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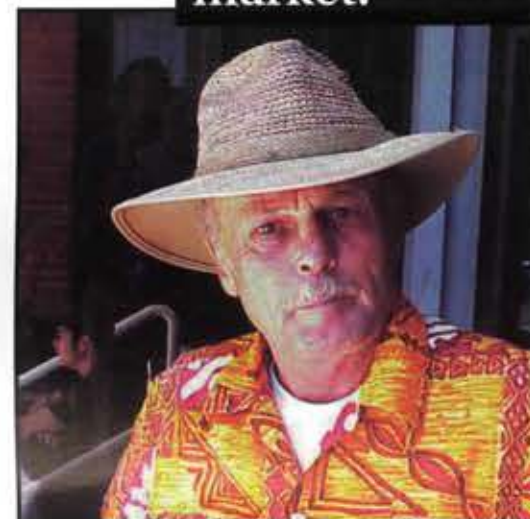
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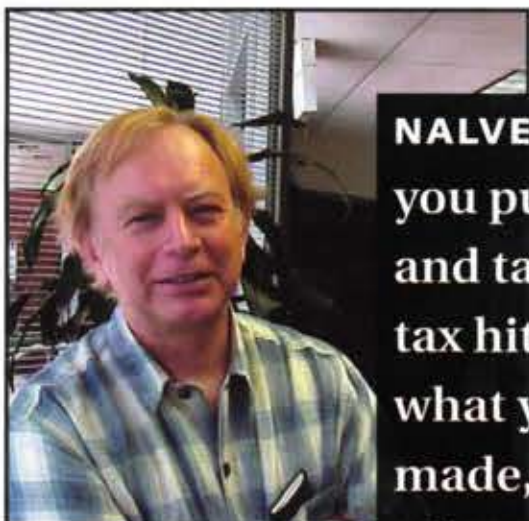
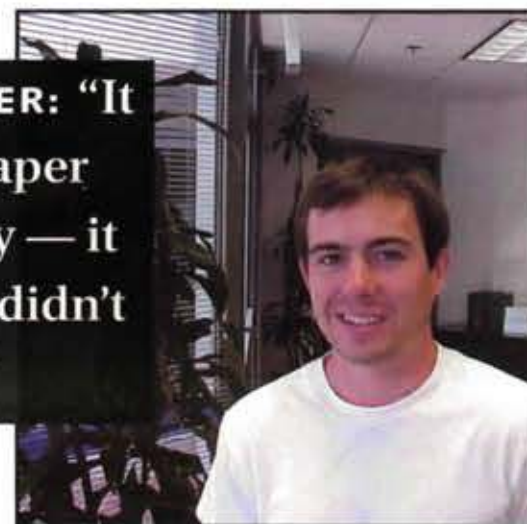


SCHOOB: "I hope this is the end, but who knows?"



THACH: "I love to have a knife at my throat in the market."

SPRETER: "It was paper money — it really didn't exist."



NALVEN: "If you pull out and take a tax hit on what you've made, then what do you do with that money?"

CALLAHAN: "We had a big sell-off and then went to lunch and everybody got her check and we all made money."



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LETTERS

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Hello?
Bravo!! (applause...) Yahooo! Way to go.

I am ecstatic that your publication has exposed (one of) San Diego Unified School District's many sinister dealings in your latest article, "What the Blueprints Don't Show" (September 12).

Hello? Wake up, people, pay attention.

For years our city's *Union-Tribune* (boo...hiss) has placed blinders on the public (mooo). A tunneled vision of lies has been spun on Mr. Bersin and Mr. "No Face" (Alvarado).

Why? So the rich get richer by stealing from little kids. Shame on them all.

I only hope your story will be picked up by other, less brave media; for if they do, most likely, it's only because they might otherwise go down with the ship they have been sailing on. Public records would probably show conflicts of interest here as well.

D.R.

Above The Law
Your recent article "What the Blueprints Don't Show" (September 12) sends a message of what governmental agencies can do with taxpayer money. Great story.

In any case, I have some interesting taxpayer-money use from another school district: Poway Unified School District. The Poway district is refusing to give me requested financial records. Their Special Education Department is spending more on litigation than on special education services. Can you believe that?

Anyway, the other thing that school districts get away with is they can abuse your child, mentally, emotionally, and physically, and get away with it. Districts are above the law on every level. These administrators are no

different than some of the CEOs of companies that have been ripping their shareholders off. School districts are protected from the law, especially in the special education arena.

Lindsey E. Stewart

Potter For Gov
Matt Potter for governor. "What the Blueprints Don't Show" (September 12) cover story is a clear, understandable message that the upcoming school board elections are going to be very costly and interesting. Desperate people will do desperate things. I wish all the dealings and intentions of the candidates had the focus on educating our disadvantaged students. Kudos to you, Matt Potter, for the courage to tell this story and for the *Reader* to print it. Never would this story have appeared in the *U-T*. Thanks for preparing the citizens for what really lies ahead in the San Diego school board elections: plenty of children left out and behind.

Brenda Lesane
San Diego

Cosmos Creation
Thank you, Mr. Larson, for such an enlightening (although lengthy) article on the origins of life ("Busy Being Born," September 12). Now I can really look forward to the deluge of mail that will arrive from Christians from all over protesting and putting forth their own explanations of how life began, all of which defy logic. I guarantee few (if any) will get past the first sentence before proclaiming your article to be "garbage."

I don't claim to know how life began, but the notion that life evolved over hundreds of millions of years is far more plausible than God's one day saying "Poof!" and then there's life. As far as the intelligent design theory...that's just another way Christians think they can get around the fact that they are proposing a myth, not science. I can just see God creating life, designing everything from the atoms that make up matter to their relationship to each other, to the intricacies of DNA and RNA, and designing biomes wherein the relationship of every animal to all other organisms in the same area is extremely complex and delicate, all in seven days???

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Joe Ghio

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Mea culpa Padres owner **John Moores**, who raised a stink when he held a January fundraiser at his posh Rancho Santa Fe estate on behalf of fellow UC regent



John Moores

Ward Connerly's anti-affirmative action "Racial Privacy Initiative," has found a way to get back into the good graces of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus. The Connerly fundraiser, sponsored by Moores and several of his business associates from NEON Systems, drew especially heavy heat from state Democrats. They questioned whether Moores — appointed to the board of regents by Governor **Gray Davis** after having given at least \$100,000 to the Davis campaign — was worthy of the job. The critics argued that Moores, also besieged by a scandal at his Peregrine Systems software outfit, should not be made chairman of the regents, a spot he coveted. "I had a conversation with Mr. Moores

about his support for the Connerly initiative," Democratic assemblyman **Marco Firebaugh**, head of the legislature's Latino Caucus, told the *Union-Tribune* in an interview published May 3. "What I said to Mr. Moores is that I thought it was improper for a regent, particularly a chairman of



Marco Firebaugh

the board of regents, to be involved and be so visibly supportive of a statewide ballot initiative that is so divisive." A week later, on May 10, records show, Moores contributed \$5000 to the Building Our Leadership Diversity (BOLD) Political Action Committee. His wife Rebecca also is listed as giving \$5000 the same day. BOLD PAC, run by House Latino Democrats, is backing nine Hispanic congressional candidates in seven states. Recipients include **Linda Sanchez**, sister of Orange County representative **Loretta Sanchez**. On May 8, just two days before the Moores contribution was disclosed, the regents' nominating committee, with the customary nod of approval from Davis, had quietly named Moores chairman of the board.

Treed When a tree turns brown in La Jolla, does anyone notice? Residents of most neighborhoods around town have to scramble to find out on their own about the health and welfare of their street trees. The mostly wealthy denizens of La Jolla, on the other hand, receive the *La Jolla Area Public Improvements Newsletter*, printed with soothing green ink on four pages of heavy paper by the city's



Torrey pine

Engineering & Capital Projects department. "Along Ardath Road and Torrey Pines Road, you may have noticed that there are some Torrey pines trees that are browning," begins this month's edition. It seems the trees were transplanted as part of a street project, and things aren't going quite as planned, even though the newsletter says the city has been "coordinating tree-care decisions with the City's Urban Forester." During removal, "The arborist and support team carefully mapped out the trees' orientation and slope in relation to one another. The pattern was then re-created with the trees that could be replanted to give these trees familiar patterns to assist their recovery." The trees were dug up late last year, but construction and replanting were delayed "in order to access additional funds to cover project cost increases and to pursue noise mitigation measures." But that apparently didn't sit well with the trees. "Currently the trees are experiencing shock due to their roots being cut," the newsletter notes. "Shock and natural causes have turned the needles brown. All trees are responding by limiting the water distribution to their extremities, which is causing the needles to turn brown. The arborist has advised us that this is a normal, expected reaction and is an indication that the trees are responding to the change of condition. Dead, brown needles, and the lack of foliage on lower portions of the trees was caused by the close positions of the trees in their original locations." Not to worry, says the city. "The next step we anticipate is for the brown needles to fall off as part of the seasonal transition from summer to fall. Then, needle regeneration is anticipated later this year. This regeneration will indicate that the trees are recovering from shock. The arborist will be advising the city as the trees move through these stages. Currently, the project team is identifying and evaluating additional methods to add to their current care of the trees. We will keep you apprised of future developments regarding the Torrey Pines Trees."

Relatively speaking San Francisco financier **Warren Hellman**, father-in-law of UCSD



Warren Hellman

chancellor **Bob Dynes**, is assisting his old friend, Bay Area Democratic congressman **Tom Lantos**, to help Lantos's daughter, **Katarina Swett**, to knock off four-term GOP incumbent New Hampshire representative **Charlie Bass**. But, according to a report in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Bass is building a backlash against the fact that a big chunk of Swett's \$750,000 campaign war chest has come from the left coast. Besides Hellman, noted Californians kicking in for Swett include **Steven Spielberg**; his wife **Kate Capshaw**; and **David Geffen**, Spielberg's partner in DreamWorks SKG.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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No Cure for Lust

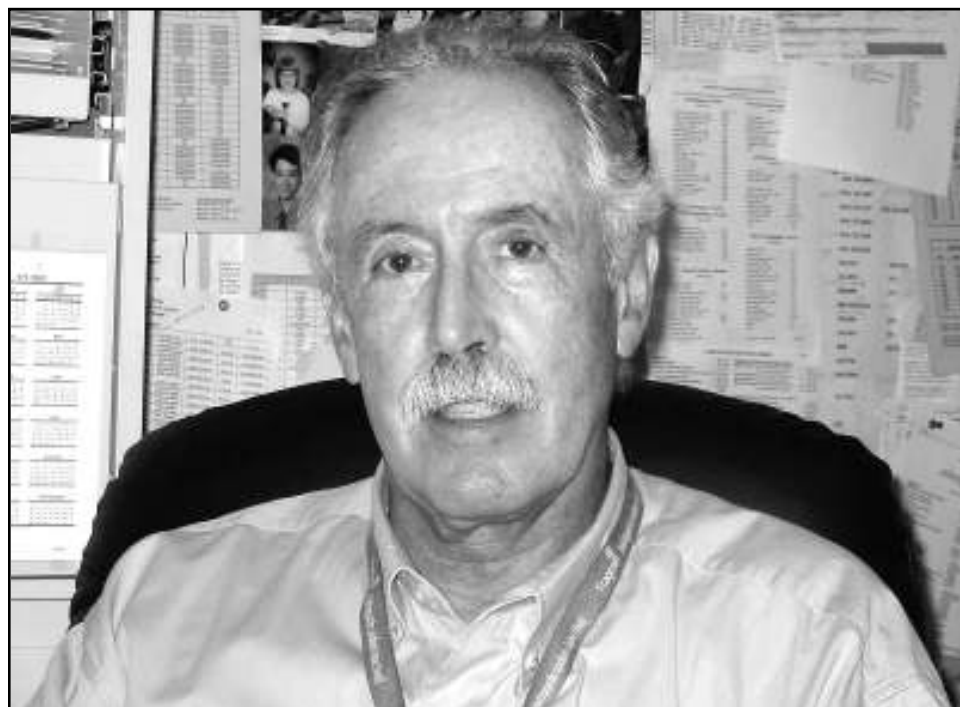
By Robert Kumpel

According to Dr. Robert Gunn of the county health department, the term "venereal" was phased out in favor of "sexually transmitted disease" (STD) in the 1970s because "the term 'venereal' comes from Venus, the goddess of love, and British officials called it venereal disease. In the British Venereal Disease Act, they only listed gonorrhea and syphilis, and there's a lot of things that are sexually transmitted, not just the old-fashioned venereal diseases. There are about 30 to 40 pathogens transmitted by sexual activity. I think we use

County Health, which indicate that between 1990 and 2001, syphilis rates have dropped from 323 cases to 26 cases (the lowest rates were in 1997 and 1998, when there were only 23 reported cases). The largest number of cases were in the 25-to-29- and 30-to-34-year-old age groups and primarily among men. "We had an upswing in the late '70s and early '80s among men who had sex with men, increasing the

numbers of cases, and now they're up to 150, 200 cases. And I had one a couple of weeks ago. We've had an upsurge in the number of cases among men having sex with men. We're afraid this little upsurge in San Diego might mirror what we're seeing in L.A. and San Francisco. The men who are getting syphilis are having multiple anonymous partners, bathhouse connections, soliciting partners over the Internet, and that sort of thing. It's a small portion of men that are doing this, but they are."

It takes approximately three weeks to see any noticeable signs of infection from syphilis. "It starts off with a syphilitic chancre or sore. It's a painless shallow ulcer that comes after the ex-



Dr. Robert Gunn

the term STD instead of VD to keep a broader scope and say what it really is."

Gunn has been the director of the Sexually Transmitted Disease and Hepatitis Prevention Division for the county department of Health and Human Services since 1991. "The overall rates of sexually transmitted diseases, excluding AIDS, is down. Now the rates for 50 years ago, I don't know. But I know there was a lot of syphilis in the old days, until penicillin came along in the 1940s. Syphilis has come down pretty dramatically from the '40s and '50s."

What Gunn does have are the statistics from the beginning of his tenure at

curve. It came down again, then there was another blip in the late '80s and early '90s from heterosexual transmission among African-Americans related to prostitution and crack cocaine.

"There's always been a lot of syphilis in the South too. It's come down pretty dramatically all over the country since the Centers for Disease Control put a syphilis elimination initiative in effect in 1997. We're almost at the elimination level right now. The rate is less than 1 per 100,000. However, Seattle in '99 was down to no cases, and they had a resurgence among men who have sex with men. San Francisco was down in the teens in

posure, either on the penis, scrotum, vagina, or labia. It can also be internally in the anal canal and not noticed, since it's not painful. It could be in the throat, on the lips, anywhere where the spirochete enters the body. That sore will stay for about three weeks and then go away. Six weeks after that, you can have secondary symptoms, like a rash, fever, or chills. That means that the bacteria has gone all through your body. That usually lasts three or four weeks or longer, then it will go away too. Then you have this long latent period, where nothing can happen, or you can get long-term complications like neu-

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Long Neck, Low Fat

By Ernie Grimm

It's hot and it's dry in Bear Valley, in the foothills northeast of Escondido. The grass in the fields crackles underfoot. The live oaks on the hillsides and in the barrancas appear half dead, a mix of brown and green foliage hanging from their boughs. But the ostriches on David Stepp's ostrich farm don't seem to mind the midday August sun beating down on them. Instead of

huddling in the shade the way cows and horses do, they stand out in the open, occasionally dipping their heads to root around in the sandy soil with their rounded beaks. And as Stepp walks along the black-top road that runs past the

ostriches' one-acre pens, each containing a male and at least one female, they strut up to the eight-foot fences to investigate.

"These are the breeder pens," says Stepp, dressed in khaki shorts, Gucci sunglasses, and a green shirt spoofing the famous John Deere tractor logo. Instead of the leaping stag, the yellow silhouette is a running ostrich. "The larger, black-and-white birds are the males. You can see how their legs, necks, and beaks are a little bit pink. That's because they are just finishing their breeding season, which began in February. During the middle of breeding season, they are bright red where the pink is.

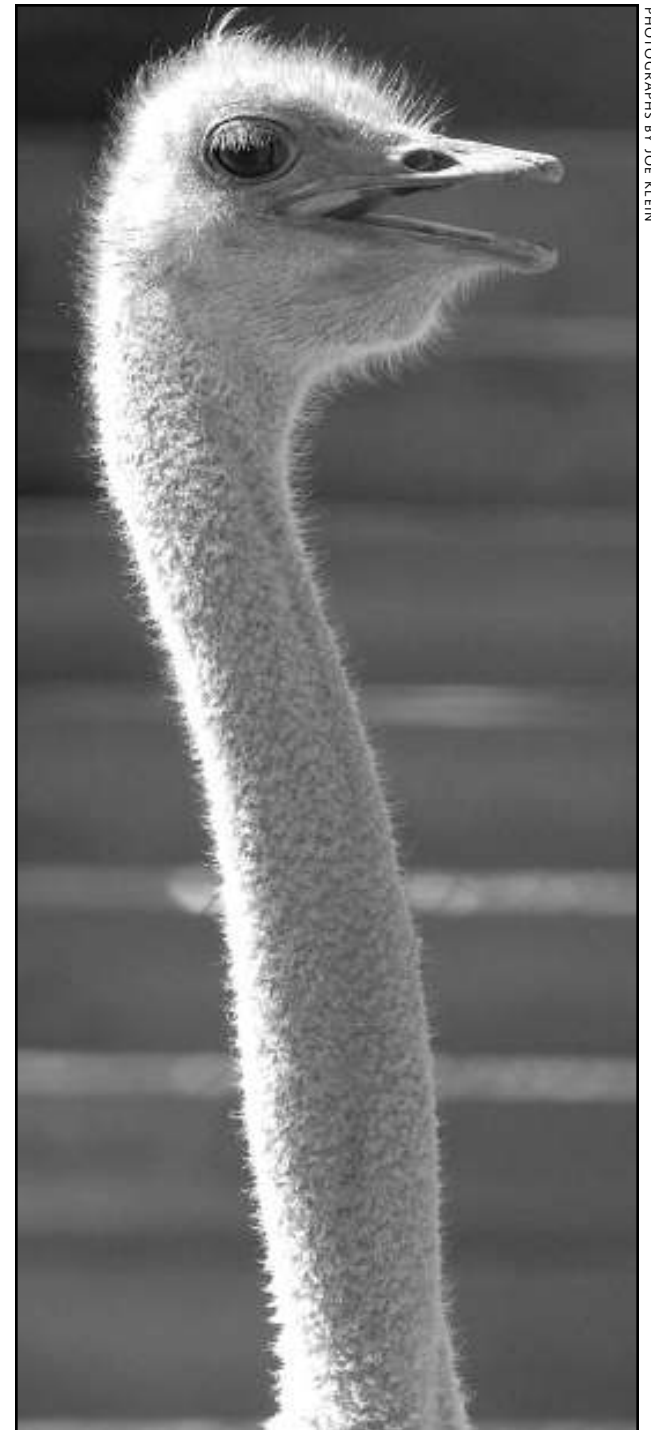
"The females," Stepp continues, "are the gray-brown ones, and usually they are smaller. These ostriches were originally imported from Africa. All are crosses between the Mount Kilimanjaro birds and Zimbabwe ostriches. The Zimbabwe birds are a little smaller than the Kilimanjaro birds and a little more productive."

Stepp, one of three San Diego County ostrich farmers — a group that once numbered in the 30s — isn't crossing the two subspecies of ostrich haphazardly but is in the process of establishing a pedigree. "Pedigree for anything — cows, birds, horses — is always the same. You take the most diverse genes in the species or subspecies and you cross those

to get an immune system. And then you do five generations of line breeding from that cross. At the end of the five generations, on the female side, you mate the brother and sister from that last line. And then on the original male's line side, you take the female chick back to the original father, and the bird that comes out of that mating, along with the bird that comes out of the brother-sister crossing, that is your pedigree. And from that point on, all the birds and all the animals are about the same size and have about the same reproductive activity. You have a pedigree."

With the establishment of a pedigree, Stepp will be able to predict more accurately how many chicks a breeding pair of ostriches will produce and how heavy the chicks will be at a given age. That will allow him to pencil out beforehand how much money can be made selling the birds. And four generations into the pedigree project, he's already determining some of those numbers. "They have probably 40 to 60 babies a year," he says, "and at ten months old, they weigh about 220 pounds."

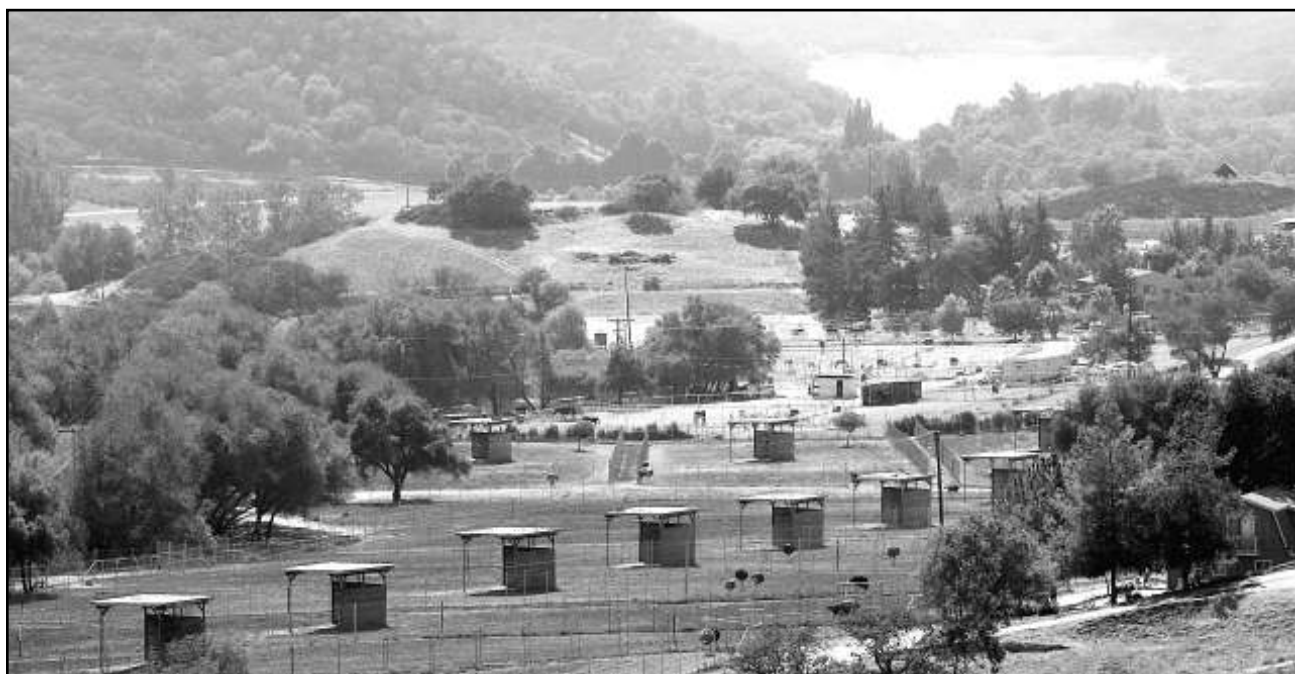
At that age and weight, Stepp sells his ostriches to a processor out of Utah for about a dollar per pound. They'll be used for three products: feathers for dusters and clothing, hide for purses and boots, and meat. "A 220-pound bird



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David Stepp



David Stepp's ostrich farm

has got about 85 pounds of meat. And the meat is red meat. Two of the muscle groups taste exactly like tenderloin beefsteak. It is all on the rump and the thighs; there is nothing in the chest, a little bit in the ribs. The rump is where the tenderloin comes from. There is less fat in a serving of ostrich than there is in a serving of trout."

It's that astounding nutritional fact, combined with the relative ease and low cost of keeping ostriches, that caused opportunists to flock to ostrich ranching in the mid-1980s to early 1990s, often shelling out small fortunes to get into the business.

Stepp walks up to the fence of one pen that holds a nine-foot, 425-pound

male he calls Tucum, who has a sibling named Cari. They are named after the former location of Stepp's ranch, Tucumcari, New Mexico. "We used to sell these birds, three-month-old babies, for seven grand a pair," Stepp smiles and shakes his head with the memory. "There was a pair, Tucum's father and mother, that sold as a pair in Oklahoma City in 1986 for \$225,000. And the next year, the guy made his money back by selling the babies, because the mom and dad had 82 babies. Then he was profitable every year after that."

Stepp continues, "Everyone was going to become a breeder in those days. A lot of cow farmers in Texas, Ok-

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rosyphilis, cardiovascular syphilis — things we don't hardly see anymore."

Gonorrhea ("the clap")

and chlamydia are much more common than syphilis and a much bigger cause of concern for Gunn. In 1990 there were 4107 cases of gonorrhea in San Diego; by 1997, numbers were much lower at 1505. The last avail-

able statistical year, 2002, shows the rate escalating at 1875. The largest age groups were from 15 to 19, 20 to 24, and 25 to 29 years old. In the two younger groups, more cases were reported among females. "It was down to the

1500 range, then by 1999, it reversed and started back up again. There's been about a 20 percent increase in gonorrhea in the last couple of years — again, among men who have sex with men." The symptoms include

painful urination and genital discharge. "Lots of times women don't notice that they have anything. Chlamydia and gonorrhea have the same kind of symptoms. Gonorrhea symptoms are

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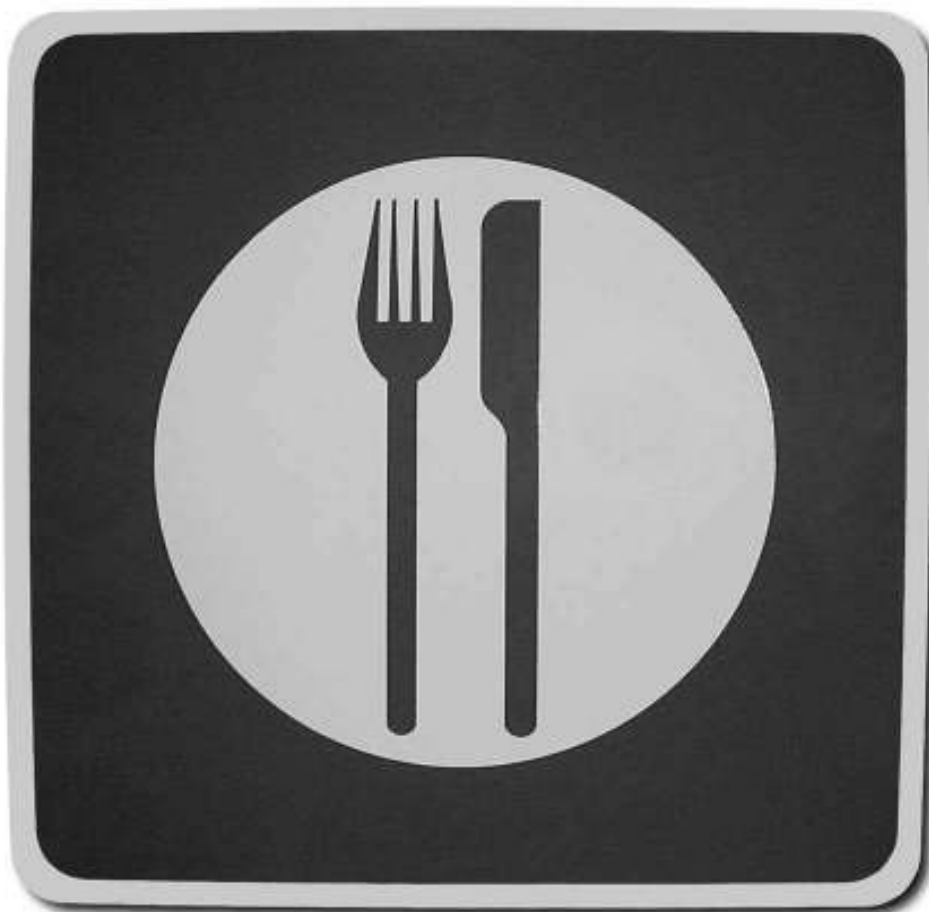
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just more acute. Chlamydia is much more common."

It's more than common. Unlike the other charts

showing syphilis and gonorrhea rates from 1990 to 2001, the chlamydia chart is moving in the opposite direction: up. In 1990 there were 4347 reported cases in the county. By 2001, that figure more than doubled with

9168 cases. The largest groups are the 15-to-19- and 20-to-24-year-old age brackets, with three times as many cases reported for females than for males. "It's a widespread bacterial infection that's prevalent among the

population of teens and young adults. We have between 7000 and 9000 cases reported every year, and that's been on a steady upswing — not so much because of increased infections — that's hard to prove.

It's more likely because of increased testing and using better, more sensitive tests."

Other diseases spread primarily by sexual contact include hepatitis B, herpes, and the human papilloma virus or HPV (also known


as genital warts). Gunn does not have statistics on these diseases, claiming they are "hard to get a handle on" because they are not "reportable." Unlike syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and hepatitis, doctors and lab technicians are not required by law to report incidence of herpes lesions or genital warts to public health officials. Since they are not reportable, it's almost impossible to get accurate statistics. Gunn did say, however, that a few years ago, a random nationwide sample of adults found that about 16 percent had been infected with herpes.

"I'll focus on the bacterial," Gunn says, "which we can diagnose and treat and make the person noninfectious. With HPV and herpes, we can't do that." (HPV and herpes are permanent viruses that never go away. The carrier is always at risk of infecting others.)

While both sexes suffer, the results are often more tragic for women, since they are humanity's agents of reproduction. "Both gonorrhea and chlamydia affect the fallopian tubes and the internal pelvic organs," Gunn explained. "They can get pelvic inflammatory disease; they can get tubal scarring, which leads to infertility; they can get partial tubal scarring, which leads to ectopic pregnancy. It can lead to chronic pelvic pain syndrome, which might require a hysterectomy. Those two bacteria can also be transmitted to an infant, causing conjunctivitis and chlamydian pneumonia. Women suffer all the adverse consequences of STDs to a much greater degree than men."

Genital warts, or HPV, is painful, troublesome, and permanent, since it is a virus instead of a bacterium. "Women can get warts that they don't see, and those are the ones that are related to cervical cancer. It's a very mysterious disease. We don't know a lot about it. We thought it was lifelong, but it comes and goes. It can last a couple of years and go away, but you can get reinfected. It's worrisome because of its relationship to cervical cancer, otherwise it's a nuisance type of infection. We can just treat the symp-

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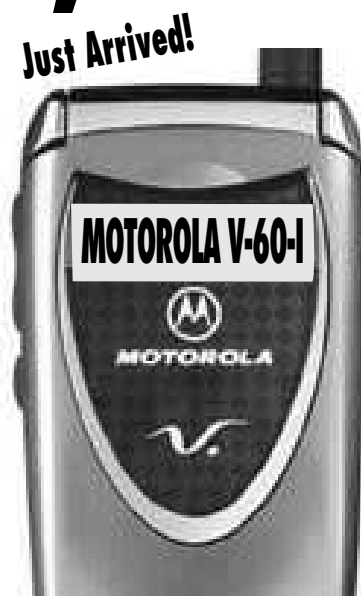
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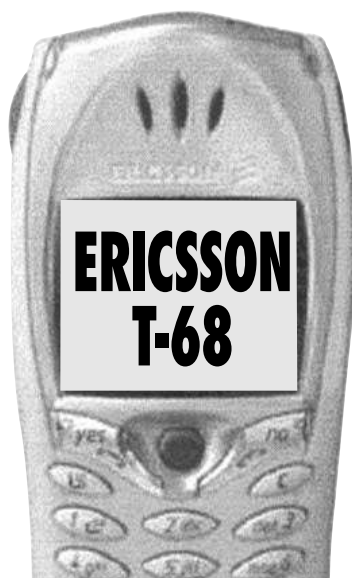
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toms. We scrape [the warts] off, burn them off, cut them off."

Herpes, the STD nuisance of the '80s, is definitely a lifelong infection and, like HPV, is a virus, not a bacterium. It is manifested by genital ulcers. "The problem there is that the recurrence of the ulcers can be painful and disrupt your life. Women can transmit it to infants and cause neonatal herpes, which is a very severe disease. That's not very common, but it does occur. A lot of people have herpes and don't know it. There's a study from a national sample that shows there's about a 16 percent prevalence in people under the age of 45. In fact, the last couple of years it's been about 20 percent. There is a treatment that can lower the number of recurrences. It's called acyclover, or it's known by the trade name Valtrex."

Hepatitis B is also classified as an STD, although it can be transmitted through IV drug use as well. "It's a blood-borne pathogen, but most of the transmission comes from having sex with a carrier."

The viruses HPV and herpes do not respond to antibiotics, and, increasingly, the bacterial STDs are proving resistant. "Antibiotics only work on bacteria, like chlamydia. Chlamydia is a one-dose therapy — azithromycin or Zithro-max. Penicillin is still effective for syphilis. Gonorrhea became resistant to penicillin back in the '70s, so that treatment was abandoned. For gonorrhea, there was a class of drugs called fluoroquinolones that we've used and another class called cephalosporins, which are also very effective. The fluoroquinolone resistance popped up in the Far East about ten years ago, made its way to Hawaii, then made its way to California at the end of last year...to such an extent that fluoroquinolones are no longer recommended for gonorrhea treatment in California. We've lost that one. The cephalosporins are being more widely used, but the fluoroquinolones were less expensive."

Besides men who have sex with men, the most problematic group for STDs remains teenagers. "We have a chlamydia-awareness program. We want institutions to insert into their educational ma-

terials something about chlamydia, because it's mostly asymptomatic, so screening is very important. Teens tend to feel that it won't happen to them. But I've had 70-year-old men and women come in

with STDs. It's not real common, but it happens. Some are pretty happy about it, actually!"

One of the traditional screenings for STDs, the marriage license blood test, was dropped in the 1990s. "It

was put in place back in the '30s or '40s so you could identify infected men and keep them from infecting their wives. They found lots of infected people that way. But now, about 1 in 1000 was positive, so it just was-

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No cure for lust

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was worthwhile. But the premarital blood test was no longer effective in finding people with syphilis."

There are still caseworkers for STDs, but it is limited to syphilis. "Physicians are still supposed to report gonorrhea," Gunn admits, "but they don't do a very good job of it. They rely on the laboratories, which works

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ner services for very select situations, but in general they don't. We rely on the physician telling the patient that their partners need to get treated. It's kind of a passive way of doing it, but that's the best we can do." ■

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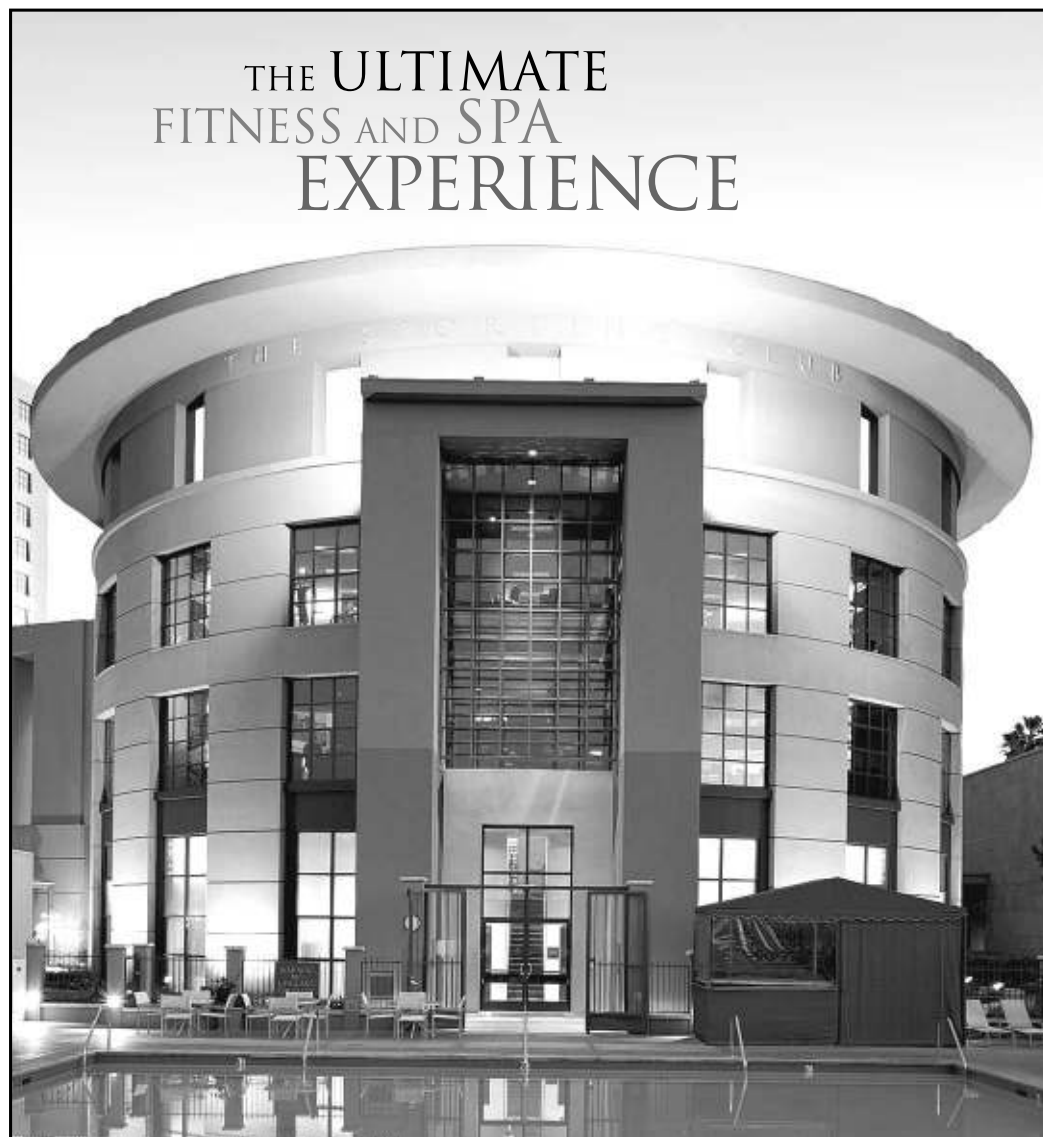
lahoma, Louisiana were all buying birds because they were going to be breeders. It happened everywhere."

But, much like the Internet-stock phenomenon of the late 1990s, the ostrich industry turned out to be a false market. There were plenty of investors but no consumers. The feather and hide markets were limited at best, and the meat never became the health-food craze Stepp thought it would. "Man, when we came to California, with all the holistic health stuff here, we thought it was really going to take off." Instead, Stepp explains, "It was a big bust. A lot of people got a little greedy, we all did; everybody wants to make money. Until about 1990, you could still get \$2500 for a three-month-old pair. And then in 1992, it slowed down even further, and then it almost stopped."

At that point, most ostrich ranchers got out as fast as they had gotten into the business. Stepp decided to stick it out. It helped that the farm wasn't his only source of income. "I wouldn't make it if this were my only business," he says. "I have a television business, Televideo of San Diego."

But other factors made keeping the farm feasible for Stepp. When the big dollars were swirling around the industry, he used some of his to build a good facility. He made larger-than-necessary breeding pens with high-quality chain-link fencing. And he installed irrigation in each pen to grow a mixture of grains — "wheat, rye, alfalfa, flax, red clover, white clover, and others" — for the birds to graze on. He built greenhouses for the hatchlings, and he developed the science of incubating the eggs to maximize hatchings. In fact, his methods are so successful he's developed a manual that "once in a while" he sells for \$500 to \$600. "And then I know I have a future [consulting] job. Because usually they'll take a shot at it and find out that there are so many variables. Then something will go wrong, and they will call

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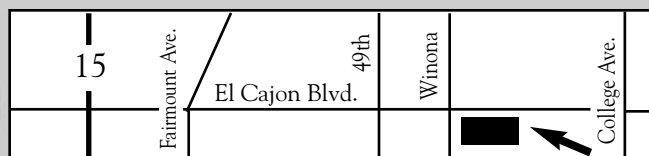
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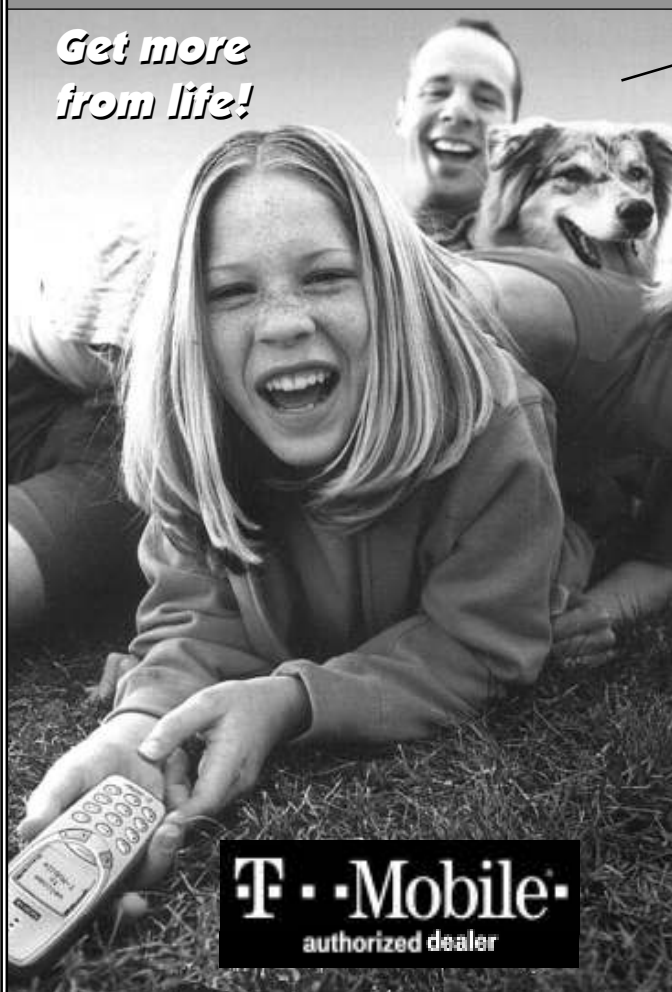
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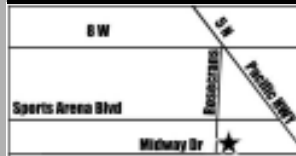
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us, and we will go take a walk-through, and we'll say, 'Okay, your nests are contaminated,' 'Your hen is contaminated,' 'Your keeper is contaminating the eggs,' 'Your incubation isn't right...' Whatever it is, we locate the problem for them."

And the low cost of keeping ostriches helped make it possible to keep them when the market fell through. Where a cow eats 25 to 30 pounds of feed a day, an ostrich, Stepp says, eats "about 3 to 5 pounds a day, depending on the time of year. During the breeding season they can actually go down to a pound, pound and a half."

Handling the birds is a relatively simple process, though not without some danger. "Really there is only one danger," Stepp explains. "You see their backward knees. They lift that knee up, and they kick straight forward, and their legs are really strong. They get you with that big toenail, which is very hard. But we never fight with them. If they are aggressive, then we stay away. I tell my keeper, 'If they come up and hassle with you, wait for an hour. Don't test them, because you can't win. They will hurt you, maybe even kill you.'"

Stepp says he learned that lesson the hard way. "I got kicked once. After that I started figuring out better ways to handle the birds."

The chief factor that allowed Stepp to keep his farm, he says, is that he found markets for the meat. "I began selling to Japan, selling to England, selling to Venezuela," he says, "but this past year all my meat went to BJ's Distribution in New York City. So I think it may finally be catching on here in America."

Still, Stepp's ostrich operation isn't profitable. To "make the farm pay for itself" he grows flowers to sell to florists and pumpkins to supply Bates Nut Farm's Halloween pumpkin business. "But," he concludes, "I think we may see the ostrich market start to grow here soon." ■

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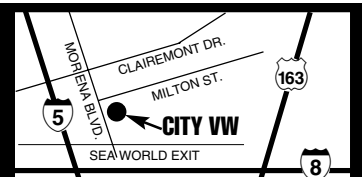
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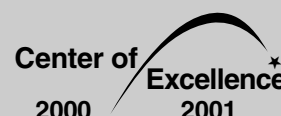
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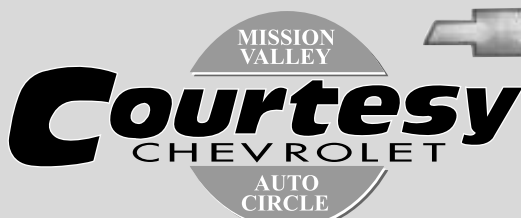
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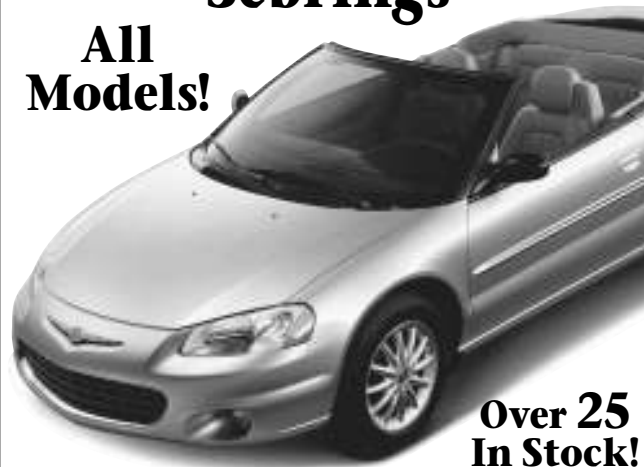
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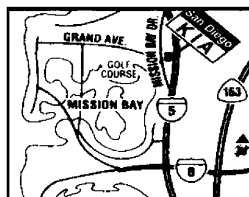
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Matthew:

I was in high school when the 805 was built and open for business. I seem to remember hearing that the day before it was open to cars, it was open to the public to walk, bike, roller skate, etc. This turned into a huge fiasco because of the steepness of some of the hills, and little kids on bikes and parents on roller skates were wiping out all over the place. Is my recollection correct, or is this just another urban myth?

— Señor Anonymous, San Diego

Oh, the humanity! Breakneck speeders! Hot-doggers! Tailgaters! Suicidal lane-changers! Homicidal lane-changers! Turtles, snails, pedestrians in the fast lane! — oh, sorry. That was yesterday. You're talking about March 19, 1972. That day about 8000 cyclists, joggers, and picnickers were turned loose on the seven-mile stretch of 805 from El Cajon Boulevard, across the Mission Valley bridge, north to route 52. It was billed as Community Cycle Day, and state highway officials were stoked. This was the test case for future freeway jamborees on new roads. It was scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. But within two hours, things had taken a nasty turn. Broken arms, legs, a broken jaw, and lots of road rash. About 30 people were injured to one degree or another before they shut the place down at 1:00. Police estimated that some pedalists were going 50 or 60 miles an hour by the time they had hurtled themselves down the long hill and onto the bridge. Some old bikes rattled to pieces at that speed. So it was no legend. More like the original X Games.

Dear Matthew:

A friend says that if I paint myself with house paint, I would drown. Could this be true? I wanted to paint myself silver, but now I'm not so sure.

— Cindy, San Diego

If you can avoid falling headfirst into the paint can, you're probably safe from drowning. But you will have other problems, though not so dramatic. One of your skin's major functions aside from keeping your insides in, the outside world out, and the cosmetics industry in business is body-heat regulation. Clog up your pores with silver paint and you won't be able to sweat, so your circulatory system won't be able to radiate body heat. If your innards get unacceptably warm, you might suffer something akin to heatstroke. You'll probably begin to feel woozy from electrolyte imbalances in your bloodstream, and you might even poison yourself if toxins are absorbed through your skin. Real silver is quite poisonous; if you settle for Navajo White, you might survive a little longer. The whole idea sounds pretty senseless to me, but that's part of its charm, right?

Hey:

Other than an occasional victory cigar, we've never seen pictures of our U.S. presidents with a cigarette in their hand. Were there any modern-day presidents that actively inhaled while in office?

— Ken, Cardiff

I can maybe see W junior chewing on a bubblegum cigar, but he's not likely to stink up the Rose Garden with tobacco. However, the list of presidential puffers is surprisingly long. One of the most famous pictures of Franklin Roosevelt shows him smiling broadly and clutching a cigarette holder (with glowing butt) between his teeth. When the Trumans moved into the White House, they probably had to dry-clean the drapes; Harry was a nonsmoker. According to the Truman Library in Missouri, Harry once received a letter from a man who collected cigarette butts from famous people. The president wrote back saying he was sorry but he couldn't oblige; he had tried smoking once when he was a kid, out behind the barn in Independence, but his dad caught him and whupped him good, and he never tried it again.

According to the Tobacco Institute, the industry mouthpiece, Dwight Eisenhower smoked, as did Lyndon Johnson, the last daily cigarette smoker to fog up the Oval Office. They also say Richard Nixon was an ex-smoker by the time he was elected. The Museum of Tobacco Art and History in Nashville contends that Nixon remained a champion cigar smoker. They also say JFK was also an ex-smoker who switched to a pipe and cigars, though Jackie was a chain smoker big time. There's no photographic evidence of that, since the White House camera corps was barred from snapping the First Lady sucking on a butt.

Gerald Ford was known to smoke a pipe occasionally. And many candid pics of Ronald Reagan from the '40s show him with a pipe in his hand, though it never appeared to be filled with tobacco, so it may have been just a prop to give him an air of distinction. It works in Hollywood, why not in Washington? Reagan's best-known connection to the tobacco industry was a series of magazine ads from the '50s that show him toking on a Chesterfield. But Ronnie acquired his jelly bean jones when he quit smoking cigarettes, so he wasn't a smoker when he tottered into the White House. Clinton, Carter, Truman, and the Bushes are the only smoke-free presidents in the modern era.

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By Patrick Daugherty

Fun, Relaxation & Entertainment

The big, and I must say, *tragic* news for people who regularly bet the NFL is that after two weeks of easy money, the general wagering public has discovered the New England Patriots. As a result, for the first time this season, the Patriots are favored to win this Sunday.

Normally, one would not expect the reigning world champion to be marked as an underdog two weeks in a row. This was too good to last. Sadly, as of this week, the Pats have been busted as a very good football team by every mom and pop bettor in the country. I don't know why...perhaps it's because they've outscored their opponents 74 to 21? Or maybe not.

What else? Okay, Houston *is* an expansion team. Still no confirmation on whether the Chargers are a playoff team. That question will resolve itself in two weeks when the Bolts play the aforementioned New England Patriots at Qualcomm.

Until then we have a bit of time to catch up on other sporting news — important news, but not quite important enough to make the column until now. Ready?

What's up with Ted Williams?

He's still dead. His children are still fighting. The issue in question is whether to keep Ted's carcass frozen or put Ted's carcass in an oven and roast it until said carcass turns to powder. A preliminary court hearing is scheduled for October 3.

But, here's the happy news: the frozen carcass of Ted Williams has been a real pick-me-up for the Alcor Life Extension Foundation of Scottsdale, Arizona. Before Ted's frozen carcass became part of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation family, the Alcor Life Extension Foundation's website had a disappointing 5000 hits per day. Press reports indicate that, thanks to Ted, the Alcor Life Extension Foundation's website now enjoys 600,000 hits per day. This is something we can all feel good about.

What's up with Mike Tyson?

Mike is turning an exciting new corner in his life, having scheduled his first fight on the Freak Circuit. For those readers who do not live in America, the freak circuit is where fallen celebrities go to humiliate themselves in order to grub a few more dollars out of the dumb public. Think of Tonya Harding and you've got it.

Anyway, Shelly Finkel, Tyson's adviser, announced that Iron Mike will face Clifford "The Black Rhino" Etienne December 7, probably in Sacramento. As fight fans know, Clifford Etienne is a human being and believed to be male.

What's up with Mike Riley?

Glad you asked. It wasn't that long ago that Mike Riley was head coach of the San Diego Chargers. Those were the days! Riley as sure-handed clubhouse leader, Bobby Beathard as brilliant general manager, and Ryan Leaf as inspirational starting quarterback. Three aces!

Mike was unjustly fired after losing the last nine games of the 2001 season, which was right after racking up a 1 and 15 record in 2000. But, what we remember most about Mike is his love of the English language. On hearing he'd been fired, Mike said, "Our coach-

ing staff, we kind of made it work."

Well, I know you will be as pleased as I am to learn that Coach Riley is still in the NFL, working his heart out as "asst. head coach-secondary" for the New Orleans Saints. And, best of all, Mike has not lost his ability to turn a sunny phrase.

"I'm the kind of guy always looking for positives," Riley said after arriving in the Crescent City. "Getting fired by the Chargers was hard, but I still have some great memories — the players, the fans, the people."

Oh, Mike, Mike, Mike. You gave us three years of memories!

What's up with Bobby Ross?

For historians, Bobby Ross was Chargers head coach from 1992 to 1996, had a record of 50-36, made the playoffs three times, and Super Bowl once. He was fired by Bobby Beathard after the 1996 season and signed with Detroit. He coached there for three years and

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 3
[Home Team in CAPS]

Favorite	Over/ Under		
	Spread	Under	Underdog
Sunday			
MIAMI	6 1/2	41	N.Y. Jets
MINNESOTA	6	45	Carolina
NEW ENGLAND	8 1/2	44	Kansas City
PHILADELPHIA	8 1/2	36 1/2	Dallas
TENNESSEE	4 1/2	37 1/2	Cleveland
CHICAGO	2	41 1/2	New Orleans
Indianapolis	12 1/2	40	HOUSTON
DENVER	9 1/2	47	Buffalo
San Diego	1 1/2	40	ARIZONA
SAN FRANCISCO	7 1/2	45	Washington
N.Y. GIANTS	6 1/2	39	Seattle
Green Bay	7 1/2	45	DETROIT
ATLANTA	7 1/2	41 1/2	Cincinnati
Monday			
St. Louis	1 1/2	41 1/2	TAMPA BAY

nine games into his fourth, when, after a 23-8 loss to Miami, Ross abruptly quit, saying he was unable to motivate the team.

Well, turns out, his resignation was the start of something wonderful. On August 14, 2001, Coach Ross was a guest speaker at Glen Maury Park/Campground in Buena Vista, Virginia. As we all know, "Glen Maury Park/Campground is all about fun, relaxation & entertainment!"

Here's what happened as written by a trusted campground employee. "Glen Maury Park was proud to be the host to Bobby Ross... Mr. Ross spoke about the importance of being a team player and shared many valuable lessons only a lifetime of coaching can earn. He spoke to the audience, to individuals, and even to local TV Station WDBJ7.

"This event was sponsored by the Buena Vista Lions' and the Lexington Lions' clubs. The Lions' provided a delicious meal featuring barbecued chicken, baked beans, slaw, rolls, and coke. Afterwards, several football-decorated cakes were carved up for dessert."

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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

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Year founded: 1999

Senior devotee: Namacharya Das

Congregation: 20

Staff: 25 volunteers

Annual budget: \$24,000

Weekly giving: \$2000

Singles program: no

Diversity: white, East Indian, African-American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander

Dress: casual

Services: Worship services, Friday 6:30 p.m., Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Several weeks ago while walking around Normal Heights I met a fellow wearing a dhoti. He introduced himself as Rangnath Das and said he was from a town near Bombay. He gave me a booklet of verses from the *Baghavad Gita* that had been translated by his guru, Sri Srimad Bhaktivedanta Narayana Maharaja.

"We belong to a movement that was started in India 500 years ago by Lord Caitanya," Rangnath Das explained. "He taught that caste was not decided by birth, but by an individual's actions. We are *gaudiya vaishnavas*; we believe that Krishna is Supreme Lord."

This sounded a little familiar. I asked Rangnath Das if he belonged to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, the Hare Krishna organization.

"No. We're the International Gaudiya Vedanta Society. Our guru was a contemporary of Srila Prabhupada, who founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. When Srila Prabhupada had appendicitis, he wanted only our guru at his bedside."

Rangnath Das went on to tell me that he and five other devotees had rented an apartment on 36th Street.

"You must come visit us. We have worship services on Friday and Sunday evenings to which the public is most certainly invited."

When I returned home I called Badri Narayan, president of the Hare Krishna Temple in Pacific Beach and asked if he'd heard of the organization to which Rangnath Das belonged.

"In terms of faith, we believe pretty much the same thing," Badri Narayan told me. "The differences are so small that they'd be difficult for a layperson to understand. But every few years since Srila Prabhupada died in 1977, a guru comes along claiming to be his successor. In that respect we obviously don't agree with the International Gaudiya Vedanta Society. They come to our temples and try to distribute flyers. They're a little enthusiastic. But we wish them the best."

Disciplic succession, or some form of it, has bedeviled just about every major religion. And I was aware of the scandals that, since Srila Prabhupada's death, had rocked the International Society for Krishna Conscious-

ness. (Clerical mischief, financial shenanigans, child abuse, etcetera.) I wasn't too surprised to learn that a number of people belonging to the International Gaudiya Vedanta Society had once belonged to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Namacharya Das is the 26-year-old "president" of the small group of devotees living on 36th Street. He told me that his parents had belonged to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and in the mid-1970s had gone to Iran to serve as missionaries for the organization.

"My dad's from Chicago. My mom's from Hawaii. I was born in Teheran. We left after the revolution started. When we finally got back to the States, there were a lot of problems with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. My parents stayed Hindu, but they stopped being devotees. My dad opened an advertising agency. When I was 12, they started sending me to public schools. Through my teenage years I was caught up in the material world, the usual things that interest teenagers. When I was in my early 20s I decided to get serious again about my religion. My parents, who now live in India, think it's great that I'm a devotee."

Namacharya Das said his guru had started lecturing in America only eight years ago and that the International Gaudiya Vedanta Society had been in San Diego for only two and a half years. He said that there were around 25 devotees in the county and an equal number of laypeople who attended services.

Last Friday evening a handful of laypeople and the six wedged themselves into the living room on 36th Street. Namacharya, while chanting mantras, offered a tray of food to the statues of deities arranged on a small altar. Chubby blue Krishna was front and center. Upananda Das, an older devotee, led

bhajans, or devotional hymns. Namacharya Das played an Indian drum. Another disciple played guitar. *Bhajans*, if you've never heard them, are dreamy and soothing.

Afterward we shared an excellent vegetarian meal, prepared by Namacharya, of steamed rice, Swiss chard and potatoes, and black-eyed-pea soup. While we ate, Upananda Das explained that the great problem *gaudiya vaishnavas* saw in the world was "impersonalization."

"Even in India," he said, "many people don't believe in a personal God, a God with a distinct personality. They may worship Shiva or Vishnu, for example, but they regard them as simply a means of reaching God. Most of the Hindu organizations that have come to the West are 'impersonalist.' We, on the other hand, believe that Krishna is God, the Supreme Lord. He's not just a symbol for God. We believe that if you completely surrender your life to Krishna, to loving him, knowing him, you can escape the endless cycle of death and rebirth."

— Abe Opincar



NAMACHARYA DAS AND UPANANDA DAS

**International Gaudiya
Vedanta Society
Normal Heights**
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Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have a young daughter who is approaching adolescence. She is acting very promiscuous. She hangs out with boys who are much older than her, and I can hardly imagine what they're up to! Being a concerned single mother I decided to snoop around while she was at school, and much to my disbelief I found two videos with her in them doing the obvious. Besides me being furious about her lying to me, promising abstinence, I also couldn't believe her response when I confronted her. She said that she makes more money in one day than I make in a week! Then she brought up an interesting point I couldn't find a response to. She said why is it illegal to have sex for money like a prostitute, but it's not illegal to get paid for making adult films? Please help me answer this question and knock some sense into this confused child.

CONCERNED CHULA VISTA MOTHER

Dear Concerned,

If your daughter is underage, she is wrong in believing that her participation in adult films is lawful. It is not legal for minors to appear in pornographic movies. Adult filmmakers must obtain releases from their "actors" certifying they are over 18. Makers of these films can be reported to the police and prosecuted if they are employing minors. Deciding whether you want to press charges against the people who used your daughter in these movies is a complicated matter. You'll probably want to consult a lawyer if you're considering it. Such action could have consequences for you and your daughter. Call Legal Aid if you don't have the money to pay for a lawyer and need to consult one. It would be helpful if you made an appointment with your daughter's school guidance counselor and checked in on how she's doing in school. Then you can ask the counselor for a referral to a child psychologist or child psychiatrist. Let the counselor know if finances are a concern, and they can refer you to someone free or low cost. If you have health insurance, it may or may not cover these expenses. You don't need to tell the school counselor what happened if you are worried about confidentiality. You can just say some issues have come up and you want a referral. You should speak to the psychologist about getting some advice for yourself, also, on how to keep a better eye on your daughter and how to work on your relationship with her. Your child obviously needs more supervision than she is getting. Being a working single mother may make keeping track of her difficult, but it's really important.

While mother/daughter conflict is common, your daughter's choice of ways to rebel is putting her in danger as well as landing her on the wrong side of the law. She needs to be

counseled about "risk reduction" now that she is sexually active: how to have safe sex so she doesn't get AIDS or other diseases, how to practice birth control, and how to make sure that when she does have sex, it is in nonexploitative, healthy situations. I am told that once someone has begun having sex it almost never works to try to get him or her to go back to abstinence.

In answer to your daughter's question, it is true that sometimes laws can be or appear to be inconsistent or arbitrary. Also, laws often change over the course of history. Look at Prohibition. Currently, prostitution is legal in some cities and countries and not others. Ditto with the making and showing of adult films. So, yes, these discrepancies may seem hypocritical in some people's eyes. But as a minor, both activities in question are illegal for her to engage in, and many people feel that both oppress and exploit women. Also, not everything that's legal is necessarily smart to do or good for you. As to your daughter's assertion that she makes more money than you do, so what? She is talking as though money were the highest value in life. It isn't. High pay is a temptation, sure, but there are plenty of ugly, terrible, dangerous things one can do that might pay well. That doesn't make them wise, healthy, admirable, or self-respecting pursuits. If your daughter is craving an after-school job because she wants to start earning money, and you approve of this and feel she can keep up her schoolwork as well, surely employment can be found for her someplace safe and suitable, outside the porn industry. And I sincerely hope the expression you used in your letter about "knocking some sense" into your daughter was just colorful language. She has enough problems without having to fear for her physical welfare at home.

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-EVE KELLY

When Dad came home, he always set his heavy black plastic lunchbox on the kitchen counter, followed by the stainless steel quart-sized thermos. Emitting aromas of sour citrus blended with stale bread, that lunchbox was a hardened veteran. It survived my father's 35 years of appliance-repair work for General Electric. When I think lunchbox, this is what comes to mind.

Lunchboxes have been on the brain of late. My husband Patrick, having put on some marital girth over the years, has plunged into dieting. No more burgers and burritos for him, his noon meals are now stocked full of fresh salads, fruits, and veggies that I pack for him. For the past couple of weeks, he's headed off to work with his healthy lunch in a plastic grocery bag, and come home disappointed about the wilted lettuce. I decided to find him a lunchbox.

On Saturday, I headed off to the stores. Target sold purple and royal blue Frozn 2-in-1 Lunch Systems (\$6.99). The rectangular bottom was a separate sealed cooler, zipping completely off. Inside the bottom cooler was a rubber box for food. The top compartment had a front zipper and a handle.

The other Frozn Fold n' Go Lunch Bag (\$3.99) stood a bit taller and came with a shoulder strap along with the top handle and a clip on the back to attach it a briefcase. It had a mesh zippered front pocket and a fold-over top attached with Velcro. The price was enticing, but I wondered about the Velcro closure. Would it insulate as well as a zipper? I moved on.

Mervyn's offered one brand: California Innovations Collapsible Cooler (\$9.95). A steep price, but it was a bonus pack of two. I figured Patrick would not go for the rectangular shape — it looked too much like his old elementary school lunchbox. Better to stick with the lunch bags, a more updated look.

