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Wack Errors

Robert Kumpel's "Emotional Punk" (Pop Music, September 19) was an insightful, entertaining expansion of the Reader's popular "Off the Cuff" and its photo gallery of public opinion. His Kumpel-ation of students' responses to modern music helped broadcast the contemporary teenage voice to those far removed from high school and hip-hop. Especially effective were the segues in which Kumpel masqueraded as a charmingly clueless street reporter. Too bad the serious music journalist forgot to consult *Billboard* for the spelling of Musiq Soulchild and Usher's "U Don't Have to Call" (which was miscredited to Snoop Dogg). Sometimes it's hip to be square, but lack of basic research is totally wack.

Vince Ripol

Spiritual Corrections

Regarding the articles on the Temple of the San Diego Gaudiya Math published in your religious column under "Sheep and Goats" (September 19), I would like to make one correction to the statement made by Ranganath Das, regarding the passing of AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada from this world in 1977. It is incorrect that he had appendicitis and also incorrect that he only called Bhaktivedanta Narayana Maharaja to his bedside at the end. He left us because his main work in introducing Vedic Sanatana Dharma to the West was accomplished and he could thus return to Lord Krishna in the spiritual dimension. As for his bedside calling, he announced to all his friends and disciples of his leaving to come for a final *darshan*, or audience.

As for Srila Narayana Maharaja, his longtime friend and god-brother, he asked him to look after his disciples after his passing and put him into *samadhi* (a tomb offered to *sannyasis* when they pass from the body).

And if I may add one further additional correction on the comment I had made to the interviewer regarding the main problem we face in regards to recognizing God. It is not "impersonalization" but impersonalism; that is, conceiving of God as energy or a force or a light but without a specific form and personality, also known as monism or "Mayavada" philosophy and which lies behind practically all religious movements and societies which have no personal concept of the Supreme Lord.

Upananda Das
Brahmacharee

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I'm very pleased with the response to the article "The Good Life" that featured our free clinic, published in the August 22 issue. Some physicians and other volunteers who would like to assist, as well as potential clients, have attempted to contact me. Unfortunately, the article did not include a phone number where I could be reached. If you're interested in volunteering or becoming a patient at the free clinic, please call 619-482-5152 or 619-255-0599. The free clinic is held on the third Saturday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Heights Medical Clinic. The address is 4660 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite 209, San Diego CA 92115.

Ryabo Daramola

Troubled

The article "What the Blueprints Don't Show" by Matt Potter (September 12) is riddled with inaccuracies and false statements. I am deeply troubled by your writer's misguided implication that the district is operating in an unethical or unlawful manner.

Specifically, I would like to address four areas of misleading information:

1. Allegation: The Reader alleges that Roesling Nakamura was "issued a change order, which dramatically increased architectural fees paid to the architects."

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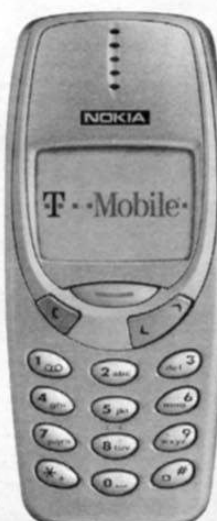
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Semper chalet Are you a business fat cat who wants to get up close and personal with the military brass and hardware at the upcoming Miramar Marine air show? How about purchasing a "Corporate Hospitality Chalet" right on the flight line? According to the air show's website, the deal includes "ample shaded tent area with patio-style seating," "permission to display corporate banner," "spacious and exclusive viewing area with theater-style seating," and "catered food and beverage services by Semper Fi Specialties," along with "your own personal chalet attendant" and "VIP portable restroom facilities."



