in Florence, but he had

studied the street plan in advance, so he felt confident enough to leave his transport (and all his belongings) and wend his way through the catwalk-narrow medieval streets, making his way finally to the church of Santa Croce. (I once lived practically next door, so I have some feeling for what he went through.) He goes inside, sees Michelangelo's tomb, then Canova's effigy of Alfieri, then

Machiavelli's tomb, and Galileo's. He's overwhelmed by the energy, or imagined energy, now laid to rest, and he enjoys the exalted company: "What a fantastic gathering! The tide of emotion which overwhelmed me flowed so deep that it scarce was to be distinguished from religious awe." This is an account of physical unease as spiritual awakening. Religious awe induces visions and spirit-earthquakes, it dissolves the ego, it owns us.

A friar lets him into a chapel decorated with frescoes by the Baroque painter Baldassare Franceschini (called il Volterrano, because he hailed from Volterra in Tuscany), and when Stendhal looks up to study the ceiling, he has an experience familiar to many: "I underwent the profoundest experience of ecstasy that I ever encountered through the painter's art. My soul was already in a state of trance. Absorbed in the contemplation of *sublime beauty*, I could perceive its

very essence, feel the stuff of it under my fingertips. I had attained to that supreme degree of sensibility where *divine intimations* of art merge with the impassioned sensuality of emotion."

When he leaves, his heart is racing, he's completely drained and, feeling faint, has to sit on a bench to recover. Every year in Florence, tourists, usually Americans, suffer fits of Stendhal syndrome. They are overcome, have anxiety attacks, feel dizzy or disoriented, or get a bad case of butterflies because of the massive concentrations of beauty they take in. Few of us, I think, have had an authentic ecstatic religious experience or felt the kind of sublime spiritual awe that makes one change one's life. So when we find ourselves struck by beauty overloads that break us down, forcing us to succumb to a palpable transcendence, we're bound to feel confused.

You don't have to go to Florence to have a Stendhal attack. Try to absorb on a sunny afternoon the haunted Louis Faurer photographs at the Museum of Photographic Arts, or the voluptuous Renoirs and images of the Indian god Shiva on exhibition at the San Diego Museum of Art,



Henri Beyle

or wander through the permanent collection and be immobilized before Giorgione's (slightly deteriorated) *Portrait of a Man*, or the golden cloak in El Greco's *St. Peter*, or Ribera's strange double portrait of a child and crone — her leathery features looked raked into the surface, the babe's pasty face and head are grotesquely inflated. One of my favorites is the scene of Christ taken captive painted by some anonymous Netherlandish follower of Hieronymous Bosch. The soldier

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Klub Myszkowski, 1972, Christian Boltanski

whose ear the stubby, slope-nosed Peter has just cut off is biting Peter's arm. All the figures are grotesques except Christ, as if the human condition He came to deliver them from is a derangement or disfigurement. Then walk through the Mingei's garden. If the sensuous thrill of colors and forms doesn't get to you — though it's awfully hard to resist the blazing orange canna lilies and violet salvia — the common names will dizzy you with their music. Veronica. Foxglove. Coral cloud. Meadow rue.

One of art's pleasures is the irrational state it induces. To describe this experience, we draw from the vocabulary of what's undifferentiated and devouring. We're *swamped* or *flooded* or *swarmed* around by

certain effects. My moment came on a recent trip to New York. If you vacation there, see the Thomas Eakins and Gauguin shows at the Met; the Joan Mitchell retrospective at the Whitney; Greuze's drawings at the Frick (which next year come to the Getty Center); and the Neue Galerie's collection of modern Austrian and German art. Since you're already uptown, drop by the Guggenheim, which is filled with photographic, video, and digital imagery. It was there, after four days of going around town to see as much as I could, that I was struck down.

The great French installation artist Christian Boltanski has covered the walls of one gallery with hundreds of photographs — family snapshots, album images of families and



Leopard in a tree

soldiers from the Third Reich, school class pictures, nude magazine photos — illuminated by dim exposed light bulbs dangling so low from wires that they make a maze you have to navigate, or curtain you part and pass through. When banal snapshots from the Nazi era are set near blurry portraits of children — which we know from Boltanski's other work to be faces of Jewish schoolchildren he has pilfered from yearbooks — the sublime horror and hopeless bereavement are overwhelming. The more I looked, the shakier I became, until my head and stomach began to ache so much — I was already choked up enough to make a scene — that I had to get out and not look at anything else for the rest of my stay.

On my trip back I encountered a kind of cultural apoplexy unique to us moderns. While waiting in JFK for my flight to the Bay Area, I couldn't help staring at a huge split screen projecting images of Africa, a vague strumming on the soundtrack. No voiceover to explain what we're watching: elephant herds stampeding then bathing, a leopard in a tree, clouds, unidentifiable tribal people making ceramics (to what purpose we have no clue). I looked away to scout the nearest bagel opportunity, and when I turned back the screens were pixilating images of indeterminate landscapes, sunsets, waterfalls, and isn't that a *yacht* sailing merrily on a choppy gray-green sea?

At 9:00 a.m. the lounge is crowded, but I'm the only dope watching the screens. What mattered to the designers was the deranged turbo-fired surge of pictures, excitements to occupy but not engage the eye, images drained of meaning. I kept staring, I started to get dizzy, my head ached, I had to sit down and breathe. These weren't beauty loads inducing an irrational feeling of transport, they were a patterned connivance to take our minds off things, especially things like check-in lines and the unavailability of bagels.

As I betook myself to the jetway, I, of course, had to look back at the video monitors, which had flopped from Africa and landscapes to a view of the

New York skyline, then medieval castles, posh 18th-century French interiors, and bagpipers on parade. It could have been a Fluxus event or an installation by Yoko Ono. It filled the eye with specific images that weren't specific to any coherent reality. It trusted in our unthinking image-savviness and knew we have come to expect crafted images that have no meaning, which are so inauthentic that we never think to doubt their authenticity. ■

Events that are underlined occur after September 19.

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"Remembrance" — an exhibition of art in memory of and inspired by the events of September 11, 2001 — opens with a reception on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m., at the COVA Gallery. Participating artists include Jeffery Laudenslager, Ante Marinovic, Deanne Sabeck, and Becky Guttin. See the show through October.

Find the gallery at 840 G Street (in the Arts College International Building). Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. 619-234-0928. (DOWNTOWN)

"Atmospheres," a solo exhibition of work by Lissa Rankin, is on view at the Frame Maker Gallery through September. Meet the artist during a reception on Friday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. Find the shop at 3102 Reynard Way; 619-260-2600. (HILLCREST)

"Ando Grabando: Etchings from Tijuana" go on exhibit at the David Zapf Gallery with a reception on Friday, September 13, at 6 p.m. The show features over 40 etchings by ten young printmakers from the Oscar Ortega Print Atelier in Tijuana. The

exhibit concludes on Saturday, October 12.

Regular hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004. (DOWNTOWN)

San Francisco Artist Pegan Brooke exhibits new paintings in "Symbioses," opening on Friday, September 13, at 6 p.m., at the R.B. Stevenson Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 103). See the show through Friday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information, call 619-595-0558. (DOWNTOWN)

An All-Media Art Exhibit is promised for the annual art faculty exhibit opening in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery during a reception at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 13. The exhibit includes ceramics, sculpture, computer art, photography, prints, acrylics, mixed media, watercolor, and more. See the show through Thursday, October 3.

The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details, dial 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

Artists Michelle Gonzales and Jon Rawlinson have work on exhibit at the Phantom Gallery (212 East North Coast Highway). The show opens with a reception on Friday, September 13, at 5 p.m. Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. For information, dial 760-754-4512. (OCEANSIDE)

Artist Carlos Torres has an exhibit opening on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m., at the Ramsden Morrison Gallery (343 Fourth Avenue). Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 619-230-1000. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Big & Blurry," an exhibition of large-scale contemporary paintings, opens with a reception on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m., at the Flux Gallery (655 Tenth Avenue, at G Street). The participating artists are showing work in styles including figurative, abstract, and graffiti. See the show through Friday, October 25. For hours and information, dial 619-234-FLUX. (EAST VILLAGE)

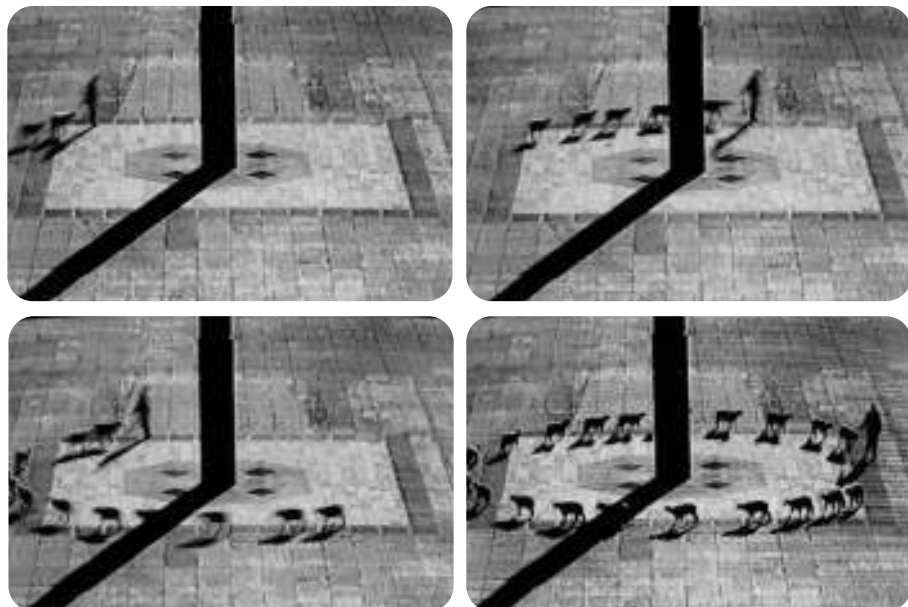
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“Stages of Memory,” an exhibit of new work by artist Nilly Gill “depicting the essence of heritage,” opens with a reception on Saturday, September 14, at 5 p.m., at the Burton Gallery. View this “meditative exploration creating personal and universal spaces” through Tuesday, November 5.

Find the gallery at 307 South Cedros Avenue. Call 858-794-7204 for more details. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Collage, Anyone?” The fall season gets underway with an exhibit of collages by members of the Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery. This show, on view through Thursday, September 26, includes a reception for the artists on Saturday, September 14, at 5 p.m.

Find the gallery at 845 Main Street. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. 760-789-3682. (RAMONA)

Chinese Brush Paintings by Ann Lyle Van Atta go on exhibit at the Sierra Club Larry Dumlao Gallery with a reception for the artist during “Ray at Night” festivities on Satur-

day, September 14, at 6 p.m. The exhibit closes on Friday, October 11. Find the gallery inside the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). For gallery hours and information, dial 619-299-1743. (NORTH PARK)

A New “Nexus for Art”? The Tres Studio Gallery presents art by C-K-W — a.k.a. Lauren Kascius Carrera, Sandra Lucia Kass, and Jassanne Wallace — through Friday, September 27. Meet the trio during the “Ray at Night” party on Saturday, September 14, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street; 619-297-TRES. Regular gallery hours are 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, and by appointment. (NORTH PARK)

“**Invocations**” by Joseph Bennet are on view through Wednesday, October 9, at Art Gallery 999 (located at 3822 Ray Street; 619-521-4803). The show opens with a reception on Saturday, September 14, at 6 p.m. 619-521-4803. (NORTH PARK)

A Time to Tour, COVA’s 2002 “open studios” events take place in the North County and Julian areas on September 14 and 15 and in the San Diego City, South Bay, and East County Regions on September 21 and 22. This year, there’s a bus tour to 13 Tijuana artists’ studios on September 28 and 29.

The fee for the catalog (the ticket and guide to the participating studios) is \$20 for two people. Tickets to the Tijuana studios event, which includes

lunch, a stop at the Tijuana Cultural Arts Center, and a wine tasting at L.A. Cetto Winery, are \$55. For catalog outlets and other information, call 619-234-0928. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Everything Can Be Different,” opening on Sunday, September 15, presents a new trend in contemporary art practice that features optimism and experimentation. The artists included in the exhibition are said to use personal relationships as a means of addressing art, society, and how we organize our lives within both. The show — a traveling exhibition organized by Independent Curators International — demonstrates art being used to create something new out of the plasticity and malleability of social situations and settings. This show closes on Sunday, December 8.

“Public Projects” is a series of sculptural installations of temporary and semi-permanent sculptural installations on the center’s 12-acre campus. Through Monday, June 30, 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 see-

saw 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 museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, a comprehensive exhibition of African arts of daily life from across the continent is offered in “African Art — The Pulse of a Continent,” continuing through Sunday, September 15. 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 continues 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.

“Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth” is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer’s company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, col-

orist, author, and the “consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts.”

The Mingei is located on the square with the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Museum of Art. For additional information, call 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Rail-

road Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Photographic Arts, a major exhibition of the work of Louis Faurer is on view through Sunday, 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.”

Yosuke Yamahata was sent by the Japanese army to document the effects of the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. The 28-year-old began to photograph the aftermath of the bombings as the sun rose and had taken more than 100 photographs by nightfall. “Nagasaki Journey: The Photographs of Yosuke Yamahata, August 10, 1945” runs through Sunday, October 20. The exhibit is described as “an essential historic record of the nuclear age.”

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. Take in the exhibit of 40 paintings through Sunday, October 13, at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Significant works by the current generation of Mexican artists are included in “Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions,” opening on Saturday, September 14, and concluding on Sunday, March 9, 2003. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. “Axis Mexico” is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

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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Nice Guy Reborn

He's forever acted upon, a mere ball on the gods' "tennis court."

Where have these guys — and this play — been?

The play first. William Shakespeare and at least one other author probably wrote *Pericles* around 1607–1608. It recalls Homer's *Odyssey*, as the gods slam a young prince around the eastern Mediterranean Sea, and the Book of Job. Pericles — of Tyre, not the Athenian funeral oration — gets chased by an assassin, loses his wife, later his daughter, renounces life, and doesn't cut his hair for 14 years. He “was a goodly person, till the disaster that, one mortal night, drove him to this.”

Pericles and *The Winter's Tale*, written around the same time, get labeled as the Bard's “late romances.” But they are also reunion plays. In the former, Pericles reunites with daughter and wife after 14 years. In the latter, Leontes reunites with his wife, Hermione, after 16 years. It may not have been the case, but it's hard not to speculate. Shakespeare moved back to Stratford around 1608–1609. Up to then he'd been an absent husband/father in London. The reunion plays may have come from a deep, personal reconnection with a family he saw only sporadically for the previous 14–16 years. Pericles says to his new-found daughter, Mariana, she “begets him that did thee beget.” When he reunited with his own family, Shakespeare may have felt reborn.

The late romances tell their stories from far away. Shakespeare's far less interested in psy-

chology or motive and much more concerned with the long picture, the effects of time and fortune on a life. In a way, the stories have the feel of a high school class's 50th reunion, in which people must sum up a sweep of years with a few highlights, mythologizing here, berating there, but compelled to speak of major highs and lows.

The most painful of these? Pericles shouts: “O you gods! /

Why do you make us love your goodly gifts, / And snatch them straight away?” Like a character out of Kafka, suffering for sins unnamed, Pericles endures so many grave losses he no longer fears storms, fortune, the gods. This is *Lear* territory. And continuing the reunion vein, Shakespeare rewrites *King Lear*'s ending with a recognition scene that's one of the highest highs in the canon: “You gods, your present kindness / Makes my past miseries sports. / You shall do well, / That on touching of her lips I may / Melt and no more be seen.”

In part because a hack wrote the first two acts, and in part because the story was so familiar, Ben Jonson called *Pericles* a “mouldy tale.” But he referred to the play on paper. On the Lowell Davies stage, directed by San Diego newcomer Darko Tresnjak, Shakespeare's quirky tale unfolds like an opera and hits almost every possible emotion.

Where has Tresnjak been? He's so talented it's hard to pinpoint his strengths. Shakespeare's late romances combine, and often jumble, gen-



Andrew Borba and Michael James Reed in *Pericles*

Pericles, by William Shakespeare

Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Darko Tresnjak; cast: Ned Schmidtke, Michael James Reed, Emmelyn Thayer, Gregor Paslawsky, Charles Janasz, Wynn Harmon, Anna Belknap, Christian Casper, Andrew Borba, Tracy Hostmyer; scenic design, Ralph Funicello; costumes, Linda Cho; lighting, York Kennedy; sound, Jerry Yager; movement, Bonnie Johnston

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res. Most directors favor one at the others' expense. Tresnjak makes the comic scenes hilarious. He cartoons a joust (banners and lances and shouting onlookers), has fishermen dance, finds humor in the brothel at Mytilene. He's equally

adept with the dramatic scenes. And throughout he melds the play's skittish tones with remarkable dexterity. Most awards measure popularity, not talent. Tresnjak, however, won the 2001 Alan Schneider Award for Directing Excellence. His



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The chorus of *Henry V* encourages its audiences to imagine what can't appear on-stage. Shakespeare uses the device only one other time. John Gower, poet and friend of Geoffrey Chaucer, narrates parts of *Pericles*. Gower died in 1408 (and most likely seemed "mouldy" to Ben Jonson's ear). Ned Schmidtke brings Gower to glorious, vivid life.

Every local actor, including those paid to do Shakespeare, should watch Schmidtke perform the Bard — not just his rich, resonant voice, perfect pitch, or complete understanding of the lines. And not just his instant, one-to-one rapport with the audience (among the best I've ever seen). But most of all, how *human* he makes the words. Hearing Schmidtke speak, you'd swear he even *thinks* in iambic pentameter. He's also funny, a word heretofore unassociated with mouldy old Gower.

Where has this guy been?

Michael James Reed rises to another challenge. Pericles is a stick. He has no "character," merely the attributes of a nice guy. And he's forever acted upon, a mere ball on the gods' "tennis court." Reed's smart. He marks his time through Acts One and Two, even plays Pericles with rigid, imitation Shakespeare gestures and poses. Reed knows the young Pericles is written by someone new to playwrighting — and imitating Shakespeare's style. When the Bard enters, around Act Three, Scene One, so does Reed. He rides the lines and brings the beleaguered prince home.

Pericles's daughter, Marina, the most saintly character in Shakespeare, converts sinners, even in a brothel (everything in the late romances is extreme, *everything*). She's chaste, patient, virtuous, and could become a sanctimonious geek if played just a smidgen off kilter. Anna Belknap, however, gives Marina all these qualities and yet keeps her grounded on credible soil.

The tale unfolds on Ralph Funicello's sleek, pseudo-marble unit set: stairs, round

Greek columns, Ionic capitals, and friezes, from the Parthenon? York Kennedy's lighting paints rainbows on the white surfaces. Linda Cho's excellent costumes constitute a fashion tour of Mediterranean seaports (Antioch, Tyre, Tarsus, Ephesus, Mytilene), during the Second Century.

When Renaissance cartographers included uncharted terrain on their maps, they wrote, "There be dragons here." *Pericles* has had that status for centuries. The Globe Theatres, of late, have staged *Shakespeare for Dummies* productions that toss the text aside and go cute. With the rarely produced *Pericles*, the Globe ventured into, for them at least, dragon territory. And for those of us bored to tears with safe, easy-listening Shakespearean productions, the venture thrills as much as its many gains.

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FIELD NOTES:

I want to plug an enterprise. I can't review L2 Productions' *Things May Disimprove*, because I worked as dramaturge. The four extremely short one-acts by Samuel Beckett — *Come and*

Go, Breath, Not I, and *Rock-aby* — close Wednesday. I mention it because by the time word of mouth spreads, the show will have come and gone — which is what Beckett kept saying about life. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the

"Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

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.

Beyond Therapy

The Globe Theatres stage Christopher Durang's popular comedy about Bruce and Prudence. They've got a few mental hang-ups, but you should see their therapists! Brendon Fox directed.

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Biloxi Blues

The Coronado Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy-drama about Eugene Morris Jerome (a.k.a. Simon) going through basic military training in Biloxi, Mississippi. Bob Christiansen directed.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 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 television (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.

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Just as you remember one, the cast does another. The result: waves, at times floods, of memories. Directed by Meads, the briskly paced production boasts accurate period costumes by Jeanne Reith Waterman, a set composed of countless logos (from golden arches to Alfred E. "What, Me Worry?" Newman of *Mad* magazine), and a strong cast. For actual Baby Boomers, the show also includes advice for overcoming the "Big Chill syndrome." It's lively, funny, and could run forever.

Worth a try.

LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room." SHIRLEY'S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

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.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

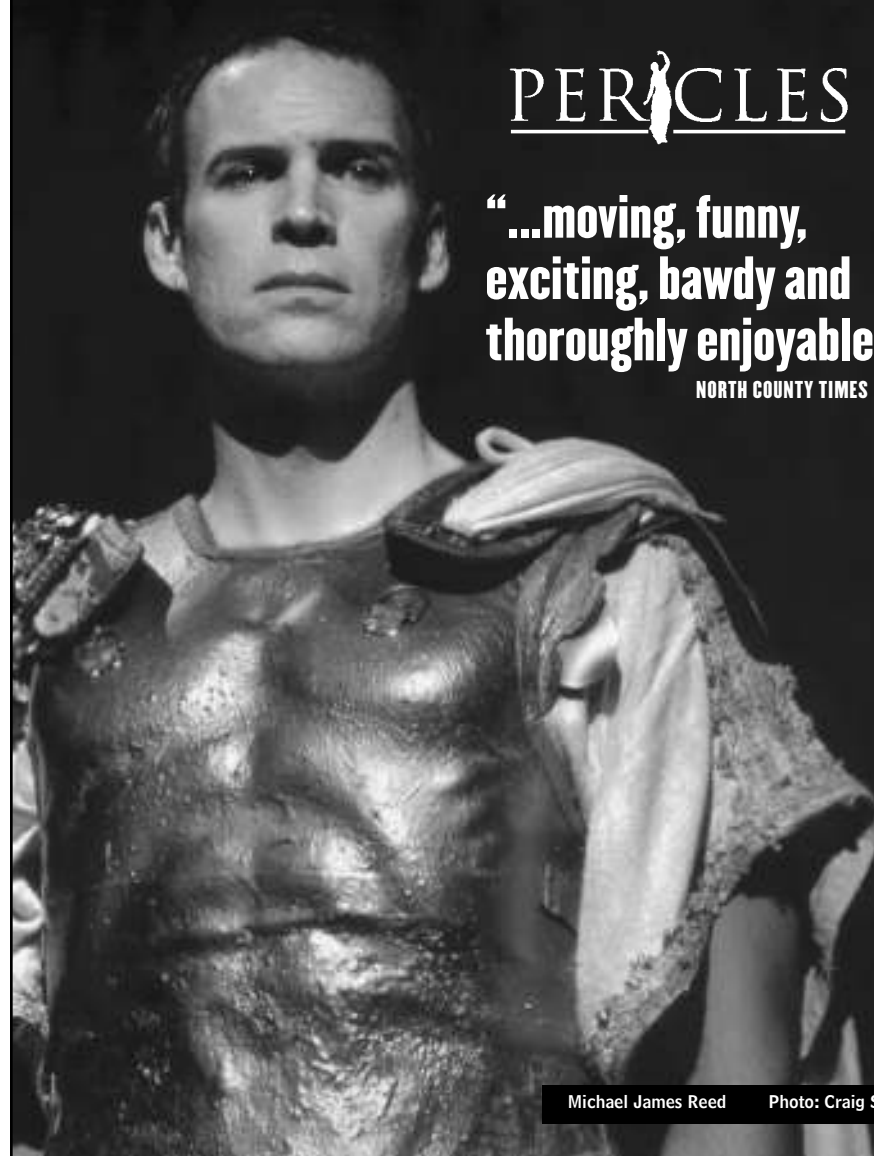
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Footloose

Moonlight Stage Productions concludes its summer season with a stage adaptation — by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie — of the pop rock musical. Gary Krinke directed. MOONLIGHT AMPHITHEATRE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Guys and Dolls

The Welk Resort Theatre stages the popular musical, based on characters by Damon Runyon. Ray Limon directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 9; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Gypsy

Poway Center for the Performing Arts opens its new season with the musical based on the life of burlesque queen Gypsy Rose Lee. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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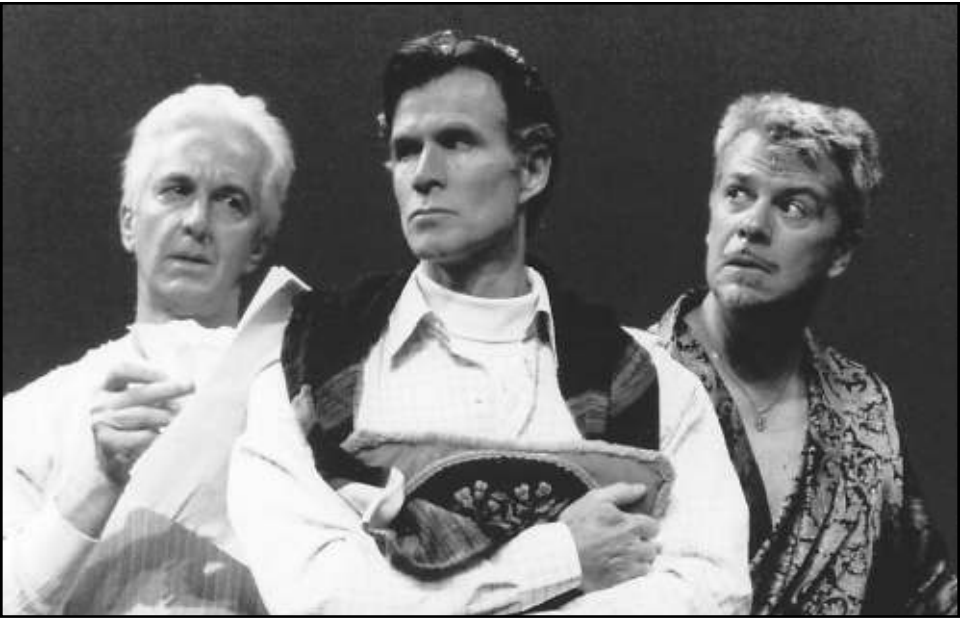
Starlight Theatre concludes its summer season with a musical based on Robert Lewis Stevenson's story of a medical experiment gone awry. STARLIGHT BOWL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

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The Killing of Sister George

A sort of riding — as opposed to flying — nun, Sister George is a district nurse who tours conservative Applehurst in a moped, singing hymns and healing the infirm. Not in "real" life. On BBC radio, where to myriad listeners, she's more real than reality. But if people found out that June Buckridge, who plays Sister, is the opposite of her character...well, the BBC won't let that happen. They'll "kill" Sister first. When first produced, in 1965, Frank Marcus's dark comedy relied



Wintertime

on stereotypes (June and roommate Childie are lesbians, therefore...). As it did with Mart Crowley's *Boys in the Band*, Diversionary Theatre has restaged the play shorn of impacted, pre-Stonewall attitudes. Director Tim Irving treats *George* as a naturalistic comedy-drama. The concept works, for the most part, but also exposes the play's flaws. The play relies on comic types, and without a tabloid aura surrounding it, *George* is slow, repetitious, and lacks dimension. It's also funny, however, and the production has many plusses. Like Priscilla Allen's June/George. She's a vulnerable maelstrom — tough, yet acutely sensitive — who jackknives between victory and defeat in almost every scene. Allen's performance, swagging around David Weiner's

beautifully detailed set, and Tim Irving's direction, make *George* seem a much better written play than it is.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AND SEPTEMBER 22, AT 2:00 P.M.