Next door at Wal-Mart, the lunch-container aisle looked as if a tornado had blown through. Boxes and bags numbering near a hundred were scattered on the floor, some teetering off the shelf. Psychedelic gold, hot pink, patriotic colors — there was something for everyone if one could only find it amid the chaos. I rummaged through the mixed variety and came up with five kinds. My favorite of the bunch was a Glacier Gear bag (\$6.70). Looking like it could double as a handbag, it was mustard yellow and had a roundish shape with a zippered fold-over top and a handbag handle. Its shape made it sit securely.

In a similar color scheme, the Glacier Gear Lunch Bag Cooler (\$6.70) came with a lifetime guarantee. A black rope served as

That lunchbox was a hardened veteran.

its carrying handle, and a zipper on top sealed it closed. It had a small exterior pocket sealed with Velcro. Wal-Mart also sold a couple Arctic Zone bags. The Insulated Lunch Bag won the bargain-of-the-day award: a mere \$2.20 for the purple bag. It came equipped with a fold-over Velcro top with a handle, and the Velcro Travel Strap could attach to another bag.

The Arctic Zone Insulated Lunch Bag Plus with the Crushproof Plastic Insert (\$5.20) had a bottom zippered compartment similar to the Frozn brand. Having all the features of its sister Artic Bag, it offered a few extras: a plastic covered nametag and a small coin purse with its own clip. A small pocket was attached on the front and a mesh pocket inside. The lunch bag had a well-made feel to it.

The last lunch bag from Wal-Mart was a metallic silver with black SubZero lunch bag (\$3.70). It also offered the zippered bottom rectangular compartment, which contained a sports bottle top thermos. With its Velcro fold-over top, the front of the bag featured tiny sewn in loops to slip in utensils or pens. The shoulder handle set it apart from most of the other brands,

and though I was tempted by its modern metallic look, I wasn't thrilled with the Velcro top. I left it behind.

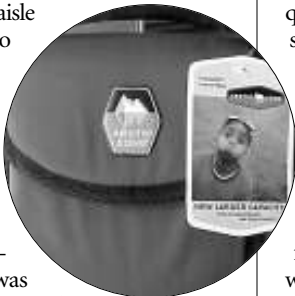
In Kmart's bike department, I found red, purple, and blue Tip Insulated Lunch Kits (\$6.99). They offered a short handled top and the dual compartment, zippered bottom, containing a plastic food box and a mesh front pocket. But the Velcro closure made it a no-go for me, so I headed to my last stop of the night.

Bed Bath & Beyond sold two different Glacier Gear Lunch Bag Coolers. Both cost \$9.99, were bigger than the other brands' bags, and their tags touted a lifetime guarantee. One was all black, with a top and shoulder strap and a fold-over top closing with an interlocking Velcro buckle. It came with a front pocket and two side pockets with zippers. Its brochure read, "Waterbed-quality liners are double folded and heat-sealed so they won't ever leak — Ever." A slick black with silver hardware, it was the least offensive bag of the bunch.

Its cousin, also a Glacier Gear Lunch Bag Cooler, was bright pearly blue with accents of black. It also closed with a Velcro buckle, and it had only a shoulder strap. A small front pocket on the front, big enough to tuck a napkin into it, was its only extra compartment.

I headed back to Wal-Mart and snatched up the mustard yellow and black round Glacier Gear lunch bag. The sturdy material and heavy-duty zipper won me over. I brought it home to Patrick. Taking one look at it, he smiled, "It is almost as cool as the Incredible Hulk lunchbox I had in third grade!"

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Steve Schoob

HONCHOR:

“I’m thinking, ‘My God, I’ve just lost \$100,000.’ ”

SCHOOB:

“I hope this is the end, but who knows?”

Monday, July 22, 2002, 9:38 a.m. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is down 284.52 points to 7734.74. I push on a glass door and enter into a small lobby. This is the downtown Charles Schwab office, located on the corner of Fifth Avenue and A Street. Sitting behind a circular counter is Warren, the receptionist. He looks to be in his mid-30s, with dark hair and a ruddy, clean-shaven face.

Set next to a bank of windows facing A Street are five chairs and an end table. Against the opposite wall, inside semi-private cubicles, are two computers. A man stands in front of each computer, or, more precisely, crouches in front of each computer. Two keyboards *click-click-click* as the pair retrieves stock quotes. Sometimes in unison, sometimes alternating, the men exhale an “Oh” or an “Ah,” followed by another gush of keyboard clicks.

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“How long have you been in the market?”

“About ten years.” Speaking is Jeff Spreter, 23, five foot ten, 175 pounds, with recently trimmed brown hair, dressed in a white cotton T-shirt and jeans.

“Did you see this coming?” “This” being the recent 2500-point drop in the Dow.

“I kind of saw it falling apart, but not to this extent.”

Spreter lives in Coronado and graduated from San Diego State this year. “How much money have you lost?” Might as well get right to it.

“Probably 15 [thousand dollars].” Spreter does not flinch.

Mere collateral damage. “Do you ever think about what you might have done with that money?”

“Not really. It was paper money — it really didn’t exist.”

Spreter tells me he’s studying for law school. I flee from the topic. “Have you changed your plans about vacations or purchases?”

“Not really.”

“Was there one particular stock that trashed you more than others?”

Spreter laughs. “Oh, yeah, Enron and Global Cross-

ing.” Now we both laugh. “I bought them at \$8...”

Enron is selling for 9 cents today, down from \$90.75. Global Crossing is bid 5 cents, down from \$64.25. “Have you ever taken classes about the stock market?”

“Yeah, I’m a finance major. I just graduated.”

Okay, here we are: free, qualified advice. “What’s your take? How long is this slide going to last?”

“There’s psychological support, maybe, at 7500, 6800.”

I do not feel comforted. “How much money do you have in the market today?”

“About \$20,000.”

“So, being young, you’re not worried?”

“I make \$400 a year on GE dividends, so I’m not too worried.”

I hate young people. “Where would the market have to go before you started to sweat?”

“Oh, 6500, 6800. That would be ugly.”

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It’s 9:58 a.m. and the Dow is down 232 points.

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A short — five-foot, six-inch, say — 35-year-old man with curly red hair, horn-rimmed glasses, and an expression of eternal displeasure, is huffing and puffing in front of a computer monitor. He makes a loud grunt, throws up his hands, and stomps out the front door.

I catch up, introduce myself, and ask, “How long have you been in the market?”

The man answers using a stage whisper, so no one can overhear, yet everyone will understand he is saying something important. “Twelve years.”

“Did you see this coming?”

“Yeah.”

“Have you been selling short and making money?”

The short guy nods his head, looks over his shoulder to see if anyone is coming out of the Schwab office. I figure the guy for a short seller. Typically, a short seller borrows, say, 100 shares of Microsoft from his broker, betting that Microsoft will drop, let’s say, \$10. He then sells those shares on the open market. Let’s say Microsoft cooperates and drops \$10. Then the short seller buys 100 shares on the open market and uses them to replace the stock he borrowed from the broker. He pockets the difference between the price at which he sold and the price at which he bought, minus commissions, interest, and every other fee the broker can dream up.

Short selling is one of those legal but culturally disapproved of activities, like selling tobacco to retarded, pregnant teenage girls. You’ll never see a newspaper headline scream, “Dow Down 500 Points, Great Day for Short Sellers.” When the market is going up, you’ll never see interviews with short sellers who have lost their homes and life savings. There is a cultural bias, one pushed hard by the stock market-industrial complex, to root for the home team, home team being defined as a stock market going up.

But if you believe, and a lot of people do, that the stock market is casino gambling all the way down to the fat house edge, then being a short seller is just another way to play the game. Here’s the weird part: even knowing this, short sellers, in the backs of their minds, believe they’re doing something wrong. And so, short sellers, like gamblers everywhere, speak in whispers and look over their shoulders. In fact, short sellers, as a rule, look like this fellow, they *look* like they’re doing something illegal.

I say softly, so as not to ruffle delicate psyche feathers, “You’ve been selling short. You must be having a good time?”

“I’m having a good time.”



Hellen Callahan



Bruce Thach



Joe Nalven



Jeff Spreter

CALLAHAN:

“We had a big sell-off and then went to lunch and everybody got her check and we all made money.”

I detect not a single nuance of pleasure in his voice. “When did you recognize that the fall was coming?”

“About two years ago.”

“You’ve been selling short this whole time?”

“Yes.”

Again, not a flicker of satisfaction in his voice. “Can you give me a hazy figure of your winnings? Have you made \$1000 or \$100,000?”

“I don’t think that’s relevant.”

“What is more relevant?” The short, short seller’s face freezes in an expression of outrage. No gambler will tell the truth about his winnings or losings. Indeed, it is a terrible breach of etiquette to solicit personal information. I hurry forward. “I take it you don’t worry about the stock market?”

“Not at all.”

“Do you worry it might go up?”

“No, I’m in cash now.”

I should mention that short sellers tend to be smart, which doesn’t mean they can predict the future better than anyone else, only that they can talk about the future better than most. We’ll come back to the short seller after a while.

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The lobby is empty save for Warren and me. I put down Schwab’s copy of the *Wall Street Journal* and inquire, “Are people calling in sounding genuinely distressed?”

“A lot of people are very concerned about where the market is heading. Especially compared to where they were one year ago, six months ago. Definitely.”

“Have you heard panic?”

“People are coming in and saying, ‘I need to sell everything right now.’”

That’s a long way from panic. “I was visiting Washington, D.C., in ’87 when the Dow dropped 508 points in one day, except then, 508 points was 22 percent of the Dow. That morning, I went to the Schwab office on

THACH:

“I love to have a knife at my throat in the market.”

NALVEN:

“If you pull out and take a tax hit on what you’ve made, then what do you do with that money?”

I Street. You couldn’t telephone. Schwab had so many phone calls, their switchboard imploded. When I arrived, there must have been 50 people milling around on the sidewalk trying to get in the front door. Women were crying. People who had made it inside the lobby couldn’t see a broker. It was...

“No, it’s not that bad.” Warren smiles as if I’ve been explaining how covered wagons are built. “The closest I’ve seen to that is a 10-, 15-minute phone wait to get through to a broker.”

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“How long have you been in the market?”

“About four or five years,” says Steve Schoob, a truck driver from Cottonwood, Arizona. Schoob’s in town visiting his parents and stopped by to check his stocks. I ask the usual. “Did you see this coming?”

“The guy who sells to me did.” Schoob is wearing a navy blue T-shirt, jeans, and a huge silver necklace with what, I swear, looks to be a trout fish lure minus the hook as a pendant. “We’re in electric and water stocks and all that stuff now. We didn’t get hurt bad, but we’ve lost some.” Schoob thinks for a moment. “I’ve got a friend who’s \$1,500,000 down.”

Hey, it’s only paper money. “Have you reconsidered any plans or purchases?”

“Nope, not at all.”

I believe him. “How did you first come into the market?”

“Bank of America. Through mutual funds. Then I started getting into it more.”

Captain Crunch breakfast cereal, Coca-Cola, marijuana, heroin, and then the stock market. It’s a straight line to hell in a handbasket. “Is this the beginning, middle, or end of the bear market?”

“I hope this is the end, but who knows?” Schoob makes a cowboy shrug. “It might go a little bit lower.”

“Do you ever worry about the market?”

SPRETER:

“It was paper money — it really didn’t exist.”

“Heck, no.”

“Have you spent any time studying the market, researching it?”

“Not really. I have a friend who does that for me. I just give him money and he takes care of it. This guy really studies the market and we’ve made money.”

There is, at the end of the day, no argument to that. “What do you think caused the Dow to crash?”

“I think 9/11 had something to do with it. And all the executives taking off the top.”

I note a trace of cowboy anger. “What should be done with them?”

“I hope they hang them. I think they should be hung.”

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10:28 a.m. and the Dow is down 168 points.

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“How long have you been in the market?”

Joe Nalven says, “Since the early ’70s.”

Mr. Joe Nalven is middle-aged and could pass as a twin of Senator Joe Lieberman, if, that is, Senator Joe was born with blond hair and raised on the West Coast. Citizen Joe lives in Poway. I ask, “What got you started in the market?”

“My in-laws thought it would be a good place to put extra money from time to time.”

“What was your first stock?”

“Warner [one of the sires of AOL Time Warner] and General Motors.”

“So you’ve seen this before?”

“Oh, yeah, the cycles of depression and elations are quite familiar.”

“Where are we along the axis of despair and joy?” Pretty damn poetic question.

“I’d like to believe, and I think all of us are hedging our bets, but I’d like to believe we’re near a low.” I note Joe speaks like Joe Lieberman. “Looking at the overall robustness of the economy, it doesn’t make sense to be this low. But, then again, listening to the news, the highs weren’t probably where we ought to have been either.”

“The big question is, if you pull out and take a tax hit on what you’ve made, even if it was not as much as you would like to have made, then what do you do with that money? Do you put it in your mattress? The mar-

ket forces you to balance risk in a number of different ways. And that's suddenly one of the problems we have now, because it's hard to gauge the kind of risk we're in."

Nalven poses a question many of us need not

answer since one is not required to pay taxes on losses, only on gains. I say, "The Dow P/E is over 20, indicating to people who believe P/Es are important that the stock market is still overvalued." P/E, or price-earnings ratio, is

the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. For instance, a \$60 stock price divided by \$3 of earnings per share gives you a P/E ratio, or P/E, of 20.

Nalven isn't buying. "But you have other stocks,

like Microsoft, which has always had a P/E in the 30s, 40s, and 50s, and it's held its ability to grow. Still, the market may force us to go more towards value.

"Where is the real value in putting your

money in the stock market?" Now he really sounds like Joe Lieberman. "Say you hold Johnson & Johnson. Well, that's a good stock. And I emphasize *good stock*. And now you read about how they are having accounting prob-

lems. If bedrock firms start having problems, how do you make sense of that? What's real?"

Theft and fraud. "What do you think ought to be done with Enron and WorldCom executives?"

"I think jail is a very good place. We need to ramp up the integrity of the marketplace. If self-policing were okay, we wouldn't need a police force." Nalven stops for a breath. "I'm an attorney. I represent people. I have a skeptical view on human nature. I'm an anthropologist as well. So on two counts I'm very skeptical about human nature. What we see now is more punishment as a way to make the marketplace more secure, but, then again, is that really a guarantee? We trade one illusion for another."

Yes, well, maybe, perhaps. "Let me have your stock tip of the day."

"I often listen to Bill Holland on the radio, and he's saying the stock market is going to go with the rest of the country. If the country is going to go in the tubes, then what's the point of having stocks anyway?"

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Sitting military straight, in the far chair, is a nervous, pensive-looking man. I assume he's waiting for an appointment. The man has a smooth oval face and pursed lips and is bald save for a streak of cropped gray hair above his ears. I say hello. We chat a bit. I learn he's here to put money into the market. His name is Craig Christiansen. He's been working as a transportation assistant on North Island and lives in Normal Heights.

Christiansen says, "I don't know anything about investing or nothing. I'm kind of the, what do you call it, the green...things are green, or whatever they call it when you're new at something."

"Greenhorn?"

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"Yeah." We laugh. Christiansen says, tentatively, "I have to withdraw this money by August 23. I guess I retired at the wrong time. What they tell me to do is open an IRA, which is the only thing my 401(k) can do. It's going to be a rollover-type IRA. My dad's been saying, 'We'll just keep it in a money market right now, and when this market gets better we'll see about stocks and bonds and all that.'"

I ask, "Has your 401(k) lost money?"

"Lost \$1000 in a month." Christiansen is suddenly decisive. "My

ending balance in May was \$42,000, and my ending balance in June was \$41,000."

"That's not bad, to be only \$1000 down." In fact, that's a better record than anyone I know.

"No, it's not. But, see, that's government bonds and stock. But now I have to take it out by August 23, because the system is going over to a new computer and I don't want to wait, and who knows what might happen with a new computer system? So I'm trying to get it done now."

Either he knows a great deal about computers or he knows nothing

about computers. "Well, you're maintaining your capital. A lot of people have lost a lot of money."

"My dad said he's lost some, but not a lot. He keeps telling me about diversification, because you have to put the money in different spots."

"Have you studied the market?"

"No, I haven't. In fact, I'm one of these who would rather have someone else do it for me. I can't balance my checkbook, let alone anything else."

I can feel sharks circling. "Do you worry about the stock market and what

might happen?"

"Well, right now, I'm kind of worried, but I'm not in it yet. I didn't worry about it when I was working. But now that I have all this money, I need to find a place, someplace where it will get me more bang for my buck."

Christiansen leans toward me. "This has to last. I'm a young retiree with a disability. I need this money for when I get older, because I'm not a normal retiree who retires at age 62 or whatever. I am retiring at 43. My retirement will be a lot longer. This 40-some thousand has to last me, because I have nothing else except

for the annuity I get for my disability."

One bad break would cost \$40,000. Easy. "What's wrong?"

"Diabetic neuropathy. I have no feeling from my knees down. Losing it in my hands as well. Now I'm stuck on the bus. I can't drive anymore."

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And again. "How long have you been in the stock market?"

"Over 30 years. I belonged to an investment club."

I'm talking to Helen "My mother gave me a short name in case I had

bad handwriting" Callahan. Mrs. Callahan is a happy-looking woman in her 70s. I make her for five foot six. She has curly auburn hair, an easy smile, and wonderful laugh lines around her eyes. I ask, "Are you in a fund or individual stocks?"

"Individual stocks."

"How is that going?"

"I don't know. I don't care. I don't look. We don't need the money now. If you don't need the money, your losses are only on paper. I spoke to my daughter in Berkeley last night. She said, 'Mom, I've lost \$10,000.' I said, 'Nancy, that's only on paper. Wait, it will go up.' And it will

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go up.”

Nobody has actually lost money. I ask, “Are you continuing to buy stocks?”

“No. He [Callahan nods to her husband in the next chair] is going to be 80, I’m 79, and there’s not enough money to buy.”

Helen was trained as a nurse. “I graduated from the Columbia Presbyterian School of Nursing in New York, but I never worked. My husband was a single-engine carrier pilot in the Navy. And then he had his own tax and bookkeeping business. We’ve lived in Coronado for 40 years.”

Sounds quite pleasant. “When you were in the investment club, did you study the market?”

“We never bought anything if it didn’t go through our study group. We never took more than 20 people in the club, all women in the club. We used to have meetings once a year. We disbanded two years ago.”

“How come?”

“Because we were old, we were tired, and the market was high. We’d been going on for 30 years. We got down to 15 members — people had died, moved away. We decided to disband. That was 2 years ago. We had a big sell-off and then went to lunch and everybody got her check and we all made money.”

“Nice going.” Exactly two years ago the Dow closed at 10,733.

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“How are you doing in the market?”

“I’m frustrated,” says Norbert Seufert, a tall, red-faced, blond-haired man with linebacker shoulders and a fighter’s chest. “I’m still hopeful that in time, things will turn around. There have been nine recessions since WWII and nine recoveries, so I’m trying to be mindful of that. I have to imagine that there is *only* so much further it can go

down.”

“Have you seen a bear market before?”

“Indirectly. My parents have been in the market for an awfully long time. I guess the ’70s was, essentially, a bear market, going nowhere for ten years, but not like this.”

“Have you gotten hurt yet?”

“I’m deeply in the red, yes. My parents are heavily invested in blue chips. I’m an only child, so I know that one day those stocks will make their way over to me through inheritance. I’ve recognized that tech is, probably, our future, so I’ve been heavily invested in tech. I’ve obviously taken quite a beating. I owned bell-wether techs and that hasn’t protected me.”

Today, Intel will close at \$18.26, down from an August 31, 2000, close of \$74.875. Oracle will close at \$9.23, down from a March 27, 2000, close of \$44.218. “How low can Nasdaq go?”

“Well, I’m 40 now — maybe 25 years until things turn around.” Seufert laughs. “A lot sooner than that. I’m hoping within the next two or three years. I can’t imagine who’s selling at these levels.”

“You said you are in the red. Are you on margin?”

“I am on margin. I thought Intel, with a dip, would be a brilliant buy. I’ve seen it dip another 50 percent since that point, so...”

I wince. “What caused the market to drop?”

“Obviously the accounting scandals. There’s a hysteria that feeds on itself. I am someone who fancies himself as a long-term investor, and even I have had thoughts of ‘Well, let’s sell and salvage something.’ But now I am of a mind to say, ‘I think, maybe, this represents a better buying opportunity than has ever presented itself in the past 15 years.’”

I do not reach for my

wallet. “How much time per day do you spend studying the market?”

“Anywhere from 15 minutes checking Yahoo Finance, to two hours reading publications like *Business Week* and *Smart Money*, trying to get a handle on which moves I ought to be making.”

“Do you think anybody knows where the market will go?”

“That’s very interesting. We’ve heard stories about analysts who were promoting a stock heavily at 40 and who are now telling you to sell it at \$3. You have to wonder if anybody did know. If someone knew, then there’d be a formula for success and then everybody would be on board. Then it would no longer be a formula for success.”

“Having been an investor now for close to 20 years, you want to know what your money is doing. You can’t rely on other people, necessarily, to manage your money. A lot of

very smart mutual fund managers have taken a critical beating. So who’s to say? And market psychology is not something anybody can get their hands on. It’s mass psychology. You have to recognize that nobody truly knows. You make as educated a guess as you can.”

This is called investing. “Did you see the slide coming?”

“Obviously not. There was a point when it started to dip. It dipped 10 and then 15 percent. But unless it hits a 28 percent dip, I’d take a tax hit by selling and buying back into it. So, even when the dip started, I felt like it was just a correction.”

“I can tell you, from personal experience, that business publications were not telling everybody, ‘This is the start of something very big.’ They were saying, ‘Hey, here’s a little dip, it’s a buying opportunity.’”

“Well, that dip was Nasdaq at 4000 and the next dip was Nasdaq at

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3000. Now we're seeing Nasdaq at 1200 and change. Nobody's been predicting this dip in all the publications I've been reading, and I'm pretty well read in the subject."

The media as responsible adult. "Has the crash caused you to defer any purchases?"

"Absolutely. Not buying a new car. Not remodeling our house. Making travel a little more modest than I might have otherwise."

"What do you do?"

"I'm in advertising."

There is a period of impolite quiet. Finally, I ask, "Do you have a stock tip?"

"I've been buying Elan Pharmaceuticals, because I've been reading about them for four years and everybody talks about what a terrific company it is. They're in the space of making generic drugs, and I know, with the graying of the population, drugs are gonna make out. I have to imagine that that company has been hurt more than it deserves."

Elan will close today at \$1.84, down from the August 13, 2001, price of \$57. "Do you have a favorite stock horror story?"

"I'd have to say buying Intel on margin at \$49. I bought a couch that I

felt was too expensive. I said to myself, 'Okay, let me take a big margin position in Intel, and when it goes back up two points, I'll sell and make \$2000 profit. That way I can buy the couch for what I think it was really worth.' Now I'm sitting on Intel at \$19 and, every night, sitting on a \$35,000 couch."

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"I've been in the market since 1953."

Speaking is Richard Wright. It's Wednesday morning, July 24, and I'm back in the window chair at Schwab's. I ask, "Did you see this coming?"

Wright, who looks like a tall Ernest Hemingway without the ego-mania, answers, "Yes, I was pessimistic a year ago."

"How about two years ago? What did you think about the market then?"

"Techs started crumbling two years ago, but the Dow was still going strong, as if it were business as usual. I didn't see any downward forecast from the media. They didn't talk about earnings, didn't talk about the solidness of stocks."

Media as responsible adult, part II. "When you saw the Nasdaq go, did you take defensive measures?"

"I did, but not enough. I had options that went south on me. I should have cashed them in at the time. I had a large block of options in Unisys. It fell apart about a week before they were due."

"Have you had to cut back on any plans, vacations, purchases?"

"No, because the money I used was discretionary money. I never got into my personal assets."

"So you were playing with house money?"

"Exactly." Wright smiles like a man who just got something for nothing.

"Which stocks are you in now?"

"Lucent. I just picked up some Lucent and I'm looking at a health-care stock. I like that one and GE."

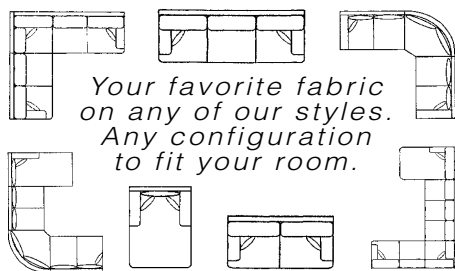
(As I write this, GE is selling for \$32.05, up from \$23.02, its price at the time of this conversation.) "You said you started in the market in 1953, almost 50 years ago. What was your first stock?"

"I was 20-some years old. My barber told me about penny stocks from Canada. I got into the stock market then. I had a Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Bean account. Remember those days?"

I don't. I nod yes. "How did you do?"

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"It went up a couple of pennies. I thought I was in heaven."

Wright tells me that three or four years ago he was a swing trader. Says he took classes in swing trading and day trading up in Orange County. I ask, "What did you learn?"

"The instructor's message, frankly, was to stay out of techs. He said stocks undulate; read the undulations and play them. He also told us we were competing with the big boys who were doing the very same thing."

Nothing to it. "I've read stories that say 90 percent of day traders lost money."

"Oh, I can believe that."

"What separated you from them?"

"You lose money for a while and then you learn not to make those same mistakes again. Then you start making money and that's where I was. When I hung up my spurs, I was making money, but I paid the price. The price is, you let your emotions take over and make a purchase and then you shoot your toe off." Wright laughs. "Now you only have nine toes left."

"Pretty soon, you say, 'All right, I'm done doing that. I'm just going to use the old formula. I'm going to use the mechanics of it. I'm going to read the charts. I'm going to get up at four in the morning and do all the research.' Even then, you get the rug pulled out from underneath you by something you didn't know about."

"How many hours a day did you put into it?"

"It was easy to put six or eight hours in a day. You had to do research at night. You'd quit at two in the morning and get up at four because you were so excited by what you'd found the night before."

I can see how you would wind up doing that. "When you say 'research,' what did you find that an ordinary investor would

not find?"

"You can plug into various Internet sources. Some of them are pretty legitimate. You may look at the Chicago Board Options Exchange and see which way the options are going. There are chat rooms. You have to filter out the chaff, but there are usually a couple gems that come through. Pretty soon, after a year or so, you get to recognize which names are more accurate and which ones are puff."

Thin gruel. "How was it, financially?"

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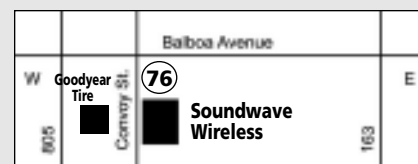
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Tomlinson engulfs the telephone and, very quickly, is into hard schmoose with a Schwab specialist lady. "Oh, you're from Nigeria." Pause. "Living in New York now?" Pause. "So, I have 1.8 million shares." Pause. "If this goes to \$1 in the next couple of weeks, I can sell this immediately, right?" Pause. "Do you come up with good deals every day?" Pause. "Wow. Can you e-mail me every day with different deals?"

Thirty minutes pass. Tomlinson ends his conversation, gets up, and, looking like a head of state making his farewells on the airport tarmac, engages in a series of good-byes with Warren.

I follow him outside and begin at the beginning. "How long have you been in the market?"

"Twenty years."

"Did you see the market drop coming?"

"Definitely. Because everything is going electronic now. Companies that used to do things in the old way, it wasn't working. That's why the Internet crashed, because people weren't ready for it. But now, all the Internet stuff is coming back."

What...is...he...talking...about? "What exactly is coming back?"

"Well, you're going to see a lot of things, from lottery to gaming to Visa and MasterCard. You're going to see a lot of things like that. If you look at Starbucks or something like that, their stock has stayed strong because of revenue. People are looking for companies that have strong revenue and earnings."

"I believe you've got to know the trend and the future. It's like Compaq. They're never going out of business. Microsoft is good. They're going to have ups

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and downs, but they're always going to go back up because they plan for the technology of the future. That's the key to the market."

"Do you swing trade or day trade?" He's going to say yes.

"Both."

"You must be having a great summer."

"That's right. I gave you a tip just a minute ago." Tomlinson produces a loud, utterly mirthless "Ha, ha, ha."

I surmise he's talking about one of the many obscure stocks he loudly referred to while performing on the phone.

"Okay, how about a stock tip?"

"Right now — and it's going to go through the roof, because I'm involved — is ECNT. [Three weeks after this conversation, *pink sheets.com* shows the best bid for ECNT as one penny per share.] It's on the pink sheets. They're going to [be listed on] Nasdaq in around 90 days. They control all the Mexicans and Europeans who use credit cards. You know how much it costs to send money through Western Union? This company has come out with a credit card with no Social Security number."

"Which makes it easier for illegal immigrants to send money home?"

"And their mothers and fathers." Tomlinson beams.

"I've read that 90 percent of the people who actively trade lose money. What makes you different?"

"Number one, I know what I'm doing. I took my time, I did my investigations. I've been dealing with the Internet 20 years. I own an international computer company. You have to do research. You have to know the trend, the future. You have to know the announcements. You need

to know what the company is doing. You need to be actively involved in the company. Not what they say, but really do due diligence. Go into the company, check the employees, look at customer service, because that has a lot to do with the sales of the company."

"Have you always made money?" He's going to say yes.

"Yes, because I always buy penny stocks. I never buy stocks that are worth a lot of money. I always buy low, and I always check the company out before I buy. And then the stock goes through the roof. I

bought this stock for 10 cents and it went to \$22. And just this morning, I bought a stock for one penny and it's going, today, to \$2. And next week it's going to \$30. You've seen how many shares I bought?"

"Well, I overheard you say that you bought 900,000 shares."

"I bought two million." Tomlinson explodes with a great and genuine hustler's laugh. Tears well up in his eyes as the hustler laugh cascades upward from his diaphragm, traveling the length of his throat, finally expelled through his mouth into

the hot afternoon air. "That's right. I always buy low. If you buy low and you know what's going on with the company, it's going to work." Tomlinson's expression is one of childlike wonderment at the prospect of gaining so much in return for risking so little.

I say, "If I bought two million shares of anything, I would be in front of a computer screen until I sold it. But you're out on the street laughing and talking to me."

"I know what I'm doing!" says Tomlinson at near-scream volume. "See, that's what I'm say-

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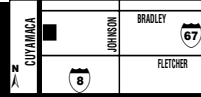
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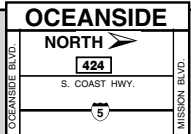
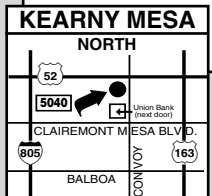
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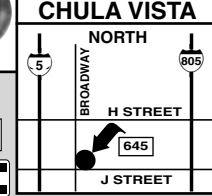
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ing, *You gotta know what you're doing.* That's the key."

That's the third key I've been given today. "What do you do besides the stock market?"

"I'm the CEO of Space Booth Enterprises and CEO of JC and Telephone. I own a telephone company. I have a church. I feed the poor. I feed the hungry all over the world. I'm a pastor."

"Day trading as Christian calling?"

"Yeah. I mean, hey, it's honest money and nobody knows."

"What got you started in penny stocks?"

"My buddy taught me that. My buddy has been buying stocks for 40 years. He invested \$15 million into my company. My stock went from \$1 to \$30 and it's privately held. I

own 60 Internet cafés, and I'm getting ready to roll out 1000 of them. That's why I know this company [ECNT] is going somewhere. I'm like Starbucks or Kinko's, but I'm private."

Apostle Tomlinson tells me he's 40 years old and single and has lived in San Diego for 20 years. He reaches into his wallet and hands me two business cards, says, "If you want to make some extra money, help me out with the *Reader*. I want to put some ads in the *Reader*, because, I tell you what, my banking card, every Mexican, every Vietnamese, every foreigner wants this card, because they can put up to \$5000 on this card. If you help me put the ad in the *Reader*, I'll put you free in the company."

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Thursday morning, July 25, and the Dow is 7911.12. I have a routine in place. I drive in just after rush hour, park at the Fifth Avenue ACE lot, grab a coffee-to-go from an adjacent deli, enter Schwab, say good morning to Warren, find the office *Wall Street Journal*, settle in, and wait.

I'd seen the man yesterday and talked to him briefly, just long enough to get his name, Bruce Thach. He's back again, looking up stock quotes on the Schwab computer.

I decide to wait outside. Shortly, Thach steps out the door. He's a slight man, somewhere near 60 years of age, 145 pounds, has a pale face with a dandy gray mustache set underneath a jaunty straw hat.

But that's merely pish-posh. What counts is the shirt. Thach is wearing a BLAZING red-and-yellow Hawaiian/Oaxacan/Peruvian/Ralph Steadman, altogether LOUD, eye-hurting loud, roast-the-pig festive, short-sleeved shirt.

I ask if he has a theory of the stock market. He says it occurred to him after a horrendous drunk. He woke up on the floor, and "just watch the ticker tape. You'll see the stock going at the same price and the guy is just distributing stock all day long."

Perhaps meaning will come in time. "When you say 'distributing stock,' what do you mean?"

"Well, the specialists, or whoever is running it, they are either stimulating or distributing."

"How can you tell what they're doing?"

"I check before 11 o'clock and see what they've done. They go on a lunch break between 11:00 to 12:00 and..."

Meaning is a long time coming. "When you say, 'I check before 11 o'clock and see what they've done,' who is 'they' and how do you know what they've done?"

"Oh, they're specialists and they have the books. All the books, all the orders on the buy and sell above and below the market. All the stop losses."

"And how do you know what 'they've' done?"

"Oh, you want to read the tape. They'll bring the market up to whichever way they're going to around 11, New York time. And then they'll go on break. So the market tends

to go the other way. And then when they come back at 12, they'll reverse it again. So that will tell you if the specialists are accumulating or distributing."

I see, the market is left unattended during lunchtime. "And you would know whether to buy or sell from that?"

"Well, it will give you an idea. And there are the weekly traders who come in on Monday. They'll be out by Friday at the latest. They generally start coming on Wednesday. If you start watching the market, you'll notice that it will reverse, usually on Wednesday. Sometimes it starts out in the morning and goes one way, occasionally."

"What else?"

"Volume. Volume is your key."

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chain runneth over. "And a lot of volume means?"

"It takes volume to push a stock up, but it will drop of its own weight, because the market is an auction. You throw one share of General Motors up there, and if there isn't any bid, that one share can, theoretically, bring the whole market down to zero. Because of no volume."

It's a problem. "What happens on days when the market drops 400 points?"

"Well, volume on selling. It is a little tough. You want to watch for the volume to dry up on the downside. Normally, that works, but not always. Sometimes, on low volume, the bottom will totally drop out."

And then everybody goes to lunch. "What is your play today?"

"I would look for it to crash. My best thing is *Investor's Business Daily*. I buy that every single day. They teach you in there. That's one of the best magazines in the world."

"Are you actively trading now?"

"Oh, oh, yeah, yeah." Thach sounds hesitant.

"Are you selling short?"

"No. I did last week a little bit. I run in gold-mine stocks now. I've just been in gold-mine stocks."

All I want to do is ask Thach to turn his shirt off. But instead, I chant, "How long have you been in the market?"

"About 40 years."

"Long time."

Thach grins. "Well, if I knew what I was doing, it would be different. It's a guessing game. It's gambling, there's no doubt."

"Are you ahead of the game?"

"Oh, totally, yeah. There have been years when I was wiped out. One time I was one of the best on Wall Street. The next year I was wiped out." I hear a mirthless chuckle. "The old-timers, they don't have any qualms with admitting that this is gambling."

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If you had four or five different stocks, then when one stock crashed, you wouldn't necessarily lose everything. But what's the fun in that? "You said earlier that you were exclusively in gold-mine stocks. That's because we're in a bear market, right?"

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. I would look for a breaking of resistance levels in gold. I can say this much, once it breaks \$800, there's no telling where the high is."

"But gold is only a little over \$300 now, hasn't been above \$500 in 20 years or more, and has never hit \$800."

"Yeah, yeah."

Okay. Moving on. "How old are you and where do you live?"

"I'm 58. Right now I'm staying downtown at the Golden West Hotel. I'll be going back to Northern California very shortly."

"You said the way to win in the market is to pick one stock and watch it."

"Yeah, one stock, just one stock."

"What happens if you're margined to the tits and you guessed wrong? This must have happened at least once over 40 years?"

"Best thing in the world. Best thing in the world, because they'll sell you out if the stock goes down low enough to where their equity is threatened. That takes the decision. I love to have a knife at my throat in the market. If I can find a way for some-

body else to put a knife at my throat, wonderful. Generally the knife is smarter than you are and they'll get you out. The worst thing that can happen is to try and meet a margin call. You're better off if you don't have money, then you can't meet it."

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"I got in the stock market about four years ago." The soft, unhurried voice belongs to Adele Honchor. Honchor is an elegant woman; think summertime East Hampton before the bad publicity. She has neck-length brown hair, a Roman face, thin lips, and an expression that suggests there's more underneath.

I ask, "You were buying stocks?"

"Oh, yeah, I was buying a lot."

"Tech stocks?"

"Oh, sure." Honchor smiles as if remembering a long-ago summer. Which fits perfectly with her ash-colored cashmere sweatshirt and raffia hat. We are sitting in the Schwab lobby next to an elderly couple. Warren is on the phone. All is easy. Honchor tells me she was raised in New York, attended Hunter College and then Columbia University. She moved to San Diego 30 years ago, works as a real estate broker, and lives in a downtown condominium.

She has come in this morning because "I have three accounts and I'm here to take half of it out and pay off a loan because I'm paying \$70,000 a year in interest on loans. I said to myself, 'That's crazy.'"

"You must have a stock-market story."

"Well, yeah. I've never studied the market. I depended on a friend, originally. We'd buy \$1, \$2 stocks and the stocks were going up to 20-something dollars. I'd buy \$20,000 worth of these low-priced stocks. We were making so much money." Honchor smiles. "It was

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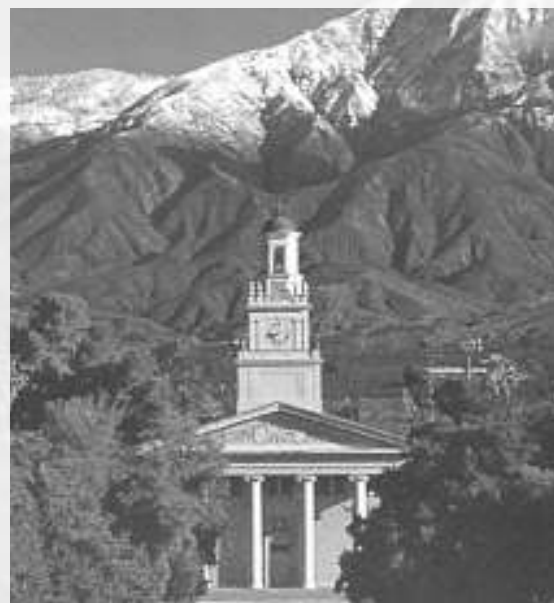
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such a euphoria.”

Must have been a fantastic time. “Must have been a fantastic time.”

“I felt so smart and rich.”

I can almost smell money cooking. “How many different stocks did you trade?”

“Oh, a lot. I kept track of them in two notebooks. Every day, I would write my little numbers in. It was an obsession.”

I can see her at work. “The feeling you have is, ‘This is the way life should be.’”

“Yes. Exactly. Yes!” Honchor laughs. “It was like, ‘What’s the matter with you, why aren’t you taking risks?’ I had one woman — she’s a friend of mine, she’s almost 80 — beg me to take her money so she could make money the way I was

making it. Thank goodness I didn’t.”

“You were playing the market at high tide.” The Nasdaq topped out at 5048.62 on March 10, 2000.

“Yeah, I day-traded, had loads of fun making money with an engineer friend. He was disciplined. He’d say, ‘If it goes up two points, sell it.’ But of course you get emotional; you don’t want to sell, and you hold on to it. It’s everybody’s story, I suppose. You fall in love with the stock.”

“When did you realize that the party was over?”

“Last year, but I was still in on it. We started buying blue chips, getting out of all that” — Honchor sounds a soul-warming chuckle — “trashy stock that was worth 67 cents

a share. I’m thinking, ‘My God, I’ve just lost \$100,000.’ About three months ago, I said, ‘I want out.’”

“Exquisite timing.” Three months ago the Dow closed at 10,035.06.

“I finally convinced my husband, who is a financial planner. I said, ‘Just sell it. I don’t care, sell it all.’ And he did and it hurt. You know, it hurts to lose money, but I beat a terrible depression.

“I hated the feeling that my life was dependent on those numbers. I felt it wasn’t worth it. I’d rather be peaceful. Of course, I loved the excitement and euphoria, but then there’s the crash. I didn’t want to live that way anymore.”

“When you signed off, were you ahead, behind, or even?”

Honchor closes her

eyes. “I am certain I lost quite a bit of money. I don’t want to look at it, but I know I did.”

“What was your high point? It must have been seven figures.”

“No, it wasn’t that high. Maybe I made a couple hundred thousand. I didn’t make like some of the stories you hear. You see, stocks go up and down. A stock may go up and then it goes all the way down, so you bought some more. Even now, I think, ‘Whoa, these great companies — they’ve got to go back up.’ I’m so tempted to get in on it.”

“Do you think the market will be a temptation a year from now?”

“Yes.”

“Or when the Dow gets down to 5800?”

“Yes,” Honchor laughs.

“I don’t know if it will get down that low.”

“Sixty-eight hundred?”

“I don’t know. I think I’d tell my children if it gets that low, because they need to make money. But I think people who are in their business, whether it’s a little store or whatever, they should stay in their business. You need to have so much knowledge to be in the market, and even with all the knowledge you can’t...”

“...predict the market.”

“I don’t think anybody can predict anything.”

Time to go. “How would you describe the last three years of your life?”

“It’s made me humble and amused. I understand my own weaknesses for greed. It’s put a perspective on my life.”

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I’ll close with a bit more of the conversation I had with the short seller we met earlier. We’ll pick up at the point I asked for his assessment of the market.

“I think it’s a tough game anymore. I think the correct hedge is being in cash and staying out of the melee.

“There is one thing that is true about this market: a lot of people are long and can’t get out. You can look at individual cases and there might be something to buy, but the dynamic of the market is inextricably down. And, in fact, the market is so overvalued. We’re basically in a crash.”

“What is fair value of the Dow?”

The short seller laughs.

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“Asset value and accounts receivable, that’s the book value of a company. Everything else is goodwill. There are different conventional points people use to measure. [He’s referring to the P/E, or price-earnings ratio. As mentioned earlier, the P/E is the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.] I would say, in general, the normal value for the market, when it’s high, is about 12 times earnings. Then the normal value for the market, when it’s okay, is about 8 times earnings. We’re still looking at

20 to 30 times earnings. [As I write this, the Dow has a P/E of 23.89.] “People don’t have a lot of risk tolerance at this point. They had unlimited risk tolerance a mere three years ago. Now, I would suppose, investors would want to be under the conventional P/E earnings number. So I think we would bottom out around 5 times earnings.” “That would make the...” “Well, it would make the Nasdaq in the 600s or 700s, make the Dow somewhere in the few thou-

sands, which is where it should be.” Soft, my heart. “The Dow should be 2500, 3000?” “Yeah, we’re doing a reset. We’re working our way back to 1982. We haven’t even seen the beginning. This is brutal. This is the real deal. We’ve had such huge misbehavior, the equity markets themselves have been abused. People have used them ad nauseam. Now the idea is to hang CEOs or something.” I hear a full-throated laugh. “Nobody wants to look

within. Unbridled greed. “The macro assumption about telecommunications was so palpably idiotic. CMGI is down to 40 cents, it was \$400 [CMGI had one 3-for-2 stock split in March 1995 and five 2-for-1 stock splits since then]. Obviously a lot of telecom companies never had any value. They were air. When people started talking about black cable having value that exceeds white cable...” “What is black cable?” “Telecommunications optical cable that was being

strung but hadn’t been fired up. So it didn’t have any information in it, so, therefore, the value of it was better than white cable, because white cable already had information transmitting through it and you could calculate some kind of general value. Of course, it was a value based on the convention of the time, where 30 times earnings is normal and 100 times earnings is where we should be because we’re in a new economic era. “Everything was so crazy. People were talking such incredible non-

sense. Paradigm shifts and the New Economy and the new way of doing accounting.” “So, the crash is on?” “You can still have manic rises, but in the end, the market will mark itself to value. And value is, unfortunately, a lot lower.” “Well, yeah, 2500 points on the Dow is a lot lower.” “Well, maybe it will only be 4000. I don’t know. It’s certainly going to be a lot lower. Not a problem.” ■ — Patrick Daugherty

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CHAPTER 33

Right now I wish that Perky, the heel, would go out and do something drastic, such as cutting off his head and putting it back on. But all he is doing at the moment, actually, is to remind me somehow that the world keeps tipping on its axis.

For here he is, preparing for the opening of lobster season again, and it is hard to believe that the time is so soon, that a year has passed, and that I have put

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Netted leopard shark

on the year but he has not.

He should get into more trouble than he does, or he should get more involved in others’ troubles. He should stay awake thinking of the squabbling going on all over the world, the squabbles between Italians in Italy, the squabbles between Frenchmen

in France, Englishmen in England, Germans in Germany, Americans in the United States — everywhere and anywhere and then in a catch-as-catch-can against everyone else — but I doubt if the little sonofabitch ever reads a paper. I never have seen one around his house.

Yet whenever anybody makes a remark to him, such as: “Aren’t things right now in a hell of a shape?” he will answer: “They sure are, for a fact.” Or if somebody will say to him: “Did you read that news story this morning about Russia? What the hell do you think’s going to happen now?” he will put on a look of wise and outspoken decision and say: “Christ only knows.” And it goes on like that, and meanwhile he is pouring the cement for weights into his new lobster traps.

He expects to put out about 35 traps this season, which is enough for one man to handle. Some of his old battered ones he is going to repair, too, in case a sudden high sea wrecks some of his new ones. And then as usual, of course, he also will count on salvaging other people’s traps when they are wrecked by a storm and are washed ashore.

He tried again for shark livers this summer by setting out a trapline. But he did not have much luck catching the right kind for good-paying livers, so he finally gave up. A shark bit him too, but it was his own fault. The shark was a leopard shark. They

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do not grow large around here and are not dangerous. But he had dumped it into the boat from off the trapline, and while he was going on about the rest of his work, the shark suddenly flipped up and bit the only thing handy, which was the calf of Perky's leg.

The leg was sore for a couple of weeks, and Perky had to go easy on it. But when he was limping around on the beach, some of the guys would pull a gag by going up to some newcomer in swimming trunks and saying to him: "See that fellow there? The fellow who's limping? He was attacked the other day off here by a shark — a LEOPARD shark."

They would give a sinister emphasis like that to the word "leopard," although in reality this little shark receives its name only because of his spots and color. But the stranger



Lobster fisherman

would just begin opening his mouth in astonishment when the guys would move on, and Perky never did know why from time to time so many suddenly would run up to him and begin talking.

About the only other new thing to report is that

Mrs. Billings joined a local church — for a while. And the reason, or at least people say it is the reason, is that one morning she was feeling extraordinarily awful and said: "Ooooh, I'm soo god-dam tired of hearing thooose god-dam chimes all the god-dam tee-ime,

god dam it."

So maybe she joined the church in an effort to buy out the chimes. I do not know. For we still do not see each other very much. I am still "old stuffy shirt" to her, although once when we happened to see each other again at Perky's house — and while Perky was out in the yard — she suggested that I intervene "for her sake for Perky's sake." I could not figure out just quite what she meant by such phrasing, except that she did say she could do so much for him. She said: "He's getting in the wrong crowd. Did you know that?"

No, I did not know that. I did not know he was getting in any crowd.

She said: "Well, that fool he takes out fishing so much. That fool's crazy — and Perky doesn't know it."

"Why's that fool crazy?"
"Ooooh, he's crazy, all right, and Perky boy doesn't know it."
"You mean that man from Kansas City?"
"Yes, that's who I mean. He's crazy, and Perky boy doesn't know it."
"Why's that fool crazy?"
"You asked me that before," she answered.
"I know I did," I admitted. "But you didn't give me an answer."
"He's crazy for a lot of reasons. I know aw-all about him."

Obviously, we were not going to get anyplace, although the man she had in mind was a sallow little fellow who had come here in pursuit of his wife. He had come here to get her, to try to talk things over, to take her back to Kansas City if possible, as life would mean nothing without her. And then, for the first time in all his factory-accountant years, he had gone deep-sea fishing — and on his first time out he caught a yellowtail. He had gone out with Perky.

Yellowtails certainly are not our largest game fish, nor are they our smallest. They are not as small, for instance, as our mackerel or our barracuda. But, again, a yellowtail certainly is not marlin, either. Yet the little man is positive now that he is a regular fisherman, and that one of these days he can catch a marlin, and even though Perky's boat, with its simple outboard, would be

considered anything but a swordfish boat.
But every day now the man wants to go out fishing with Perky. And every day that it is convenient for Perky to do so, he does take the man out — and meanwhile the death-or-life pursuit of a reconciliation with the wife just seems to have gone by the boards.
She lives in a hotel here, and from the ocean window of her hotel she can see her old man out there day after day with Perky fishing. She has talked about it, I presume, with Mrs. Billings. For by now she has talked about it with just about everybody.

CHAPTER 34
So here it is, the time of year again when the lobstermen are pulling each other's traps, poaching.

We may think of the fisherman as always being a kindly, honest soul — fiction usually has dealt with him that way — but it is not so. Or if it is so, I have been blind all these years to what I have seen and deaf to what I have heard. For out there on the ocean, in front of my window, the lobstermen have no trees to hide behind while performing their sins.

And though it is said, too, that people cannot conveniently leave tracks in the water, a thieving lobsterman can and he does. And he usually is the first to bellyache, also, when others do unto him what

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equator. Our tuna-clippers, fishing with poles and lines, hate the guts of the purse-seiners fishing with nets, and hold the purse-seiners responsible for so many of the schools sounding to the bottom and staying there. The purse-seiners, in turn, have their own opinion of the haughty tuna-clippers. And the tuna-clippers have their own factions among themselves, one flotilla vying against another, and especially with

secret radio codes, which every other tries to break. This is when, of course, one group has found a place of good fishing, and the other group has not, so the other group, with its own radio operators operating, is determined to come in on the kill anyhow. And the language which frequently is exchanged, as a result, may be Biblical though not necessarily sacred.
Even the sportfisher-

men who as a group go out on these larger and regular sportfishing boats — stopping here and stopping there — these sportfishermen are not immune, either, to the avarice of a commercial fisherman. If he sees that the sportfishing boat finally has found a school, and is working it, the commercial fisherman as readily as not may go right up alongside with his own lures and lure the whole school away for his

own use.
But getting back to lobstering, never before have there been so many traps put out as were put out this year. They extend all around the watery edge of town, their marketbuoys bobbing up and down out there almost as if there had been a shipwreck and these buoys were part of the debris.
As usual, each lobsterman has his own color on his own buoys. He can select and paint his own

colors. These colors could be like a stable-owner's colors on a jockey. But there the similarity ends unless we would like to imagine the stable-owners stealing each other's jockeys during the middle of a race, and depending on which jockey was in the lead. Or, in the case of the lobster buoys, the sudden exchange depends on which buoy has the most to offer at the most convenient time. And the most convenient time

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usually is during the darkness of night, but not always.

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it taking place, as I may have said before, in front of my window.

During the years when Perky used to be just about our only lobsterman, a sudden high sea likewise was just about the only lobsterman's enemy. Sudden high ground swells could wreck the traps, especially if they had been placed in the risky though favored rocky sections too close to shore. But the traps, or at least part of the traps, could be salvaged and rebuilt, and man could continue loving his fellow man.

Today, though, the Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride the immediate

waves, and all faith has been rent asunder. The guy with the white boat is going to kill that guy with the brown boat, and the guy with the brown boat is going to kill that sonbeech with the reconverted landing craft, and the guy with the reconverted landing craft is going to ram into that bastard who is lobstering with a cabin cruiser, and the guy with the cabin cruiser is going to emasculate, with a fishknife, those wops on that purse-seiner, the *Mother Mary*. And all because of too many traps outside here this year, and not enough lobsters to go around.

So, war at last has come

to La Jolla, to gentle La Jolla, or to La Jolla the Gentle, whichever sounds the best, and I am in on the war. I am in on it even if I own no traps.

I am in on it because some youngster friends of mine, excellent surf boatmen, do own traps. But in the daytime the young fellows, natives to around here, have to go to school. And while they are off to school their traps are unguarded. And while they are unguarded "that guy with the white boat" tries to get them, "that guy with the brown boat" tries to get them, and so does "that bastard who is lobstering

with a cabin cruiser."

And yesterday some stranger on shore took the youngsters' own lobster boat from off the beach for the specific purpose of trying to raid in the boat-owners' own lobsters.

This was too much, and nations have gone to war for far less than that. And so I am back in a war again, and with all these other lobstermen combined against me as their own mutual enemy now. They may hate each other. But, as with all nations, they can combine to hate somebody who should be neutral but is not. For, with my field glasses and a voice which

can carry across water, I have become that most despised of all creatures, the Informer.

I yell to them to keep away from the youngsters' traps, and the lobstermen yell back a query of what business it is of mine. Or else they yell a suggestion for me to mind my own business. But however they word it, or in what manner, there seems to be a certain logic on their side. For my own business, at least this year, happens not to be lobstering.

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sters anymore like they used to do. The kids are having too hard a time of their own for me to expect lobsters from them. At least regularly.

The youngsters keep their bait, mostly fishheads, in a large box on top of the

cliff a few hundred feet from here. And the other day, while the boys were off to school, some other lobstermen stole even this bait.

It was my fault. As a sentry, I should have seen the thievery being com-

mitted, and should have stopped it. But I must have been doing some of my own work at the time and did not notice what was going on. I did not know about it, in fact, until the boys told me afterwards. And I do have this to say for

them; they did not hold it against me. Not entirely. For if they had done so, this would be the one year when I had no lobster friends at all.

As for Perky, he does not count. He just keeps going on and, I imagine,

poaching along with the rest of them. But if so, he at least does his poaching more skillfully. He has had the experience of years and at least knows how to wire back a trap as if it had not been opened. These others do not. Instead, as he

words it: "The clumsy mugs leave tracks in the snow."

But why he so frequently uses the word "snow," I do not know. For he never has seen any. ■

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It is as if they had destroyed beforehand
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THE NOTEBOOKS OF MALTE LAURIDS BRIGGE

Day after hot day, for one entire summer, Danny and his big brother Matt and kids in the neighborhood took turns dying. When Danny thinks back to that time he sees the children as they were then — deformed-at-birth Ridley with duck-foot webs between his fingers and Harriet with her dark mole at the corner of her mouth and her filthy belly button and beautiful blonde Janet Lee who smelled of the coconut oil in the Coppertone lotion her mom rubbed into Janet Lee’s pale skin. The silly details the mind retains. Silly, silly, silly.

The vacant lot where the youngsters played stood

a stone’s throw from Matt and Danny’s house. The lot had been vacant forever and was the only empty lot for blocks around. The father-in-law of my novel’s heroine, who except for service in World War II has lived in walking distance of this lot for 60 years, says he never so much as saw a shack here. “Whoever meant to build,” he says, “must have changed his mind.” My heroine’s father-in-law keeps meaning to look up the titleholder in the county recorder’s book, but he will die without ever doing it.

Why you knew that someone meant to build was that faded yellow cloth streamers tied to surveyor’s sticks marked the lot’s four corners. (But when did the surveyor set up his tripod here? Again, no one knows.) The yellow streamers whipped in the wind, or on hot and still days, the yellow cloth hung lank. Poplars lined the lot’s edges, and

across the uneven and rocky ground of the lot itself, there grew scrub and salal and blackberry and a stunted plum tree. The tree, surely a volunteer, bore scanty crops of blue-skinned Italian plums.

The boys and girls got together after lunch. That’s when their mothers had soap operas — *As the World Turns* and *The Secret Storm*, *The Edge of Night* and *Guiding Light*.

Every time he
started telling
these stories from
his childhood, he
felt something good
leave him.

The mothers, during their programs, didn’t want children running in and out doors, slamming screens, whining for Kool-Aid or orange Tang like that which the astronauts

drank. The mothers flopped down on their sofas and folded laundry (the warm sheets and pillowcases smelled of the summer air that blew them dry). New moms nursed the baby. Some moms did nothing. One mom smoked a joint and one mom drank several glasses filled to the rim with Gallo Burgundy (the glass was embossed in white with Fred Flintstone and his daughter Pebbles). Almost all the moms smoked cigarettes, and one nursing mother was notorious for letting ash drift down onto her newborn’s hairless head. All these moms, during this hour or two after lunch, kept their eyes on the television screens, mostly black-and-white, where women with coiffed hair and false eyelashes fretted about doctor and lawyer husbands. “Nobody on soap operas,” the heroine of my novel complains, “ever marries a farmer or a grocery-store clerk or even a veterinarian.”

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What drew these children every day to this vacant lot after they ate their way through tuna fish or toasted cheese or peanut butter sandwiches and sipped at different flavors of red Kool-Aid was far more than the chance to play death. What drew them was the opportunity, covertly, to gaze upon and to touch one another in moist and private places. These innocents were willing to suffer almost any punishment or humiliation for the chance to sniff at the skunky smell of each other's underparts. Boys and girls equally all longed for this touching. They wanted to touch and they wanted to be touched (some wanted one more than the other). They were thrilled to discover that someone who was not their family would touch them. They knew that this touching was wrong to want and forbidden to do. They wanted it and they did it. After they did it, several boys and girls

felt troubled. They felt wicked. They feared that were they to die in the night, they'd go straight down to hell.

This summer that they played dying was the summer before Danny started first grade. He did not know Toby yet. Toby lived six blocks away. In those days, six blocks away was another world.

Danny, at 12 and even at 13, does not have a name for what he felt for Toby. A few dirty-minded people, especially Danny's brother Matt and perhaps Toby's father, who is a jerk, think that he and Toby touched each other and that Danny is the one whose idea it was to touch. The truth is they never did touch. Never.

Danny didn't think about Toby touching him there or his touching Toby. Danny didn't think about there. He didn't think about kissing except that even the idea of mouth-kissing disgusted him, and he had never done it. What Danny thought

about before Neal shot Toby dead was being with Toby, every day, all the time. He thought about sitting slumped on the plaid sofa in the darkened den at Toby's house. The two boys stared at *American Bandstand* dancers on the black-and-white television screen and while they stared, they stuffed into their open mouths handfuls of popcorn that Toby's mother drizzled with frothy melted butter and sprinkled, straight out of its green cylindrical container, with Kraft Parmesan cheese. This was the best popcorn Danny ever ate.

I needed to get that out of the way. Toby and Danny never touched.

When Danny is older and lives in the big city where friends call him Dan, he sometimes tells stories from his childhood. But only rarely does he mention events of that summer when he and his playmates dug graves on the vacant lot. On a particularly cold February

night when he is recently out of college and renting a room in a communal house in Cambridge, his mother telephones. Why she telephones is to tell him that Janet Lee, a college senior who had been majoring in early-childhood education, has died from a rare leukemia that made her go blind at the end. After he says goodbye to his mom, Dan's knees go weak. His hands tremble. He feels sick. He feels crazy. In front of him, in his room, on the cold north wall, stands a white bookcase, and above the bookcase hangs a bulletin board. Tacked on to the board's cork is a calendar and a current photograph of Dan's parents — Polly, my novel's heroine, and her husband Phil. To their younger son this middle-aged couple appears elderly — gray and sad and small. Dan hasn't written to his mom and dad in ages. He supposes that his parents must be concerned that he's not

entered graduate school or gotten a serious job. But he is doing, he tells himself, the best he can do. These days he always is afraid that he will be hauled off to the hospital and strapped down on a gurney and, against his will, given electroshock. He sees his supine body shudder with each jolt of electricity. He is so scared of going crazy that he's quit smoking dope. He's cut back on coffee. After he hears about Janet Lee, he is terrified he will disintegrate, rattle apart into a heap of pieces — hands, feet, penis, balls, kneecaps, shoulder blades, eyes, teeth. He knocks on the door of the room next to his where a chunky girl from Missouri lives (I do not have a name for her yet). She invites him in. She has a crush on him; a jumbo-size, overwhelming crush. He is so tall and red-headed and awkward and sweet and he always smells clean and he has superb man-

ners and it has never occurred to her that he's a boy who loves boys, a young man who loves men. He says, in a voice that surprises people by its gangster guttural deepness, "One of my friends from way back just died." Then he smiles a half-smile and says, "I'm a mess." He holds out his hands and shows the yawning tremor. She asks what she can do and he says, "Just let me pace, okay?"

So he paces until he wears himself out. The girl helps him to her daybed. Helping him isn't easy because he's 6'2" and she's 5'4". She hauls his huge feet up on the bed (he's shoeless and wears white cotton crew socks) and asks if he wants water, or hot tea, or the quilt, and he shakes his head, no, no, no to everything. She sits at the end of the bed and cradles his bony head in the warm nest of her peanut butter-stained corduroy lap (earlier, she dropped a peanut butter and banana sandwich on

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her skirt and the corduroy ridges now are filled with peanut butter) and runs her fingers through his bright red hair and looks down into his freckled face. In the light from her gooseneck lamp Dan looks blue around the mouth, a bit cyanotic. (She knows the word “cyanosis” because she was a candy striper all through high school, and she listened to the doctors talk.) She places her fingertips along his neck at the carotid artery and stealthily takes his pulse. One-oh-one. Nervous. Plus, all that pacing.

She encourages him to breathe in and out and in and out and he does. She encourages him to talk about Janet Lee — “your dead friend,” she calls her.

What he does, though, is describe the vacant lot, the tall poplar trees and thick brush and scratchy berry bushes and how the trees and brush kept the children and their activities hidden. He drifts back to Coraville’s summer heat. It was the summer before he, Dan, went to first grade and Matt went to second, and it was also the summer that his mother was pregnant with Caroline. He does not explain that Caroline died when she was almost four. He can’t. Not now. Not on a night when the world has become short one more person.

The Missouri girl, a good and dear girl, born and raised in Joplin, gives Dan her hand and Dan grips the hand lightly and says in his gangster rough voice that Janet Lee was blonde, that her skin was see-through, like see-through curtains. He tells about Ridley’s duck-web fingers and Harriet’s enigmatic dark mole and Ray and Robbie and Randall, who apparently was somewhat retarded, and Fritz and Fritz’s sister Belva and quiet and homely Sondra. It’s hard to understand how a family could have two children as opposite as Belva and Fritz. Belva went on to be prima ballerina in a European ballet company. Fritz who lied and stole and made at least two girls pregnant before he

was a high school junior by now should have gone to prison but probably hasn’t. The last Dan knew, Fritz was in trouble for bad checks and drunken driving and beating his common-law wife. No wonder Belva lives in Europe! Dan says he wonders if Belva’s heard about Janet Lee. The Missourian, whose lap is growing numb from the weight of Dan’s head, asks if he knows where Belva is and he says no, he doesn’t.

As Dan natters on, he doesn’t notice the snowstorm whose winds batter the Cambridge house windows and make the loose glass rattle in the warped frames. Because his eyes are closed he does not see that the view from the windows has filled with night sky and white snow blown by the wind so that white flakes fall on the bias. He says the kids in his neighborhood were a peculiar bunch and that he has no idea how they got started playing funeral. That’s what they called it, “Funeral.” Some of the kids, Dan says, had been to funerals, probably grandparents’ funerals, and they knew what to do. He thinks but does not say that he’s now been to many funerals, that now he knows many dead people, that he chats with many ghosts. He doesn’t mention that his mother had Caroline’s Betsey-Wetsey doll buried with her. He will never tell this chubby girl (or anyone else in Cambridge) about Toby and that he saw the bullet break open Toby’s head. It seems to Dan that a gravedigger long ago

set up shop in his heart. He hears the gravedigger’s shovel strike stone. The stones press the dead down, keep them from escaping. Dan lies quietly on the daybed, and does not say a word; the daybed is coffin size, and he wonders if he is buried alive, if he has buried himself, if he has pressed down on himself to stop his escape.