VIP portable restroom

Tenants of the luxury digs are reported to include the San Diego Taxpayers Association, which is throwing at least one shindig to include local public officials. Air show sponsorships are also available, including the top-ranking "General's Club," which includes a corporate chalet, "eight (8) rounds of golf at the MCAS Miramar Memorial Gold Course," "Use of one (1) four-passenger golf cart during the show," "Opportunity for promotional tie-ins with retail, media, other corporate sponsors and Air Show exhibitors," and "Eighteen (18) mentions over public address system during air show weekend." Proceeds from chalet rentals and show sponsorships, the prices of which aren't listed on the website, are said to go to the base's recreation fund.

Old campaigns never die Ex-Republican congressman **Brian Bilbray**, ousted from his Imperial Beach-based congressional seat two years ago by Democrat **Susan Davis**, has long since gone into the lobbying business, representing such clients as the right-wing Federation for American Immigration Reform and the Tia Juana Valley County Water District.



Brian Bilbray

But Bilbray is still sitting on \$214,000 in leftover campaign funds from his congressional days. Records show he's using the cash to invest in the candidates he likes. In February, for instance, he gave \$3000 to Chula Vista mayor **Shirley Horton**'s Republican campaign for state assembly against Democrat **Vince Hall**. In May, he kicked in another \$3000. The same day he gave **Bill Van de Weghe**, who is this year's Republican challenger to Susan Davis, \$1000. Retired Air Force colonel **Joe Craver**, a close friend and financial supporter of Mayor **Dick Murphy**'s, has just hired **Ben Clay**, San Diego's lobbyist extraordinaire, to represent him in the state capital. Craver, a member of the city's Public Facilities Finance Authority, owns Galaxie Management, which specializes in sales to the military.



Joe Craver

In addition to Craver, Clay's firm works for some of the region's heaviest governmental hitters, including the county water authority. Craver says he hired Clay on behalf of an aerospace client who needs help in Sacramento. ... North County Republican congressman **Darrell Issa** is number six on *Roll Call*'s top 50 richest members of Congress for 2002. The Capitol Hill newspaper pegs Issa's net worth at \$110 million and calls the tale of his successful car alarm company "an inspiring rags-riches story."

GLAAD wrap Will the *Union-Tribune* soon be running same-sex commitment ceremony notices? The *Boston Globe* reports that the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has put the U-T on a list of newspapers "willing to publicize gay and lesbian commitments," along the lines of the *New York Times*, which recently started publishing the gay notices alongside the paper's straight marriage announcements. Not so fast, notes the *Globe*. "Officials at the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the *Denver Post*, the *Rocky Mountain News* of Denver, and the *Baltimore Sun* — all on GLAAD's list — say they are reviewing or still formulating a policy on same-sex announcements."

... A loose wireless computer network at Lindbergh Field may be jeopardizing security there, reports *Computerworld*. The magazine says **Richard Rushing**, vice president of technical services at Alpharetta, Georgia-based AirDefense Inc., conducted an "informal survey" of wireless networks at various airports, including San Diego's, which he passed through earlier this month. "The security shortcomings found at the four airports, particularly the DHCP [Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol] broadcasts, could be easily exploited by hackers," the magazine warns. ... Critics note Gaslamp Quarter streets and sidewalks are a mess. Bumps and cracks are a hazard to pedestrians, they say, and the gutters are frequently full of trash, especially after big weekends and major events.



Downtown gutter trash

Relief is on the way, says **Jim Schmidt**, chairman of the Quarter's Land Use & Planning Committee. The city has hired a consultant to examine festering infrastructure problems. ... The San Diego League of Women Voters of San Diego is having a contest to find a new slogan. On the list of candidates: "Our capacity for justice makes democracy possible, and our capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary" and "Join the League of Women Voters — because democracy is not a spectator sport."

Contributor: Matt Potter

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The Pfingst Tapes

Editor's note: Deputy District Attorney **Richard Sachs** has filed a suit against the County of San Diego and his boss, **Paul Pfingst**, alleging discrimination. Fellow deputy DA **James Atkins** testified on Sachs's behalf at a deposition on September 3, 2002. Another deputy DA, **Peter Cross**, is scheduled to testify on September 30 in support of Atkins's claims. The following are excerpts from Atkins's deposition:

Robert Vaage [Sachs's attorney]: Describe the circumstances of the conversation that you had with Ms. O'Mara [deputy DA who works in personnel] where you showed her this file or folder. You said it was after Mr. Sachs filed his claim?