The Man-In-Law

Caribbean Arts Theatre, a new San Diego company, stages George K. Dannels's comedy-drama about the "outside man, or sweet man, with whom an unfaithful wife is involved." SPRECKELS THEATER, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUN-

DAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Murder on the Happy Trail

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., offer an interactive mystery/dinner theater show about Liza Goodbody. She knows how to make everyone at the Tri-Six Ranch "the perfect targets for blackmail." Fran Palmer directed. DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, AND OCTOBER 5 AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-280-7115.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic di-

rector Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Pericles

Reviewed this issue. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Prisoner of Second Avenue

OnStage Playhouse presents Neil Simon's comedy about how a couple become prisoners in their own New York apartment on 88th and Second Avenue. E. Duane Weekly directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks!
The Tragedies

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek tragedy, 6th @ Penn Theater offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides' *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a 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,

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Theatresports

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Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

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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 topple 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.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee-house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary,

got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, SAN DIEGO. OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-234-9583.

The Turn of the Screw and The Stronger

To open its second season, Hormonally InCorrect Productions presents two “blood-chilling” tales by Henry James and August Strindberg. THE ACTOR’S ASYLUM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-501-5010.

The Two Gentlemen of Verona

For its second annual Shakespeare-by-the-Sea Festival, the La Stage Company presents the Bard’s comedy about “two male friends, one woman...trouble.” THE STAGE, 5661 LA JOLLA BOULEVARD, BIRD ROCK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M., FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. (NOTE: *TWO GENTLEMEN* IS ALSO BEING PERFORMED, FOR FREE, AT ELLEN BROWNING SCRIPPS PARK IN LA JOLLA; FOR DAYS AND TIMES OF BOTH STAGINGS, CALL 858-459-7773.)

Wintertime

Denis de Rougement wrote that “happy love has no history.” In

Wintertime, Charles L. Mee wonders if love exists, or can. Several members of a dysfunctional family, and their lovers, arrive at a summerhouse. For every couple, everyone else is a trespasser. They conduct an informal symposium on romantic love. The first act is an astonishing mix of ideas and antics. It recalls the French playwright Marivaux, who was acutely attuned to love’s pulse. But Mee and savvy director Les Waters throw in the Marx Brothers, opera, and create an atmosphere in which anything can

happen. From Annie Smart’s breathtaking set (an Ayckbornian winterscape, in which birch trees grow inside the house) to terrific acting, Act One is spectacular. It concludes with a *walpurgnacht* melee in which the house gets as trashed as the play’s theme. It’s such a maelstrom of the visual and verbal, you wonder how Mee can follow it. Mee may have wondered too, as the second act trails into more familiar territory. As in *Our Town*, death enters the theater. The characters confront their mortality,

reconsider love in this shadow, and conclude with a funny, albeit tacked on ending. If Act One deconstructs romantic love, two reconstructs it. The second act isn’t lame, it’s just that the first is one tough act to follow.

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"It's coming down to bake sales and bowling fundraisers."

That's how Rachel Bradley, general manager of SDSU's

form music shows that are programmed by each DJ. "All we ask is that they not play the music that's being played on commercial radio."

But KCR doesn't have a transmitting tower. "We have a small antenna. You can only hear it on campus. Our primary listener base comes from the Web. It seems to be

are retroactive to 1998. In the case of KCR, it would owe a minimum of \$2000 by October 20. KCR has an



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GM SAYS BOWLING KEEPS KCR ROLLING

annual budget of \$3500.

"By the end of the year there is nothing left. We account for every single penny."

Already college stations at UCLA, Oregon State, and NYU have bailed off the Internet.

"We will keep broadcasting on the Web until we absolutely can't," said Bradley. "Our future is uncertain, but we are doing everything we can to keep KCRlive.com on the Web."

— Ken Leighton

"Everything is moving toward rock." Hip-hop is at an all-time low. Even Jay-Z has rock samples on his new album. Rappers are starting to pick up guitars and learning how to play real music.

As editor of *Transworld Stance*, a pop-culture mag for the "action sports" crowd, it is Ted Newsome's job to know what his teenaged readers are listening to. Increasingly, it's not rap.

"Our next issue, out in mid-October, will have Chad Muska on the cover. He is a pro skater who made a hip-hop album. That will be our last hip-hop cover.... We used to cover half-rock and half-rap. From now on it will be two-thirds rock or even more."

Transworld Stance wants to be the *Rolling Stone* for the alternative kid who prefers skateboarding and surfing over football and baseball. Published every six weeks, *Stance* is based in the same Oceanside offices that house *Transworld Surf*, *Transworld Snowboarding*, and *Transworld Skateboarding*.

"We want *Stance* to be the

choice of those who follow the action sports culture...the California lifestyle."

About one-fifth of *Stance* is based on music. One recent piece listed artists who had street cred. According to *Stance*, PJ Harvey has it. ("Shit-hot singer who will steal your boyfriend and torch your house.") The Beastie Boys didn't. ("Too



"STANCE" STOOPS TO HAWK SHOES

much pontificating on llamas and rainforests and not enough fresh rhymes about getting wasted.")

"About a year ago things were looking kind of rough,"

said Newsome, who admitted the future of *Transworld Stance* had looked shaky.

"But we got some financial and circulation help from Time Warner. Everything has fallen into place." All *Transworld* magazines are owned by Time Warner.

So how can a magazine that survives on its hip credibility prominently feature Fred Durst in a feature on cool sneakers?

"We were not saying he was the coolest guy out there. We were just saying he and rap metal were part of the resurgence of retro shoes like Adidas and Pony."

How can *Stance* tell the world what's hip when it is based in Oceanside?

"It's pretty rough.... We have to go to downtown San Diego or L.A. to get anything. That's why we're pulling out of Oceanside and moving to L.A., hopefully by January 1."

After more than three years in Oceanside, Newsome said he and his editorial staff of seven are looking to move into the offices of the Firm, the Beverly Hills-based management company that handles some 20 major-label artists including Linkin Park, the Stone Temple Pilots, and Korn.

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student-run radio station, describes the financial reality that may soon force KCR to go off the Web.

KCR can't run commercials. "We are a nonprofit radio station on a college campus, so your options for funding are very limited. We are viewed as a club by the university. We get no money from the school. We rely on DJ dues and small fundraisers."

Bradley, 23, said her station relies primarily on the Web to broadcast the free-

our lifeline to be an actual, viable radio station."

After six years of relying on webcast radio to connect with listeners worldwide, KCR and its eclectic music mix may be forced off the Web as early as next month. In June the U.S. Copyright Office issued a new royalty rate fee schedule that will apply to all 1300 college stations that play music and use the Web.

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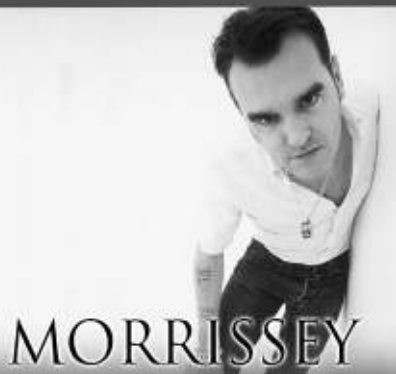
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"Right now we have temporary space in Santa Monica. I come to Oceanside two or three times a week."

Newsome said the other Transworld publications will stay in Oceanside.

"They have deeply rooted family people who work there."

— Ken Leighton

"I have had customers come here from England and Ireland because of blink-182."

Victor Velazco, manager of the Sombrero Mexican Food restaurant on Carmel Mountain Road admits that having the blink boys as regular customers has been good for business.

"Last time they were in concert in Miami, a family flew here from Venezuela to eat here first before they flew to Miami to see the show. People always call us from the airport asking for directions how to get here."

He said Mark Hoppus

and Tom DeLonge have been regulars since DeLonge attended Poway High School in the early '90s.

"They used to come here all the time after school."

Velazco said some female patrons have actually screamed over blink sightings.

"They will start calling their friends. When fans start showing up, [blink members] start leaving."

He said blink-mania



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BLINK – PLEASE COME GET YOUR MAIL.

caused only one security problem at Sombrero's.

"When they first started coming in we didn't know they were a group. They came in one day and gave us a

framed platinum record for the CD with the cow on the cover [*Dude Ranch*]. We had it on the wall. At that time they used to come a lot and get their picture in front of it with fans. Six months later some kid came in and stole it. That was when our front door was open 24 hours. We had it on videotape, but the owner of this store did not want to press charges. The owner of the chain wanted to press charges, but [by the time] he heard about it, the tape was erased.... The band offered a reward of five VIP backstage passes for anyone who brought it back, but nobody showed up."

Velazco said the blink visits have decreased over the years.

"This year I haven't seen much of them. Mark's wife and Tom's wife just had babies. They are probably really busy right now. I last saw Mark here in April. But we still get mail from all over the country for them. We have a lot of mail they haven't picked up."

— Ken Leighton

"They promised us in a written contract a 60-date tour with each gig paying a minimum of \$300."

Brandon Lounsbury wants other bands to know what happened to his band Dogmatic so it won't happen to them. He said his El Cajon-based pop-punk band

regrets paying \$1000 to a Los Angeles company called Liveunsigned that promises to help unsigned bands.

"They heard about us through MP3.com.... They told us they would shoot a live video for us and then shop us to labels. We were skeptical at first. We didn't want to put our hard work into just anybody's hands. We went up to their offices and checked them out. They told us they were the ones who broke Agent 51. We called

Agent 51 for a reference, but the band never got back to us. They also said they helped 18 Bonez. We did talk to their guitar player, and he just laughed and said, 'I hope you guys know what you're getting into.'"

Dogmatic didn't.

"We figured at least we would get a video out of it."

Liveunsigned did shoot a Dogmatic video. "The sound was horrible," said Lounsbury. "For the \$1000 we spent, we did get a video, but we didn't want to show it to anybody because it was such poor quality."

But it was the unfulfilled promise of a tour that really hurt, said Lounsbury. "Our drummer actually sold his truck so he could buy a tour van. Every week we would

call them to ask for confirmation on dates. It was, like, 'I'll have it next week, I promise.' Then they stopped returning our phone calls."

"Those guys took our money," said 5 Star bassist Chris Rector when asked



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DOGMATIC HOUNDS PROMOTER

about Liveunsigned. "We were supposed to go on a 35-day, 27-city tour. I think the minimum was \$300 per gig. They promised those shows in writing.... The live video was garbage. I could do better myself. They just had a couple of shitty camera angles with no special effects.... After a while we couldn't even get a hold of them."

Videos produced by Liveunsigned can be viewed at its website, www.liveunsigned.com. Other local bands listed on the site include Hydroplane and 18 Bonez.

"We walked away with a good video," said Jake Richmond of 18 Bonez. "They did not promise us a tour, but they did promise us airplay on Internet radio, and

they never really got us that."

James Hill and Dwayne Barron are the co-owners of Liveunsigned.

Barron said he was not aware of the touring clause and did not sign the contract. "He was the only guy from Liveunsigned who signed it," countered Lounsbury.

Barron blames the broken tour promises on a booking agency that Liveunsigned no longer works with. "I realized those people were absolutely clueless. We removed them from the equation. We are still trying to sort [tour commitments] out."

Hill said the promised tours may still happen, even though the contracts were signed in 2001. "We are one of the hardest-working companies that are still around," said Hill of his two-year-old company.

"I've offered 5 Star Degenerates additional recording time," said Barron.

"Yeah, he offered us extra time, but we had to pay for it," said Rector. "We lost our drummer over this. Now it looks like the whole band may be falling apart."

Dogmatic appears September 19 at the Casbah.

— Ken Leighton

"How does Mark [Hoppus] feel about you and Travis having other bands."

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singer/guitarist Tom DeLonge and drummer Travis Barker of Box Car Racer appeared on the syndicated *Loveline* radio show, which airs locally on 91X. The above question came from a caller who wondered how bassist Hoppus felt since he was the only member of the blink-182 trio who was not involved with the Box Car project. Box Car Racer released its first CD in May.

"If you listen to any alternative radio station, you've heard that CD a million times," said *Loveline* cohost Stryker about Box car's CD.

Hoppus has not been publicly critical of Box Car. But one person close to the blink camp admitted, "He's not stoked."

"The whole reason for this is to do something a little different," said DeLonge on *Loveline*. He said Box Car Racer allows him to explore "his darker side.... It's hard to say dick jokes when you're singing about the end of the world."

The band blink-182 is

famous for telling twisted sex jokes onstage.

As for Hoppus's reaction to his bandmates' new band?

"He's totally fine with it," offered DeLonge. "What we do in our spare time is what we do in our spare time.... We all have different hobbies."

To which Stryker immediately reacted, "That's really cool. Now is that the truth?"

DeLonge maintained it was.

"Yeah, people always think weird things. Box Car Racer was never meant to be a big production. It was just a spur-of-the-moment thing."

That "spur-of-the-moment thing" resulted in a national Box Car Racer tour that kicks off next month and includes a headlining show at the 12,000-seat Cox Arena November 27.

Another caller asked, "Are you gonna put out another live CD?"

Barker responded, "We never have."

"No, I meant blink," said the caller.

"This is a Box Car interview," said Barker.

The interview proved that Box Car/blink boys may be the most enterprising artists in rock. Also mentioned was Barker's third band (the Transplants), his record label (LaSalle), the Atticus clothing line (co-owned by DeLonge and Hoppus), Tom

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DeLonge's signature Fender guitar, and Barker's clothing line (Famous Stars and Straps).

"Blink is my first band — the most important," Barker said on *Loveline*. But he also added about Box Car Racer: "This is by no means a side project.... This is the real deal, full-fledged, 100-percent effort."

Box Car Racer appears November 27 at SDSU's Cox Arena with H2O and the Used.

— Ken Leighton

Red Eye Gravy was booked to play Street Scene last Friday night on the Dick's Last Resort stage, but the performance was in doubt after lead singer Buck McPherson was arrested Labor Day weekend.

"I was walking to get a cup of coffee at 8:30 Saturday morning.... A passing cop car did a U-turn, and the officer came up to me and asked for my name and ID. It was City Heights, which is kind of a drug neighborhood, but the only fix I was looking for was caffeine.

He ran me through the computer and said I had an outstanding warrant in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1996, for 'reckless endangerment' [McPherson declined to go into detail], and the next thing I knew I was in handcuffs, and they booked me into the downtown jail."

A positive review of the

debut *Red Eye Gravy* CD *Heat & Serve* (released late August on the Dustrun label)



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GRAVY SINGER BEATS JAIL FOR STREET SCENE

ran in the *Union-Tribune* on September 5, while McPherson was still in custody. "The paper got passed around the jail, and I became, like, the cell block celebrity!"

After six days, the charges against McPherson were dropped and he was released Friday, around noon, on the

day of Street Scene. "I called our manager, said, 'I'm out,' and he said, 'Great, I'll come pick you up, and you have to load in equipment for tonight and do a sound check at 1:45.' I had just about enough time to wash...and get to the stage."

As for jailhouse food? "They serve a lot of cantaloupe."

Red Eye Gravy plays Friday, September 13, at the Ken Club in Kensington and at the Casbah in midtown on Friday, September 20.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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"Midwesterners are warm people. I went there because I wanted to explore outside of sunny San Diego."

At our meeting to discuss how her first year of college went, Tara Ricasa, 19, cracks jokes, makes faces, and seems to enjoy how her life is going. Her facial expressions, polished from a history in acting and honed by her first year as a musical theater major, light up the conversation. In shorts and a T-shirt with rolled-up sleeves, she appears the athlete she is, having been on the track team in high school.

School "UCLA school of theater, film, and television.... The weather, landscaping, and architecture are all a plus. The brick buildings give it more of an East Coast feel, a nice change here on the west side. My favorite place to relax is definitely the sculpture garden. Westwood is a good college town. It's safe, it's clean, and there are places to go and things to do.... My one major complaint is that so much construction is underway on and around campus; it limits us to the use of certain facilities and is, to put it simply, inconvenient."

Frosh vs. HS grades "My grades are still strong, but with work, school, and other factors, there's no such thing as a 4.0-plus anymore."

Crib "An apartment in downtown Los Angeles.... It's far from school. I really appreciate having the privacy of my own place and eating anytime I like. Believe it or not, it's less expensive than living on campus, too. Plus, I get to choose my own roommates. Not to mention, living in the city is pretty cool; we have an awesome view.... I'm used to the commute, but L.A. traffic is horrible at all hours of the day."

Gross! "We had a party, and my friend clogged the toilet. It overflowed, and we had to mop it up."

Hello? "I had a pretty big bill from calling home so much. My mom and I are pretty tight, so I fill her in on the ever-changing story of my life."

Lonely? "During the day I would go to the beach or go for a run. At night I would stare

out the window at the stars, write in my journal, or cuddle up with this giant stuffed dog that my mom bought me especially for such times."

Hubba-hubba "...we didn't get involved until right before school ended. We were both cast in a show for a student advocacy group on campus, and that's how we met. He was a third-year English ma-

jor and coincidentally also from San Diego. The relationship was short-lived, but it was a valuable learning experience."

Parental static "My parents have always been very supportive. The only time they stress me out at all is when they try to give me reminders about things on my checklist, but I know they are only trying to be helpful."

Main food "Junk, stuff out of the vending machines."

E-Z booze "Usually there's at least a cooler at any party."

UCLA's popular drugs "Um, alcohol, marijuana, alcohol, and marijuana."

Song of the year "'Inaudible Melodies' on the album *Brushfire Fairytales*... Jack Johnson."

Fresh memory "Cruising along the highway in my car with friends."

Advice "Don't be lazy. Remember that you are fortunate to be in a system of higher education. Oh yeah, and don't drink on an empty stomach."

Inside the Barnes & Noble on Mira Mesa Boulevard, Tammy Zhou, 18, reclines in a wooden chair by the store windows. She comes here to study for her summer classes at UCSD.

Zhou went shopping earlier and changed into her new clothes right off the rack — a tan pin-striped ruffle shirt and dark stretch jeans. Her hair appears as though she just stepped out of a salon, feathered and flipped out at the ends.

School "Stanford.... I like how everyone there is very intelligent but they're not presumptuous. They don't flaunt it. I like how different it is from high school."

Overnight you get there and you can have fun friendships and relationships but still have serious conversations.... I knew I had to stay in California. I like that every-

one has their abnormal quirks here, and it makes it interesting. But I don't like that Palo Alto is so suburban, and Stanford doesn't let freshmen have cars."

Frosh vs. HS grades "About the same."

Crib "A dorm, we get guaranteed housing for four years.... I had a wonderful RA [resident advisor]. She gave us candy. People in our dorm were really cool, and we had a great Xbox and played till 6 a.m.... The most annoying thing was that when you bike to class, it's all downhill, and so you get to class on time and your professors are happy. But when you come back from class and you're tired and famished, it's all uphill and you're late for dinner."

Gross! "These girls down the hall always had the habit of leaving their trays of uneaten bits of food out in the hallway. And one night one of the guys on our floor was really intoxicated, so he urinated into the tray. It was still there for, like, a month because no one wanted to touch it. After that the RA got really annoyed, so to teach the girls a lesson, she unlocked their door and put the tray on one of their beds — they never discussed it again."

Hello? "I called my friends. I stayed in touch with them. I'd call one friend once a month for, like, three hours."

Lonely? "No, there was always someone to talk to, something to study. You were always too busy to be lonely."

Hubba-hubba "...It's over. The first one I met at a dance where I was set up with him. He was



Tammy Zhou



Tara Ricasa

from San Diego. The second one was in my dorm, and he was from Northern California."

Parental static "They didn't actually stress me out, but I felt pressured to do well because I was aware of how much they were spending on me and how they had high hopes for me."

Main food "Crap food. Domino's pizza. I could never make it to dinner, so I always order out."

E-Z booze "Oh yeah, at parties.... I got intoxicated once, on a very small amount of alcohol. It felt horrible, and I have no tolerance, so I don't think I'll drink for a while.... It's more fun to go to parties sober so you remember every stupid thing everyone does and the fun time you had."

Stanford's popular drugs "Alcohol, marijuana, and that's about it, all generously supplied by the residents of the 'Enchanted Broccoli Forest.' It's the 'alternative' dorm."

Song of the year "'Going Back to Cali'... Notorious B.I.G. [version]."

Fresh memory "Hmmm... Me screaming and running down the hall with a wooly trench coat on being chased by an insane CS [computer science] major brandishing a water gun."

Advice "Try to take classes that you're interested in. You don't have to decide your major right away. Don't let parents pressure you too much. This is your life. You're going to be stuck with it. If you're interested in something, take a class in it, and that way you'll find out a career choice. It's the last time you'll be able to choose to do something you like."

At almost 10 p.m. on a weeknight, Michael Hoaglin, 19, says he's willing to be interviewed. Even after a day at his summer job at Scripps Clinic and before he heads to the gym for a workout, he smiles when asked if he's too tired. He says it's only a 45-minute workout, and he has time to talk. So in his gym shorts and an old T-shirt, he takes a seat.

School "Northwestern University.... The people and the atmosphere are more like a private, smaller college. And Midwesterners are very warm people. I went there because I felt I wanted to explore outside of sunny San Diego. I like to branch out of my comfort zone. It also has a great engineering program, and the music program is very good. And Evanston's a great town, eight miles north of Chicago.... Being from San Diego all my life, it was tough to adjust to really painfully cold and windy days. Many days I was riding my bike to class and my fingers froze. No matter how much

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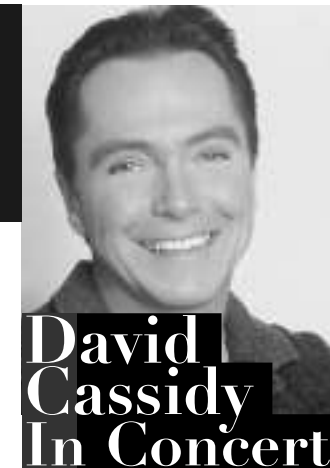
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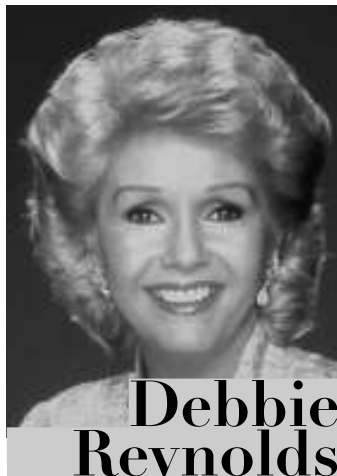
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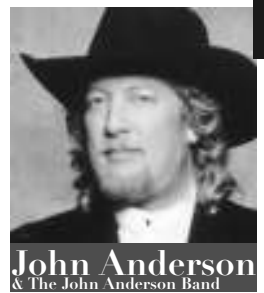
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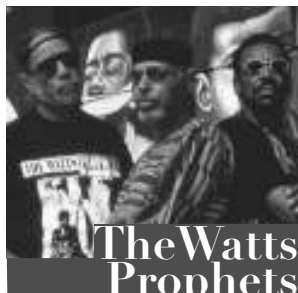
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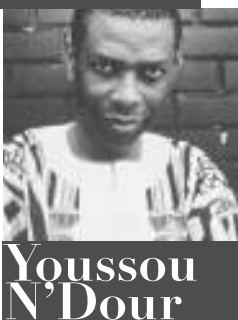
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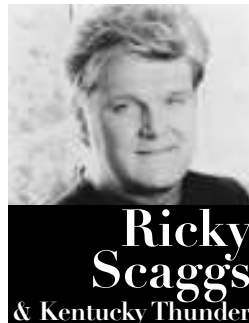
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clothing you put on, the wind just cuts right through.”

Frosh vs. HS grades “I’m working harder than I did in high school, but my GPA is around a 3.6. The tech classes are killer, and I took two honors classes in engineering, just to see if I could hack it.”

Crib “It was a nice dorm in a suite system, but also my girlfriend lived two doors down from me, which was very convenient.... My particular dorm was far from my classes, and from my fraternity house. And the food in my dorm was pretty bad. It got a 71 [out of 100] on the health inspection. I [ate there] until I read those inspection results in the school newspaper. I then usually went to the other dorms on the other end of campus that got a 99 on the inspection, or I ate out sometimes. I didn’t want to ingest cockroaches or other vermin.”

Gross! “I was rushing the Delta Upsilon fraternity house, and they were eating boxes full of White Castle hamburgers — they’re these little tiny burgers — as an eating contest, and they then induced their own vomit, so that was pretty gross.”

Hello? “Being an engineering student, I like to build things, but I built my computer by calling all over the country for parts and [the phone bill] ended up being a couple hundred bucks. [The computer] ended up costing about \$1000 so I saved a bit, but I should’ve made all those calls to build it from San Diego instead of Evanston.”

Lonely? “I sometimes felt lonely because I was the only guy in my dorm who had honors classes, so I didn’t have anyone I could turn to for homework help. And my roommate went to bed really early every night, so I would be up doing homework alone.”



Michael Hoaglin

Hubba-hubba “Right away. We just kind of clicked.... We met on move-in day, she came by to say hi, and we just hung out during new-student week. We went to a party that turned out to be lame, so we took a walk along Lake Michigan and then went to have iced mochas at the local coffee shop, Kafein.”

Parental static “Not too much. During the school year, they insisted on me calling them every Sunday night at 7 p.m. and sent money every month and asked how I was doing. My mom asked if I was eating well and staying warm, so I really can’t complain.”

Main food “Mostly dining-hall food and the tech building had a tech express café. Evanston also had some good places to eat.”

E-Z booze “Yes, if I asked a brother in my fraternity house or someone with a fake ID, or at parties.... I asked my friend to buy a bottle of champagne for after my fraternity’s formal to impress my date.”

Northwestern’s popular drugs “Alcohol, marijuana, AOL instant messenger, and cell phones.”

Song of the year “I’d have to say that anything by Coldplay, because it’s good to mellow out to between working hard and playing hard.”

Fresh memory “Long hours of studying, a fair amount of partying, and a romantic relationship.”

Advice “Get your work done, but have some time to unwind on the weekends. Get to know as many people as you can because it’s your only chance to be immersed in a fun learning experience that is the best four years of your life.... And if you want to party all the time, don’t do engineering.”