The girl squeezes his hand and rearranges herself and her smelly, wrinkled corduroy skirt. She moves Dan’s head a few inches, to the top of the thigh that does not feel numb. She says, “Keep talking.”

He takes a deep breath and tells how they used a spade and took turns digging. The digging was difficult, and Robbie, who had asthma, could do it only for a minute before he had to honk on his inhaler that his father, a doctor, made him carry everywhere. Ridley’s duck-web fingers were so screwed up he couldn’t hold the spade. They did it though. They dug two graves. Dan doesn’t remember how many days it took. The graves were long enough for a tall father to stretch

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out in and deep enough that you could stack, one atop the other, Dan says, "at least two fat mothers." Dan worries because, although he is slender by the time he moves east to Cambridge, all through junior high and high school and part of college he had been morbidly obese, and he knows he cringed if someone even whispered the word "fat."

"When you were the one whose turn it was to be dead," Dan says, quick to leave fatness behind, "the ones who were alive carried you by your shoulders and your feet to where the hole was. Sometimes the live ones swung you, back and forth, as if you were a hammock. Sometimes the dead person cried and tried to wriggle out of the grip the live persons had them by. Sometimes the dead person begged," Dan imitated a high-pitched child's voice, " 'Please don't make me be dead. Please.' "

Dan thought how even as children playing an imaginary game the living always were happier than the dead. Even when it was your pretend father who burned down to a skeleton in a forest fire, and you cried so hard you got actual tears in your eyes, you still were happier to be alive than to be dead. Even as children playing a game.

Dan talked about Harriet, whom he'd always liked. "The few times when Harriet had to be dead, she cried. She was a sweet kid. Why she cried was that her mother got

killed in a car wreck when Harriet was four, and Harriet was in the car with her mother while her mother bled to death, but they were living then in a town not anywhere near Coraville, and at the time we didn't know any of that. She lived with her father and her stepmother, and no one in Coraville knew for years about Harriet's real dead mother. Harriet, after she screamed so much, we always let her be a live person, a mourner, which, I guess in real life, was what the poor girl was. I don't know what ever happened to her. We went all through high school together." Dan thinks that the mole at the corner of Harriet's mouth disappeared sometime in junior high. She must have had it removed. Perhaps that mole was cancerous?

"The grave," Dan says, "was scary. Sharp rocks stuck out of the sides of the hole, and when there'd been rain, the bottom was mud. Once the live persons arranged you, the dead person, down into the hole, they folded your hands over your chest. A live girl might stick dandelions in your hands. If you dared move, one of the live people might hiss, 'Stay still, stay still, you're DEAD.' It seemed like once you were dead, the live people all hated you. Once they got you settled in the hole, they sang songs and pretended to read out of a pretend book. Only a few of us had been to school and could really read. Matt, for instance, I think he

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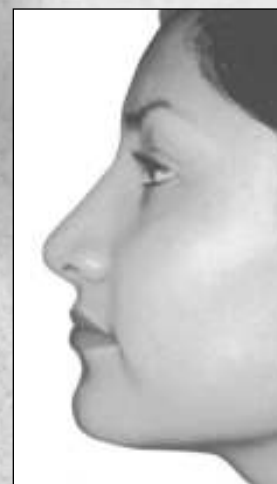


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“We all went to church so there was praying. Once they did the service, they covered you with cardboard from cardboard boxes. I was good at believing whatever we played. So I felt dead when I was it. It was creepy to be a body and no longer a person. You could not hear what live people were saying, and you could not smell or see. You were alone squished into this uncomfortable hole with your own thoughts. If you were having bad thoughts you were alone with your bad thoughts, and time went slowly. If you were all alone with good thoughts then time flew.”

“Did you have to stay in the grave a long time?” the girl asks.

The time seemed long, Dan says, but probably wasn’t. He also can’t remember how you got to be alive again. He can’t recall what ended the game.

After Dan has not spoken for two or three

minutes, the girl says, “So, tell more,” because even though the weight of his head in her lap has made her thighs go numb, she does not want him to move. Now that the blue line around his lips has disappeared and his mouth is pink and his cheeks somewhat flushed, she wishes she could kiss him.

Dan cannot remember the last time he talked so much. On this winter night when yet another person with whom he grew up has turned into a ghost and left her body behind, he feels empty, emptied out. He does not feel clean, but he feels empty. He wishes he’d not talked so much. He wishes he could keep things to himself.

That night, Dan sleeps on the Missouri girl’s daybed, huddled beneath the wool granny afghan that the girl’s big sister crocheted. Next morning towns and cities along the East Coast are snowed in, and Dan tip-

toes back to his own messy bed and sleeps, face down in his pillows, until late afternoon.

A decade later, late on a summer afternoon in Dan’s apartment in another city (perhaps Chicago or Milwaukee or St. Louis), Dan tells some of the story to his impossible love, the married man. Why Dan tells part of the story is that television newscasters were reporting the arrest of a gang of boys, the oldest 11 and the youngest 6, who beat a homeless drunk to death (Dan and the married man run the television while they have sex because the married man grunts and roars and Dan doesn’t want neighbors to hear). “Kids can be vicious, even nice kids from nice homes,” Dan said and began to talk about the summer they played funeral. Born into a Southern Italian immigrant family and raised in the Bronx, the married man can’t figure what Dan finds in his tales of

rural Coraville. “I don’t see how you remember that goofy stuff,” he says. “Or why. I don’t remember anything that happened before I was ten, and I figure there’s nothing worth remembering until then.” He only half listens as Dan says how vicious the funeral game turned. “Maybe it was Belva who, once when she was the dead person, got hurt in a train wreck with her doll. We tore off her doll’s arms and legs and beat up its head with a rock and we scratched Belva’s arms with branches from berry bushes and drew blood. And then another time there was supposed to be a house fire where people died and one of us — I think it probably was my brother, I know it was not me — lit a match and set Janet Lee’s dress on fire. The whole bottom of the dress burned. The hem. And the flame singed the hair on her legs and she smelled like chickens smell when we singe them at

the café. We rolled her in the dirt to get out the fire. Poor girl, she was yowling.”

(Dan is correct in his memory. Matt lit the match. Janet Lee’s dress was a pink pinafore — cut from a Simplicity pattern — and sewed with darker pink rickrack, two rows of it, along the hem. The rickrack was charred and the fabric in the deep hem burned. The burning left a half-inch red scar on the back of Janet Lee’s left calf. What Dan does not remember is that Sondra and Janet Lee started what became mayhem by arguing that before they could have funerals they had to have actual dying from diseases and car wrecks and plane crashes and house fires. The two girls created a deathbed with an old beach towel. But nobody wanted to have a heart attack or die from appendicitis or get in a wreck. But then Ray said that maybe Robbie could be this bad guy and they’d have a shootout, which

they did, with index fingers for pistols and lots of bang-banging and Robbie falling and groaning and clutching at his belly. Gun-fighting grew old fast. “We want better killing,” said Sondra and Janet Lee, the bossiest of the girls. So Beryl late one afternoon went home with blue bruises on her long future ballerina’s neck and beautiful now truly dead Janet Lee right before supper had to make up a story to her mother about how she got red scratches on her wrists because she knew better than to say, “We played that I killed myself.”)

The married man interrupts to ask if Dan’s got toothpicks because he needs to get a steak fiber, or maybe it’s broccoli, out from between his back teeth. Dan, married man at his heels, strides into the sunny kitchen, saying as he walks that he remembers that the kids talked about hanging Ridley, who was the smallest, from a tree

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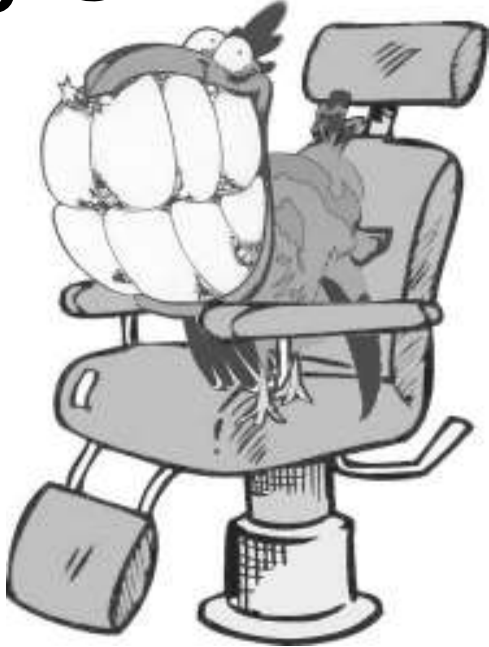
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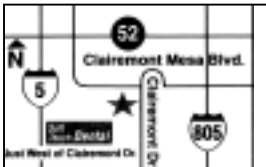
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limb. The married man takes the proffered toothpick and pokes at the back of his mouth. Dan's wearing khaki Bermudas and he hasn't pulled back on his T-shirt. He's barefoot.

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Dan shakes his head in the negative. "No. But anyway, that summer was when my mom was just beginning to be pregnant with my sister, and it was also the summer," Dan heaves a sigh, "that Mom's mother killed herself. It must have been a weird summer for my mom." (It was.)

The married man checks his watch because he needs to go early to pick up his sons (two) because the sitter, a white Haitian who lacks a green card, is Roman Catholic and has some religious ceremony she has to get to. While the married man stands at Dan's bathroom sink and sprays Dan's deodorant into the black hair in his underarms, Dan heads to the refrigerator and removes the meticulously crafted peach tart. Slices of peach were poached with a frightening quantity of fresh ginger. The peach slices, red along the interior curve where the seed had once attached itself to the fruit, now sit atop a light egg custard. The custard rests within a short, rich, sandy crust. Over all this, Dan has spooned what has become a translucent amber glaze.

"Love you," Dan says, as he hands over the pink bakery box, around which he has tied white string and a neat bow. When the two men kiss goodbye inside Dan's apartment door, Dan already is wishing he had not rattled on about that summer, and the married man, who never has and never will say "I love you" to Dan, already is trying to figure what he will tell his wife about the tart.

In the years between spilling out this story of the summer the children played dead to the chunky Missourian (whose wedding supper Dan caters

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when she marries a gallery owner) and the married man, Dan told the story to his second therapist, Mrs. Tate. Initially, Dan entered therapy because he kept wanting to kill himself. But once he got used to the idea of sui-

cide, an idea that he begins to think runs in the family, and got used to the idea that he wouldn't swallow pills or leap off a high ledge or throw himself down onto the third rail in the MBTA subway system, he stayed in therapy

because he hoped that Mrs. Tate would help him get over his past. He kept a dream journal on his nightstand, and night after night along about 4:00 a.m. he woke out of troubled sleep and pushed his carrot red bangs (his

hair color showed no sign of losing its brightness) off his forehead and scribbled in the journal with a lighted pen. The light from the pen shone, a full moon radiant upon a trackless landscape, down onto the white paper.

These pens were made for theater critics but Dan suspected they were more often purchased by analysts. "Killer chases me," he hurriedly wrote, his heart pounding from the terror of the chase. Or, the pen's scratching

across paper, "Mom and Dad drive in front seat of car. Matt and I sit in back." Dan did what all of us do when we are in therapy: he over-interpreted. If he didn't want to vacuum his carpet, he examined the long coiled gray

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That summer when they took turns dying stayed fixed in Dan's mind. Something in that summer, something in the games they played, felt important. Felt crucial. Something that he didn't see. Something he didn't remember. Some repressed material that was so repressed that Dan had even forgotten that he'd forgotten it. Because it seemed to Dan that back then, when he was a little kid, he still liked girls. He liked touching them. He definitely remembered touching Janet Lee. He remembered touching Harriet.

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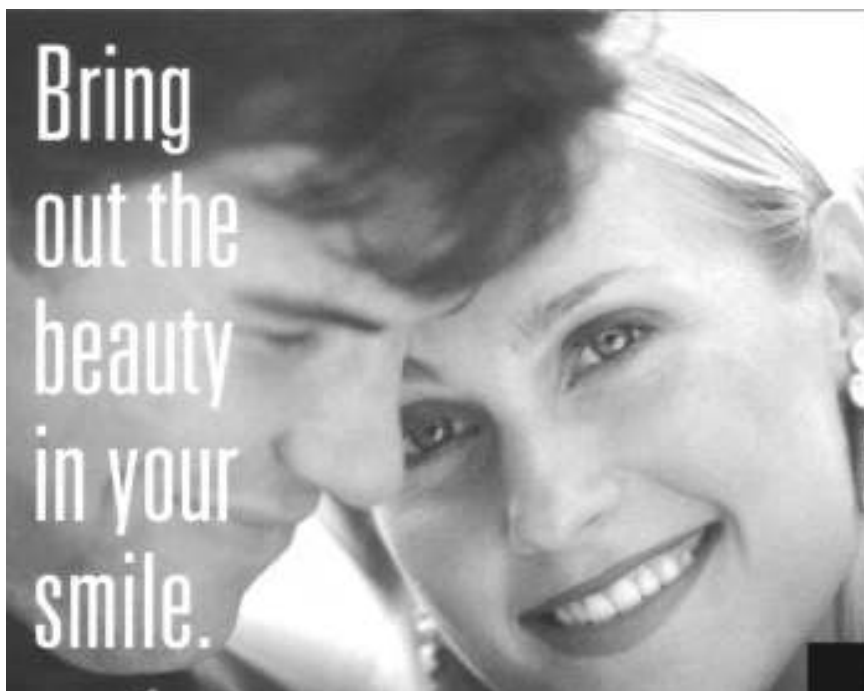
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was medium height and was large in the shoulders and bust and narrow in the waist, and she had terrific legs made even more terrific by narrow and shapely ankles and feet, the latter always shod in what Dan figured

were exceedingly expensive high-heeled shoes. She never smelled of anything — not perfumes, nor hairspray nor what Dan thought of as “womanly odors.”

So that one summer afternoon as Dan sprawled

in the chair, his long legs stretched out before him, he reminisced about that other long-ago summer. The words came easily. This was not always so; Dan often struggled to fish out from his mind anything to say other than,

“Why am I queer? Do we know yet why?”

As Dan slouched in Mrs. Tate’s office chair, sentence after sentence spiraled from his mouth. Dan’s voice had deepened even more in the years since he lived in the com-

munal house in Cambridge. His voice, in the decade since that winter, had become more resonant and chesty, not unlike male voices from the era when radio newscasters smoked on air. If you heard Dan’s baritone and

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and then met him in person sometimes were surprised the first time they walked toward him — this tall, somewhat shy and apparently (but not actually) diffident, slender, almost willowy redhead with huge hands and with broad feet that needed a size 13 DDDD shoe.

That summer day as Dan sat in his therapist's office, he felt carried back to Coraville's deep summer heat. He felt the hot asphalt and the even hotter buckled concrete on the old sidewalks. "My God but those afternoons were scorches," he said. He sat quietly, long legs splayed out in front of him. "Along in the middle of the afternoon sometimes heat lightning would start and a wind come up." Dan paused and thought how much that phrase — "a wind come up" — could make him feel. He wanted to ask Mrs. Tate if she liked the phrase, if the phrase *moved* her. He could see wide uncluttered sky change from pale blue to dark, he could smell the sulfurous and dangerous air. Always this happened after great burdens of heat, heat and humidity that felt like a weight carried on the back. Always your hair felt damp and the place in your back just above your buttocks felt damp too.

Dan clenched and unclenched his fists and stretched his legs out further onto Mrs. Tate's jade green wool carpet. The dozen of them, give or take a few, who played together that summer were about the same age, none older than seven and none younger than four. Belva, the eventual ballerina, was four. The only exception was Randall, who was ten and mean and showed his meanness by pinching skin so hard he left bruises. As soon as Dan introduced Randall to the scene, Mrs. Tate's features compressed. Dan shook his head in the negative and told her, "Uh-uh. The story's not about what you think it's about. He was just mean. He didn't do anything to us. Not really. Besides which, I

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am sure he was retarded. He looked retarded. He always just kind've stood around and looked, well, dumb. Belva's brother Fritz, he was the pervert. Fritz put his finger in Belva. She was his own sister. My God."

Mrs. Tate sat straighter. She studied Dan's face. His head was backlit by a window that looked out onto a patio where Mrs. Tate (Patty) had planted a variety of cherry tomatoes called "Sweet 100s" and several lettuces and

a dozen or so different herbs. She intended that day to feed the Sweet 100s with Miracle-Gro for Tomatoes. Light showed through Dan's large ears. On Dan's bare freckled forearms, light caused the red hairs to sparkle. Mrs.

Tate knew Dan was hiding something, from her and from himself, and she had no idea what. She did know she got tired of hearing about his lousy childhood.

Dan wiggled his feet in his sneakers and made

steeple of his long cut-and burn-scarred fingers (for he was working by then in kitchens) as he went on to tell Mrs. Tate how at first the children only played funerals. But the longer they played, the more realistic their

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Dan closed his eyes. The colorless lashes that fringed his eyelids splayed out over the equally colorless lashes along the bottom edge of his eyes. He continued talking into the quiet, cool room. He could hear Mrs. Tate's breathing and the satin lining of her linen skirt as she shifted in her chair. Mrs. Tate was there and was not there. Dan liked this. The therapist and your hour with her at times was simply the occasion for reflection on an incident that otherwise would slip from you, not much noticed, and finally, forgotten. He talked about how after a while just imagining was not enough. How they burned Janet Lee and if they could have made the rope work they would have hung Ridley from the plum tree and they stuck earthworms into Belva's underpants before they heaped on more dirt and gravel and more layers of cardboard. And how they stuck a worm in Belva's ear while she just lay there in the hole with her hands folded over her stomach while they sang that horrible song, and Dan sang then, off-key:

The worms crawl in,
the worms crawl out,

The worms play
pinochle on your snout.

They eat your eyes,
they eat your nose,

They eat the jelly
between your toes.

Dan's eyes remained shut. He did not see Mrs. Tate frown and wriggle her nose as he sang the worm song. She was disgusted. She turned her wrist to look down at the face of her tiny gold Bulova, given to her 30 years earlier by her paternal grandmother. Twenty more minutes.

Dan talked and talked. He did not know what had gotten into him. He talked so much that his mouth turned dry.

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the lipstick worn away, as she met his gaze. She looked weary. "Mmm," she said, "mmm." Dan realized that this was not interesting to Mrs. Tate, his talk of Harriet and Beryl and the little graves they dug in the vacant lot. She tipped her head to the side and gazed into Dan's eyes. "And?" she asked, opening her eyes wide.

Dan sat up and drew in his legs. "This isn't going anywhere, is it?" he said,

to which Mrs. Tate made no reply. Dan set his elbows on his thighs and put his head in his hands and stared at the carpet. He sighed. He wished he had not started with the story. He wished he had left well enough alone, whatever well enough was. Because every time he started telling these stories from his childhood, he felt something good leaving him — the good feeling that came with telling the story and

the goodness of himself and these youngsters with whom he grew up, these munchkins, sweating in summer heat as they huffed and puffed and dug graves and sprinkled each other with dirt and dandelions.

Mrs. Tate says, "These stories seem important to you."

Dan nods agreement. "Yes, yes," he says.

"Is there something you haven't told me?"

There was. For sure, that summer, there were things that happened, bad, bad things that made the mothers jump up fast from their sofas and rush past the lipsticked mouths talking their sad talk on the black-and-white television screens and grab up the babies and put out the cigarettes and hide the last chunk of a joint and walk fast across the hot Coraville pavement to see what was going on in that vacant

lot. Once Dan's big brother and several other boys set cardboard boxes on fire that in turn set on fire some underbrush that in turn sent up above the green and brick red sparkling roofs of the neighborhood a widening gyre of dark smoke. Another time a visiting six-year-old girl, a first cousin to the Miller twins, ran screaming back to the Millers' house. The girl's ankles and wrists were red

from rope burns, and she howled to her mother that she'd been "tortured by the Viet Cong." When these things happened, the moms were not pleased. But Dan knew this is not the kind of material Mrs. Tate hoped that he would reveal.

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his yap-yap-yapping into the sunny room's hospitable silence and for a horrible thing that he did, about which I will tell you in a minute. When time came for his next appointment, he left a message with her secretary saying the flu bug got him. And then the next week, he called and said he had to go out of town, and he canceled again. And then he never went back. Mrs. Tate, as you guessed, could not have cared less. And years later when she read about Dan and his café in a glossy city magazine, she was surprised that he had accomplished as much as, apparently, he had, because to her he sure seemed like a sad-sack failure.

Poor Dan. First off, not even the chubby Missourian cares about Dan's stories from childhood. In general, people don't give a whit about other peoples' childhoods. The only reason friends tolerate our yammer, yammer, yammer about when we were little is that almost always in our stories some detail reminds the listener of the time when *he* was the best (or the worst) swimmer in that camp up in Maine where the Broadway star's children also were campers or the year when *he* did or did not get to go with his grandparents on the train all the way from the West Coast to the East, stopping in Chicago and visiting the stockyards with his grandfather and Marshall Fields with his grandmother (a feisty old gal who carried in her huge alligator purse a silver flask filled with Scotch whiskey). A worldly friend several decades older than I am once told me that nobody wants another person's nostalgia; each person has his own precious, wistful moments. This same friend also said that in general people are bored by stories about other people's childhood because in those stories there are no plot elements that involve dirty sex or dirty money.

The second reason that I sigh so heavily when I say, "Poor Dan," is that when Dan tells these stories about his childhood, the initial scene-setting sentences scarcely leave

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his mouth before he knows that he is betraying himself. I hope that readers here will understand about this sense that by speaking of certain memories, a person can betray herself. I do not mean that the person has a secret whose disclosure will land her in prison or make her friend lose his job. Not that sort of betrayal. I am

talking about that piece of the past whose telling about leaves the teller feeling diminished and soiled. Like Dan, you wish you'd kept this story to yourself. You wish that you had suckled this jujube of the over-and-done-with in the wet warmth of your mouth and not blab, blab, blabbed it away. For as soon as even one tiny syl-

lable strikes against the teeth and sprays out into the air in front of you, you begin, as did Dan, to experience loss. But it's more than loss. Certain events want to stay put in the mind. They want to be kept in an airtight capsule. Once you begin to say, as did Dan, that this happened and that happened, the cap-

sule that contains the past breaks open. The present sifts in, disturbing the moment when, as in Dan's case, he and his childhood friends took turns dying. Once these scenarios from the past drift forward into the present, everything — the players, the scenery, action, the joy and the sadness — begins to change. The five-lobed

leaves on the front yard Norway maple were recalled as a fresh vibrant green on the top surface and a paler green underneath. These leaves, large as a man's hand and slightly hairy and soft on the underside, after they are mentioned over lunch, begin to curl and dry. A slight, sultry wind comes up and blows the leaf to the ground where it drifts onto other fallen leaves. If, over coffee, you yammer, yammer, yammer all afternoon, these leaves are no longer even maple: they become generic, they become anyleaf. All is lost, then, or all seems lost.

I suspect that one reason many of us write is that we have learned the hard way about this betrayal. We have learned that certain numinous events, various intimate exchanges (dry or damp), cannot endure revelation. They do not want even to be hinted at. They want to remain untold and forever in the present tense, fresh and vibrant, so as to be ready any minute for us to tiptoe back into and take shelter beneath their comforting shade. What verb tense would this be, this moment brought forward, uncorrupted, from the past? It is a kind of

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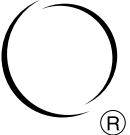
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sincere, the heroine loses more than she gains. If only because she has been bossed about, pushed around, both from within the story and from without it. So that no matter what, she loses.

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use? You would fatten, as force-fed geese fatten, on entire sentences and paragraphs that are strange to you. You would choke on certain words and phrases — racial slurs or euphemisms for sex acts or a filthy lie you didn't know I knew you told. There would be no escape from my plot. You would have those dreams that Dan has, when you need to flee danger and you discover that your fictional

legs won't move, that you cannot force your muscles to jump the barbed rows of print. Talk about a nightmare, that would be one.

If I gave advice to the young, to boys and girls graduating from high school and college, I would say, "Try always to write the story rather than permit the story to be written about you." I would also say, "Don't tell everything you know. Save something

for later."

What I didn't tell you was that when Dan (poor Dan) found he was losing Mrs. Tate's interest, he started to make up bits of story that never happened. He told her that he remembered a hand wriggled its way into his khaki Bermuda shorts and stroked him and that he liked the stroking and that the hand was Janet Lee's cool pale hand, Janet Lee who was dead now for almost ten

years. He lied about the dead. He could not believe he had done what he'd done. Lied about the dead. Defamed the dead. Defamed Janet Lee, who was a good, good girl.

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again. The rubbing. He liked the rubbing. So much. Frottage was the adult word for the rubbing.

He also did not tell what happened in the attic. It was Harriet's attic. The children had climbed up there because a series of thunderstorms blew across the little valley town. Rain pounded on the roof and wind gusts shook Harriet's frame house. The children chose Harriet and Danny to be it. Dan didn't remember now what they'd died of. Of course he didn't remember. How could he? We're talking, now, more than 30 years ago. Anyway, a steamer trunk, the old-fashioned kind with a high domed lid, was stored in the attic. It was the coffin. Harriet climbed into the trunk first, then Danny. Harriet squeals that he is squishing her. He responds by placing his palms on the trunk's splintery floor and supporting himself. Then someone closes the trunk lid. Danny and Harriet are in the dark. In — the — dark. So Danny, shrouded in the trunk's privacy, per-

forms his frottage against Harriet's strong thighs and her round stomach with its memorably filthy belly button. He makes babies. He swoons with pleasure. Perspiration dampens him from the top of his auburn-haired head to his tiny feet in their navy blue Keds. He has no idea for how long he and Harriet busy themselves in the trunk. What he knows is that sensations he felt that afternoon are sensations that he seeks still in his love-making, feelings of such a delicate nature that they are like the sounds that only dogs can hear. The trunk opens. Fresh cool air rushes in. Harriet's stepmother pulls Danny out by the back of his soaked T-shirt. She looks him right straight into his green eyes and screams, "You filthy boy, you march right down those stairs and out of this house." Danny pulls up his khaki shorts and runs as fast as he can, down the stairs, through the long hallway into the kitchen and out the back door into the rain, which falls hard against the green grass of Harriet's back yard. Danny's feet sink into the soaked earth. Lightning flashes. Thunder rumbles. The other children follow

behind him out the house across the back lawn. Harriet never plays with them again that summer.

This did not happen to me. I never climbed into a trunk. I never would have. Even as a child I was claustrophobic. This happened to a man I know. Even while he told me about when he was a boy and he climbed into a trunk and got on top of the little girl who was in that trunk and that he did, did, did it to her and that her mother pulled open the trunk and screamed that he was a filthy and evil boy, I knew that someday I would write it down and make it happen to someone on paper. It has.

What Dan told no one about that summer when they played dying, what Dan did not tell even the married man, was what the children said when they buried their dead. "Asses to asses, ducks to ducks," they said, and tossed dirt and pebbles down onto the dead person, who always hid his or her eyes or turned over in the hole to keep from getting hit. A few years later, out at the cemetery on the Indian summer day when they buried Caroline and the priest said, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," and

then a few more years later, out at the same cemetery on yet another Indian summer day, when they buried Toby, the Methodist preacher said, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," and then more years later, on a chilly winter morning, as snow began to fall on the open grave of a friend dead from AIDS, a Metropolitan Community Church minister intoned, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust," and each time Danny heard this phrase, he recalled, "Asses to asses, ducks to ducks." Always, even at Caroline's internment and at Toby's funeral and at his friend's ceremony, Dan could hardly keep from laughing. Always, at these ceremonies occasioned by death, he felt he'd become absolutely hysterical and wild with laughter, that he'd be taken over by high maniacal giggles, that he'd convulse and froth at the mouth and that the froth would look like that dirty froth that you see at the edge of an incoming wave.

Dan now is in his 40s, and to this day has told no one what it was the children said. I am glad he has that for himself and so, I hope, are you. ■

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Both creationism and evolution are merely theories, true, and neither can ever be proven as fact. But in this case, I'll choose a theory for which there is tangible evidence, such as fossils, over one that asks me to suspend logic and believe in a miraculous creation.

Rita Moore
Normal Heights

Where's Weird?

The best column for illustrating the human condition in our modern society has been canceled by you. Please bring back Chuck Shepherd's "News of the Weird."

Nathan Wolfman

"News of the Weird" (found in the Classified Ads section) has not been canceled. — Editor

Sleepless Seer

Re your feature article "I

Couldn't Believe This Was Happening in America" (September 5), where you interviewed 101 locals about what they were doing at the tragic moment of last September 11.

While you did not interview me, my story is unusual and haunting enough to share with you and your readers, since to this day I have no explanation, only wonderment, concerning it.

I am an insomniac and have no set sleep time; it's

difficult and frustrating, but I have no control over this and have to wait till I'm sleepy to go to sleep, even though it's different from traditional sleep time.

On the evening of September 10, 2001, I was reading a book a friend had given me, an encyclopedia-type book of different types of divination. As it was fascinating, I read it most of the night. The last divination form I read was the Hand of Fatima, which has existed

for hundreds of years and which I had heard of but never seen an explanation of before. (A priest was later to tell me that Fatima was the daughter of Mohammed.) I spent about an hour or so exploring the technique and then was sleepy. (I have a habit of noticing exactly when I turn off the light so I can track how much sleep I get, so I don't get into dangerous deficiencies.) Well, that fateful day, which was then September 11, I looked

at the clock before turning off the light and it was *exactly* 5:45 a.m., Pacific time, which of course was 8:45 a.m., Eastern time, the exact moment the first airplane crashed the towers. A friend knocked on the door and woke me at noon to tell me what happened; I broke into uncontrollable sobs....

Also, about a year and a half previous to September 11, 2001, I had what I call a prophetic dream: wherein one wakes up and has an

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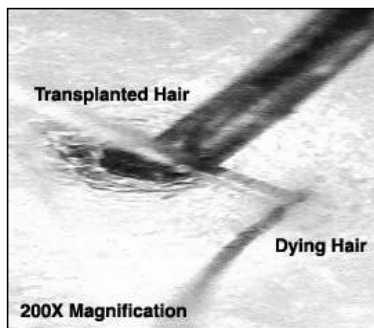
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extra-vivid dream, that's realer than real. I dreamt of seeing a large airplane *close up*, not from the ground, but like near eye level, and it was making an abrupt but slow-mo turn and going back the other way. I got scared when I woke up and couldn't shake the dream all day and didn't even tell anybody *because* planes don't do that. In retrospect, the terrorists were obviously planning this for more than a year, and my intuitive dream had somehow "glimpsed" into that.

(All this makes me want to take a class in remote viewing, to structure this more rather than just random coincidences.) My tiny, little, but unnerving experience has made me realize perhaps our intelligence organizations should work with trained psychics to help prevent if possible these horrible events.

C.D.

Silence Albright

After four years of turning to "Kid Stuff" first when picking up the *Reader*, Anne Albright's column of Septem-

ber 5, titled "Almost Perfect," has finally compelled me to write in and respectfully ask you to find another mom who can write to share her parenting experiences.

I'll admit, as a mother of only two children, aged nine and five, I often read Albright's columns to make me feel better about my life and the choices I have made. Occasionally, I found what she had to say relevant, but more often than not, I found myself closing the *Reader* mid-column because the content of each "Kid Stuff" was the same. The "bittersweet" formula of Albright's columns usually seems to run along the lines of — "My life is hectic/boring, I do housework all the time, my kids are awful/wonderful, I am fat and unhappy/I am slim and happy" with the epiphany at the end of each column that makes everything OK.

Parenting isn't about settling for what you've gotten yourself into, which seems to be Albright's perspective. It's about learning to grow and shape your own

life as you are providing a safe and nurturing environment in which your children can do the same thing and in their own ways. I am desperately tired of her continual complaining about her life and then having one tiny moment that makes her realize it's all OK. Yes, parenthood is like that sometimes, but there is so much more to it than the repeated listing of Albright's children's ages and the cataloging of Sippy cups, toys, car seats, baskets of laundry, weight gain/loss, and the occasional references to Catholicism but not spirituality. Maybe you could find a Jewish mom or a Buddhist mom or a Muslim mom — any mom who would include her religion in her column in a way that shows the reader how it enhances or limits or supports her life rather than the commonplace way that it seems to appear in Albright's life.

I realize that the column is a short one, but after five kids her reports on her experience of parenting seem to remain two-dimensional

and limited. If kept on as a columnist, she might consider finding a new therapist, taking a writing course, or both.

Tanya Zavestoski Turek
Escondido

Remember Watergate

Re "Fixed" in "City Lights" by Matt Potter (September 5), thanks for writing what needed saying relative to the incestuous relationship between Mr. Bersin and the *Union-Tribune*. It was high time someone noted how *U-T* news coverage concerning the San Diego Unified School District has long ago abandoned any pretense of objectivity. The proper term is "yellow journalism" — biased opinion masquerading as objective fact.

In case San Diegans would like to know the "whole truth" concerning the recently published city test scores, here are some facts the *U-T* (I'm sure) just forgot to mention:

1. During two years of Blueprint implementation, there was an increase of only 1 percent in the total number of students scoring above the 50th percentile in reading.

2. Growth attained in primary grades (2–4) is not sustained in upper and secondary grades.

3. During the first year of Blueprint implementation, there was a decrease of 2 percent in the total number of students scoring above the 50th percentile in math. In the second year of Blueprint implementation, math scores have not recovered to the pre-Blueprint scores of 2000.

4. Most urban districts throughout California, and not just San Diego, can claim that their reform movements have been successful in increasing academic achievement between the years 2000 and 2002 (the years of Blueprint implementation). The evidence shows that other urban districts are outpacing San Diego in test-score gains despite San Diego's \$160 million spent on the Blueprint and taken from Title I federal funds.

5. Math achievement in city schools outpaced reading achievement when most of the investment in reform (\$160 million plus) has been

directed toward literacy?

6. At the present rate, the reading-achievement gap (between advantaged and disadvantaged students) will take 42 years to close and the math-achievement gap more than 100 years to close.

Contrary to what the school district and its PR machine pump out in the *U-T*, this administration's Blueprint for Success is a dismal failure: It does not address the needs of a majority of the students; its "one size fits all" approach is fatally flawed; its failure to show any improvement for middle and high school students means that under this administration these children have become the "throwaway students" (ones the rest of society will have to support — one way or another until they die); its reliance on "whole language" reading philosophies (in violation of state curriculum standards) is another major flaw, the genesis of which can be found in the money. Remember what Deep Throat said during Watergate: "Follow the money."

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from the Title I programs intended for disadvantaged students lies at the core of what's wrong with the Blueprint. It doesn't matter what Mr. Bersin, the *U-T*, or his PR department (at taxpayer expense) say; it's the disadvantaged students (comprising between 73 and 80 percent [100,000–112,000] of total enrollment) who are suffering the loss of their futures. That's why the achievement gap remains virtually the same today as it was before Mr. Bersin showed up in 1998, and that's why real learning for *all* students will not take place as long as this administration remains in power. That's why it's so important for all city residents to understand how what happens in the San Diego city schools directly affects them — whether or not they have children, grandchildren, or foster children in city public schools. That's why it is essential for all city residents to understand that the results of the city school board races will have a direct impact on your pocket-books. Do we want four

more years of Bersin's defective Blueprint and *U-T* "yellow journalism" concerning San Diego schools?

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Forgive Pastor Don

I attended Solana Beach Presbyterian Church in the early '90s ("A Tall Steeple Pastor Confronts His Fall," August 29). I was 35, never married, and a very important relationship had fallen apart. I was at a point in my life where I needed spiritual guidance. This I found at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Pastor Don McCullough. He was, in a word, "remarkable." His sermons were always relevant, thought-provoking, and humorous. His presence was magnetic. The sense in the church was ethereal. Leaving the church and shaking his hand was so comforting. I never actually became a member of the church, and after a few years I moved to south Carlsbad, about the time Pastor Don

left, so I never continued my attendance there. I was disappointed to see him leave, and when the news of his extramarital activities surfaced, I was surprised but not devastated like many from the church. I certainly can understand the feeling of betrayal many church members had. Pastor Don was placed on a pedestal and was so highly honored, such news would come with some shock and outrage. What disappoints me is that the church seems to be stuck in this bitterness. My biggest complaint of any organized religion is that they do not practice tolerance and general love of one another, and this is a perfect example of this. Pastor Don served these people well and experienced some human weakness along the way. It is time to forgive and let this man, who has surely paid for his indiscretions, continue his practice and leadership of faith. I would follow him to any church who would seek him as their leader.

Tracee Gamboa
Carlsbad

No Spin Zone

Judith Moore's piece, "A Tall Steeple Pastor Confronts His Fall" (August 29), was well written.

Insightful interviewing is a craft that has all but disappeared. Perhaps the success of spin doctoring has stifled those who would seek to ply the craft today.

I have no connection with any of the people or institutions cited in the article. My judgment comes solely from the experience of reading Moore's article.

She handled an educated and well-polished subject with varied research and an ear to what her audience would be thinking as they read her words. Well done and thank you!

Timothy Dowdle

Call It "Ken"

I enjoy your "Blurt" column. I have just one question: Why are almost every one of the articles that you print submitted by Ken Leighton? There are quite a few names listed as contributors, but very few of their work is ever featured. I think you

should rename the column "Ken Leighton" and be done with it.

Linda K. Brzycki

Duncan: Light Messenger

This letter is a response to the general spate of attacks on Duncan Shepherd in the letters section of the *Reader*. The letters perfectly illustrate the debate between film as art and film as escapist entertainment. On one side is the critic Shepherd whose taste, whether you agree with him or not, is truly his own. On the other side are the myriad of moviegoing clones whose taste is dictated to them by the Hollywood corporate machine and the critics that the machine carries in its pockets. Some speculate that Shepherd doesn't like movies since he doesn't rate many of them highly. On the contrary, Shepherd obviously loves movies since he has high ideals when it comes to the film experience. Pathetically, though, most people seem content to rate a movie by the level of escapism that it provides. The

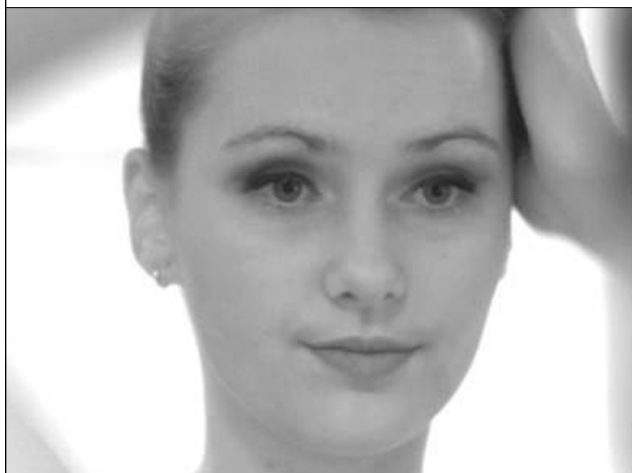
more a movie removes us from our dreary lives, the greater it must be in stature. Thus, the poorly written, special effects-laden *Titanic* is the top film grosser of all time, and people flock like lemmings to predictable action movies and romantic comedies where the characters are painted in broad black-and-white strokes. How dull! Are people so intellectually and spiritually deprived that they need to incessantly escape from their lives by wasting their time and money on the consumer-driven tripe that Hollywood spoon-feeds them? How much effort does it take to drive the extra mile past the local multiplex or video chain to search out films that reveal something about one to oneself? In the final analysis, Duncan Shepherd is only a messenger shedding light on the frightened conformability of a largely apathetic audience.

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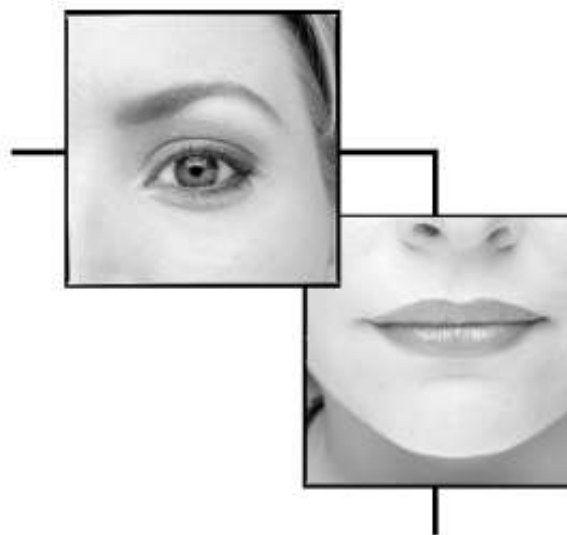


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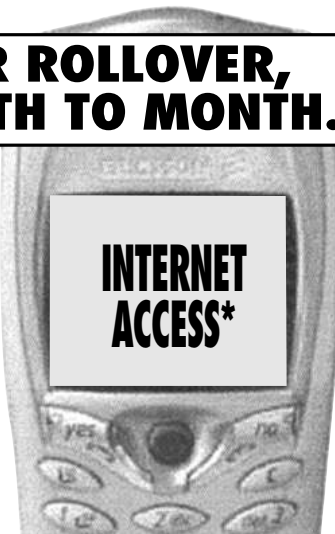
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Music from the missions is another part of the all-California program to be premiered this week by Dutton and the rest of Westwind Brass. Featuring the music of both Baja and Alta, the quintet will play not one note of the Beach Boys.

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Try, instead, the music from the Gold Rush period. The miners weren't

too busy for music? Too tired? Too depressed if they hadn't hit a vein? Barry Toombs, the group's executive director and its French horn player, says no.

"San Francisco was a pretty big cultural center by then. Many Europeans, along with people from the East, had settled there, bringing their culture with them. Some music came by way of traveling bands, whose leaders were from the old country." One of these band leaders was Joseph Gungl, a Hungarian, who wrote "Railroad Gallop" in 1869 to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad. "It's a 'novelty piece,'" says Toombs, who arranged it for the performance. "The music

emulates a train trip. The piece starts out slow as the train pulls out of the station, gathering speed as it climbs a hill, then slows down again as the train reaches its destination."

Toombs has also arranged a medley of 20th-century songs that celebrate the state. They include "California, Here I Come," cowritten by Al Jolson (born Asa Yoelson in Lithuania), and "California Dreamin'" by John and Michelle Phillips of the Mamas and the Papas. Michelle was the Californian (from Long Beach), not John, who was born in South Carolina. It was she, not he, who was homesick on such a winter's day in New York, where the couple met and wrote the song before moving west together.

The name Rafael Mendez may not be familiar to many of us, but Toombs says brass musicians revere the virtuoso trumpeter who made famous two numbers that Westwind Brass will play. They are "La Virgen de la Macarena" and "Las Bodas de Luíz Alonzo." Born in Mexico in 1906, Mendez moved to the United States in the 1930s to play with bands like Rudy Valle's. "For many years after that, he was involved with the film industry. He did over 500 hours of movie music for MGM — things such as *Flying Down to Rio* and *The Bullfighter and the Lady*. Our trombone player, Richard Gordon, got a chance to hear him play at Santana High School when he was growing up, because Mendez was the type of musician who did a lot of educational programs."



Westwind Brass

Gordon arranged the tribute to California trumpeter Herb Alpert, who was born in Los Angeles in 1935. "Richard picked some personal favorites," says Toombs, including "The Lonely Bull" and "Tijuana Taxi." (Toombs mimics the taxi horn on the latter.) "Some of the guys in the group — we grew up hearing Alpert," says Toombs, who is in his 40s. Looking at the album covers were memorable moments of their youth, too — "especially the one that showed the lady covered in whipped cream." That was created for Alpert's *Whipped Cream and Other Delights*, a conceptual album of songs with food themes, released in 1965, including the Grammy-winning "A Taste of Honey."

"Even now some rap artists are sampling Alpert's stuff," says Toombs. "I was watching MTV and heard some of the old Tijuana Brass numbers. It was an interesting retro touch."

Alpert has another claim to music fame, as cofounder of A&M Records, says Toombs. (The A is for Alpert; the M is for his partner, Jerry Moss.) In the 1960s, A&M signed Carole King and Joe Cocker, among others, significantly influencing the sound of the era.

A Hollywood section of the program was inevitable, says Toombs. "So much movie music has been written

in the last 80 years." But the group found it difficult to choose music that would be meaningful as well as universally appealing. Finally, they decided to do Disney, enlisting the help of Bruce Donnelly, a San Diegan who works as an arranger for the studio. "We thought, 'He'll know how to do that Disney sound, and he'll know the best tunes.'"

In the end, they chose 13 different ones. "When You Wish Upon a Star," two from *Mary Poppins*, all the way up to "A Friend Like Me" from *Beauty and the Beast*, says Toombs. They're put together in a single piece that lasts nearly ten minutes and is the final selection on the compact disc of the *Music of the Californias* that the quintet has just released.

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

“Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan” performs in concert on Friday, September 20, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at

the Tijuana Cultural Center. Tickets are \$28 U.S. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For more information, call 011-52-664-687-9600. (TIJUANA)

Meet the Fab Four, Beatlemania starts at 8:45 p.m. on Friday, September 20, at Baby Rock (found at Diego Rivera and Paseo de los Héroes, in the Zona Rio). Admission is \$28 U.S. Call 011-52-664-634-2404 for more details. (TIJUANA)

A Fiery Challenge, the 26th annual Baja International Chili Cookoff hosted by J.D. Hussong takes place on Saturday, September 21, from noon to 6 p.m., at the Quintas Papagayo Resort. More than four dozen teams from the U.S. and Mexico are expected to compete. The tenth annual salsa contest runs concurrently, and there will be live entertainment, folklorico, arts and crafts, dancing, and more.

The \$10 fee includes chili sampling, five food and beverage coupons, and entertainment. Find the resort at kilometer 108 on the Tijuana-Ensenada road (1.5 miles north of Ensenada). For information, dial 626-795-4818 or 011-52-646-176-4159. (ENSENADA)

Mexican Food Festival 2002, many talented chefs will create various Mexican dishes for evaluation by judges and spectators alike during this festival slated for Sunday, September 22, noon to 6 p.m. Located at Avenida Revolución and 7th Street, this annual festival treats visitors to live music, ballet folklorico, and regional cuisine. The \$15 tickets include food samples and drinks. For more information, call 888-775-2417. (TIJUANA)

Mexican-Style Horse Racing runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, beginning at Rancho Agua Fria (at km 10 on the Tecate-Mexicali Highway). There's Mexican food, live music, and more. Admission is \$3 for spectators. Dial 011-52-665-654-1095 for information. (TECATE)

Eat It Up, head to the steak and lobster festival planned at Quinta Plaza Mall on Sunday, September 22, at 1 p.m. The \$17 tickets include steak, a half-lobster, and four beverages. Dial 011-52-661-612-0700 for details. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Fiestas del Sol 2002, this community fair includes a commerce and business expo, art exhibits, children's

activities, rides, regional cuisine, and five concert venues. The fair runs September 26 through October 21. Call 888-342-7323 for further information. (MEXICALI)

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 Rio. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

Equal Days and Nights everywhere on Earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another very subtle consequence is that at midlatitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight

periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

The Full Moon, which technically occurs at an instant of time, happens this year at 6:59 a.m. on Saturday, September 21. This is only about one day before the autumnal equinox — the first day of the fall season. Because of this coincidence the moon will rise from a point nearly due east while the sun is setting in the west on both Friday and Saturday evenings. The alignment sets the stage for a remarkable spectacle that will be visible (weather permitting) from the boat-launching area on Shelter Island. As the sun sinks behind Point Loma, the shiny buildings downtown will reflect golden light back toward Shelter Island. On Friday, the not-quite-full moon appears behind those buildings a few minutes after sunset. On Saturday, the just-past-full moon does the same thing about 40 minutes after sunset, in deep twilight.

See Fall Migrants and year-round residents during the Audubon Society outing to Old Mission Dam on Saturday, September 21, from 8 a.m. to noon. Possible sightings include

rock and canyon wrens, downy woodpeckers, and black and white warblers.

Meet the group in the parking lot at Old Mission Dam in Mission Trails Regional Park. A drinking fountain and portable restroom are available. Expect hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Call 619-692-3246 for information on this free outing. Bring drinking water. (MISSION GORGE)

Check Out the Blue Sky! Naturalist Carol Simpson leads a walk focusing on “Canyon Flora and Fauna” in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, September 21. Kids will hear “Fun Nature Stories” when naturalist Dave Meier leads an outing on Sunday, September 22. Both adventures begin at 9 a.m. Find Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Clean It Up, head out to five sites along Buena Vista Creek for the cleanup slated for Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. The goal is to remove litter from the creek bed and to educate citizens about the importance of clean water and actions they can take to prevent pollution. Gloves, bags, refreshments, and a T-shirt will be provided for each par-

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A Streamside Community of native vegetation and wildlife is found in Rancho Mission Canyon Park, along with “an interesting array of exotic species.” Hike in the canyon with the Canyoneers on Saturday, September 21, at 1 p.m. Participants will look for California and spotted towhees, gnatcatchers, thrashers, and red-tailed hawks.

To reach the trailhead, take I-8 to Mission Gorge Road, and head to Margerum Avenue; turn right (southeast) at the intersection, and proceed a couple of blocks to the parking lot on the left. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (NAVAJO)

Love Those Lichens, lichens are found virtually everywhere in healthy habitats. Learn about these organisms when naturalist Gina Connoy

leads an easy 2.5-mile hike on Saturday, September 21, at 8 a.m. Join the group in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive) with water and hiking boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

Look for Early Migrating Birds and Ducks during the nature walk planned by the Friends of Famosa Slough on Saturday, September 21. The easy walk promises a good view of a variety of birds and the salt marsh habitat. Meet at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Famosa Boulevard and West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Barona Spirits, anthropologist Cheryl Hinton will display, demonstrate, and interpret Kumeyaay visions through storytelling, song, and crafts on Saturday, September 21, at 7 p.m., in William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free.

For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Take a Walk under the Bright Light of the full moon in Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, September 21. Participants may even see nocturnal animals. The walk starts at 6 p.m. in the day-use parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Bird Walk, David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk in search of fall migrants from Old Mission Dam on Saturday, September 21, at 8 a.m. Free. The walk starts at the dam parking lot on Father Junipero Serra Trail. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Explore the World of Ethnobotany when leader Mike discusses how the Kumeyaay used nature. He'll be leading

an easy four-mile hike in San Dieguito River Park on Saturday, September 21, at 9 a.m. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on September 21 and 22. Saturday's outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday outing beginning at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on September 21 (and on the third Saturday of each month), in Tecolote Canyon. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife who call the park home. The walk begins and ends at the Fox Run entrance to the canyon, located at

Boyd Street off Genesee. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees on Saturday, September 21, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. Dial 619-235-1121 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

From Normal Schools to Ostriches, University Heights has drawn city dwellers for over 100 years. Find out where you can get the best pomegranate soup in town when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari walking adventure to the area on Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$10. For reservations and directions to the starting point, call 619-944-9255. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Del Mar Delicacies, celebrate the impending autumnal equinox with a

jaunt through some of the infrequently visited areas of “old” Del Mar. Participants will wander past the Del Mar “castle,” the “Snake Wall,” and the controversial “Pink Lady,” as well as some back roads with great scenery. The 2.5-hour moderate-plus walk begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the northwest corner of Del Mar Heights Road and Durango Drive (five blocks west of I-5). Free. 619-231-7463. (DEL MAR)

Clean It Up! The 18th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day is slated for Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, at 50 sites throughout the county. For locations and other information, call 800-237-2583. Free. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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planned on Saturday, September 21, in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, at 8 a.m.

An intermediate tracking walk, for those who've completed beginners' training, begins at the same time and place. For each outing, meet at the Adobe Ranch House in the preserve. To reach the spot, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. 760-788-9949. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Enjoy the Birds, Beasts, and Wild-flowers of López Canyon in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve during a nature walk led by *Walking San Diego* author Barbara Moore on Sunday, September 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Join the group in the west-end staging area off Sorrento Valley Boulevard,

one-half mile east of its intersection with Vista Sorrento Parkway. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Fall Officially Begins at 9:55 p.m. on Sunday, September 22 — a good reason, perhaps, to throw a late-evening party to celebrate the official end of the summer season, and the end of the weekend, too. During autumnal equinox, the sun shines directly down on some point along the Earth's equator — in this particular year near Indonesia. The autumn season will continue for three months until the sun "moves" to its farthest southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

Get to Know Old Escondido West during the historic walking tour led by the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee (in conjunction with the Escondido Historical Society) on Tuesday, September 24. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. Call 760-739-8703 or 760-743-8207 for details. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

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DANCE

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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)

Bellydance Showcase, Luisa, Cyrena, Tokiko, Kalilah, and Lianne will dance to live music by oudist John Bilezikjian at the Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge on Thursday, September 19, at 8 p.m. The cover is \$5. Find Claire de Lune at 2906 University Avenue. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Contemporary Choreography is promised when the Mojalet Dance Collective performs Friday through Sunday, September 20-22, at 8 p.m. each night, in the dance studio theater (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. The program includes *Gems, Touched by Four of a Kind, Frolicking, Song of Songs, Toward Stillness, Kleenex*, and *Passings/An Indication*. Tickets are \$10 general. For information, call 619-594-6824. (SDSU)

The Joint Will Be Jumpin' when San Francisco-based DJ Jesse Miner spins for swing and Lindy dancers on Friday, September 20, at the Cafe Savoy Swing Club (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). Doors open at 8 p.m., introductory swing lessons start at 8:15 p.m., and Miner provides tunes from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$6, and all ages are welcome. For information, dial 619-729-2900. (SDSU)

The Circulators Square Dance Club has a beginners' class starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 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. This is the final night of open enrollment. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance and the Community, JoAnn Koppany calls and a community band open to all musicians (bring your acoustic instrument) makes the music for the contradance planned on Friday, September 20, 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)

Salsa and Latin Dance Party, Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center hosts danc-

ing on Friday, September 20, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 9 to 11 p.m., with a salsa lesson at 9:30. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. Call 619-275-3533 for information. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

"All People's Dance," the Welcoming Congregation Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito hosts a dance with live music by J.L. Rhythmics on Saturday, September 21, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Find the church at 1036 Solana Drive. Admission is \$10 general. For more information, dial 858-755-3162. (SOLANA BEACH)

"Sounds for the U.S.," the San Diego Ballet and Camarada chamber ensemble join forces for a tribute to the music of the United States and some of its beloved composers — including Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, and others — on Sunday, September 22. The performance begins at 6 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 for students and seniors, available by calling 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Hey, Do You Know the Carolina Shag? Beginning lessons are promised for the "hot topic" dance workshop planned on Tuesday, September 24, 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. 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)

Mass Transit Dance, Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater presents "Trolley Dances 2002" on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, on the hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participating choreographers this year include Faith Jensen-Ismay, Patricia Sandback, Jean Isaacs, Margaret Paek, Jorge Dominguez, and Betsy Roe. Fifty dancers from the region will take part in the event.

Six tours depart daily on the hour at Trolley Central (at 12th and Imperial), heading south to the U.S./Mexico border stop at San Ysidro. General admission is \$15, \$12 for students and seniors, free for people in strollers; these tickets include all-day trolley passes. For information and reservations, call 619-255-3274. (SAN DIEGO)

FILM

The San Diego Film Festival continues through Sunday, September 22. More than 500 films were submitted for this event, with more than 70 movies selected to be featured. The resulting themed programs: features, special presentations, comedy shorts, drama shorts, the San Diego Filmmakers series, and a tribute to September 11. Titles include *Roger Dodger, The Nazi, Falling in Love in Pongo Ponga*, and many others. The screenings take place at the Pacific Gaslamp Theatre and the Culy Building (338 Seventh Avenue).

There will also be celebrity appearances and panels and workshops (at the Hard Rock Cafe). Tickets are \$8 for screenings, with \$5 tickets for the short series and documentaries (series passes are available). Panels and seminars are free. For more details, dial 619-582-2368. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Is to Whistle, the first offering in the International Film Series at Mira Costa College. The screening is slated for Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m., in room 3601 on campus, at One Barnard Drive. Call 760-757-2121 x6284 for information. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

“The Greatest Children’s Film You’ve Never Heard Of,” it’s one description for *Swallows and Amazons*, a film based on Arthur Ransome novels. The movie screens for the “Movies before the Mast” nautical film series on the deck of the *Star of India* Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21.

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

How About a “Jaunty Time-Warp Farce” This Week? See the frothy

trifle *Man of the Century* — starring Gibson Frazier, Susan Egan, Anthony Rap, David Margulies, Frank Gorshin, and Bobby Short — when it’s screened for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, September 23. The film starts at 6:30 p.m. at 820 E Street. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Meet the Thin Man, the Carlsbad Library’s film series features *Another Thin Man* on Wednesday, September 25, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Outfest,” the fifth San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, runs Thursday through Sunday, September 26-29, at the Ken Cinema (4061 Adams Avenue). A dozen programs of international short and feature films, most of them San Diego premieres, are promised. Titles include *Girl King*, *The Trip*, *Food of Love*, *All the Queen’s Men*, *Luster*, and *Ruthie and Connie*. Tickets are \$8 general, \$25 for opening night; passes are available. For more information, call 619-269-5636. (KENSINGTON)

The Seats Are Alive, with the...“Sing-Along *Sound of Music*” while the production continues at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido through September 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.

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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

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Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Lectures are included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Lawyer, art collector, and COVA board member Larry Poteet will focus on “Private Art Collectors” on Thursday, September 26. The talk starts at 6 p.m. at the COVA Alternative Gallery, located in the Robert

Driver Building, 1620 Fifth Avenue. For more details, dial 619-234-0928. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

“Equal Justice for All,” this continuing community legal forum focuses on “A Woman’s Guide to the Law” on 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 619-527-8779. (SAN DIEGO)

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LOCAL EVENTS

Diego speaks for the Friday speaker series at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Reserve. The talk starts at noon on September 20 at the visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Save the (Self-Medicating) Orangutan! Learn about a new project investigating the way orangutans self-medicate to treat illness when Beverly Raimondo presents a slide-illustrated lecture for the Sierra Club on Friday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of the zoo's main entrance). Call 619-299-1744 x1040 for information. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Known for Temporary, Large-Scale Projects such as *The Pont-Neuf Wrapped, Paris, 1975-1985* and many others, renowned artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude will present a lecture

on Saturday, September 21, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). The talk is in conjunction with the exhibit "Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art." Tickets are \$7; to make the suggested reservations, call 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Back by Popular Demand, Kelly Anderson returns to the Japanese Friendship Garden to present "Book-binding: Tortoise Shell" stab binding on Saturday, September 21. Participants will make a 9" by 12" finished book. All materials are included in the \$10 fee, although it will be helpful to bring a bone folder, ruler, an X-Acto knife, and a cutting mat. To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

"Tijuana and San Diego: Social and Architectural Contrast" will be provided when architect Ted Cruz and SDSU urban studies professor Larry Herzog present a slide-illustrated lecture for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, Septem-

ber 21. The talk begins at 10 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

Learn the Basics of Herb Growing and how to successfully germinate seeds by planting popular cool-weather herbs in a terra cotta pot during the class planned on Saturday, September 21, at 10 a.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The fee is \$45 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Workshop Series, Terrie Relf, poetry editor and columnist at Writersmonthly.com, leads poetry workshops on Saturday, September 21, 1 to 4 p.m., at Twigg's Tea and Coffee. The session will focus on topics such as wordplay and other exercises, poetic forms and devices, discussion, and the opportunity to share work.

The fee is \$30. For space availability, call 619-234-0763. Find Twigg's at 4590 Park Boulevard (at Madison). (NORTH PARK)

Need a Better Job? Get started by learning "how to write a first-rate résumé" when "certified résumé writer" Susan Geary leads a one-hour ré-

sumé-writing workshop on Saturday, September 21, at noon, at the Linda Vista Library (2160 Ulric Street). Free. 619-280-2960. (LINDA VISTA)

Sweet Skulls, ever wondered how to make sugar skulls? Back from Tomboctou plans a series of Day of the Dead sugar skull workshops, wherein participants will learn to design and make traditional and lasting sugar skull offerings.

The next workshops take place on Saturday, September 21 (3 p.m.), and on Wednesday, September 25 (5 p.m.). Workshops run on various dates through October 30. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. The fee is \$15 per person, and the minimum age is eight years old. To information and registration, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Alternatives to the "costly and unsuccessful U.S. anti-drug programs" are the topic when Gretchen Burns Bergman speaks for the Association for Rational Inquiry on Sunday, September 22. Bergman is the director of Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing and was state chairperson for Proposition 36. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Center (on Vermont Street). The requested donation is \$5. Dial 619-421-5844 for information. (HILLCREST)

Why Is S.D. One of the Least Affordable Home Markets in the country? Find out when real estate broker and former San Diego City Councilmember Fred Schnaubelt speaks for the Libertarian Supper Club on Sunday, September 22. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at Coco's restaurant (5955 Balboa Avenue). \$5. Call 858-759-8389 for information. (CLAIREMONT)

Art Biz, get the skinny on "The Business of Being an Artist" when Lauren Becker presents a workshop on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). Subjects include organizing paperwork with regard to income, résumés, good portfolios, and more. The fee is \$38. To register, call 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

Hit the (Writing) Road, travel writer Cynthia Dial teaches "How to Become a Successful Travel Writer" on Monday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m., for the Learning Annex. The fee is \$49; call 619-544-9700 to register. (MISSION VALLEY)

De-Mythologizing, Las Pilitas Nursery manager Valerie Phillips does her best to "Dispel Myths About Native Plants" when she speaks for the Lake Hodges Native Plant Club on Monday, September 23, at 2 p.m., in the upstairs seminar room of the Rancho Bernardo Library (17110 Bernardo Center Drive). 760-741-0829. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

History of Opera, the series continues when Ridgely Allison Muller speaks on Monday, September 23, at 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium, at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. For more information, dial 760-434-2881. (LA COSTA)

Get Less Toxic Now! Are you interested in learning how you can have a great yard and garden using little or no chemicals? If you answered yes, sign up for one of the "Less-Toxic Yard and Garden Care Workshops" planned by Solana Recyclers and the City of Encinitas. Participants will receive easy and practical tips for gardening well while protecting and preserving the environment.

Classes will be offered on Monday, September 23, at 6 p.m., and on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m., at the Encinitas Community Center,

and on Tuesday, September 24, at 9 a.m., at Quail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Admission is free for Encinitas citizens; nonresidents pay \$25. To register, call 760-436-7986 x14. (ENCINITAS)

Reptiles of Baja California, learn about the historical biogeography of the peninsula and the evolutionary survival tactics of its reptiles during classes at the San Diego Natural History Museum slated for Monday and Wednesday, September 23 and 25, at 7 p.m. each night. The fee is \$25 for nonmembers. To register, dial 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Guitar Reached an Incredible Popularity in the 19th-Century salons of Vienna, Paris, and London. Teacher and performer Claudia Tornsäuer presents "Guitaromania" at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, offering an insider's look in the world of the classical guitar, including the vast history and expansive repertoire of the instruments.

The series starts on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m., when Tornsäuer explores the origin of the guitar and its history up to baroque times. Nonmembers pay \$45 for the three-talk series, or \$17 per talk. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. To make the suggested reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Matters of Controversy — the monthly dialogue series continues when civil rights advocate and attorney Randall Hamud focuses on "Defending America's Civil Rights" on Tuesday, September 24. Hamud is the attorney for three college students being held as material witnesses in the September 11 attacks.