James Atkins: Correct. It would have been sometime, I believe, in June of 2000.

RV: Okay. How did the conversation develop? In other words, did she come into your office? What happened?

JA: She came into my office. She asked me if I was aware that Rick had filed the claim. I said that I was. And she asked me what I thought about the claim.

RV: What did you tell her?

JA: I told her that in my opinion he had a valid claim. [...] Mr. Pfingst said that Rick had earned his promotion — Rick, meaning Mr. Sachs, had earned his promotion — and it was just a matter of time before it happened, and then... Mr. Pfingst said that Mr. Sachs was not going to be promoted because, as it was relayed to me, he doesn't play hurt [sic] and just whines about his medical condition. And there was a comment about the way he looked. And I said that alone tells me that he was denied promotion for an illegal reason. [...] Mr. Pfingst told Mr. [Tom] McArdle [former chief of appellate and training division for DA] that Mr. Sachs was not going to be promoted, that

he doesn't play hurt [sic], that he whines about his medical condition. And then Tom said he made a further comment: "Look at him, just look at him, he doesn't look like a deputy DA-4." And then Mr. McArdle proceeded to tell me what that statement meant to him.

RV: What did he say?

JA: He said to me that there are three ways to interpret that statement. The first way is that Mr. Pfingst was referring to the way Mr. Sachs dresses, and Mr. McArdle said, "Mr. Sachs dresses like everyone else, so that couldn't be the reason." He then said the second possible interpretation is that sometimes Rick walks hunched over, walks in small steps due to either his back pain or bladder pain, and Mr. McArdle said, "If that's the reason, that would be an illegal reason because he would be denying him promotion based on a medical condition."

Tom went on to say that that's not what he thought he was referring to, that it was the third possible explanation, possible interpretation. And he said that the only thing that made any sense to him was he was referring to Mr. Sachs's facial features, that Mr. Sachs look Jewish, that Mr. Sachs has a rather large nose, has glasses, things of that nature, that based on his facial features, that he looks Jewish. And that was the interpretation that Tom reluctantly had to ascribe to that statement.

RV: At any time before you had this conversation with Mr. McArdle, had Mr. Sachs ever — excuse me — had Mr. Pfingst ever made any comments to you about Mr. Sachs that you considered to be anti-Semitic?

JA: Yes.

RV: Can you tell me when and what he said?

JA: It would have been

in the time frame of 1985 through 1986. Mr. Sachs, Mr. Pfingst, and I were deputy DAs in the Vista branch of the district attorney's office at that time. This obviously occurred while Mr. Pfingst was the deputy district attorney before he was elected to be the district attorney of San Diego County.

RV: What sort of remarks did he make?

JA: Mr. Pfingst and I went to Vista at about the same time, sometime late summer, early fall of 1984, so we were both up there when Mr. Sachs was hired. My recollection was he was hired early 1985, probably February or March, in that time frame, because that's when the promotions happened — not promotions. Hirings happened.

And when Rick came on board up in Vista, Mr. Pfingst took an immediate dislike to him and would make anti-Semitic comments, not only to Rick when Rick was present, but about Rick when Rick was not present.

RV: Can you recall some of the things he said?

JA: Yes.

RV: Tell me as best you can recall what sort of remarks he made.

JA: Well, I remember that he would refer to Rick as a Jew bastard. He would at times call Rick a kosher cowboy. Rick would at times up in Vista wear western boots to work. That was — a lot of people did up in Vista. At that time Vista was very rural compared to the way it is now. A number of people in the office — mostly investigators, but some of the deputy DAs did. And he would always scoff at Rick whenever Rick would come to work wearing western boots and make fun of him and call him the kosher cowboy.