As an employee of the High Country West Rec Club in Rancho Bernardo, McKenna Fuller, 18, has worked 10 to 12 hours a day for most of the summer. Her hair is pulled back in a braid, skin tanned from months of working as a lifeguard and swim teacher. She says she can’t wait until summer is over and she can get back to college. Her sense of humor prevails throughout our conversation, even as she greets each club member who walks through the front gate.

School “UC Santa Cruz.... I love it because it’s beautiful and it’s kind of like the mountain atmosphere with redwoods, but with a beach view.... [But] it’s huge, and the campus is too spread out.

Frosh vs. HS grades “They were about the

same with the exception of first quarter. I took computer science and calculus, and I didn’t know how hard the classes were going to be, so it was kind of an overload.”

Crib “Dorms. It was close to everybody and was a very social atmosphere.... Sometimes being so close to everybody wasn’t so pleasant.”

Gross! “I walked up on my neighbor having sex in another neighbor’s room, so neither of them lived in the room they were in.”

Hello? “I talked to friends about random stuff. It cost me about \$90 to \$100 every six weeks.”

Lonely? “Yeah. I just called my friends.”

Hubba-hubba “[We met] at a gas station in San Diego.”

Parental static “Sometimes, yeah. They just hassled me about everything. They’d further emphasize what I’d already be stressed out about.”

Main food “Cup O’ Noodle bowls, Easy Mac, anything you could cook in a microwave. And I really like the tuna-salad sandwiches from the dining hall.”

E-Z booze “Yes... [in] my fridge.”

UCSC’s popular drugs “Marijuana, weed, pot... No, just kidding. But seriously, it’s marijuana, mushrooms, and basically anything natural. Santa Cruz has an ‘If it doesn’t grow, just say no’ policy.”

Song of the year “‘American Girl’...Tom Petty.”

Fresh memory “The first time my best friend, who goes to San Francisco State, came down to visit me at school. It was a very memorable evening and a bonding experience as well.”

Advice “Don’t take computer science and always use protection.”



McKenna Fuller

Wendy Fu, 19, wears a pink sequined tank top, jeans, and flip-flop sandals. Her arm-length black hair is left down and unfettered. She fits in in San Diego, but her Texas roots are revealed in her love of country singer Brad Paisley. A wave of giggles follows each of her responses.

School “UC Berkeley.... It’s really diverse. You meet so many different types of people, and most of them are really cool. It’s a challenge. You learn so many different perspectives.

Nowhere else can so many students be actually enthralled by an old white crazy man who has blue hair and rainbow Converse shoes who rants on and on about his complaints about the world.... [But] it’s super-duper ghetto. It sometimes feels unsafe. And sometimes it’s a little too competitive and sometimes too hard to get the good grades. Housing is ridiculously overpriced.”

Frosh vs. HS grades “The high school grades that I got were a lot higher.”

Crib “A dorm.... [I like] not having to deal with paying the bills or worrying about food yourself. Also in the dorm you get to meet so many people and make so many friends right from the start.... The fact that you had no privacy or very little privacy was bad.”

Gross! “Sex in the showers... I saw both of them go into the same stall at the same time and then both of them come out at the same time.”

Lonely? “Not in the dorms, no.... There were just always people to talk to.”

Parental static “A little bit, just trying to get me to do one major when I wanted to do another.”

Main food “Dorm food and chicken.”

E-Z booze “Yes, parties and people with fake IDs would get you some, or people over 21.”

UC Berkeley’s popular drugs “Pot, pot, pot, and ecstasy.”

Song of the year “‘I Will Survive’...Gloria Gaynor.”

Fresh memory “Being in the dorms and sitting in the hall talking with people.”

Advice “Be as social as possible and join whatever clubs interest you. Be outgoing and try and meet new people, but at the same time, don’t spread yourself too thin. Remember to leave plenty of time for your studies.” ■



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Light-Toned Blow

Warne Marsh dropped dead just before Christmas in 1987 while playing "Out of Nowhere" at a club called Dante's.

Bits and Pieces: I've been trawling down at the Music Emporium of late and came up with a number of treats, some new, used, borrowed, blue, out of print, and so forth. A couple I've been looking for — and looking for without any luck — for years.

My favorite Steve Lacy album is his 1960 collection *The Straight Horn of Steve Lacy*, originally issued by Candid, then reissued by Black Lion. Candid enjoyed a brief, splendid existence in the early '60s, the brainchild of jazz writer and connoisseur Nat Hentoff. In a few years of its existence, Hentoff and Candid produced some 30 blues and jazz albums, including work by Max Roach, Cecil Taylor, Lightnin' Hopkins, Booker Ervin, Otis Spann, Abby Lincoln, and Charles Mingus, a handful of them classics, including these Lacy sides.

Lacy leads a pianoless quartet on this date, with Charles Davis on baritone sax, John Ore on bass, and Roy Haynes on drums. Lacy, who was to be obsessed with the music of Thelonious Monk both before and after this session, dispensed with piano on this occasion to give himself a bit of distance from the Mad Monk, perhaps see where he could go without all that piano in his head. But Lacy never strays very far from Monk, or at least at this juncture in his career, making use of the bass and drummer in what was Monk's then working sextet. Lacy borrowed Charles Davis for his other horn from Kenny Dorham's band at the time. The model for the group's makeup was an unusual two-horn quartet Jimmy Giuffre had been leading at the Five Spot in New York, with Giuffre on tenor and clarinet and Lacy on soprano sax.

Apart from the distinctive group sound and superb playing, what I've always enjoyed about

this particular album is its program of compositions, including two Cecil Taylor pieces, two Monk tunes, and Charlie Parker's "Donna Lee."



Steve Lacy

The Taylor pieces are given fascinating readings by Lacy. The soprano saxophonist, who had not long before been an exponent of the Dixieland style, had been playing and recording with Taylor for several years, an alarmingly demanding and instructive entrée into the wilder frontiers of contemporary jazz improvisation. I've always especially been captivated by Lacy's liltingly melodic version of Taylor's "Louise." But even more so, I'm taken by the affinities among the works of Parker, Monk, and

Taylor, that Lacy, in his harmonic and melodic excavations, has unearthed.

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There was quite a lot of light-toned horn playing, à la Steve Lacy, in the '50s and early '60s. I suppose the prototype, the

ur-sound, would have been Lester Young on tenor, whose nimble, dancing, legato style so contrasted with the black

earth and mahogany sonorities of saxophonists like Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, and Herschel Evans and their epigones. We tend to identify this light, "cool" sound with West Coast reed players like Gerry Mulligan, Bill Perkins, Jimmy Giuffre, Jack Montrose, Richie Kamuca, among others.

But the sound's origins more properly belong in Manhattan in the late '40s, in a room behind a Chinese laundry, and among its midwives would have been Mulligan, Gil Evans, Lee Konitz, John Lewis, and Miles Davis, several of whom formerly played with the Claude Thornhill orchestra. Another laboratory for the cool sound

would have been further downtown with Lenny Tristano and his acolytes, one of whom Tristano would lure from the Chinese laundry apartment, Lee Konitz, who remains in his 75th year one of the most innovative and esteemed reedmen of his era. Another sax player under Tristano's tutelage was Warne Marsh, who dropped dead just before Christmas in 1987 while playing "Out of Nowhere" at a club called Dante's in L.A.

Marsh was a retiring, soft-spoken sort, in a heartless business with no shortage of brash self-promoters and cutthroat operators. His reputation was then — and remains — limited largely to other jazz artists and students of the music. Over time, I suspect, he will come to be valued as one of the most brilliant improvisers of his era.

These sides on the Wave label were originally issued in 1967 and have very recently been reissued. They consist of sessions recorded at bassist Peter Ind's Manhattan studio in 1959 and '60. Although there is a rhythm section on hand, it is there only nominally, with bassist Ind as the most prominent secondary instrument, and a distant second at that. This disc is a collection, essentially, of Marsh solos, originally issued on LP in 1967 and now reissued on CD. The original recording was in stereo, and these remastered analog tapes enjoy excellent

sound, especially given the modest recording circumstances.

Marsh was a linear improviser, in the manner of those schooled in the Tristano method. His improvisations are mainly melodic, in contrast to the beboppers who favored chordal improvisation. Marsh makes use of long, looping lines that make mock of the bar lines. His rhythms and meters are

complex and unpredictable, likewise his harmonies. His music models would appear to be as much the Baroque, in particular Bach, as jazz. Marsh, like a number of West Coast jazzmen, was fascinated by counterpoint.

Marsh, because of his relative anonymity, has an erratic, generally sparse discography. His superb sessions with Lee Konitz are usually available, either under Marsh or Konitz, customarily the latter. But there is a smattering of

Marsh to be found out there, not necessarily as leader, and when Marsh is on board, the sessions are usually at a high level and worth grabbing.

One good place to listen to Marsh in mixed company is on Art Pepper's album *The Way It Was*, a collection of sides the soloist recorded as

leader for Contemporary records between 1956 and 1960. There are six sides with Marsh on tenor, trading licks and making arabesques with Mr. Pepper.

Counterpoint as much as the light tone is the signature quality of West Coast ensemble horn playing. Pepper has what might more properly be identified as a refined or

burnished tone than a necessarily light tone. Apart from the shimmery convolutions Pepper and Marsh bring off together, the altoist played in a variety of formats over a relatively long career so saturated by drugs and related troubles that his autobiography *Straight Life* is probably as compelling in its way as his health and distinguished recorded output.

Pepper recorded with a second saxophone on only three occasions in a quintet format, at least that I know of. With Marsh in '56, with Zoot Sims in 1981, and with tenorman Jack Montrose on Pepper's first date as leader in 1952-'53, *Surf Ride*. This is *echt* West Coast, contemporary with the celebrated Mulligan/Baker group, often given credit for defining the West Coast sound with deft, airy interactions between horns. The past couple of years I have repeatedly heard tracks from *Surf Ride*, first in a particular used bookstore, then a café. On each occasion I asked the proprietor or clerk what music was playing. Finally, I decided to pony up the \$14.99 plus tax, and no regrets. ■

Steve Lacy, *The Straight Horn of Steve Lacy* (Candid CD 9007)

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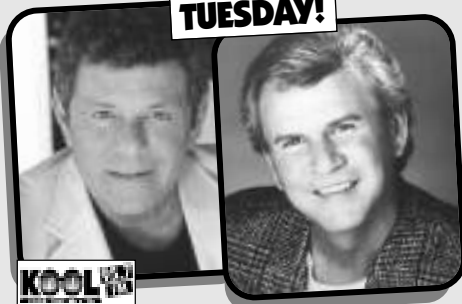
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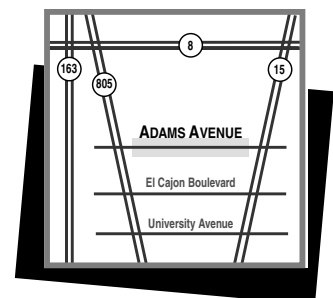
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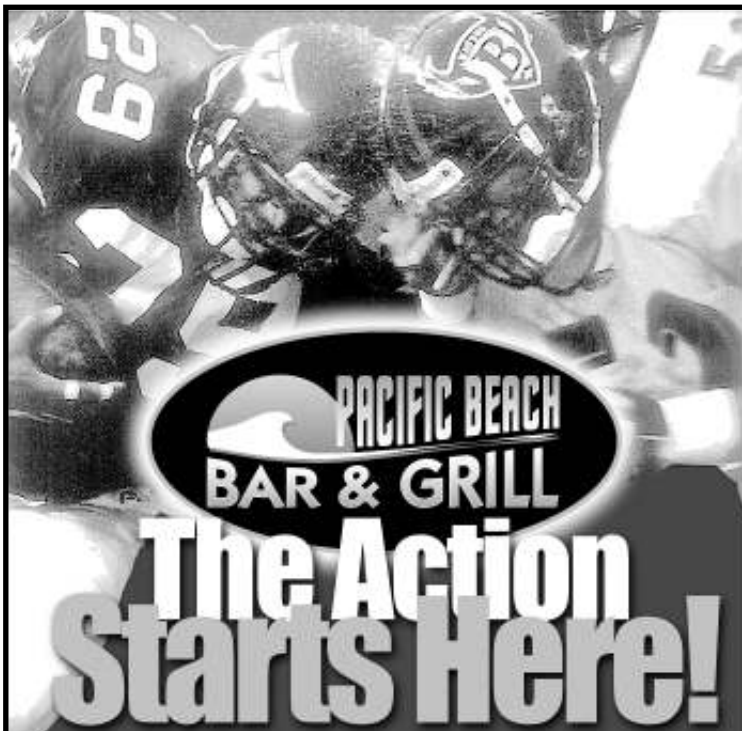
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Switchfoot [103] and **Pax 217:** The
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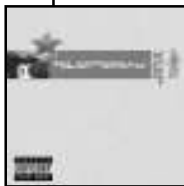
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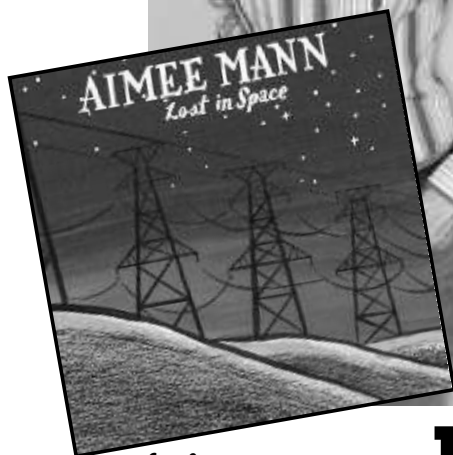
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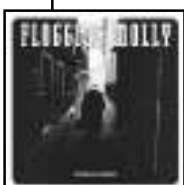
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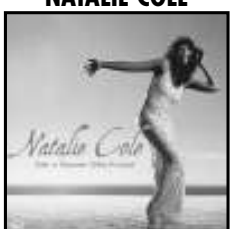
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The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion [126], the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, and the **Liars:** The Scene, Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

Derek Bailey and **George Lewis:** Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, October 5, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Public Enemy [183]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Jimmy Eat World [475], the **Donnas,** and **No Knife [309]:** Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

No Use For a Name [216], Yellowcard, the **Eyeliners,** and **Gob:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, October 7, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Luciano [730]: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, October 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Bright Eyes and **M Ward:** The Scene, Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 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, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Creed, Sevendust, and **12 Stone:** Cox Arena, Friday, October 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Jack Johnson and **G. Love & Special Sauce:** RIMAC Arena, Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

“Countryfest II” with **Willie Nelson [788], Lonestar [791], Phil Vassar, Shedaisy, Chris Cagle, Emerson Drive,** and **Cyndi Thompson:** Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 13, 3 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Patty Griffin [839]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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 [153] and **Mad at Gravity:** 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.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]: 4th & B, Friday, October 18, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Bob Dylan & His Band [563]: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 19, 8 p.m., SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 19, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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.

Enrique Iglesias and **Soluna:** San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 23, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 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.

Jets to Brazil: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

NOVEMBER

Merle Haggard [774]: 4th & B, Sunday, November 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Glassjaw: The Scene, Sunday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 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.

Hoobastank and **Greenwheel:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 11, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 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.

The Young Dubliners [438]: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, November 15, and Saturday, November 16, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

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ALTERNATIVE

Afu-Ra: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Amazing Radio Prophets: Tio
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The Amazing Transparent Man:
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Audio Karate: Epicentre

Azure Ray: The Casbah

Big Blue Monkey: Club Xanth

The Big Provider: Winstons

Blue Days: The Playhouse

Blue Spring: The Casbah

Boon Companion: Java Joe's
Coffeehouse

Broken Spindles: The Casbah

Tom Brousseau: Java Joe's
Coffeehouse, Blind Melons

Buckfast Superbee [119]: The
Casbah

Bunky: The Casbah

Channel: Club Xanth

Cheeky Monkey: Blind Melons

The Color Red: The Scene

Convergence: Borders Books & Music
(El Cajon), Borders Books & Music
(Gaslamp)

Counterfit: The Scene

Crime In America: Dream Street

The Damn Dirty Apes: Winstons

Death on Wednesday: The Scene

Deceit: The Playhouse

Decidely So: California Club

Denali: The Casbah

Desa: Epicentre

d.fRost [389]: The Casbah

Disappointing Joseph: 'Canes Bar
and Grill

Dismissed: The Scene

The Displaced: The Casbah

The Doll Factory: Brick By Brick

Drive Pin: Blind Melons

Elbow: The Casbah

Ender: Club Xanth

Epidemic: The Scene

EXP: Blind Melons

Five Speed: The Scene

The Forces of Evil: Epicentre

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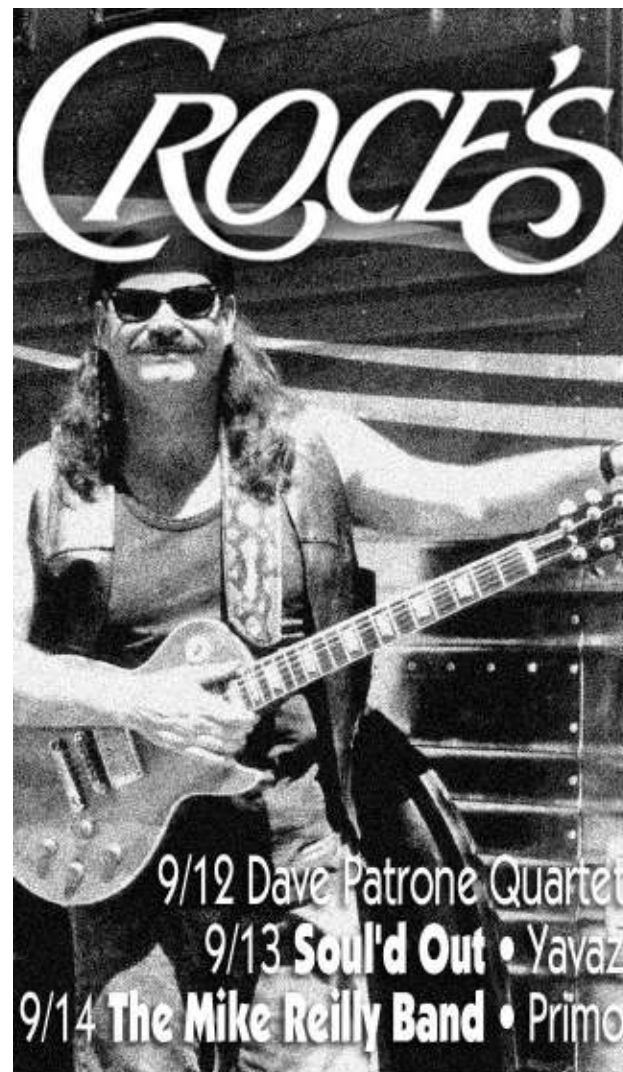
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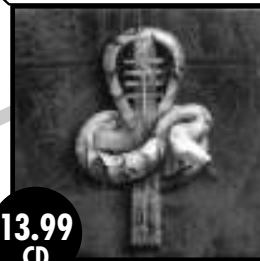
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EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort

Stretcher: Blind Melons

Swillbelly: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Swine: The Playhouse

Tainted Love: 'Canes Bar and Grill

The Thought Experiment: Dream Street

Urban Evergreen [406]: Blind Melons

Viva Santana: Humphrey's

West of 5: Dick's Last Resort

Wilco [466]: 4th & B

Willie: Tiki House

Winky: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Coco Loco: Dick's Last Resort

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

The Jackson 3: Fat Katz

Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and Grill

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Makai: Humphrey's

The Mix: Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge

NRG: Dick's Last Resort

Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]: The Westgate Hotel

Steel Wave: The Raintree

Superfunk Fantasy: Henry's Pub

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

Afinity: Il Forno

Agua Dulce [711]: Brick By Brick

The B-3 Three: Bayou Bar & Grill

The B-Side Players [649]: Winstons

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Lori Bell [666]: Inn L'Auberge

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The Gilbert Castellanos Quartet:
Juke Joint Cafe

Mike Cea: The Beach House

Judy Chamberlain: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

Cold Fusion: Victor's Restaurant & Bar, Bayou Bar & Grill

The Cradit Union: Neimans Bar and Grill

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Aubrey Fay: Juke Joint Cafe

Donnie Finnell & Company East:
Bistro 221

Glen Fisher con Alma /638/: Croce's Jazz Bar

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House, Robbie's Roadhouse

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

The Frank Gamble Trio: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Hollis Gentry /644/: Croce's Jazz Bar

Dora Hall & Mixed Company:
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Inner Voyage: Bayou Bar & Grill

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The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

The David Mosby Trio: Bayou Bar & Grill

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Francisco Ojeda: Bayou Bar & Grill

Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's Coronado Bay Resort

John Opferkuch: Inn L'Auberge

Sue Palmer /641/: Juke Joint Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

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Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

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Tricia: Bayou Bar & Grill

Trio du Jour: The Raintree, The Beach House

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Tutto Mare

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Paul Viani: Dizzy's

Dave Warren's New Jazz: Il Forno

Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations /732/: Belly Up Tavern, Buffalo Joe's

The Mighty Diamonds /741/: Belly Up Tavern

Quino: Humphrey's

Semisi & Fulabula /747/: The Beach House

Shine Eye: Buffalo Joe's

Star Shak: Henry's Pub

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Coyote Moon: Magnolia Mulvaney's

Bob Duffy: Borders Books and Music (Mission Valley)

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Ace Boon: Robbie's Roadhouse

The Acoustified Experience:
Hennessey's (Gaslamp)

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Greg Brown /838/: Epicentre

Joe Byrnes: Hennessey's (Gaslamp)

Caren Campbell: Java Joe's Coffeehouse

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ACOUSTIC / FOLK

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Nic & Friends: Robbie's Roadhouse

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Nick Perpich: Fat Katz

Brian Porterfield: Chasers Lounge

Ben Powell: Jim Kelly's

Tristan Prettyman: Java Joe's Coffeehouse

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Satish & Dan: La Costa Coffee Roasting Co.

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The Strange Woods /821/: The Camelot Inn

Leigh Taylor: The Metaphor Coffeehouse

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Gene Warren: The Camelot Inn, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Peggy Watson /841/: Borders Books & Music (Carmel Mountain)

Steve White /875/: Jim Kelly's

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Johnny B.: Patrick's II

Bayou Bros.: Patrick's II

Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Blue Frog & Company: Buffalo Joe's

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BY DAVE GOOD

Minus Kid Ramos (the muscle-bound guitarist is out, **Troy Gonyea** is in), the **Fabulous Thunderbirds** don't sound much different. The current lineup also includes **Jimi Bott** on drums and bassist **Ronnie James**; otherwise, it's business as usual. Founder **Kim Wilson**'s sock-hop baritone, valued by Muddy Waters for its power and grit, still fronts the band. Always a good listen and generally underappreciated, their fan base has hovered at something around cult status for years. The T-Birds were founded in 1974 when Wilson moved to Austin and linked with Jimmie Vaughan; to this day, the band is best known for their dark radio single "Tuff Enuff." The T-Birds are basically a traditional Texas blues outfit, with atmosphere drawn from Little Walter and T-Bone Walker and blended with large doses of '50s R&B, soul, and guitar beef.

And that may be what keeps the Fabulous Thunderbirds in check. The blues almost always demands that one trade innovation for style gridlock.

Sharing the bill is **Lavay Smith**, who has both a look and a sound that glides like raw silk on skin. Or smolders, at times, like Bessie Smith or Ella Mae Morse. She and her band are pure vintage vibe from the '30s and '40s, pre-bop glamour in a pushup bra and a cheetah jacket. *down beat* magazine gave Smith's sassy, big-lipped singing four and a half stars. A bit of a time machine, Lavay Smith keeps company with the **Red Hot Skillet Lickers**, an eight-piece horn band that put her onto the *Billboard* jazz charts for 20 straight weeks, reaching the top 10. Along with lush vocal jazz arrangements that have heavy touches of swing and jump blues, the Skillet Lickers can also blow the doors off songs that are a good 70 years old. And as for Smith's pinup vamp semblance, *Los Angeles* magazine voted her one of the 101 Sexiest People of 1999, a factor that may have helped bring her to the



attention of then-president Bill Clinton. "I love this band!" he once said.

(To hear a sample of the **Fabulous Thunderbirds**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4483. To hear a sample of **Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers**, punch in ext. 4672.)

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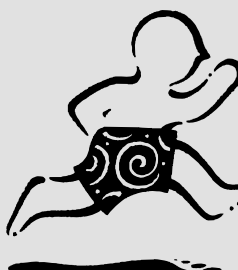
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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*. Friday, *Dirk Debonair* and *the Yacht Lizards*.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm. Thursday, *Mike Cea*, jazz duo. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic. Sunday, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 pm, *the Mighty Diamonds* with *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, reggae. Friday, 9:15 pm, *the Samples* and *Tom Ashkins*. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *the Samples* and *Janah*. Wednesday, *the Maroon 5*, *Scapegoat Wax*, and *the Peak Show*, alternative.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Footloose*, rock and roll. Saturday, *the McNallys*, rock.

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.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Music is blues. Thursday, call club for information. Friday and Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, pop. Sunday and Monday, *Nick Perpitch*. Tuesday, *In4Rhythm*. Wednesday, *Blue Label*.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Inn L'Auberge, 1440 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-259-1515. Friday, *Lori Bell*, *Ron Satterfield*, and *John Opferkuch*, jazz.

Jim Kelley's, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9800. Thursday, 8 pm, *Ben Powell*. Friday, 9 pm, *Steve White*, acoustic blues. Saturday, 9 pm, *Blue Funk*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *the Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Secret Weapon*, blues.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *Linda Sargent*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, Saturday, and Wednesday, call club for information. Sunday, *El Jardin*, Latin rock.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, Saturday, *Steel Wave*, contemporary. Saturday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Thursday, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing. Friday, *Blue Funk*. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues. Sunday, *Ace Boon*. Monday, *Nic & Friends*, folk. Wednesday, *Nathan James*, blues.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, *the Big Sound*. Saturday, *the Free-Range Chickens*, rock.

BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Stretcher*, *Honey Bucket*, and *EXP*, rock. Friday, *ir*, *Divided by Zero*, and *the Butta Beats*. Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm, *Winky*; 7:30 pm, *Urban Evergreen*, *the Fryday Band*, and *Drive Pin*, rock. Sunday, *Cheeky Monkey*, *Tom Brosseau*, *the Neverly Brothers*, and *Shelly's Om*. Wednesday, *Alfred Howard & the K-23 Orchestra*, hip-hop.

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

I've never been a big fan of alt-country rock — sounds too much like classic rock to me — so I stayed away from **Wilco** for years, even as bandleader **Jeff Tweedy** all but claimed the crown of the New Dylan. But while I wasn't listening, Wilco's music turned into something with only the faintest of similarities to country. I know this because, after the release of *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* earlier this year, the chorus of Wilco worshipers grew too big to ignore. So I convinced my friend Corndog to supply me with her collection, and I tried to get up to date.