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“German Records and Pennsylvania Settlements” are the subject when professional genealogist Joan Lowrey speaks for the North San Diego County Genealogical Society on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at the 101 Artists’ Colony (25 East E Street). The fee is \$18. Call 760-414-1949 to register. (ENCINITAS)

What Did a Middle-Class German Family Think and experience during the rise and fall of the Nazis? Find out when Ernie Baller describes his experiences as a young German boy for the North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council of San Diego on Tuesday, September 24. “Growing Up in Nazi Germany — One Man’s Experience” starts at 10:05 a.m. in the second-floor salon at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635. (SOLANA BEACH)

Charge Up Your Creative Juices when performance artist, creativity coach, and author Jill Badonsky offers “Imagination and Fall Colors.” Participants will “play mental exercises” and “access ideas just waiting

for expression.” All levels are welcome to attend the class, slated for Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at the 101 Artists’ Colony (25 East E Street). The fee is \$18. Call 760-414-1949 to register. (ENCINITAS)

General Spider Biology and an introduction to spider family characteristics and identification are promised when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts a class on Tuesday and Thursday, September 24 and 26, 7 p.m. (with a field trip to identify spiders in the wild on Saturday, September 28). The fee is \$35 for nonmembers. Reserve a spot by calling 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

There Will Be a Quiz! Sylvia Gallagher presents her self-scoring quiz for birders of all levels when the Buena Vista Audubon Society meets on Wednesday, September 25. The test features slides and bird-call recordings of common, moderately difficult, and tough bird identifications. The free program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 South Coast Highway. For information, call 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

Q: Who Is America’s First Master Sommelier? The answer is Eddie Os-

terland, who will “change the way you choose to entertain with food and wine” on Wednesday, September 25, at 6 p.m., at the Westgate Hotel (1055 Second Avenue). Osterland plans to demystify wine and divulge lots of wine-related information. The fee to “Grape Escape I” is \$49 per person, or \$85 per couple. For reservations, call 619-557-3655. (DOWNTOWN)

Experiences of Asian Girls and Women are related in the novels of Gail Tsukiyama, who will focus on “Women, Work, and Writing” on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Among her books are *Women of the Silk* and *Dreaming Water*. Free. Call 619-236-5821 for information. (DOWNTOWN)

“New Perspectives in Judaic Studies,” the lecture series continues when Arlene Lazarowitz from CSU Long Beach presents “Sen. Jacob Javits and the Campaign to Save Soviet Jewry” on Wednesday, September 25. The talk starts at 3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. Call 619-594-5338 for information. (SDSU)

Stereo Glasses Are Provided when the San Diego Stereo Club meets to share 3-D projected slides on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m., in the Photo Arts Building (off Park Boulevard, adjacent and east of Spanish Village). This month, 200 different contributors present “Wildlife in America.” For information, call 619-595-7856. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

You Can Look It Up, discover the San Diego Public Library’s marketing tools, which include online business databases and print resources, when Fran Bookheim divulges “Demographics and Marketing Resources at Central Library” on Wednesday, September 25. The class runs 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the computer lab on the second floor; find the library at 820 E Street. Free. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

Back to Grassroots, San Diego Audubon hosts a community training on “Tools for Becoming an Effective Grassroots Activist” on Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m., in room 214 of Southwestern College (900 Otay Lakes Road). All ages welcome; translation provided. For information, call 619-275-0397. (CHULA VISTA)

Talk It Out, Kevin Nash from the San Diego Mediation Center is the featured speaker at the San Carlos Library on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. He’ll discuss concepts of mediation and the history of the center and present an exercise for audience members to use their communication skills. Free. Find the library at 7265 Jackson Drive; 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

Uncover Progressive Techniques and methods of French-intensive gardening, organic edible landscaping, bio-intensive gardening, wildlife habitat gardening, and permaculture in a class planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. The class will be followed by a field trip on September 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This “Introduction to Sustainable Gardening” is \$69 for nonmembers. Dial 619-232-3821 x203 to reserve a spot. (BALBOA PARK)

“In the Public Realm: Alternative Perspectives” is the theme for this year’s “Dialogues in Art and Architecture” series hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The first program features Eric Owen Moss examining “Architecture as a

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Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Medium of Revitalization” on Thursday, September 26. Moss is an architect and director of the Southern California Institute of Architecture; respondents include Morgan Dene Oliver and David Antin.

The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. Admission is free. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

The Capture of the Pueblo and its crew by North Korea, what the crew experienced as prisoners, and what the event meant for ongoing American relations with North Korea are explored in Mitchell Lerner’s book *The Pueblo Incident: A Spy Ship and the Failure of American Foreign Policy*. The author will discuss his book on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Center Museum (2115 Park Boulevard). Free. For information, call 619-239-2300. (BALBOA PARK)

He’s Been Editor of Harper’s magazine for nearly 20 years, and on Thursday, September 26, Lewis H. Lapham will speak for the new Revelle Forum at the Neurosciences Institute series. Lapham will discuss his “controversial” new book, *Theater of War*, in which he questions the goals and wisdom of the current “war on terror.”

The talk, which begins at 5:30 p.m., is followed by a booksigning. Admission is \$35. Find the institute at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. For information, call 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

Don’t Mind Being Critical? Join the visual artists’ discussion group convening on Thursday, September 26,

at 6:30 p.m., at the Spruce Street Forum (301 Spruce Street). Artists bring work from their studios for feedback, criticism, and encouragement; at each meeting, three or four artists present their work and lead discussion. Everyone is invited to see new work and participate in a lively dialogue. Free. 619-281-1905. (HILLCREST)

What Do Those Little Pictures Mean? Translate hieroglyphic inscriptions found in temples, tombs, and monuments of ancient Egypt when Ron Fellows presents a workshop on Saturday, September 28. Participants will focusing on reading ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Cuyamaca College, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. The fee is \$35, plus \$15 for materials. To register, call 619-660-4350. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Timely Tips for Fall Gardeners are promised when the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Association hosts this series of talks. Learn about “Garden Makeovers” at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 (register by September 25). Get started now for “Success Growing Spring Flowering Bulbs” with information from the class slated for Saturday, October 5, at 10 a.m. (register by September 25).

The fee is \$10 for each class. Classes take place in Forum Hall at University Towne Centre (4545 La Jolla Village Drive). For registration and information, call 858-694-2860. (LA JOLLA)

IN PERSON

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 novellas, *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)

Secrets of Mariachi Music Unlocked! Head to the San Diego Museum of Art when Mariachi Champaña Nevín 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)

“Carpe Nota,” this new open performance event starts on Thursday, September 19, at the Other Side (4096 30th Street, at Polk). Organizers encourage performance poetry, music-poetry combos, skits, flash fiction, and more, all hosted by poet-musician Mary Leary and poet Aron Sweeney. Events begin at 7:30 p.m. following the 7 p.m. signups. No cover. 619-521-0533. (NORTH PARK)

Murder with a Science Fiction Flair, Lee Zion presents *Ferriman’s Law* on Thursday, September 19, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Kinkster Returns, head to Esmeralda Books and Coffee when Kinky Friedman signs and discusses *Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch* on Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307; 858-755-2707. Free. (DEL MAR)

Described as a Master of Keyboard Improvisation, Richard Grayson will “convert tunes as masters would have played them” in the auditorium at Coronado High School (650 D Avenue) on Friday, September 20. What exactly does that mean? Find out at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Call 619-435-3419 for information. (CORONADO)

An Intimate Concert is planned by (ex-Byrd band member) Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen on Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m., at Valley Music (530 East Main Street). Tickets: \$20. Call 619-444-3161 for more information. (EL CAJON)

Distinguished Scholar Victoria Nelson discusses her book *The Secret Life of Puppets: Tracing the Curious Reversing Roles of Art and Religion by Surveying the History of Simulacra as Players and Holy Objects in Western Culture* on Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

“Noche Romantica,” Voz Alta hosts a monthly series of evenings of *canciones de amor*, love songs in Spanish by local Latin musicians. The next performance is set for Friday, September 20, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta, 917 E Street. Admission: \$7 general; \$5 students, seniors. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Take “An American Journey” when this musical and multimedia concert is presented on September 20 and 21 for the San Carlos United Methodist Church music series. The concerts are part of the church’s 40th anniversary celebrations and in remembrance of the September 11 tragedies.

Concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Find the church at 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard (at Navajo). For further information, call 619-464-4331. An offering will be received, and child care is available. (SAN CARLOS)

Support Your Local Theater, the Friends of the Sunshine Brooks Theater Gala Fundraiser is slated for Friday, September 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for hors d’oeuvres pro-

vided by a Taste of Europe, preshow entertainment, and a performance of John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men* presented by the INDEPENDANT Players at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. Find the Sunshine Brooks Theater at 217 North Coast Highway. For reservations and information, dial 760-435-5533. (OCEANSIDE)

A Musical Drama of the History of Mexico will be presented when the Hispanic Theater of San Diego performs *Adios, Mama Carlota* on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Performances begin at 8 p.m. For information, call 858-278-6139. (CITY HEIGHTS)

We Love Them, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah...the Offbeats present a salute to the Beatles for the Concerts on the Green series at Prescott Promenade on Main Street on Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

“Ba, Ba, Ba, Bing!” The Sun Harbor and Rancho Bernardo Troubadours and their quartets plan a tribute concert to the life and songs of Bing Crosby on Saturday, September 21, in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. The program includes “the hilarious comedy quartet” known as A Tonic Explosion.

Performances begin at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general, available by calling 858-571-3850. (LA JOLLA)

New Fresh Sounds! The series gets underway with a performance by the Trevor Watts Trio from England on Saturday, September 21, at 8 p.m. Saxophonist Watts is joined by Colin McKenzie on bass and Giampaolo Scatozza on percussion. This Fresh Sound concert begins at 8 p.m. at the Spruce Street Forum, 301 Spruce

Street. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$15 general. (HILLCREST)

Author Robert Gould, creator of *The Time Soldiers*, reads from and signs his work on Saturday, September 21, at 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Mystery Author Robert S. Levinson signs *Hot Paint* on Saturday, September 21, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Infamous from the Iran-Contra Affair, Vietnam veteran, syndicated radio and newspaper columnist, and novelist Oliver North visits the Berean Christian Store to sign his new novel, *Mission Compromised*, on Saturday, September 21, at 10 a.m. Find the shop at 8807 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-292-8052. Free. (CLAIREMONT MESA)

Busy at 10 a.m.? Catch North on the same day at 1 p.m. at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. Call 619-435-0070 for more details. (CORONADO)

North next signs books at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, at Sam’s Club (6336 College Grove Way). Free. (COLLEGE GROVE)

Author Steve Smith signs and discusses *Warbird Watcher’s Guide to the Southern California Skies* on Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center (7610 Hazard Center Drive). Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

The Big Sister League of S.D. benefits from the gospel concert scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at 6 p.m., at the University Christian Church (3900 Cleveland Avenue). The program includes performances by Cynthia Montez, Gamage Carter, the Celebration Choir, the Christ

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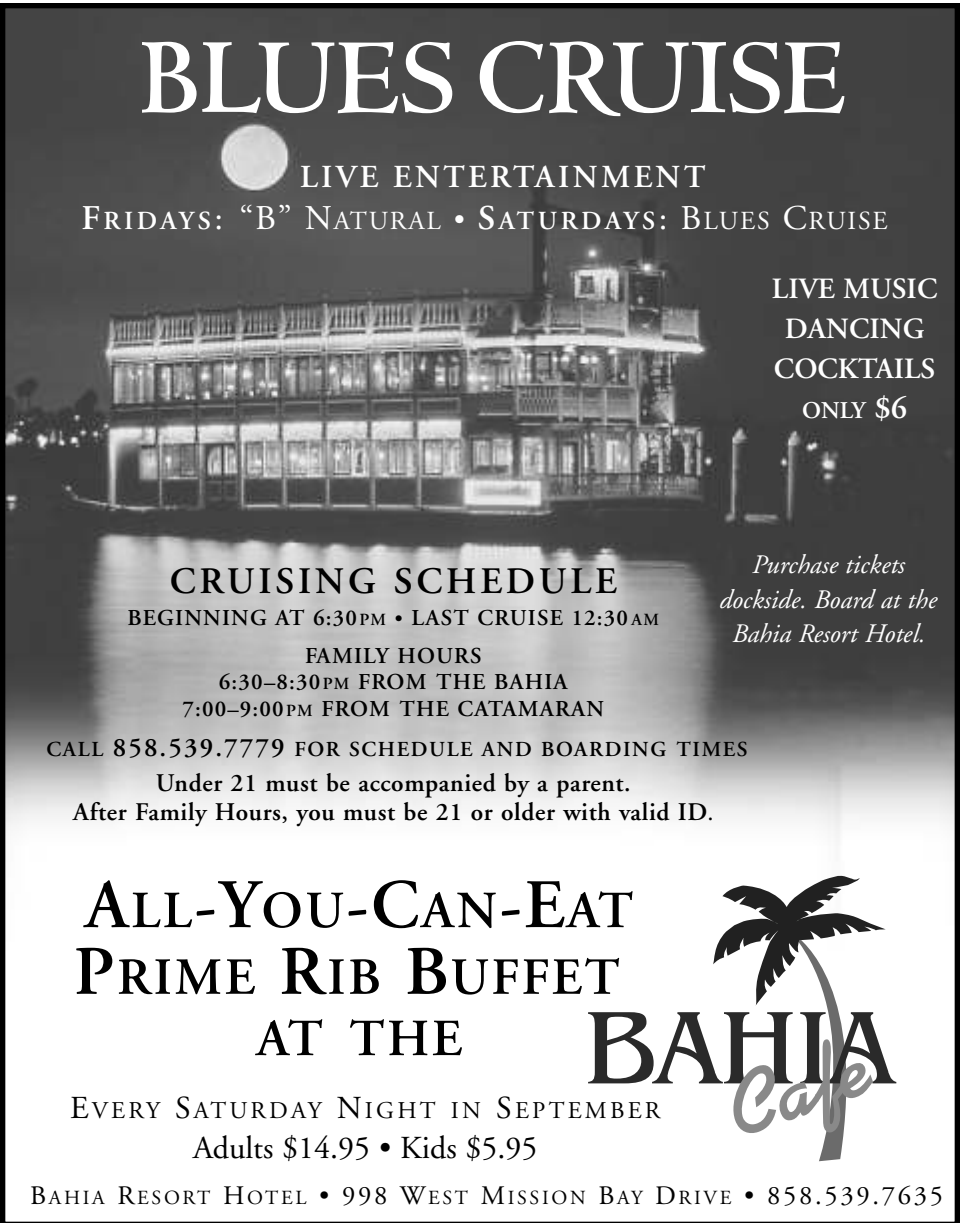
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Time to Bike, Nelson Copp and Jerry Schad, authors of *Cycling San Diego, Third Edition*, discuss and sign their book at two Trek bike stores on Saturday, September 21. Catch the duo 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Trek located at 8495 Fletcher Parkway (619-668-8787) and again from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the shop located at 4240 Kearny Mesa Road (858-974-8735). Free. (LA MESA, KEARNY MESA)

Jazz in the Park is promised when Inside Moves performs on Saturday, September 21, at 6 p.m., at the Ramona Oaks Park (25386 Pappas Road, off Ramona Oaks Parkway). Bring blankets or lawn chairs. For information, call 800-776-1289. Free. (RAMONA)

Serious Fun, dozens of toy pianos will fill the stage when Geisel Library's Toy Piano Orchestra and leader Scott Paulson present the opening concert for the fall 2002 series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church. The program includes "familiar and not-so-familiar works and novelty songs," along with works commissioned by the group. Paulson will be accompanied by organist Kenneth Herman. The second half of the program features a performance by the Rabbinical School Dropouts, including the "Concerto for Toy Piano and Klezmer Band."

The concert is slated for Saturday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

No Offense Intended, the band Doofus — members include John and Heidi Cerrigione and Neal and Coleen Walters — performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, September 21. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$12. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

"Be Opened," Patricia Riley-Cota presents "her unique orchestration of mime, sign, music, and dance" on Sunday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets are \$55 general, \$12 for children, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS) or the Spreckels box office (619-235-9500). (DOWNTOWN)

A Night of Naughty Poetry is promised when San Diego "slam-master" Robt Schleith hosts a publication party and booksigning for Terrie Relf's recently released book of poetry, *Lap Danced by the Muse*. Expect an open reading after Relf's reading. The whole shebang starts at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). For information, call 619-234-0763. (POINT LOMA)

"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 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, at the Cabrillo National Monument. Admission is included in the regular park entrance fee of \$5 vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Meet Some Zany Characters when Margaret Katchur presents her comedic puppet show on Sunday, September 22, at 3:30 p.m., at Gelato Vero Caffe (3753 India Street). Admission is \$3. For details, dial

619-299-6181. The show is appropriate for all ages. (MIDDLETOWN)

Author M. Mitchell Waldrop signs and discusses *The Dream Machine* on Monday, September 23, at 7 p.m., at Esmeralda Books and Coffee (1555 Camino del Mar, suite 307). Free. Call 858-755-2707 for information. (DEL MAR)

Brown Bag Concert Series, the Dome Stage at CSU San Marcos is the site for concerts September 23-26. Randy Graves plays the didgeri-

doo on Monday; Theo and the Zydeco Patrol take the stage on Tuesday; master piper Marjor Charles Rosenberger leads the Cameron Highlanders on Wednesday; and Francisco Gonzalez and Conjunto Guadalupe will perform harp music from Mexico and norteño and jarocho on Thursday.

The concerts commence at noon. Find the campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. Dial 760-750-4366 for further information. (SAN MARCOS)

Edgar-Winning Mystery Author Eliot Pattison visits Mysterious Galaxy Books on Monday, September 23, to sign his third Tibetan mystery featuring Shan Tao Yun entitled *Bone Mountain* at 7 p.m. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and by dialing 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at

Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Poetry and Art," the San Diego Art Institute promises a "poetry reading different from any other...a collaboration between poetry and art" on Monday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. The program features an appearance by the Goat Song Conspiracy and a celebration-reading of the 50th birthday of Chris Vannoy. All poets and artists are invited to participate in the open-mike format, bringing either poems related to or accompanied

with another art form.

Find the institute at 1439 El Prado. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. For information, call 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

Music of Iran may be enjoyed during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 23, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general. Call 619-594-6031 or 619-594-6020 for further information. (SDSU)

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Words and Music, novelist and professor Duff Brenna reads from his latest novel, *Altar of the Body*, with accompaniment by Gunnar Biggs on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., in Academic Hall 102 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). A booksigning follows. The requested donation is \$5, benefiting the Literature and Writing Student and Alumni Fund. For more information, call 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Postponed from Last Week, 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 Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

A New Dune Trilogy begins with *Dune: The Butlerian Jihad*, by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. The duo will sign and discuss their books on Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). For ticket information, call 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Two for One! The story in *There Were No Parents Here: From the Eyes of a Child* begins with author Janice Higgins incarcerated in one of the largest women’s prisons in the world. Obviously not sentenced to life in prison, Higgins will sign and discuss her book on Tuesday, September 24, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore.

Higgins returns to the bookstore at 3 p.m. to sign and discuss *The Bonus Years: Women and Retirement*, in which 100 diverse women born between 1914 and 1934 are highlighted. Both events are free. For more information, call 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

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 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general. Find Voz Alta at 917 E Street (between Ninth and Tenth Avenues); 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

The Self-Proclaimed Prince of Piano, Peter Robberecht, presents a “Tour of Music Magic” September 24-29 at the Lyceum Theater in Horton Plaza. Expect to “hear your favorite music from classical to classic rock by this Vegas-styled showman.” Performances begin at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are

available by calling 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Paul Lynde to Block, game show host Peter Marshall and co-author Adrienne Armstrong will sign copies of their new book, *Backstage with the Original Hollywood Square*, on Wednesday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brandon Book Nook (105 North Main). Free. For information, call 760-728-8232. (FALLBROOK)

The Power of Youth, this bilingual youth theater, poetry, and music event hosted by Teatro Con Safos starts at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is free. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate a Hope in Humanity when authors Tim Shortridge and Michael Frounfelter share their book *No Place to Run*, the true saga of Holocaust survivor David Gotzel, who lived through the Warsaw ghetto and Bergen Belsen concentration camp, saving his family and “as many others as he could.” The authors will discuss and sign their book on Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Child Development Scholar and UC Davis psychology professor Dr. Linda Acredolo will discuss and sign her newest book, *Baby Signs: How to Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk* on Thursday, September 26, at noon, at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

More Than Just a Signing, head to the Book Works on Thursday, September 26, for a performance of selected letters from the Brontë family by readers’ theater actors Carole Scheppman and Richard Halstead. Pianist Mary Barranger will provide accompaniment with pieces from Emily Brontë’s music book.

The performance will be followed by a signing and discussion of *The Brontë Family: Passionate Literary Geniuses* by local author Karen Smith Kenyon. The biography is intended for readers 12-18 but “can be enjoyed by all.” The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

“Word Spoken,” this all-age event starts at 8:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month, including September 26, at Cafe Crema (1001 Garnet Avenue, at Cass). Free. Expect poetry and open-mike opportunities. 858-273-3558. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Latin Jam Night, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, September 26, from 8 to 11 p.m. You’re invited to bring your instrument and jam on-

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The two major subdivisions of the California desert (the Mojave and Colorado Deserts), plus an outlying stretch of chaparral habitat, intersect in the 4500-acre Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, north of Palm Springs. Bighorn sheep, bobcats, mountain lions, mule deer, and nearly 300 species of birds have been spotted in or near the preserve. The most agreeable feature here, a freshwater marsh in the canyon bottom, owes its existence to seepage of water upward along a rift associated with the San Andreas Fault.

The perennially moist part of Big Morongo Canyon lies about 2000 feet in elevation higher than torrid Palm Springs, so the early autumn heat is tolerable here, even at midday. It’s best to take advantage

of the early-morning or late-afternoon hours, though. The preserve is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to sunset.

From Interstate 10 near Palm Springs, drive 11 miles north on Highway 62 to Morongo Valley. Just past the business district turn right on East Drive, and look for the Big Morongo entrance on the left.

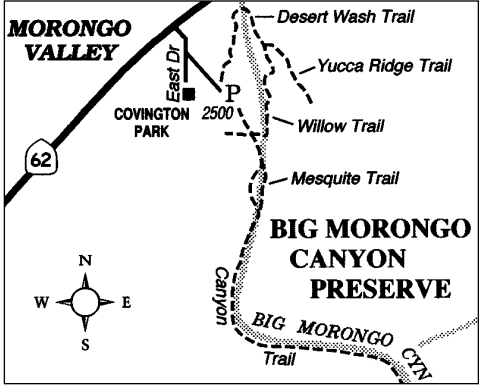
For a rewarding one-mile stroll through contrasting habitats, walk past the visitor information display and pick up the Desert Wash Trail on the left. It guides you over a sun-blasted terrace dotted with honey mesquite, desert willow, and yerba santa. The latter exudes an unmistakable sweet-pungent odor. You dip to cross Big Morongo Wash and pass a spur trail, the Yucca Ridge Trail, over one-half mile from the start. Continue on the Willow Trail, which will take you through the heart of Big Morongo’s riparian oasis. There you meander on boardwalks amid a junglelike array of willows, cottonwoods, alders, and fan palms. Watercress and water parsnip have overrun the surface of the shallow waters below your feet.

After a short half-mile on the Willow Trail, you come to a trail intersection. Off to the right a short distance is your parked car. To the left, on the Mesquite and Canyon Trails, you can follow the



Big Morongo Canyon stream

waters of Big Morongo Canyon down as far as you like. At some point within about a mile (more or less depending on the amount of recent rainfall), the porous soil of the canyon bottom swallows all traces of surface water, and only a dry streambed lies beyond.



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)

More Living Writers, poet Jan Lee Ande presents a reading for the Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m. Ande is the author of the 2000 Snyder Prize-winning *Instructions for Walking on Water*. The event takes place in room 2203 of the Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. 619-594-5318. Free. (SDSU)

“Eve’s Prescription” will be signed and discussed by author Edwina Martin-Arnold at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Author and Physician David J. Peck discusses the struggles and tribulations of the use of medicine in *Or Perish in the Attempt: Wilderness Medicine in the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. He’ll sign and discuss the book on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble. Free.

Find the bookstore at 1040 North El Camino Real and by calling 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Take the Stage for open-mike-night fun on Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m., at Boomers Brew (1404 Garnet Avenue). Free. 858-273-9377. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SPORTS

The Season Winds Down for the San Diego Padres with the end of a series against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Thursday, September 19, at 2:05 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. The final home stand of the season takes place when the Los Angeles Dodgers arrive for games September 20-22, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The team gets a day off on September 23 and then heads to San Francisco for games against the Giants on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25, at 7:15 both nights. The season concludes with a series in Los Angeles against the Dodgers September 26-29; games start at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, at a “to be decided” time on

Saturday and at 1:10 p.m. on Sunday. 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)

High Speeds and Thrills, the San Diego Thunderboat Regatta is scheduled for September 20-22 on the Bill Muncy Memorial Race Course in Mission Bay. See competition in classes including unlimited hydroplanes, formula-one pro-tunnel series, unlimited lights, offshore racers, drag boats, and more; live entertainment and interactive activities are promised.

General admission tickets are \$20 (Friday), \$25 (Saturday), and \$30 (Sunday); pit passes are available, and three-day passes are \$35. For information call 619-225-9160; tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION BAY)

Vrooomm! Cajon Speedway hosts competition in the sportsman, street, bomber, pony stock, and legends divisions on Saturday, September 21. The first race begins 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)

Famous Lois Loops, join the Knickerbikers for a bicycle ride on Saturday, September 21. This 30-miler for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. near the restrooms at Lake Miramar Reservoir. For further information, call 858-549-4092. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

American Rules Tackle Football is played by women on the San Diego Sunfire team. The first home game takes place against the San Francisco Tsunami on Saturday, September 21, at 7 p.m., at Patrick Henry High School (6702 Wandermere Drive). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-11. For more information, call 619-295-8649. (SAN CARLOS)

Surf for the Sea, this event takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, on the north side of the

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d's (551 Telegraph Canyon Road). Free. 619-426-8192. (CHULA VISTA)

Seeking Gridiron Glory, the San Diego Chargers are in Arizona for a football matchup against the Cardinals on Sunday, September 22, at 1:05 p.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS.

Up for Water Skiing? The Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wake-boarding from 5 p.m. to dusk on Thursdays through October 3, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round, with instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach, and guests of any skill level are welcome. For non-members, the fee is \$8 per run (about 15 minutes). For information, call 760-602-0060. (MISSION BAY)

The "Shake, Rattle and Roll on 56" on Sunday, September 22 features a 5k (8 a.m.) and Get Your Kicks on Route 56 Jr. (9 a.m.). Events begin at the west end of Highway 56 (at El Camino Real and Carmel Valley Road). Day-of-event registration starts at 6:30 a.m. For information, call 760-736-1001. (CARMEL VALLEY)

The Best Polo of the Season? The San Diego Polo Club hosts Spreckels Cup competition on Sundays, September 22 and 29. 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)

Full Moon Paddle, enjoy an introduction to kayaking and take a scenic nighttime tour of Mission Bay during an adventure planned by the San Diego Natural History Museum on Monday, September 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. Paddlers will look for sea lions and bird-watch. The nonmember fee is \$50 per person in a single kayak, \$40 in a double. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (MISSION BAY)

Smack Down, World Wrestling Entertainment hits the ring at the San Diego Sports Arena on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$41, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Hunter/Jumper Equestrians from all over the world are demonstrating their prowess, skill, and agility during the Del Mar International Horse Show, running September 25-29 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Arena. Double slalom match races begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 27; in this event, the competitors race on identical courses, and the first horse to reach the finish line is the winner (admission is free).

Saturday, September 28, features the Del Mar International Grand Prix at 7 p.m. (\$8 and \$10); the Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic is set for Sunday, September 29.

Daily competitions and the double slalom matches are free. Daytime horse show hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 858-792-4288 for further information. (DEL MAR)

Live Professional Boxing hits the ring at the Holiday Inn South Bay (700 National City Boulevard) on Thursday, September 26. The card includes a bout with Israel Vasquez versus Nelson Medina and Cesar Figueroa fighting Antonio Ramirez. Doors open at 6 p.m., the first fight starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$40, with discounts for kids and military. For information, call

619-368-2484; for tickets, dial 619-233-1380. (NATIONAL CITY)

SPECIAL

Artists and Craftspeople gather to offer their wares during the 2002 Harvest Festival, taking place September 20-22 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Look for clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art*.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8.50 general, with discounts for seniors and children. Questions? Call 800-321-1213 for answers. (DEL MAR)

"Impact 2002," this Women's Caucus for Art exhibition is on exhibit through Sunday, September 29, at the Poway Center for Performing Arts. Juror (and accomplished artist in her own right) Faith Ringgold selected 54 pieces created by 25 local artists in a variety of media to include

in the show. Meet the artists during a reception set for Friday, September 20, at 6 p.m.

Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). For information, call 858-487-1844. (POWAY)

A Taste of Africa, get the skinny on the wines of Africa during this party featuring African wines, hors d'oeuvres, and live music by the Ile Ayan Collective slated for Friday, September 20, at 5 p.m., at the new San

Diego Museum of African Art (3739 Sixth Avenue, between Robinson and Pennsylvania). Admission is free. For information, call 619-543-5100. (HILLCREST)

Stampers, Unite! The Tenth Annual California Rubber Stamp Festival is scheduled for September 21 and 22 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Rubber stamps, scrapbooking supplies, confetti, stickers, papers, papermaking supplies, and more will be offered by the rubber stamp and accessory manufacturers on hand. Classes and

demonstrations are planned as well.

Show hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 per day, or \$8 for a two-day pass; children under 12 free. For more details, call 541-574-8000. (DEL MAR)

A Time to Tour, COVA's 2002 "open studios" events take place 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.

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Congratulations and thank you to all exhibitors, volunteers, attendees, and sponsors of the 3rd Annual Del Mar International Horse Show.

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READING

Chez Panisse Fruit



Alice Waters

By Alice Waters and the cooks of Chez Panisse in collaboration with Alan Tangren and Fritz Streiff; Illustrations by Patricia Curtan HarperCollins Publishers, 2002; 326 pages; \$34.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET: In 2001 *Chez Panisse* was named the number one restaurant in America by *Gourmet* magazine — quite a journey from 1971 when Alice Waters opened *Chez Panisse* as a place where she and her friends could cook country French food with local ingredients and talk politics.

As the restaurant's popularity grew, so did Alice's commitment to organic, locally grown foods and to a community of farmers and producers who provide the freshest ingredients, grown and harvested naturally with techniques that preserve and enrich the land for future generations. After 30 years, the innovative spirit and pure, intense flavors of *Chez Panisse* continue to delight and surprise all who visit, and even those who can't get there know that Alice started a quiet revolution, changing

the culinary landscape forever. Inspired by *Chez Panisse*, more and more people across the country are discovering the sublime pleasures of local, organic vegetables and fruits.

In this companion volume to *Chez Panisse Vegetables*, discover more than 200 recipes for both sweet and savory dishes featuring fruit. Glorify the late-summer peach harvest with Peach and Raspberry Gratin, and extend the season with Grilled Cured Duck Breast with Pickled Peaches. Enjoy the first plums in Pork Loin Stuffed with Wild Plums and Rosemary. Preserve the fresh flavors of winter citrus with Kumquat Marmalade or Candied Grapefruit Peel. Organized alphabetically by fruit — from apples to strawberries — and including helpful essays on selecting, storing, and preparing fruit, this book will help you make the very most of fresh fruits from season to season.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: Alice Waters notes in the acknowledgments to *Chez Panisse Fruit*: "The essays about individual fruits are largely the work of Alan Tangren, the pastry chef at *Chez Panisse*, whose career at the restaurant has taken him from an early beginning in our kitchens to many years as our 'forager' — our procurement officer, so to speak, and, as such, the person responsible for forging our relationships with the scores of mostly local growers and suppliers who bring us the beautiful ingredients that, as we boast on our menu, are almost without exception organically grown and sustainably produced."

Alan Tangren and I talked one morning by telephone. He told me that he was born in 1943 in Pasadena to parents who were native Californians. Fruit, he explained, had been important to his family for several generations. "My grandparents started a fruit orchard in the foothills of the Sierra exactly 100 years ago. In 1902 my grandfather came from South Dakota and started raising pears up near Grass Valley. So my mother was raised on the farm, and I spent all of my summers growing up on the farm. We lived in Southern California, in Pasadena. But every summer we

packed everything into the Studebaker and drove up Highway 99, up to the farm. I pretty much grew up with all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"My maternal grandmother had a big vegetable garden, and one of my jobs during the summer was to tend the garden. And, as I got older, my older brother and I were put to work helping in the fruit orchards. There always was lots of fruit around. My grandmother made pies and cobblers, and we canned everything.

"We made lots of jams and jellies and lots of preserves. From apricots and just any kind of fruit that would grow up there — berries, pears, certainly peaches. I didn't know it at the time, but it was a very, very good experience for me to have when I came back to working with fruit later on in my life."

Mr. Tangren did not begin his professional career in orchards and kitchens, nor did he ever attend a cooking school. He studied meteorology. "But," he said, "when I was in college becoming a meteorologist, I cooked my way through Julia Child's volumes one and two of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, so I have the background of the classical techniques. These techniques, of course, are always good to have. And then Alice taught me how best to put these techniques to use."

For several years Mr. Tangren taught meteorology at the University of California at Davis, and after teaching at Davis, he went to work for the State of California Air Resources Board. "But," he said, "I always had an interest in food. I decided that I wanted to get into it more and started, while I was still working for the state, doing catering jobs. Eventually a good catering customer wanted to open a restaurant. So a friend and I opened a small restaurant outside of Sacramento called Café Natoma.

"We modeled our café after Alice's because we had come to the Bay Area to do some research on what was happening in the restaurant scene. That was around 1979, 1980, and Alice had just opened a café in 1980. So we had a fixed menu and tried to do the right thing. But the concept wasn't embraced by the people

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)

Letters by St. Paul provide the fodder when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers on Saturday, September 21, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E

Street). 858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Join the Party! The 32nd annual Julian Bluegrass Festival is set for September 21 and 22 at Frank Lane Park. Saturday's events include music by Bluegrass Etc., Silverado, Cliff Wagner and the Ol' #7, the Virtual Strangers, and Ron Spears and Within Tradition.

Bluegrass Etc. returns on Sunday, along with New West, the Bluegrass Redliners, Lighthouse, and the Witcher Brothers.

Both days promise lots of jam-

ming, food, music workshops, and music-related vendors' booths. The festival runs from about 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days. Admission is \$15 per day, free for those ten and younger. For information, call 760-726-8380 or 760-724-1785. Bring ice chests, chairs, and blankets; don't bring pets or glass bottles. (JULIAN)

Hey, Save the Bay! This San Diego BayKeeper event includes Paddle for the Bay IV (in which participants compete in either a five-mile bay course or a ten-mile ocean course;

the entry fee is \$25), a Polynesian picnic (\$30; call in advance for the required reservations), a pollution prevention expo, and "kids care" environmental activities (free). The party takes place on Saturday, September 21, in West Bonita Cove at Mission Bay Park (across from the Belmont Park roller coaster). For details, call 858-456-1666. (MISSION BAY)

A "Taste of Scripps Ranch" is being offered on Saturday, September 21, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Scripps Performing Arts Centre (9920 Scripps Lake Drive, suite 104). The benefit

to raise funds for a scholarship program includes two performances by Karl Anthony (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.) and food samples from many area restaurants. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12. For information, dial 858-586-7834. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Bamboo-Yah, Quail Botanical Gardens hosts its fall bamboo sale on Saturday, September 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 100 different varieties of bamboo will be for sale, and experts will be available to answer questions (9 to 10:30 a.m.).

Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission to the gardens is \$5 for general, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for children. For more information, call 760-801-9040. (ENCINITAS)

"September Song," it's the theme when the San Diego Bromeliad Society hosts its annual plant show and sale from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 22. The show — boasting approximately 350 bromeliads from around the tropical world — takes place in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Admission is free.

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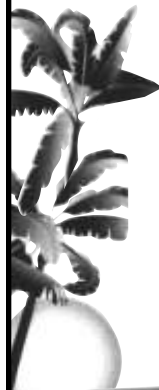
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them whatever the going rate is. It got kind of complicated to do the trade thing because it was always hard to figure out how much it was worth.”

I asked, “Am I correct in thinking that one good thing to do with fruit that’s beginning to cross over into the ‘hurry up and use me’ phase is to make sherbets?”

“Oh, absolutely. Fruit that you want to use for sherbet has to be almost at the point of ‘too far gone.’ It has its maximum flavor and aroma at that point. I think it’s also an excellent thing because even if you actually don’t have time to make the sherbet at that moment, you can purée the fruit and stick it in the freezer for a day or two and then use the purée later, or you can make the sherbet right away if you have time.”

“What does gelatin do, in making sherbet?”

“My feeling is that it keeps ice crystals from growing. Because once you freeze a sherbet, you know, the ice crystals continue to grow, and so it takes on an icy texture. What the gelatin does is inhibit that growth of ice crystals. So you can keep it for a day or two longer than you might ordinarily be able to. For people who don’t want to use gelatin, egg white does the same thing, because it’s the protein in the gelatin that inhibits the growth of the ice crystals. Just beat a little bit of egg white and then add it to the sherbet mixture before you put it in the freezer.”

I asked about working with peaches. “I slip their skins,” I said, “I slice them, I put the slices in a bowl, I sprinkle the slices with sugar to keep the peach flesh from turning brown. Why does the sugar do that?”

“It must have something to do with inhibiting the oxidation. Also, I think putting on the sugar keeps air from coming in contact with the fruit. The sugar will draw up a certain amount of the juice. We’ll sometimes slice them into a sugar syrup — we make a sugar syrup with a piece of vanilla bean in it and then chill that syrup and then slice the peaches into that. That, of course,

coats the slices with a protective layer, and that works. But something that I’ve found is that certain varieties get brown quicker than others. It’s certainly true that many of the white peaches show the brown better.”

“When you touch white peaches,” I said, “the flesh can be so delicate, like the skin of a delicate woman’s upper arm.”

Mr. Tangren agreed. “White peaches certainly are fragile, although there are some varieties of white peaches that do not bruise as much as others do. We’ve been working with some Arctic Gem white peaches lately from a farm up in Healdsburg, and we can keep them for a good half hour or so before they start turning brown.”

“Is there a sugar you recommend for fruit?”

“We use a number of different sugars. I think if you’re making sherbet, sometimes superfine sugar is easier to use because it dissolves much more quickly. We use the unrefined organic sugar for a number of things, but we’re still looking for one that doesn’t have as much brown color. There are some organic sugars that are somewhat refined and then others that are not refined at all.”

I said that I always thought of the more unrefined sugars as useful with apples and pears.

“Yes, those kinds of things — apples, pears — do well with sugar that has a bit of molasses flavor. I think either raw sugar or the refined organic sugar works really well for them. But for the more delicate things, like the white peaches, we still use refined sugar because the color changes the impression so dramatically.”

Chez Panisse’s dessert menu almost always offers at least one raw fruit. A recent menu suggestion was “Donner Trail Silver Logan peach and blueberries, \$6.50.” I asked if people tended to order plain old raw fruit.

“Yes, people do order it. And people either love it or hate it. The people who don’t seem to like it want something that’s a little more elaborate. One comment that I hear from time to time is ‘Oh, I thought this was going to be a plate of sliced fruit,’ but

of course in Europe, when you get a bowl of fruit, it’s a bowl of fruit, a bowl of sliced fruit. But the other day we just started to use the first of the Flavor King Pluots [a complex cross of plum and apricot] with that wonderful plum flavor. I got a number or raves from customers because the Pluot has such an unusual flavor and wonderful texture and so people who are open to that sort of experience love it. But people who want everything done for them, I think, don’t like it so much.”

“What is the easiest to make of the tarts in the book?”

“I think the easiest sort of tart to make is something that’s actually called a galette. I think probably the easiest of those would be an apple galette because there is less of a problem with excess juiciness and that sort of thing. But one that we’re making right now that I really like and that we can only make in the summer-time, strangely enough, is the Gravenstein apple and blackberry. Gravenstein apples have such a short season. They’re around for about two weeks and they don’t store very well, so they have to be used when they come off the tree. And right now the wild blackberries are something that we’ve been doing. The tartness of the apple really enhances subtleties of the wild blackberries, because wild blackberries don’t have very much acidity. They have a wonderful flavor but they can be a little flat, so the combination of the apple and the blackberry works exceptionally well. Also, these wild blackberries are smaller and therefore a bit easier to work with.”

“Why do you think that something sweet says, ‘This is the end of a meal?’”

“Well, most people like to wait to have something sweet because sugar can really kill your appetite. At the same time, sugar is very satisfying. So at the end of the meal if you have something sweet, it kind of signals to your brain — ‘Okay, I don’t really need anything more.’ But also sugar, historically, was hard to get, and it was used sparingly and maybe as a reward at the end of the meal. Of course, in the Middle Ages sugar was used in other parts of the meal as well, but we’ve kind of gotten away

beer tastings. For reservations, call 619-688-1600. (KEARNY MESA)

What Is the ArtsBusXpress? This initiative provides free bus transportation for classroom field trips to visual and performing arts venues in San Diego. There’s a kickoff reception and fundraiser planned on Thursday, September 26, with refreshments and entertainment by Fern Street Circus performers and local singer-songwriter Randy Phillips. The party runs 6 to 8 p.m. at the Art Expressions Gallery, 2645 Financial Court, suite C. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 619-687-3562. (ROSE CANYON)

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)

Garlic Fest, see independent filmmaker Les Blanc’s *Garlic Is as Good as Ten Mothers* and enjoy an all-garlic menu prepared by the Oceanside Museum of Art’s Culinary Arts Council on Saturday, October 5. (Non-garlic dishes will be available for “nonbelievers.”) Events begin at 6 p.m. at the Star Theater, 402 North Coast Highway. For reservations, call 760-721-2787 by Friday, September 27. (OCEANSIDE)

“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)

“Moonlight Sonata: A Tribute to Italo Scanga” is on exhibit through the year at the Carlsbad Sculpture Garden. The show includes seven Scanga pieces, including the very last piece he finished before his death, *Moonlight Sonata*. The artist’s sculptures combine found and salvaged objects, telling tales “of the human existence.”

Find the garden behind the Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, next to the Cole Library. 760-434-2920. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free. (CARLSBAD)

The Three-Part Installation *Bird Hub* by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through March 5, 2003, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the *Bird Hub*, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the “airplanes.” The project consists of three stations: the “Terminal,” the “Tower,” and the “Perch” (found on the MiraCosta College campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

FOR KIDS

Saddle Up and enjoy *Giddy-Up, Cowboys!* when comic-ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs through Sunday, September 22, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: Puppet Express presents *Songs, Rhyme, and Pantomime* September 25-29.

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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)

The Original Stranger to Avoid, do you know why you should never talk to strangers? Listen to *Red Riding Hood* and make a red hood during the story time set for Saturday, September 21, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

A Berenstain Bears Jamboree is planned on Saturday, September 21, at 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real) on Saturday, June 29, at 11 a.m. Free. Call 760-943-6400 for information. (ENCINITAS)

Color is the subject when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, September 21, from noon to 3 p.m.

Participants will “make a free science experiment” to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Chalk It Up to Fun, the Cannon Art Gallery’s Family Open Studio event on Saturday, September 21, includes a demonstration of Italian chalk “street painting” techniques. The open studio runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Is Your Bookshelf Big Enough for *Clifford the Big Red Dog*? Meet the enormous canine when he visits the story time planned at White Rabbit Bookstore on Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m. Find the Rabbit at 7755 Girard Avenue; 858-454-3518. Free. For children three and older. (LA JOLLA)

Inch on Over to the fifth annual insect fair planned at Quail Botanical Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29. Organizers promise displays of live insects

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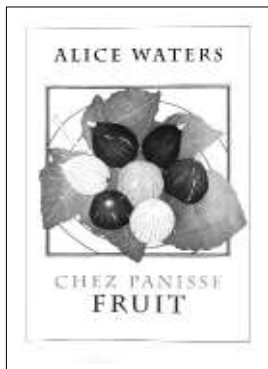
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from that now. There are many desserts that I find just too sweet. We try not to add very much sugar to things that we make for dessert, because it really can overwhelm the flavor of whatever it is that you're making."

I confessed that while I easily could pass up chocolate desserts that I not so easily turned my back on lemon-based sweets. Did Mr. Tangren have a preference?

He was a lemon man. "I often think if there was only one flavor that I could have it would have to

be lemon because it's just so wonderful, and Meyer lemons have a perfumy thing going on. Oh, yes, I have to agree with you. Anything lemon. It's a most wonderful, wonderful flavor."

"And figs?"

"Oh," said Mr. Tangren, "absolutely. Absolutely. Again, a fig is something that a lot of people don't really know very much about or haven't experienced. I think that's because a really good fig is so fragile. Unless you live right where figs are growing, it's hard to get a good one because they don't travel very well."

"Hybridizing, are you for it or against it?"

"Well, hybridizing has basically produced all the fruits that we use. I think traditional plant breeding has come up with wonderful things that we wouldn't have had. Look at what Luther Burbank did. We wouldn't have Santa Rosa plums or elephant heart plums were it not for him. I am opposed to genetic engineering, and some people confuse that with traditional plant breeding. That said, I don't always applaud the results of some hybridizing. For example, I know at the University of California at Davis they long worked on trying to develop a square tomato. So that sort

of thing, hybridizing at the expense of flavor, I don't appreciate. I also am very unhappy with all these low-acid nectarines and peaches now that have been developed. They have done that because these fruits can be harvested when they're still hard, but they will taste sweet. They were developed in response to marketers who want a fruit that won't bruise and that they don't have to think about taking care of. So these low-acid nectarines and peaches can be harvested when they're quite firm, shipped long distances, and don't really show any effects of the shipping. They're sweet before they get ripe, but they don't really have very much flavor because they don't have the acidity to balance the sweetness. People taste those, and they're disappointed with the flavor, and then they say, 'What's the point of buying a fresh peach or a fresh nectarine if it doesn't taste good?'"

"One thing I find interesting to think about," I said, "is that a peach, while it's sitting on the kitchen counter, is still alive."

"Of course," said Mr. Tangren, "because it continues to respire; it takes in oxygen and gives off carbon dioxide. The acidity level changes. These fruits are continually changing. That's why every day when I go home from the restaurant, I sort through all the fruit and choose ones that are getting ready to be used."

"The flesh of fruit," I asked, "isn't it simply the protector of the seed?"

"In a way, yes. But the flesh is also the means of getting the seeds to the places where they can grow. Animals — and to a certain extent, humans — are merely agents for helping the fruit do what it wants to do."

— Judith Moore

Pink Pearl Apple Galette
(this recipe can be found in *Chez Panisse Fruit*)

10 ounces galette dough, rolled into a 14-inch circle
2½ pounds Pink Pearl apples, quartered, peeled, and cored (peels

and cores reserved)
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
½ cup plus 5 tablespoons sugar

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Place a pizza stone, if you have one, on the center rack.

Remove the galette dough from the freezer or refrigerator and place on a buttered or parchment-lined baking sheet or aluminum pizza pan.

Slice the apples ¼-inch thick. At the outer edge of the tart shell, arrange apple slices in a slightly overlapping ring 1½ inches in from the edge of the dough. Working inward, arrange the remaining apples in tightly overlapping concentric circles, each smaller than the one before, until you reach the center. Rotate the tart while twisting and folding the overhanging dough over onto itself at regular 1-inch intervals, crimping and nudging the folded dough up against the apples and containing them within a border that resembles a length of rope. Gently brush the melted butter over the apple slices and onto the dough border. Evenly sprinkle 2 tablespoons of sugar over the buttered pastry edge and another 3 tablespoons of sugar evenly over the apples.

Bake in the center of the oven (preferably on a pizza stone). Rotate the tart after 15 to 20 minutes and once or twice more as it finishes baking to ensure even browning of the crust. Bake about 45 minutes in all, until the apples are soft, their edges have browned a bit, and the crust has caramelized to a dark golden brown. Remove the galette from the oven and carefully slide it off the parchment directly onto a cooling rack. Let cool at least 15 minutes before glazing and slicing.

Make the glaze while the tart is baking: Put the reserved apple peels and cores and the remaining ½ cup sugar in a saucepan, pour in just enough water to cover, and simmer for about 25 minutes. Strain the syrup and brush it gently over the finished tart before serving. Serves 8.

(honey bees, beetles, ants, and spiders), native and exotic snakes, crafts, bug story time, nature walks, and insect clothing and jewelry.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 general, \$4 seniors, free for kids 12 and under. Find the gardens at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; call 760-436-3036 for information. (ENCINITAS)

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

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum's activities include locating, collecting, documenting, and preserving historical

gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related not only to agriculture, but to the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. In addition, the museum has a blacksmith and wheelwright shop, a country kitchen and parlor, a steam-operated saw

mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. For further details, call 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Valley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire

engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. Dial 619-267-5141 for additional information. (BONITA)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, documents and photographs of American and Chinese-American aid to China during the Sino-Japanese War are gathered in "Sup-

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porting the Motherland,” on exhibit through October.

The museum is located in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden, including a statue of Confucius, a waterfall, stream, and a large Chinese gate. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista’s past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, this historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, which emphasizes simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages are also open on the fourth Tuesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Children Around the World videos are shown in the Hall of Nations on

the fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an “Industrial Product Collection,” with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with “some classics and a concept car.”

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. For more information, call 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, the “Navajo Code Talker” exhibit features photographs, World War II-era uniforms, traditional Navajo items, and a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Johnny R. Manuelito, one of the original 29 code talkers. See this exhibit through the December.

Housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, vintage photographs, books, desks, cafeteria menus, and other school paraphernalia are on display in “From Barn to Cyberspace: Lemon Grove Schools Evolve.” The current Lemon Grove School District has its roots in the town’s once-thriving orchards. William Hurst, an early pioneer in the local fruit-growing industry, offered his barn in 1893 as a schoolroom, and a district was born.

“Our Agriculture Roots” provides a look at the “sea of lemon trees” that once dominated the town’s landscape. The display features stacks of lemon crates adorned with fruit labels. “The Parson’s Study” is a decorated late-Victorian room with original furnishings, including a piped “Chorister” organ, evoking the museum’s origins as the town’s first church.

Find the museum at 7715 Church Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, over 30 exhibits designed to demonstrate the fun side of science, math, and technology from the Exploratorium in San Francisco are on display through June 2003. The exhibit revolves around themes of wind, weather and turbulence, mathematics, and motion and illusion.

APPLE POEM

After Apple-Picking

My long two-pointed ladder’s sticking through a tree
Toward heaven still,
And there’s a barrel that I didn’t fill
Beside it, and there may be two or three
Apples I didn’t pick upon some bough.
But I am done with apple-picking now.
Essence of winter sleep is on the night,
The scent of apples: I am drowsing off.
I cannot rub the strangeness from my sight
I got from looking through a pane of glass
I skimmed this morning from the drinking trough
And held against the world of hoary grass.
It melted, and I let it fall and break.
But I was well
Upon my way to sleep before it fell,
And I could tell
What form my dreaming was about to take.
Magnified apples appear and disappear,
Stem end and blossom end,
And every fleck of russet showing dear.

— Robert Frost (1874–1963)

Ongoing exhibitions include “The Human Body,” “Technovation,” “About Faces,” and “Skyscapes II.” The permanent exhibitions present a variety of hands-on exhibits illustrating scientific principles. Explore the various methods of transmission and storage and retrieval of information, such as lasers, flashing lights, waveforms, and more. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. For further information, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Automotive Museum, an overview of women’s myriad relationships with the automobile is offered in “Women and Wheels,” on view through Sunday, September 22. The show features a 1911 Maxwell, a 1907 Thomas Flyer touring car, a 1916 Saxon Roadster (important in depicting the automobile’s role in advancing the suffrage movement), a 1957 Cadillac Biarritz, and many more. The exhibit includes displays, costumes, photographs, vintage advertising art, and a variety of automobiles.

More than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum’s permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, the museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic

achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. Call 619-234-2544 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, the business of fashion in the movie industry provides the focus for “Popcorn Venus,” on exhibit through Monday, April 21, 2003. Hollywood served up glamour to the style-hungry masses, who, with the onset of the Depression, were looking for an escape from their everyday lives. Through designer drawings, photographs, costumes, and artifacts, the exhibition demonstrates how Hollywood could turn the average woman into a “popcorn Venus.”

A history of the motion picture industry in San Diego and the evolution of the city’s image during a century of movie making is charted in “Filming San Diego: Hollywood’s Backlot.” From the earliest silent films through the recent movies *Traffic* and *Almost Famous*, directors and producers have long been attracted to the county’s diverse topography and conducive climate. The exhibit includes a video history of the silent film industry, trivia, and costumes worn by James Cagney, Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, and others. Ongoing.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, almost every year for 250 years, a ship loaded with silver from Spain’s New World colonies crossed from Acapulco to Manila, then made the hazardous return trip laden with treasures from Asia. “Treasures of the Manila Galleons” focuses on the Manila galleon trade, the original commercial link across the Pacific. The exhibit includes recently discovered pieces from the cargo of a ship that wrecked on the shores of Baja

California about 1575, the earliest-known Manila galleon shipwreck; Spanish silver and pieces of eight; and artifacts, documents, and hands-on activities. View the exhibit through November.

Paintings created for the “Portrait of the Big Bay: The Second Maurice Braun Memorial Plein Air Painting Festival” are on exhibit through January 6, 2003, on the museum’s 1898 ferryboat *Berkeley*.

The museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego’s waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, including exhibits concerning the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, Ecuadorian cultures were among the first in the Americas to discover the mixture of clay, water, and fire that led to the invention of ceramics. Take a closer look at “Ecuadorian Pottery Traditions” in the exhibit, featuring more than 100 pieces, plus photography of the potters of the process. Both decorative and utilitarian pottery are highlighted in this show closing on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Working in conjunction with Amnesty International, the Survivors of Torture, and the International and San Diego Friends of Tibet, the museum has re-opened and expanded “Inquisition: Torture and Intoler-

ance.” The new component focuses on the reality of torture in the world today, including an interactive video and stories of modern-day torture survivors. The collection features dozens of macabre devices gathered from throughout Europe, some of them extremely rare, primarily used from the 1400s up to the early 1800s. All of the pieces on display are originals, including an iron maiden, a guillotine, chain flails, a knee splitter, and more. Ongoing.

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

The permanent anthropology exhibit “Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution” features five galleries filled with “more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine).” The exhibit offers an in-depth look at human evolution. For more information, dial 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Railroad Museum, over 80 pieces of vintage railroad equipment are collected here. Among the pieces: five antique steam locomotives, seven large diesel electric locomotives, a number of small switchers, old freight cars and cabooses, a U.S. Army kitchen car used on troop trains during World War II and Korea, and a variety of passenger cars.

The museum also offers train adventures through San Diego’s backcountry. Miller Creek trains depart every Saturday and Sunday from the Campo Depot at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find the Campo Depot off Highway 94 and Forrest Gate Road. For information, call 619-595-3030 or 619-478-9937. (CAMPO)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. A narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. A self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. Call 760-737-2201 for additional details. (ESCONDIDO)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber “salt box” family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Guided walking tours focusing on the history and architecture of the Gaslamp Quarter depart the museum each Saturday at 11 a.m. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du soldat* ("The Soldier's Tale") is a major piece of early-20th-century avant-garde theater, although you would not know it from the rare (and often defective) productions it is given. Its status as a brilliant theater work was not enhanced by the staging offered by SummerFest this year.

If this judgment seems too harsh to audience members who enjoyed the vigor, talent, and professional polish of the performers, let me immediately qualify it. The musical aspects were at a superlative level. The septet of first-rate SummerFest musicians occupying one half of the Sherwood Auditorium stage could not have been bettered. There were particularly exciting performances from Leila Josefowicz, playing the prominent violin part with dazzling intensity, and from percussionist Steven Schick. Esa-Pekka Salonen, seated with his back to the audience and conducting with his usual economical and unflamboyant gestures, brought out with great vividness and subtlety the acerbic expressiveness of Stravinsky's score.

Because this score is most often performed as a concert suite, in which the genius of Stravinsky's invention and orchestration is fully evident, there is a tendency to think of the literary contribution of the French-Swiss writer Charles-Ferdinand Ramuz as somehow of less importance to the work's value. This is especially so since everyone knows Stravinsky is one of the greatest of 20th-century creative artists, while few people these days have even heard of Ramuz. In fact, Stravinsky's collaborator was a distinguished artist in his own right, whose unique novels (such as *The Great Fear in the Mountains* and *Joy in Heaven*) richly repay the reading. Ramuz's poetic and fantastic fiction is filled with poignant insights into the nature of our life, and the special tone of Stravinsky's music in *L'Histoire* — above all its sense of an impersonal, brutal, universal sadness — owes much to Ramuz's text. If it was Stravinsky who initiated the project, inspired by some pages in Afanassiev's collection of Russian folktales, it was Ramuz who

determined the form and meaning of the whole work, which thoroughly reflects his own view of the human condition.

Consequently, an adequate production of *L'Histoire du soldat* must do justice to Ramuz's drama as well as to Stravinsky's music. The members of the SummerFest company whose activities occupied the other side of the stage were indeed of comparable calibre to the musicians: actor John Rubinstein, with his authoritative command of language and character, and the three superbly skilled dancers from John Malashock's company, Michael Mizerany, Gwen Hunter Ritchie, and Troy Sellers. From their work, constantly energized by the music, one certainly caught a glimpse of why *L'Histoire du soldat* ought to be considered a masterpiece. But because of various ill-advised choices in the presentation, the dramatic power of the work as a whole was weakened, its theatrical effect was diluted, and its meaning was muddled.

Consider, first of all, the mode of theatrical presentation. Stravinsky and Ramuz imagined things as follows: A narrator, seated at the side of the stage, would tell the story (in rhymed verse) of the naive soldier who is defrauded by the Devil, struggles against him, seems to have conquered him, but finally, through his own weakness, succumbs. Three actors would embody the main characters: the soldier, the devil, and the princess whom the soldier cures of a deathly illness and marries. The soldier and the devil were assigned dialogue, and were also expected to mime and dance certain scenes, accompanied by Stravinsky's music. The princess was a silent dance role. The narrator's job was to recount the action (quoting an occasional bit of dialogue), to suggest its meaning, and to tell us what is going on in the characters' minds. There was therefore to be a complex intermixture of characterful storytelling (with its reflective distancing), of dramatic action (with its immediate sense of reality), and of interpretive dance (with its stylized expression of emotion).

The SummerFest production made an initial decision to revise this distribution of tasks. John Rubinstein took over all the speaking. He not only narrated the tale, he also spoke the dialogue of the soldier and the devil. Rubinstein is a versatile actor, and he did an admirable job of differentiating the characters through voice and facial expressions. But a single person reading both sides of a dialogue in a lively and colorful way cannot have the theatrical impact of two actors — two bodies, two voices, in two locations on stage — talking to each other. However good the reader is (and Rubinstein is surely among the best), the lived experience of human confrontation is inevitably kept at a certain distance. Furthermore, the distinction between a character's speech and his inner thoughts, which is a significant element in the way the story is supposed to be presented, was enfeebled and sometimes obliterated by having one actor deliver both.

This choice also undermined the ingenious theatrical effect of the moment when — according to the text — the narrator, telling the story from the outside, actually intervenes in the action and engages in dialogue with the soldier, offering him shrewd advice on how to defeat the devil. Such an intentional breach of dramatic decorum (which the avant-garde theater has made much use of) sharply alerts the audience to the fictive nature of theatrical art, and it is all the more exhilarating here because it constitutes the only instance of the device in *L'Histoire*. But with Rubinstein continually functioning as every voice in every conversation, his talking directly to a fictional personage whose story he was narrating hardly aroused notice.

It's a subtle point, admittedly. But far more overt — and far more damaging to the overall dramatic impact — was the dissolution of unity of character produced by the strict division of labor in this staging. When the soldier had something to say, it was John Rubinstein who said it. When the soldier had something to do, it was Michael Mizerany who did it. Rubinstein acted in character, and Mizerany danced in character (and much of the choreography devised for

him by John Malashock was wonderfully eloquent), but the consequence was that the audience was confronted with two embodiments of the soldier, rather than one, and that therefore neither of them could fully command our empathy.

If that was anti-dramatic, even more so was the treatment of the devil. The devil of *L'Histoire* is a master of mummery. In the course of his numerous attempts to deceive, manipulate, control, and destroy the soldier, he appears in the symbolic guise of a butterfly collector (someone who captures free-flying creatures and pins them to a board), a cattle merchant (someone who leads



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Stravinsky

SummerFest: *L'Histoire du soldat* Sherwood Auditorium (La Jolla Chamber Music Society)

Esa-Pekka Salonen, conductor; John Rubinstein, narrator; John Malashock, choreographer; Michael Mizerany, Gwen Hunter Ritchie, and Troy Sellers, dancers; Leila Josefowicz, violin; Nico Abondolo, bass; John Bruce Yeh, clarinet; Ryan Simmons, bassoon; David Washburn, trumpet; James Miller, trombone; Steven Schick, percussion.

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calves to slaughter), an old female peddler (who now possesses as a trinket the soldier's violin, which is his essence as a human being, his power to love, his soul), a concert violinist (who plays with fabulous technique on human moral frailties), a grotesque stage demon (driven into a frenzy by the soldier, who has regained his violin and uses its music to defeat his enemy), and finally the triumphant Satan (costumed magnificently in red). This is terrific theatrical stuff, and morally meaningful as well: the author of evil is everywhere, in every situation, relentlessly engineering our doom. But to achieve the intended effect, the devil with his various disguises ought to be an autonomous individual on stage, who is always the devil and nothing but the devil.

Moreover, the popular, folklike nature of the story and its dramatization demands that the devil's masquerades be given some concrete visual manifestation. Elaborate costuming would not have been necessary, except perhaps at the very end, when we are to see him in his full diabolical majesty. Up till then, just a few details would have done: a wig or a mask, a characteris-

tic item of clothing, a defining prop (such as a butterfly net in the first scene). Without this, the qualities of playfulness and color, essential to the theatricality of *L'Histoire* (as they are to Stravinsky's music), were denied their due. The devil may be wicked, but he is also fun.

There was (to be fair) a bit of colorful costuming in the production: namely, the outfits of the princess and of the devil-as-dancer. The latter figure, however, presented a considerable problem here. He had a problematic history. For the original production in 1918, Stravinsky and Ramuz discovered to their chagrin that the amateur actor playing the devil, Jean Villard-Gilles, was incapable of executing the dance required of the character, notably in the culminating scene. As a stopgap, they induced the production's director, Georges Pitoëff, to take over the devil's role in the danced sections. So the precedent for double-casting the devil was set, and it was followed in the recent SummerFest production. But in Lausanne in wartime, and on a restricted budget, this double-casting was a practical necessity, not an aesthetic choice; everyone would have preferred an actor who could also dance.

In La Jolla in 2002, with a professional cast, it should not have been too difficult to find an accomplished actor-dancer to play the devil, and so to

avoid the splitting of the character. Musical comedy actors do this sort of thing all the time. I have no doubt that John Rubinstein, properly coached, could have done the devil's dancing up proud. Probably he would have needed choreography somewhat less athletic and intricate than what Malashock provided for Troy Sellers, a highly trained and talented modern dancer. But seeing the devil's final scene danced by the same actor who had impersonated him all the way through would have given the story much more power (and higher intelligibility too) than seeing the devil we had come to know and relish suddenly replaced by someone else. In a theatrical work like this, components such as dance (and music — even music by Stravinsky) are governed by the drama, and must bow to its needs.