He would call him Groucho, as in Groucho Marx, with respect to his looks. He would make comments about Rick's nose, the size of Rick's nose. He would say, "Look at him, just look at him, he doesn't look like a deputy DA." In a very kind of disgusted tone of voice. With



Paul Pfingst

respect to Mr. Sachs's facial features and particularly his nose, he would — I have to clean this up a little bit — he would — he suggested to Rick at one time during a period of time when Rick — when Mr. Sachs was — when things weren't going well dating-wise, shall we say, he suggested to Rick that, since Rick's nose was bigger than his penis, per-

haps he should learn how to satisfy a woman with his nose. And he suggested that instead of giving head, he should learn how to give nose, referring to the size of Rick's nose.

RV: These are things he said directly to Mr. Sachs?

JA: He said that one to Mr. Sachs when I was present, yes.

RV: Okay.

JA: He also had a name for Rick's car. Rick had a rather large domestic automobile. It was a convertible. And Mr. Pfingst would call it the Jew canoe. He refused to ride in it. When we would go to lunch, he would refuse to ride in Rick's car.

I asked him one day why he has this antipathy towards Rick, why he doesn't

like Rick, why does he pick on Rick, and his response to me was that I wouldn't understand because I was from Southern California. I'm a Southern California native. And I told him I had no idea what he was talking about, and he told me that when you're from New York, you learn to hate Jews. Mr. Pfingst is from New York. That was the

connection. [...]

RV: Okay. Let me ask you about the first two items you mentioned. You mentioned a statement by Ms. O'Mara in a restaurant in February of 2001. Can you describe the circumstances for me? In other words, what restaurant, if you remember, and who was there?

JA: The restaurant was

in the Gaslamp. It's across the street from the Old Spaghetti Factory, and I believe it's — it has the name of the brasserie or something along those lines. [...] My wife Susan and I were there. Steve Carr from the district attorney's office was there. Ms. O'Mara and her husband Mike were there. Craig Fisher, who is also a deputy DA, and his fiancée Jackie were there. [...] And it was at that time that she made the comment to me — made the first of the comments to me about Rick taking time off, and she said words to the effect of "Rick sure seems to take a lot of time off, take a lot of vacations, take a lot of time off." And my response was that everyone in the appellate and training division takes a lot of time off. Back then we were earning — we were able to earn comp time. We're not now. We were able to earn comp time, and most people in the appellate division worked overtime or comp time and accrued that comp time and used it along with their vacation time.

And then she responded to me that Rick seems to take more time off than anyone, and she was wondering how he gets the time. And I responded that he works a lot of evenings. He works weekends, things of that nature. That's when she said to me in a lower voice, not a whisper, but almost a whisper, that "He better be careful because 13 is watching his time." And to me 13 meant the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, and on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, [is] our Mr. Pfingst, Mr. [Greg] Thompson [assistant district attorney, number two to Pfingst], the district attorney, administration.

RV: Did you ask her what she meant by that?

JA: No.

RV: Then you said you had another conversation with her. I think you said it was at lunch.

JA: Yes.

RV: You thought sometime between that conversation in February of 2001 and when Mr. Sachs filed

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his claim in June of 2001?

JA: Yes.

RV: Was there anyone present other than you and

Ms. O'Mara?

JA: Not at the lunch but there was someone who saw us at lunch but wasn't present at the lunch.

RV: Okay. Do you remember where the lunch took place?

JA: Yes. It was nearby the Hall of Justice, the — we call it the Brewery. It's Carl [sic] Strauss.

RV: Right. And who saw you?

JA: Linda Gaeten.

RV: Uh-huh.

JA: I'm not sure what her current job title [is]. At that time she was an investigative specialist — IS is what we call it — in the Lifer hearing unit.

RV: What was said at that lunch by Ms. O'Mara

as it related to Mr. Sachs?