Corndog is a Wilco fan, but she is no fool. She said *Summerteeth* is subpar and that *YHF* isn't as dramatic a departure as

some people said. And I agree with her. *YHF* may be one of the few albums in history that is more famous for the shenanigans surrounding its release than for the music — Reprise Records rejected it and Wilco fought to break contract before selling it to Nonesuch Records. Both Reprise and Nonesuch are subsidiaries of AOL Time Warner, which means the suits paid for the album twice. (No wonder that company's in such trouble.) Also, Tweedy's longtime collaborator, Jay Bennett, was kicked out of the band after the album was completed.

Nonetheless, the music is much talked about because it uses a surprising amount of electronic trickery. But even at its noisiest, *YHF* just makes me think of the Beatles' white album or "A Day in the Life." Like I said, classic rock. But Wilco's good enough to rejuvenate that tired radio term: this really is music for the ages.



WILCO

The **Minus Five** open. (To hear a sample of *Wilco*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4466.)

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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, *Other Natural Flavors*, *Kramer's Rule*, *Lualta*, and *Swillbelly*. Friday, *Tainted Love*. Tuesday, *Pharcyde*, *the High & Mighty*, *Afu-Ra*, and *the Icons*. Wednesday, *Nero*, *Fuzzi-Huzzi*, *Something Else*, *Disappointing Joseph*, and *Sneak Oil Revival*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Pink Floyd*, rock. Saturday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Rockola* and *Lisa Campbell Band*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Ché Cafe, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday, *Neo in Cali*, alternative.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Girth*, *Grindtones*, and *Salim Sivaad's Szyggy*. Friday, *Gladys Patches*, *Futyle*, *Nativ Flux*, and *Overcome by One*. Saturday, *the Abuse*, *the Thought Experiment*,

and *Man Minus Label*. Wednesday, *Crime In America*, *Fought Out*, and *Open Trench*.

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.

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, *Boon Companion*, *Jefferson Jay*, and *Omar*. Friday, *Joey Harris*, *Paul Kamanski*, and *Caren Campbell*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Tristan Prettyman* and *White Buffalo*. Sunday, 10 am, *Tom Brousseau*, folk.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano

variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Fogle*, piano and vocals.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Willy*. Friday, *City Monk*, rock. Saturday, *Surf Report* and special guest. Sunday, open acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay: 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, *the Unfaithfuls*, and guests. Friday, 9 pm, *the Frank Gamble Trio* with *Cold Fusion*. Saturday, 9 pm, *Led Zepagain* and *Round About*, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *Electrovi*, rock. Friday, *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz. Saturday, *Tea Leaf*

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SAN DIEGO

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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live music. Sunday, *Steelin' Tin*, folk. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *Bad Credit* and *Larger Than Life*, rock/alternative.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, *Bob Duffy*, country.

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Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *the*
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Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue
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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010
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Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue,
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Friday, *La Dulce Beat*. Saturday, *the*
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O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub,
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The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue,
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Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative.
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Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied
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The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon
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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams
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The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa
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dent that the band has
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bines infectious melody lines
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the songs' messages seem
insignificant. In track five,
entitled "Dance MF," frontman
Seth Torma angrily sings,
"The same / the same / the
same / who's gotta feeling
that things are changing / the
same / the same / the same /
who's gotta feeling that things



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Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Peter Sprague*, and

friends, jazz. Saturday, 8:45 pm to 11:30 pm, *Gary LeFebvre* with *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz. Sunday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Paul Viani*, jazz quartet.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, *Wilco* with *the Minus 5*, alternative. Saturday, *Musiq* with *Slum Village*.

Hajji Baba, 1065 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-595-7887. Thursday, 7:30 pm, salsa. Friday and Saturday, international music.

Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp), 801 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-615-ROCK. Thursday, *Alfred Howard & the 23K Orchestra* with *Tiger's Temple*, hip-hop.

Hennessey's, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. Thursday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Friday, *the Late Late Show*, swing, rockabilly. Saturday, *the Acoustified Experience*. Sunday, open mike.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 6:30 pm, *Masterpiece*, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, *Mystique*. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, *the Soul Revue*.

Juke Joint Cafe, 327 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-SOUL. Bistro: Thursday, 7 pm to 11 pm, *the Gilbert Castellanos Quartet*, Latin jazz. Friday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Sue Palmer*, jazz, 7:30 pm, *Shelle*, blues. Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Aubrey Fay*, jazz. Sunday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

The New Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Avenue (between Broadway and C Street), downtown. 619-232-6141. Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio*.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Thursday, *Bill Magee*. Friday, *Jimmy Woodard and the Swingin' Kings*. Saturday, *Teresa*



MUSIC ► mostly punk bands, but occasionally pop, jazz, blues, goth, acoustic, indie, rock, and electronic
SPECIAL NIGHTS ► Friday, 11 p.m. – 4 a.m.: '80s night. Saturday, midnight to 4 a.m.: Goth-industry night

CLIENTELE ► this is an all-age venue, age range the night I was there: 12 to 40, average age 18, 90% white; 50% female

COVER ► some shows free, usually \$3 during the week, \$5 on weekends

HOURS ► 7 p.m. – 11 p.m., Sunday through Thursday (except for special nights)

DRINKS ► no alcohol; sodas are \$1, energy drinks (Red Bull) \$3, juices \$2

FOOD ► sandwiches (\$2.50), hot dogs, pizza, nachos, and candy; six

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gumball machines (two were empty)

ACCESS ► only street parking, but easy-to-find spots

DRESS ► casual; manager says, "No flip-flops or tank tops, or anything gang affiliated"; saw T-shirts that read "YMCA," "Emarica," and "Tool"

DANCE FLOOR ► none, but the room is 100' by 100'

BATHROOMS ► clean, trash can overflowing (recycling bin by outside door); one urinal, one toilet, and lots of graffiti: "FAH," "You've gotta do whatever it takes," lots of writing I can't read, and a marijuana leaf

CAPACITY ► 299 ("There are 124 places to sit," the manager tells me)

SPECIAL AREAS ► a large lounge, 60' by 60', with seven video games, a pinball machine, air hockey, two

TV sets, and tables; smoking area in a walled section outside the club – 20' by 20' – has 25 chairs
FURNISHINGS ► metal chairs in the smoking area, the lounge looks like a giant, comfortable living room, with ten couches and a carpeted area

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 119 during first song, 128 in middle of the show (25 feet from stage) – last week McP's was 93 – the menu board lists earplugs for 50 cents

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► Penis Fly Trap
QUOTABLE ► "The singer pulled an Axl Rose – he quit the band, like, two days ago," said a teenager before the set by the Dekoys.

On the Friday night I went, around 8:45 p.m., there were 50 people. As I go to the smoking area, I'm surprised that there are only three puffing away. A petite girl approaches me. I'm wearing a Tom Petty shirt, and she says, "If

you take me to the Petty show Sunday, I'll show you my tits."
"If you were a 38D, I might have considered it."
Someone nearby said that was rude, but she just smiled and said, "I need to find a guy that's an ass man!"

The Dekoys set got the crowd going. I was watching the moshers. I felt like I was too old, especially since I was considering those earplugs at the snack bar. I was surprised that the crowd wasn't too rowdy. The manager came over and said something about "strongly encouraging parents to come with their kids." He asked about the decibel reading on my machine, and when I told him, he asked how many clubs have been louder. I said, "Yours is the loudest." He walked away with a big smile on his face.

— By Josh Board

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday and Saturday, live blues and jazz.

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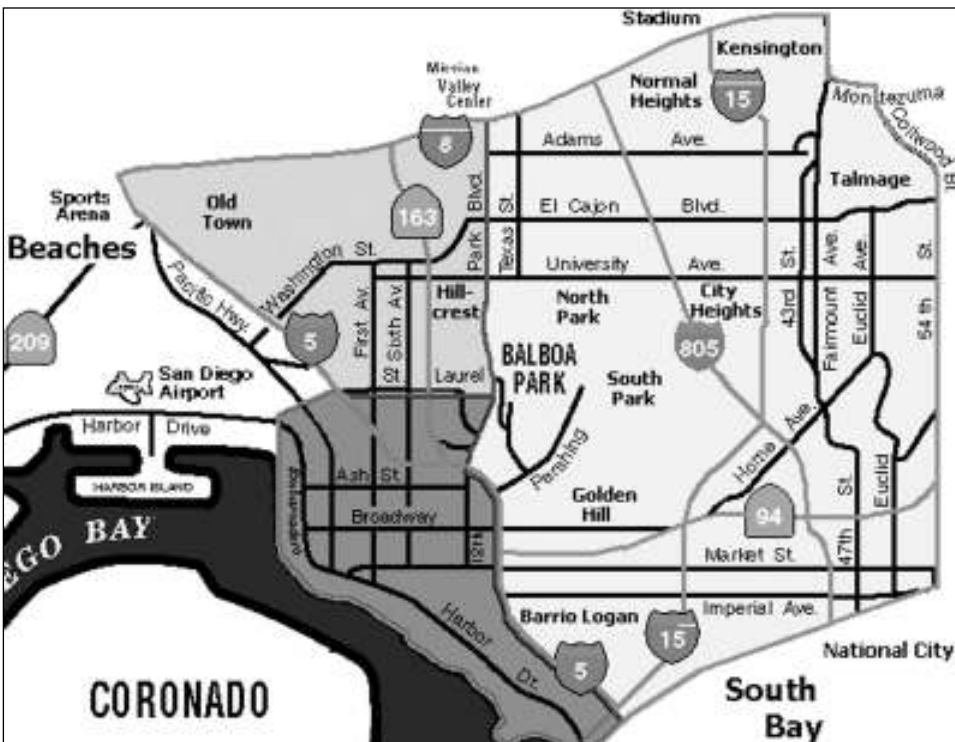
Have you ever felt confused by the area designations of our restaurant listings? I have. Who welded together Loma Portal and Mission Valley, anyway? Who decided that the wild canyons of South Park and Chollas Creek were “Downtown”? Don’t look at me.

The decisions about the area boundaries were apparently made while pterodactyls still soared over Del Cerro. Well, we’re past the Jurassic Age now, and it’s time to rearrange the boundaries to reflect present-day San Diego. This should, hopefully, make it easier for you to find nearby restaurants wherever you live, work, or travel. To inspect the new divisions in living color on the countywide map, check our website, www.SanDiegoReader.com.

Many changes are minor, just sharpening the definitions to follow the demographics. Some area boundaries have always been defined by freeways, but the new map also takes into account the effects of wider freeways and complex intersections that bisect adjoining neighborhoods. One example: It takes five easy minutes to meander by city streets from Mission Hills to Old Town — while Midway residents heading for Bazaar del Mundo have to gird their loins and cross the Great Divide of I-5. Another consideration is travel time and demographic change from downtown, as you’ll see in the boundaries of the “College/East San Diego” area.

Demographics are based on the concept that neighborhoods are largely defined by the sorts of people who live in them and (for our purposes) the types of restaurants that succeed there. For instance, small “ethnic” restaurants obviously tend to congregate in areas where there’s a concentration of residents of the same ethnicity. On the other hand, high-end restaurants serving artful, sophisticated cuisine usually “follow the money” — locating in areas favored by prosperous, free-spending visitors and in neighborhoods where residents enjoy ample disposable incomes.

Employing a bit of a “fudge factor,” the boundaries are set such that restaurants sitting right at the edge of a neighborhood line can be placed into whichever district seems the better fit for them. Some boundaries had to be “germymandered” a little to keep cities and towns



Central: light gray; Uptown: medium gray; Downtown: dark gray

intact: Even if sections of “North Coastal” Ocean-side and Carlsbad actually sprawl east of North Inland’s Vista, each of these towns remains in a single area. Let no person put asunder what the city fathers have joined together.

DOWNTOWN

Neighborhoods: Barrio Logan, Centre City, East Village, Embarcadero, Gaslamp District, Little Italy.
Boundaries: Kalmia Street on the north; National City line on the south; Park Boulevard and I-5 (in the area south of Balboa Park) on the east; San Diego Bay on the west.

The Gaslamp District is San Diego’s singles’ playground, a place to carbo-load on pasta or pubgrub and boogie the night away. The proximity to major hotels and the convention center inspires

some “serious” restaurants in this area, such as Chive and Faz. Little Italy and the Embarcadero are also thick with eateries, covering a wide range of styles and prices. But the downtown area is in for some vast changes — and a probable vast increase in restaurant numbers.

Look to downtown to become the Manhattan of San Diego, with scores of “serious” new restaurants cheek-by-jowl with clean, good-quality take-out and casual-eating joints of many ethnicities (Chinese, Italian, Greek) to feed the too-busy-to-cook new condo crowds. Already, nearly all the properties in the East Village have been sold to developers, and tall office/condo/luxury loft complexes are replacing the old SRO hotels and small businesses. The construction boom extends up to Little Italy and west to the area between the Gaslamp and the waterfront. Once

the new ballpark is built, we can probably say adios to Barrio Logan and hello to its fresh incarnation as “South of the Ballpark.” Since developers like to give catchy new names to formerly down-scale stretches they’ve razed and rebuilt, get ready for two new restaurant-rich neighborhoods — “E-Vil” and “SoBa.”

CORONADO AND SOUTH BAY

Neighborhoods: Bonita, Chula Vista, Coronado, Imperial Beach, National City, Nestor, San Ysidro.

This area has not changed on the map. Coronado has, of course, a full range of restaurants, reflecting its mixture of the prosperous residents, military personnel, and tourists. In National City, of special note is a series of malls with groceries and restaurants serving the Filipino community. Chula Vista is finally getting a scattering of interesting new eateries that are neither chains nor taquerias. As for Imperial Beach — even if many cafés are there today, gone tomorrow, you’re still sure to find something charming and unexpected.

UPTOWN AND OLD TOWN

Neighborhoods: Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Old Town, University Heights.

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CENTRAL

Neighborhoods: Chollas Creek, Chollas View, City Heights, Golden Hill, Grant Hill, Kensington, Logan Heights, Memorial Park, Mount Hope, Mountain View, Normal Heights, North Park, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, South Park, Stockton, Talmadge.
Boundaries: National City line to the south; dropoff to San Diego River Gorge to the North; just east of Collwood, 54th Street, and Euclid Avenue to the east; Park Boulevard (until it meets I-5) and (south of Balboa Park) I-5 as the western boundary.

This vast urban area is a mix-and-match. There are pockets of palatial houses (e.g., parts of Kensington, Normal Heights, and Golden Hill, the edges of Balboa Park, the rims of the canyons) near stretches of low-income housing, where large families are crammed into tiny stuccoed bungalows and shabby little apartments. From North Park and Normal Heights on down through Golden Hill, there's a considerable contingent of Bohemians of every nonconformist format from beatnik to goth. Filling in the mix are the working class, the Asian immigrants of Talmadge, and the entry-level, middle-class buying small starter homes or larger fixer-uppers. The low-density southeastern edge of Central is just waking up, boasting a brand-new Home Depot, a Costco, and some nice-looking housing in the hills just north, presaging a brighter future for Mount Hope.

With its melting-pot economics, Central lacks "serious" restaurants. This is a realm of new coffeehouses and old-timey coffee shops, of cafeterias, taquerias, and pizzerias. Its most distinctive restaurants lie in ethnic enclaves toward the south (authentic Mexican food) and the northeast (African and Southeast Asian eateries). Perhaps one day some ambitious restaurateurs may notice the leap (33 percent in the past year) in Golden Hill's home prices and decide to try and kick Central's restaurant scene a notch up.

MISSION VALLEY AND THE MESAS

Neighborhoods: Bay Park/Morena, Clairemont Mesa, Fashion Valley, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Mission Village, Montgomery Field, Serra Mesa.
Boundaries: Camino del Rio and Hotel Circle to the south; SR-52 to the north; I-15 to the east; I-5 to the west.

This is Strip Mall Country. Clairemont Mesa is Valley Girl territory, with the block of mall shops at Balboa and Clairemont Square, and where most restaurants are small, fast, and/or chain. On Kearny Mesa, the ethnicity of the food depends on whether you make a right turn or a left turn into a strip mall parking lot. Asian groceries and tchotchke markets

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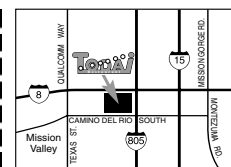
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predominate, along with restaurants serving the cuisines of China, Japan, and Korea. Head further south to Linda Vista for Vietnamese food. But the incoherence of the disconnected strip malls — and the terrors of crossing fast-moving Convoy Street — obliterate any sense of the exotic and most of the pleasures of strolling. (It ain't Chinatown, Jake.) Make a wrong turn around here, you'll find strip joints instead of strip malls.

In Bay Park and at the edges of Montgomery Field, there are some surprises — decent Italian, Argentine, and camp restaurants (i.e., 94th Aero Squadron). In Mission Valley, where the river flows and the highway goes, you'll find more malls, interspersed with huge apartment and condo complexes offering all the amenities that on-the-prowl singles are likely to desire except, perhaps, space enough to shake a pot in. But they don't need to shake pots when there's so much mall food just downstairs.

BEACHES

Neighborhoods: Harbor Island, Lindbergh Field, Loma Portal, Midway, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach, Point Loma, Shelter Island. *Boundaries:* I-5 on the east, SR-52/La Jolla city line on the north; water on the west.

Midway/Loma Portal has moved to the Beaches area, because this neighborhood is actually the freeway-free back

door to all the beaches — Rosecrans and/or Nimitz will take you there in minutes if there's no traffic jam. Besides, the neighborhood does feel "beachy." With its off-duty military fun-seekers, it can resemble a southern outpost of Oceanside.

The average beach eatery is likely to be casual and breezy, drawing a youthful crowd chowing down on burgers, fish tacos, pub grub, sushi, seafood, and — for all those body-conscious, eco-oriented surfers — "healthy" food. But grownups aplenty live and eat at the Beaches, too. The inland section of PB (from Ingraham to Lamont) offers interesting ethnic restaurants (Greek, Spanish, Brazilian) to an all-ages crowd, and a new "restaurant row" is springing up on Felspar. The beaches also have their share of destination restaurants serving more ambitious cuisine, with stand-alones such as OB's Thee Bungalow and Third Corner, and deluxe dining rooms in upper-end hotels on Shelter and Harbor Islands.

LA JOLLA AND THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Neighborhoods: La Jolla and La Jolla Shores, Sorrento Valley, Torrey Pines, University City. *Boundaries:* SR-52 and La Jolla city line to the south; freeway intersection of I-5 and I-805 to the north; I-805 to the east; ocean to the west.

This map section has not substantially changed, but the northern border is now definitively set at the "Intersection of Death," where Interstates 5 and 805 merge. Survive that, and you're in another district. La Jolla is money — old

money — and the city's restaurants reflect it, with great chefs producing gorgeous food at steep prices (at George's, Top o' the Cove, Marine Room), served in handsome dining rooms with thrilling views of La Jolla Cove. The proverbial "blue-haired ladies of La Jolla" come in expecting to eat their favorite ritzy old warhorses (lobster bisque, caviar). But well-heeled tourists love La Jolla restaurants, too, because — costs be damned — the cooking can be brilliantly creative. That's one reason why, aside from downtown, La Jolla is the most desired visitor destination in San Diego County.

There are several other La Jollas within city bounds. One consists of older, long-term residents who long ago paid off their then-moderate mortgages and who favor neighborhood restaurants serving familiar, well-made Mediterranean fare. From Pearl Street on south to Bird Rock, there are numerous restaurants of this ilk. A third segment of La Jolla's semi-residents consists of UCSD students, who prefer more exotic ethnic eats (rock 'n' roll sushi) and several loud, lively "scene" restaurants in the Golden Triangle — a neighborhood that also fills with lunchtime invasions of corporate workers from the area's modernistic office towers.

THE GOLD COAST

Neighborhoods: Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Del Mar, Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, Torrey Pines. *Boundaries:* I-5/805 intersection to the south; city boundaries (of towns above) to the east; Encinitas city line

along the southwest, San Elijo Lagoon to the south.

The draw here is the race-track. High rollers flock from all over the globe to bet on the ponies and celebrate their wins with lavish dinners. As for residents — Del Mar house prices average over a million dollars. That's why we've named this new division "The Gold Coast." This small district is dense with eateries, including numerous top-end "destination" restaurants such as Pamplemousse and Pacifica Del Mar. Gold Coasters can handle the tabs.

Outside of Del Mar, there are less ritzy condo complexes in Torrey Pines, plus a certain more artistic, free-spirited contingent further north — some of them young and successful, others older professionals who bought in early and have lived to enjoy their acumen. Just as at Mission Bay and Pacific Beach, there are plenty of casual seaside restaurants to feed the non-billionaires.

NORTH COASTAL

Neighborhoods: Carlsbad, Encinitas, Leucadia, Ocean-side, Olivenhain. *Boundaries:* City lines of cities listed above.

One reason for separating the Gold Coast from the North Coast is to make more space for the North Coast's new restaurant boom, centered in Encinitas/Leucadia — towns not of showy new money but of professional money and long-term residents. That world-traveled crowd, along with the surfers and the stylish Bohemian bikers who roll up and down Old Highway 101, have one powerful common ground: They're united in sup-

porting high-quality restaurants of just about any ethnicity and price range. Italian in droves. But you'll also find Brazilian, Cuban, French, Hawaiian, Mexican, Southern, Turkish... If your favorite nation isn't already there, it's probably coming soon.

In Carlsbad the boom is in construction, with new condo complexes shooting up all over. It's becoming a northern incarnation of Rosarito Beach — resorts, retirees, and residential. The service workers who keep everything running live in the inland section of town. Aside from hotel restaurants, eateries tend to be casual. That's even truer of Oceanside, which is shaped by Pendleton — houses bought and sold every four years, their prices changing little as military families shuttle in and out, finding hordes of fast-food restaurants to feed them. However, you'll find some surprises here, like a Jamaican restaurant (Caribbean Grill) and a Southern-style smoke-house barbecue (Papa Shy's).

NORTH INLAND

Main Neighborhoods: Carmel Valley, Escondido, Fairbanks Ranch, Fallbrook, Mira Mesa, Miramar Ranch, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Valencia (*allà en el rancho grande*) San Marcos, Scripps Ranch, Sorrento Hills, Sorrento Mesa, Vista. *Boundaries:* SR-52 on the south, city limits of North Coastal cities on the west, city limits of the above communities on the east (nearly a straight north-south from the eastern edges of Escondido and Poway).

This huge district is subur-

ban but eclectic. There are lush agricultural Edens (including world-famous Chino Farms) next to enclaves of the nouveau riche and the super-rich (Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch). Computer manufacturing plants (western Escondido) abut a university town (San Marcos). Escondido is replete with semi-independent retirement communities, and most restaurants there omit the salt, pepper, and hot sauce to safeguard their patrons' health. You can get South Indian food in a South Asian tech-whiz corner of Mira Mesa or fast food in the many child-friendly middle-class bedroom communities. North Inland restaurants range from homey suburban pubs to mom 'n' pop ethnics to world-class destinations (Mille Fleurs, El Bizcocho). Each community gets what it can afford, which is why Mille Fleurs is in Rancho Santa Fe and Dad's is in mortgaged-up middle-class Poway.

STATE COLLEGE/EAST COUNTY

Neighborhoods: Allied Gardens, Bay Terraces College, Del Cerro, El Cajon, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Grantville, Jamacha, Lakeside, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Lincoln Park, Lomita, Navajo, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Rolando, San Carlos, Santee, Skyline, Tier-rasanta, Valencia Park. *Boundaries:* South of I-8, the western boundary follows the eastern edge of Collwood, then 54th Street, and then Euclid Avenue (these streets run into each other as they travel south). North of I-8, the western boundary is I-15. Northern, southern, and eastern boundaries are defined by the town limits of the



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South of Mission Gorge is a different scene. The sudden change from Central to College occurs further east. On El Cajon Boulevard or University Avenue, around Collwood or 54th Avenue you'll hit a large patch of youth-oriented restaurants — that just as quickly dissolves into the sparser, smaller takeout joints of the bedroom communities, serving commuters too weary to face the stove.

Go south of 94 and east of Euclid, and you're in country that's still almost wild, a semi-rural/industrial mixture of grass, hills, prairies, rising factories, half-built new housing developments, and clusters of tiny bungalows and ramshackle barracks that seem transported from central Mexico. Here, the population is mainly working-class Latin, African-American, and Caribbean, with pockets of Laotians and Cambodians. There are very few restaurants — a handful of Southeast Asian eateries, some soul food — at least until you trek to the eastern boundaries of the district, where taquerias and fast-food chains reappear en masse.

FAR EAST

This is where John Wayne lived in his movies. If you don't mind eating dust and driving long distances, Pilgrim, you've arrived. "The Far East" is a category created mainly for vacationers, so you can just clip out a single column and tuck it into the glove compartment as you head out for the desert. This area is defined by a nearly straight line from north to south, with the ruler set against Escondido's eastern city limits. It was just too silly to have Borrego Springs and Campo in the same district as La Mesa, as formerly listed. ■

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It was a fluke we found this. I'd been helping Hank do a job up in Del Mar above the race-track. Got done about 8.30. Hungry as, well, a horse.

"Know anyplace cheap around here?" I asked.

"Fidel's," Hank said. "Might be too expensive, but I guess we can try."

Seemed only a couple of minutes and we were slowing for the shadowy Friday-night crowds around Fidel's on Valley Avenue. Problem was, there was another place too: "Tony's Jacal," said the sign. "Since 1946."

Couldn't resist exploring Tony's first. We walked past stained-glass windows lit from inside, showing matadors and bulls, peacocks and cathedrals. The arcade ended at the garden patio. What a sight. Flowers, water-splashing fountain, and lights, twinkling in a huge ancient tree that formed a canopy over chomping, drinking crowds.

"Oh, man," I said. "This is it, dude."

Hank nodded.

So we've ended up at the bar, waiting for a table. Place is filled with the post-race crowd. Got talking with Raymond, recently retired. Ran this bar

for 42 years. "Where you're sitting, Elizabeth Taylor has sat," he's saying, "with Eddie Fisher, Richard Burton...all her husbands over the years. They'd come in after the day's racing. J. Edgar Hoover too, Desi Arnaz, Lucille Ball, Jimmy Durante..."

Who knew? When they call Hank's name, we hike outside and sit down at a table with blue-and-green plastic tablecloth and brown metal foldaway chairs. Nothing fancy. But it doesn't have to be. It's magic. Next to us, maybe 20 racing fans are celebrating a birthday. Lotta laffs, noise, *chink-chink* of toasts, bad jokes.

"Name's Dover. You can call me Ben. Ben Dover. This is my wife Eileen Dover."

Cecilia, Raymond's daughter, comes up with the menu. It's what you might call old-fashioned Mexican. Scads of combos with prices hovering around \$10, \$13. Like Tony's Jacal "Original," where you get a taco (turkey or beef) and enchilada (turkey, beef, or cheese) with rice or beans or both for \$9.50. Hmm. Seems every second word's "turkey" here. The \$13.30 "Fiesta Plate" combination includes any three from a choice of things like turkey or beef taco; turkey or pork tamale; turkey, beef, or cheese enchilada; plus chile relleno, bean tostada, and flautas or taquitos. With rice and/or beans, naturally.