The substitution was especially disconcerting because, while John Rubinstein is a mature actor with white hair and a face full of the personality that comes with age, Troy Sellers is a generically handsome young man, spectacularly lithe, an electrifying dancer, but (in this role at least) devoid of identifiable character. A red blouse suggested that this figure might be supposed to be the devil, but he was so unlike the devil as Rubinstein had portrayed him that one could not feel any visceral sense of identity between the two. Miz-

erany, even though he too shared his role with Rubinstein, seemed completely at home in his character as the soldier. Sellers, in contrast, seemed exclusively a dancer in a Malashock dance.

Everything I've written so far has to do with how various aspects of the staging, faulty but not fatal to the production as a whole, could have been handled better. My final comment, however, is about a gross mistake. The subject, once again, is the devil's final dance. This is how the story goes: After numerous ups and downs in his struggle with the devil, the soldier has finally married the princess, and has settled down to a life of stability, security, prosperity, and love. Yet after a period of happiness, his wife asks him about his past, and he recalls to mind the events we saw at the beginning. When he first encountered the devil and lost his way in life, he had been on the road back to his native village to see his mother and his fiancée. After a three-day sojourn at the devil's palace, he was transported home — but in the normal world three years had passed, his fiancée was married and had two children, his friends did not recognize him, and his mother ran from him in terror, as though he were a ghost.

Deprived of the setting and contacts of his childhood, he had been propelled into the lonely quest of a rootless man for value and meaning in life,

a journey that had seemed to come to an end when he cured the princess with the music of his violin. But now, even though he has love and a wife, and could start a family of his own, he is gripped with nostalgia for what he used to have and has no more; he yearns to return to his village; he longs to see his mother again, and to be recognized by her. Then he would have everything.

The devil, in his earlier defeat, had warned the soldier that if ever he stepped across the frontier that separates his new life from his old he would fall irrevocably under the devil's sway. The soldier knows that a return is forbidden, but his longing is so great — perhaps he could get away with it, he tells himself. Yet there is a kind of fatalism in this longing, a compulsion that involves both his need to return to his past and his knowledge that such a transgression will mean the loss of everything, including his life. He and the princess travel to the frontier; she falls behind; alone, he steps across the boundary line; and suddenly, there is the devil, who once more is in possession of the soldier's violin and is playing on it triumphantly.

What follows is certainly the most revelatory scene of *L'Histoire du soldat*. The music is hectic, demonic, dominated by the frenzied, repetitive phrases of the violin. For some reason, Malashock decided to choreograph this section as a

violent combat between the soldier and the devil, with the two of them twisting about each other, leaping on each other, hitting, beating, attacking, defending, clinching, bounding apart. It was a virtuoso display for the two dancers, and a terrific bit of choreography. But it went contrary to what the creators of *L'Histoire* expressly wanted. This section of the score is not titled "Final struggle of the devil and the soldier" but (something the music itself makes clear) "Triumphal march of the devil": the evil spirit has won, decisively and forever, and he capers in demonic glee at his long-sought victory.

As for the soldier, he gave up his fight for life the moment he stepped over the frontier. There is no combat. "The soldier has lowered his head. He follows the devil, very slowly, but without resistance" — a stunning effect. The depth of his passive acceptance is underlined by further stage directions. Someone (obviously his wife) calls to him from offstage. He stops for an instant, but makes no move to escape. His captor prods him to keep moving. The devil and the soldier leave the stage. There is a final — and futile — call from the wings. And the music capers on, at last with nothing left but the wild, bare, ferocious beating of the kettle drums, reflecting the devil's real nature, no longer in need of disguise.

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Much of this Malashock followed dutifully and effectively. But his choreography made the soldier's apathy the result of a drubbing by the devil, whereas Ramuz indicates that the cause lies elsewhere. For the length of the story, the soldier has always succeeded in thwarting the devil's devices, through his ability to learn from experience, his freedom of choice, and his passion for life. Now, however, his judgment, his freedom, and his will have deserted him, and it is not the devil who is to blame, but some inner impairment of his own.

That is the way we should have seen things on the Sherwood Auditorium stage in the final scene, because that is the ultimate point of this profound work of art: the incompatible aims of the imperfect human animal, the open desire to be everything and the secret desire to be nothing, the infant who comes from nowhere and who returns to nowhere, the defeat that rises from within, the letting go. ■

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Recorder Players are invited to join the San Diego County Recorder Society for instruction and playing on Friday, September 20, at the Tierrasanta Recreation Center. Recorder basics begin at 6:30 p.m., with a guest conductor leading the group from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Find the center at 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). For information, call 760-726-8699. The first visit is free. (TIERRASANTA)

Serious Fun, dozens of toy pianos will fill the stage when Geisel Library's Toy Piano Orchestra and leader Scott Paulson present the opening concert for the fall 2002 series at the First Unitarian Universalist Church. The program includes "familiar and not-so familiar works" and novelty songs, along with works commissioned by the group. Paulson will be accompanied by organist Kenneth Herman. The second half of the program features a performance by the Rabbinical School Dropouts, including the Concerto for Toy Piano and Klezmer Band.

The concert is slated for Saturday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Selections from the Baroque to the 20th Century may be enjoyed when Allegro opens its season with a concert on Sunday, September 22, at 4 p.m., at Saint Gregory the Great (11451 Blue Cypress Drive). Quartet

members Karen Victor (oboe), Jared Jacobsen (keyboards), Valerie Ugorski (flute), and Reynard Rott (cello) will perform pieces by Vivaldi, Granados, Viardot-Garcia, Martin, and Honegger. Admission is a \$10 donation. Questions? Call 619-440-5324 for answers. (POWAY)

The Fall Concert Series hosted by the Carlsbad City Library opens with a performance of works by Schubert, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven by the Oberon Piano Trio on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m., in the library's Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Questions? Call 760-602-2026 for answers. (CARLSBAD)

"A Night of Opera" is promised when the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus hosts a concert on Sunday, September 22. Soprano Kathleen Halm, coloratura soprano Stacey Fraser, mezzo-soprano Janelle Rollinson, and baritone Thomas Roy, accompanied by a chamber orchestra from the La Jolla Symphony, will present excerpts by Mozart, Wagner, Rossini, Puccini, Bizet, Delibes, Bellini, and Verdi.

Tickets range from \$50 to \$85. The music begins at 7 p.m. in Sherwood Auditorium, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). For information, call 858-534-4637. (LA JOLLA)

"Sounds for Us," the San Diego Ballet and Camarada chamber ensemble join forces for a tribute to the music of the United States and some of its beloved composers — including Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, and others — on Sunday, September 22. The performance begins at 6 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 for students and seniors, available by calling 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Works by Tchaikovsky are promised when the Kensington Piano Trio performs for the San Diego Library concert series on Sunday, September 22. Trio members include violinist Natalka Kytasty, cellist Yuri Kytasty, and pianist Ronald Morebello. The recital begins at 2:30 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium; find the library at 820 E Street. 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, September 22, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Works by Classical, Contemporary, and Women Composers may be enjoyed when Lisa Kozenko (oboe) and Dana Burnett (piano) present the first mini-concert of the season at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library on Monday, September 23, at noon.

Find the library at 1008 Wall Street and by calling 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Music of the Californias" is both the theme for a concert and the title of the newest CD by the Westwind Brass. The concert — with tunes from the cathedrals of Baja to the stylings of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, along with music from the Disney studios and from the Gold Rush era — is set for Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For more information, call 619-337-2848. (BALBOA PARK)

New Music is on tap when the New Music Ensemble at San Diego State University presents a recital at noon on Wednesday, September 25, in Smith Recital Hall at SDSU. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

"Imágenes a Través de la Música, Images Through Music," the La Jolla Symphony and Chorus presents works by Mexican composers and will musically interpret the shapes, colors, and compositional rhythms of artworks on display in the galleries on Thursday, September 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The program includes a speaker to deepen the audience's appreciation of the relationship between the art and the music being performed. 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Music of the Americas" may be enjoyed when Colin McAllister performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, September 26, at 12:30 p.m., in the Performance Lab (D-10). Free. Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road; 760-744-1150 x2317. (SAN MARCOS)

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GALLERIES

All California Artists were invited to take part in the “Fourth Biennial Artists’ Books Juried Exhibition” hosted by the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The resulting exhibit, jurored by Scripps College Press director Kitty Maryatt, opens with a reception for the 22 selected artists on Friday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. Find the Athenaeum at 1008 Wall Street. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Wednesday until 8:30 p.m. For information, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

New Work in a Variety of Media by art and design faculty members is on exhibit in the “2002 Faculty Exhibition” opening in the University Art Gallery at San Diego State University

with a reception on Friday, September 20, at 7 p.m. View the pieces, created by 40 faculty artists, through Wednesday, October 9. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Questions? Call 619-594-5171 for answers. (SDSU)

“Falling into Place,” a mixed-media show curated by COVA’s Patricia Frischer, boasts art by 12 local artists and opens with a reception at Gallery 21 on Friday, September 20, at 5 p.m. The show closes on Sunday, September 29. For more information, call 619-527-2508. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. (BALBOA PARK)

Painting, Sculpture, Engraving, drawing, and poetry by Nick Applebee is gathered in “Thinking of You,” opening with a reception on Friday, September 20, at 6 p.m., at the Mixed Media Art Gallery. Regular viewing hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends by appointment, at 4576 Federal Boulevard. 619-527-2508. (SAN DIEGO)

“More About Paint” is on offer in the solo exhibition by contemporary artist Conrad Adolph Mecheski on view at the Playa Gallery through Friday, October 11. At the opening reception — on Friday, September 20, 6 to 9 p.m. — enjoy “live abstract music” by Ric Cupples.

Find the gallery at 2940 Adams Avenue. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For information, call 619-339-1136. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

New Works by professional actress and artist Mylinda Mae Hull are on exhibit through Tuesday, December 24, at the Artists’ Forum. Meet Hull during a reception planned on Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. Find the gallery at 4072 Adams Avenue; 619-641-5855. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through

Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. (KENSINGTON)

Meet the Trio of Artists known as C-K-W — a.k.a. Lauren Kascius Carrera, Sandra Lucia Kass, and Jassanne Wallace — during a reception planned on Saturday, September 21, at 4 p.m., in conjunction with the COVA open studios tour events. 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)

The Formal Conversion to Judaism of 300 native Ugandans, the Abayudaya, is contrasted with the daily life and condition of Ethiopian Jews who remain in Addis Ababa awaiting admission to Israel in “Jews of Africa.” This photography exhibit by Edward Samiljan opens with a slide-presentation by the artist and a reception on Thursday, September 26, at 6 p.m., at the Gotthelf Art Gallery.

The Gotthelf is found in the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. For information, call 858-362-1174. (LA JOLLA)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, “Everything Can Be Different” 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 mal-

leability of social situations and settings. This exhibit 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 seesaw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, “Fantasy and Play: Dolls, Toys, and Objects of Amusement” is a new show continuing 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, colorist, 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 Railroad Depot, adjacent to the America Plaza trolley transfer station. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, some of the most visually breathtaking works of art in the 20th Century are on exhibit in “Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art,” opening on Sunday, September 22. The artists have used fabric to transcend the traditional bounds of painting, drawing, sculpture, and architecture. Spanning 40 years in the artists’ joint career, the exhibition features 61 objects, including several early wrapped packages, preparatory drawings and collages for projects in urban and rural sites, and photographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

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

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.”

To commemorate September 11, 2001, the museum hosts “Without Borders: Transcending Terror” to “acknowledge those who died that day” through Cheryl Sorg’s 3-D photographic installation entitled *The Missing Piece*. The exhibit also examines the consequences of any act of violence as seen through the eyes of photojournalists including Dmitri Baltermants, Susan Meiselas, Alex Webb, Sebastio Salgado, and Damir Sagolj, among eight others. This show closes on Sunday, October 13.

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

San Diego Museum of Art, significant works by the current generation of Mexican artists are included in “Axis Mexico: Common Objects and Cosmopolitan Actions,” on view through Sunday, March 9, 2003. Nineteen artists are included in the show, including Francis Alÿs, Sylvia Gruner, Monica Castillo, Rubén Ortiz Torres, Eduardo Aborrea, 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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Shudder Rhythm

"Shakespeare didn't have a car, or a radio."

A man who works with his hands is a workman," writes Donald Oenslager, "a man who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman; and when that man also works with his heart, he is an artist. Robert Edmond Jones combined these three roles with triple felicity." Jones (1887–1954) is one of American theater's most important artists. He introduced "the New Stagecraft" to this country, designed most of O'Neill's plays, and wrote and lectured eloquently about theater. And yet there is no biography of the man John Mason Brown called "the high priest of evocation." And what remains of his writings is drifting out of print. The following "lecture" — all in his own words — comes from Jones's books, lectures, interviews, and letters. You may not agree with his specific precepts — and may find his style a mite too rhapsodic — but you've got to admit, Jones could give theater practitioners one hell of a pep talk.

"Now the first thing I want to talk about is excitement. You all know who Gertrude Stein was. [She said] the business of an artist is to be exciting. I'm going to say that again: 'The business of an artist is to be exciting.' That sentence ought to be heard every day, on every radio station, every hour on the hour, like a singing commercial: 'THE BUSINESS OF AN ARTIST IS TO BE EXCITING.'"

"The kind of excitement I'm talking about is an excitement that comes from within, self-generated. This theater excitement — the unmistakable theater thrill — occurs only in the presence of profound and passionate emotions. The qualities that give a noble turn to things. Without them the theater withers away into show business.

"But I'm not talking about show business. I'm talking about ardor and wonder, and horror, and despair, and things that are haunted and fraught with dreams, and magnificences, and raptures, and glories. I am talking about the beating of the human heart in the theater and the pulsing of life along the veins. We must have great emotions in the theater.

"I am here to remind you of this tremendous

affirmation. Let your theater be heartbroken. Let it be tragic. Let it be filled with groping and blackness. But don't let it be feeble. Don't let it be obtuse. Don't let it be unaware.

"Someone once wrote a review in which he spoke of the production as a 'humming mountain of fire.' I've remembered that phrase for years. But it takes *life* to create life in the theater. That is

our difficulty. We don't seem able to experience anything. We only learn *about* it. We close ourselves to experience. We don't look! We don't listen! Why can't we learn to use our eyes and our ears? Why can't we at least learn to be aware of what is going on around us?

"I feel an impulse to speak further about this matter. It is quite possible for us to lead a completely fulfilled life in this country, at this moment. Thousands of Americans, tens of thousands of Americans, are living happily and contentedly with no inner life at all. Why bother? It will do no harm for us to remember, at this point, that Shakespeare didn't have a car, or a radio; and neither did Sophocles, and neither did Molière.

"My purpose is simply to remind you, over and over again, that the art of the theater is the art of awareness — a sense of living that is so strong it can make us feel that what we call living isn't living at all, but a kind of sleep.

"The peculiar 'theater sense of life' is the ability to sense the life that is in this instant and the next instant and the next — the raw, stinging, quick of living, as it rushes upon us out of the mysterious future and vanishes away from us forever into dreams. This sense of the instant, of each instant as it flies away, is one of our rarest gifts, and one most boldly to be cherished.

"You are talented enough. That isn't what the trouble is. I am not speaking to stupid people. Our trouble is older and deeper — far older, far deeper. Without knowing it we have allowed ourselves to think of the theater as a job to be done — a first-night success, a sheaf of rave reviews — and never in terms of an experience to be imparted.

"Perhaps the most striking symptom of the

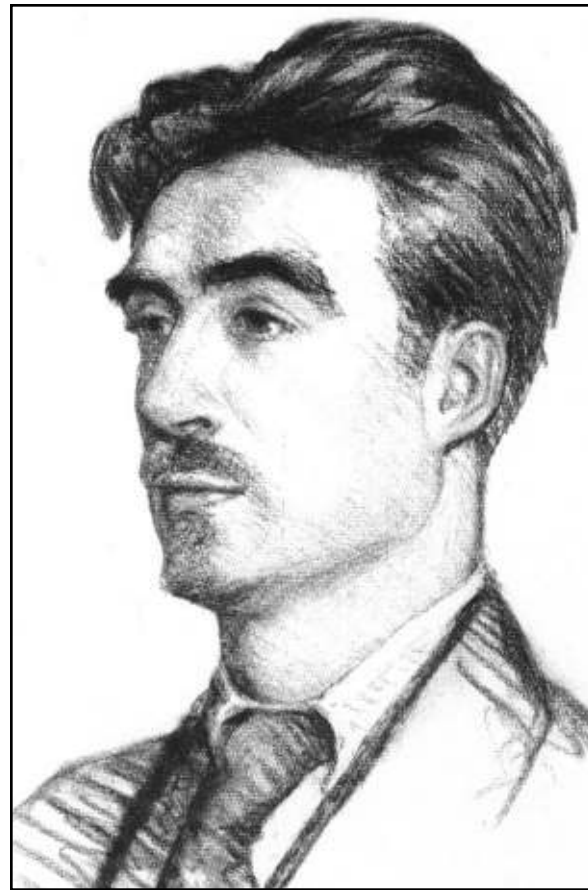
theater's failure to keep abreast of the times is the way we mistake efficiency — expertness — for true creation. There is no doubt that our American theater is the most expert theater in the world, the snappiest, the slickest. So expert, in fact, that a distinguished European visitor spoke of it not long ago as a 'clinical theater.'

"I want my imagination to be stimulated by what I see on the stage. But the moment I get a sense of ingenuity, a sense of effort, my imagination is not stimulated. It is starved. That play is finished, as far as I'm concerned. For I have come to the theater to see a play, not to see the work done on a play.

"Stage pictures become important only in periods of low dramatic vitality. The true designer creates an environment in which all noble emotions are possible. Then he retires. The actor enters. If the designer's work has been good, it disappears from our consciousness at that moment. We do not notice it anymore. The actor has taken the stage; and the designer's only reward lies in the praise bestowed on the actor.

"It is easy, of course, to understand why there are not more good actors on the stage today. The *métier* is too hard. This art of acting demands a peculiar humility, a concentration and dedication of all one's energies. We must get clean away from the winning, ingratiating, I-hope-you're-all-going-to-like-me-because-I-need-the-money quality of a great deal of acting today.

"It is surprisingly difficult to find actors who seem to mean what they say. How often one is tempted to call out from the audience, 'It's a lie. I don't believe a word of it!' A deep sincerity, a voice that comes from the center of the self, is one of the rarest things to be found on stage today. It's odd that this quality of conviction should be so hard to find. And when an actor moves before us at last with the strange freedom and calm of one possessed by the real, we are stirred as only the theater can stir us.



Robert Edmond Jones

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allow itself to be reduced to mechanical terms. In the face of our efficiency writing, efficiency staging, efficiency acting, and lighting, the theater just simply isn't there. Something else is there — something entertaining, doubtless; and charming, and amusing, and interesting, and all that. But where is the authentic theater thrill? And where is the awe? And where is the glory?

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"This thing that I'm saying is not a whim, nor a beef, nor a gripe. It is a fact. What we are taught to call theater today isn't theater at all. True theater isn't, with the rarest exceptions, to be found in our playhouses. It has gone out the window.

"I want you to get a sense of responsibility toward the theater. I want you to realize

that what you *are* shows through what you *do* in the theater. I want you to move out of the shallows into the deep current. I want you to acknowledge the fundamental mystery of theater. I want you to learn that observation is not a substitute for insight; that ingenuity is not a substitute for imagination; that cleverness is not a substitute for culture. I want you to realize how deficient we are in a sense of reality and how we try to compensate for this deficiency in all sorts of dazzling and futile ways. I want you to know that audiences have capacities for feeling that no dramatist has ever touched.

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Adios, Mama Carlota

The Hispanic Theatre of San Diego stages a musical about the "doomed" of Maximilian and Carlota, whose reign in Mexico lasted three years. The musical, written by Jesus Sierra-Oliva, is performed in Spanish.

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Adoration of the Old Woman

The La Jolla Playhouse stages the world premiere of Jose Rivera's drama. Five people fight for freedom in "near-future, rural Puerto Rico." Jo Bonney directed.

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Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production aban-

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dons 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.

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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.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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, 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. 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.

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Death Rides the Stage

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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.

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, 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, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22; SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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The Killing of Sister George

A riding — as opposed to flying — nun, Sister George is a district nurse who tours conservative Applehurst on 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” her first. Frank Marcus’s dark comedy (1965) relies 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 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. *George* relies on comic types. Without a tabloid aura surrounding it, *George* is often slow, repetitious, and lacking dimension. It’s also funny, however, and the production has many plusses. Like Priscilla Allen’s June/George, a vulnerable maelstrom — tough, yet acutely sensitive — who jackknifes between victory and defeat in almost every scene. Allen’s performance, swaggering 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 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, AT 2:00 P.M.

Love from a Stranger

Lamplighters Community Theatre presents Frank Vesper’s mystery drama about a hasty marriage and growing doubts. Mary L. Smith directed. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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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 director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Symathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

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Pericles

When Renaissance cartographers included uncharted terrain on

their maps, they wrote, “Here be dragons.” With Shakespeare’s rarely produced *Pericles*, the Globe Theatres venture into, at least for them, dragon territory. The venture thrills as much as it gains. On the Lowell Davies outdoor stage, the Bard’s quirky tale of Job-like loss and heart-stopping reunion unfolds like a magical mystery tour of the eastern Mediterranean, circa 200 BCE. Director Darko Tresnjak, a newcomer, is so talented it’s hard to pinpoint his strengths (most awards measure popularity, not talent; it’s easy to see why he won the 2001 Alan Schneider Award for Directing Excellence). Tresnjak’s a wonder. So is actor Ned Schmidtke, who plays John Gower. Every local actor should watch him perform Shakespeare — how *human* he makes the words (you’d swear he thinks in iambs). As Pericles and his daughter, Marina, Michael James Reed and Anna Belknap shine. 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 rainbows the white surfaces. Linda Cho’s excellent costumes constitute a fashion tour of Tyre, Tarsus, Ephesus, and Mytiline. And the sound design includes a frequently plucked Aeolian harp that resonates through this excellent production.

Critic’s pick.

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Prisoner of Second Avenue

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Rumors


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dience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening-of-fers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGHIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks! What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the master-works of ancient Greek drama, 6th @ Penn 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 sugges-

tion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, 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. Next play: Tuesday, October 8, Jean Racine, *Phaedra*. **Worth a try.**

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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 “blood-chilling” tales by Henry James and August Strindberg. The acting is up to HIP’s usually high standards. Dana Hooley gives a rich, layered performance in the Strindberg — a woman remade herself in her rival’s image and, in this borrowed self, has found some happiness. Fred Harlow (as several different characters) and Joy Osmanski, as the new governess, do nice turns in *Screw*. Paula Peasley’s Victorian-like costumes and excellent, flash-cut lighting by Robert Dahey and Sandra Kraus enhance throughout. In each piece, the acting must overcome weak, or puzzling writing, however. *The Stronger* runs 15 minutes. Sandra Kraus’s new work-in-progress adaptation tacks on a second ver-

sion that questions how “strong” Hooley’s now much more emotive character is (Hooley makes it work, but the emphasized dynamics exist in the original, a remarkable study of projection and fluctuating status). Jeffrey Hatcher’s adaptation of *Screw* is wordy, overly narrated, and almost seems bent on dragging down the quality performances.

Worth a try.

THE ACTOR’S ASYLUM, THROUGH OCTOBER 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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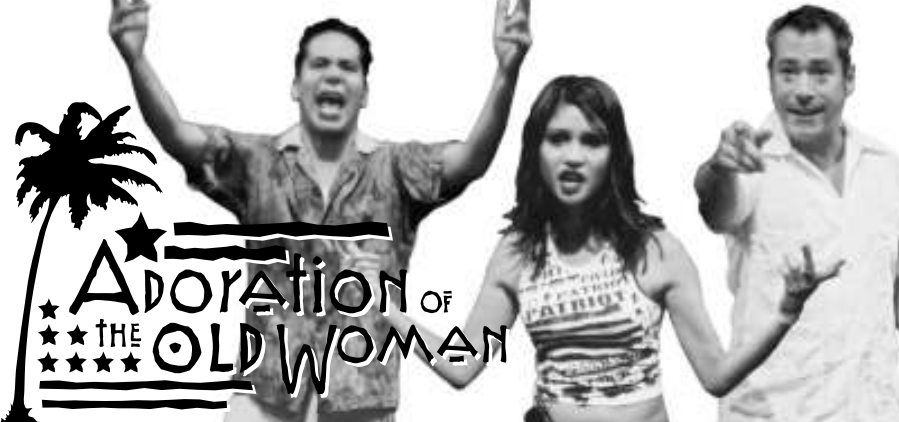
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"He made a lot of money." That's great for him. But I think it was a slap in the face to the hardworking San Diego

places to play."

But one member of the Bon Temps Social Club, the local group that supports Cajun music (every Tuesday at Tio Leo's, every Thursday at the Balboa Park Club), says it's no big deal. "So who needs the Street Scene?" asked the Bon Temps member who wanted to be

willing to go on the record about this year's Street Scene. Club founder Peter

Oliver thinks the lack of zydeco and blues offerings actually proved to be a lame business move, causing many 35-plus music lovers to stay home. "My entire dance community thinks it's terribly sad there was no zydeco at all," said Oliver.

Hagey admitted that 15,000 fewer people attended this year's Street Scene compared to last year.

Street Scene spokesman Tim Hackett said, "Only in the last couple of years has there been fewer blues and zydeco bands booked.... Rob expects to bring back more roots music next year, due in large part to people saying bring it back." Hackett said the 15,000 decrease this year was due to last year's figure of 105,000, which was "an all-time high."

Hackett said this year's Street Scene did present one

blues band — Indigenous.

The free-admission Adams Avenue Street Fair in



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOVINO

BAYOU BROS. BUMMED NO ZYDECO AT STREET SCENE

Normal Heights (www.gothere.com/AdamsAve) includes such zydeco artists as Bonne Musique Zydeco, the Bayou Brothers, and Bennie and the Swampgators.

The second annual Gator by the Bay Festival is October 4, 5, and 6 at the Bayside Marina Park in Chula Vista (www.sandiegofestival.com) and

includes zydeco players like Lisa Haley & the Zydekats, Terrance Simien & the Mallet Playboys, the San Diego Cajun Playboys, the Bayou Brothers, and Kenny Menard & Bonne Musique Zydeco.

— Ken Leighton

"They never registered the name."

They walked away from every single aspect of the business," says Len Paul about any rights Goldenvoice may hold to the club name "SOMA."

Paul Tollet, co-owner of Goldenvoice, sees it

differently. Although he admits the new nightclub that Len Paul plans to open will benefit the local music scene ("People are gonna be blown away by the place"), he says he and his partner Rick Vansanten still own the name.

"I haven't figured out what's gonna happen," said

Tollet. "We have started to discuss it [with Paul]. We had a meeting, and we left on really good terms, but we haven't settled anything."

Not true, said Paul. "There have been no discussions with reference to the name."

Paul said the newest incarnation of SOMA will have its grand opening on October 11. He said the large room will hold 2400 fans while a smaller room will have a 500-person capacity.

Paul said the official name of the business when he sold it to Goldenvoice



PHOTOGRAPH BY RANDY HOFFMAN

WILL SD REMAIN SOMALESS?

was "Soma Live" and that the new name will be "Soma San Diego."

"The reason we changed the name is from a

the inside track

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musical community."

Karen Lee is the devoted wife of drummer Rick Lee of the zydeco band the Bayou Brothers. The couple noticed how Street Scene promoter Rob Hagey didn't invite any zydeco or blues bands to this year's Street Scene. Past Street Scenes have had stages dedicated to both.

"When we realized how the Street Scene was gonna be put together, I was hurt," recalls Lee. "I could see hurt in Rick's eyes. We put in a lot of work looking for

unnamed. "The Adams Avenue Street Fair [September 28 and 29] has a much bigger zydeco lineup this year than they ever had. And the week after that we have our own 'Gator by the Bay' festival.... I guess we're too old for the Street Scene. They are consciously trying to connect with the twentysomething people because maybe younger people like to drink more than we do."

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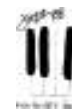
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marketing standpoint. People are proud of the fact they are from San Diego."

According to local attorney David Branfman, there is a simple legal concept that suggests Goldenvoice has lost its hold on the name "SOMA."

"It's called 'use it or lose it....' If you don't use the name in the market for two to three years, it is considered abandoned and it is up for grabs."

Tollet says Goldenvoice lost a "five-figure" investment in the old SOMA, yet Tollet says he still wants to do business with Paul. Goldenvoice last year became part of the larger Concerts West promotion company, which presumably would want to bring major names to Soma San Diego in the future.

Concerts West handled the Britney Spears, Korn, and Family Values tours, among others. Concerts West also books live shows into the El Rey Theater, the Palladium, and the Palace — all in L.A.

Tollet and Vansanten

own the Glass House venue in Pomona, and the pair founded the Coachella summertime music series near Palm Springs.

"I'd like to do shows there," said Tollet about Soma San Diego.

Are lawyers involved?

"I haven't sought advice yet," he said. "I can't imagine it would go to court. We know each other well enough that we don't have to waste court time. I see it one way. [Paul] sees it another way. We'll figure it out. I don't want to be the person standing in the way of a great venue in San Diego."

— Ken Leighton

The last time the Iron Maidens played at 'Canes, the line of people waiting to



IRON MAIDENS SWEATING IN LATEX

get in went around the building and into the parking lot. At 9:20 p.m., without having moved much closer to the entrance, I heard the first tribute band — to AC/DC — take

the stage. Some in the crowd got disappointed until a few members of the Maidens walked by. The guy in front of me turned around and said, "I guess I'd rather miss AC/DC than them!"

The Iron Maidens are an all-female tribute band to '80s metal gods Iron Maiden. I asked Maidens singer Jen Warren (who goes by Jen Chickinson — a play on Iron Maiden's Bruce Dickinson) how her previous band, Wrathchild, become the Iron Maidens.

"Our guitarist Dave had been saying we should go all-female. And he joined a Metallica tribute band [Creeping Death], which my husband is the singer of. And I think there's something about a hot chick with a guitar — sweating in

leather and latex."

"A Judas Priest tribute band's singer ended up becoming the singer for Judas Priest six years ago. Do you have fantasies of

fronting Iron Maiden?" I asked Jen, a former Escondido resident.

"David Lee Roth has used a few different guitarists from the Atomic Punks [a Van Halen tribute band that also played on this bill]. My husband's band has played with members of Metallica. Jamming with your idols seems within reach."

The Iron Maidens play with Creeping Death tomorrow, Friday, at 'Canes, 9 p.m., \$10.

— Josh Board

Club Xanth, one of the few San Diego venues hosting 18-and-up events, may be forced to close its doors in early October. The club on 30th Street was issued a 30-day notice to cease operations by the city almost two weeks ago, even as advertisements were going out for a Damnation CD-release party on October 4 — which may now be canceled.

"The stipulations being imposed by the City of San Diego are such that I don't see how the club can possibly comply," said a club insider who requested anonymity while the matter is in consideration. "At the moment it looks pretty grim. We may not even last past September unless the proceeds at the door give us a little fix-it money this

month. It's possible we may move to a different location, but that would be sometime down the line."

Xanth does not serve alcohol, and most events only cost \$5 or less. Is the problem mainly financial?

"There's seven or eight people running all aspects of Xanth right now, and nobody makes any money, but we don't lose money either.... The owners' goal has always been to provide an outlet for the local Goth community, but that community is shrinking more and more in the wake of Columbine, Marilyn Manson, and all the other bad PR it gets. We throw punk shows on Sundays, even though most of us hate punk and hate drunk punk kids and the awful mess they make of the club, just to bring in enough money to do a once-weekly Goth event on Saturday nights."

"With a little more money, we could at least take care of most of the technical requirements. It's the city planning department — using fire

codes and zoning regulations, building codes, that kind of thing — trying to shut us down, even though we've never had any problems.... This town really doesn't want kids to congregate, unless it's a Boy Scout meeting or a church gathering, and God forbid anyone plays rock music or wears black, 'cause that'll be the end of that before you know it."

— Jay Allen Sanford

Radio legend Happy Hare (Harry Martin) is back on the air with his first full-time radio gig in 30



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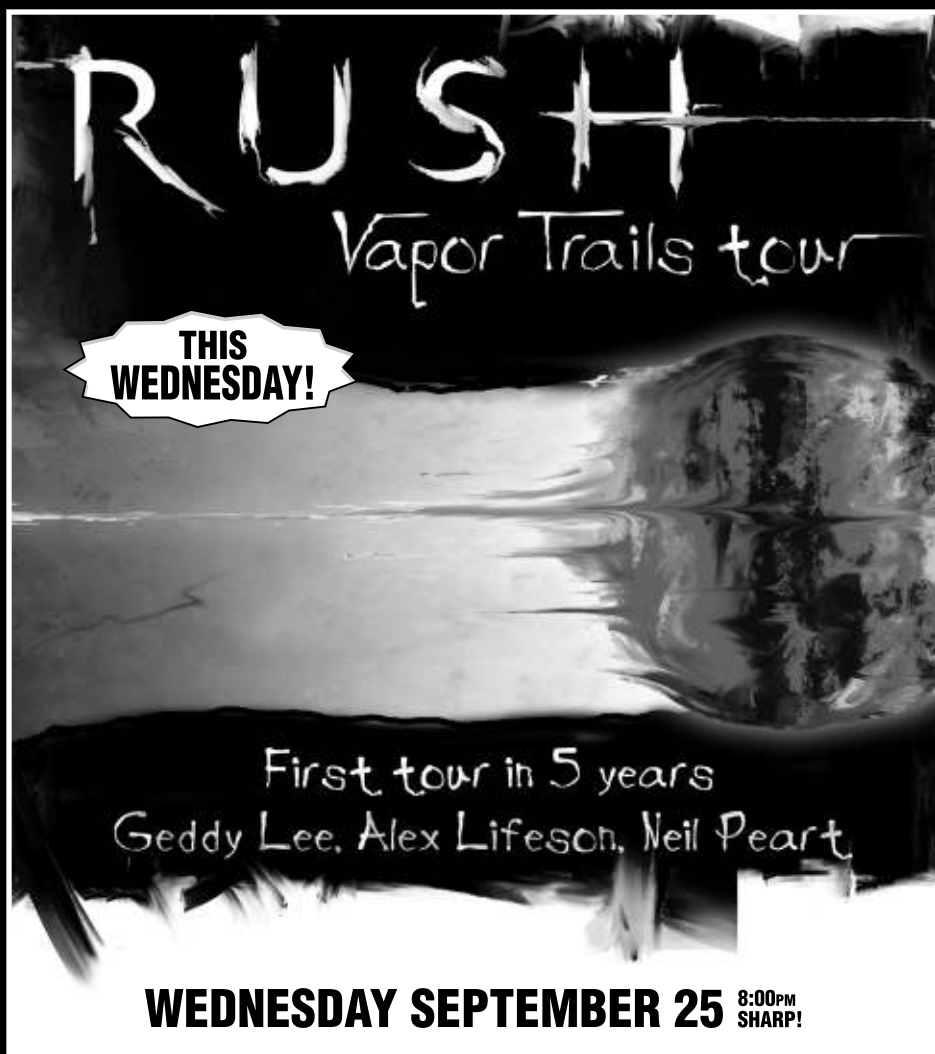
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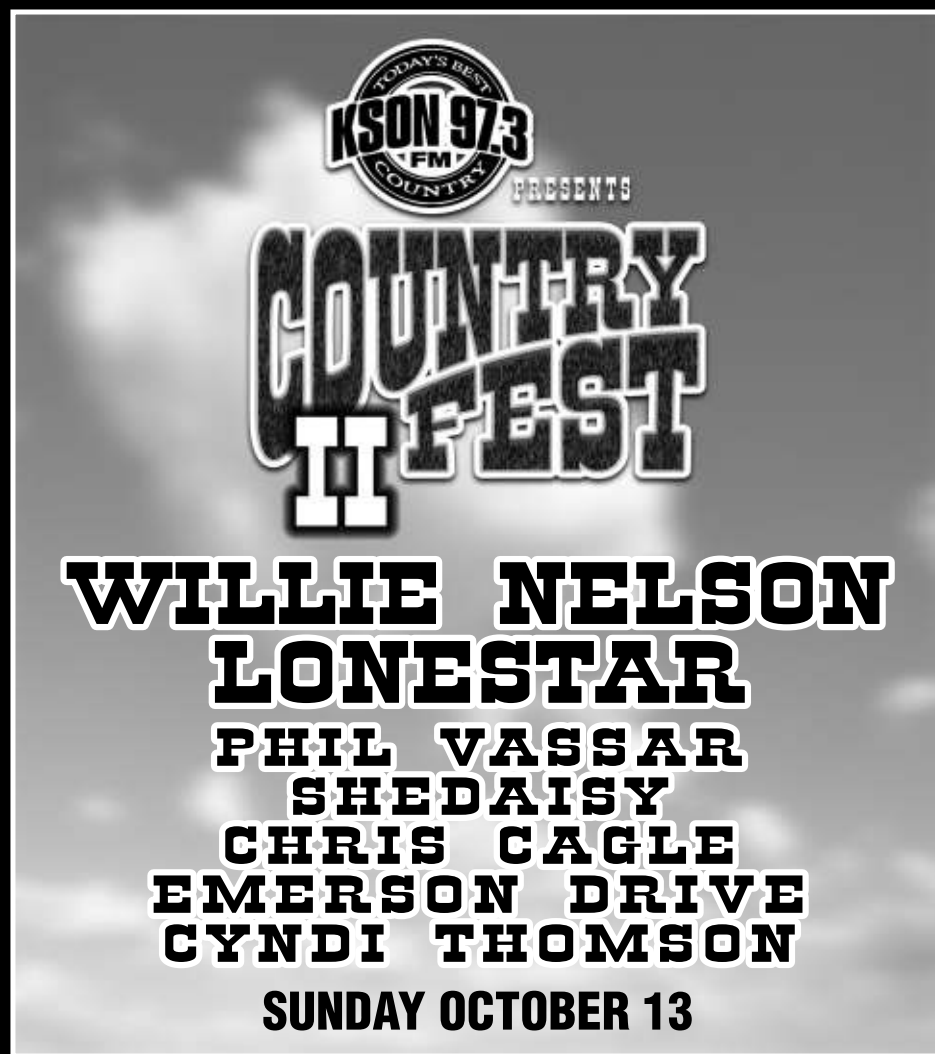


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Martin started doing morning drive again last week, playing Perry Como and Peggy Lee hits on KPOP (AM 1360).

"Regis called in on my first day back on the air and said, 'Harry, I just want you to know you've got the greatest voice in radio. You're the one that got me into television because I knew I could never compete with you.'"

Regis Philbin got his TV break in San Diego in the 1960s. Happy Hare started here in radio at KCBQ in 1955. "I was one of the first rock jocks in San Diego." Martin was there when KCBQ flipped to rock and roll.

"I had a 40 [percent] share," he said of his ratings. (Today's number-one morning show, *Jeff & Jer*, shows a 7.6 percent share.) "On the basis of those ratings, I was sent to New York."

Martin returned to KCBQ in 1969. He played the hits there until 1972, then sold radio airtime and

did national voiceovers for commercials after that. "I officially retired in 1991."

Two years ago he started playing "adult standards" on weekends on KPOP.

"I outranked everyone [in ratings among listeners] 45 years and older. That's why they asked me to come back full time."

DJ John Regan worked at KPOP for nine years. He says he respects Martin's on-air work, but he thinks KPOP has repelled its once-loyal listener base. Regan is now heard on "the Surf," which originates in L.A. but is carried on Tijuana station XSURF-AM (540).

"KPOP did its listeners an extreme disservice when they had nothing but talk in the morning until noon. They killed the format."

A 9 a.m.-to-noon financial talk show was taken off KPOP last year after the station received "a huge number of complaints," said Regan. Martin's new morning DJ shift replaces Joe Bauer's talk-heavy program.

"They have suffered a slow but steady erosion of listeners," said Regan about his former station.

"You can't just play only old stuff. If we only had people listening to us in their 70s and 80s, we'd be sunk. We know we will never have the 18-25 [listeners], but we are

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looking at attracting those 35-plus."

Happy Hare can be heard weekday mornings at KPOP from 6 to 9 a.m. and weekends from noon to 3 p.m.

John Regan can be heard on the Surf weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m.

— Ken Leighton

Even though Friday's Street Scene was supposed to start at 5 p.m., they didn't let anybody in until 5:30. One of the security guys in the yellow jackets told me, "The fire marshals are checking some things out." Fans who had been lined up since 4 were unhappy, but a group of ten

guys outside Street Scene entertained the disgruntled by doing a rhythmic stomping with brooms.

The first set I saw was from the local band the Dragons. After their set, on the same stage, was Sprung Monkey. The singer's microphone wasn't working, and I left after three songs.

I wanted to see the Violent Femmes on another stage. During one of my favorite tunes ("Gone Daddy Gone"), a lady in her late 40s asked my friend and me to put out our cigars. She said, "Those things are so obnoxious smelling." But as the set was coming to a close, I see her and her husband smoking a pipe

with pot.

I went to another stage to check out Live just in time to hear the singer say, "There aren't enough black people onstage. Come on out, man." Former NBA star and Madonna ex Dennis Rodman ran out. He grabbed a mike and started to rap (fortunately, that one also didn't work). He eventually grabbed the singer in a hug and licked his bald head. The singer spent the rest of the song running away from Rodman.

When former locals Stone Temple Pilots hit the stage, I couldn't believe the size of the crowd. A friend of mine at the front of the stage was pushed over the

wall without her shoes.

Halfway through their great set, I had to leave because the crowd was crushing me (and I was somewhere in the middle).

As I left, I noticed how much trash was all over. I thought if these organizers really had their stuff together, they would have had the guys they hired to make music with their brooms sweep up when everything was finished.

— Josh Board

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Emotional Punk

"I still listen to...oldies — that's, like, music from a long time ago."

Ask local high schools students what songs they would associate with their high school years 30 years from now. Alma Saucedo, 17, a senior at San Diego High School, says, "I'm thinking something from, like, Jennifer Lopez or something.... 'Roll Out'! I don't even know who sings that. It's not Jay-Z, but Jay-Z is pretty popular. It's a bunch of rappers. Like, right now, rap is really big. I still listen to, like, oldies — that's, like, music from a long time ago."

When I ask Alma to recite some lyrics, she says, "The only lyrics I remember from 'Roll Out' are, like, 'What you got in your bag / What you got in your house.'"

Omar Rios, 16, is a junior at San Diego High School. "Maybe for the women it would be the Backstreet Boys or something like that. For me, Limp Bizkit or Korn. I really like 'Rollin' from Limp Bizkit. It's pretty much the same sentence repeating again and again. It says, 'Keep rollin', rollin'....' I like Metallica, but that's more like in the past years. Two of my favorite songs by them are 'One' and 'Master of Puppets.'"

José Tovar, 16, is a junior at San Diego High School. Although he can instantly name what he believes most people will call the most memorable high school song, he confesses that he doesn't listen to it. "It'll probably be Snoop Dogg. The song will probably be 'Top Dog.' I

don't know any lyrics, because I'm not really following him. That's not my type of music...I like Mexican music. *Corridos* and *narcocorridos*. I like Chaleno Sanchez and a song of his called...I forgot. I like Lupia Rivera too, and Los Tigres del Norte."

Brian Black, 17, is a senior at San Diego High School. "Probably, hardly any songs will make me think of high school.

Right now I listen to Carl Thomas. He's, like, a jazz singer. 'I Wish I'd Never Met Her' is one of my favorite songs. It's about how he met this girl from when they were younger, and they met up or whatever afterwards, and she was married with kids, so he wishes he'd never met her 'cause his heart is still with her. I don't really follow him. I just like some of his music."

Mario Young, 17, is a senior at San Diego High School. "I'll think of 'Fatty Girl.' It's sung by L.L. Cool J, Ludicrous, and Keith Murray." He starts reciting lyrics while gesticulating with his hands. " 'Girl, you taste like a Cinnabon / So sweet from the thighs to the meat / Check the size of my meat / Call me in the bushes / Ludicrous, king ding-a-ling street smooches.'"

Chris Bear, 17, is a junior at San Diego High School. He sits at the bus stop on Park Boulevard strumming an unplugged Les Paul copy while surrounded by friends. "I'll probably remember anything by Green Day or blink-182.



Alma Saucedo



Omar Rios



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I don't really have any particular favorites...maybe 'Rock Show' by blink-182." He tries to recall the words to the song: "Uh... 'Fell in love with the girl at the rock show / She said why, I told her that I didn't know / Everything's cooler when she's around...' that's where I lose it. I don't know that much about the band — I just like their music."

Michael Dorsey, 16, is a sophomore at San Diego High School. "I like Tupac. A song that

I like is 'California Love.'"

Michelle Kraus is a 17-year-old junior at San Diego High School. A transfer from Vista High School, Kraus is also a musician who plays piano, flute, and piccolo. "I'll probably remember Fiona Apple and Kenny Chesney. The song by Kenny Chesney is called 'Don't Want to Lose It' and Fiona Apple...oh, what's the name of it? Oh! It's called 'Falling.' ...Kenny Chesney is a country singer and he's pretty old, but not re-



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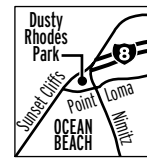
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ally. He's well known around Tennessee, because that's where he's from."

Reggie Scott, 16, is a sophomore at San Diego High School. A natural performer, he answers the survey as if he had been rehearsing for it. "You Don't Have to Call" from Snoop Dogg. 'Love' from Music Soul Child.... You want me to sing it?" He starts singing a verse from "Love," carefully bending and sustaining the notes. "Lo-o-o-o-o-ove / So many things I got to tell you / I'm afra-a-a-aid I don't know how."

Rich Hernandez, 16, is a sophomore at St. Augustine High School. "I like..." San Dimas High School Football Rules' by the Ataris. Let's see, how does it go? Oh yeah. 'Last night I had a dream / We went to Disneyland / Went on all the rides and didn't have to wait in line...' I don't follow the Ataris much. They're on tour



Michael Dorsey

right now. They're from Orange County, and they play emotional punk."

Mallory Spurgeon, 18, is a senior at San Diego High School. She is also enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program, a writing-intensive college-prep program for which San Diego High is a magnet school. Her musical tastes reveal the agonizing self-scrutiny of a writer. "The music they play here is not the kind that I listen to. I listen to Tori Amos and Fiona Apple, those kind of people. I know some of the lyrics from 'Crucify' by Tori Amos." She pulls a Tori Amos



Michelle Kraus

CD from her backpack. "You want me to read some of the words? 'Every finger in the room pointing at me / I want to spit in their faces / Then I get afraid of what that could bring / I got a bowling ball in my stomach / I got a desert in my mouth / It figures that my courage would choose to sell out now / I've been looking for a savior in these dirty streets / I've been looking for a savior beneath these dirty sheets / I've been raising up my hands, drive another nail in / Just what God needs, one more victim / Why do we crucify ourselves? / Every day I crucify myself.'



Reggie Scott

"My interpretation is that, like, no matter what we do, it never seems to be good enough for anyone. That's what I make of it.... I went to one of her concerts not too long ago at Copley Symphony Hall downtown. I know that she has a daughter, and she's married to one of the members of the band, and her father's some kind of minister. She was born in the South — that's all I know."

Rebecca Stillwell, 18, is a senior at San Diego High School and is a friend of Spurgeon's. Also enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program, her selections are



Mallory Spurgeon

different from her friend's. "I'll probably think of 'Bad Habit' by the Offspring. They're probably pretty popular, because they've gotten more popular, like, in recent years. But I think the actual punk genre, which most people here don't listen to..." She then takes on a mocking tone. "It's, like, 'Oh I listen to blink!' But that's not really punk. It's pop. Pop-punk. I like real punk. I probably shouldn't recite any of the lyrics, but here goes: 'I got a bad habit of blowin' away / I got a bad habit...' It's about driving your car down the street and stupid people who



Rebecca Stillwell

tail you and try to pass you and flip you off. It's basically about getting back at all of them." She recites more lyrics. "You drive on past / Your foot's on the gas / And your next breath is your last / I got a bad habit of blowin' away / I got a bad habit and it ain't goin' away!" I can relate because people frustrate me. A lot of the people here aren't very good drivers and try to kill me every morning as I drive to school. It's also just kind of getting out your frustration at everybody around you. I wouldn't actually do that. I'm not a violent person, but it helps to scream." ■

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Monk-U-Versity

Clint Eastwood was executive producer of the project, which almost makes up for the appalling movie he directed of Charlie Parker's life, Bird.

More bits and pieces: More treats from a recent trawling expedition down at the Music Emporium. I certainly spend a lot of time down there. I hope the clerks don't think I'm some desperate character with nowhere else to go.

Two modern composers I listened to years ago while cutting my teeth on contemporary or 20th-century classical music are the Swiss Frank Martin and the Czech Bohuslav Martinů both born in 1890, the year Van Gogh died and Debussy published his "Nocturnes" for piano.

It should be rather convenient, if you go looking for Martin and Martinů, because you will usually find them one after the other among the Ms in the classical music section, unless Donald Martino, a more recent American composer, has gotten in the way. You will also, I think, find both composers relatively accessible, which will be helpful to one newly arrived in the forbidding territory of "modern music." You will find both, in varying degree, and depending on the composition, generally neoclassical in approach. Neoclassicism in music was a phenomenon in the 1920s, a reaction by certain 20th-century composers (most prominently Stravinsky) against, on the one hand, the excesses of orchestration we associate with music of the Romantic era and, on the other hand, the harshness, fragmentation, and barrenness we often associate with much of modern music. The term neoclassicism refers back to the music of composers such as Haydn and Mozart, marked by balance and clarity. In truth, most of these so-called neoclassical compositions were more properly neo-Baroque, with Bach as the model.

There's plenty of Bach in Frank Martin's

work, among other things. He is a more eclectic, adventurous composer than Martinů and utilizes more modernist procedures, in a number of instances exploring the possibilities of Schoenberg's 12-tone row. The influence of the French "impressionists" is also very marked in this composer's work.

Martinů is the more conservative or traditional composer, even utilizing the harpsichord (as does Martin) in one of his concertos. Looking back to the Classical and Baroque eras in much of his output, Martinů also draws on the tradition of musical nationalism, popular in

the 19th Century, utilizing the melodies, modes, and asymmetrical rhythms of Czech, Slovakian, and Bohemian folk music.

This Philips collection of mostly chamber music highlights the oboe (played by the preeminent soloist on the instrument, Heinz Hollinger) and also includes three pieces by

the French contemporary of Martin and Martinů, Arthur Honegger. This CD is a delight. I used to own it, but it's one of hundreds of CDs I sold years ago for some ready cash and later regretted unloading. It's out of print at the moment, so you'll have to try to dig it out of the cut-out bin or find it online.

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I heard some breathtaking Monk at the Music Emporium the other day, breathtaking even for a shameless, unreconstructed Monk nut like me. The first was a piano solo, a version of "Pannonica" that I couldn't place. Then a hair-raising quartet version of "Trinkle Tinkle." The kind

person behind the counter leaves out in plain view, for all to see, the CD they have playing at any given time, so they don't have to be pestered by the likes of me.

These were two cuts from the soundtrack of the Monk documentary *Straight, No Chaser*. It's an exceptional film, incidentally, which started out as a TV production. The TV footage vanished for a time, then reappeared in the early '80s and was fleshed out with other available footage and rereleased in movie form. Clint Eastwood was executive producer of the project, which almost makes up for the appalling movie he directed of Charlie Parker's life, *Bird*.

This version of "Trinkle Tinkle" is from a live set recorded at the Five Spot in New York in 1957, with John Coltrane on tenor sax. This electrifying quartet played for six months at that club, and the paucity of recordings resulting from that extended residency is among the most gruesome instances of stupidity and missed opportunities in the history of recorded music, not merely recorded jazz. This particular version of "Trinkle Tinkle" can also be found on the Original Jazz Classics disk *Thelonious Monk with John*

Coltrane, well worth buying. But I don't know that it's the same version as in the film, which, as I recall, though truncated, is the highlight of the documentary. No matter. This is Monk, back playing live in a New York club after years of being prohibited to play in any New York club selling liquor, his cabaret license having been suspended years before over a questionable drug bust. Coltrane, for his part, at age 31, is moving into his great mature phase, helped not a little bit by his arduous studies at the Monk-U-Versity.

As for this version of "Pannonica," a lovely Monk composition dedicated to his longtime friend and patron, the Baroness Nica de Koenigswarter, it comes from the estate of the Baroness and, to my knowledge, hasn't been issued elsewhere on disc or LP. Listen to all

that stride in Monk's solo performance, all of that Fats and James P. that would have been in his ears as a child growing up on Manhattan's West Side. In fact, James P. Johnson was his neighbor.



Frank Sinatra

Then I heard some primo Sinatra at the Emporium, which is unusual because you wouldn't normally hear Frankie-boy in the classical and jazz room where I usually hang. However, in this instance the band behind Sinatra was a real jazz band; in fact, the realest jazz band ever, led by one Count Basie, New Jersey royalty from Red Bank.

This is a 1962 recording, a good vintage for Sinatra, aged 47 and one of his earliest dates on his own new label, Reprise. Sinatra at this stage has been on a run for five years or so of monster successes, including his wonderful sessions with Nelson Riddle in the late '50s. We sometimes forget that Sinatra is a jazz singer of the first order. He is clearly delighted and full of enthusiasm in his performance to have Basie and his band behind him.

Basie, at age 58, and having been on the road for 40 years, is no chicken at this point, but he still plays that tasty, economical bandleader piano better than anyone else and has a rock-solid, driving small band behind him that includes, among others, Thad Jones, Benny Powell, Marshall Royal, Frank Wess, and Freddie Green on guitar, doing his thing in the engine room. Sinatra knew how to swing hard with a top-flight outfit like this, and he swings all the way through, with gusto. These aren't the elaborate, richly textured Nelson Riddle arrangements. This is first and last a jazz band, with 16 pistons and a real Count at the helm. The backing they provide Sinatra is ballsier and more to the point than you're going to hear elsewhere, and with enough punch to deck a rhino. ■

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“If you have respect, then everybody shares respect and mutual love, then it’s not a problem.”

Joe Ghio, 19, surfs six to seven days a week, mostly in Ocean Beach because it’s close to his home. Ghio, who’s been at it for 16 years, says, “I’ll be surfin’ till the day I die. Hopefully.”

Surfmobiles Bicycle or ’91 Ford Bronco. “I have four-wheel drive so I could go to Mexico, go off-roading anywhere in Mexico to get to any secret spots. I could load up to as many boards as I need on the inside. And have them locked in, and I could also fit a long-board in there too.”

Long- or short-boarder? Both. **Hurtin’** “I’ve split my lip open. Cut by the fins and stuff like that. Sand burns and stuff...”

On wave wars “I’ve had altercations.... Say the surf’s kinda small and there’s not many waves and they get impatient and then a good wave comes and then someone else will just snake you — that means drop in on you, [on] like, a brand-new wave, and it’ll mess up the whole wave and that kinda gets you a little frustrated.... When I was a younger kid, when I was surfin’ the Cliffs once [I saw a fight]. Just seein’ it from the water, paddlin’ out, and just seein’ a whole bunch of guys getting into it.” Ghio doubts surfers will ever require licenses.

On SD water pollution “I feel that if people keep doin’ the things that they’re doin’ that’s makin’ the water so polluted, then eventually there’s probably gonna be no beaches that you’re able to surf on.... I think about myself. Like, I don’t litter or nothin’. I just try to keep my family and everybody doin’ things that wouldn’t affect the ocean.... I have not [ever been sick], but a couple of my friends have. Just since I’ve been surfin’ so long my body kinda got immune to the water down here.... Usually I come right home and shower up. Some people could care less. People may not think they smell great. A lot of people who don’t shower, they’re pretty much immune to it too.”

How to fight off sharks “I don’t know what I’d do.”

Dope-smokin’ surfers “Maybe 50 percent... I’ve seen people smoke cigarettes before, but I don’t think I’ve ever seen anyone smoke drugs before surfin’.”

Grines “Favorite food for me is usually anything, ’cause I’m super hungry [after a long surf], but probably spaghetti.”

Travels “I’ve traveled to Tahiti, I’ve traveled to Hawaii numerous times, and mainland Mexico, like Puerto Escondido, and I’ve gone

all up and down the coast of California.”

Best trip Tahiti. “ ’Cause just seeing a place that beautiful, and it’s way different than the culture over here.”

Worst trip “Probably going to Hawaii in the summertime and not getting any waves at all.”

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Joe Ghio

Bryson Greaves began surfing at age 6. Now 16, he surfs every day — usually somewhere along Sunset Cliffs because it’s close to where he lives. Greaves landed a sponsorship with United Industries, a newer surf-product company run by a local pro. Greaves receives no money, but, he says, “I don’t really look at it for the money aspect; he’s just tryin’ to get his name out, and I respect

that. I take what he can get me and help him out with anything else.”

Surfmobile ’99 Ford Ranger XLT. “The shell covering the bed of the truck makes it easy to lock up. I can keep a lot of stuff back there — wet suits, coolers, boards, towels, and it’s easy. You really don’t have to clean it.”

Long- or short-boarder? Short-boarder.

Hurtin’ “I fell surfing the pier one day...broke the nose off my board on my head and had to get 24 stitches.”

On wave wars “If you have respect, then everybody shares respect and mutual love, then it’s not a problem. [Some people] don’t understand, so you’re kinda frustrated with that because they have no clue. But then they start lettin’ their mouth fly and then it’s time to let them know.... [I once] saw a guy take off on a couple of friends and they ended up on the beach and had a full brawl. Threw a couple punches, then the one guy tackled the other and that was it.” Surf licenses in the future? “No. You can’t put regulations on surfing.”

On SD water pollution “I might have gotten a cold, but everybody catches that. Nothing like hepatitis or anything.... I think 99 percent of [spills] can be prevented. People go to the beach, and all these people from El Cajon come with their 24-ounce beers and leave all their cans on the beach. And I think they have no respect for the ocean.”

How to fight off sharks “I would pray to God that it wasn’t that bad [so that] I would be able to get back in the water as soon as possible.”

Dope-smokin’ surfers “Probably 50 to 75 percent... I know people who [smoke] before and after.... [Surfers smoke] in the car before they paddle out. Down on the beach... Some people think it helps their concentration.”

Grines “Mexican food. Bean, rice, cheese burrito double-wrapped from Nico’s.”

Travels “Mainland Mexico, Hawaii, Baja, road trips up the coast. San Clemente, Dana Point, Huntington Beach, Imperial Beach.”

Best trip “Probably mainland Mexico. It was just perfect...water hot, 75, 80 degrees. And just nothin’ better, just out with all my friends.”

Worst trip “I tried to catch a wave that was



Bryson Greaves

wedging toward a jetty, and I fell into the jetty and got sea urchin in my foot. Had to pour some — they call it ‘mathayalate’ down there, it’s kinda like Bactine, I guess, but way more powerful, and it stings real bad. It was not fun. I had to put it on four times a day.”

Seventeen-year-old Julian Mullins’s daily surf habit interfered with his studies before he began home-schooling. He’s been surfing for seven years. “I surf a lot of different places,” he says, but “better surf and photo shoots” compel him to surf Salt Creek and Laguna in Orange County. Currently sponsored by Rusty, Etnies, Dragon, Body Glove, and Sun Diego, Mullins won’t disclose the amount of equipment or money that he earns. “That stuff’s kinda confidential,” he says. **Surfmobiles** Skateboard and a ’91 Mazda 626 four-door. “The back seat folds down, too, so you can put surfboards in it.”

Long- or short-boarder? Short-boarder.

Hurtin’ “I broke my nose about four times. My board just hit me in the face. And I’ve had some other minor ones, but nothing serious.”

On wave wars “Same thing as on land: someone gets in someone’s way or somethin’ or, like, cuts them off on a wave, [they start] yellin’ at each other, then they go somewhere.... I have [been close to fighting] a few times. Just, you get into it or whatever. Start arguin’.... I don’t know [if surfers will require licenses one day]. Probably not, ’cause it would be hard for them to do that.”

On SD water pollution “It sucks. The water down here is bad, especially around the jetties.... I got sick a bunch. Just colds and stuff. I definitely got

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some colds.” Mullins believes he may have to quit surfing one day because of pollutants in the water. “It’s already pretty bad,” he says.

How to fight off sharks “I try not to think about it too hard.... I don’t know, what could you do?”

Dope-smokin’ surfers “A lot. It depends, I mean, there’s tons of people who don’t, and then there’s tons of people who do. But more than half, I think.... [They smoke in] houses and cars, you know. Wherever.”

Grines “Whatever my mom makes me.”

Travels “I’ve been pretty much around the world. France, Spain, Indonesia, mainland Mexico, Costa Rica.”

Best trip “I had a lot of fun in Indonesia. The surf was really good.”

Worst trip “Probably coming home from Indonesia.”

Terry McBride has been surfing for 32 years. Besides tending bar at Harry’s American Bar & Grill in UTC, he also imports hand-carved doors from Ecuador.



Julian Mullins

haul the doors in it.”

Long- or short-boarder? Short-boarder. “A Rusty 6’10” and a Rusty 7’4.”

Hurtin’ “I never had a major surfing injury at all. Nothing at all, just a couple bumps and bruises.”

On wave wars “I’m not that kind of person. I avoid that at all times. I’m not aggressive. I’m

more laid back. I do it for the fun of it.... I was surfing a lot in the ’70s, saw a lot of them. I still see them every now and then. I’d actually see guys start fighting out in the water and carry on the beach, you know, just violently, punch after punch. You know, getting pretty crazy. My friends getting involved. Actually, I saw one about six months ago at Sunset Cliffs that was pretty bad [near] Rockslides, this other guy beat a guy up, pretty bad.” Does McBride believe surf licenses will be required in the future? “No. I don’t think that’s something you regulate. I wouldn’t want anyone to regulate that anyway. In my opinion, [surfing] is something that you do because it’s good for you; it’s good for the soul, and it’s good exercise.”

On SD water pollution “It’s so populated, we’ve dammed up all the rivers and stuff that go into the ocean. We have some of the most closed beaches here in Southern California. You know you see the warning, and you know it’s not worth it to go out there and get sick or get some kind of virus.” Though McBride has never contracted an infection while surfing, he sees the day when pollution may force him out of the water. “I’m already looking at alternatives for that anyway. I’m trying to in the next two to three years move to Central or South America.”

How to fight off sharks “The only reaction would be to, I guess, have the shark release, and that’s either by pokin’ it in the eye or hitting the gills or something. That I learned from



Terry McBride

watching Discovery Channel.”

Dope-smokin’ surfers “I’m sure it’s probably a high percentage.... Every beach I’ve ever been to I’ve seen it. Not as much as it was in the heyday, but people still do it.”

Grines “A nice, big turkey sandwich...some fruit of some sort, chips. I’m not a huge eater.”

Travels “Hawaii, New Zealand, North Islands, Costa Rica twice.”

Best trip “Surfing my dream wave in Costa Rica in March of ’98.”

Worst trip “Driving down the potholed roads [in Costa Rica] right after rainy season.” ■

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THIS WEEK'S CONCERTS

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Linda Eder /607/: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday,
September 19, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter
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FRIDAY

Smokey Robinson /611/:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
Friday, September 20, 8 p.m., 2241
Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Kinky and Emaue /467/: Belly Up
Tavern, Friday, September 20,
9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or
858-481-8140.

Sleater-Kinney /469/, the **Bangs**, and
Shannon Wright: The Scene, Friday,
September 20, 7:30 p.m., 7514
Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny
Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Bonnie Raitt /591/ and **Lyle**
Lovett /786/: Open Air Theatre,
Saturday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.,
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The New Bomb Turks, the **Demons**,
and the **Tori Cobras**: The Casbah,
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SUNDAY

Keiko Matsui /635/ and **Craig**
Chaquico: Humphrey's Concerts by
the Bay, Sunday, September 22,
7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive,
Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or
619-523-1010.