JA: She told me that Mr. Pfingst wanted my assistance in providing information that would support his not promoting Mr. Sachs the last time in De-

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Pfingst tapes

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cember of 2000. [...] She said that he's concerned because there had already been a couple of lawsuits

that Mr. Pfingst had lost regarding discrimination and politically he didn't need another one.

RV: What was your response?

JA: I asked her what kind of information he

was looking for, and she replied that it had to do with the time he worked at the office and whether or not his medical condition was legitimate.

With regard to the medical condition, she said that

Mr. Pfingst thinks that either Mr. Sachs doesn't have these medical problems or if he does have them, that he's exaggerating them in an attempt to manufacture a lawsuit or a claim against the county.

RV: Was there a conversation — did you have any conversations with Ms. O'Mara, other than what we've already talked about — did you have any conversations with her where the subject of

whether or not you and/or she were still supporters of Mr. Pfingst came up anytime during 2002?

JA: Yes.

RV: Okay. Do you recall when that was, approximately?

JA: Sometime before the primary election. She asked me if I were going to support Mark Pettine like most prosecutors in the office were doing at the time.

RV: Where was this?

JA: It was in my office.

RV: So Ms. O'Mara came in and asked you that, whom you were supporting?

JA: Yes.

RV: Okay. What did you say?

JA: I told her that I had given money to both Mr. Pettine and to Bonnie Dumanis, and I was supporting both of them at that time.

RV: What did Ms. O'Mara say in response?

JA: Well, I asked her what she was going to be doing. She said that she was supporting Mr. Pfingst. And I asked her why — I questioned her why she was doing that given the things that had come out about him regarding his honesty and integrity. And she told me that — she understood there were those problems with him, but she was sticking with him. She wanted to be promoted to deputy DA-5, and in her words, she had gone over to the dark side, using a *Star Wars* reference. [...] Yes. You had asked me early on in my testimony about any racial slurs that Mr. Pfingst had made towards Mr. Sachs, and there were a couple of instances that I didn't mention at the time but I remember happening.

One of them occurred at the first Christmas lunch that Mr. Sachs would have gone to when we were in Vista. He and I had gotten out of court late. We were at the end of the line that went into the library up in Vista. By the time we got inside to where the food was, most everyone else was already eating. One of the deputy district attorneys named Robert Amador looked at Rick and said, "Sachs, what are you doing here? Your people killed Christ," referring to the fact that it's a Christmas lunch.

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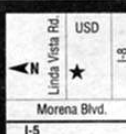
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Mr. Pfingst was sitting with Mr. Amador and stated words to the effect of, "Yeah, Sachs, you're a Jew, get out of here." That's when another deputy district attorney, Charles Bell, spoke to Mr. Amador and said words to the effect of "Shut up, Amador. I hate Mexicans more than I hate Jews."

Mr. Amador was another one of the people up in Vista who used to use racial slurs towards Rick when he was up there as a new deputy. The other things along that line is Fri-

days after work the deputy district attorney and some of the staff would get together for happy hour. Typically the place most people went was the El Torritos [sic] restaurant in Ocean-side off of Highway 78. On one occasion, Mr. Pfingst came to me and asked — and invited me to the happy hour, and I said, "Sure, I'll come," but he asked me not to let Rick — not to let Mr. Sachs know that we were going to be going because he didn't want Mr. Sachs to join us.

I did not invite Mr. Sachs or let him know. In fact, when he asked me — when Mr. Sachs asked me if we were going to be getting

together at El Torritos [sic], I told him we were not. And I went anyway, and that was the last time I went. I realized that I didn't want to do that anymore.

RV: Let me ask you: you mentioned these circumstances, and I don't want my comments to in any way suggest it's not important or it's not a big deal. Do you truly think that Mr. Pfingst has some anti-Semitic sentiment, or do you think this is just office banter?

JA: Well, back when we were in Vista, people joke around a lot, but there's a difference between good-natured joking around and mean-spirited statements.