There are bargains. Tony's Jacal "La Colonia" combination has rice, beans, and the choice of one of those good alternatives from the "Fiesta

Plate" for \$5.70. I see a crab quesadilla — "real crab meat and jack cheese, folded into a corn tortilla. Served with rice and beans," \$6.40. Chicken strips with French fries are \$5.00. A sliced-turkey plate with rice and salad's \$5.50.

And under "specials," you can pick up a torta (Mexican sandwich) stuffed with carne asada or red chile beef, chicken, or machaca (shredded beef) with rice, beans, and jalapeños for \$7.25. Or a simple beef tostada for \$4.30.

In the end, Hank orders a soft taco de carnitas (a soft corn tortilla filled with shredded pork, cilantro, green onions, with salsa verde, guacamole, rice, and beans, \$6.80), and I go for a turkey enchilada with mole sauce, rice, beans, and salad (also \$6.80).

The birthday party next door's breaking up. "Good deal," guy named Jack says, "\$296 for all of us. Full meal. Eighteen people. Including drinks. You do the math."

Our food is fine, standard Mexican. We stuff ourselves to the gills, think about a dessert, like deep-fried ice cream (\$4.25) or buñuelos (fritters) with sugar and cinnamon (\$2.00), then decide not. Just no space.

I go in to pay Teresa, the cashier. Raymond's wife.

"How'd you like the turkey?" she asks.

"Great," I say. "You don't seem to get that so

much in Mexican food."

"We've used it since the beginning," she says. "It's healthier, and it's easier to prepare one big turkey than a whole bunch of chickens. We steam them and use the liquids to flavor sauces and cook the rice in."

Ah, that's why the rice tasted so good. I ask Teresa if she's been at this as long as her husband Raymond. She sure has.

"I was *born* right here in this building. In what's now the kitchen," she says. "This used to be our house. The people in Rancho Santa Fe leased what's now Eden Gardens for us. 'La Colonia.' They wanted their Mexican workers nearby, but not too near. We had to have our own school, because they wouldn't let us go to the white kids' school. My dad had to ride in the back of the bus. That's how it was."

Lord. That sends a shiver. North County, Deep South? Teresa says this restaurant developed when her mom started having kids. "Dad didn't want her to work in the fields anymore. So she started cooking food here for workers to take with them. It grew from that."

"So what is Tony's Jacal?" I say.

"'Jacal' means 'shack,'" says Teresa. "And that's what it was. When Grandpa planted that chinaberry tree in the patio 100 years ago, he never could have guessed that one day we'd have Hollywood movie stars coming to sit under it." ■

The Place: Tony's Jacal, 621 Valley Avenue, Solana Beach (858-755-2274)

Type of Food: Mexican

Prices: Tony's Jacal "Original" combination (turkey or beef taco, and turkey, beef, or cheese enchilada with rice or beans or both), \$9.50; crab quesadilla (with real crab, jack cheese, corn tortilla, rice, beans), \$6.40; chicken strips with French fries, \$5.00; torta (Mexican sandwich) with carne asada or red chile beef, chicken, or machaca (shredded beef), rice, beans, jalapeños, \$7.25; beef tostada, \$4.30

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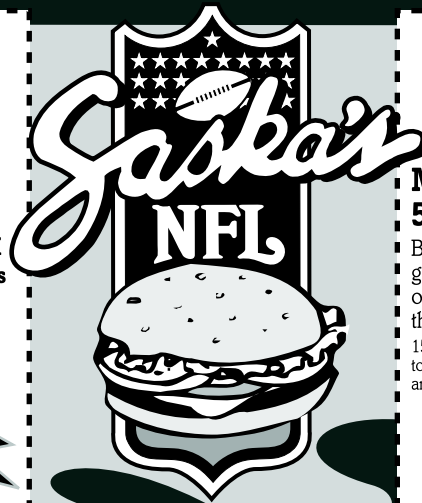
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"Have you ever heard anybody say, 'If you want to kill an oak tree, just plant a lawn underneath it?'"

You've heard the rap about how a vineyard has to be old in order to produce quality old-vine grapes?" asks Sonoma-based vineyard sharecropper Paul Bernier. I have heard it, mostly from Zinfandel producers promoting wines made from vineyards planted around the turn of the 20th Century. Zinfandel is one of the few varietals planted back in those early days of California wine to have survived both the ravages of Prohibition and the vicissitudes of public fancy, and producers tout the intensity and pedigree that 80-plus-year-old vines are reputed to bring. But Bernier thinks maybe it's not quite that simple. "The reality is that, if you know how to take care of the vines, you can produce wine of equal quality to old vineyards in the fourth year simply by treating the vines like old vines."

For Bernier, treating young vines like old vines means farming them the way they were farmed by the Italian immigrants who planted them. Planting them in an eight-by-eight spacing and head-pruning them so that the canes range out in all directions, as opposed to the more modern practice of smaller spacing and canes that are trained in rows along trellis wires. Improving the soil through the addition of grape pumice (what remains after a winery crushes the grapes) and the planting of nitrogen-fixing cover crops, as opposed to fertigation.

"Fertigation has been in vogue for the last four or five years around here," says Bernier. A fertigation-minded winery will start "with a petiole analysis. You go through in the spring and

take petioles — which is the stem of the leaf — off the vine. You take a bag of these little stems and send them to a lab. They use a gas spectrograph or something and burn the petioles. The flame that comes off indicates what kind of minerals are in the plant. From that,

they can surmise what the plant needs — so much of this, so much of that. They come up with a recipe for your plants; you take that to the liquid chemical salesman. In the little town that I live in, there are two dealers. They have these big plastic tanks, and

all they do is mix up water-soluble chemicals, put them in big plastic balls, and send them out to the vineyards. There, they get hooked up to the drip system and pumped into the ground" via the vineyard's drip-irrigation system. "That gives the vines the nutrients that I put in by cover-cropping and adding grape pumice."

Bernier doesn't dismiss the practice altogether. "They get great results from it. The vines look good. I get questions from my wife and kids: 'Why don't you start doing that?' " His answer: "I like plants to be more on their own, more in balance with the soil. In the case of plants that are on a drip system and are being fed through the drip line, you're really hydroponically growing the plant. You just happen to be growing it in soil. The plants train themselves to the drip line, and they really are not very hardy plants. They end up having all kinds of problems."

He points to the relatively short life span of the modern vineyard — around 20 years — as evidence, though he is quick to admit that he can't

give a scientific account of the matter. Rather, he says, "My philosophy is that nature knows best. Have you ever heard anybody say, 'If you want to kill an oak tree, just plant a lawn underneath it'? Up north, it's wet in the wintertime and dry in the summertime; an oak tree is used to that kind of setting. When you put a lawn in, you end up watering the lawn, and you're starting up all kinds of organisms that are symbiotic with the oak tree but that are used to growing only in the wintertime. One of those is an oak root fungus." Normally, it's active in the colder, wetter wintertime, when the tree is dormant. "When you water the lawn, you activate this fungus, and it attacks the oak roots when they're viable and active. You just weaken the tree to the point where it's going to be dying." His suspicion is that something of that sort is going on in the irrigated-fertigated vineyard, and that's enough to keep him locked into his old ways.

Bernier doesn't fertigate. He doesn't even irrigate. He says that his method, though labor-intensive, fits nicely with the Sonoma climate. "If you can improve the soil and let the vine grow the way it wants to grow," you can forgo watering altogether. And what's more, he gets top-notch fruit, even from young vineyards. He stresses that the only living tissue on a vine is the year-old outer layer, "whether it's a young vineyard or an old vineyard." With a young vineyard, "you have to slow them down. One way to do that is to stop watering them. Stop watering them, and they stop acting like young vines."

The lack of water is "really where the intensity comes from." Watering will "keep you from getting that jamminess" so prized by Zinfandel lovers. This is especially true at the end of the growing season, when the grapes are ripening toward perfection. "If you're working with a small root system, because you've been watering all year long, the plant doesn't have a lot of capacity to hold out at harvest time. So you've got to keep giving it little bits of water. By doing that, you're decreasing raisins," grapes that begin to



Old, head-pruned Sonoma grapevine

shrivel from lack of water, thus concentrating their sugar level. Too many raisins can result in a flawed wine, but, by Bernier's account, too few can leave you with something less jammy and less classically built.

"By not watering, the plants are coming out as a true Zinfandel. It was a big discovery of mine." He also discovered that wire-trained, trellised bunches of Zinfandel seem to have a shorter fruit set following blossom than head-pruned, sprawling vines. This means that, come harvest time, the bunches are more uniformly ripe. The grapes have been ripening for a less varied length of time and have been given more uniform exposure to the sun. "You end up not getting blackberry flavors or the same kind of jamminess" as fruit from head-pruned vines. "I deal with maybe eight different wineries, and I have no trouble selling them fruit from young vineyards. They give me premiums for the grapes, because they imitate their old vines' fruit." ■

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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.*

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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.*

D'LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief.

What the Chef Eats

LEMON BLACKBERRY BRÛLÉE
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The idea for this dish came to me one summer when I was studying in France. It is a perfect summer dish and can be served for brunch, lunch, or dinner. It is creamy and refreshing with a terrific crunch from the caramelized sugar on top and the burst of the fresh berries on the bottom. This dish takes advantage of all that is great about summer ingredients.

One of the best things about this dish is that ingredients are available at any supermarket or at any local produce stand. Everyone loves the dish,

but lemon lovers go crazy for it.

This dish would not do well with wine even of the dessert-wine variety. Better would be a blackberry iced tea. The dish takes about 30 minutes to prepare, but it needs to be refrigerated for 4 to 6 hours to become congealed enough to brûlée the sugar.

HOW TO DO IT
On the stove in a stainless steel bowl whisk all ingredients except butter until thick. Add cubes of butter and continue to

whisk on stove approximately 1 minute longer. Remove from heat immediately.

Place six blackberries in bottom of porcelain ramekins or glass cups. Spoon lemon curd on top of fruit, covering completely. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

When lemon curd is congealed, sprinkle with turbinado sugar and caramelize. After sugar is caramelized, add a dollop of lemon whipped cream.

This recipe serves six to eight people, depending on portion size.



INGREDIENTS
2 boxes fresh blackberries
Turbinado sugar
Lemon whipped cream
Lemon curd:
5 large eggs
1 1/4 cups sugar
1 1/8 cups freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 1/2 cups butter, chopped
zest of 5 lemons

Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — *N.W. (9/01)*

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area,

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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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POPEYE’S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye’s, you’ll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren’t bad, but it’s more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where’s the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

ROCKIN’ BAJA LOBSTER 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. At the birthplace of San Diego’s Rockin’ Baja Lobster restaurant chain, the decor is Puerto Nuevo lobster house. All palm-frond thatch, green wood-slat bar, support poles with green painted iguanas climbing them, signs on the ceiling joists like “Viva Bonita!” and “Work is for people who don’t surf.” The menu’s big draw is the “big Baja bucket” (stuffed with slipper lobster tails, marinated chicken, grilled *carne asada*, and Baja-style shrimp) plus beans, rice, tortillas, and a Caesar salad. And wraps are great. Try the Chinese chicken wrap: grilled chicken, salad greens, crispy noodles, scallions, orange pieces, and Oriental dressing in a cilantro tortilla. Open daily; Friday Happy Hour free buffet 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. Other locations: 310 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-6333; 3890 Twigg, 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)*

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago’s better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is,

but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak’n cheese burgers) is the wicked “grilled honey-mustard salmon.” Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B. (8/01)*

NORTH COASTAL

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)*

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THE ENCINITAS CAFE 531 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-0919. This American café serves breakfast from opening to closing, with egg dishes, biscuits, and gravy for breakfast, sandwiches and salads for lunch, and American entrées for dinner. Fast, excellent service. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

J. TAYLOR’S 1540 Camino del Mar, L’Auberge Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. “Small plates” dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — *E.W.* (6/00)

JUANITA’S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/01)

KEALANI’S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grines.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

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 road-house 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 egg-plant 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)

PAPA GUS 698 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-944-916. Healthful Cuban food is the specialty at this tiny, hard-to-find café with a pleasant sheltered patio. (It’s just north of La Especial Norte, but the doorway may be half-hidden by hanging T-shirts from the shop next door.) The lively dishes are full o’ beans — savory black beans, Cuba’s staple dish, cooked with no animal products. There’s no red meat on the menu; tuna and turkey are the furthest Papa goes with critters. The “Cuban Black Bean Soup Deluxe,” rightly subtitled “a meal in itself,” is a cauldron of thick beans (more stew than soup) with melted cheese, onions, avocado, a dash of sour cream and a daub of sprightly fresh *salsita*. Don’t miss the cooked plantains, fully ripe and as sweet as candied bananas. The menu also offers some Mexican dishes styled with a Cuban accent, an odd-tasting ground-turkey *picadillo* (Cuban hash), plus salads, sandwiches, and smoothies made to order with whole fresh fruit. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

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 in in 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)

ST. GERMAIN’S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright café with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (10/01)

TIP TOP MEATS 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620, www.tiptopmeats.com. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavy-weight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sci-

ences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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. Boxy (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 cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vigilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W.* (10/01)

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 Tues-

day through Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup (lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W.* (5/01)

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), 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 cock-tails, 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 knickknacks (for sale), and silent wind chimes hanging from every wooden rafter. This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crepe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crepes, huge burgers and sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

ISLAND BOY GRILLE 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard, Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708, www.islandboygrill.com. It’s the last thing you’d expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario’s Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua (“Flower”) serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you’re a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a long-board by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it’s yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2.30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/02)

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)

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)

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PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

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.*

TRATTORIA POSITANO (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA) 2171 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, 16 pastas; wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials; excellent lamb. Very loving management. A treasure. Same menu lunch and dinner. Call for hours and directions. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (6/98)

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 Schuttz. 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 à 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 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 (at La Jolla Shores Drive), La Jolla, 858-459-5282. 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. 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 am-

biance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

PIATTI RISTORANTE 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. This country-style Italian restaurant serves admirable Italian dishes with light sauces and moderate prices. Not-to-be-missed items are the daily soups, rotisserie chicken and garlic mashed potatoes, vegetarian lasagne with zucchini, and ravioli with lemon sauce. Saturday and Sunday à la carte brunch offers 11 items, including pizza. Patio dining for all meals. Superb service. Arrive early for more leisurely dining. Very crowded weekends. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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)

SHABU SHABU JIN SANG 7614 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-4545. *Shabu shabu* is a style of Japanese cuisine in which the ingredients are cooked in boiling water and then dipped into sauces. The liquid becomes a soup, which you drink last. This gorgeous restaurant offers an excellent selection of *shabu shabu* entrées, electric cookers, patient servers, and an exotic appetizer list. Food is low calorie, low fat. Portions small, but aesthetic. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — *E.W.*

TORREYANA GRILL Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines, 10950 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-450-4571. Best seafood buffet in city, served Friday nights, 6 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)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

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)

BOLSA VIETNAMESE CUISINE RESTAURANT 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Suite 118, Mira Mesa, 858-693-3663. Try this fine Vietnamese café with an enormous menu. Especially jolly weekends. Open daily for three meals with continuous service, same menu. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HUNGRY STICK 4664 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 619-272-1412. "Life's too short to drink cheap beer," says the sign. They must mean it. At Happy Hour (weekdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.), a 24-ounce glass of Guinness is as cheap as a Bud. Which is nice because it goes great with this pool bar's greatest hit: "San Diego's Famous 1/2-lb. Steerburger." The burger bun is crisp, the big slab of meat's crunchy-grilled, and the tomato, lettuce and raw onion are fresh. The small menu also includes chicken breast on a bun, patty melt, and hot wings. They boast 24 beers on tap, and, of course, dozens of giant-screen sports TVs. Open seven days, until late. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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 guaran-



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teed 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)*

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)*

TOFU HOUSE 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 619-576-6433, www.tofutofu.com. Also at 3805 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-4406. This stylish little pair of eateries is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the *soontofu* soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom), with raw egg drop you drop yourself, and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food—Tofu House serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (2/99)*

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)*

CHINA INN 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand Avenues),

Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. At least 118 items appear on the menu, which offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties and includes sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. Simple setting; outstanding food. The dinner is always preferable when Andy Kam, the chef/owner, is there. Ask his advice about dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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.*

FRONTEIRA BRAZILIAN BBQ 3778 Ingraham Street (at La Playa Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-581-0200. Live large at this pleasantly plain-looking Brazilian *rodizio*, addressing a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there’s a wooden cone with one end red and the other end blue-green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, numerous cuts of beef, even shrimp. (Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade.) The gargantuan spread also includes a U-shaped buffet with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as beef with okra or oxtails with plantains, with exotic but oddly homey flavors. There’s always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish—slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version,

which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce from the ledge above the salad buffet). No matter how often you eat here, you’ll never have the same meal twice. Arrive relatively early for dinner (some buffet items run out by 8 p.m.). Call for weekend reservations or to request a vegetarian meal. Open daily. Low moderate, a steal for the quantity and quality. — *N.W. (8/01)*

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)*

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.*

MARDI GRAS CAFE 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/01)*

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)*

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, Sherman Heights. (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)*

MAILO’S CAFE 4095 30th Street, North Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo’s is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren’t Greek, they’re Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There’s also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo’s cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday breakfast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. 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), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served com-

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munnally 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)*

RESTAURANT AFRIQUE Oak Plaza Mall, 4990 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-3838. The previous tenants' Chinese decor remains, but the atmosphere here is full-on Somali. Evenings, it's an unofficial club for the often-robed Somali men of the neighborhood. Dominoes and card games make it nicely rowdy. The food is mainly Somali, with some Ethiopian and Sudanese dishes. Try *muufo* (Somali bread) with marinated goat meat or chopped steak, or spiced rice with goat. Sudanese *fuul* (fava beans in tomato sauce) with regular or pita bread makes for lighter eating. Bananas come with each meal. There are right and wrong ways to eat — ask the owner, Abdiaziz, to show you. Many dishes come with pasta, a leftover from the Italian colonial period in Somalia. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

SAIGON 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 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)*

TRIEU CHAU RESTAURANT 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "*djak kvai coffay dok ko*" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and

gravy ("koi tiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

VESUVIO GOURMET 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-282-7040. Wonderful Southern and regional Italian food is served here. The interior is gorgeous, the service swift, and the servings huge and tempting. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot is really three restaurants in one. One is a basic fish house with encyclopedic fish posters and paper placemats, serving seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, etc.). Another is an old-style seafood restaurant, with lace curtains, tablecloths, and some richer fish dishes (e.g., with hollandaise). The third is a slightly hip Italian eatery with a charcoal-gray track-lit ceiling and black-background fish upholstery, serving standards (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.) plus nightly specials. Fish here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 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)*

SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa, 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 a 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.; closed Mondays. 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 "Fela fel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Open Saturday from one hour after sunset to 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon-8:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-cruste d, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orange fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the Mu-Shu treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-Hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

VALLEY HOUSE RESTAURANT 10767 Woodside Avenue, Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-

speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded 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)*

VILLAGE GARDEN RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursday through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

WOODSTOCK'S PIZZA 6548 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud — aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunch-crusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight — your 32-oz. Karl Strauss drops from \$4.25 to \$2.50. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (4/02)*

FAR EAST

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)*

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 breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311,

www.theabbeycafe.com. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377, *www.bertrandatmisteras.com*. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — *N.W. (12/01)*

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. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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.*

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RESTAURANTS

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever and has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (5/99)*

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a 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 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)*

EL INDIO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the

standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

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 week-day 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-bar-tender 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)*

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

JOE'S GRILL 3537 Fifth Avenue (at Brooks, inside Nunu's Cocktail Lounge), uptown, 619-295-2878. Nunu's is a bar with a history. It has always been a tuna fishermen's hangout. You still hear Italian and Portuguese in the mornings. But evenings, the neighborhood shows up, along with chefs and maitre d's from the Gaslamp, and the theater crowd — directors, actors, disciples. Most end up going to the hole in the back where Joe serves up his solid, no-nonsense nosh, from meat loaf to his half-pound mushroom-and-bacon cheeseburger to his much-loved pot roast. You won't leave hungry — unless you're timid. You have to shout good and loud through that cubbyhole; Joe's got a lot of noise back there. Open until midnight. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

KEMO SABE 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802, www.kemosabesandiego.com. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia

meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking: touristic Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondue in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

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)*

TRATTORIA POSITANO 142 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. Sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty Italian food but also for loving atmosphere. Sixteen pasta dishes, many salads and entrées. A treat. Try sea bass, salmon, any pasta. Lunch Monday

through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (5/99)*

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. Reser-

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ventions advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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 *huilitacoche* (“corn fungus,” but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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-Amer-

ican food. Breakfasts range from shrimp egg soufflé with rice to pork chops with three eggs, rice, and toast. One of the best deals has to be the breakfast steak, two eggs, home fries, and toast. And the steak is bi-ig. Lunch and early dinners feature the usual buck-an-entrée Chinese fast-food choices. Three meals to 7 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

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, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

EDGEWATER GRILL 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581, www.edgewatergrill.com. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to “graze” on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

GARGOYLE GALLERY & CAFE 1845 India Street (at Fir), Little Italy, 619-234-1344. One of the hidden gems of Little Italy, but there's nothing Italian about it. The Moroccan decor with Turkish pillows, exotic lamps, tiles, inside tap fountain and a sunlit courtyard all combine to turn a meal here — even though it's mostly modest *panini* (“small bread”) sandwiches — into a really sexy feast. Lots of kalamata olives, feta cheese, mozzarella, ham, and tomatoes. Try “The Moroccan” with grilled eggplant,

zucchini, roasted red peppers, raisins, spicy garlic chili oil, and mixed greens. Or “The Spanish” with grilled chicken, manchego cheese, sliced olives, mixed greens, and aioli. The breakfast menu includes two-egg *panini* with grilled zucchini, marinated peppers, feta cheese, and orange slices. A must-have: French pressed coffee, a two-cup glass pot with a steel plunger. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Belly dancing, first Saturday of the month. — *E.B. (5/02)*

GEN LAI SEN HAKKA SEAFOOD RESTAURANT 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you'll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it's easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommend sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

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? Gyro-scope'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, mous-saka, *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.jukejoint-cafe.com. This is the closest we've got to a good, funky jazz club in New Orleans' Uptown neighborhood (but the Gaslamp is lots safer). They call their cooking “West Coast Soul Food,” but it's still mighty South Coast, too, including a just-about-perfect file 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)*

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious

of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

NAPA VALLEY GRILLE 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp District, 619-238-5440. This new restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good. I 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 homeness 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 blazing in a tomatoey jambalaya with the flavor of bottled spaghetti sauce, and in several dishes (BBQ shrimp, dirty rice, etc.) so fiercely spicy, the kitchen might be catering a frat hazing. Smartly (given this impetus to chug-a-lug), they make their tasty Hurricane cocktails a little weak. Moderate, plus evening cover charge. — *N.W. (3/01)*

SALLY'S RESTAURANT One Market Place, rear of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gaslamp District, 619-687-6080. You'll get great fish here as well as free-range

chicken, lobster, and beef. Try Arctic char, loin of tuna, swordfish. Side dishes tend to be elaborate. Dinners for 6 to 12 served at chef's table in the kitchen. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffuletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

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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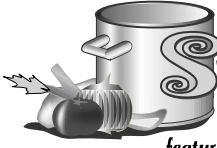


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phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

WILDSIDE CAFE & REBEL JUICE BAR 1048 Seventh Avenue, (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lunatic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofies: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Friday, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BAY BEACH CAFE Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619- 435-4900, www.baybeach-cafe.com. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéé items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

BISTRO D'ASIA 1301 Orange Avenue (at C Avenue), Coronado,

619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy perennial "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Reserve for weekend dinners. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (12/01)

THE FAMILY HOUSE OF PAN-CAKES 562 Broadway (across from Chula Vista Center), 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, 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)

ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

L'ESCALE Coronado Island Marriott Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. This is the casual dining room that faces the pool at this first-rate hotel. Menus are constantly changing, so call to discover what type of cuisine is available. Jazz night on Friday and Saturday evening, with dinner specials. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PRIMAVERA 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This stand-out 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 un-

pretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (7/01)

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast and lunch only, Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

STRETCH'S CAFE 943 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-8886. Stretch got his name in World War II when he was 6'1" and 135 pounds. Now he wants to get back to that — and he wants you that way, too, so he serves strictly nuts and twigs. His menu includes veggie salad, chicken breast and beans over brown rice, or a plate frankly named "Steamed Veggies," featuring carrots, zucchini, broccoli, mushrooms, and melted cheese on brown rice. You'll come out feeling so proud that you resisted the greasy Slamburger at Danny's bar next door. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula

Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). 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-empañadas 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)

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414, www.thetinfish.net. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

YE OLDE PLANK INN 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

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(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 FRANCAIS LA BELLE CLAUDE Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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. Diners come with an appetizer and soup, and some of the entrées are extraordinary. Try the *puños* ("fist"). Roasted

quail and chicken do well here. Open daily, lunch to late dinner. Take Revolución to the left-hand bend where it becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers of the Grand Hotel. A large sign marks the restaurant (on the right side of the road). Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — E.W.

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

UABC CAFETERIA 246 Autonomous University of Baja California cafeteria, 2580 Tecnológico Avenue, Tijuana, 607-1047 (for Tortas y Burritos Tonka). This cafeteria on the new campus near Tijuana's airport is always abuzz — the students set it alight. The difference from, say, SDSU? Everyone's well-dressed, with lots of ties and careful make-up (not on the same person). Several concessions, including Tortas y Burritos Tonka, Armando's, and Panaderia Diego deliver cheap, standard Amero-Mexican. But come for the sound of 600 people like you, all chatting like crazy (in Spanish). Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

VALLARTA NATURAL 1252 Boulevard Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (9/98)



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F Mostly Martha, Germany's donation to the cinematic food drive, seems unlikely to have received distribution without its appeal to the salivaries. And indeed, despite the pasty complexion of the film, the visual appeal of the dishes can match any screen menu outside of maybe *Babette's Feast*.

Yet it has more to offer than just that. Written and directed by Sandra Nettelbeck, it is an easy-flowing comedy concerning a master chef who's a control freak in all areas except her temper whenever her cooking is questioned. She already has a full plate when her sister is killed in an accident and she inherits an eight-year-old niece. Plus her culinary second-in-command is eight-months pregnant. So her boss, without consultation, takes the proactive measure of hiring a new helper, a talented Italian who brings into the kitchen, along with gnocchi, etc., a breezy new attitude and a boom box of *paisano* pop: Dean Martin, Louis Prima. (He apparently has the same library as our own Mimmo's Italian Village Delicatessen in Little Italy: a little plug for a neighbor of the *Reader*.) The clash

of Teutonic severity and Mediterranean serenity throws off some predictable sparks, and Sergio Castellitto is very touching as the drowsy-eyed, hunched-shouldered Italian with a casual knack for life. Martina Gedeck, under a

permanently arched eyebrow, is aided in seeming a real person by being an unfamiliar face, though she could

never have gotten away with it if she were not also an actress of skill and subtlety. The aforesaid easy flow quickens into burbling rapids during the closing credits, sweeping you through the happy ending.