TUESDAY

Brad Paisley /794/ and **Steve Azar**:
Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay,
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Rush /462/: Coors Amphitheatre,
Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m.,
2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula
Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Black Heart Procession /179/,
Bellini, and **Kill Me Tomorrow:** The
Casbah, Wednesday, September 25,
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
midtown. 619-232-4355 or
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**UPCOMING
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SEPTEMBER

Alice Cooper /516/: Sycuan Casino,
Thursday, September 26, 7:30 p.m.,
5469 Casino Way, El Cajon.
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**The Herbie Hancock Quartet and
Holly Hofmann /684/:** Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Thursday,
September 26, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter
Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Cinerama, VHS or Beta /202/, and
Ballboy: The Casbah, Thursday,
September 26, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or
619-220-8497.

Tower of Power: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Friday,
September 27, 8 p.m., 2241 Shelter
Island Drive, Shelter Island.
619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Switchfoot /103/ and **Pax 217:** The
Scene, Friday, September 27, 8 p.m.,
7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard,
Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or
619-220-8497.

The Muffs /187/, **Anna Waronker,**
the **Glossines,** and the **Bipeds:** The
Casbah, Friday, September 27,
8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
midtown. 619-232-4355 or
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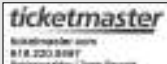
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Inferno [861]**, **Mission: To
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Express [651]**, **Breezin', the B-Side
Players [649]**, **Psydecar [740]**, **Los
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Summit** featuring **Gilbert
Castellanos [667]**, **Lila Downs [982]**,
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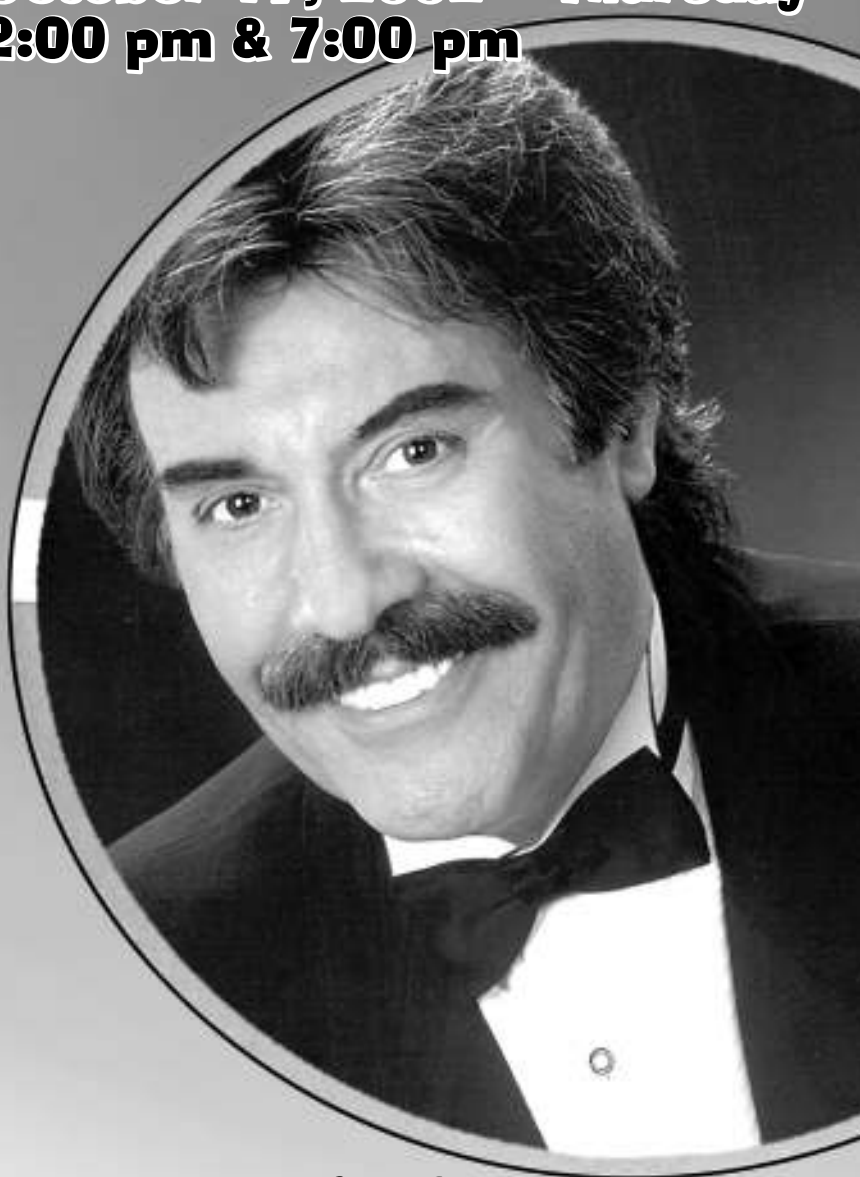
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Tuesday, October 1, 210 East Main
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Mana [110]: Coors Amphitheatre,
Friday, October 4, 7 p.m., 2050
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Julietta Venegas [600]: Belly Up
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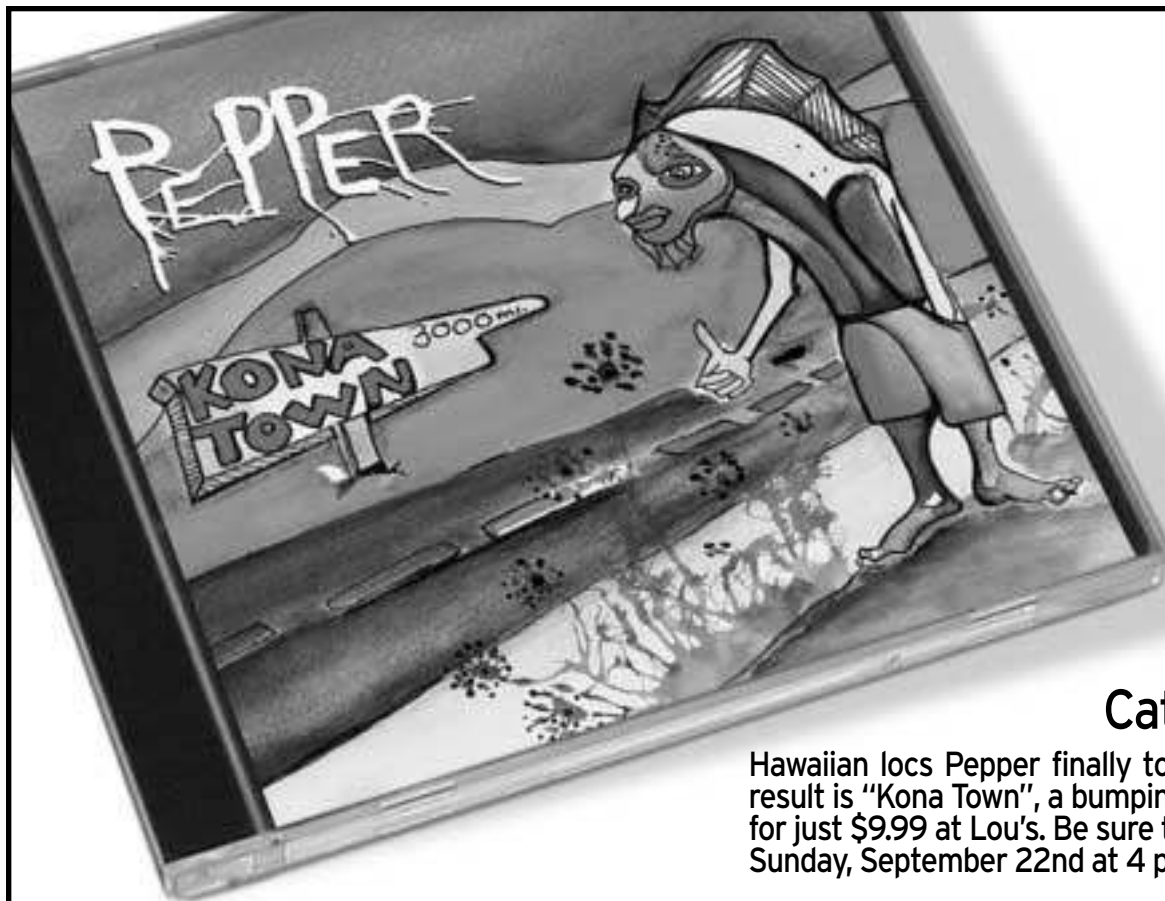


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The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion [126], the **Yeah Yeah Yeahs**, and the **Liars**: The Scene, Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

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** [917]: 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** [212], and **12 Stone**: Cox Arena, Friday, October 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

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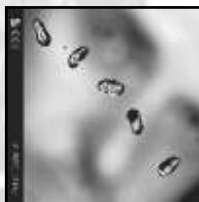
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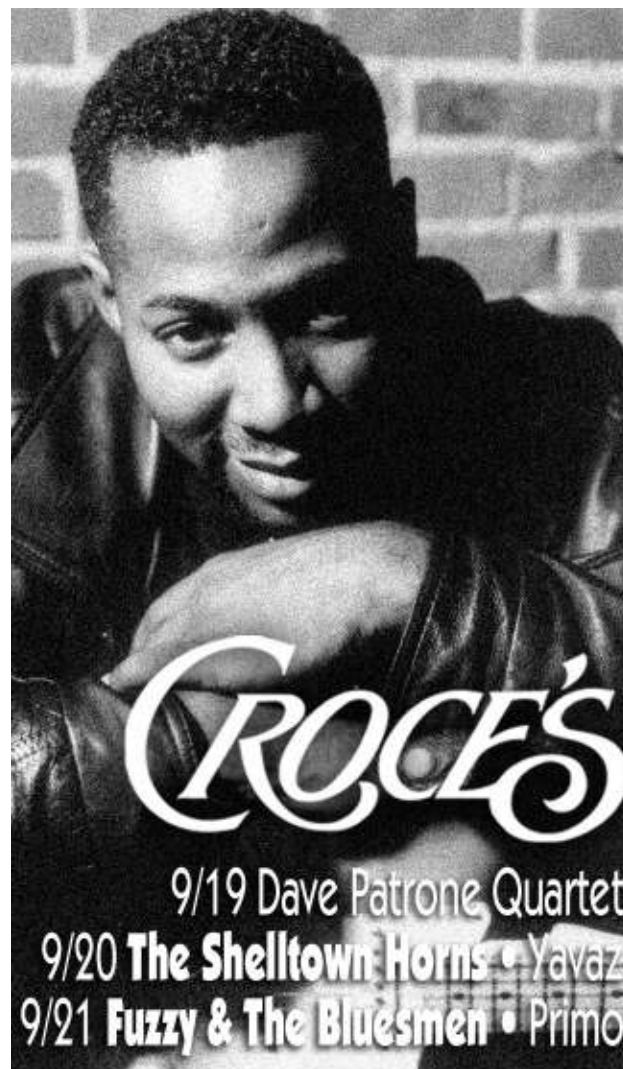
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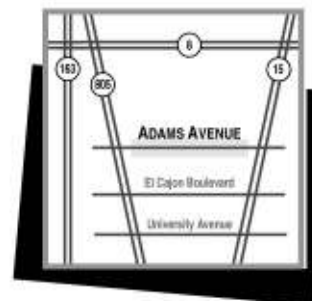
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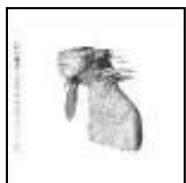
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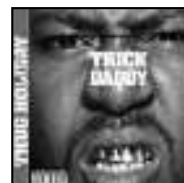
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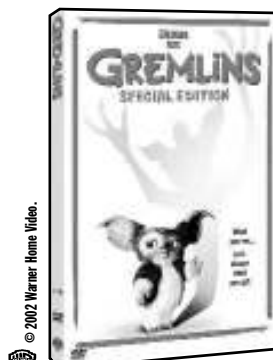
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The Bangs: The Scene

Bellini: The Casbah

The Big Provider: Victor's Restaurant & Bar

The Black Heart Procession [179]: The Casbah

B9: Club Xanth

Critical Me: Dream Street

The Dekoys [182]: Epicentre

The Demons: The Casbah

Deploi: Winstons

d.fRost [389]: Winstons

dis-tem-per: Dream Street

Down Spell: Brick By Brick, The Scene

The Dragons [115]: The Kensington Club

Dumayla: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Empty Grin: Tio Leo's Lounge, Victor's Restaurant & Bar

Fith: Dream Street

The Frames: The Casbah

The Glossines: The Kensington Club

Googaloo: Blind Melons

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: Winstons

Kill Me Tomorrow: The Casbah

Koop: Brick By Brick

Likemillions: The Kensington Club

The Mice: The Casbah

The Mickeys: Canes Bar and Grill

Midday Shadow: Dream Street

Mortuus Terror: The Scene

Nad Navillus: The Casbah

The New Bomb Turks: The Casbah

120 Pain: Dream Street

Organix: Winstons

Gregory Page [186]: The Ould Sod

Willy Porter: Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), The Casbah

Project Me: Club Xanth

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Emaue [467]: Belly Up Tavern

Flight 180: 'Canes Bar and Grill

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Grand Prix: Brick By Brick

Green Eggs & Sam: Tiki House

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Heroe: Brick By Brick

High Impact: Brick By Brick

Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Ideas: Zip & Zack's Filling Station

Identity Crisis: Fogerty's Pub

The Iron Maidens: 'Canes Bar and Grill

Island Sessions: Tio Leo's Lounge

Jefferson Jay [430]: Blind Melons

Joker's Wild: O'Harley's Sports Bar & Grill

Kinky: Belly Up Tavern

Kuatro Veinte: Dream Street

Laguna: Carvers

The Late Late Show: Hennessey's (Gaslamp)

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Larry McCray: Belly Up Tavern

Mercy House [449]: O'Harley's Sports Bar & Grill

Modern Rhythm: Dick's Last Resort

Nemesis: Second Wind (Escondido)

The New Breed Band: The Alley

Nitchawk: The Camelot Inn

Nitelife: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The North Mississippi Allstars: Belly Up Tavern

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

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The Red Channel Revue: Tiki House

Red Eye Gravy [423]: The Casbah

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Rockola: Cannibal Bar

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Eve Selis Band: Humphrey's

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Shut Up & Drive: Dream Street

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6one9: Fogerty's Pub

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Sweet Relish: Brick By Brick

Three Foot: The Casbah

Travel Agents: The Kraken

'Tubby: 'Canes Bar and Grill

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's

The 80z Allstars: Rock Bottom
(Gaslamp)

Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel

The Island Boys: Rock Bottom
(Gaslamp)

The Jackson 3: Carvers, Hennessy's
(Gaslamp)

Kalayaan: Jimmy Love's

Stephen Knight: Shooters Bar and
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The Kraze: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)

Danny Lopez: The Butcher Shop

Makai: Humphrey's

The Mix: Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Nova: Cannibal Bar

Jack Pollack: Shooters Bar and Grill

Rising Star: Humphrey's

Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]:
The Westgate Hotel

Roz & the Wrecking Crew: Jimmy
Love's

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EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

Afinity: Il Forno

Bill Andrews: Dizzy's

Ivar Antonsen: Dizzy's

The B-3 Three: Bayou Bar & Grill

The B-Side Players [649]: Belly Up
Tavern

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The
German-American Societies

Lori Bell [666]: Inn L'Auberge

Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

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The Strange Woods /821/: The
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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Aunt Kizzy's Boyz: Patrick's II

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Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings
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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues
Dusters /932/: Chateau Orleans

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Fuzzy & the Bluesmen /912/: Croce's
Top Hat Bar and Grille

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Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

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Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays, DJ Dizzy D and guest DJs spin hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

I haven't met many women who can tolerate **Rush**. With their earthy aspirations and fear-some chops — they came back this year with some of the hardest, most Tool-ish material ever — the group's appeal is primarily to male headbangers. Rush is a Canadian unit that made good by honing rock epics and eventually submerging their junk metal roots under a veneer of musicianship, taking King Crimson's progressive rock to a better level. The high-water mark for Rush may have been 1981's *Moving Pictures*, a collection of somber themes, complex time signatures, and power chords.

Drummer **Neil Peart** is the group's primary songwriter. In the past, Peart's lyrics have centered on sci-fi, fantasy, and even literary themes. For a couple of albums, Peart conceptualized novelists like John Dos Pas-

sos and Ayn Rand (visit Rush's 20-minute epic "Free Will"). Critics of Rush have said that's what you get for letting your drummer write the music. Peart's written a couple of books as well, the most recent being *Ghost Rider: Travels on the Healing Road*. In the late '90s both Peart's wife and daughter died within ten months of each other. In response, the drummer hit the road and put 55,000 miles on his motorcycle before returning home. To say the least, there was some downtime for the band.

My one complaint with Rush is **Geddy Lee's** voice. It's a rugged falsetto wail, something between a screech owl and a banshee. Geddy (real name: Gary; Geddy is how his Yiddish-speaking grandmother said the word) is a show all by himself. He sometimes plays bass guitar with one hand while the other hand plays fill chords on a keyboard. He also works a foot pedal, and he sings every song. I have doubts that Rush would work without Lee's voice,



RUSH

though. It's the odd counterpoint to guitarist **Alex Lifeson's** sudden arpeggios. Then again, Rush used Aimee Mann on a song, and that didn't sound so bad.

(To hear a sample of **Rush**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4462.)

RUSH, Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497. \$35 to \$75.

patio. Saturdays, Cabana Boy Geoff. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Hi Ball: Fridays, old school and funk with DJ Mo. 626 E Street, Chula Vista, 619-425-3800.

Juke Joint Cafe: Thursdays, *Underground Lounge*, house, underground hip-hop, downtempo, and soul music with resident DJ the Infamous J-BE, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, *Urban Link*, biweekly event with rotating DJs Dennis Blaze and Ekwipt spinning hip-hop, old school, R&B, and dancehall, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, *Wax*, biweekly event with

rotating DJs Fuse 1, Happee, Marben, and Bency spinning hip-hop, funk, house, and trip-hop, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays, *Saturday Night Soul*, resident DJ Rage spins hip-hop, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, *Unified*, biweekly event with rotating DJs spinning progressive house, hip-hop, and drum 'n' bass, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays, *Tuesday Night Beat Club* with a live performance by the San Diego Beat Organization with guest DJs the Hipsters, Tony the Tiger, and Go-Go Guillermo spinning '60s garage music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays, *Niagria '76* featuring world and Afrobeat music with resident DJ Damon Bell, no cover,

10 p.m. to 2 a.m. All events 21 and up. 327 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-SOUL.

Olé Madrid: Thursdays, *Eyes*, guest DJs, movies, and dancing. Saturdays, *Ritual*, DJs Jose Amezcua and Idol, midnight sessions with DJ Rags. Wednesdays, *Bombay*, DJs Rags and guests. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-557-0146.

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday and Friday, *Christy Wilson & Powerhouse*. Saturday and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*.

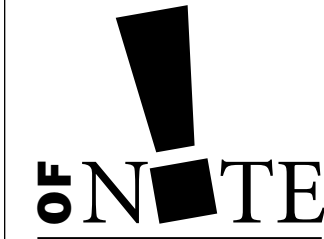
The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm, except Sunday, 6 pm to 9 pm. Thursday, *Rick Ross*, jazz. Friday, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing. Saturday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Sunday, *Rick Ross*. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, *Venice* and *Kelly Bowlin*, rock. Friday, 9:15 pm, *Kinky* and *Emaue*, rock. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *the B-Side Players*, Latin jazz, with *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations*, reggae. Wednesday, *the North Mississippi Allstars* with *Larry McCray*.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, 9 pm, *Dumayla*, alternative.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-1332. Friday, *the Strange Woods*, Celtic folk. Saturday, *Nitehawk*, classic rock.

Chasers Lounge, 215 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-966-2677. Thursday, live reggae. Friday, live band. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Brian*



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Sleater-Kinney has been the “critic’s favorite” for so long that it’s only natural there would be a backlash. I’m part of it. I started following the Northwest trio in their early days, when I lived in Portland and used to see them in tiny clubs, and I continued through years of rave reviews and magazine covers and sold-out shows. But I started to lose interest after the disappointing 2000 album *All Hands on the Bad One*. As my friend Ian said, the problem is that “it sounds too much like they were trying to make a Sleater-Kinney album.”

But then Ian called and said I should buy the new *One Beat*. As he called, he was listening to it for the first time and was really excited by the songs “Oh!” and “Step Aside.”

Porterfield. Wednesday, *Break This*, break beats.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-943-7768. Music is blues. Thursday, call club for information. Friday and Saturday, *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Sunday and Monday, *Nick Perpich*. Tuesday, *In4Rhythm*. Wednesday, *Blue Label*.

The Flying Bridge, 1105 North Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151. Friday, 8 pm to midnight, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues.

Fogerty’s Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *6one9*, classic rock. Wednesday, *Identity Crisis*, rock.

Upon first listen, I got excited by those songs, too. But I listened again and the rest of the album didn’t grow on me. Even “Oh!” started to get on my nerves; the new-wave organ makes it sound too much as though they were trying to write a new-wave song. Then there’s the Sept. 11 song, which sounds too much as though they’re trying to write a Sept. 11 song. And then there’s the antiwar song, and...you get the picture.

The new song I like best is on a two-song bonus CD that comes with some copies of the album. It’s called “Lions and Tigers,” and it seems to be written for singer/guitarist **Corin Tucker**’s baby. It’s a simple lullaby, sung without Tucker’s usual bombast. It comes from her real life, not from what Sleater-Kinney’s fans expect. That makes all the difference.



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Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Thursday, 9 pm, *the Small Town Heroes*, blues.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *John Lowery*, folk. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, *Jared Mattson*, jazz duo.

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Robbie’s Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Thursday, *Trio du Jour*, blues. Friday and Saturday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Sunday, *Cameron the Magician*. Monday and Tuesday, *Nic & Friends*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Rick Ross*, jazz.

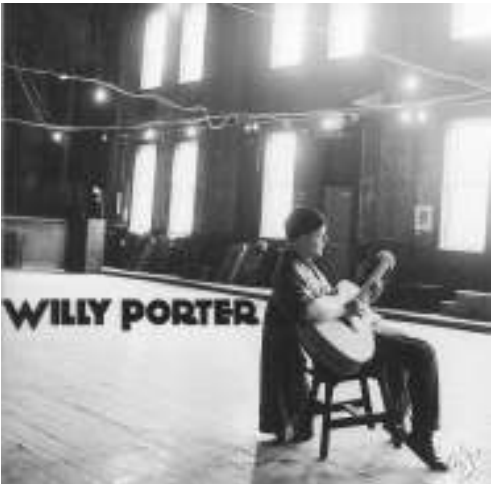
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Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Zone 4*, *Wet Brain*, the *Mickeys*, and *Sons of Zap*. Friday, *Creeping Death*, the *Iron Maidens*, and *Sirens Wail*. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Pepper*, *Thicker Than Thieves*, *Wanted Dead*, and *Flight 180*. Wednesday, *Agave*, *Sour Grass*, *Tubby*, and *Steven Cox*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *Nova*, pop, jazz. Sunday, the *Johnson Project*. Wednesday, *Rockola* and the *Lisa Campbell Band*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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Galoka, 5660 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday, *Reggae Fever*. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, *Jah Judah*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Saturday, live band, call club for information.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Thursday, *Dave Warren's New Jazz*. Friday, *Afinity*, rhumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, the *Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

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*.

T.D. Hays Bar & Restaurant, 4315 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-270-6850. Friday and Sunday, *Ashley Matte*, folk.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *Green Eggs & Sam*, rock. Friday, *Todd Siedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Saturday, the *Red Channel Revue*, rock. Sunday, open acoustic night.

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Title: *End of the World* (2002)
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Names of band members: Mary Fleener (bass/vocals), Tom Gardner (guitar/vocals), Paul Therrio (guitar/vocals), Rebecca Oleachea (drums)
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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Grand Prix*, the *Ghost Town Deputies*, and *Radio One*. Friday, *Sojourn*, the *Dempsey Project*, and *Taco Shop Poets*. Saturday, *Jazzanova* and *Koop*. Sunday, *Skin Lab*, *Stretcher*, *Pushed*, and *Down Spell*. Tuesday, *Lizard*, *Heroe*, and *Redefined*. Wednesday, the *U.K. Subs*, the *Shot Out Hoods*,

of the World — achieves a rock groove in “Round, Round, Round,” when guitarists Tom Gardner and Paul Therrio capture something reminiscent of the harder sounds of Bob Seger. While the guitars redeem this song, the lyrics carried by Mary Fleener (sounding like Nancy Sinatra doing Joan Jett) butcher it. Fleener hollering, “Here comes a kitten with a whip in her hand / goin’ round, round, round” drowns out the best part of the song.

The melody lines of the remaining tracks are non-existent, resulting in songs that are unmemorable. In “Red Meat and Whiskey,” Fleener sings, “Fry up that pound of bacon / marinate that frozen steak / don’t forget the butter / mashed potatoes on the



The Wig Titans

plate / you better do it all because tomorrow might be too late.” Listeners, only able to recall something about a potato after hearing this track, will find it hard to fathom that this is the product of three songwriters.

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Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, *Dale Peterson*. Saturday, *Kayla Black*.

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Rosie O'Grady's, 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Call club for information.

The Scene, 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, San Diego. 858-505-9111. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Sick of It All*. Friday, *Sleater-Kinney*, *the Bangs*, and *Shannonwright*. Saturday, *Asesino*, *Mortuus Terror*, *Downspell*, *Pushed*, and *System Decay*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Sunday, *the Celtic Ensemble*. Wednesday, open mike.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Tricia*, 7:30 pm, *Cold Fusion*. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* with *Kevin Cavanaugh*, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *David*, 9:30 pm, *the B-3 Three* or *the David Mosby Trio*. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble*, 9:30 pm, *Inner Voyage*. Sunday, 9:30 pm, *Gilbert Castellanos*. Monday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Absinthe*, 9:30 pm, *the Darren Raser Band*. Tuesday, *Lady Dottie* and *Cold Fusion*. Wednesday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *Terra*, 9:30 pm, *the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books & Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Monday, 8 pm, *Willie Porter*, alternative.

Buffalo Joe's, 600 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-236-1616. Saturday, *the Disco Pimps*, alternative pop. Tuesday, 7 pm to midnight, *Blue Frog & Company*, blues. Wednesday, *Elijah Emanuel* & *the Revelations*.

Cafe 828, 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-8282. Friday and Saturday, 9:30 pm, *the Shade of Blue Quartet*, jazz.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Three Foot*, *the Mice*, *Dogmatic*, and *Backyard*. Friday, *Red Eye Gravy*, *the Scotch Greens*, and *Spaz Boy*. Saturday, *the New Bomb Turks*, *the Demons*, and *the Tori Cobras*. Sunday, *the Frames*, *Waxwings*, and *Nad Navillus*. Monday, *Sunday's Best*, *Aloha*, and *Dewey Defeats Truman*. Tuesday, *Willy Porter* and *Ashley*

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MUSIC ► jazz, blues, and spoken word; manager states, “This is an event space, so we’re only open when we have a band playing, and that varies.”

SPECIAL NIGHTS ► none, though they occasionally have belly dancers

CLIENTELE ► all ages, but average age is mid-30s; on Saturday night, 95% Caucasian; on weeknight, I saw a mix of Caucasians and African-Americans

COVER ► most shows \$8 or \$10 (a few shows listed at \$14; student discounts)

HOURS ► 8 p.m.–11 p.m., some Sunday afternoons

DRINKS ► no alcohol (Clarion Hotel next door has lobby bar); herbal tea, cider, organic coffee, bottled water,

Flynn. Wednesday, *the Black Heart Procession*, *Bellini*, and *Kill Me Tomorrow*.

Chuey's Numero Uno, 1894 Main Street, downtown. 619-234-6937. Friday, 8 pm, *the Sound Doctors*, rock.

Club Montage, 2028 Hancock Street, Balboa Park. 619-418-8858. Call club for information.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavaz*. Saturday, *Primo*. Sunday and Monday, *Glen Fisher con Alma*. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Comberos Quintet*.

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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, *Private Domain*. Friday, *Modern Rhythm*. Saturday, *Stone*, rock. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Ivar Antonsen*, *Bill Andrew*, and *Duncan Moore*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm to 11 pm, *Paul Seaforth*, *Peter Sprague*, and guests, jazz. Saturday, *David DeAlva*, Flamenco, jazz quartet. Sunday, 7 pm, *Elizabeth Hummel*, folk. Wednesday, 9 pm, *Richard Thompson* & *Mirage* featuring *Paul Sundfor*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Tim McMahon*.

Dublin Square, 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-239-5818. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Scorch*, rock. Saturday, *the Urban Gypsies*, blues.

The Field, 544 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-232-9840. Thursday, *Ashley Matte*, folk. Sunday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Cobblestone* and *the Boxty Band*, Irish folk. Tuesday, live traditional Irish music.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Call club for information.

Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp), 801 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-615-ROCK. Thursday, *Chuck Schiele* & *the Mysterious Ways*, rock.

Hennessey's, 708 Fourth Avenue (corner of Fourth and G), Gaslamp. Thursday, *Joe Byrnes*, folk. Friday, *the*

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FOOD ► Milano cookies, 3 for \$1

ACCESS ► No parking lot, difficult to find street parking; Clarion Hotel charges \$5 for 8 hours (although on weekend, that lot was full); easy trolley access — take orange line, get off at Gaslamp station three blocks away

DRESS ► casual (polo shirts, T-shirts, and jeans)

DANCE FLOOR ► none; entire place is about 100 feet by 80 feet

BATHROOMS ► men's room had one toilet, one stainless-steel sink, no toilet paper; very clean, white walls with framed '50s-style advertisements (Mr. Slick Social Lubricant, Diet Soap pads “to make you skinny,” and

Late Late Show, swing, rockabilly. Saturday, *the Jackson 3*, pop. Sunday, open mike.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday, 9:45 pm, *Kalayaan*. Friday, 9:45 pm, *X-Cel*, pop. Saturday, 9:45 pm, *Roz & the Wrecking Crew*, pop. Sunday, 6:30 pm, *Masterpiece*, jazz, funk, R&B. Monday, 6:30 pm to 11 pm, *the Jazz Allstars*. Tuesday, *Mystique*, jazz, funk, R&B. 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. Music is blues. Thursday, Big “Mo” Blues. Friday, *Michele Lundeen & Blues Streak*. Saturday, *Johnny Viau & the Blue Allstars*. Sunday, *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*. Monday, *the Texas Twisters*. Tuesday, *the Blues Brokers*. Wednesday, *the Bayou Brothers*.

Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Call club for information.

Red Circle, 420 E Street, Gaslamp. 619-234-9211. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Donnie Finnelle & Company East*, jazz.

Redfish, 731 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-7226. Friday and Saturday, live blues and jazz.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, *the Island Boys*, pop. Friday, *the 80z Allstars*, pop. Saturday, *the Kraze*, pop rock.

Sassafrass Bar and Grill, 3667 India Street, San Diego. 619-295-4745. Friday and Saturday, *Kippy Marks*, violinist, and *Victoria Rose*, classical guitarist and Celtic harp.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is

Cream of Meat that “makes its own gravy”); ladies' room also clean (and stocked with toilet paper)

CAPACITY ► “The fire marshal says 50,” the doorman told me

SPECIAL AREAS ► a small area, about 20 feet by 10, under a ledge, which has a table with the band's tapes and CDs for sale

FURNISHINGS ► 70 chairs lined up in rows of 10 (with about 10 small round tables, with candles)

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 105 during the loudest song

QUOTABLE ► “Let's walk back to the Spaghetti Factory, but if there are still 50 people waiting to get in, we're coming back here and eating cookies for dinner!”

Dizzy's has high ceilings and four ceiling fans that keep the place from getting stuffy. There are some pictures on the walls of jazz artists (Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis) and an abstract painting to the side of the

stage. I watched four kids under ten enjoying a set by Randy Phillips during a breast-cancer fundraiser.

Outside, there are no neon signs — just a few paper signs in the windows. With all the construction going on for the ballpark, you might think they could do some more with this place. But, as they state on their website, “We aren't a restaurant, we don't have a bar scene, and the music matters most.”

An older lady told me, “I never go out to clubs. This is my first time in years, actually. And I like the fact that this is just sitting here listening to music — no waitress bugging me or people talking while I'm listening to music.”

I didn't ask her any more questions.

— Josh Board

Latin. Thursday and Tuesday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney*.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm, *Leslie Gold*. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

The Fontainebleau Restaurant: Friday, Monday, and Wednesday, *Peter Robberecht/Pianoman*. Saturday, *John Cain*, pop.

The Wyndham Emerald Plaza, 400 West Broadway, downtown. 619-239-4500. The Sidebar Lounge: Thursday and Wednesday, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, *Joe Tarrantino*, jazz piano, solo. Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Stellita* and *Joe Tarrantino*, pop.

SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO

The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-420-9440. Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 pm to midnight, *Danny Lopez*, contemporary.

Cafe La Maze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City. 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, piano bar, featuring *Sandy Chappel*, *Sammy Canonizado*, and *Burnett Anderson*.

Coronado Island Marriott (formerly Le Meridian), 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, 6 pm to 9 pm, *the Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet*.

Di-mond Jim's Nightclub, 773 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-585-7323. Friday and Saturday, *Stretheart*, classic rock.

The Hi-Ball Lounge, 626 E Street, Chula Vista. 619-425-3800. Friday, funk. Saturday, special guests.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz. Palm Court: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Ray Briz*. Sunday through Wednesday, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *John Cain*. Also, Sunday, noon to 4 pm, *Joey West*. Prince of Wales: Thursday and

Wednesday, 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, *Daniel Jackson*, jazz.

The House of Munich, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl*, *Kjell Holmes*, or *Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday and Saturday, live rock and blues.

Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Music plays from 8 pm to midnight. Friday and Saturday, *Coupe de Ville*, blues.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Northstar*, pop. Friday, *Sweet Blue Onion*, blues. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*. Sunday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic. Monday, *Gary Rich*, acoustic. Tuesday, *Gene Warren*, folk. Wednesday, *4-Way Street*, acoustic.

Mr. D's Cocktail Lounge, 1322 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-427-4200. Friday and Saturday, *the Mix*, pop rock.

EAST COUNTY

Borders Books & Music, 159 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon. 619-593-5119. Saturday, 7 pm, *Bruce Dale Betz*, acoustic folk.

Dirk's Niteclub, 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *R.O.K.*, rock.

Don Primo's Bolivian Restaurant, 9570 Murray Drive, El Cajon. 619-466-2912. Saturday, 8 pm, *the Rhythm Kings*, Latin.

Don's Cocktail Lounge, 13321 Business Highway, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, *Coyote Moon*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Big Eddie*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

Magnolia Mulvaney's, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, *American Made*, country.

Caper Movie

My old friends Janie and Paul bounced in from El Paso for Labor Day weekend, starved for sea air and seafood. They were staying in La Jolla, and I'd heard that nearby Tutto Mare was pretty good. A sister to Prego, it's part of the generally high-quality Spectrum restaurant chain; it majors in Italian-style seafood with a minor in wood-fire. (Its name is Italian for "all the sea.") "Let's give it a shot," said my friends, and off we went in their dusty minivan with its bug-splattered windshield and Texas plates.

Pretty soon we were utterly lost just a block from our destination. In the post-workday darkness of corporate northern La Jolla, you've got to know where you're going before you start, because all the streets are of the "Executive" order, genus, and phylum — Executive Drive, Executive Way, Executive Square, and probably an Executive Alley, Corner, and Mews somewhere, too. The restaurant is on the ground floor of one of the office megaliths, and you'll know you've arrived because it emits the only bright light on its block. (See driving directions in "Need to Know," at right.)

Arriving at last, we were delighted by the free valet parking and by the cordiality of the receptionist, who whisked us immediately to our reserved table. It was probably a bit of a chore to keep us all moving along the handsomely tiled floor toward the destination: tall, slim Janie halted in front of the glass pastry cases to moon over the chocolatey goodies. Paul yanked her along but paused to inspect the multicolored pasta strands draped over the glass shield fronting the open kitchen. My boyfriend was arrested by the handsome ceramic-tile mosaics on the columns, while I dawdled in front of the fragrant wood-fire grill with its shooting flames and stacks of logs awaiting cremation.

As soon as we were seated, bread arrived — sweet, puffy-soft rectangles reminiscent of Thanksgiving brown 'n' serve loaves. They didn't speak much Italian. The busser made up a saucer of weak extra-virgin and merchant-quality balsamic for dipping.

There are a number of tables on the kitchen level, but the main dining room is slightly raised on a carpeted terrace with a low ceiling and a windowed back wall. A roofed outdoor patio hides behind the window. As we debated what to order, we could barely hear each other. The low ceiling and glass backboard were bouncing the chatter from every



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table, not just those nearby — we could clearly discern the quiet flirtation of a couple 18 feet away. Then a large, exuberant family from southern Europe landed at the eight-top next to us, and from that point on we had to exchange our thoughts in shouts and gestures, just as they were doing.

But we had plenty of time to discuss the menu by any means necessary, because two huge parties were occupying the other end of the patio — and also fully occupying all the waiters, the kitchen, the host, and, it seemed, all the food in the larder. Our waiter brought our wine — our first wine — some 20 minutes after we ordered it. Then he disappeared for a full half hour before returning to take our food order. Another half hour, and the first appetizer arrived. Until then, we had our loaf of bread and our jug of wine, but nobody was singing in the wilderness. Of course, any restaurant can get backed up, and Tutto Mare's kitchen is thinly staffed — but they knew that two parties had booked the patio and might have called in some extra help to cope with the throngs.

Our first appetizer lifted our spirits: thin slices

of tender house-cured salmon were wrapped into "cigars" around a filling of creamy mascarpone cheese, with brandied pears lending a sweet garnish. My boyfriend got the first bite, and his eyes rolled back in pleasure. "Usually I don't like cheese all that much..."

"Especially with fish," said Janie.

"...but this is divine." It was the standout of our first courses. A pair of small, pleasant crab cakes were conventional — soft, bland, a bit bready — but gained excitement when swished through the superb accompanying tomato sauce amended with (the menu says) lobster reduction, which we couldn't actually detect. "Did they steal the tomatoes from our garden?" asked my sweetie.

All the tomato sauces, I later learned, are made by a 67-year-old Sicilian cook, using Italian canned tomatoes, but he somehow makes them taste like the fresh article. Equally pleasant (but only pleasant) and conventional was a lobster bisque, done in the traditional style with a touch of cream and a splash of sherry. A soft crouton island in the cen-

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Tutto Mare

★½ (good to very good)

4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle; 858-597-1188

HOURS: Monday, 11:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.; Tuesday–Friday to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, 5:00–11:00 p.m.; Sunday to 10:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers \$7–\$13; Pastas \$12–\$19; Entrées \$14–28; Desserts \$7.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Modern Italian cuisine, emphasizing house-made pasta, fresh seafood from mesquite grill or wood-fired oven. Italian/Californian wine list features interesting bottlings from the upper \$20s to the moon. Exciting choices by the glass, averaging \$10. Full bar.

NEED TO KNOW: Free appetizer buffet 5:30–9:00 all Wednesdays in September. Lunches crowded, business dress. Dinners run business-casual to date-dressy. Very noisy. Hard to find: Take La Jolla Village Drive to Genesee, drive north on Genesee exactly two blocks, turn right on Executive Drive and go slightly uphill for a long block and a half. Complimentary valet parking.

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ter of the bowl was crowned with a half-moon of tender meat from a lobster claw. "It tastes like good tomato soup," Paul commented, shrugging, "with some lobster flavor."

The fourth appetizer was chosen from a list of three *carpacci*. Carpaccio typically consists of paper-thin, translucent slices of raw meat or fish with simple, savory garnishes. The swordfish carpaccio had thicker opaque slices, which were not just cured but overcured in lemon juice until they turned dry and tough. A glaze of olive oil and a scatter of rosemary leaves didn't help. "This tastes like wall-

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board,” Janie observed.

“Is that what you eat for breakfast?” Paul teased.

Our best move was in ordering a pasta course to share around, Italian-family style. Not only were we very hungry, but the pasta showed the kitchen at its best. That little old Sicilian sauce-maker triumphed once more with the signature seafood pasta, “Spaghettini Tutto Mare.” A buttery, lightly spicy tomato sauce enrobed sweet little black mussels, two types of clams, langostino, calamari, fish chunks, and a few scallops, every single piece done to a turn. The restaurant gets seafood deliveries six days a week; those sublime mussels, especially, gave our taste buds absolute proof of freshness.

After that, sad to say, our entrées were generally a comedown. A seafood mixed grill (*grigliata mista*) centered on three nicely cooked butterflied giant prawns and three calamari bodies. Swollen into little blimps, the squid looked stuffed but proved to be merely puffed from the heat of the mesquite-burning grill, which had cooked them to Goodyear rubber bands. Chunks of swordfish and salmon were, respectively, slightly and

extremely overcooked, sawdust-dry, and decorated with an unannounced slick of lemon butter scattered with capers. The vegetable accompaniment consisted of small red potatoes roasted to dry pebbles and the ubiquitous San Diego restaurant medley of buttered zucchini, crookneck squash, and carrots. These elements reappeared on all our entrée plates except the evening’s “special.”

From the oak-fired oven, Denticale al forno brought the word “pleasant” back into play. It consisted of a small baked whole striped bass, surrounded by more sweet little mussels and slicked with olive oil amended with white wine, lemon juice, and another unannounced fling of capers.

The three nonpiscine entrées include a grilled veal chop. The waiter should have asked how done we wanted it, and when he didn’t, we ought to have volunteered our preference for medium rare. We forgot — and the default proved to be cooked until dead. Decorated with rosemary sprigs, the thick hunk of cardboard was sauced with small, butter-sautéed porcini mushrooms.

There are five specials at Tutto Mare most evenings — three that night — but one that’s almost always offered is the popular Dover sole, a luxury Atlantic fish from Europe. The waiter deftly filleted and sliced it at table-

side (thus earning back the tip that might have been forfeited by his earlier neglect). Baked to a beautiful golden brown, the fish had a tender texture and a mild, creamy flavor. Instead of roast potatoes, it came with plain, dry mashed potatoes, plus the same old squash medley. The sauce was a ramekin of — not again! — lemon-caper butter. The waiter had (we thought) described a white wine and lemon butter for this dish, and we expected a velvety *beurre blanc*. Perhaps we didn’t hear him clearly in the din. Or perhaps we’d simply arrived on the Night of the Attack of the Killer Capers.

After admiring the pastries in the case, we had to try a few. My favorite was a smooth, silky *crème brûlée* of the creamy (not eggy) mode, more mousseline than flanlike. It was topped with a welcome heap of mixed fresh berries with not a rotter in the lot. A chocolate-crust cheesecake was of the heavyweight variety, and those of us who like this genre (both the guys) enjoyed this rendition. Cannoli were weird: the shells were crisp rather than crumbly, closer to French tuiles than to the traditional pock-marked Sicilian rolled cookies.

That was fine, but the filling was based on a ricotta so lean and grainy textured, it reminded us of diet cottage cheese. It had winning flavorings of bittersweet chocolate chips and shredded

orange peel and the barest modicum of sugar. It coulda been a contender — with some other cheese.

It’s clear from our best dishes that you can get a good meal at Tutto Mare by coming at the right time and ordering foolproof specialties. The restaurant probably shines brightest at lunch, when the place is always slammed and the kitchen is totally on its toes. If I worked nearby, I’d probably eat my way through all the pastas and the seafood salads and still come back for more. And on Wednesdays through this month, the restaurant is celebrating its 11th anniversary with free appetizer and antipasti buffets from 5:30 to about 9:00 p.m. Jaime Valle will play Latin jazz, and the eats will include the wonderful mas-carpone-salmon rolls plus many dishes that aren’t on the menu.

But as a dinner destination — well, the cost of our quartet’s capers at Tutto Mare was actually higher than the previous week’s extraordinary dinner for four at the Marine Room. It’s your call.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Tutto Mare’s chef, Bill Riley, isn’t Italian but an Irish-Portuguese New Englander. “I was born in Connecticut, and I grew up in Massachusetts and New York. That’s my stomping grounds,” he says. “I became

a chef while I was working through college. I was a physical therapy major, and we had to do a year’s internship for free. It didn’t make sense for me — I was working for great chefs and making good money, so I went, ‘Okay... This is my career now.’ I worked under Don Chapelle, a Boston chef who came from Austria and who’s famous for his ice sculptures. I didn’t go to chef school — I went through Dishwasher University.

“I moved to San Diego just to do something new. Being from New England, we have ‘our seafood.’ I’d always heard things about the West Coast and ‘their’ seafood. It’s kind of been in my blood for a while. About six years ago I just packed up my stuff and moved, looking for adventure. I worked at Croce’s for a while, at Chive for a while, at Aubergine — it’s all a small circle of friends down there; once you’re in with them, somebody will always give you a call and say, ‘Come work for me for a while.’ Umberto Pala, the previous chef here, was a friend of mine. We bumped into each other downtown, he hired me — and he left a week later.

“At Tutto Mare the core menu has been in place for years, but what’s good about this place is that we run up to five specials a night, so we get to dabble in any variety of fish we want. We

get live Maine lobsters five times a week — that’s one of our staples that I brought in. The special fish of the day comes from myself or Arturo Mejia, my co-chef. He and I have been running this place for the last eight months. Everybody does everything in the kitchen. We make our own pastas — except for the penne and rigatoni, of course. I have a 67-year-old prep chef from Sicily, and he makes our marinara sauce three times a week in 50-gallon bulk. We make our own pastries — we bake ’em and put ’em on display and cut them to order. I like it that everybody does everything; it brings back the East Coast work ethic, where everybody’s responsible for something. We have a small staff, and we’re all working chefs — we change our coats three times a day.

“We’re very big on the fact that we get fresh seafood six days a week. People here are always looking for that ‘fresh spot.’ What we lack in any other aspect, we make up for by the fact that it’s still breathing when we get it. We order in small quantities. At first my fishmonger said, ‘You want just two pounds of mussels and three striped bass? I don’t think we can do that.’ I told him, ‘Well, if you can’t, I’ll find somebody who can,’ and they learned to do it. If a fish stays here for more than a day, I get upset.” ■

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The owner of the place, and sauce's inventor, is Tony Seales. He's the pro heavyweight San Diego boxer.

Aaah. Heaven. The setting sun backlights the grass to a magic green. Water sprayers *tick-tick-tick*, jetting curtains of silver among the trees and gravestones. Can't believe Imperial and the 805 are so close. A little breeze sighs through the canopy of our ancient chestnut tree. Hank and I sit here under it, with tubs of jambalaya, macaroni cheese, corn bread, and a hot BBQ chicken sandwich, scattered around us on the "table" of giant roots.

"Ready?" says Hank.

"Ready."

"Let's eat."

It's only because they haven't got tables and chairs yet down at Rib Masters that we came up here. We found them on Market near the 805, in an unused half of Hermie's Market, a cavernous space with big black-and-white tiles on the floor and a counter at the back and a stove with a big pot steaming away. Guy stirred at it with, like, an oar. Orange liquids bubbled and swirled.

The place had two specialties: Chicago-style ribs, and a bunch of New Orleans dishes like jambalaya and seafood gumbo. But what really hauled us in were two magic words: "99 cents."

"BBQ Chicken Sandwich, 99¢" said the sign on the window. And that was just the beginning. Other 99-cent items included Southern-style collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti "with our special sauce," peach cobbler, and sweet potato pie. "Can't lose, dude," said Hank.

We went up to the counter. "What would you like?" said the guy stirring the sauce, Kevin. 'Course, instantly we were seeing a lot more choices on the list above the counter. "Sandwiches, \$5.95. Includes your choice of our famous sweet fries, macaroni or potato salad, or small house salad."

In the sandwich, you could have BBQ beef, BBQ pork, grilled chicken breast, or catfish fillet. They had salads from the house (\$2.50) to the grilled chicken Caesar (\$4.95). Then a bunch of lunch specials. BBQ beef ribs (\$7.95), pork ribs (\$8.95), boneless grilled chicken breast (\$6.95),

seafood gumbo (\$7.95), spicy spaghetti (\$5.95), or hot links or rib tips (\$5.50). They all came with dinner rolls or corn bread, plus the same side choices as the sandwiches, plus honey-baked beans, collard greens, or red beans and rice.

On the other hand, there was that 99-cent offer. "Guess I'll have that macaroni and cheese and jambalaya," said Hank. "I'll take the chicken sandwich," I said. "Uh, and the jambalaya. And the corn bread (it's 99 cents too). Okay, and the peach cobbler."

"Oh, yeah. Me too," said Hank.

"And a Coke."

"Me too," said Hank.

"So who's the New Orleans expert?" I asked, while Kevin got things together.

"My wife," said Kevin, looking over at a woman coming in with a bunch of sauces. Yvette.

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Like Kevin, she was African-American, but what you noticed about her was her sea-green eyes.

"I'm Creole," she said. "French, Indian, and black. Born in Lafayette, Louisiana. Brought up in St. Martinsville." She learned her cooking from her grandma, old-school. "Creole cooking comes out of the poverty," she said. "Years back, food was the only thing people had to offer, so they made a point of creating the best from what they had. A lot of 'soul food' is the cheapest parts of the animal: ham hocks, neck bones. Food's so important, we spend Saturdays cooking for Sunday. Sundays, we don't do anything except eat and go to church."

Yvette said she speaks some French, from her grandmother, and yes, sometimes she misses the laid-back warmth of Louisiana. "Last time I visited, I gained 20 pounds."

Kevin ladled the BBQ sauce from the big pot onto my 99-cent grilled chicken sandwich. Of course I asked what was in it, and of course he said "secret."

Turned out even Yvette didn't know the formula. The owner of the place, and sauce's inventor, is Tony Seales. He's the pro heavyweight San Diego boxer. Originally from Chicago. Trained by Billy Moore, Archie Moore's son.

"So why don't you have tables and chairs in all this space?" I asked.

"We've only been open since June 1," Kevin

said. "We're building up the business first. But they're coming."

Anyway, that's why Hank and I have come to the cemetery, the nearest piece of parkland. Place to eat. This old tree with its two-foot-high roots snaking out and upending gravestones makes pretty good tables and chairs. We dive into the jambalaya. Great. Plenty of sausage bits. *F'nak! F'nak!* Open the Cokes. Then Hank hauls away at his macaroni, while I unwrap the foil of my 99-cent chicken sandwich. Oh, man. I bite into a crispy grilled spicy chicken bathed in a warm, oozy sweet BBQ sauce. Ninety-nine cents? Can't believe it. Tony should patent that sauce.

"Dude, you're missing something here," I say. "This is to die for."

"Uh, sure you wanna say that, like, here?" says Hank, looking round. Except then he reaches for his peach cobbler. Takes one bite. Eyes roll to back of head. "Oh, dude! Wait till you get onto this. You'll think you've died *and* gone to heaven."

I open my tub. Plastic-fork out a golden mound of peach and dumpling. Oh. Oh, yes. I take another sweet, gloopy mouthful...I'm thinking: the whole lot cost, what? Eight, nine bucks between the two of us? I gaze out at the gravestones dotting the green lawns. These people don't know what they're missing. ■

The Place: Rib Masters Express, 4297 Market Street, Southeast San Diego (619-262-7993)

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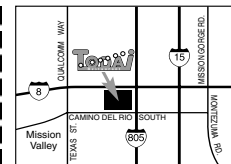
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"When I used to sell wine on the street, I used to notice guys who were just way overloaded and just kept buying."

Robert Gelman was born in Paris, but he ended up in Ohio. "It was a typical immigrant story, just the family following the family." His parents' habit of drinking wine at dinner made the journey with them, and young Robert began joining in their bibulous lifestyle when he was around age 16. That dalliance with wine led to a full-blown love affair in his mid-20s, and that affair led to more than 15 years of various jobs on the distribution/import side of the business. Then, in 1999, after a stint with a French import house didn't work out, Gelman took the plunge and opened up his own retail shop: Grape Connections, a triangular, window-lined shop on Shelter Island Drive in Point Loma.

You can buy wine in a lot of places in Point Loma: Barons on Point Loma Boulevard; Point Loma Seafoods; even the Stars and Stripes mini-mart, which shares strip mall space with Grape Connections, offers selections from Ravenswood, Napa Ridge, Geyser Peak and Clos du Bois. Gelman is trying to find his niche somewhere between the liquor stores that surround him and the higher-volume, bigger-discount houses like Barons and the Costco on Morena Boulevard.

"I'm trying to find things that are not in the huge discount houses. Sometimes I'm successful, sometimes I'm not. I'll go to Barons. I'll go to Costco once in a while and see what they've got. It's amazing what they're carrying. They've got Chateau Latour in there; they've got Far Niente. I was offered the '99 vintage of BV Georges de Latour Cabernet today. I don't know if I'm going to bring it in, because I can guarantee you that it will be stacked up to here at Costco. I don't carry Opus One for a reason" — because Costco has got it for less than he could afford to sell it.

The situation is not without its advantages. Says Gelman, "When someone comes in and says, 'Do you have Opus?' unless they're 100% 'I want

Opus!' if they'll spend five to ten minutes with me, I can usually sell them something as good if not better at a better price." And these days, price is a primary consideration. "When I first opened in the fall of '99, I was carrying much more expensive categories. But when the high-tech sector went down the toilet, I noticed that the \$60, \$70, \$80 bottles were starting to slow up. I decided to put more emphasis on the \$6.99-\$10.99 bracket, and it seems to be working. My price niche is in what I call finds of the month: \$5.99 to

\$10.99." A recent visit turned up around 30 such bottles, with many more under \$20. "And on top of that, if anybody buys six bottles, I'll give them 10% off."

Some of the bargains are deeply familiar: the intriguing Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc/Viognier blend, the high-scoring Falesco Vitiano Italian red. "You've got to have a little familiar stuff" at both the high and low end, says Gelman, just to have something to get people through the door. Once they're inside, he can introduce them to his more esoteric offerings: the \$7.99 Pennautier, a 100% Syrah from the usually Grenache-heavy Languedoc in France; the \$9.99 Wallace Park Pinot Noir, a second label from Oregon's Adelsheim winery; 11 different Italian white wines. A slide up the price scale reveals more familiar names among the Chardonnays — Rombauer, Markham — but also "something like Keller Estate, which is only about a 1700-case production. Melville you don't see a lot of; Solex and Ledson are smaller producers."

His prices on his familiar bottles are admittedly higher than the discount house prices, but he finds that he's able to attract customers with service and simple proximity. "As soon as someone walks in the door, we're there. 'What are you serving it with? What are you making?' etc., etc. What I try to do with these people is convince



Robert Gelman with customer

them that, if you live here, by the time you get in your car and you spend your time and your gas to go wherever and save a dollar or 75 cents," you may as well "support the locally owned business."

Being local helps in other ways as well. "I've lived in Point Loma since the early '90s, so I know the demographics pretty well. My ex-wife and I had a little restaurant called Luna Notte — she still has the restaurant. I would create the wine list and suggest wines to different people; that's how I got to know what the potentials were in this marketplace."

"Point Lomans buy a lot of California wine." A high-volume producer like Buena Vista would normally never make it into the shop — it's cheaper at the grocery store — but "I got a great deal on it, I bought five cases, and I'm down to one bottle. The Brigantine has been pouring J. Lohr since day one, and I've had requests to bring in the Chardonnay and the Cabernet. People drink it there, so they buy it here. I just go straight markup, and it still sells."

Who comes in? "Everybody, from old Point Loma money," to younger folks like the ones who will eventually populate the redeveloped NTC, "to the servers at Humphrey's and Old Venice. What I'm trying to capitalize on are the people, maybe 30 to 50, who are drinking wine and aren't afraid to spend a little money. A lot of the older

people who have money like to hang on to it; they're the ones who are going to buy the \$5.99 Joliet Chardonnay. But if they come here to buy it, that's fine."

The shop will be three years old this winter, and so far, Gelman has managed to maintain steady growth. "I try to be very cautious on how I buy. That's the key. It's very simple to taste a wine and say, 'Sure, bring it in, I can sell that.' When I used to sell wine on the street, I used to notice guys who were just way overloaded and just kept buying. I think the key is to keep your inventory in line. You don't want to look empty — that's a bad sign, too — but you want to control it."

Controlling it is a matter of paying attention — to the economy, to the customers, and to the calendar. "The summer months can be a little stronger for me than in other parts of San Diego, because of the yachters coming down from Arizona and Nevada. And twice a year, in the spring and fall, the megayachts do their migrating, so to speak, like the whales. That increases business a little bit, too. Hopefully, it'll be cases, and higher-end stuff. And some of these yachts have six, eight, ten crew members, and they're allowed to buy the \$8.99, \$9.99 stuff. They call it crew wine. They can come in and sometimes buy five, six, eight cases of wine, because they're going to be out at sea for who knows how long." ■

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THE FISH MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or pan-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 super-markets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi"

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JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

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only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

POPEYE'S CHICKEN & BISCUITS 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to 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's, Old Town, 619-260-0305; 1020 West

San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-7550; 258 Harbor Drive South, Oceanside, 760-967-6199. — E.B. (9/01)

SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

NORTH COASTAL

AMICI 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. Chef Monica Szepeszy and her brother Michael (hosting) offer personalized, home-style renditions of diverse Latin American and Italian dishes, including house-made breads, pastas, and beverages. You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. The bill of fare (about five choices for each course) changes nightly. (Groups of three or more can order sampler dinners with tastes of everything.) Be sure to try the house's *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The signature dessert is a cloud-like Tres Leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. BYOB welcome; beer/wine license pending. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday; reservations very strongly urged. Moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

BIRD HOUSE GRILL 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. Turkish food is the order of the day at this cute, small café decorated with birdcages, birdhouses, and birds' nests all

What the Chef Eats

SEARED AHI NAPOLEON

BY STEPHEN WINDOW

Executive Chef, Roppongi, La Jolla

I developed Seared Ahi Napoleon for the menu-testing stage for the opening of Roppongi. It fit the restaurant's concept, and I wanted to put a spin on the seared ahi served in most restaurants. During my time in Asia, a variation of this dish was one of the most popular at the Tivoli Grill in the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Manila. Guests loved the freshness and the clean presentation.

My cooking experiences in Hawaii taught me how to select

the best tuna, which is the most important thing about this dish, buying the freshest ahi and crabmeat available. The ahi should be bright ruby red.

I learned a great deal about spices from working with Andres Knapp in Maui, Tylun Pang in Kauai, and Roy Yamaguchi. This dish is very refreshing, as the spiciness of the sauces complements the clean smoothness of the ahi.

Wasabi powder and seven-spice are available at most local Asian

over. The most popular order is the "Super Combo Plate" of charbroiled gyro meat, *kofte* (ground meat kebabs), and moist chicken kebabs, plus fragrant rice pilaf, Turkish salad, pita, and *tzatziki*, the traditional yogurt-cucumber sauce, made here with plenty of dill and a thick, luxury-grade yogurt. Other appealing choices are the vegetable kebab or the house special *Iskender* kebab, a pile of very fine-grained halved sausages (resembling soft-skinned hot dogs with Middle Eastern seasonings) dressed with tomato sauce and billows of the terrific yogurt. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

CAFE SEVILLA CARLSBAD 3050 Pio Pico (off Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-730-7558. The atmosphere is cozy and pleasant. Dine upstairs for larger tables. Tapas and Span-

ish specialties of average competence. Music will warm your blood. Lunch Monday through Friday. Dinner nightly, to midnight Friday and Saturday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

NEIMANS 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. The peaked dining room has been refurbished and looks like a circular country inn. All-you-can-eat buffet brunch with all-you-can-drink champagne, mimosa, orange juice, and coffee. Traditional offerings include fried chicken. Daily, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — E.W.

PISCES DELICACIES OF THE SEA La Costa Spa, 2100 Costa Del Mar Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111. This long-established and still-excellent restaurant is located at the spa itself, in a gorgeous room one flight down from

markets. 99 Ranch Market has a wide selection of these ingredients. For people who want to blend their own seven-spice, it is a ground combination of chili pepper, orange peel, black sesame seed, seaweed, white sesame seed, Japanese pepper, and ginger.

This dish can be served any time but would make a wonderful dinner-party dish. I recommend a Chalk Hill Pinot Gris with the dish. It is a crisp wine with a delicate floral nose.

the lobby. The menu includes fresh Maine lobster, lobster thermidor, and Dover sole. Abalone and Maryland soft-shell crabs are seasonal. Please call for directions. Open nightly for dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

ROSANNA'S DELI 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. The house-made sausages are juicy Sicilian-style classics of coarse-ground, fennel-seasoned fresh pork, and the bright-green frozen pesto is fresh and delicate. You'll also find frozen pizza dough and ravioli (with fillings such as lobster, wild mushrooms, or eggplant, as well as cheese), plus cold cuts, salads, and imported foodstuffs. Don't miss the *sfogliatelle*, a light, moist, faintly lemony multi-layered breakfast pastry. The eat-

in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and deli sandwiches. Open daily. — N.W. (5/02)

RUBY'S DINER 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "forties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled



HOW TO DO IT

Trim blood line from ahi. Cut in half lengthwise and then into 1/4-inch pieces. Combine lump crab with mayonnaise and soy. Sandwich portions of lump crab between two ahi pieces.

Heat a nonstick pan over medium-high heat, and sear ahi for 5 seconds on each side.

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What the Chef Eats

white wine in small
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high and reduce sauce
volume to 90 percent.
Add heavy cream and
reduce sauce to 60
percent of original
volume. Remove from
heat. Slowly add butter
cubes, whisking
constantly. Add
sesame oil, and
continue to whisk.
Strain sauce through
fine sieve, and add
seven-spice to sauce.
Wasabi mustard:
In a small bowl
combine wasabi, Dijon
mustard, rice vinegar,
and honey. Whisk
together.
To serve, place
butter sauce on plate

and top with ahi.
Garnish with mustard
sauce. This recipe
serves four.

I N G R E D I E N T S

1 pound grade 1 ahi tuna
8 ounces jumbo lump
crabmeat
2 ounces mayonnaise
1 ounce lite soy sauce
1 ounce finely chopped shallots
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
8 ounces butter cut into small
cubes
1/2 ounce sesame oil
1/4 teaspoon seven-spice
2 ounces wasabi mustard
mixed with water to form
paste
2 ounces Dijon mustard
4 ounces honey
2 ounces rice vinegar

there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

TERIYAKI 101 250 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

VIVACE Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-6999. The well-prepared food is no more expensive than the offerings in any upscale San Diego restaurant, but it’s an experience to dine in such luxurious surroundings. Menus change seasonally. The appetizer list offers unique selections. For entrées try chicken in clay pot or daily fresh fish. The Four Seasons lounge is a great place to visit and listen to live music. Go see the hotel. It’s worth the trip. Open nightly, 5:30 to 10:30 p.m., diners only. Expensive. — E.W.

NORTH INLAND

ATHENS MARKET CAFE 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (off I-15, between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo), 858-675-2225. The same recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more lovingly prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs.