Mr. Pfingst's statements to Mr. Sachs were mean-spirited. They were not meant in the spirit of fun or joviality or "Hey, we're all good old boys here." It was extremely mean-spirited. It was meant to hurt, meant to injure. He was not the only one doing it, but he was — he was doing it.

RV: Okay. I don't have anything else. Was there something else?

JA: You had asked me if I thought — this is just something that he would be saying. What makes me believe in my heart, not the case, is when Mr. McArdle told me about his conversation with Mr. Pfingst as to why Mr. Sachs wasn't go-

ing to be promoted, and it was "He doesn't play hurt; he just whines about his medical condition," and "Look at him, just look at him, he doesn't look like a deputy DA-4" — the part of "Look at him, just look at him, he doesn't look like a deputy DA-4" is what Mr. Pfingst used to say about Mr. Sachs up in Vista but slightly different: "Look at him, just look at him, he doesn't look like a deputy district attorney." And back then he was referring to Rick's facial feature, the fact that Rick looks Jewish. So that causes me to believe he's showed anti-Semitism towards Mr. Sachs. [...] Oh, and you just jogged my

memory on something else that Mr. Pfingst used to call Mr. Sachs.

Mr. [William] Johnson [counsel for the county and Pfingst]: Okay.

JA: Would you like me to tell you what it is?

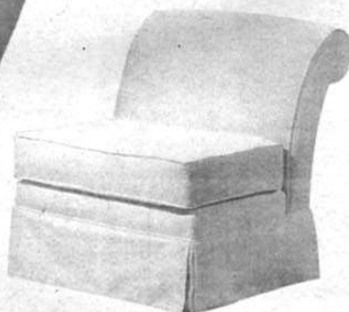
WJ: Why don't you jog it right away and we'll come back to it.

JA: At that time there was a prevalent genetic disease known as Tay Sachs disease. It was a disease — in my recollection, it was a disease that was — that predominantly affected Jewish people. Mr. Pfingst used to call Rick Sachs "Tay Sachs" because Sachs is spelled, as I recall, the same way. He

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would call him "Tay Sachs, deputy of death." And when he would say that, it was not in a friendly joking manner.

It was mean-spirited. [...] You have to understand, Mr. Pfingst at that time, although he was doing misdemeanor trials, as were Mr. Sachs and myself, he was not your typical misdemeanor trial deputy. Mr.

Pfingst had worked as a prosecutor in New York and had done quite a few murder trials, so he was a lot of the younger deputy DAs a teacher, a mentor. I know Mr. Sachs looked up to him and sought his approval,

wanted to please him. It didn't happen. No matter what, he continued — "he" meaning Mr. Sachs — continued to be on the end of these comments from Mr. Pfingst, and they were not said in a joking manner. They were

mean-spirited.[...]

WJ: Do you remember an intern by the name of Karen Rosen?

JA: Yes.

WJ: Did you understand her to be Jewish as well?

JA: Yes.

WJ: Was she there when you were there in Vista?

JA: Yes, she was there in Vista.

WJ: All right. And did you ever hear Mr. Sachs make any comments with respect to either Ms. Rosen or Mr. [Robert] Eichler [deputy DA] that you thought were anti-Semitic?

JA: That Mr. Sachs made?

WJ: If I said Sachs, I mis-spoke. Let me try it again. Did you ever hear Mr. Pfingst make any comments with respect to Mr. Eichler that you felt were anti-Semitic?

JA: Specifically towards Mr. Eichler?

WJ: Yeah.

JA: Not that I can recall.

WJ: How about Ms. Rosen? Same question.

JA: No. I did have a conversation with Mr. Sachs [sic] about her one time, but it was not about him making an anti-Semitic comment towards her.

WJ: What was the conversation about?

JA: He was — as I recall, he was friendly with Ms. Rosen back in Vista.

WJ: Who is "he"?