City by the Sea, a true-crime drama about a New York cop with a father and son on the opposite side of the law, wears its heart on its sleeve and squeezes it like a sponge. Scottish-born director Michael Caton-Jones (best films: *Rob Roy*, *Memphis Belle*, old-fashioned stuff) doesn't let things get too messy. Excellent shots of the derelict, almost post-apocalyptic urbanscape of Long Beach, L.I., once a booming resort (as shown at the outset in a vintage travelogue, to the tune of "Red Sails in the Sunset"). Nice, credible, adult relationship between Robert De Niro and



Mad Love

Frances McDormand (who states her age accurately at forty-three) as vertical neighbors who share keys to their respective apartments. A bit of an unwanted laugh, though, when the closed-up cop responds to his lady friend's plea for candor with the news of (a) the long-ago conviction and execution of his father for murder,

(b) the incident of domestic violence in his own previous marriage, (c) the existence of a drug-addict son, and (d) the current arrest warrant for the son on a charge of murder. Good thing he did not yet know of (e) the existence of a grandson, who turns up on his doorstep the next day.

Gangster No. 1 is the classic story

of the upwardly mobile mobster, retold in fish-and-chips British accents, fish-eye lenses, slow-motion, split screens, coarse and corroded color, flashbacks and flashforwards, not to mention Dahmer-esque or Ed Gein-ian peaks of gore. At the hard heart of the film is the scene (with thanks to Tarantino) in which the protagonist

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lays out the implements of butchery to the accompaniment of a little Anthony Newley ditty (“Why? Because I love you...”). Neither the butchery nor the accompanying ditty is the hardest part of the scene to swallow: he has just kicked in the door of his victim’s apartment, kicked it clean off its hinges, and then he cranks up the stereo, strips off his clothes, and gets down to business, not a worry in the world that a neighbor might poke a head out into the hallway. Paul McGuigan, in his feature directing debut, clearly means to move in on the turf of Guy Ritchie. (Shall we compare calluses?) Some will feel that all this “edgy” stuff will obstruct the view of the classical lineaments. Those who won’t feel that way probably won’t care about the classical lineaments anyway. Maybe they also won’t care why, after a time-jump of three decades, Paul Bettany must hand off his role to Malcolm McDowell while the rest of the cast (David Thewlis, Saffron Burrows, et al.) are allowed to stick around and dip into the aging makeup.

Read My Lips, from French filmmaker Jacques Audiard (son of the prolific scriptwriter Michel Audiard), sets itself the interesting task of how to make use of the faculty of lip-reading

for the purposes of a thriller. The result is not all that interesting. The personalities and the relationship of an introverted secretary (Emmanuelle Devos, a far cry from the “dog” she’s described as) and her scarred, tattooed, mustached and sideburned ex-con intern (Vincent Cassel) are interesting enough, not including, however, that old standby of “psychological” cinema, the heroine’s examination of her naked body in a mirror. But the rooftop angle from which they spy on a circle of criminal confederates is well-nigh impossible for lip-reading, and in truth they get little more out of their surveillance than they would have gotten from plain old nonverbal voyeurism. Ultimately, at the climax, an actual use is found, but the semi-clever resolution is not (by half) clever enough to be believable. In spite of the small scale of the film, the dull, bluish image is pushed up to the plane of the screen as if by bulldozer, the narrowly focussed camera locked onto faces, the surrounding action practically unstaged.

Mad Love, an unimaginative, undistinctive retitling of *Joan the Mad*, tells a tale of passion, infidelity, jealousy, madness, death. A tawdry and commonplace tale, in other words, elevated on the high heels of history and nobility: Princess Joan of Castile and Philip the Handsome of Flanders, ca. 1500. Well-produced, which is to say well-costumed and -propped; fine score (heavy on winds) by José Nieto; a solid job of direction by the veteran

Vicente Aranda, known as a horror man in his earlier years, to the extent that he was known at all outside his native Spain. The talky story development, however, slows down in the second half and takes a long time getting to a foregone conclusion. Pilar López de Ayala breathes plenty of fire as Princess Joan, and wisely betrays no diagnostic opinion on the question of her madness. Perhaps sealing the case for her mental debility, Daniele Liotti’s Philip the Handsome comes across as more like Philip the Hilarious, an I-Can’t-Believe-It’s-Not-Butter hairy hunk.

It appears that I got off on the wrong foot with the first annual San Diego Film Festival, provoking their Director of Programming, Karl Kozak, to such a fit of pique that he fired off an E-mail saying the opposite of what I presume he meant: “What San Diego needs less than another film festival is another critic.” Last time I looked, I saw nothing on their schedule — mostly American independent films of greater or lesser likelihood of a commercial release — to cause me to attempt to repair the damage. If they want to have their festival without me — September 18 through 22 at the Pacific Gaslamp — I’m happy to comply. As I said in my initial provocation, I’m busy enough already. Nonetheless I wish them success. Maybe next year I’ll want to get in step.

Cine Mexicano, the monthly series at the Madstone Hazard Center, resumes this Friday the 13th, with Rafael Montero’s *Corazones Rotos* (*Broken Hearts*), for one week only. Your stal-

wart reviewer fully intends to find out if he’s still welcome there.

Meanwhile, the Madstone game plan of one oldie per week seemed to have been abandoned after only the first week. So confounded, so appalled, so revulsed were the local citizenry at having a humanist classic such as *Umberto D.* exhibited in a public theater, that the theater hasn’t dared try anything quite so outrageous since. It will timidly test the waters once again, this coming week, with Mel Brooks’s *The Producers*. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Bad Company — A black-market-nuclear-bomb scenario played for laughs. Or anyway Chris Rock plays it that way, while the rest of the cast plays it more or less straight. Rock, a Madison Square Garden ticket scalper and Washington Square chess hustler (like Laurence Fishburne in *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, like Samuel L. Jackson in *Fresh*: major minority job opportunity), is the separated-at-birth identical twin of a suave secret agent killed in the course of tricky negotiations for a suitcase nuke; and the scammer must now stand in for his double on a moment’s notice: an elaborate excuse for some elementary odd-couple bonding between Rock and a slumming Anthony Hopkins (stealing scenes with chewing gum, a toothpick, every trick in the book), who conducts himself as if he

were doing John le Carré. Director Joel Schumacher keeps the action skittering across a slick surface so that neither he nor anyone else has time to consider the implications. Kerry Washington, Brooke Smith, Peter Stormare. 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 9/13)

Barbershop — Comedy set at a Chicago tonsorial parlor, with Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, and Anthony Anderson, directed by Tim Story. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 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; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/13)

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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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.

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The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (*Swingers*, *Go*) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert Ludlum best-seller about an amne-

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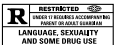
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siac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman's cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But 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)

City by the Sea — Reviewed this issue. With Robert De Niro, Frances McDormand, James Franco, Eliza Dushku, and William Forsythe; directed by Michael Caton-Jones. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; 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)

Corazones Rotos (Broken Hearts) — Mexican film relating separate stories within a single apartment complex, directed by Rafael Montero. (HAZARD CENTER 7, 9/13 THROUGH 19)

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 willow blonde (Saffron Burrows), and the latter's wallflower roommate (Kate Winslet), fellow employees at Bletchley. Plot convolutions aside, it's historically interesting material, even, you might argue, intrinsically more interesting than the more familiar material of *Charlotte*. But that's not to say it's cinematically more interesting. Not to say — to take our metaphor from their introductory scenes — that it fits together as tightly and moves along as powerfully as a railway train. *Charlotte* is a Eurostar, a Thalys; *Enigma* is more of a huffing-and-puffing handcar. To be sure, the Enigma code machine — a sort of rewired typewriter with ever-changing letters for each key — is an interesting object, as is the



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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)

Gangster No. 1 — Reviewed this issue. With Malcolm McDowell, Paul Bettany, David Thewlis, and Saffron Burrows; directed by Paul McGuigan. ● (HAZARD CENTER 7, THROUGH 9/12)

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

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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; FASHION VALLEY 18;

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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 pot-head 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, Zoëy Deschanel; written by Mike White; directed by Miguel Arteta. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; COVE; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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at best, muffling at worst. (In any case it has not remedied the play's sag in the second act.) But the good lines are plentiful, and people such as Colin Firth, Rupert Everett, Judi Dench, Anna Massey, and Edward Fox know well how to put them over. Not so much, however, Frances O'Connor or a lightly accented Reese Witherspoon, whose shared strategy relies on elevated eyebrows. Directed by Oliver Parker. 2002. ★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 9/13)

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, FROM 9/13)

The Last Kiss — Italian relationship comedy with Stefano Accorsi, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, and Stefania Sandrelli, written and directed by Gabriele Muccino. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 9/13)

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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 Warner cartoon, before it settles down to the traditional Disney schmaltz. Written and directed by Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois. 2002. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mad Love — Reviewed this issue. With Pilar López de Ayala, Daniele Liotti, and Manuela Arcuri; written and directed by Vicente Aranda. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/13)

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. ● (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; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Men in Black II — The embodiment, the epitome, the acme of the “franchise picture,” one of those brass rings that studio executives like to stack up on their lances. So perfect a one, in truth, that it would make more sense to cover the movie in the financial pages than in the entertainment ones. A recitation of components, amenities, selling points could reasonably take the place of a review. Both Will Smith and, after half an hour, Tommy Lee Jones are back, albeit with roles reversed — Smith the blasé veteran, Jones the bemused novice — until the latter's elective “neuralization” can be undone and his memory restored. Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub are back as well, if that matters to anyone, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and composer (but of course) Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial *femme fatale*, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from *Dune*, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald's cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every Quarter-Pounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002. ● (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HARBOR DRIVE IN; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

Mostly Martha — Reviewed this issue. With Martina Gedeck, Sergio Castellitto, and Maxime Foerste; written and directed

by Sandra Nettelbeck. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mr. Deeds — Steven Brill's update of the Depression-period Capra-Cooper antique, populism and preachiness intact, is an above-average Adam Sandler comedy, about a sweet-natured rube who inherits a bundle. (Forty billion, for inflation.) The average is raised in large part by the rest of the batting order, Peter Gallagher, Erick Avari (the one whose hair is only on his face), Winona Ryder, Jared Harris, Conchata Ferrell, Harve Presnell, Steve Buscemi, and most of all John Turturro as a “sneaky” Spanish manservant with a foot fetish. (Spanish? Foot fetish? Homage to Buñuel?) And even though Sandler is no Gary Cooper — much less a Lou Gehrig — Frank Capra makes a helpful hitting instructor. 2002. ★ (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; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

One-Hour Photo — Psychological suspenser, sort of a stripped-down Ruth Rendell thriller, about “Sy the photo guy” at SavMart, and his abnormal obsession with an outwardly perfect family whose lives he knows through their faithful patronage. It seems to be moving toward a conventional explosion of violence, and it is indeed conventional despite a little surprise in store at the end. (Very little.) Robin Williams, with a blond dye job, is no asset, broadcasting his creepiness at such a pitch as to alert any concerned parent or vigilant boss within a thousand miles. A respectable calling card,

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all the same, for music-video director Mark Romanek. With Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan, Eriq LaSalle, Gary Cole. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/13)

Possession — 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 ac-

cent, 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. Whatever the merits of the novel, it plays 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. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; POWAY 10)

The Producers — Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder (the latter manages to steal every mutual scene from the former, who has devoted his entire career to the art of stealing scenes) portray a pair of seedy Jewish theatrical entrepreneurs whose scheme for financial gain depends upon the guaranteed flop of their next show. Their can't-miss choice: *Springtime for Hitler*, a musical revue on the rise of the Third Reich, starring a hipster Hitler (Dick Shawn, very funny). Mel Brooks's first movie can hardly sit still with any idea for longer than stretches of a few minutes, and it runs low on fuel well before the finish, but the nervous, bullying, to-and-fro foraging for gag material turns up some of the heartiest laughs in recent history. 1968.

★★★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/13)

Ram Dass: Fierce Grace — Michael Lemle's documentary on the influential author of *Be Here Now*. (KEN, 9/13 THROUGH 19)

Read My Lips — Reviewed this issue. With Emmanuelle Devos, Vincent Cassel, and Olivier Gourmet; directed by Jacques Audiard. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/13)

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 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Serving Sara — Duelling process servers. A millionaire cattleman and his trophy wife each want to be first to serve divorce papers, in order to secure a favorable court venue: progressive New York vs. backwards Texas. Labored, and often quite low, comedy. (Lowest point: the massage of a bull's prostate by an imposter veterinarian.) Stand-up comic Cedric the Entertainer lives up to his name, however, as the servers' boss. With Matthew Perry, Elizabeth Hurley, Bruce Campbell. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Sex with Strangers — Salacious video documentary on three swinging couples — well, two couples and one *ménage-à-trois*. It enables you to tag along and sample the "lifestyle" without any active involvement, though it's too unappetizing to serve as a recruiting film. The filmmakers, Joe and Harry Gantz, gain extraordinary intimacy with their subjects, not just for the bouts of sex, but for spats, negotiations, breast-implant shopping, and even a marriage proposal. You ought not be shocked to dis-

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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 fore-

play 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 sympathetic 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; 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)

Simone — Science-fictional Hollywood satire that just barely qualifies as science fiction: an embattled filmmaker (Al Pacino, having fun for a change) fires his female lead and substitutes a computer-generated cyberstar known as Simone, short for Simulation One. In a nutshell: “Our ability to manufacture fraud now exceeds our ability to detect it.” The whole element of fraud — the director’s refusal to come clean on his ruse, his erection of an inviolable Garboesque 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 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. Writer-director Andrew Niccol, the writer and 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. Catherine Keener, Evan Rachel Wood, Rachel Roberts, Winona Ryder. 2002. ★★★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROME-

NADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Spider-Man — Repulsively overhyped comic-book adaptation by Sam Raimi. (How would his lighter and livelier *Darkman*, of 1990, have been pushed a decade later?) The hype, which naturally took no notice of the actual product and its worth, is as *de rigueur* as the Danny Elfman musical score and the plasticky, elasticky CG animation. It’s just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult metamorphosis. And who better than Maguire to bring out the human dimensions of the larval adolescent? Still, the movie lingers so long on the human side of the equation that it might have been better named *Peter Parker*. It truly is a Tobey Maguire movie more than a comic-book superhero movie. (Marvel of Marvels!) That’s not altogether a bad thing in view of the actor’s eccentric,

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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Town Square 14

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DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
Bad Company (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 9:40; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:50) 8:15, 10:30; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:15, 2:15, 3:45) 5:00, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 5:00) 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20; **The Importance of Being Earnest** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:05) 7:05; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:20) 9:25; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:30, 9:45; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 3:40) 7:15, 9:30; **Reign of Fire** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 7:25; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:45) 7:05, 9:35; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:15) 7:40; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 5:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:45) 10:15; **Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the**

Clones (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 2:30, 3:35) 4:50, 5:45, 7:15, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 3:35, 4:50, 5:45) 7:15, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25; **Undisputed** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 5:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 5:40) 10:10; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45

Horton Plaza 14

457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri. 11:40, 12:55, 2:15, 3:10, 4:25, 5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 10:50, 11:40, 12:55, 2:15, 3:10, 4:25, 5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 11:40, 12:55, 2:15, 3:10, 4:25, 5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 10:00; **Enigma** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:55) 7:10; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:00, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:25, 4:50) 7:15, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. 11:00, 11:50, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:35, 5:00, 6:30, 7:35, 9:00, 9:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 11:25, 11:50, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:35, 5:00, 6:30, 7:35, 9:00, 9:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:00, 11:50, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:35, 5:00, 6:30, 7:35, 9:00, 9:45, 10:15; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:30, 1:45, 4:10) 6:35, 8:50; Mon. (11:30, 1:45, 4:10); Tue.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:10) 6:35, 8:50; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:35; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. 11:45, 1:10, 2:10, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35, 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. 11:05, 11:45, 1:10, 2:10, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35, 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. 11:45, 1:10, 2:10, 3:25, 4:20, 5:35, 7:00, 7:40, 9:10, 9:55

LA JOLLA

Cove

7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
The Good Girl (R) Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:30) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Stealing Harvard (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Simone** (PG-13); **Blue Crush** (PG-13); **Possession** (PG-13); **XXX** (PG-13); **Signs** (PG-13); **Goldmember**; **Road to Perdition** (R); **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
The Last Kiss (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40; **Mostly Martha** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
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MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Stealing Harvard (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Feardotcom** (R); **Serving Sara** (PG-13); **Undisputed** (R); **Blue Crush** (PG-13); **Possession** (PG-13); **XXX** (PG-13); **Blood Work** (R); **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs** (PG-13); **Goldmember**; **Road to Perdition** (R); **Minority Report**; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13)

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
13 Conversations About One Thing (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; **Corazones rotos** (Not Rated) Fri. 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; **Elvira’s Haunted Hills** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 2:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15; **The Producers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; **Read My Lips** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35; **Sex with Strangers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
Stealing Harvard (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **Singles Ward**; **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Spider-Man** (PG-13); **Men in Black II**; **Feardotcom** (R); **Lilo and Stitch**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **Serving Sara** (PG-13); **Simone** (PG-13); **Undisputed** (R); **Blue Crush** (PG-13); **XXX** (PG-13); **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs** (PG-13); **Goldmember**; **Stuart Little 2** (PG); **Road to Perdition** (R)

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:55, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (1:50) 5:05, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:55; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (2:30) 5:05, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (1:40) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:35; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:40) 5:35, 7:40, 9:45; Sun. (1:10, 3:40) 5:35, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:45, 5:45) 7:50; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:55, 7:55, 10:00; Sun. (1:00, 3:00) 5:55, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:50, 5:50) 7:45; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:05

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Ram Dass: Fierce Grace (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
The Good Girl (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (10:35) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:05; **Mad Love (2002)** (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 9:50; **One Hour**

Photo (R) Fri. 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Mon. 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Tue. 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:15; **Tadpole** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
They Saved Hitler’s Brain, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **The Brain That Would-n’t Die**, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sat. 10:30, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:15, 9:45; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:30; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 10:00; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:35, 10:20; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:10) 7:50, 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20); **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:40) 7:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:15) 7:40, 10:05; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:10; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 2:40, 4:15) 7:15, 8:00, 9:50; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 4:40) 9:20; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50) 7:25, 9:40; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:15, 4:40); **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:50, 4:00, 5:10) 7:10, 10:05, 10:35

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:15, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:15) 7:35, 10:00; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:25, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. 7:40, 10:05; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:40, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. (1:40) 4:40, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (12:40, 2:55) 5:15, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:35) 7:50, 10:10; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:05)

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ritardando sense of timing and his deadpan talent for hinting at a beehive of interior activity. Yet the urban Tarzan in the spandex bodysuit seems (when he gets the chance) a completely separate entity, a two-dimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe’s Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable and uninteresting villain: Batman’s Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi’s *The Gift* and *For Love of the Game*) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson, Rosemary Harris. 2002.

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Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams — The surprise success of the first *Spy Kids* has meant more money for the followup, more computer animation in particular. More money, more mess. Steve Buscemi (“I’m no loon”) shows up too late and too little to save the day. With Alexa



Read My Lips

Vega, Daryl Sabara, Antonio Banderas, and Carla Gugino; directed by Robert Ro-

driguez. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT

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Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:15; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45, 9:30; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; **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, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Stealing Harvard (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **Bad Company** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Spider-Man** (PG-13); **Men in Black II**; **Feardotcom** (R); **Lilo and Stitch**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **Serving Sara** (PG-13); **Simone** (PG-13); **Undisputed** (R); **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**; **Stuart Little 2** (PG); **Road to Perdition** (R); **Mr. Deeds**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:40) 7:05, 9:40; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:10) 6:50, 9:25; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 4:05) 7:00, 9:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:05, 5:35) 8:00, 10:15; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:15) 7:25, 9:50; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 3:00, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:30) 8:05, 10:30; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:45) 6:55, 9:45; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:15, 9:55; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:35) 7:50, 10:25; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 3:05, 5:30) 7:55, 10:10; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:05) 7:15, 9:35; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 4:55) 7:10, 9:20; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:35, 10:30

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:30; **Like Mike** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 9:15; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Spider-Man (PG-13); **Men in Black II**
Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:50) 8:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:40; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:30) 7:50; Sun. (3:30) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 7:55; **Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 5:35, 9:55; Sun. (1:20) 5:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (5:15); **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (2:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:20) 8:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:05) 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:05, 7:05, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:45, 5:40) 7:35; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; Sun. (1:15, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:00, 5:55) 8:05; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 8:10, 10:10; Sun. (1:50, 3:55) 5:55, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:45) 7:50; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:45

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
City By the Sea (R) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri. 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 5:05, 7:50, 10:30; Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:10, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:05) 7:20, 9:40; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri. (1:45) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri. (1:25, 3:25) 5:40, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. (12:40, 3:15) 5:40, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:00;

Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:25, 5:40) 8:00, 10:00; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:20); Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:20); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:15) 7:30, 9:40; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:45, 10:25; Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:25) 7:45, 9:55; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sat. 7:15, 9:50; Sun.-Thu. 7:00, 9:30; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri. 7:35, 9:45; Sat. 4:40, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. 4:40, 7:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 7:05, 9:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:20, 9:40; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:15, 9:35; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:30); Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 3:30); Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Sat. (12:00, 1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Sun. (12:00, 1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:55) 8:05, 10:00; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 3:45) 5:50, 8:10, 10:15; Sat. (12:00, 1:50, 3:45) 5:50, 8:10, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 1:50, 3:45) 5:50, 7:50, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 3:45, 5:50) 7:50, 9:50; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:30, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (1:20) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:15, 7:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15; **City By the Sea** (R) 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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:45, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 4:45; **Signs** (PG-13) 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; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 5:30, 8:15; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

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)
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:35; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 4:40) 10:15; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 2:45, 4:50, 5:10) 7:35, 7:55, 10:20, 10:35; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:50, 10:30; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu.

(11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:30) 6:00, 10:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:50; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:00, 9:25; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:55) 7:30; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:00; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:20, 4:40) 7:15, 9:30, 10:00; **The Singles Ward** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:20, 10:05; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 3:30) 8:00; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:05, 5:15) 7:25, 9:55; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:15); **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:20, 9:40; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:05) 8:00, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
City By the Sea (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 4:45, 8:45; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 6:45; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Blue Crush (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15; **City By the Sea** (R) 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; **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 6:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 1:15, 6:00; **Signs** (PG-13) 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; **Simone** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 3:30, 8:15; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Good Girl (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **One Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Possession** (PG-13) 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

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 8:10; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00, 5:35) 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:35, 3:00, 5:35) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:50) 8:25; **City**

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)

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-completed 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-

By the Sea (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:10, 5:30) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:35) 8:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 7:45; **Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:40; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 7:55; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (12:50, 3:05, 5:15) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 8:30

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri. 6:30; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 6:30; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. 8:45; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Cammino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
City By the Sea (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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30;

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MOVIES

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)

Stealing Harvard — Jason Lee and Tom Green co-star in a crime comedy directed by Bruce McCulloch.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/13)

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

Swimfan — Teen suspense thriller with Jesse Bradford and Erika Christensen, directed by John Polson.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; 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; RAN-



Simone

CHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Tadpole — The production banner over Gary Winick’s little coming-of-age comedy — Indigent (or InDigEnt), acronym for Independent Digital Entertainment — is a commendable example of truth-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.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Thirteen Conversations about One Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional 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 *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.

★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

24-Hour Party People — Michael Winterbottom’s re-creation of the Manchester pop scene from the mid-Seventies through the Eighties: i.e., from punk to rave. Breathless, chaotic, self-consciously “postmodern” — which translates into raggedy, uneven visuals and a main character who addresses the camera with full knowledge of future events and full awareness that he’s in a movie (soon to be a DVD). This character — real-life TV personality and musical entrepreneur Tony Wilson, portrayed by comedian Steve Coogan — emerges as a real character all right, a little full of himself, given to exaggeration, an aspiring messiah, yet an earnest enthusiast. Shirley Henderson, Paddy Considine, Sean Harris, Danny Cunningham. 2002.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/12)

Undisputed — Walter Hill returns to the arena of his auspicious first film, the boxing arena, but this time inside prison walls instead of subterranean bare-knuckle street-fighting. He has by now hit the age of sixty, a codger by the standards of contemporary Hollywood: Walter Over-the-Hill. And seeing as how he has come so far without ever once succumbing to the lures of fashion and prestige, the important thing at this point 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 action film 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: 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. Peter Falk, Jon Seda, Wes Studi, Michael Rooker. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Walkabout — Edward Bond’s screenplay — two school children, accustomed to crisp uniforms and transistor radios and such things, find themselves marooned in the Australian outback — possibly is more complex in its ideas about a cultural misalliance than is readily apparent. No matter. Nicolas Roeg’s bright, clear, airy images create a wonderland of surreal encounters, altered perspectives, magnifications and diminutions. Jenny Agutter, Lucien John. 1971.

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● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)



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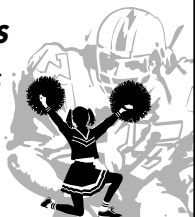
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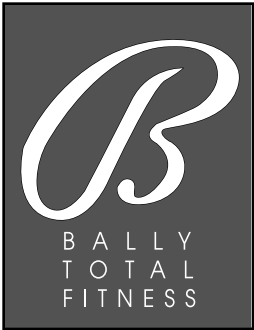
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JILL HILL'S A HUGE CHRISTIAN, RIGHT?