Excellent value and tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

CHICKEN PLUS GREEK 309 West Mission, Escondido, 760-480-1348. This pleasant little spot (mainly for takeout) has multiple personalities. First, there’s very basic rotisserie chicken. Then, there are parboiled “barbecued” baby back ribs and a prime rib plate. The latest twist on these dishes is “Cajun” seasoning. But the most savory personality is Greek, with decent gyros (grilled pressed ground lamb and beef), souvlakia (kebabs), *dolmades*, *tyropita*, and good gooey *spanakopita*. Although the salad dressings and *tzatziki* (the cuke-yogurt gyros dressing) taste mass-produced, you get a lot of wholesome food for little money. Lunch and early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

FISH HOUSE VERA CRUZ 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. This family-style restaurant serves seafood and fresh fish that changes daily. Simple but honest preparation, good value. Open daily for lunch and dinner (dinner menu is served from opening to closing on Sunday). Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

THE FORTUNE COOKIE 16425 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-451-8958. Since its 1992 opening, the luster of this handsome, once-ambitious Chinese restaurant has somewhat faded in the face of local preferences. Chef Yang’s creative Chinese menu has devolved into the cornstarch-heavy Szechwanese and Cantonese-American crowd-pleasers favored by the RB golf-and-tennis set. Glimpses of high skill remain, in the greaseless beef egg rolls and the sublime soups. Venturesome “regulars” who know how to order can probably still get excellent meals, including delicacies that have vanished from the current menu. The long, smart wine list has minimal mark-ups, and there’s a rare (for the genre) array of serious desserts. Moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

LA TAPATIA 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You’ll find standard Mexican fare in a com-

fortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the “cheese crisp,” a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there’s a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

MILLE FLEURS 6009 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-3085. One of the area’s top destination restaurants, Bertrand Hug’s beautiful room with beautiful food draws “the beautiful people” — Hollywood honchos, high-end high school graduation parties, and a steady influx of rarefied Rancho Santa Fe residents flaunting huge twinkling rocks. The daily-changing menu sports first-rate modern French cuisine (with a few German touches) by long-time chef Martin Woesle. Order at will — everything’s flawless. The menu’s most exciting on weeknights, when crowds are sparser and the kitchen has time to stretch. The wine list is fabulous but exorbitant even at the bottom. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Reservations a must. Very, very expensive. — N.W. (5/01)

MING COURT 12750 Carmel Country Road, Country Plaza Shopping Center, North City West (adjacent to Del Mar), 858-793-2933. “Elegance” describes the interior of this restaurant. Some unusual preparations are cilantro chicken, pungent shrimp, three-mushroom delight, tangerine beef, and items on the Ming Court specialty list. Service is first-rate. Open daily. Moderate. — E.W.

ONAMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Faire, Escondido, 760-738-7522. 160-foot Japanese seafood buffet, hot Japanese dishes, salads, desserts, all you can eat. Tons of fresh food. Seats 250. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — E.W.

RANCHO VALENCIA 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-1123. The dining room and surrounding grounds are gorgeous, the meals beautifully prepared. Great place to take a

guest to lunch. Best bets, fresh fish. All California cuisine dishes have Mediterranean influence. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SAN DIEGO ARTISAN BAKERS 1551 South Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 760-740-5963. The grains are ground daily for this wonderful European-style bread. Every bread has dense consistency and an amazing crust. Among the best bets are the baguette, the sourdough with Greek olives, and the country sourdough. Recipes come from France, Italy, and Germany. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

GOLD COAST

CAFE ZINC 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant “pizzette” (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

DEL MAR PIZZA 211 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-8088. If you’ve heard about, dreamed about, or were merely curious about New York pizza, the best local practitioner is now in Del Mar, complete with New York manners. The hot sandwiches are good, but the pizza is in a league by itself. The secret lies in the crust. Lasagne and stuffed eggplant also available, as well as cannoli for dessert. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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RESTAURANTS

Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

HIDE AWAY CAFE 150 South Acacia Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-755-3388. The Hide Away is the classic forties California beach café. You have to look carefully down the tiny tree-shaded street to spot their big blue-and-yellow sign. It's a homey little place, with a corrugated iron roof, wooden porch, and a green mantle of gnarly old ivy. Flap through the swing doors. Inhale the good smells from the kitchen. Sit down at one of the intimate tables. Order the jalapeño and grilled red onion omelet with avocado and Jack cheese. Or the delicious "Kaleidoscope": scrambled eggs, cheese, bell peppers, onions, and home fries. Finish up with a slice of homemade pumpkin-nut bread. Breakfast and lunch only, open daily to 2 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

LE BAMBOU 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that's fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and charbroiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

PACIFICA DEL MAR 1555 Camino del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-792-0476. Select the fresh fish prepared in the simplest manner and you'll do fine here. The setting and view remain delightful and the service excellent. Wok items available. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

PARIOLI ITALIAN BISTRO 647 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-2525. Italian dishes from every section of Italy are prepared with loving care in time-honored tradition. Specialties are risotto, ravioli, leg of lamb, duck breast, fresh fish. Charming atmosphere with fireplace. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, DEL MAR 11582 El Camino Real (exit Carmel Valley Road), Del Mar, 858-755-1454. First-rate appetizers, steaks, chops, lobster. You can make a meal from the crab cakes and smoked salmon platter. Outstanding desserts, large enough for two or more. For more romantic atmosphere, take elevator upstairs. Not as noisy as downtown. All vegetables à la carte. Dine early during racing season. Open 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Very expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

VILLAGE MILL BREAD COMPANY 12845 El Camino Real, Carmel Valley (Del Mar Heights), 858-794-4994. Sixteen varieties of bread, all fine for sandwiches. Best bets are honey sunflower and cinnamon swirl, which makes excellent French toast. The bread is soft with soft crusts; children love it. Open daily. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located adjacent to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, and burgers. The new chef adds luster to the new menu. Loving and attentive service. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

910 RESTAURANT Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400, www.thegrandecolonial.com/nine-ten.html. In this lively, casual-chic dining room, Chef Michael Stebner shapes a constantly changing, luxurious menu based little on "luxury foods" and much more on inspired combinations of luxuriously perfect local, seasonal foodstuffs — clean, fine flavors that taste like themselves. Most items are available as either "small" or "large" plates, so it's easy to create your own tasting menu without breaking the bank. Pastry chef Jack Fisher creates the avant-garde desserts. Open daily, three

meals; Monday (typically chef's night off) is a best bet, with Stebner usually on hand to cook for his peers. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

CAFE JAPENGO 8960 University Center Lane, Aventine complex, La Jolla, 858-450-3355. The decor is smashing and the Pacific Rim food — with influences from Japan, China, Hawaii, Thailand, and California — is beautiful to behold. Outstanding appetizers. For entrées, try roasted duck with crispy vegetables or shrimp and scallops with spicy peanut sauce. The sushi bar is one of the city's best. Please make note of the prices — if you get carried away you may be in for a large bill. Open daily. Expensive. — *E.W.*

DAILY'S Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

DONOVAN'S STEAK AND CHOP HOUSE 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-450-6666. Very noisy room and distracted service tend to make the experience more stressful than relaxing. Average steaks and chops, though nothing memorable. Popular "in" spot. Dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Expensive. — *E.W. (4/99)*

HOPS! BISTRO AND BREWERY 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (next to Macy's), University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-587-6677. Hops! serves the best food of any brewery in San Diego. The same menu is served continuously from lunch to closing. Best dishes are spit-roasted chicken and penne with salmon and shrimp. All beers are brewed on the premises. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MAITRE D' 5523 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-456-2111. Two separate dining rooms, an elegant ambiance, and the presence of the owner himself (formerly with the Plaza Hotel in New York) contribute to a fine dining experience with faultless service. The half-lobster appetizer is a house specialty, and the rack of lamb and fresh fish are always outstanding. Excellent place for large parties and Russian specialties when available. Dinners only,

Tuesday through Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. Expensive. — *E.W.*

PANDA COUNTRY 4150 Regents Park Row #190, University Towne Centre, La Jolla, 858-552-1345. Gorgeous surroundings and stunning presentations carry the day here. The extensive menu does particularly well with its 11 appetizers and 30 seafood and fish dishes prepared Mandarin or Szechuan style. Scallops and shrimp receive special treatment. Open daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

THE PANIKIN CAFE 7467 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-5453. The outdoor seating area is almost always crowded with tea and coffee drinkers who sun themselves, read, or chat. Light meals, including breakfast (steamed eggs, bagels, fruit plates) and sandwiches, soup, salads, as well as beverages and sweets are served. It is a well-known hangout and always crowded. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ROY'S 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi's ever-expanding chain has elements of both "top chef" and "chain" about it. That is, a potentially fine restaurant is somewhat stunted by celeb-chef silliness, with the staff working too hard to sell us on the place. (Chill out, guys, it's San Diego.) And it takes a few visits to decode Roy's Rules of Ordering, which makes all the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters (for starters or mains) — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don't waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks, when the wine list is brilliant (try the "Loess is More" with seafood). The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, lumpia, "Kahana" shutome (swordfish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

SADAF 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier Street), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table

linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

SKY ROOM Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

TAPENADE 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. Surely one of the best restaurants in the county, you'll find superb, utterly assured French cooking by famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot. This is the modern style of French cuisine, light and clean to let every ingredient shine, unmasked by heavy sauces. Each dish is perfect. Pork tenderloin, Muscovy duck, foie gras, and the fresh fish are small triumphs. Worth every penny. Expensive to very expensive. — *E.W. (7/98)*

THE WHALING BAR La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. Now open after extensive renovation with an expanded menu. They offer their usual specialties, including paella. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

ZENBU 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell

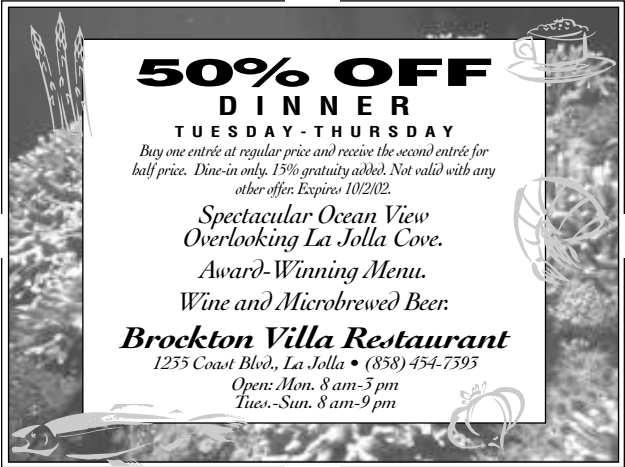
most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

ANDRES' PATIO RESTAURANT 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch Monday to Thursday, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

THE GOOD EGG 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy Street), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-4244. The menu offers omelets, gourmet pancakes, waffles, and several different kinds of frittatas. Freshly squeezed fruit juices are available, and for lunch there are burgers, salads, and a long list of sandwiches. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

HIDEYOSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 9340-B Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Hazard Village, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-9595. A delightful restaurant tucked away at the far end of a small shopping center. Fine sushi bar, and unusual appetizers. A feast named "Taiko special," for two or more, is worth ordering. Visually and gastronomically a treat. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*



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KOREA HOUSE 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine “down-home” Korean food, such as traditional *man-doo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (9/98)*

NEW SHANGHAI 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn’t “Americanized.” Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the “de-fatted pork shoulder,” the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

PHUONG TRANG 4170 Convoy Street (at Balboa Avenue), Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Named after the Vietnamese owner’s daughter, this is a big, neon-bright eating hall with off-white walls, black-and-red chairs, green plastic coconut trees, and ads for “Michelob Bia.” It buzzes with a warm and humming atmosphere. Standard fare like *pho* (rice noodle beef soup), *mi* (egg noodle soup combinations), and *chao* (porridge) are all here. The *chao long* (pork stomach porridge) is nutritious. But come for celebrations too. Order ahead for grilled whole catfish, usually a huge shared plate, or *lau* (hotpots). The meat and seafood combination *lau* is great. Less expensive, but also interesting, is the “Phuong Trang Special Broken Rice” piled on with shredded pork, steamed egg, fried tofu, a choice of meats, and a sweet fish sauce. Don’t leave without a Vietnamese coffee, which drips into its condensed milk base right at your table. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/02)*

PREGO Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars Road), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are near-perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish, but the nightly specials are where chef Josh McGinnis gets to strut his stuff. Service is warm and well-informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

THAI HOUSE CUISINE 4225 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-1800. Not to be confused with Thai House in Point Loma, this attractive and well-decorated Thai restaurant serves fine gourmet Thai specialties. Do try the Thai Boat filled with seafood. The appetizer prepared from ground shrimp and chicken is a delight. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

VIA ITALIA PIZZERIA TRATTORIA 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732, *www.viaitalia.signonsandiego.com*. Don’t look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over Northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they’re what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crust and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? Service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Noisy inside; heated patio dining for the fortunate. Park near the movie multiplex; restaurant is in “Food Court” near theaters. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate (pastas, pizzas, tasting menus) to expensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

WINE SELLAR AND BRASSERIE 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restau-

rant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

THE BEACHES

ALFIERE Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a “Venetian Carnival” theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he’s capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn’t be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house “antipasta” (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you’d hope for, while house-made pesto gnocchi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like “hotel food.” The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

BALEEN Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6363. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida’s famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

CUCINA FRESCA 1851 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9490 or 619-224-9470. Here’s a good place for very tasty Italian food at low cost. The lasagne Florentine is especially good and so are the chicken dishes. At least ten dishes available. Open for lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

FAIROUZ CAFE AND GALLERY 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

GEORGIA’S GREEK CUISINE 3550 Rosecrans Street, Grosvenor Square Center, Loma Portal, 619-523-1007. This small, immaculate Greek restaurant serves food that will please anyone on a budget. Lunch is an especially good buy. All entrées, as well as sandwiches and appetizers, are prepared for takeout. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

HUMPHREY’S BY THE BAY 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577, *www.humphreysbythebay.com*. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They’re missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

QWIGS BAR & GRILL 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-222-1101. A splendid ocean view, a good sushi bar, sprightly salads, and fresh fish are the main attractions here. Friendly service. Long flight of stairs to the dining room, with an elevator for wheelchair access. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

SAPPORO JAPANESE RESTAURANT 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It’s small, but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and

California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *Champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

SUSHI OTA 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality,

perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don’t come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio’s). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors’ choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible “sushi sundae” (*uni, toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don’t miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas,

when Ota-*san’s* away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you’ve reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

THE VENETIAN 3663 Voltaire Street, Loma Portal, 619-223-8197. For bargain hunters who like vast portions and home-style Italian cooking, try this family restaurant. The pizza is marvelous. For entrées, try shrimp scampi over linguine or eggplant parmigiana. One dining room is partially outdoors.

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WORLD FAMOUS 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. Located directly on the boardwalk with an unobstructed view, this casual restaurant offers patio or indoor dining. Food preparation is straightforward — nothing fancy, but fresh, wholesome, and offering large portions. Thirty appetizers available in the bar. Combination dinners with steak and seafood are expensive. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday to 3 p.m.; breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

ASMARA RESTAURANT 4433 El Cajon Boulevard (at Fairmount Avenue), Talmadge, 619-563-3666, www.asmara-sd.com. The fare here is Eritrean (which proves very similar to Ethiopian), and the menu is long and uncommonly interesting. The meat combination platter is a terrific array, including top-notch *isebhi derho* (known as *ye-doro wat* on Ethiopian menus), chicken and an egg in a rich, dark sauce, a similar dish with beef, *gored-gored* (lightly seared meat cubes in spicy butter), and lamb *al'cha*, a stir-fry in a mild curry sauce. From the à la carte choices, consider *zilzil t'bsi*, char-grilled meat in butter, and *kulwa*, a sprightly stir-fry of lamb, beef, or chicken. Vegetable dishes are luscious, too. Entrées are served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which serves as an edible spoon and edible tablecloth — use pieces of it to scoop up morsels (in your right hand). Meats are cooked (or not

cooked) to your order and seasoned to your specifications (understand that “hot” means seriously spicy). Vegetarian-friendly. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Can be noisy on weekends. Cash only. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (11/00)

EL COMAL 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great home-cooking from Michoacan, Guerrero, Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the *mulita carne adobada* (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

HUFFMAN'S BAR-B-QUE 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

IMPERIAL HOUSE 505 Kalmia Street, North Park, 619-234-3525. If you are close to Balboa Park, this is an excellent place for lunch. The special, which costs \$8.95, includes soup or salad plus hot entrée. For dinner try steak, fresh fish, Anna potatoes. Tableside service and a charming view of the park. In a separate room is the Mystery Dinner Theatre which includes dinner plus theater on Friday and Saturday (call for prices). Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Saturday; dinner theater, Friday and Saturday in separate room; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LAO & CHINESE CUISINE 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. This restaurant is a simple place, large and spare around Formica tables, that serves uncomplicated, home-style Lao cuisine. I highly recommend the *larb*, a spicy salad with poached minced beef, chicken, or pork and seasoned with lime juice, hot pepper, cilantro, onions, fresh mint, and ground toasted rice. This dish is earthy and wild, spectacular. Other tasty dishes include papaya pog-pog salad (papaya, chilis, and tomato), *tom yum* soup, and *pho* and *pad si-ew* noodle dishes. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (2/99)

PAESANO 3647 30th Street (at Landis Street), North Park, 619-291-4090. Joe Romano and his family started here in 1967, painting the interior to look like you're among the stone arches of some Italian village grotto. Pictures of Italian tourist attractions line the walls, and the music is Italian mandolin ditties. The food is traditional Italian-American, with pittance-priced “daily specials” like eggplant parmesan and spaghetti with meatballs, plus salad and garlic bread. Regular dishes are bargain-priced, too. Weekday lunch, early dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it's hardly changed in 70 years. You'll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner Saturdays. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

PHOENICIA 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag,

and the word “Phoenicia” written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafra* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

TURF SUPPER CLUB 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, “re-established” in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.* (4/01)

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ANTONIO'S HACIENDA 700 N. Johnson Avenue (corner of Arnel Avenue), El Cajon, 619-442-9827. Fine place for children, parents, grandparents. The food is not regional or gourmet, but standard items are fresh, generous in size, and inexpensive. Sopaipillas, a deep-fried confection served with honey, are complimentary with meal. Open daily, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ARIGATO 5575 Baltimore Drive, suite 110, La Mesa, 619-469-3157. Here's a

great bargain Japanese restaurant. Among the best are the combination plates which contain sesame chicken, tempura, and *gyoza* dumplings. The vegetable and shrimp tempura is outstanding. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

ASWAN 7404 University Avenue (at Lowell Street), La Mesa, 619-697-0361. Louisiana and East Africa share the menu at this spacious restaurant “where the Mississippi meets the Nile.” Most dishes are made to order, so don't expect to eat and run. Start with a sampling of Maryam Suliman's Somaliian *sambussas* (of chicken, beef, spinach, potato, lentils, shrimp, cheese, fruit) — each savory filling is differently seasoned. Then dive into a bowl of co-owner Vernon Sukumu's exemplary seafood gumbo. You can taste the Big Easy in every bite of NOLA-born chef Patrick Kavanaugh's Louisiana dishes, including an unbeatable jambalaya, or you can opt for African specialties such as *tibsi*, *zigni*, Somaliian spaghetti, or a vegetarian sampler. “All you can eat” weekend brunches offer items from both cuisines, including fried turkey. No alcohol, no pork, all meats *halla* (Muslim-butchered). Lunch/dinner Tuesday through Friday, brunch/dinner weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W.* (2/02)

BARNES BAR-B-QUE 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue (at Cypress, tucked in the back of Liquor Mart Square), Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. The sign on the window reads: “Soul Food: 99 cents”; inside is the homey solace of good cheer and excellent Memphis-style barbecue. Pork gets star billing: in a sandwich, it appears as tender chunks laced with smoke; on ribs, as luscious, multitextured strips slathered with sauce that balances sweet smoke, citrus tang and a mild, persistent spice. BBQ beans are a revelation, creamy yet substantial, swimming alongside rich bits of pork in a sauce that delivers a sweet molasses bite. Macaroni and cheese is gooey and gummable, a mild counter to the murky, sour/salty greens. On Fridays, you can get Southern-fried catfish or red snapper, plus hush puppies. Inexpensive. — *A.M.* (2/01)

CHARLEY'S FAMOUS HAMBURGERS AND KEBOBS 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-out, but you can dine out at their picnic tables under bougainvillea. Open daily, three meals. — *E.B.* (12/01)

D.Z. AKIN'S 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

EFFIN'S PUB AND GRILL 6164 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-229-9800. Come here after a hard day's hittin' the books at nearby State. It's a brass-on-the-fan-blades, wild west-looking place where things can get pretty lively. The surprise is they have some pretty good food, especially the pizzas. Check the house specials: Monday Madness (an “x-large pizza with domestic draft pitcher”), Taco Tuesday (tacos are bi-ig), and Wing Wednesday (hot & spicy wings go for a song). But, best of all, you can come up to the bar and say “Gimme an Effin beer” and not have to duck. Closed Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/01)

RODEO BAR AND GRILL 10109 Maine Avenue, Lakeside, 619-390-7996. Agnes and Ildikor are the two blue-eyed Hungarian-born sisters who run this only-in-Lakeside institution. It's a low, red, grapevine-covered onetime produce barn near the rodeo grounds. A dirt parking lot hides under the trees, and an old freezer door is the main entrance to the restaurant,

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which has decor straight out of Dodge City. The menu has two sides: the A-side features big steaks, while the B-side offers bargain-priced sandwiches like grilled barbecued beef or the Pony-burger, a flame-broiled quarter-pounder with steak fries, barbecue beans, and fixin's. On Thursday nights, the sisters' mom cooks one of her special Hungarian dishes, depending on what the customers have asked for — so get on down there and vote! Open until 1 a.m. (with karaoke) on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

FAR EAST

ALPINE INN 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. If you're a beef lover, try the Texas burger served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Stay with beef here. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday for \$7.95. Call for hours. Open daily; lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly, brunch Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

BURNING TREE NATIVE AMERICAN GRILL 40080 Old Highway 80 (at the end of Highway 94), Boulevard, 619-766-3442, *www.nativegrill.com*. This place feels like someone's baronial country retreat. Since 1917 it has sat under a grove of California live oaks 60 miles east of downtown. It once housed the Chateau Basque restaurant. Elk heads, dark timbers, mottled yellow windows — you start wishing you'd brought your tie. But don't worry. Jim Buel and his family keep prices reasonable and attitudes casual. They collected Native American recipes throughout the Southwest to create an interesting fusion of American Indian recipes. Try Comanche fried frogs' legs in a cornmeal crust, or hunter's stew with venison and rabbit, sirloin of buffalo, or "Skokomish Huckleberry glazed duck." Open Wednesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

OLD OAK INN 1367 Dewey Place, Campo, 619-478-9924. Don't blink, or you might miss this hub of the way-out-there downtown Cameron Corners, near the Campo steam train depot. The family who runs it has been homesteading this patch of country since 1868. The food is good, solid traditional American fare, from ham, eggs, and hash brown potatoes to barbecued beef "piled high" on a toasted bun with French fries and salad, to the three-piece chicken basket dinner. The great pleasure is to fill up, go outside, and then just listen to the silence. Open daily, lunch and dinner; kitchen closed from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

RAMON'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ADAMS AVENUE GRILL 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

BERTA'S LATIN AMERICAN RESTAURANT 3928 Twiggis Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chilemal* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vat-apa* (seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BOMBAY EXOTIC CUISINE OF INDIA 3975 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest Cinemas complex, Hillcrest, 619-298-3155.

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COTTAGE CAFE & GARDEN GRILL 2321 Fifth Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-696-0071, *www.cottagecafesandiego.com*. The Polish feel of this midtown café is palpable. The owners vacation in Poland yearly to update the family recipes. But you can eat American if you want, with smidgeons of Russian, Italian, and Greek, too. The "Farmer's Breakfast" is a roundup of chopped ham or sausage, onions scrambled with two eggs, home fries, and toast. Or go Polish with a grilled Polish sausage sandwich stuffed with peppers, onions, and sauerkraut on rye. A full range of Polish specialties shows up on the weekend all-you-can-eat buffet, with stuffed cabbage, beef stroganoff, sausages and cabbage, and chicken paprika. Try the Polish beer, "Okocim, 1845," but be careful — it's 8.1 percent alcohol. Great patio out back. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

CREST CAFE 425 Robinson Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-295-2510. "Hearty Homemade Comfort Food" is the boast, and this small retro-deco café backs it up. Cecilia and her dad, Luis Moreno, took over this place back in 1985. Some staff have been here since the start. Loyal customers get their photos and names on an honor roll that fills one wall. Lots of lazy ceiling fans, long, hanging blue lights, and art. "Matisse in Morocco," Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo. Consider momsy dishes like Sloppy Joes, honey-glazed pork chops, or the healthy Vegetable Steam Basket. And don't turn down their 11 different kinds of burgers, including the Fresh Salmon Burger, the OuiOui Burger ("aged bleu cheese crumbled under melted jack cheese") or the wicked, spicy Butter Burger (half a pound of lean ground beef stuffed with garlic, tarragon, basil, parsley butter, topped with cheese, garlic-paprika-

cayenne-cumin mayo and more butter). Best of all, late hours: open 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days. Dinner at 11 is no problem. How rare is that in San Diego? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL ZARAPE 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

FIFTH AND HAWTHORN 515 Hawthorn, uptown, 619-544-0940. Excellent, very fresh fish and seafood dinners are to be found here. The price of the entrée includes soup or salad. Best bet is the bargain-price per couple prix fixe dinner, which consists of four courses (with a choice of entrées) plus a bottle of wine. À la carte choices are available, too. This restaurant is often frequented by actors and writers, which can add cachet to the evening. Open daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *E.W.*

JACK AND GIULIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. The former owners of Giulio's in Pacific Beach now operate Jack and Giulio's. Best bets are angel hair pasta, minestrone soup, and their famous scampi. Old-style chicken cacciatore always on the menu. Outdoor patio is one of the strong features. This is a low-cost family restaurant with fresh, casual food. Open daily,

lunch and dinner; continuous service weekends. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

KAZUMI SUSHI 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington Street), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054, *www.skinsider.com/auto_docs/dining/28116.html*. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

LOTUS THAI 3761 Sixth Avenue (at Robinson Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. Ironically, the best dishes at this idiosyncratic, vegan-friendly Thai-Chinese restaurant involve char-grilled beef (e.g., *satay*, beef salad), featuring a very tender cut in a tangy marinade. From the long list of house specialties, try the lively pineapple-cashew fried rice, the chile-fierce "Crazy Duck" salad, or the savory (if slightly dry) "three-flavor" whole fried fish, accompanied by jammy garlic-chile-fruit jam. Appetizers, though, are mainly greasy-fried wraps, and the vegetarian slant turns too many dishes bland (even when they're spicy), since the kitchen shuns Thailand's fish-based

"secret sauce," *nam pla*. It doesn't help that the flesh components (shrimps, chicken, etc.) all taste like they've been parboiled in plain water and tossed into the pot at the last minute, with nothing left to give to or gain from the sauces — so if you crave soup or curry, you're best off with the elaborate vegetarian versions. Lunch and dinner daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

MANDARIN DYNASTY 1458 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-8899. A splendid place to order a feast for a large party (give at least four hours' notice). Banquet dishes include casserole soup, scallops in pepper, General Tso's chicken, and shrimp in Chinese sauce. New vegetarian menu with over twenty items. Imitation chicken, beef, and pork prepared from soy or wheat gluten. Entrées from the menu may be Americanized and are of average competence. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

THE MISSION NORTH PARK AND CITY BAKERY 2801-2805 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992. The two winners are breakfasts and the adjoining bakery, especially for its Russian pecan bread and cinnamon rolls. Lunch and dinner offer California food with Asian and Latino influences. Lots of items under \$10. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (7/98)*

THE PARKHOUSE EATERY 4574 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

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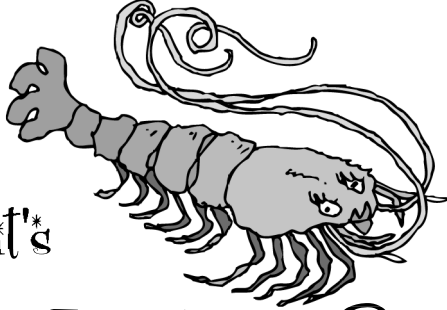
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western American café you can easily make a meal from the first courses plus one of several salads. Pasta dishes are good choices. Smoked or grilled items include barbecue salmon, ribs, and skewered lamb. Venison chili or steak sandwich always a good bet. Pleasant atmosphere. Excellent service. Open nightly for dinner and Monday through Friday for lunch. Inexpensive to upper moderate. — *E.W.*

SHAKESPEARE PUB & GRILLE 3701 India Street, uptown, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town, named after the most revered writer you've never read. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

WHOLE FOODS MARKET 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

ATHENS MARKET 109 West F Street, downtown, 619-234-1955. Surely the finest Greek restaurant in San Diego, and it's ideal before or after a cultural event. Lentil soup, Greek appetizers, salads, chicken, fish, and lamb dishes are first-rate and so are the desserts. It's festive for late-night dining. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Separate dining rooms for parties. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

AUBERGINE 500 Fourth Avenue (at Island Street), Gaslamp District, 619-232-8100, www.aubergineon4th.com. After its early awkwardness attempting to please all tastes, this restaurant has found its footing with a new chef and a shorter, more focused menu featuring light, rather sweet interpretations of Asian dishes, a scattering of Italianate flavors, and fine, smoky hardwood-grilled steaks and chops. Execution has improved, too, so that dinner here is no longer a gamble — you'll generally eat well, and if the food never startles you, it probably won't bore you either. On Friday and Saturday nights, the restaurant and adjoining theater turn into a huge nightclub filled with twenty-somethings; Saturdays, before the metamorphosis, there's an affordable three-course prix fixe dinner that includes the nightclub cover charge. Reserve for weekend diners. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/02)*

THE BLARNEY STONE 502 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-255-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an "Irish quesadilla" (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, "steak Kildare" (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and "fish and chips Lifey," which aren't noticeably different from, say, fish and chips "Thames" or "Afton" or even "Missouri." Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

BLUE POINT COASTAL CUISINE 565 Fifth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp District, 619-233-6623. Very classy atmosphere and menu — mostly fish and seafood — to match. You can eat appetizers at the bar, but best bets are nightly fish entrées or steak and crab cakes served with lots of organic vegetables. A welcome addition to downtown. Dinner only, from 5:00 p.m. Expensive. — *E.W.*

CROCE'S RESTAURANT AND JAZZ BAR 802 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-4355. If you enjoy premises with doors open to the street and nightly jazz in the adjoining room, try Croce's. The chef prepares excellent appetizers, pastas, salads, and entrées. Menus change seasonally. Outdoor as well as indoor seating. Nightly jazz. Dinner only. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

DAKOTA GRILL AND SPIRITS 901 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-234-5554. First sign that you've arrived in chipotle/chile country: the toddler-sized cowboy boot on your table that serves as vase to a faux agave plant. This kind of cooking runs the risk of losing its focus in a multitude of ingredients, something Dakota does a decent job of avoiding. When everything works, it plays like comfort food with a kick. The seafood ravioli — spinach pasta stuffed with a blend of salmon, halibut, and swordfish planted atop wilted greens and topped with pickled jalapeno relish — melds into a pleasant whole. The blue cornmeal-crust chicken salad, similarly well-conceived, is gussied up with crispy potato strings, tortilla rajas, and dried apricots that sweetly counter the blue cheese in the dressing. The apricot-whole grain mustard glaze on the pork prime rib makes sense, as do the giant, multiple-straw margaritas. Meat — sizable quantities of it — is usually well-prepared; sides may feel cursory. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (5/01)*

DEMEDICI 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, up-

ping the clothing curve. Dinner nightly. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

DOWNTOWN FISH JOINT 407 C Street (at Fourth Avenue), downtown, 619-239-3506. Surprise: If you grab a shrimp taco at the Fish Joint and come sit outside at their sidewalk tables, you've found one of downtown's least-appreciated weekday lunch locations. With red trolleys, shady green trees, the old California Theater, and lunchtime foot traffic, the place feels positively swank. Most ask for fish and chips. But if "8 ounces of North Atlantic cod, 5-6 pieces" is too much, ask for the children's half-order. For a splurge, order the 8-ounce grilled salmon or the grilled seafood plate. Open weekdays, lunch Monday through Thursday, plus early dinner Friday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/01)*

DUBLIN SQUARE 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-239-5818, www.dublinsquarepub.com. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

FAZ 530 Broadway (at Sixth Avenue), Courtyard Marriott, Gaslamp District, 619-446-3040, www.fazrestaurants.com. Persian-born restaurateur Faz Poursohi, owner of several successful Bay Area restaurants, presents Middle Eastern- and Mediterranean-inspired dishes interpreted in clean, streamlined Northern California style and executed with rare precision. Wood fire is the star of this show, ranging from kebabs on a rotisserie to a brined, smoked pork chop that's an object lesson in how to cook today's pork. Don't overlook the starters, such as the definitive eggplant puree, the marinated peppers with Laura Chenel goat cheese, or the house salad of baby greens and walnuts in a vibrant pomegranate vinaigrette. But save a little appetite for the ethereal warm cheesecake dessert. Valet parking is \$5

at hotel entrance on Sixth Avenue just north of Broadway. Full bar, affordable wine list. Breakfast daily, lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

THE FIELD IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crepes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

LA GRAN TAPA 611 B Street, downtown, 619-234-8272. Here is a good spot for a light meal, especially before or after a cultural event. Tapas, Spanish appetizers, are prepared hot or cold, and the seafood, such as shrimp in sherry sauce and fresh octopus, is always fine. Try *tortilla española* (cold potato and egg "pie") and paella. Lively, casual atmosphere. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W. (1/99)*

LA STRADA 702 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-239-3400. The setting is lovely, but the Northern Italian food preparation may be uneven. Stay with pasta dishes and low-priced items. Open daily for lunch and dinner, continuous service; late hours weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

MORTON'S OF CHICAGO 285 J Street, Gaslamp District, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

PETE'S QUALITY MEATS 1742-1/2 India, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* —

veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

ROYALE BRASSERIE 224 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-237-4900. Like a theme park for nostalgics yearning for bygone Bohemian Paris, Royale's eye-popping Art Nouveau decor re-creates a *fin de siècle* brasserie — but "re-creation" or no, it makes dinner a recreational activity. You'll find competent reproductions of French bourgeois classics — *escargots*, frogs' legs, *charcuterie*, et al. — with an emphasis on impeccable seafood. The newfangled yellowfin tartare is to die for, the Belgian-style mussels with *frites* to dive into, and the huge cold shellfish platters are to share and to swoon over. To accompany the feast, the wine-by-the-glass choices are super-savvy. Often very noisy; heated patio; reservations necessary. Moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 1355 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-1422. Six cuts of steak are available, all cooked in a special broiler at 1800 degrees. The U.S. prime steaks are aged and hand cut daily. They're fabulous, but nothing is on the plate except the piece of meat. Vegetables and eight styles of potatoes are à la carte. Lobster tail, fresh fish, chicken, and chops also available. Gorgeous view and service. Open nightly for dinner. Reservations recommended three to five days in advance on weekdays. Call a week in advance for weekends. Expensive. — *E.W.*

SADAF 828 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp District, 619-338-0008. Vegetarian-friendly. Quiet and relaxed weeknights, the room becomes an ear-splitting mob scene weekends (even before the restaurant goes disco at 9:30). The hearty but sophisticated Persian fare centers on well-marinated kebabs and herb-rich stews, served with various savory rice dishes. There's excellent spinach *borani*, sieved yogurt relish with cucumbers, lamb chop kebabs, and a vibrant, sweet-sour *fesenjan* (pomegranate-walnut sauce with chicken). But the Gaslamp branch's kitchen is wildly inconsistent, e.g., your *fesenjan* dumped on dry kebabs instead of mingling with simmered poultry. Desserts are always dreamy — try rosewater ice cream and/or pudding, or *bamieh*, a delicate ladyfinger soaked in (what else?) rosewater syrup. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/00)*

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TAKA 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-338-0555. This restaurant is a knockout. Gorgeous food and beautiful setting. Entrées, which combine Asian and Continental elements, can be ordered in half portions. Don't miss linguine and seafood, filet mignon, salmon sauté. Highly satisfying food at prices you can afford. Open nightly for dinner. Inexpensive to expensive. — *E.W.*

TOP OF THE MARKET 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

VINCENZO RISTORANTE ITALIANO 1702 India Street, Little Italy, 619-702-6181, www.vincenzoristoranteitaliano.com. The specialty at this tourist favorite (Texans are rife) is Sicilian seafood. The cooking is competent, but the restaurant's fishmonger settles for ordinary quality (as does the produce provider). The meat jobber does a better job, providing succulent lamb and veal that the chef grills expertly, and the Italian sausages (from Pete's Meats, up the block) are the ziestiest in town. The restaurant's hard-surfaced interior is so noisy you'll hear every conversation but your own; reserve for the sidewalk patio for a quieter evening. Open lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Easy parking a block east in lot on Columbia. Moderate. — *N.W. (8/01)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

AZZURA POINT Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious

dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations, with especial ingenuity in the appetizers. Along with the six-course "chef's menu," there's a reasonably priced five-course vegetarian menu showcasing fresh herbs grown in the resort's garden. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochere of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

BINO'S EUROPEAN COFFEES AND CREPES 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it's a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crepes are delicious and filling too. Bino's wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CAFE 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado's arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there's always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

CATHIE'S PLACE CAFE Sharp Coronado Hospital, 250 Prospect Place, Coronado, 619-522-3634. Cathie's may look like a hospital cafeteria. It certainly serves patients, doctors, employees, the retirement home across

the road, and the visiting public. But this place is run by a Marriott spin-off. And what meals! Beef burgundy with stuffed potatoes and seasonal vegetables, plantation pork loin with fruit and nut chutney, baked fish with lemon sauce.... Breakfasts are forgettable — lunch and dinner are where it's at. The menu changes daily, but you can call ahead or ask Cathie (she's real and she's Scottish) to fax you the weekly "take-out dinner" menu. Weekdays only, breakfast to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/00)*

DA KINE'S PLATE LUNCHEES 1635 Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an *imu* — a hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee. But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

HANAOKA 1528-C Sweetwater Road, National City, 619-477-5173. Mr. and Mrs. Hanaoka's Japanese restaurant has the feel of those country inns you read about in a James Michener novel, with a sushi counter, lots of paper lanterns, and sunken tables where you can sit lotus-fashion or drop your legs in the space below. The luncheon specials are a great buy. Try chicken teriyaki and *gyoza*, with rice, salad, and miso soup. "*Hanaoka*" means "honest," and portions are honestly generous. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

MCDINI'S 105 East 8th Street, National City, 619-474-6771. A historic, sprawling bar with a diverse, mellow family scene — all ages, all races, chatting, playing pool, cozying up to the all-encompassing jukebox, or smoking under a roofed front "patio." Or chowing down on industrial-grade pub grub, made largely of restaurant-supply products (including the vaunted corn beef, bland as packaged ham). But the fresh vegetables are surprisingly good, so choose something that includes the luscious mashed potatoes and look upon the rest as garnish. No wheelchair bathroom. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

MIGUEL'S COCINA 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstaking. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos) are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

THE OLD BONITA STORE 4014 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-3537. The menu is strongly influenced by Baja Californian/Mexican cooking. The signature dish is the bucket of Baja-style lobster for two. The bucket includes slipper lobster tails, shrimp, grilled chicken, and carne asada, plus Caesar salad, rice and beans, and tortillas. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

VFW 557 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6917. You may have to get over the feeling you're intruding on a private club here, but boy, is it worth it! One, everybody has a story. Two, the "public is welcome" lunches are home-cooking at genuine Korean War prices. Mondays and Wednesdays it's burgers. Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Guess What?" days — typically, enchilada casserole, baked chicken or spaghetti, or a fried-rice dish that's full of good things. Two really tasty occasionals are liver with mashed potato and onions or chicken-fried steak with fried rice. First and third Friday nights of the month, outsiders are invited to join the weekly fish fry from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Check out the photos and memorabilia from wars fought from Siberia to Vietnam. Lunch weekdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/00)*

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ANTOJITOS DEL PAIS 9750 Fraccionamiento America, Gobernador Balarezo (near Azteca Hotel), 686-2424. Hit at lunch hour, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and you'll find 22 waitresses and cooks serving you on the street, stirring huge steaming pots of soup, foot-high clay pots simmering with frijoles, and dark-brown ceramic bowls of meat simmering on the flames. This isn't TJ, it's Central Mexico. Some great choices include *bistek ahumada* (smoked beef) or *costilla de res* (beef ribs), *pollo en mole*, *lengua de res* (ox tongue), and *carne de cerdo* (pork), all around \$3, including soup, dessert, and pleasant culture shock. Open 24/7 except from midnight on Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

CHIKI JAI 1388 Avenida Revolución (at 8th), Zona Centro, Tijuana, 685-4955. Eat here and you're surrounded by ghosts: Errol Flynn, John Huston, Rita Hayworth, Anthony Quinn, Ava Gardner, and, they say, Ernest Hemingway, who all ate — and drank vino tinto — here. Plus the great stars of boxing and bullfighting. But mainly it was a haven for Spanish jai alai players desperate for Old Country food. This is one of Tijuana's great historic eateries, its tale written on the walls. Old border photos, Don Quixote art, fighting bull ranchos' brands, and a matador's framed green cape with his blood still on it. The food's all Spanish, so paella is big (with soup, salad, French bread, and bleu cheese), but also try the baby eel appetizers, *salchicha* (pork sausages), *bacalao* (cod fish) *al la Vizaina*, trout with olive oil and garlic, and Gallican octopus. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

CIEN ANOS Calle Jose Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262; www.cien-a.com; e-mail: altacocina@cien-a.com. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few

of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat minitacos, *pozole* with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; you're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations (phone, e-mail, or web) are strongly advised; ask for directions. Low-moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

EL RINCON DEL OSO Location 47, Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

EL RODEO 1647 Blvd. Salinas, Tijuana, 686-5640. Steak lovers will have a field day here with a variety of cuts, some cooked right at your table. The accompaniments are wonderful: an appetizer and quesadilla, a crisp salad, beans served in their own liquid — even a dessert is included in the price of the entrée. Cheese soup, burritos, and tripe are also available. *Vaquero* decor, wood-paneled rooms. Good value if you like beef. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Take Revolución until it bends to the left to become Agua Caliente; turn left just before the twin high-rise towers, and left again, onto the one-way street, Blvd. Salinas. El Rodeo is on the right side of the street. Highly visible and easy to find. Moderate. — *E.W.*

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The situation could be characterized as suspensefully unfocussed.

The prolific and erratic career of Claude Chabrol seems, over the past decade, to have levelled off to a trusty consistency, nearer the highs of *La Rupture* and *Violette* than the lows of *Code Name: Tiger*, *Ten Days' Wonder*, *Blood Relatives*, *The Blood of Others*, even *Madame Bovary*.

One is obligated to say "seems," because it's a condition of his prolificacy that there will be skips in our access to his output. The uncirculated *The Color of Lies* falls between the newly released *Merci pour le Chocolat* and the previously released *The Swindle*. Perhaps there is good reason for it to have gone uncirculated.

The new one, choosing to make the rounds under its French title rather than its terse translation as *Nightcap*, is a refrigerated Forties-style melodrama from a novel by Charlotte Armstrong (title: *The Chocolate Cobweb*), the original author also of the aforementioned *La Rupture*. Chabrol, a true believer in the *caméra-stylo* (the camera-as-pen), was always as willing to adapt the literary work of a skilled laborer such as Ellery Queen, Stanley Ellin, or Ed McBain as the work of artists of the

stature of Patricia Highsmith, Ruth Rendell, Georges Simenon, never mind Flaubert. But he never proved his point better than with the humble Armstrong; never rewrote more persuasively with

his camera.

The gabby exposition in this one takes a while to set up the situation: a chocolate heiress and a concert pianist, long-time friends and lovers, have elected to tie the knot only after the eighteenth birthday of the pianist's son, a bit of a couch potato, prone to accompany the Liszt or the Schubert of his father with the electronic beeps of a pocket video game. Somewhere across town (lovely, lakeside Lausanne), the wedding announcement in the newspaper stirs memories of an apparent mix-up in the maternity ward when a nurse presented the pianist with a baby girl as his newborn. Isn't it odd that the girl, now eighteen as well and only just learning of this, is herself an aspiring pianist? How can she resist ringing the great man's doorbell? Once set up, the situation could be characterized as suspensefully unfocussed. Where's the core of it? Where's the goal? Family, plainly enough, is at issue; legitimacy;



Merci pour le Chocolat

security; rivalry; rot. But if this is a "Hitchcockian" thriller as advertised, where's the menace, the malevolence, not to mention the motive?

Well of course Chabrol comes with the adjective "Hitchcockian" only out of old habit. The Master was never so languid, so oblique, so discreet. Chabrol, however, is something of a

master in his own right at deploying the camera for mood, tone, subtle inflection, strong emphasis: he gives rise to several delectable *frissons* when the camera slides decisively into place, as if searching, finding, then fastening on. And he is greatly aided by the enigmatic performance of Isabelle Huppert, always the dutiful servant to the will

of her director and to the needs of the project (so tactful, so respectful, so French), in the role of the cool, aloof, calculating heiress. (Anna Mouglalis, really the central figure as the aspiring pianist, is a bit vapid and vacant, reminiscent in both looks and manner of Jacqueline Sassard in Chabrol's *Les Biches*. But Brigitte Catillon offers a

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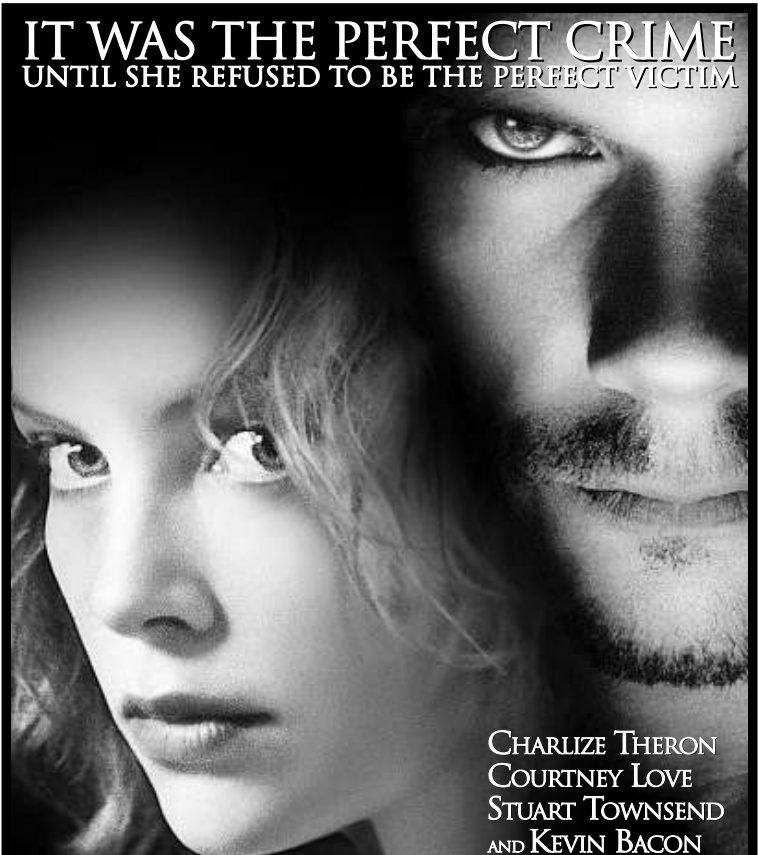
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finely detailed sketch of her worried mother; and Jacques Dutronc, not seen much in recent years, displays, beneath the unruly forelocks of his pop-star youth, the ravaged countenance of a two-hundred-year-old vampire.) Not all the combined skills of Chabrol and Huppert, collaborators on numerous other occasions, can save the plot from ridiculousness and obviousness. Under those circumstances, their efforts appear all the more valiant and stirring.

Gabriele Muccino's *The Last Kiss* is a hectic sex comedy, almost Restoration-like in its worldly-wise cynicism and indulgence, revolving around five Florentine best buddies on the brink of thirty. One of them, the pivotal one, is an unmarried father-to-be with a wandering eye for an eighteen-year-old blonde, a sort of Italian "Marcia Brady." One is a recent father. One is a newlywed. One is an inveterate and indiscriminate skirt-chaser. One is a torch-carrier for a former flame. Between them, they pretty much cover the possibilities. Around their extended circle, special attention is paid also to the mother of the pregnant girlfriend, a panicky grandmother-to-be, unhappily married to an uncommunicative psychologist.

Keeping track of the various lifelines often feels like a juggling act with too many bowling pins. And the lurching, reeling Steadicam and capering, cantering background music don't help. (Amid the confusion it is scarcely surprising to find mismatched camera angles in which a shoulder strap is down from one point of view and up from another. Down. Up. Down. Up.) Still, and despite the essentially commonplace nature of the filmmaker's vision of grass-is-always-greener human discontentment, a good deal of actual humanity oozes through, especially by way of the peripheral character of the older woman, a knowing and self-aware portrait by Stefania Sandrelli. (A sex-kittenish photo of the actress in younger days is pinned to her vanity mirror, somewhat improbably, as a daily rebuke to her "ugly" new self. What woman would want such a slap in the face?) She has, in particular, one outstanding scene opposite Sergio Castellitto, from *Mostly Martha*, wherein she tries to rekindle the spark with an ex-lover for whom life has moved on. Retrospective clips of all the principal cast members — Stefano Accorsi, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Martina Stella, etc. — are paraded throughout the closing credits, an antiquated practice that for my taste ought never to have gone out of style. (Where else did I see it recently? *Stuart Little 2*, was it?) After anyone's race is run, there's a guaranteed ghostly poignance in summoning up an earlier stride or two.

Mark your calendars now: the fifth annual Outfest — the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Film Festival — runs from next Thursday through the following Sunday at the Ken Cinema, this year with local input from a new Executive Director/Programmer, Joe Ferrelli, the driving force behind the short-lived Filmout festival. It is him we must thank for the return to town — and to the same screen — of Terence Davies's memory film, *The Long Day Closes*, Sunday the 29th at noon. The course of cinema in the ten years since this was made has only upped its value as a testament to a lost art. And it is a gay film, incidentally, only in the sense that it was made by a gay filmmaker. The special-interest group it should most appeal to is the die-hard minority who understand that "to care

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The Banger Sisters — Female buddy film starring Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon, written and directed by Bob Dolman. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; 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; FROM 9/20)

Barbershop — Comedy set at a Chicago tonsorial parlor, with Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, and Anthony Anderson, directed by Tim Story.

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Beetlejuice — Tim Burton oversees a lavish and garish horror comedy that captures the spirit of Halloween as deeply as, but no deeper than, the Woolworth’s costume department. Not for lack of expenditure. The best special effects that money can buy do not, however, come with any guarantee of charm — one of the prime commodities of Burton’s earlier work (*Pee-wee’s Big Adventure*, the short films *Vincent* and *Frankenweenie*) and a virtual *sine qua non* of this sort of supernatural whimsy. And the effects here, though far from cheap, are singularly ugly. Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin, Geena Davis, Winona Ryder. 1988. ★ (MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTS, 9/20 AND 21, 9 P.M.)

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. ★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Blue Crush — Can the local Hawaiian surfer chick bounce back from a near drowning, conquer her fear, and win the Pipemasters Contest at the same time as she romances a GQ NFL QB? Director John Stockwell, of *Crazy/Beautiful*, murmurs some feminist sweet nothings, but his PC lip service is overcome by a penchant for *Baywatch* montages and a severe case of the fidgets. Wipeout! With Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanoe Lake. 2002.

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The Bourne Identity — Those who had been backing Doug Liman as a vital new maverick director (*Swingers*, *Go*) will have their work cut out for them on this one, a middle-of-the-road adaptation of the Robert

Ludlum best-seller about an amnesiac spy, previously made as a two-part TV miniseries starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. Granted, Liman’s cast has strong roots in the independent cinema: Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper, Brian Cox, Clive Owen, Julia Stiles. But that only accentuates the scent of the social climber: the “independent” who’s looking for a hook-up. For all its démodé denigration of the CIA as a band of dirty tricksters, the plotline is very much an ode to the superspy: far more Bond than Smiley. The hero doesn’t know he’s one of those, nor even know his own name, after he’s hauled out of the Mediterranean by 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 — 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 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. James Franco, Eliza Dushku, William Forsythe, George Dzundza. 2002.

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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.

● (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.

● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

Merci pour le Chocolat — Reviewed this issue. With Isabelle Huppert, Jacques Dutronc, Anna Mouglalis, and Rodolphe Pauly; directed by Claude Chabrol.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/20)

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. 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. 2001.

★★ (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



The Four Feathers

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)

Never Again — Second-chance romance for two fifty-four-year-old New Yorkers, a social worker played by Jill Clayburgh (Ms. Zeitgeist of 1979) and a pest controller played by Jeffrey Tambor (an actor who has spent too much time in television comedy,

breeding ground of oily insincerity). They find each other at the vulnerable moment when (a) her only daughter has left home for college and (b) he is exploring homosexuality as an antidote for impotence. Writer-director Eric Schaeffer assumes that anyone hankering after a mature screen romance — anyone who will nod in agreement when the heroine laments, “It’s disheartening that there’s no movie about a woman over thirty-five who wants to have sex and doesn’t get decapitated” — will also be hankering after the adolescent tastelessness of *American Pie* and *There’s Something about Mary*. Hence the nonstop naughty talk, the Toys for Twats, the butt plug (titter-titter). Seldom has something so life-affirming seemed so depressing. Even disheartening. With Bill Duke, Caroline Aaron, Sandy Duncan, Michael McKean. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 9/20)

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, all the same, for music-video director Mark Romanek. With Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan, Eriq LaSalle, Gary Cole. 2002.

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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 accent, and the unshaven Aaron Eckhart, who seems to say it all about himself when he assures his genteel hostess that he’s just “a brush-and-flush kind of guy.” Part of it, too, might be traced to the mere fact of adaptation to another medium: puncturing the literary airtightness of the A.S. Byatt novel and flooding it with raw, rough, washed-out illustrations. 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.

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GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12)

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)

Read My Lips — French filmmaker Jacques Audiard (son of the prolific scriptwriter Michel Audiard) sets himself 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 t ruth 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 spit e 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. 2001.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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 briches; 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.

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Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:30; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:45, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:45) 7:50, 10:00; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 2:00, 3:30) 4:20, 5:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:25, 10:30; Sun. (1:10, 2:00, 3:30) 4:20, 5:50, 7:00, 8:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:00, 3:30, 4:20, 5:50) 7:00, 8:10, 9:25; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:40) 7:10, 9:35; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:10, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (2:15) 5:10, 7:55, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:30, 9:55; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; Sun. (1:35) 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:30) 7:20, 10:00; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:35) 7:35, 9:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 9:55; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20) 4:55, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:55) 7:25, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:25, 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:40; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (2:30) 4:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:50); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:05, 3:10) 5:25, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:25) 7:30, 9:50; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (2:25) 5:40, 8:00, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:40) 8:00, 9:50; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:15; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00

DOWNTOWN

Gaslamp 15
701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 2:20, 3:35) 4:45, 5:50, 7:10, 8:15, 9:25, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:20, 3:35, 4:45, 5:50) 7:10, 8:15, 9:25, 10:30; **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. (3:45) 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 5:10) 7:45, 10:10; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:00) 7:50, 10:20; **The Importance of Being Earnest** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:05) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:40) 7:05, 9:40; **K-19: The Widowmaker** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:20) 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:15) 7:10, 9:55; **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; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:10) 7:05; Mon.-Thu.

(1:10, 3:45) 7:05, 9:35; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:25; **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.-Sat. (1:30, 2:30, 3:35) 4:50, 5:40, 7:15, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25; Sun. (1:30, 2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:30, 3:35, 4:50, 5:40) 7:15, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:50) 9:40

Horton Plaza 14
457 Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (10:50, 12:55, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:10, 5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 12:30, 1:20, 2:40, 3:30, 4:50, 5:40) 7:15, 7:50, 9:35, 10:05; **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; **Fear-dotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 2:00, 4:40) 7:05, 9:30; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 11:50, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:35, 9:00, 10:15; **Spy Kids II** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 1:45, 4:10) 6:35, 8:50; **Stuart Little 2** (PG) Fri. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (10:55, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:25; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:25, 5:35) 7:40, 9:55; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:50

LA JOLLA

Cove
7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)
Mad Love (2002) (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever; Trapped; The Banger Sisters; The Four Feathers; Stealing Harvard; Barbershop; City by the Sea; Si-mone; Possession; Signs; The Bourne Identity

La Jolla Village
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
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.-Tue. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Wed. (2:00) 4:40, 10:00; Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever; Trapped; The Banger Sisters; The Four Feathers; Stealing

Harvard; Barbershop; City by the Sea; Swimfan; Serving Sara; Blue Crush; Possession; XXX; Spy Kids 2; Signs; Goldmember; Road to Perdition; The Bourne Identity

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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **Never Again** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 2:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15; **The Producers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; **Read My Lips** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **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)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever; Trapped; The Banger Sisters; The Four Feathers; Stealing Harvard; Barbershop; Singles Ward; City by the Sea; Swimfan; Spider-Man; Men in Black II; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Blue Crush; XXX; Spy Kids 2; Signs; Goldmember

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:40; **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; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35; 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; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. (2:00) 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:05, 5:20) 7:35; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:30) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:35) 8:05

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00; Sat. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00; Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Wed. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
The Good Girl (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Tue. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Wed. (2:00) 4:50, 10:05; Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Haiku Tunnel**, Saturday matinee (R) Sat. 2:00; **Igby Goes Down** (R) Fri. 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Sat. 10:30, 11:10, 12:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Sun. 10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Mon.-Wed. 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **Merci pour le chocolat** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:40) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **One-Hour**

Photo (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
Harold and Maude, Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **Beetlejuice**, Friday, and Saturday, 9 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Lewis and 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)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:20, 10:00; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:15, 9:45; **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. (2:40) 7:40; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 5:15) 10:15; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:20); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 7:40, 10:05; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **Serving Sara** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:15) 7:10, 9:50; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:30; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50) 7:25, 9:40; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:00) 7:10, 10:05

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:45) 8:00, 10:15; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:50) 7:45, 10:10; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:20, 9:50; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:05; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45)

threshold of embarrassment than your own. 2002.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Signs — For all those who can believe in crop circles, and those who only wish they could, this is not the answer to a prayer. M. Night Shyamalan, the writer and director of *The Sixth Sense* and *Unbreakable*, certainly takes a serious approach. So much so that you might imagine the grim cast of characters labored under the impression they were in an Ibsen drama. There are reasons for that: the hero, played by Mel Gibson as a change from Bruce Willis, is a backsliding cleric whose wife was killed six months earlier in a roadside mishap, details of which are leaked out in dribs and drabs. In the end, the ponderous, portentous forward progress of the film, together with its charged atmosphere of Domestic Tragedy, proves to be, as it were, all approach and no (or very late) arrival; all heavy-handed foreplay and diminutive climax. Shyamalan does not lack intensity or concentration, and he is capable now and again of touching a sensitive spot, prompting a tremor: the first glimpse of an alien appendage disappearing into a cornfield, or the attempt to get a look at the shadowy prisoner locked behind the pantry door, or the siege in the cellar illuminated

7:40, 9:55; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:15, 5:40) 7:50, 9:55; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:40, 5:55) 7:55, 10:00; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:25, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (800-555-8355)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 4:50) 9:25; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:15, 5:00, 5:30) 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10:00; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 12:35, 2:25, 2:55, 4:45, 5:15) 7:05, 7:35, 9:25, 9:55; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10) 7:40, 10:10; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:55, 5:15) 7:35, 9:55; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:05; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20, 9:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 2:50, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:25, 4:55) 7:25, 9:55; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 8:15; **Blood Work** (R) Fri.-Sun. 4:40, 7:10, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (5:20) 7:55; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:05) 8:10; **Lilo and Stitch** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 2:45); Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 3:00); **Men In Black II** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:05) 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 5:55); **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:20, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:20; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 7:50; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:25) 5:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 5:25); **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00; **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40) 4:55, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:30) 7:45; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 2:40); Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20); **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 5:30) 8:05

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 11:15; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 11:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:15

only by flashlight. Unhappily, the filmmaker, more cursed than blessed by his *Sixth Sense*, seems more concerned now to be a spiritual leader than a mere storyteller. Somehow, when alien invaders descend over the entire planet, the crisis of faith of one grieving widower in rural Pennsylvania is apt to seem small potatoes, no matter how symbolic or symptomatic of all mankind. And the confinement of most of the action to the family farm — like some Roger Corman grade-Z science fiction of the late Fifties — is ultimately stultifying. To be sure, the portable television, whenever the strictly monitoring father (no longer “Father”) allows his children to watch it, serves to widen the scope, at least in our imaginations: the proliferation of crop circles in India (too fast and far apart to be a conspiracy of hoaxers), the strange lights suspended over Mexico City, the network broadcast of a Little Green Man’s cameo appearance in a birthday-party home video, etc. One of the TV viewers is tactless enough to remark, “It’s like *War of the Worlds*.” We wish! With Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin, Cherry Jones. 2002.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 3:00, 8:00, 10:30; **Feardotcom** (R) Fri.-Thu. 4:45, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 7:15; Sat. 12:15, 2:30, 7:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 7:15; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 5:30; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:15, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever; Trapped; The Banger Sisters; The Four Feathers; Stealing Harvard; Barbershop; City by the Sea; Swimfan; Feardotcom; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Blue Crush; XXX; Spy Kids 2: Signs; The Master of Disguise; Goldmem-ber; Road to Perdition; Mr. Deeds

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:00; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:05, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 10:45, 5:20) 7:45, 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; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:35) 7:30, 10:25; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30) 7:25; **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, 5:35) 8:00, 10:30; **Road to Perdition** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:45) 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:50) 7:15, 9:55; **Spy Kids 2** (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; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:30) 7:20, 10:20; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:35, 10:30

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)

Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:15, 9:45; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:15, 7:45; **The Country Bears** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 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)



Sex with Strangers

PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Spider-Man; Men in Black II

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:10, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 8:10; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:05) 7:40; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20, 3:40) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. (1:20, 3:35) 5:50, 8:00, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:35; Sun. (2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:20) 7:55; **Spy Kids 2** (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. (1:55, 3:45, 5:40) 7:35; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:30) 5:25, 7:25, 9:25; Sun. (1:30, 3:30) 5:25, 7:20, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:00, 5:50) 8:05; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 3:50) 5:50, 7:50, 9:45; Sun. (1:50, 3:50) 5:45, 7:45, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 3:50, 5:45) 8:00; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 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. (2:25, 5:10) 7:45

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **The Banger Sisters** (R) 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; **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; 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, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)

Goldmember (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:40) 7:50, 9:55; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:20; Sat. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 9:50; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 5:05, 7:35, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:35, 9:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:35, 7:55, 10:30; Sun. (12:10,

2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 4:55) 7:25, 9:40; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:10, 9:30; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:10, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:25, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:25, 9:35; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:40, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:55) 8:05, 10:00; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:50) 8:00, 9:55; **Trapped** (R) Fri. (2:20) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:10, 7:40, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:10) 7:40, 9:50

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) 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; **The Banger Sisters** (R) 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; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **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; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:00, 2:15, 4:15, 6:15, 8:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Trapped** (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

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)

Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:50; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 12:20, 1:35, 2:30, 3:45, 4:50) 6:00, 7:00, 8:20, 9:15, 10:45; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:35, 12:10, 2:05, 2:35, 4:35, 5:10) 7:05, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:45; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:55, 10:35; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:25; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**

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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)

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DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) 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; **The Banger Sisters** (R) 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; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15; **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; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15; **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. 10:15, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Trapped** (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

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)

The Four Feathers (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 3:15, 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) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 5:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:45, 5:45

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:00, 5:30) 7:55, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 7:50, 10:10; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:05) 7:30, 9:55; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30, 4:15) 7:10, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:25) 7:55, 10:25; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:10, 5:35) 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 7:45, 10:05; **City By the Sea** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:40, 10:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (5:45) 8:10, 10:30; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:35); Mon.-Thu. (5:20); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13)

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 Garbo-esque mystique around his elusive “star” — causes problems of plausibility as the plot rolls along to additional film projects, a J.Lo-like singing career, TV interviews, and so on. But where plausibility suffers, truthfulness nevertheless thrives. The particulars of the premise — though it has been carefully set up and inventively fleshed out — do not matter as much as its reverberations. These extend into such fertile territory as the Hollywood teeter-totter of technology vs. art (“This is a classic case of 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

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La Paloma

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My Big Fat Greek Wedding: Road to Perdition; The Rocky Horror Picture Show Friday, midnight

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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.

★★★ (LA JOLLA 12)

Spider-Man — Repulsively overhyped comic-book adaptation by Sam Raimi. (How would his lighter and livelier *Darkman*, of 1990, have been pushed a decade later?) The hype, which naturally took no notice of the actual product and its worth, is as *de rigueur* as the Danny Elfman musical score and the plasticky, elasticky CG animation. It's just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult metamorphosis. And who better than Maguire to bring out the human dimensions of the larval adolescent? Still, the movie lingers so long on the human side of the equation that it might have been better named *Peter Parker*. It truly is a Tobey Maguire movie more than a comic-book superhero movie. (Marvel of Marvels!) That's not altogether a bad thing in view of the actor's eccentric, *ritardando* sense of timing and his deadpan talent for hinting at a beehive of interior activity. Yet the urban Tarzan in the spandex bodysuit seems (when he gets the chance) a completely separate entity, a two-dimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable and uninteresting villain: Batman's Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi's *The Gift* and *For Love of the Game*) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Cliff Robertson, Rosemary Harris. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

HARBOR DRIVE IN; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams — The surprise success of the first *Spy Kids* has meant more money for the followup, more computer animation in particular. More money, more mess. Steve Buscemi ("I'm no loon") shows up too late and too little to save the day. With Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara, Antonio Banderas, and Carla Gugino; directed by Robert Rodriguez. 2002.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones — The saga grinds on, in state-of-the-art digital video: crisp and detailed yet somewhat overcast, monotoned, seemingly covered in a sort of pinkish-complected skin, like an unboiled wiener. The particulars — the diminished role of the reviled Jar-Jar Binks; the teen romance between Queen Padmé (now known as Senator Amidala) and an Anakin Skywalker who has inexplicably caught up to her in age; the emergence of the latter's Dark Side in the form of adolescent petulance (or in the form of Hayden Christensen's impersonation of Ryan Phillippe); the casting of Count Dracula in the role of Count Dooku (Christopher Lee); the rebel army of identical, skeletal robots whose parade-ground drills are George Lucas's latest extraction from Leni Riefenstahl's *Triumph of the Will*; a new, improved, computer-animated Yoda to come to the rescue at the climax, with inverted syntax intact ("Around the survivors, a perimeter create"); and an up-in-the-air resolution ("Begun, the Clone War has") similar to the middle one in the earlier *Star Wars* trilogy, right down to the severed limb — are best left to the addicts. The unhooked will remain untempted. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Samuel L. Jackson. 2002.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Stealing Harvard — Jason Lee, with help from best bud Tom Green (what a comedy team! Stiff and Stiffer), turns to crime — bumblingly — to fund his niece's college education. Forget Harvard. Podunk State



Stealing Harvard

would be beyond the wildest dreams of this dim bulb. Directed by Bruce McCulloch. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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)

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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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, THROUGH 9/19)

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)

Trapped — Luis Mandoki's kidnap thriller with Charlize Theron, Kevin Bacon, Courtney Love, and Stuart Townsend.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/20)

XXX — National Security recruits a multi-tattooed Xtreme sportsman to save the world from a group of Russian terrorists known as Anarchy 99: it takes an anarchist to catch an anarchist. See him slide down a stair railing on a sterling silver canapé tray. See him jump a castle wall on a motorcycle. See him outrun an avalanche on a snowboard. Who thinks up this stuff? (And what's he smoking?) Vin Diesel, who made a favorable impression in *Pitch Black* and *The Fast and the Furious*, seems here to have set his sights on being the next Stallone. Or next Schwarzenegger. Or next Seagal. In short, next laughingstock. With Samuel L. Jackson, Asia Argento, and Martin Csokas; directed by Rob Cohen. 2002.

● (CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9)

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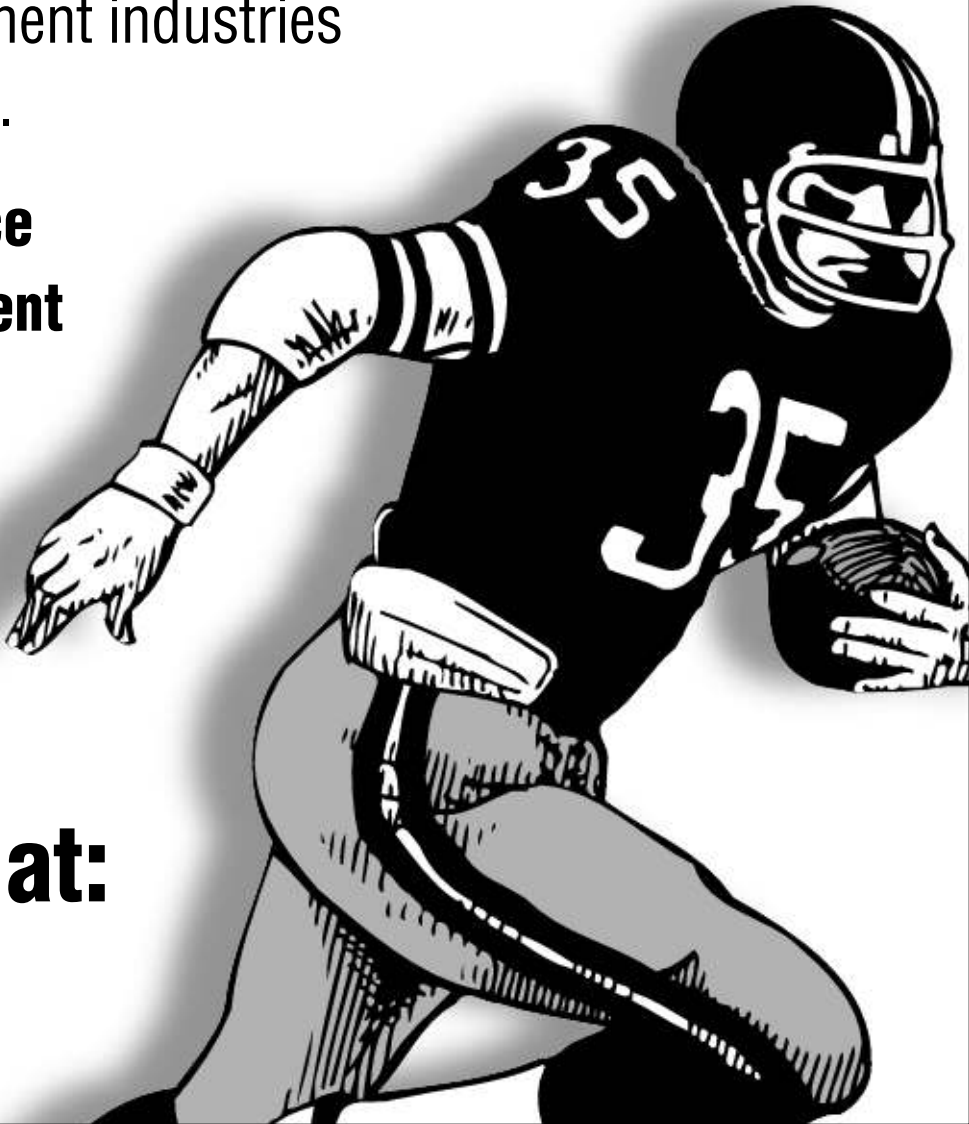
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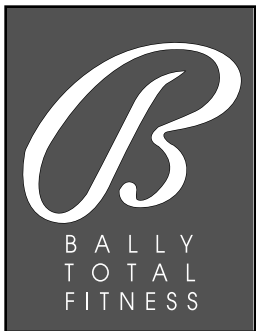
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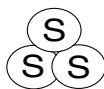


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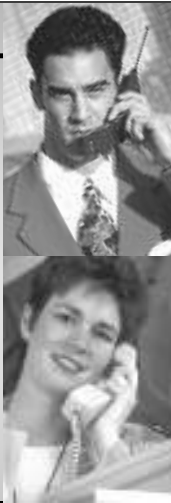
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CHECK OUT DEEBER.

WHAT.

HER PATHETICNESS IS SO TRAGIC.

OH.

THE BOYS ARE CUTER IN THE WORLD OF DEEBER BUT ONLY IN A MOVIE WOULD THEY DIG ON A CANNERY RAT-GIRL. THAT'S ONE OF THE NAMES FOR US. WHO EVEN CARES. ME AND JANET CALL OURSELVES THAT EVEN. C.R.G. PASS IT ON. GO AHEAD.

THERE IS NO SOCIAL COMMENTARY BACK, MAN, OK?

DAG, JANET.

SHUT UP.

DAG, THOUGH.

IN POPULARITY, ME AND JANET JIMMERS ARE AT THE TOP OF THE BOTTOM GROUP. WE DON'T GET INVITED ANYWHERE, BUT WE WOULDN'T GO ANYWAY.

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SHUT UP.

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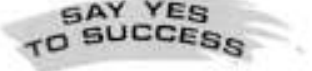


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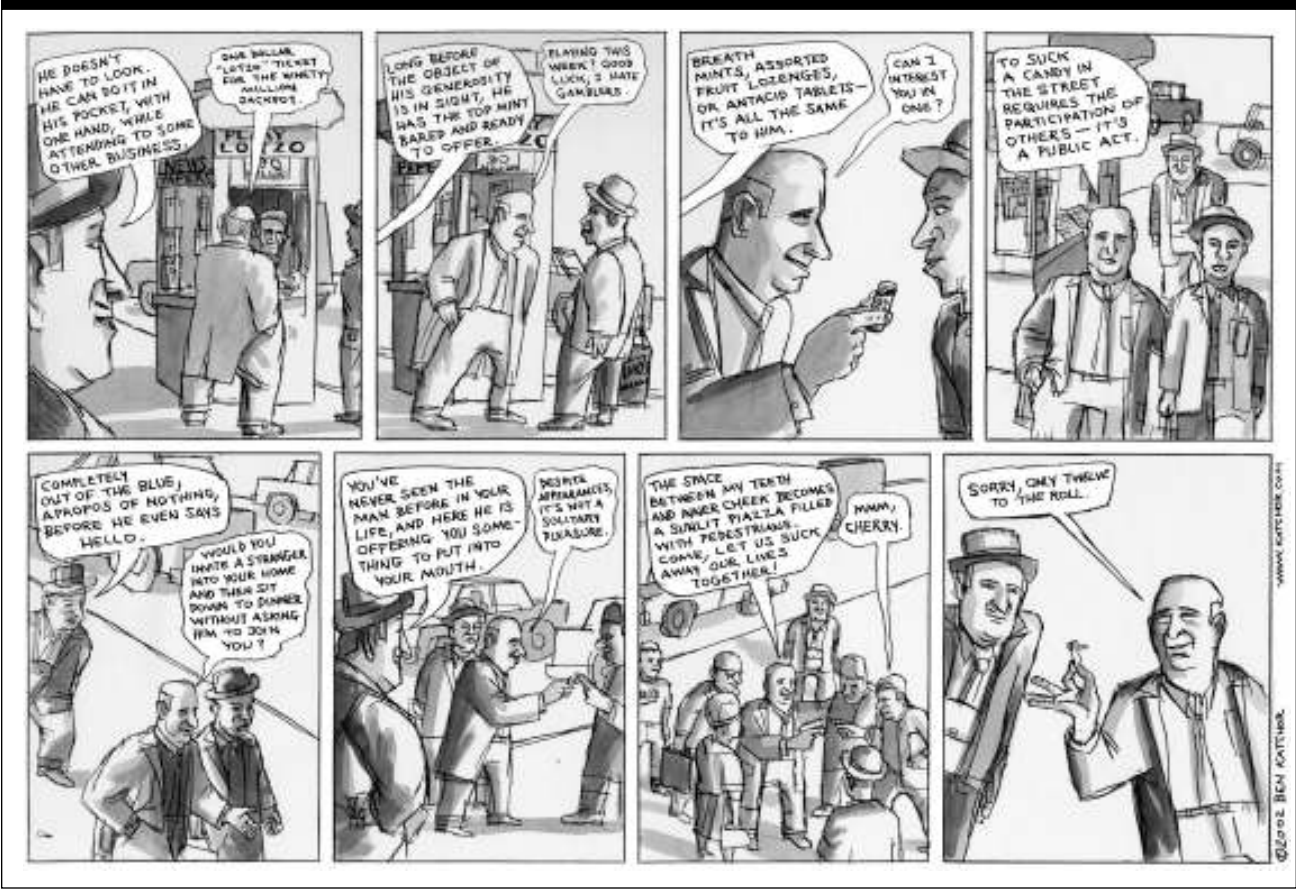
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I was at a Halloween party. One of my friends came dressed as a cheerleader. He jumps in my lap and starts fake kissing me, and then he gets up and starts dancing like Britney Spears, and I just had to bust out laughing.

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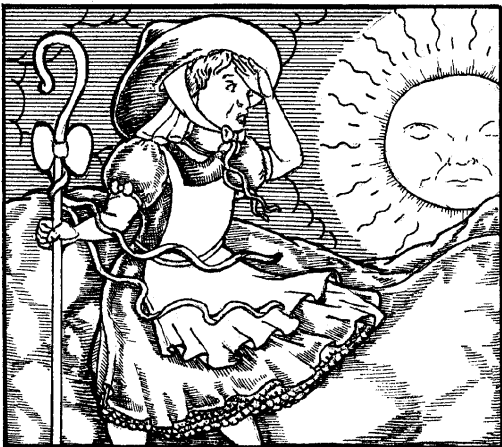
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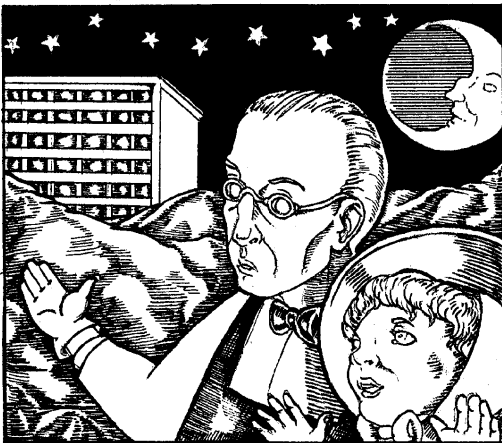
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FORMER PROFESSIONAL singer, fun, energetic lady, slender, attractive, legs and more, well educated, well traveled, centrally located, seeks soul mate. (9/25) ☎34329

AFFECTIONATE, 50s, lively, happy, kind, Latin, Christian lady seeking honest relationship with Christian gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, fun loving, young at heart, 46-56. (9/25) ☎34326

SEXY, TALL NORWEGIAN, seeks grounded, loving, wild man who is OK with a woman having teenagers. I am 40, 6', blonde/blue, a musician, teacher. (9/25) ☎34295

LOVELY DINNER COMPANION, 70+, gourmet dining, theatre, cruises, friendship. Me: pretty, warm, friendly, real. You: generous, mellow, content, peaceful, over 45. Show me San Diego. (10/2) ☎34595

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ASIAN, 33, EDUCATED, attractive, spiritual, loving, caring, loyal, family oriented. Enjoy book, music, nature. Seeking similar gentleman, friendship first, possible for marriage. No games. (9/25) ☎34323

ATHLETIC DEFINITION, Latin, 36, 5'1", 120lbs., brown/long. Personality: positive, caring, gregarious, romantic, high energy, believes in balance: mind, body and soul. Interest: gym, weight lifting, nutrition, outdoor/indoor activities: hiking, dancing, movies, lazy/rainy Sunday mornings. Mostly attracted: very tall, Caucasian, athletic, chivalrous types with similar interest. (10/2) ☎34587

JEWISH, ADVENTUROUS, sensual, slender, confident, playful, caring, young-minded 54 seeks happy, healthy, secure, adventurous, Jewish man for life of mutual respect, honesty, intimacy, happiness. (10/2) ☎34588

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VEGAS (NEW YEARS). Want a travel companion 12/31/02-01/02/03. You: good looking, white, 21-31, 5'10"+. Me: white, cute, fun, sweet, spontaneous, sensual. Want to play! (10/2) ☎34600

SINGLE PERSIAN MALE, 5'8", 165lbs., 37, attractive, honest, loving, caring person who loves to love the woman for life:

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ATTRACTIVE black female, 30, seeks white male professional, 35-40, for long-term relationship. I am seeking someone who enjoys romance, travel, dining, movies, amusement parks. (10/2) ☎34597

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TALL, HANDSOME, 49, nonsmoker, financially secure, athletic build, white professional. Honest, responsible, communicative, unencumbered, humoristic hugger. North Coastal homeowner. Diversified. You: Great looks, figure, mind. (9/25) ☎48665

BLACK'S BEACH. White male, 39 looks 30, 5'8", 138lbs., attractive, seeks 18-45, height/weight proportionate female to enjoy sun and beach as they were intended. (9/25) ☎48676

42, 5'10", 160lbs. I have many allergies that compromise my lifestyle. Looking for a woman who has the same or similar lifestyle. Lakeside. (10/2) ☎48729

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (10/2) ☎48730

WILD ADVENTURIST, confident woman wanted for exciting Italian Artist, 50s. Spiritual; love art, sports, travel, cultural events, movies, fine dining. I'm passionate, financially secure, fit. (9/25) ☎48697

LOOKING FOR MONEY? Then keep looking! Seeking an attractive, affectionate, 38-year-old, 6' tall, faithful guy? You found him! Be kind, trim, available. (10/2) ☎48742

41, 6'2", FIT, SINGLE, marriage minded, no children yet, great cook, good dancer. Seeking quality, affectionate woman, conversations, tennis, hiking, biking, rollerblade, gym, weekend getaways, museums, nonsmoker. North County. (10/2) ☎48731

REASONABLY SPIRITUAL. Love reading, travel, wine, dining. Muscular but lean physique, 50, 5'10", 170lbs., brown/blue. Alpha male in intimate matters. Need feminine, proportionate girlfriend. (10/2) ☎48760

ASIAN LADY, 20-31, honest, loving, strong willed, loves soccer, football, fishing, ice cream, working out. Me: 30, preschool teacher, open minded, hug, sports, quiet time. (9/25) ☎48675

VERY HANDSOME, 45, 6'2", 205lbs., successful, North County professional. Enjoy travel, sports, movies. Seeking intelligent, witty, sexy woman. You pamper me, I will spoil you. (10/2) ☎48732

37, LATINA, PROFESSIONAL interested in attractive Hispanic who is well-rounded, likes music, theatre, travelling, working out, outdoors, 40-45 for possible long-term relationship. (10/2) ☎48745

25, TALL, DARK, HANDSOME, business owner. Live on 45' sailboat, financially secure, physically fit, adventurous. Not

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LOVE ROCK, SCI-FI? Spiritual/nonreligious, 40s, attractive, slender, light-eyed, sweet? This attractive, trim, sensitive, loving computer scientist, artist, poet, philosopher, athlete awaits you! (9/25) ☎48661

CHUBBY, DIVORCED, WHITE male, 53, trained, fun loving, seeking slim mate to snorkel, movies, etc. No smoke/drugs, social drinker; kids grown and out. (10/2) ☎48728

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INTELLIGENT, BLACK MALE, 32, 5'11", 165lbs., physically fit, financially stable, outgoing. Seeking female, 23-40. Race open for fun times, companionship and more. (10/2) ☎48752

GOOD-LOOKING, YOUNG, fit, financially secure Caucasian, nice guy, seeking good-natured, fun, nurturing, professional or student, Asian (especially Filipina); dining, dancing, traveling, serious relationship. (10/2) ☎48777

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LATIN MAN, FIT, SLIM, 5'8", 40s, educated, homeowner, seeks companionship with fun, outgoing, attractive woman; any shoe size. (10/2) ☎48775

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SCORPIO, ADVENTUROUS, spontaneous, 50, intelligent, witty, humorous, likes rock and roll, dancing, fast cars, camping, travel, sports, living in the fast lane. (9/25) ☎48714

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, almost 40, looking for someone who'll float my boat. You: humor, romantic, intelligent with a dose of sweetness. (9/25) ☎48686

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LET'S ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER. Single and sincere, 52, walks, movies, travels, joys of life, reliable, sense of humor, good shape, honest, caring. Let's get together. (10/2) ☎48769

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HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond/green, clean, caring, considerate, romantic. Searching pretty lady, 40s+ for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (9/25) ☎48646

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SINCERE, HANDSOME, Caucasian man, 33, enjoys chatting, movies, the outdoors. Seeking loving, sincere, open, fit lady in 20s/30s for emotionally honest relationship and romance. (9/25) ☎48678

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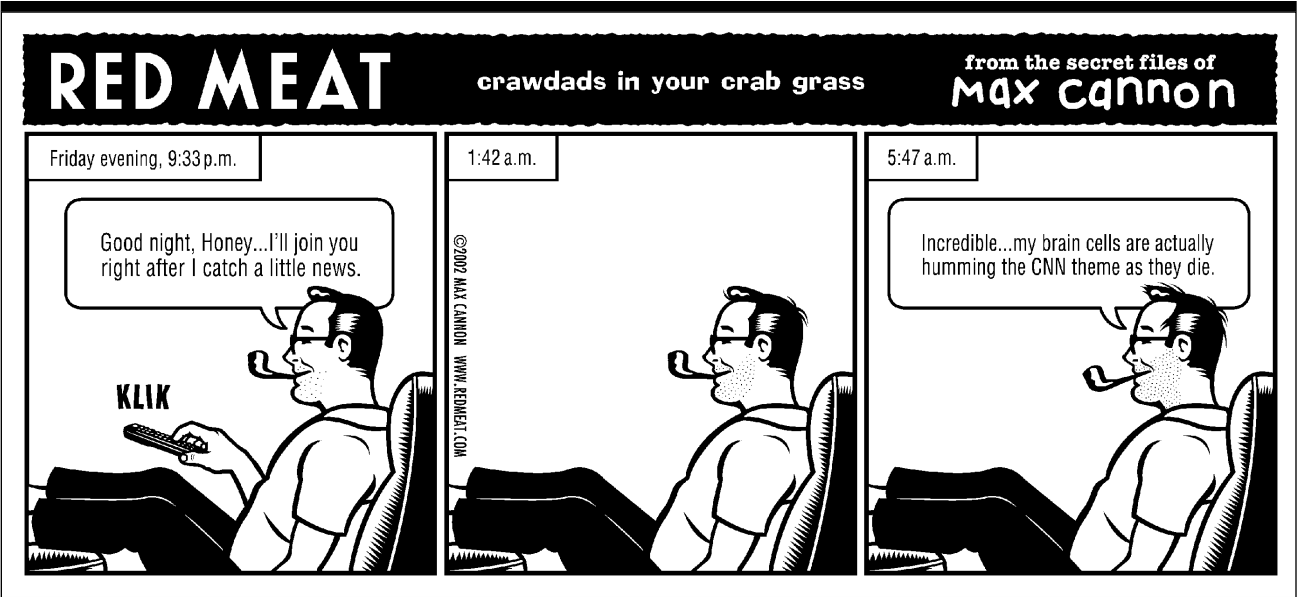
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OCEAN BEACH. \$500/month plus \$500 deposit gets you ocean view, washer/dryer, garage, small yard and plenty of storage space. Contact Daniel, 858-442-2139.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$500, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Very convenient location. Balcony, parking. Nonsmoking. Ken, 619-223-1406; 619-235-2415, x27291.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$650/month plus deposit. Townhouse. Large bedroom with balcony available 10/1. Nonsmoking female preferred. No pets. If interested, call 858-483-6656.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$480/\$500. 2 rooms available in 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Dishwasher, washer/dryer, patio, fireplace, quiet. Male preferred. Christy, 858-272-3940.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$650/month, plus utilities. 1 bedroom in 2 bedroom apartment. Nice, clean and quiet. Female preferred. 619-347-5275.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$700/month plus 1/2 utilities, deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 2 blocks to beach. Female preferred. Call Emily, 858-354-7554.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$900-\$1000. Share newly remodeled, 3 bedroom apartment with garage, fireplace, large kitchen, quiet. Bay very close. Available 10/1. naldridge@san.rr.com. Nick, 619-750-6996.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$487.50/month, 1/2 utilities, \$250 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, with garage, washer/dryer. 1170 Reed Street. Ask for Mike, 858-274-8565; 619-235-2415, x26646.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$800. Beautiful, quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment available 10/1. For more information, call 858-405-3058.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650, 1/2 utilities, deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Completely remodeled. Close to bay, freeway. No smoking, drugs. Available 10/2. Amy, 858-273-8681.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600, 1/3 utilities, \$600 deposit. Room available 10/1 (negotiable) in adorable 3 bedroom house. Near bay on Lamont. Washer/dryer. No drugs. 858-843-8433.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800 plus security deposit, 1/3 utilities. Roommate in 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 1800-square-foot townhome. Blocks to bay/beach. Laundry, garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings. 1813 Chalcadony. 10/2. 858-581-1012.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$400, 1/3 utilities. Female to share 3 bedroom, 3 bath house. No pets. Nonsmoker. Dishwasher. Own phone. 3 blocks to bay. 858-273-1782; 858-581-6199.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$600/month, \$400 deposit. Available now! Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 blocks bay, mile from beach. Non-smokers only. No pets. Mike, 619-665-4432.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625, 1/2 utilities, 1 month security deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Corner of Pacific Beach Drive/Riviera. Pool, laundry. Available now. Eloise, 858-273-3157.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$625. Female to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Quiet, fireplace, parking, laundry, clean, new carpet/paint. No smoking/pets. Available now. 858-581-3100.

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PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$600/month, utilities, deposit. Townhome, bay 1 block. Upstairs bedroom, phone line, laundry, security. Seeking nonsmoking male. References. No pets. 619-235-2415, x17791.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$650/month. 1 bedroom in large 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. 3-4 blocks to beach, bay and Garnet. Great location, nice place. 619-235-2415, x23779.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$800, 1/2 utilities. 1 block to ocean. Room in 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Parking, laundry, private yard. No pets. Female preferred. 858-273-7444.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$518 plus deposit. Female roommate, share cute 2-story, 3 bedroom condo. Beach 5 blocks. Big room, washer/dryer, parking spot. Available 10/1. 619-235-2415, x28677.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Off-street parking. 1 block from bay. Laundry onsite. 1/2 utilities plus deposit. No pets. Damian, 858-337-1312.

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POINT LOMA/OCEAN BEACH. \$650, 1/2 utilities. Bedroom, bath, parking. Sunny, clean. Fireplace, cable, laundry, secure, garden. Walk to beaches, shops, nature. amharmony@yahoo.com. 619-224-6732.

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POWAY. \$400, utilities included. Female preferred to share 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Call 858-668-0803.

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$475, share utilities. 3 bedroom house. Near shopping. Pool, tennis, racquetball, jacuzzi, exercise room. Smoke outside OK. 858-481-9017.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$525, share utilities. Share house. Large bedroom, spacious closet, private bath. Close to freeway. Washer/dryer. No pets or smoking. 858-484-6975.

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$700 or \$550. Casablanca luxurious condo, garden community, award winning landscaping. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1/3 utilities. Pool, spa, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Freeways/shopping. Available now. 858-361-9969.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$575, 1/2 utilities. Private bed/bath. Share 3 bedroom, 2.5 townhome. Washer/dryer, patio, storage, fireplace. Clean and quiet neighborhood. Available now. 858-883-5707.

RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$600, all utilities included. Share 2 bedroom condo

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RANCHO PENASQUITOS. \$550, 1/2 utilities, first/last. Beautiful condo. Private bath. Cable modem. Pool, jacuzzi. Mostly vegetarian kitchen. Female only. No pets, smoking, storage. 858-538-8836.

SAN CARLOS. \$500/month. Room for rent in home. View, hardwood floors, air conditioning, washer/dryer. No pets. Near SDSU. 619-454-3452; 619-235-2415, x20794.

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SAN MARCOS. \$550/month, month-to-month lease. Fully furnished room in beautiful, brand-new house. Near CSUSM. Excellent neighborhood. Available now. Amie, 760-598-8884; 858-603-3333.

SANTEE. \$475 includes utilities. Female to share newer, spacious 5 bedroom house with 2 others. Own bath. Pool, jacuzzi. Nonsmoking, drugs, pets. Close I-52, I-125. Mike, 858-518-8163; 619-596-2249.

SANTEE. \$400, plus utilities. Furnished/unfurnished room in 4 bedroom house. Free high-speed Internet access. Good neighborhood, large backyard. Small pets negotiable. Jeremy, 619-749-6393.

SANTEE. \$500, 1/3 utilities, free cable. Large 3 bedroom remodeled home. Pets negotiable. 619-504-7778.

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THE READER PUZZLE

Across

- Gave some dirt, so to speak
- River of Spain
- Visitors to Earth, for short
- “Over this way!”
- Like some hamburger meat
- “The Best Man” actress Long
- Pollen bearer
- “Should that be the case ...”
- Football Hall-of-Famer Dawson
- Top 40
- Creator of the G.O.P. elephant
- Grasshopper’s teacher, in Aesop
- U.S. Constitution’s first article
- Automobile executive Lee
- Shakespearean king
- Fr. woman
- Nocturnal hunter
- Somme water
- “_____ out?” (pet’s choice)
- Pres. Charlton Heston’s group
- Top 60
- N.Y.C. subway inits.
- Thanksgiving dish
- Word before long or now
- Nez _____
- Quart divs.
- Soldiers in gray
- Get comfortable with
- Ave. crossers
- Said hello to for the first time
- Offerer of child support?
- Top 80
- Announcement in an airport lounge: Abbr.
- What the fourth little piggy had
- Treat with carbon dioxide
- Cow call
- Nullify
- Odors
- Elbow’s place
- 1987 Costner role
- Mythical name on Madison Avenue

Down

- Gloomy
- Properly pitched
- California’s Lake _____
- Prefix with sphere
- Be constructive?
- “Shakespeare in Love” Oscar winner
- Pen name of Charles Lamb
- Act kindly to
- One who sees Ethiopia as the

promised land

- Warbler Yoko
- Task for a Foot Locker employee
- 20-20, e.g.
- Winner of a record-tying eight Grammys in 1999
- Skirt edge
- Postal motto conjunction
- Apple gizmo
- Like some phone nos.
- Center
- To this point
- Thurman of “Even Cowgirls Get the Blues”
- Adjective often following good
- Shark or T. Rex
- Willy-nilly
- Does a dogcatcher’s job
- Ireland’s _____ Lingus
- Beach in a 1964 hit song
- Tax pro, for short
- ID requested by a 46-Down: Abbr.
- Make a mummy
- Retro car
- Cause of some health woes
- Butchery selection
- Make a shambles of
- “So _____!”
- Reo cars
- _____ Rabbit
- Sister Bertrille, e.g.

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
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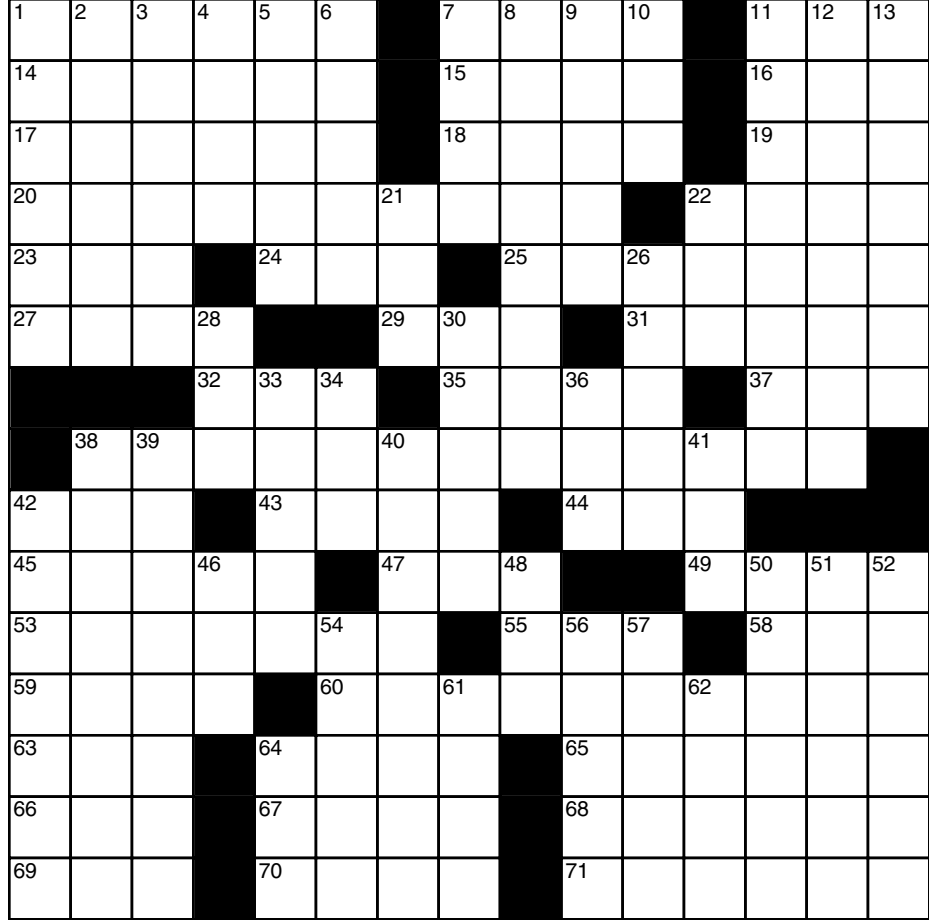
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 9/12/02.

Of the 75 entrants, 72 were correct. The winners are:

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- Bruce Bell, *San Diego*
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HILLCREST. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1400. Walk-in closets, pool, sauna, laundry, security garage. No pets. Near shopping, Balboa Park, restaurants, freeways. 619-291-4668.

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, 9/21-9/22, 10am-1pm. 1807-1821 University. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/flooring. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

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. \$1150. Premium newer 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Tandem underground parking. Perfect location. Available now. Call immediate appointment. Must see. 3989 Richmond Street. 619-299-8952.

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/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1255. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. All new washer/dryer, large patio, off street parking, gated. Available 10/1. 4650 Florida Street. 858-597-6100 x315.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$900. 1 bedroom apartment, private enclosed patio, secured underground parking for small car. No pets. Laundry. Nonsmoking. 3775 3rd Avenue. 619-297-7929.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Deluxe, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with dining room/office, breakfast area, garage, walk-in closet, laundry room. Small pet OK. 116 Redwood. XILA, 619-683-7638.

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/NORTH PARK. \$1100. Deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with attached garage. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Fireplace. Gated. Intercom. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. 4025 Florida Street. 619-291-6427. 858-755-3255.

HILLCREST/UPDOWN. Charming 1 bedroom condominium. Modern complex. Remodeled upper unit. Beautiful white wood detail, Italian ceramic tile. Secure parking, storage. \$995. Lease rebate! 619-260-0979.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1300. Large 2 bedroom upstairs condo. Gated, spa, fireplace, dishwasher, washer/dryer, vaulted ceilings, skylights, air conditioning, garage, walk to everything. 619-497-0690.

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. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Excellent location. Coin laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident Manager, 619-692-1837.

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/BALBOA PARK. \$975. Large top-floor 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in picturesque art deco building! Excellent condition. Quiet, convenient location. Elegant gardens. Appropriate amenities. Reserved parking. 619-298-2802.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with underground parking, ocean and estuary views. \$1000 deposit. 192 Imperial Beach Blvd. Kinsella and Associates, 619-429-0065.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$750. Studio. All utilities paid. View of Mexico and estuary. 1365 Seacoast. Kinsella and Associates, 619-429-0065.

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.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$750 with all utilities included. Beautiful upstairs studio with

ocean view, 1 block away from beach. 619-424-9683 or 805-732-1125.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1300. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, secluded in greenery, near ocean and shops, newly remodeled, low deposit. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1400. Condo at the Pier, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1/4 block from the beach. Ocean views, fireplace, laundry in unit, security parking. Move-in now. 152 Evergreen Avenue. Call 619-840-MOVE(6683)

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$925. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, newly remodeled, sunlit kitchen. Low deposit, near ocean. Quiet area. Easy move in. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Oceanfront. \$795. Studio, \$850. 1 bedroom apartment. \$1450. 2 bedroom cottage, fenced yard. Pet OK. Laundry. Off-street parking. 1046 Seacoast Drive. 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dining area. Quiet complex. New carpet, near shopping. Available now. No pets. 1472 Iris Avenue, apt#J. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Laundry, pool, parking. No pets. 1445 Grove. Resident Manager, 619-575-0778.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$950. Deposit \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit, off-street parking, laundry on site, big balcony, lots of storage. 1085 12th Street #G. 619-424-5416. 619-843-8168.

KENSINGTON. \$2200 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer, 2-car garage, garden, canyon views, fruit trees, gardener. 4010 Hempstead. Agent, 619-280-7399.

KENSINGTON. \$1500. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath home, hardwood floors, fireplace, skylight in dining room, private back yard. No pets. Nonsmoking. 4480 41st Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

KENSINGTON. \$785. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit with carpet and downstairs unit with wood floors. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. In the heart of Kensington. 4184 and 4186 Madison Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

LA COSTA VILLAGES. \$3400. 5 bedroom, 3 bath home. Built in 2000. Spa, large family room, highly upgraded throughout, community recreation. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA COSTA. \$1300. 1/2 off first month's rent (call for details). 3 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet community. New carpet. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available now. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA COSTA. \$1075. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath with patio in small complex. No dogs. 858-481-3182.

LA COSTA. \$1695. Incredible golf frontage view. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1300 square feet. Remodeled, designer touches throughout. Storage, covered parking, washer/dryer in unit, pool, spa, quiet. Available 10/1. 760-809-7804.

LA COSTA. \$2250. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 2000+ square-foot twin home. Some ocean view. Fireplace, private street. 858-775-7767.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury. www.Xtreme-Living.com. Crown molding, Pergo, new appliances, washer/dryer, more. Cybernet Cafe. Pools, spas, jogging trail. Pet friendly! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1405. La Cima, 7503 Charmant Drive. Toll free, 1-888-372-6243. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

LA JOLLA RACQUET CLUB. \$1250. Large, luxury 1 bedroom condo. Upgrades. Near La Jolla Shores. Tennis, pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gym, secured parking. No pets. 858-451-6185.

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/UTC. \$1850. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Near UCSD, shopping, parks. Pet ok. New paint, carpet, bathrooms, kitchen appliances. Washer/dryer. Call 858-909-9080.

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. \$1750. 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. \$1550/month. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Patio. Fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. Lease through June 2003. 858-459-8943.

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. \$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. \$3250. Like new. Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, yard, all appliances. Pets? Agent, 858-922-3311.

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. \$1600. Charming furnished 1 bedroom in the heart of the village! Pool, laundry. Walk to cove, dining and shopping. No pets. 858-459-8254.

LA JOLLA. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with balcony, in Village, third floor views. Close to shops. 858-569-8799 x104.

LA JOLLA. \$1950. 3 bedroom, 3 bath apartment. Pet OK, washer/dryer, hardwood floors, balcony, pool/spa. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with ocean views, garage, parking, secure building. 12 month lease. No pets. For information. 858-454-3679 x301

LA JOLLA. \$3500. 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. \$2000. Refurbished 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood, dining room, yard. No pets. Near beach. 625 Marine Street. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Upper large studio. Near Windansea/bus. Available October. No pets. 6-month lease. Laundry room. 396 Kolmar. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

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. \$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. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, fireplace, patio, new carpet, secluded in greenery, quiet area, near shops. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-12

1580 square foot. Double garage, washer/dryer, pool. Adjacent to Soledad. No pets/smoking. 805-637-3212.

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, 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdreader.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.sdreader.com/rent/1037.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse in Woodlands. Attached garage, newly renovated, new appliances, 2 decks, pool, spa, tennis. www.codycolor.com/viasonoma.html. 858-452-9440.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. Quiet complex, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Excellent location. Available now. 858-571-4858.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1525. \$75 utilities covered per month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car condo. 1 year lease. No dogs. Nice area. Austin, 858-829-8948.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. Rare 1 bedroom, 1 bath plus loft (Villa Europa). Designer penthouse condo, secured parking, washer/dryer, newer appliances, air conditioning, resort amenities, gated community. Must see to appreciate! Available now. 3998 Nobel Drive. www.cethron.com. Agent, 619-295-1100 or 619-733-3372.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse, hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, pool, tennis/racquetball courts. 619-954-3301.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. Remodeled beach units! 1 bedroom, 328 Rosemont, \$1445. 2 bedroom, 330 Rosemont, \$1745. Garage available. Open house Saturday 9/21, 11:30am-12:30pm. Torrey Pines Property Management, 858-454-4209.

LA MESA. \$750. 1 bedroom guesthouse on secluded, private cul-de-sac. Fenced, gated, trees, marble floors, wood stove. Available 10/01. Must like dogs. 619-980-7520.

LA MESA. \$1150 includes utilities. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. New carpet. No pets. 619-847-4079.

LA MESA. \$800. Charming 2 bedroom unit, close to parks and shopping. Also, a few cottages available. Utilities included, dishwasher, pool, gated, parking. Charge, 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$1195. Utilities included, hardwood, ceramic tile flooring. Cats ok. Garage parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$1200+. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ceiling fan, built in book case, refrigerator and stove. Pets OK. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA MESA. \$1595/month. Townhome. 2 bedroom plus 2 rooms/1 bath. Eloquent home, 2 car garage attached with laun-

dry, all appliances, tennis courts, pool, jacuzzi. 7000 Saranac #63. 619-269-4314.

LA MESA. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath stylish home, sunlit kitchen, extra storage space. Low deposit, Quiet area. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LA MESA. \$875. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, unfurnished. Appliances. 950 square feet. Pool. Small complex. Laundry facilities. Parking. 4261 Lowell. 760-451-0062; 619-392-5248.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, \$975. Gated complex, parking, laundry, air conditioning. 7594 Park Ridge Blvd. Stan, 619-990-3858.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$795. 1 bedroom apartments. Dishwasher. Balconies. Beautiful hilltop setting. Air conditioning. Pool, spa. Laundry. Quiet. No pets. Rimrock Apartments. 619-462-8420.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. Charming New Orleans-style 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath from \$895. Completely gated community. Flower gardens. Parking. Small pet OK. 619-462-1212.

LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$925. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Yard. Balcony. Assigned covered parking. Quiet gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 931 square feet. From \$900-\$975. Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds or less. Cats must be indoors. 20 pet maximum. \$200 off move-in! 619-561-2922. Website: sdreader.com/rent/2024.

LAKESIDE. \$900. Deposit \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit in small complex. Pets welcome, dog run on property. Near park. Laundry on site. 1 parking space. 12633 Lindo Lane #D. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LAKESIDE. \$2195. Brand new, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, single-family home. 2-car garage. Fireplace, gardener. 8929 Gateway View Court. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

LAKESIDE. \$650, utilities included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, parking. 12718 Mapleview Street. www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

LEMON GROVE. \$1800, Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. Large front and back yards. Pets OK on approval. Garage. Covered patio with fireplace. Drive by 7562 Zemco Drive. No section 8. 619-850-4781.

LEMON GROVE. \$1495. Custom 5 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, country hideaway, hidden in greenery, garage, fireplace, fenced yard, family room. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LEUCADIA. Coastal duplex. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus office. 1690 square feet. Peak oceans views! Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, lots of windows. \$2200/month. 760-943-7179.

LEUCADIA. \$2090/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Safe neighborhood. Large deck. 2-car garage, beach short walk, washer/dryer. Jeffrey, 619-322-5447.

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit. Secluded, private. From \$695, studio, \$995, 2 bedroom apartments. Garages available. Spa, patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location, near all. No dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420. For photos, floor plans and map, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1043.

LINDA VISTA. \$820 and \$920/month. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Convenient location, some with fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. \$1100-\$1200 rent, \$1100 security. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in small complex. Laundry. Underground parking. No pets. 5451 Lauretta #5. Available 9/21. 619-242-4214.

LINDA VISTA/MESA COLLEGE. \$1185. Small pet OK. Condo, 2 bedroom/2 bath, upper unit. New Carpet, paint. Patio. 2 assigned parking spots, laundry room, pool/spa. 858-569-7848.

MIRA MESA. \$1850. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Family room, fireplace, large patio. 1948 square feet. Community pool, spa, rec room. Highly upgraded. Small pet OK. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

MIRA MESA. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Pets ok. Fenced yard, covered patio, dishwasher, disposal, washer and dryer in rental. 2-car garage. Charge. 858-751-1497.

MIRA MESA. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, sunny/bright, laundry room, 2-car garage, private backyard, covered patio. Convenient location. 7539 Andasol Street. 760-942-3360.

MIRA MESA. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-car garage. Approximately 1000 square feet. New carpet. 10835 Whitehall Road. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MIRA MESA. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace, completely remodeled inside and out, fenced yard, quiet area. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MIRA MESA. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Mint condition! Upper unit. All appliances included. Pool, spa. No pets/smoking. Available September 27. 858-569-8817.

MIRA MESA. \$2000/month. 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2-car garage, balcony in master bedroom, new kitchen. Available November. 858-864-6759.

MIRA MESA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in gated community. Spa, pool, gym, sauna. 2-car covered parking. Close to all. 858-699-5656.

MIRA MESA. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered patio, fenced yard, RV parking. Fee. Rent Ready, 760-432-4343.

MIRA MESA. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, carpet. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$1450. Remodeled, upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with large balcony, pool, jacuzzi, reserved parking. Conveniently located near Pacific Beach and La Jolla. 619-316-7822.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1200! Great location.

Near beaches and bay! Quiet complex. Close to shopping, restaurants. Freeway access. Huge balconies/patios. 3 pools. 6 laundry rooms. Lush landscaping. Garages, storage available. Cats OK. Villa Pacific Apartments, 2905 Clairemont Drive. Call 888-816-5137. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

MISSION BAY PARK. \$500/utilities included. Studio with private entrance, patio and view. No pets. Close to freeway! all. 1337 Gertrude. 619-275-5072 or 619-742-7774.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$775. Bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Walk-in closet. Close to bay. Small, beautiful complex. Assigned parking. Nice carpet. Laundry. Security lighting. Cat OK. 619-276-8816.

MISSION BAY. \$1400+. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, patio, refrigerator/stove. Washer and dryer. Pet negotiable. Near bay with view. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1475. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 2-parking. Private deck. Steps to beach. No pets/smoking. Available 9/1. 755 Island Court. 619-994-4850.

MISSION BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Fireplace, garage, year round. No pets. Christa, 858-488-2006.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. 1 bedroom duplex on the water \$1150, San Jose Place. 2 bedroom duplex, \$1650, ocean-front walk, parking, laundry. Available now. Mark, 858-272-3900 or 858-488-0587.

MISSION BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, quiet, very nice bay front unit. Private patio, on-site parking. No pets/smoking. 9-month lease. Call for appointment. 858-488-3134.

MISSION BEACH. \$1850/month. Beautiful beach cottage, 2 houses from the sand. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Ocean views. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer, garage. 9-month lease. 858-362-6005.

MISSION BEACH. \$1100. Unfurnished 1 bedroom, 1 bath second floor apartment in South Mission Beach. Balcony, 1-car garage, year-round. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$2500/month. 9 months. Furnished, luxury 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, ocean view. Dishwasher, washer/dryer in unit. 2 car garage. 858-484-2221.

MISSION BEACH. \$2100/month. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor bayfront condo with patio, gorgeous views. Available September-May. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH. \$2400. Unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath second floor apartment, full ocean view from living room and kitchen, balcony, dishwasher, laundry facilities. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH. \$795-\$1295. Nice studio and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 block from the beach. Parking. No pets. 3239-3255 Mission Blvd. 619-230-9005.

MISSION BEACH. \$785. Studio, utilities included. Just two houses from the sand. Large closet, patio, refrigerator, stove. Parking. Steps to beach. Charge. 858-751-1497.

MISSION BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom beach cottage, unfurnished. Clean, fully equipped modern kitchen, garage, steps to beach, no pets. 619-222-3570.

MISSION BEACH. \$1650. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New paint, fireplace, dishwasher, microwave, laundry. Small yard. Walk to beach. 830-A Isthmus. 619-231-2727 x223.

MISSION BEACH. \$2350. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, modern, trilevel townhouse. Ocean views, steps to beach. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. Spacious. 717 Nantasket. Mark, 619-556-0453.

MISSION BEACH. \$2500. Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhome on quiet bayside court. Double garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, deck. 808 Monterey Court. 858-488-3539.

MISSION BEACH. \$975. Nice 1 bedroom apartment. New carpet, paint. Stove. Steps to the beach. 725 Queenstown Court #A. Year round. Partial utilities paid. Available 9/20. 858-689-0602.

MISSION BEACH. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Consider cat, parking, close to beach/bay. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdr rentals.com.

MISSION BEACH/Z.NORTH. Luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, washer/dryer, Steps to beach. Ocean view from deck. No Pets. \$2400. 619-417-4392.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800. Deposit \$1850. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1 block to ocean. Laundry in unit, hardwood floors, fireplace, small yard. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 727 San Luis Obispo. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Ocean front. \$3650. Luxurious furnished home, fabulous views, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths fireplace, pool table, washer/dryer, garage, 5 car parking on-site. Lease September-May. Agent 619-298-7232.

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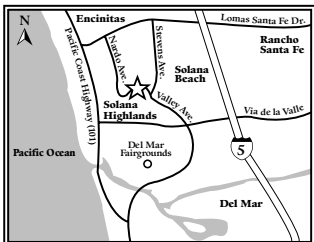
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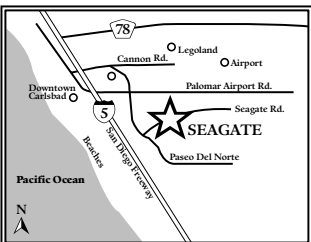
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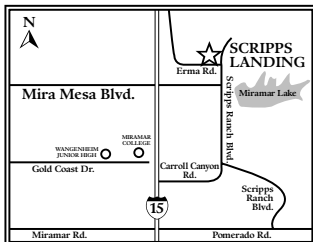
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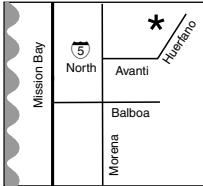


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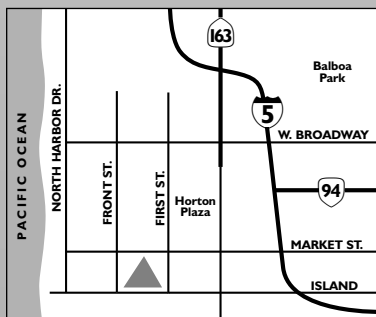
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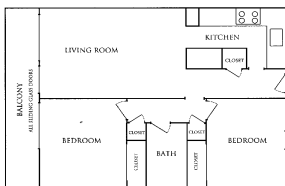
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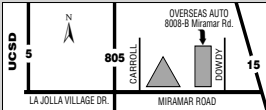
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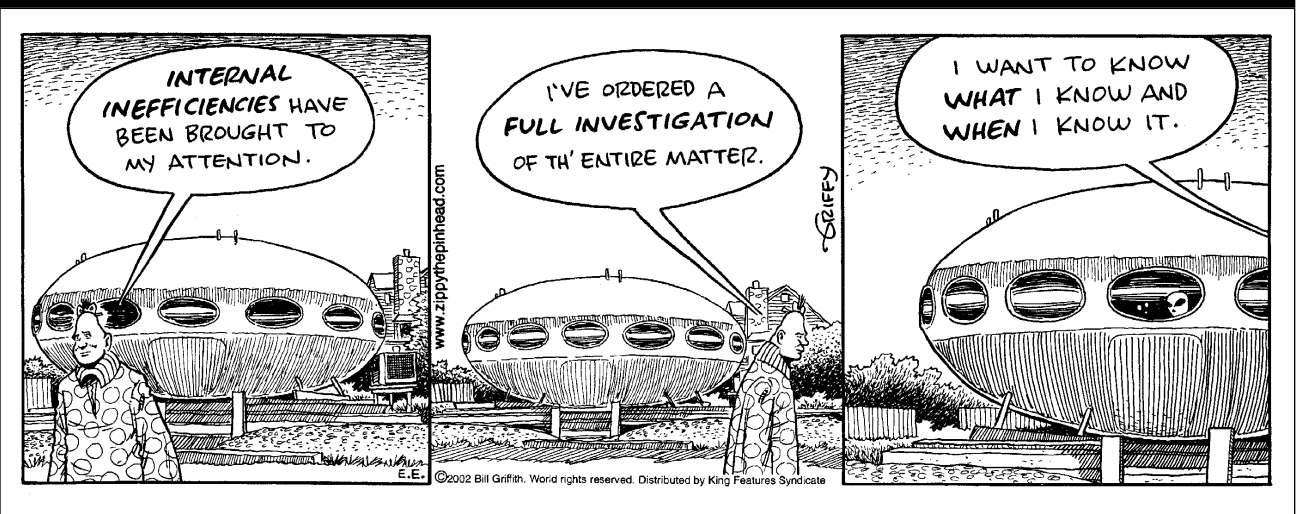
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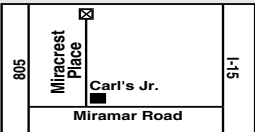
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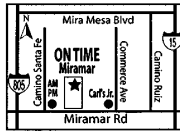
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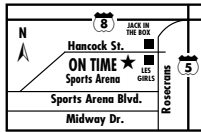
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Lead Stories

— The 60,000 delegates (from 182 countries) to the recent World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, luxuriated not only in four- and five-star accommodations, but in an elegant food and drink layout, including tons of lobster, oysters, filet mignon, salmon, caviar, pate de foie gras, champagne, fine wines, and mineral water. (An estimated 60 African children a day die from contaminated water.) The conference center (which cleared out hundreds of nearby trees to accommodate delegates’ limousines) is only a few miles from the squalid neighborhood of Alexandra, one of Africa’s poorest. (Poverty in Africa is up 35 percent since the last such summit, in 1992.)

— In San Francisco, two adult dodgeball leagues have been formed recently (the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the S.F. Blood Warriors), with rules similar to the kids’ playground game. According to one organizer, the game “is a nice way of pegging people in the face [with the soft rubber ball] and getting away with it.” And, he said, “Certain things never change. Some people look like they’re going to get hit, so you go after [them].”

Cliches Come to Life

— Sophia Reitan fell and broke her arm when a Pentecostal Upper Room Tabernacle minister pushed the evil spirits from her forehead, and no one caught her when she swooned backward; she settled with the church for \$80,000 (Dix Hills, N.Y., February). And even though Clarence Cromwell, 29, fully confessed to police that he had killed a man, a judge in Brooklyn, N.Y., set him free because officers forgot to read him his Miranda rights (May). And according to a police report in the *Hesperia* (Calif.) *Star*: “An elderly man who lived on the 10700 block of ‘G’ Avenue suffered a heart attack while engaged in sexual intercourse and died April 2.”

Our Animal Friends

— Researchers at England’s Cambridge University, and others in Tallahassee, Fla., and Cleveland, are training dogs to screen patients for prostate and lung cancers by detecting distinct smells of tumors in patients’ breath. One researcher reported a success rate of 87 percent, which rivals that of some expensive technology. (The genesis of the research was a 1989 journal article reporting that a border collie attacked a woman’s mole that turned out to be a malignant melanoma and ignored her after the mole was removed.)

— Among Recent Animals in the News: the Asian paradise tree snake, which actually flies (by thrusting itself from high places, flattening out and undulating its body) (reported in Singapore in August), and a species of millipede from the West Indies, which, when zoo-dwelling capuchin and owl monkeys rubbed them on their fur, caused the monkeys to go into a delirious frenzy (an “ancient primate form of hallucinogen,” according to one millipede expert), similar to the way cats react to catnip (August).

— Supposedly Lower Orders of Animals: Recently, the journal *Science* reported that chimpanzees in West Africa have learned to smack certain nuts with specially chosen stones at precisely the correct strength that will break open the delicate shell without obliterating the food inside (June), and that crows have been observed bending discarded wires in just the right configuration for use in retrieving food from hard-to-reach places (August).

— In a three-month period this summer, three 5-foot-long sturgeons have jumped from Florida rivers directly onto anglers, sending them to hospitals with injuries (all together: a cracked sternum, five broken ribs, two collapsed lungs, several broken teeth and various lacerations). According to a wildlife expert, sturgeons are docile, have no predators, and apparently jump only “because they can.”

People Not Paying Attention News

— An apparently harmless passenger (college student Maxim Segalov) forced an unscheduled landing of an American Airlines flight in Salt Lake City (and his subsequent ejection) when he alarmed the crew by trying to recharge a size-AA battery by heating it with his cigarette-lighter (August). And the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* reported in July that a passenger was detained at St. Louis’ Lambert Field because for some reason he had packed in his checked luggage (which happened to be chosen for random inspection) his cute, personal alarm clock, which is an old-fashioned clock outfitted with six toy sticks of dynamite.

Smooth Reactions

— Loxley, Ala., street preacher Orlando Bethel, who was scheduled to sing at the June funeral of his wife’s uncle, was beaten by parishioners and physically tossed from the Pine Grove Baptist Church after he screamed from the pulpit that the deceased was a “drunkard” and a “fornicator” and was now “burning in Hell” and that the parishioners would be right behind him. Bethel defended his outburst by claiming that the “Holy Ghost” had ordered him to tell the truth.

— Among the problem motorists cited in a July Toronto Star roundup: (1) a 26-year-old man who gave the finger to an only-trying-to-help driver who had motioned for him to fasten his seat belt (but the Samaritan was a police officer in an unmarked car, and he took umbrage, stopped the man, and discovered his license has been under suspension since 1999), and (2) a middle-aged man who was let off with a warning for swerving across the road because his dog was licking his ear (and who, the officer discovered, was also shoeless, with banana peels wrapped around his feet, supposedly a remedy for bunions).

Perversions on Parade

— DNA was used to convict a man for bestiality after two dogs were found dressed in women’s

underwear in his garage (Winnipeg, Manitoba, July). A 34-year-old man was sentenced to a year in prison for three counts of approaching women in a supermarket, bending down and aggressively licking their feet (Woonsocket, R.I., July). A man accused a couple of restraining him at their home and forcing him to ejaculate while the couple looked on (Cape Town, South Africa, August).

Undignified Deaths

— A 25-year-old man was shot and killed by a friend as the two were acting out their favorite scenes from movies; the dead man was said to have been portraying Al Pacino (Melbourne, Australia, July). A 19-year-old worker at the Kargher candy factory suffocated when he accidentally fell into a 1,200-gallon vat of chocolate (Hatfield, Pa., July). A 47-year-old man stumbled as he was removing his trousers for bed and fell out a second-story window in his home, landing fatally on his head (Aptos, Calif., July).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— A half-ton bull broke loose from his handler at a show and battered a portable toilet that a 51-year-old woman had just entered, but she was not seriously hurt (Dorset, England). Anglers off of Florida’s east coast encountered a floating, severed human head and turned it in to authorities several hours later after they finished their outing (Fort Pierce, Fla.). Doctors examining rugby star Jamie Ainscough’s lingering arm injury finally located the problem: Opponent Martin Gleeson’s tooth was found embedded in Ainscough’s arm, from a July match (London). Firefighters acknowledged a particularly pesky fire, which burned for more than 50 hours before being extinguished, at a Kingsford Charcoal plant (Pulaski County, Ky.).

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Three to Get Ready

I have three girls in school. Three lunchboxes. Three backpacks. Three navy blue and gray Marymount plaid jumpers with three white Peter Pan collared blouses. Three is a lucky number.

Four and a half years ago, my husband Jack and I moved from the house we were renting in Clairemont to a new rental house in San Marcos. Jack worked at home. Our oldest daughter, Rebecca, was five. We had heard about a small Catholic academy in San Marcos. "It's very traditional," a friend told us. Traditional sounded good.

The first time Jack and I drove by the school, we were less than impressed. A squat, white commercial building sat beside a field filled with weeds. "Are you

sure this is it?" I asked Jack.

"Yup," he answered. "There's the sign."

Once we walked into the building, our doubts disappeared. The school seemed like an oasis. Children worked quietly at their desks. Color portraits of saints and printed prayers shared wall space with the usual primary-colored ABCs and shapes and maps and calendars. We spoke with the teachers. They seemed refreshingly idealistic and faithful. "This is the place for Rebecca," Jack and I agreed.

When Rebecca started school in the fall of 1998, the school was so small they didn't yet have a kindergarten. At the age of five and a half, Rebecca started her academic career as a first grader. She did well. She learned phonics. She memorized addition and subtraction flash cards. She prayed out loud with her teacher and her class three times every day. At lunch and recess, she played four-square on a small patch of black asphalt.

The school grew. They added kindergarten. Two years after Rebecca started school, our second daughter Angela joined her. On her first day of kindergarten, Angela wore the size-five jumper Rebecca had worn. To accommodate the growing classes, the school had rented space in another commercial building up a slope across the weedy field. The first Friday of every month, Angela and Rebecca trooped across the field with their classmates to attend Mass at the upper building. They still played four-square on the same small patch of asphalt.

Last year, the school got even bigger. They

took over more of the upper building. They leased the weedy field, chopped down the weeds, and planted grass. By the end of October, a great, green play area stretched between the upper and lower schools. Rebecca moved to the upper building. She and Angela met in the field at lunch and recess to play together.

Jack and I thought about sending Lucy, who turned five that same October, to kindergarten. The previous spring, we had her tested at the school. "She tests pretty high," the kindergarten teacher told us. "She would probably do okay in kindergarten even though she misses the age cut-off by a month. She's supposed to be five by September 1. When is her birthday?" "October 2," Jack answered.

The principal told us a different story. "We really discourage parents from starting their children early," she said to Jack and me in her office one spring afternoon. "We've found that children who start early do well for the first three or four years. Then when they hit fourth grade and the work starts getting much harder, children who start early are consistently in the bottom half of the class."

Jack and I talked and prayed about our decision. When we told the principal we had decided to keep Lucy out for another year, she beamed. "Mr. and Mrs. Albright, you won't regret this decision. Lucy will have another year to mature. And you'll have another year to enjoy her at home. Children grow up so fast. Let her play for another year."

Lucy played. She went to preschool three

half-days a week. When she wasn't at preschool, she built forts out of blankets with her younger brother Johnny. She put together puzzles and played Candyland and Arthur Goes to the Library. She went with me to the grocery store and helped me take care of baby Benjamin.

The Tuesday after Labor Day, Lucy finally got to go to kindergarten. She cried a little bit the night before. "I'm afraid it will be too hard," Lucy whimpered into her pillow.

"It won't be too hard," I answered and rubbed Lucy's narrow back through her silky, pink nightgown. "You already know all your letters and numbers from preschool. You're almost six years old. You have such a nice teacher. You'll do great."

The next morning, Lucy didn't cry. She came downstairs in the white Peter Pan-collared blouse and size-five jumper Rebecca and Angela had worn. She pulled on her new white knee socks and buckled the new black leather Mary Janes we had purchased the week before at Target.

Before we drove to school, Jack took a picture of our three schoolgirls standing side by side on our front walk. I thought about a picture I found recently in my desk. In the picture, Rebecca, Angela, and Lucy sit side by side on the couch in our house in Clairemont. Rebecca is just four, Angela two. Lucy, three months old and nearly bald, leans against Rebecca with a half-smile on her round baby face. The Tuesday after Labor Day, I watched Lucy smile for the camera and thought about how quickly pictures change.

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