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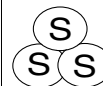
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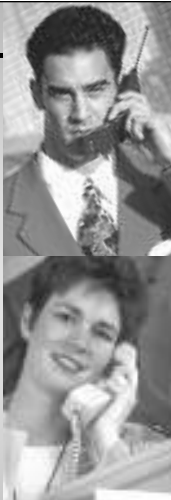
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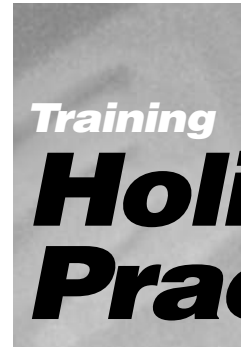
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- 6. Italian designer Schiaparelli
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- 14. Eugene O'Neill's "____ for the Misbegotten"
- 15. Wander
- 16. "Till we meet again"
- 17. Kind of 40-Across, meaning "little worms"
- 19. Red army?
- 20. Mistakes
- 21. Toy block brand
- 23. X minus VII
- 24. Batiking need
- 25. Suffix with Israel
- 27. It's west of Algeria
- 29. Grammy category
- 31. Utah's state flower
- 32. They're at both ends of a basketball court
- 36. "One ____?" (teatime question)
- 39. Little rascals
- 40. 17-Across, 64-Across, 11-Down or 34-Down
- 42. Bibliog. space saver
- 43. Called to Bo-peep
- 45. "Make way!"
- 47. Paraphernalia
- 49. Leaves port
- 50. He's a mystery to many
- 53. Lexicographer's concern: Abbr.
- 54. Madrid Mme.
- 57. Monopoly space: Abbr.
- 58. "Ma! He's Making Eyes _____"

- 60. Dress option
- 62. Tiny criticisms that are picked
- 64. Kind of 40-Across, meaning "little twists"
- 66. Get ____ shape
- 67. Sicilian spouter
- 68. Pregnant word?
- 69. Dos + dos + dos
- 70. At no time, poetically
- 71. Masterful

Down

- 1. Smoothed the way
- 2. Manicurist's board
- 3. Manager of the House That Ruth Built
- 4. Sophia Loren's birthplace
- 5. O.K., in a way
- 6. Palindromic preposition
- 7. Laze
- 8. 1692 witch trials setting

- 9. Sidekicks, south of the border
- 10. "Give ____ rest!"
- 11. Kind of 40-Across, meaning "little muffs"
- 12. Storage space, for many
- 13. Digital watch maker
- 18. Tabby's teaser
- 22. Three-ply snack
- 26. Novelists Ferber and O'Brien
- 28. Romantic interest for Shrek, perhaps
- 29. Like cult films, again and again
- 30. Tops
- 32. Splatter protector
- 33. Docs united: Abbr.
- 34. Kind of 40-Across, meaning "little strings"
- 35. Place
- 37. Bit of chewing gum
- 38. Ringside cheer
- 41. Each
- 44. Duchamp's art movement
- 46. "The Little Rascals" character
- 48. Way past ripe
- 50. Rock's Joplin
- 51. Like rams and lambs
- 52. Be a ham in "Hamlet"?
- 54. Deluxe accommodations
- 55. Incurred
- 56. Most likely ones to be invited
- 59. River to Donegal Bay
- 61. Gravity-powered vehicle
- 63. "H-E-L-P!"
- 65. Feather's mate

RULES OF THE GAME

- 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.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 9/5/02.

Of the 83 entrants, 78 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Teddy Du Bois, *Lakeside*
- 2. Natalie Curtis, *Palm Desert, CA*
- 3. Millie Vendetti, *San Diego*
- 4. Jake Holman, *San Diego*
- 5. Geoffrey Mao, *Encinitas*

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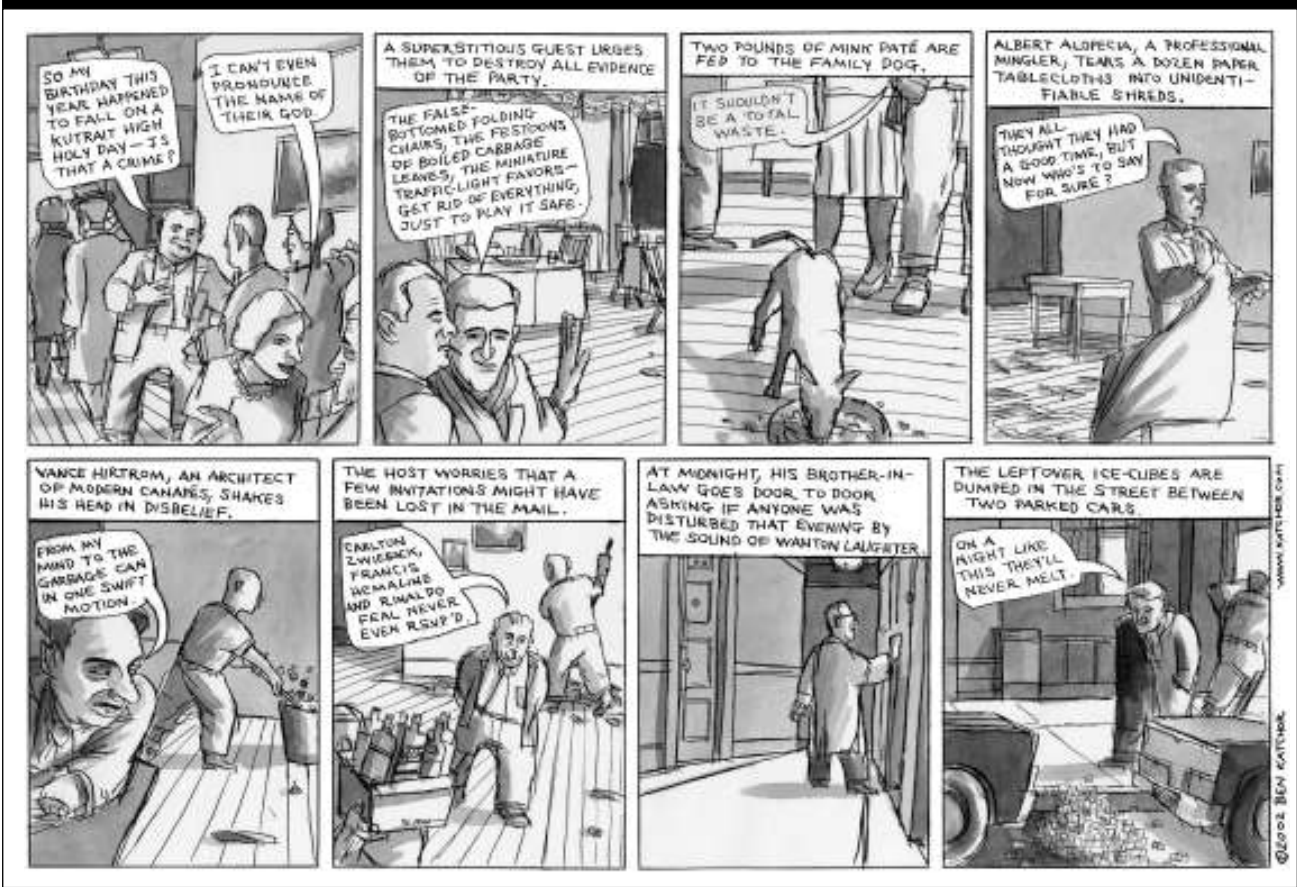
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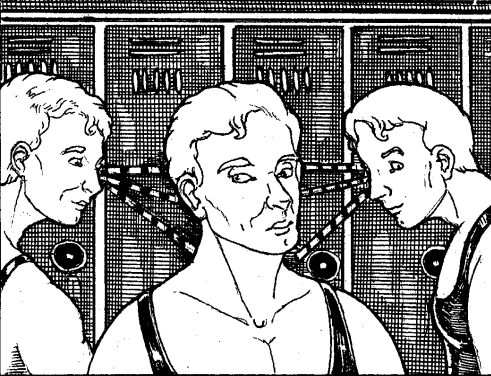
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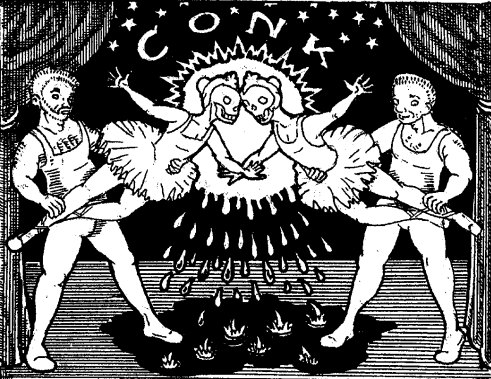
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PACIFIC BEACH. \$512/month, \$250 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Available now. No pets. 805-689-6586.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$580 plus 1/3 utilities in 3 bedroom apartment. 4 blocks to beach. 1100 block Felspar. Available end of September. Female preferred. No pets. 858-274-5994.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$683, plus 1/3 utilities. \$400 deposit. 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Washer/dryer. No smoking/pets. 619-248-6436.

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SERRA MESA. \$500, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Laundry, pool on site. Quiet, safe neighborhood. No smoking/pets. Available immediately. 858-204-8738.

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SOLANA BEACH. \$800 for master bedroom suite with private bath, balcony overlooking garden and office alcove. Townhouse near all. 1 months deposit. No pets. 858-792-6074; 619-235-2415, x16050.

SOLANA BEACH. \$700 includes own bathroom, washer/dryer. Female preferred to share 3 bedroom townhome. Clean. Can be furnished or unfurnished. West of I-5. 858-794-0574.

SORRENTO VALLEY/MIRA MESA. \$580, 1/2 utility, 1 month deposit. Own room/bath. Security, 5 pools/jacuzzi, gym. Mall next door in Summerset Village. Share with female. Available now. 858-689-2202. lacosteleee@yahoo.com.

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VISTA. \$450/month, includes utilities and cable. Room for rent. Private bath. Nice, clean 3 bedroom townhouse. No smoking or drugs. Female only. 619-235-2415, x23524.

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WANTED: Female nonsmoker seeking home or condo (own bath) to share with 1 other. Preferably in Del Mar or La Jolla. 858-739-7799.

WANTED: Female will pay up to \$500. Share apartment with other female in Golden Hill, Hillcrest, University Heights area. Garage, cat OK. 619-884-4206.

WANTED: Male seeking bedroom and bath. Can pay \$300 to \$500/monthly. Robert, 619-733-7349 or usiugraducla@yahoo.com.

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GARAGE. Available in Pacific Beach. \$150/month. Available 10/1. For more information please contact Erik at 858-483-3992.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Garage for rent. 4 separate 1.5-car garages. Security locks. Good access. \$225/month each. 1956 Feldspar. 760-613-9565.

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BANKER'S HILL. \$700. Studio. Beautiful Spanish building. Old World charm. Laundry. Parking. 2003 2nd Avenue. Agent, 619-260-1368.

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BANKER'S HILL. Open house Saturday 1:30-2, 3104 First Avenue. Beautiful 3 bedroom apartment home, 2 bath, hardwood, 40 foot canyon view terrace. \$2400. Cat OK.

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BAY PARK. \$1600. Beautiful ocean bay view, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo unit, washer/dryer, pool, spa, carport, all new appliances. Available now. 619-504-7326.

BAY PARK/MISSION BAY. \$675-\$750. Spacious studio with controlled access, parking, laundry. No pets. 2821 Morena Blvd. Resident Manager, 619-275-1352.

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BONITA. \$850. Excellent 1 bedroom, 1 bath in deluxe newer property. Central air conditioning. Covered parking. Private storage. Spa, pool, coin laundry. No pets. 5151 Robinwood Road. Resident Manager, 619-470-6693.

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CARLSBAD. \$1250. The Grove. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, upstairs, freshly painted, new carpet, all appliances. Common pool, spa, tennis. 2332 Hosp Way. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

CARLSBAD. \$3000. Aviara 4 plus bedroom, 4 bath. 2848 square feet. No pets. 6634 Towhee Lane. Agent, 619-299-4024.

CARLSBAD. \$2350. Waterfront condo. 3 bedroom, possible 4, 2-1/2 bath. 2100 square feet, boat dock, hot tub, pool, newly remodeled. Pets OK. 619-379-6098

CARLSBAD. \$1900. 2 bedroom plus loft, 2 bath house. Gated community. 2 car. 1165 square feet. Small pet. Spa. 6951 Quiet Cove. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

CARLSBAD. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Off-street parking. 1100 square feet. No pet. 3475 Roosevelt Avenue #9. Available 10/23. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

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CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$3400. 4+ bedroom, 3 bath home. Built in 2000. Spa, large family room, highly upgraded throughout, community park. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

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CARLSBAD/SOUTH OCEANSIDE. \$825. Walk to ocean. Old World charm. Quiet. Many windows. Large 1 bedroom. Top floor, end unit. No dogs/smoking. 699/701 Eaton. 760-967-8121.

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CARMEL VALLEY. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 2 car. Pet OK. 12634 Carmel Country Road #119. Available 10/5. Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scuba-rentals.com.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1375. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. First level end-unit. All appliances. View of Greenbelt, pool, spa, exercise room, carport. Available now. Agent, 760-787-9903.

CARMEL VALLEY. \$1650. 2 master bedrooms, 2 baths. 2-car garages. Upper end unit. Excellent condition. All appliances included. East Bluff. No smoking/pets. 858-204-7822.

CHULA VISTA. From \$1095. It's like a five star luxury resort... only you live here... and life is very, very good! Brand new 1, 2, 3 bedroom luxury apartment homes. Panoramic ocean views! Pool. Spa. Fitness center. Garage included. Washer/dryer. Casoleil, 1100 Denney Road. Call 619-428-0888. www.sdreader.com/rent/2036.

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CHULA VISTA, OTAY RANCH. \$1415. Townhome, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, pool, spa, air conditioning, 2-car garage, washer/dryer in garage. Electric log fireplace. No pets. 1805 Via Capri. 858-292-1773.

CHULA VISTA. \$2235/month. Rolling Hills Ranch. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Pets negotiable, near shopping. 1-year lease minimum, deposit required. Available now. Appointment only, 619-421-6193.

CHULA VISTA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, blinds, laundry on site, pool. 1 assigned parking. 400 square feet. No pets. Available now. 661 Sea Vale Street #11 (off Broadway).

Stephanie, 619-425-6684.

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sevelt, located behind 561 Roosevelt. 619-464-4441.

CHULA VISTA. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upgraded units. No pets. Available now. Move-in special: \$100 off first month. 458 F Street. Call 619-420-6271.

CHULA VISTA. \$800+. 2 bedroom, country style hideaway, fenced yard, sunlit kitchen, newly remodeled, driveway parking, near shops. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

CHULA VISTA. \$695/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, fully furnished. 2 blocks from Chula Vista Center. Off-street parking. Laundry room. Lots of trees. 521 Park Way. Office open daily (near Fifth and G). 619-420-5084.

CHULA VISTA. \$795. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. Gated parking. Air conditioning, laundry, central vacuum. 144 Garrett. Resident Manager, 619-585-1959.

CHULA VISTA. \$695/month. \$150 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$700, \$500 deposit. Laundry, parking. 583 Park Way. 619-243-4000 x0.

CITY HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, huge apartments. Garden setting, pool, spa, quiet. \$950 and up. 2406 Fairmount Avenue. 619-269-4807.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet. New appliances. Dishwasher included. Off-street parking. Laundry. Lots of windows. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$600. Large 1 bedroom apartment, upstairs, gated, approximately 750 square feet. 4265 Altadena #11. 619-223-2347

CITY HEIGHTS. \$950. Deposit \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large upstairs unit in small complex. Laundry on site. Centrally located. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 4525 35th Street, Unit A. Available 10/7. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$710. Unfurnished, 1 bedroom. Very nice. Good location. On-site laundry facilities. No pets. 760-735-6897.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$595. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled kitchen, washer and dryer, hidden in greenery, quiet area. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with tandem 2-car garage, balcony, air conditioner, dishwasher. Available 10/4/02. 4246 42nd Street, #1. Agent. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

CITY HEIGHTS. Newly remodeled senior community! 55 and up! 1 and 2 bedrooms available now. Garden setting. Secure gated entry. Underground parking. Close to shopping, freeways and bus lines. www.sunrisemgmt.com, Ray, 619-583-5409.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$695-\$865. 1 and 2 bedroom units available. Off-street parking, laundry, large units, quiet residential area, close to all. 3443 Marlborough Ave. 619-843-8168.

CITY HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$500 deposit. New carpet. 3722 Marlborough. 619-243-4000 x0.

CLAIREMONT. Minutes away from work and play! Up to 1 month free! From \$1349. 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment homes. Attached garages available. High speed data lines. Resort style pool, spa. Fitness center. Business centers. Washer/dryer. Avion @ Spectrum, 8811 Spectrum Center Blvd. 888-420-6676. www.sdreader.com/rent/2029.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stackable washer/dryer. Fully equipped kitchens. Vaulted ceilings, select units. Patios/balconies. Assigned covered carport. Lap pool. Jacuzzi. Tennis courts. Fitness center. Cats only! Near beaches/freeways. Canyon Ridge Apartments, 3187 Cowley Way. 619-276-1400. www.sdreader.com/rent/2021.

CLAIREMONT. \$2200. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house quiet neighborhood, walking distance Clairemont Square. Recently remodeled. Small pet OK. Available 9/1. 4530 Miami Way. Mitch, 619-665-9497.

CLAIREMONT. Furnished studios. \$950 per month on a month to month basis. Microwave, mini-refrigerator, laundry, heated pool, spa, continental breakfast buffet. Great central location. Once a week maid service, includes all utilities and linens. Garden surroundings. Parking. No pets. 5415 Clairemont Mesa Drive. Call 858-569-4957. www.sdreader.com/rent/2035.

CLAIREMONT. \$1850. 3 bedroom, 1 bath plus bonus room. Large detached 2-car

garage with electricity and alley access. Washer/dryer, dishwasher. Large, comfortable backyard. Quiet neighborhood. Available 10/15. 858-483-8770.

CLAIREMONT. \$1495-\$1595. Huge 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in newly renovated community, 3 parking spaces included! Some units have yards! 6010 Mount Aguilar. 858-270-5500.

CLAIREMONT. \$1100. Nice 2 bedroom. 1 bath duplex. Separate entrance. Kitchen and living room, Easy access to freeway. Near Mesa College. No pets. 858-453-9108.

CLAIREMONT. Fox Run. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. 2-car garage. No pets. Available 9/20. Call Eric, 619-980-5312.

CLAIREMONT. \$800. 1 bedroom apartment near Mesa College. Take over lease, \$400 deposit. Available now. 619-518-9046.

CLAIREMONT. \$1710. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with den. 2-car garage. New carpet, appliances. Yard. No pets. 3716 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Agent, 858-453-6115.

CLAIREMONT. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath, garage, dining room, custom patio, yard for pets. Low deposit, quiet area, near all. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

CLAIREMONT. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse condo! 1872 square feet! All new tile, carpet, baths. 2-car carport, washer/dryer, patio. 5279 Mount Alifan. Cindy 619-294-3623.

CLAIREMONT. \$875 and up. 1 bedrooms. 2 bedrooms, from \$1050 and up. Looking for clean, quiet and homey? Our lovely complex is peaceful and quiet day and night! Walking to all your needs. Patios and courtyard. Garages available. 619-276-3222. For photo, floor plans, directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1028.

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ESCONDIDO. \$1200. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New paint, carpet, garage. Fee. Rent Ready, 760-432-4343.

ESCONDIDO. \$1375. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dining room, fireplace, pool, spa. Fee. Rent Ready, 760-432-4343.

ESCONDIDO. \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer. Parking. 1564 Tanglewood. Resident Manager, 760-743-3827.

ESCONDIDO. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$920, 1-car garage with unit. Pool, spa. On-site laundry. 1240 N. Broadway. www.sunrisemgmt.com. 760-743-6798.

FASHION VALLEY/USD. \$1195/month, same deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large upstairs corner condo, 2 parking, dishwasher. Bay views. Small pet OK. 619-846-0168.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1600. City Scene condos, 2 bedroom plus loft, 2 car garage, great valley view, great condition. 619-542-2416.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Friars Village, great condition, 2 car garage, all appliances. 619-542-2416.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. Vacation rental. Presidio Place, resort living/pools, spas, tennis, air conditioning, elevators, parking underground, laundry. 1 month minimum. 3 bedroom, 2 bath penthouse. Furnished. \$3500. R.A. Properties, 858-483-3989.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Top floor. Vaulted ceilings. Lease. No pets. Presidio Place, upscale resort living with pools, spas, tennis, 24-hour gate guards, elevators, parking underground. All units with air conditioning, fireplace, laundry hookups. Available 10/1. R.A. Properties, 858-483-3989.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1950. 4 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1568 square feet, includes garage, patio, very spacious, very clean. No pets. Close to USD. Gianni, 619-846-6557.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1200. Low deposit, 2 bedroom house, 1 bath, fenced yard, washer and dryer hookup, newer appliances. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1075. Near USD/bus. Available 10/12. Lower refurbished 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Indoor cat OK. Laundry room, parking. 5946 Lauretta. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

FASHION VALLEY. University Canyon. Huge 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2-car garage, yard. Washer and dryer connections. Atrium kitchen. Very light and bright, skylights, swimming pool and spa. 619-296-2787.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. Presidio Place, 1 bedroom. Resort living. Pools, spa, tennis, air conditioning, elevators, parking underground, laundry. Month to month. \$960, \$500 deposit. 858-625-3785

FLETCHER HILLS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with den, 2-car garage. All appliances including washer, dryer. \$2000. 1087 Hacienda Drive. Great view! 2300 square feet. Like new! Agent, 619-229-2440.

GOLDEN HILL/DOWNTOWN. Unique metropolitan setting offering comfort and convenience. 1 and 2 bedroom apartment homes, 2 bedroom townhouses. Central air/heat. Full size washer/dryer hookups. Controlled access with reserved covered parking. Dishwasher. Microwave. Great freeway access. Feline friendly. Waverly Court, 1015 19th Street. 619-235-9018. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2028.

GOLDEN HILL. Large studios/1 bedrooms, just renovated. Hardwood floors, skylights, laundry. Near Balboa Park/downtown. Small pets OK. \$775/up. 1944 C Street. 619-804-0115.

GOLDEN HILL. Studio \$650. 1 bedroom \$750. In gated community. Lush landscaping, patio and balcony, 2 laundry rooms and barbecue area. No pets. 619-255-3874.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750 plus deposit. Beautiful, complete remodel, 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Quiet cosmopolitan area. A must see. No pets. 3144 Grape Street. Open House Saturday, 9/14, 10am-2pm. 619-234-1219 or 619-962-3190.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Smaller 1 bedroom, 1 bath in historic district, newly renovated. New kitchen cabinets, appliances, hardwood floors, fans. Cats OK. Available 9/20. 858-277-1232.

GOLDEN HILL. \$985. Charming 1930s 2 bedroom cottage. Canyon access. Built-in buffet and window seat in dining room. Breakfast room. Patio, refrigerator, stove. Water paid. 1 off-street parking space. Elaine, 619-287-9854.

GOLDEN HILL. \$825. Loft privacy, 1 bedroom in fourplex. Hardwood floors, canyon view. Recently renovated with new maple cabinets, new appliances, recessed lighting, satellite tile. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat considered. B and 31st Street. Karin, 760-749-8489 x2.

GOLDEN HILL. \$625 includes utilities. Studio. Hardwood floors, ceiling fan, microwave. Nonsmoking. No pets. 943 20th Street. Available 10/1. Ron, 619-865-1556.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750-\$875. Studio, 2 bedroom, garden setting with private backyard with fire pit, across from Balboa Park, spacious unit, laundry room. 2775 "A" Street #1, #B. 858-270-5500.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, underground parking, balcony with storage, exercise room. One pet OK. 3078 Broadway (close to freeways). 619-307-3952.

GOLDEN HILL. 2 bedroom apartment over 5-car garage (1-car garage included). Hardwood and tile floors. Art deco style. Patio off kitchen nook. \$1200/month. Dog OK. 619-231-6960.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$2350. Three bedroom, two bath, two-story vintage home with a bonus room, hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, fireplace, clawfoot bathtub, large closets, panoramic view, two-car garage, fenced backyard, even a white picket fence and screened porch. Dogs will be considered. Please call 619-501-5109.

GOLDEN HILL. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors. Berber carpet. Granite counter tops. New tile. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$595. Small 1 bedroom apartment. Second floor. Laundry on site. Borders south Morley Field with view of park. No pet. 2434 A Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled. New appliances, tile. Pool, on-site laundry. Available immediately. Call Maria, 619-280-2658; 619-281-5418.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1700. Victorian, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Newly renovated. All new cabinets, hardwood floors. All major appliances including washer/dryer. Off-street parking. Alarm. No smoking/pets. 9/21. 619-840-2706.

GOLDEN HILL. Pet-friendly community! Charming 1 bedroom with large walk-in closet. Newly renovated paint and carpet. Pets under 25 pounds. \$750. 619-921-6199.

GOLDEN HILL. \$975. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Newly remodeled, hardwood floors, tile, gated off-street parking. No pets. 619-823-8892.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1400. 2630-2632 E Street. Beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Yard. All new appliances. Carport parking. Laundry room. MPM Realty, 619-593-3620, 619-855-1166.

GOLDEN HILL/BALBOA PARK. \$1600. Charming 1940s, English cottage with garage and private fenced yard for pet. Two bedroom, small dining room, fireplace, coved ceilings, hardwood floors, washer/dryer and refrigerator. Air conditioning, ceiling fans, French doors, redwood deck. 5 minutes to downtown, 9 blocks from Balboa Park. Water and gardener included. 1611 Edgemont Street at Cedar. Available 11/18. Please call for appointment to view, 619-921-1695.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. 1 bedroom cottage. Fenced yard, covered patio. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750 studio in 1920s building. Great downtown view, hardwood floors, clawfoot tub, large closet. Excellent sunlight. Quiet secure building with laundry. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedrooms \$650 to \$850. Completely renovated building. Newly remodeled units. New kitchens, Saltillo floors/ Berber carpet. Small patios/yard. Pet OK. 2528 C Street. 619-741-3511.

GOLDEN HILL. \$775. 1 bedrooms with character. Hardwood floors, tiled kitchen and bathroom. Large front window with neighborhood view and breeze. Shared balcony. Quiet property with laundry. West of 25th. 2426/2417 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$500. Residential space. All utilities included. Refrigerator, stove, cabinets. Shared bathroom, laundry. Secure building. West of 25th Street. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom. Very clean Victorian flat. Wood floors. Newer kitchen and bath with limestone floors. Washer, dryer. Secure off-street parking. 3345 C Street. 619-593-6263.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675. Studio in garden setting. Tiled kitchen and bath. Washer, dryer. Off-street parking. 2930 C Street. 619-593-6263.

GOLDEN HILL. \$800. Cozy sunlit apartment in 1920s building. Remodeled with tile counter-top, maple cabinets, new appliances. Tiled bath with glass block for increased lighting. Contemporary lighting. Laundry, roof deck, secure. West of 25th. Excellent references. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$725. Deposit \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage. Second floor unit. New carpet/paint/blinds, etc. Laundry. 1 block to Balboa Park. Close to Downtown. 2741 A Street #F. 619-843-8168.

GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$795. Gated, parking, laundry. Large bedroom and bath. 3030 Broadway. 619-243-4000 x0.

HILLCREST. \$775. Charming 1 bedroom Spanish cottage with garage. Hardwood floors. Lush gardens. Parking. Near food, coffee shops. Adams Avenue. 619-682-4950.

HILLCREST. \$800. 1 bedroom, upstairs. Charming, old-fashioned building overlooking garden. Stove, refrigerator, on-site laun-

dry. Near 163. No dogs. 1221 Robinson. Available after 9/23. 619-298-3229.

HILLCREST. From \$775. Studios apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$935. 1 bedroom with garage. New paint. Mirrored closet doors. Verticals, air conditioning, ice maker. Private patio with storage closet. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-280-4693.

HILLCREST. \$1015. Private cottage-like 1 bedroom in charming, small, Spanish-style property with laundry facilities. Hardwood floors and 9 foot ceilings. Garage available. Georgia Street location. Available mid-September. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom condominium in modern courtyard complex next to Uptown. Upper unit, secure parking, dishwasher, patio, Jacuzzi and laundry. Available 9/15. 619-260-0979.

HILLCREST. \$795-\$1325. Large upstairs studio, 1 and 2 bedrooms. In a restored 1920s Mediterranean-style community with controlled access, laundry, community barbecue and more! 3967 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. \$825-\$875. 3521 6th Avenue. Gorgeous 1 bedroom apartment home that has been restored to its original style from the 1920s. 10' rounded ceilings, custom curtains and paint. 858-270-5500.

HILLCREST. \$790. 1 bedroom. Upstairs end unit. Quiet. Dishwasher, ceiling fan. Laundry facilities. Underground parking. Available 9/8/02. 4191 Cleveland Avenue. Chris, 619-293-3981.

HILLCREST. \$1225. Adorable 2 bedroom cottage-style apartment with hardwood floors throughout. Newer kitchen. Shared yard. Laundry. Nonsmokers. No pets. Long term only. 858-492-8745.

HILLCREST. \$840. 1 bedroom. Upstairs unit. Quiet complex. Clean. On-site laundry. Underground parking. Chris, 619-293-3981.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 baths plus den area, garage and yard. Granite counter-tops, fireplace, all appliances. Very nice. New construction. 619-296-2787.

HILLCREST. \$900. Quiet 1-bedroom condo with private patio. Ground floor, secluded complex, end of Fifth Avenue. Pool, spa, tennis, clubhouse. Parking, laundry. No pets. Nonsmoking. Available now. 619-683-7717.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom Craftsman house. \$1695. With gorgeous hardwood floors throughout and fireplace. Large dining room and laundry room. Near Mercy Hospital. Drive by 4185 Fourth Avenue, then call 619-447-6556.

HILLCREST. \$1295. 3 bedroom, 2 bath in gated building. 1-car garage. Dishwasher. Tiled kitchen and bath. Laundry. No pets. Agent, 619-234-9553.

HILLCREST. \$825. Spacious, quiet 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Patio, fireplace, air conditioning, gated, appliances, on-site laundry, garage. Nonsmoking. Cats OK. 4136 Georgia. Available 10/1. Manager, 619-269-5237.

HILLCREST. \$1200. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, laundry hookups. Clean, well maintained. No pets. Available 10/5. 1738 Cypress. 619-275-LIST.

HILLCREST. \$975. 1 bedroom cottage, hardwood floors. washer/dryer hookups. Private yard. Near bus line. Available now. 3304 Reynard. No dogs. Agent, 619-298-7232.

HILLCREST. \$975. Unique 1 bedroom apartment with private yard. Lots of windows. Off-street parking. Laundry room on site. Remodeled. 901 Hays Avenue. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

HILLCREST. \$945. Luxury 1 bedroom. Tasteful decor featuring imported floor tile, fully equipped kitchen with state-of-the-art appliances and numerous amenities. Desirable, quiet location. 1231 Pennsylvania Avenue. Visit www.sandiegoapartments.com or call 619-220-8425.

HILLCREST. \$1300. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely new kitchen and bathroom, hardwood floors, on-site laundry, lots of charm. Available immediately. Maria, 619-280-2658; 619-281-5418.

HILLCREST. Open houses. View Saturday 12:30-1pm. only, 4029 8th Avenue. This spacious tile floored studio in small community, parking included, \$725. And view, Saturday 1:30-2, 3104 First Avenue, in Banker's Hill, beautiful 3 bedroom apartment home, 2 bath, hardwood, 40 foot canyon view terrace. \$2400. Cat OK. 619-299-7727. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST. \$875. 2 bedroom. Charming older building in dinette and hutch. Shared yard area and parking. Short walk to shops

and restaurants. No pets. Agent, 619-296-3189.

HILLCREST. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit. New paint and carpet. Parking. Laundry on site. 3960 First Avenue. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307. 619-296-4572.

HILLCREST. Cottages. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$950, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors, breakfast nook, kitchen, laundry facilities, street parking. No pets. Open house, 9/14-9/15, 10am-1pm. 1807-1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/flooring. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$725. Completely renovated upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, gated courtyard, laundry, off street parking. No pets. No smoke. 4011 Florida Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

HILLCREST. \$700+. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet, spacious kitchen, refrigerator and stove. Near shop. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

HILLCREST. \$1195 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit. Garage/parking. Available 10/3. On-site laundry. New carpet/paint. 3672 Georgia. After 10am for appointment: 619-542-0708.

HILLCREST. \$775/up. Studios, large 2 bedroom in the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, pool, laundry rooms, assigned carport, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. \$725-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedroom homes, walk to everything, great freeway access. Also, cottages available. Hardwood floors, laundry, balcony, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$625. Studio available. Best location, hardwood floors, laundry. Free utilities, kitchenette, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$1895. Remodeled, all new 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, Uptown District condo. Pool, spa, gym, convenient to all. Garage parking for 2 vehicles. No pets. 1260 Cleveland. 619-980-0125.

HILLCREST. \$825. Upstairs, 1 bedroom, dishwasher. New refrigerator. Recently upgraded. Gated underground parking. Near all. 3829 Georgia Street #9. Call Karen, 619-574-6909.

HILLCREST. \$960. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs. Situated in clean, quiet, gated complex. Laundry on-site. Near zoo and Balboa Park. 3634 Park Blvd. Agent. 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. \$585. Studio, utilities included. Cozy and charming studio in classic Victorian building. Laundry. Nonsmoking only. Charge. 858-751-1497.

HILLCREST. \$1325/up. Beautifully appointed 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Split master suite floor plan. Microwave. Dishwasher. Compactor. Central air. Balcony with storage. 7 laundry rooms! Telephone entry. Elevator. Underground parking and more. Montecito Point. 4179 Third Avenue. 619-291-4803.

HILLCREST. \$895. Studio. Cute Spanish-style cottage. Great location. Stove, refrigerator. On-site laundry. Utilities included. Small pet allowed. Call for appointment, 619-291-5555. www.utopiamanagement.com.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 825 square feet, quiet courtyard, corner downstairs unit, big closets, view, laundry. Available 10/1. 4025 Alabama. 619-294-8737.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1995. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Parking. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 950 square feet. Available now. \$1650. 2 bedroom with den. Washer/dryer included. 1400 square feet. Available now. Garages available, \$75/month. Premier location. Laundry. Courtyards. Near Balboa Park, shops, restaurants, bus, entertainment! Park Boulevard Apartments, 3525 Park Blvd. 619-692-0461. www.sdreader.com/rent/1087.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$650. Spacious new studio. Hardwood floor. Private patio. New appliances. Central location. Walk to everything. 3652 Columbia Street. 619-692-3255.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$785. Rustic 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors. Beamed ceiling. Large redwood deck. 1/3 acre. Quiet. Trees. No smoking/dogs. Available now. 619-220-0990.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$925. Spacious, upstairs, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 8-unit complex. Ceramic tile

kitchen/bath, generous closets, off-street parking, laundry room. 619-298-0982.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$850. Lower 1 bedroom. Indoor cat OK. Street parking. Near downtown/bus. 345 Laurel. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$845. Immaculate 1 bedroom, near ocean, garage included. Second story unit has hardwood floors and peek view. Laundry. Cat OK. Rent plus \$500 moves you in. Drive by 2453 Union Street (near Laurel) then call Megan, 619-544-0685.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Excellent location. Coin laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident Manager, 619-692-1837.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Excellent location. Coin laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident Manager, 619-692-1837.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1595. Condo at the Pier, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1/4 block from the beach. Ocean views, fireplace, laundry in unit, security parking. Move-in 9/15. 152 Evergreen Avenue. Call 619-840-MOVE(6683)

IMPERIAL BEACH. Oceanfront. \$850. 1 bedroom apartment. \$1450. 2 bedroom cottage with fenced yard. Pet OK. Laundry. Off-street parking. 1046 Seacoast Drive. 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1500. Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath, near ocean and shops, newly remodeled, spacious kitchen, refrigerator and stove, freshly painted. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$900. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath remodeled kitchen, newer appliances, quiet area. Washer and dryer, extra storage space. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$875. Excellent 2 bedroom, 1 bath in attractive well kept, gated building. Large kitchen, patio, laundry, gated parking. 1324 Iris Avenue. 858-279-1044.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1495. Front unit, ocean view townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, separate floors. 2 secured parkings. Fireplace, laundry. Available now. 152 Evergreen #1. 858-272-5071.

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LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$2400. Large 1800 square foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, spa/tub, pool, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, double garage, elevator. Small pet OK. 7555 Eads Avenue. 858-456-0406.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE, \$2250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Best location, close to shops, beaches. Partially furnished, washer/dryer, beautiful courtyard, quiet, gated, 2 underground parking. 619-265-2828, 619-818-1188.

LA JOLLA, BIRD ROCK. \$1850. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Fabulous location, ocean/mountain views, security building, tandem garage parking, elevator, jacuzzi, Available now. Charles, 858-454-3023 or 858-488-0587.

LA JOLLA, VILLAGE. \$1000. Quaint 1 bedroom. Steps to beach, park, and downtown. Mike Stalsby, resident manager, 858-456-0407.

LA JOLLA, Woodlands. Large executive 1 bedroom trilevel townhouse, attached garage/storage. All appliances including washer/dryer. Pool, spa, sauna. \$1395. Available 9/14. 972-304-3260; 214-621-0962.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Patio. Fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. Lease through June 2003. 858-59-8943.

LA JOLLA. \$1695/month. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo, attached garage. 3274 Via Marin #88. 858-391-5811.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Full bath, kitchen, walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Block to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375/month, includes utilities. Cable ready. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$900-\$1600. 1 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished, in the heart of the village! Pool, laundry. Walk to cave, dining and shopping. No pets. 858-459-8254.

LA JOLLA. \$1150-\$1195. 363 Playa del Sur. 1 bedroom. Laundry, controlled access, only 1/2 block to the beach! Newly renovated community and apartments. 858-270-5500.

LA JOLLA. \$1785. 1 block to Windansea Beach. Large 2 bedroom, wood floors, pet consired, fenced yard. Lease till June 2003. 858-459-1700.

LA JOLLA. Location, location! 1 bedroom, windows galore, \$1575, Near beach, tennis, cafes. Available 11/1. Truly "In Eden," 616 Prospect, Cellular 858-405-2624, messages 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, block from beach, alley entrance, private yard, patio, street parking, laundry room. 1-year lease. No pets/smoking. Available 10/1. \$2575. Appointments, 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Pool. Steps to beach. Laundry room. Security parking. No pets. 6655 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-456-1432.

LA JOLLA. \$3250. Like new. Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, yard, all appliances. Pets? Agent, 858-922-3311.

LA JOLLA. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Apartments in the village. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals. Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$3850. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. 3050 square feet. 2-car garage. 2 blocks to Windansea. Family room with ocean view. Winamar Avenue. Pets OK. Available now. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA. \$1300 plus nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath open kitchen, custom patio, extra storage, dishwasher and stove, near ocean. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. Totally furnished condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, gas fireplace, washer, dryer, pool and spa. No pets. No smoking. 858-550-0209.

LA JOLLA. \$2000. Refurbished 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, separate dining room, yard. No pets. 625 Marine Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Upper large studio. Near Windansea/bus. Available mid-October. No pets. 6-month lease. Laundry room. 396 Kolmar. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with balcony, in Village, third floor views. Close to shops. 858-569-8799 x104.

LA JOLLA. \$1295. 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Pets ok. Washer/dryer, fenced patio. Prestigious complex overlooking pool.

Fireplace, tennis courts, underground parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA JOLLA. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Immaculate. Ocean view. Balcony. 5530 La Jolla Blvd. Open house 9/14, 2:30-3:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4200, x105.

LA JOLLA. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Fireplace, patio and balconies. Attached 2-car garage. Spacious and bright. 3406 Via Alicante. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071, www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath large, lower plus garage. Duplex. Near Windansea. Do not disturb. 7064 Vista del Mar. John A. Reis and Company. 858-272-1348.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Excellent location, quiet complex. Available now. 858-571-4858.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards with fountains. 4 resort style pools with spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. Studios, 1, 2 and 2 bedrooms plus den. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5260 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury. www.Xtreme-Living.com. Enjoy new appliances, washer/dryer, faux granite countertops. 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1190. Gated parking. Pools, spas, fitness center. Cats welcome. Nobel Court, 8895 Caminito Plaza Centro. Toll free, 1-888-372-6228. www.sreader.com/rent/1037.

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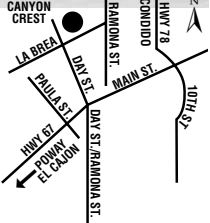
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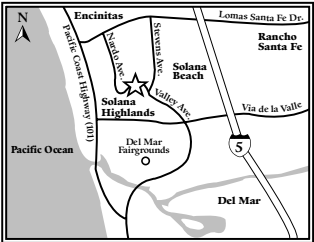
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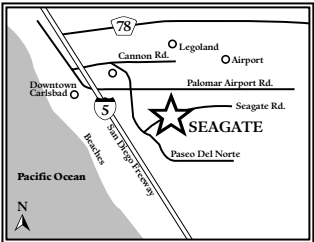
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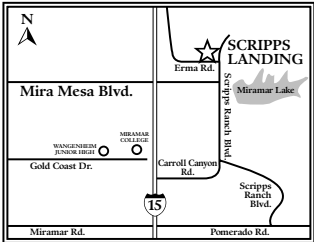
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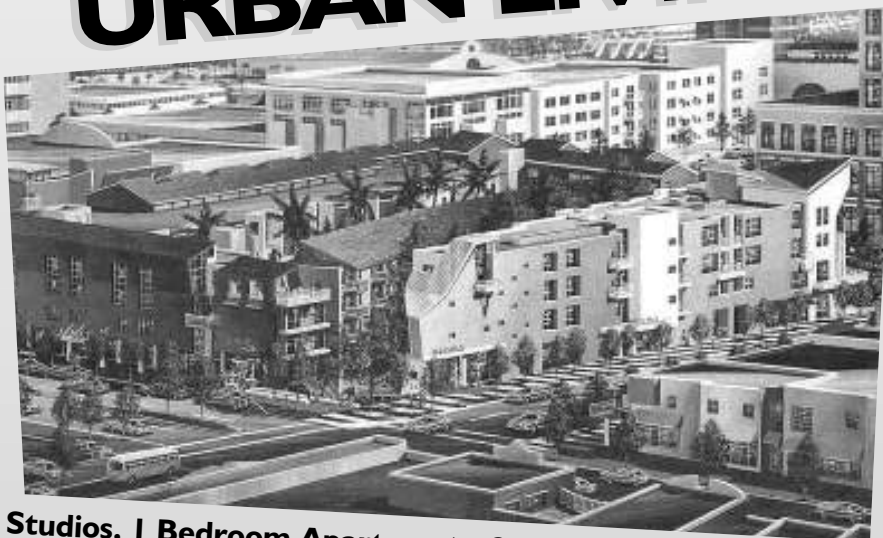
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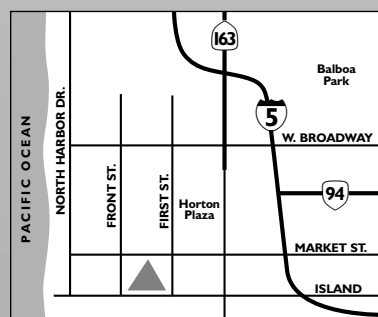
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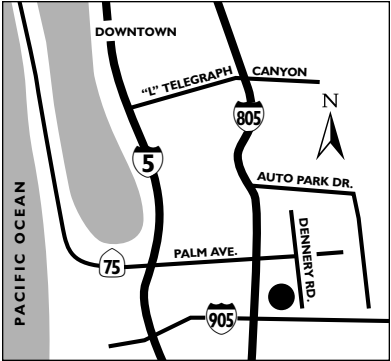
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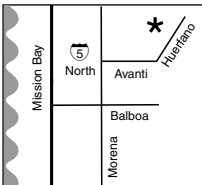
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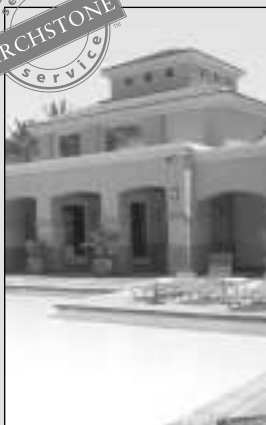
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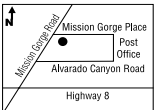


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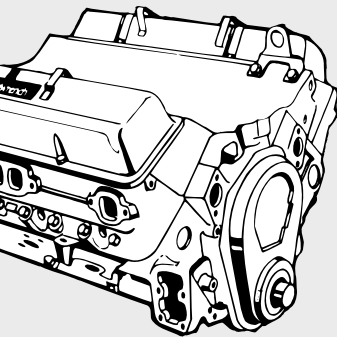
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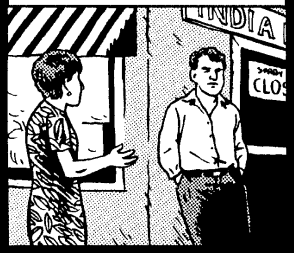
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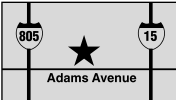
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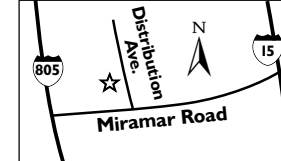
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T.G.I.F.

It took a second before the pain registered as a white field of intense light across my eyelids.

By John Brizzolara

What has a better-than-even chance of occurring on a Friday afternoon? A toothache. Why should this be more likely to happen on a Friday afternoon? Because you cannot easily get to a dentist until Monday. That's what happened to me two Fridays and \$1100 ago.

Had big plans for my column that night: go out on the town, then write about it, something that would offend vast sectors of the county population — Serbo-Croatian glass-blowers, ocelot owners, someone... But it began about 4 p.m. At first the intermittent pain was just distracting, but it quickly became a sharp glissando up the right side of my skull. I have a high tolerance for pain and consider it unmanly to show signs of even the worst agony. So I was annoyed when my girlfriend asked why I was crying. I told her I was certainly not crying and asked her politely to drop that line of questioning. She claims I screamed, "Shut up!" Women always have their own version of things.

She insisted on making a big deal out of it and going to Rite-Aid for some toothache medicine. I humored her, wiped the caked aspirin from the corner of my mouth, and applied the Ambesol. I was impressed by how well it worked; she told me of other products available for home use, even replacement crowns and cement. I was surprised. The last time I had a toothache was in the late 1930s, and the only home

remedy I remembered was tying one end of a string to the offending tooth and the other end to a doorknob. You screw up your courage and slam the door, dislodging the tooth. This technique was introduced in, I believe, the *Our Gang* series or possibly an early *Three Stooges*.

The Ambesol worked, but not for long. I spent the rest of the weekend in pain, half mad and babbling, cursing so vehemently that my Jehovah's Witness neighbors came to the door to comfort me, or so they said. Actually, they intended to perform an exorcism, though they did not use that term. They called themselves "deliverance ministers." I have a vague recollection of snarling obscenities at them as I slammed the door. I have since attempted to apologize, but they will not open their door, though I know they're in there.

About nine years later, Monday morning arrived. Knowing full well my dental plan covered only appointments made while the moon is in Scorpio, and then with a three-week wait, I called one of San Diego's popular dental emporiums. They said they were having a slow day and could fit me in.

This began my seven-and-a-half-hour ordeal; four of those hours were spent in the waiting room. The receptionist asked me twice to stop whimpering because I was scaring small children. I tried to explain that I was merely humming a catchy Yoko Ono tune to distract myself, but I had difficulty forming words.

Once in the dental chair, I heard the dreaded words "root canal." The next thing I remembered was the syringe, one of those big old metal ones the size of a flashlight, with a needle that could be used to crotchet. It felt like a 16-penny nail entering my gum. But within 5 to 10 minutes I was blissfully unaware of sensations like salivation and my runny nose.

The rest of the procedure was a blur of drilling upward into the right side of my skull. Every minute or so I would gag on the suction device. At one point, the dental assistant placed a stretchy rubber dam over my mouth, which had already been wedged open as wide as possible with a solid piece of rubber. The dam was to prevent tiny needles, the ones they were using to bore three different holes in my rear molar, from falling down my throat. I was unable to ask if this happened often, but as the assistant stretched and wedged the dam, she said at one point, "Oh, forget it. I could never get the hang of these things," and she gave up.

It takes a few hours to get at the nerve and cut it out or kill it or whatever they do. As a public service, I advise anyone needing this treatment to go to the bathroom first. After two hours or so, I had to take a leak in the worst way. I managed to convey this by gesturing toward the hall and the men's room. The dentist, a short Mexican-American woman of great skill and infinite patience, nodded

and removed the dam. She left in the hard rubber wedge and stuffed gauze in my mouth to stanch some bleeding. When I got up and walked to the door, I encountered three technicians in the hallway. The women gave me looks of such blank horror I wondered what the hell was the matter with them.

A glance in the bathroom mirror explained it. My mouth was pried open to an impossible width by the wedge on one side. On the other side was a wad of bloody gauze. Blood and spit leaked down my jaw. My hair stuck straight out to the sides, disheveled from my writhing against the headrest. My eyes looked like a squirrel's, frozen in headlights. The total effect was not unlike Edvard Munch's painting *The Scream*.

After what seemed like another hour or so of drilling, we arrived at the next phase of the proceedings. I was asked to tilt my head even farther back, and I could smell something cooking, like plastic or glue or insulation. Someone pumped something hot into the holes in my molar. I tried to scream. It came out *Gaaah!* and seemed to go on for several minutes. In my detached, out-of-body state during this unbelievable pain, I was sure that if she didn't stop this torture, no matter how hard I tried to control myself I would reach up and grab her by the hair and bring her head down repeatedly against the tool tray until she slumped to the floor. I had no wish to hurt her at all; but I could envision this happening involuntarily in the next few seconds. When she finally removed her hands from my mouth and the pain stopped, she said, "Oh, I forgot to warn you."

She installed a temporary filling. I would have to come back twice for crown work. If I could again urge the public to listen to me in this one matter (besides taking a leak at the onset of root canal work): For the love of God, floss!



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The last day of summer, I woke up hot. The white cotton sheets of Jack’s and my bed clung damply to my legs. Sweat soaked the right side of my nightgown where four-year-old Johnny pressed up against me. I could hear Ben, almost two, down the hall, “Mama. Daddy. Mama. Daddy.”

I stumbled out of bed and made my way to Ben’s room. He stood in his crib wearing only a diaper and a white T-shirt. Ben’s golden-red curls lay dark with sweat against his forehead.

“Sorry it’s such a hot morning,” I crooned as I lifted Ben out of his crib. Impervious to the heat, he curled in against my chest as I carried him downstairs.

In the still semi-darkness, I lifted the living room blinds and pulled open the windows. All summer long when I opened the living room windows in the morn-

ing, cool air spilled in. The last day of summer, no air moved. I clicked on the overhead fan. A warm, humid breath fell weakly over the room.

While Ben sat on the family room couch and watched *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, Johnny clumped down the stairs and joined Ben. “I’m hot,” Johnny complained.

“I’m hot, too,” I answered.

“I’m tired,” Johnny continued.

“I’m tired, too.”

When Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy, aged nine, seven, and five, came downstairs, I fixed breakfast and cleaned the kitchen. Angela, finishing her last bite of scrambled egg, looked up at me and asked, “Why are you turning on the oven?”

“I told the Norrises I’d bring dessert today.” Jack and I had accepted an invitation for the family to spend Labor Day with some friends from Jack’s office.

“What are you making?”

“Brownies.”

The oven heated up while I mixed egg and oil and water with the dark chocolate brownie mix I’d dumped under a clear glass mixing bowl. Sweat gathered under my nightgown in the space below my ribs and ran down my stomach. “Whose idea was it to bake brownies on the hottest day of the year?” I asked Jack as he appeared in the kitchen.

“Daddy,” the kids cried out together.

“It was mine,” I answered my own question.

By 10:00, the heat pressed down like an invisible blanket. Outside, tropical clouds moved slowly across the sky. Inside, Jack worked at his

computer in our home office. Johnny played a game at the kids’ computer across from Jack. Rebecca lay on the floor underneath the living room fan and read a book. Lucy and Angela played a halfhearted game of Barbies. Ben wandered into the kitchen and watched me pull the second batch of brownies from the oven. “Hot,” he said.

“That’s right,” I answered. “The oven is hot.”

“Do the Norrises have air conditioning?” Rebecca asked.

“I hope so,” I told her. “It’ll probably be hotter in Escondido than it is here in San Marcos. But we’re taking our suits so we can swim in the pool. That’ll cool you off.”

When we arrived at the Norrises’ a little before 2:00, we let ourselves in the front door. The house was dark. “Power’s out,” Frank Norris announced. “No fans. No A/C. I suggest you head out to the pool.”

The girls ran upstairs and changed into their suits. Jack helped Johnny and Ben out of their clothes and into their trunks. I slathered the whole crew with sunscreen. Out in the back yard, the Norrises, their nine children, and assorted other guests nearly filled the kidney-shaped pool. Moms with babies sat in the shade near the deck. Dads and preteen and teenaged boys and girls flung water-soaked balls back and forth the length of the pool. Frank Norris, a large man who seems to take a certain pride in his size, called out, “Tsunami!” and jumped cannonball-style into the pool’s deep end. A wall of water radiated out and washed up over the pool’s edge.

“Cool,” Rebecca said to Angela.

For the next two hours, Jack and the kids and I played in the overflowing pool. Johnny found a pair of blue and yellow inflatable water wings and swam back and forth through the flying balls. Angela and Lucy commandeered a Boogie board that they launched repeatedly in the pool’s shallow end. Over and over again, Ben climbed out of the pool and stood on the edge. “To ineeny,” he called out.

“And beyond,” Jack or I would answer before Ben splashed feet first into our arms. (“To infinity and beyond” is the catchphrase of Buzz Lightyear, Ben’s current favorite character.)

In the late afternoon, we packed our pool bag, loaded the kids back into the superheated minivan, and headed home. “I can’t believe school starts tomorrow,” Rebecca commented from the middle seat.

“The summer went by so fast,” Angela added.

I thought about the 12 weeks that had passed since the girls finished the last school year in June. I thought about our vacation to Mammoth, trips to the beach, visits to the Zoo, the Wild Animal Park, the North County Children’s Museum, the San Diego Children’s Museum, and more than one trip to Chuck E. Cheese’s. I thought about our ferry ride to Coronado, riding the carousel at Seaport Village, the sleepovers, the birthday parties, and the seemingly endless task of keeping five children entertained all summer.

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