JA: Mr. Pfingst was friendly with Ms. Rosen back in Vista. And it was after he made the comment to me that when you're from New York, you learn to hate Jews. I asked him after that why he was friendly then with Ms. Rosen, because it didn't make any sense to me, since she was Jewish, and his response to me was that her family had a lot of money, and that was his reason. But I never — I never heard him say anything in my presence that was anti-Semitic specifically about her. [...]

WJ: Did you and Mr. Sachs ever have any conversation about why he was going to support Mr. Pfingst?

JA: Yes.

WJ: What did he tell you?

JA: That of the two candidates in the January election, that being Mr. Pfingst and Mr. Sterling, that he felt, he, Mr. Sachs, felt that Mr. Pfingst was going to win, and he hoped by supporting him, that he would engender some good will from Mr. Pfingst towards himself in doing so. ■

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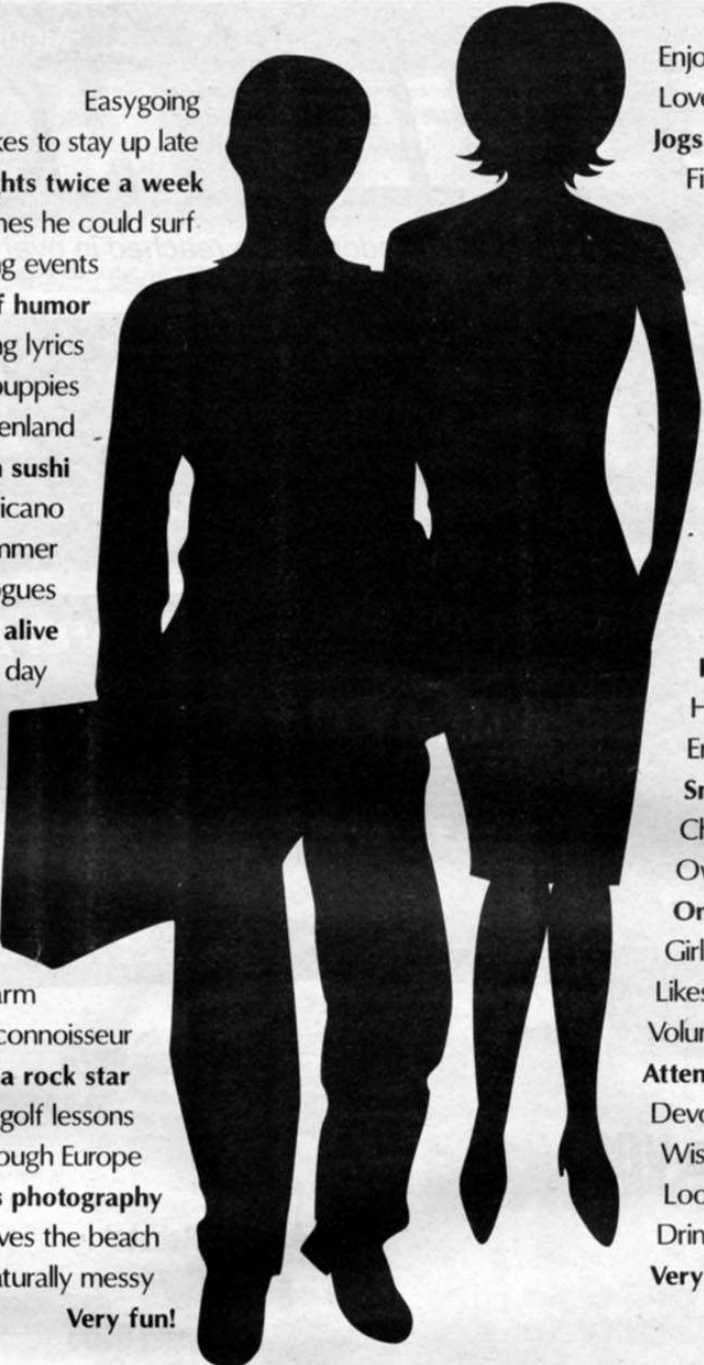
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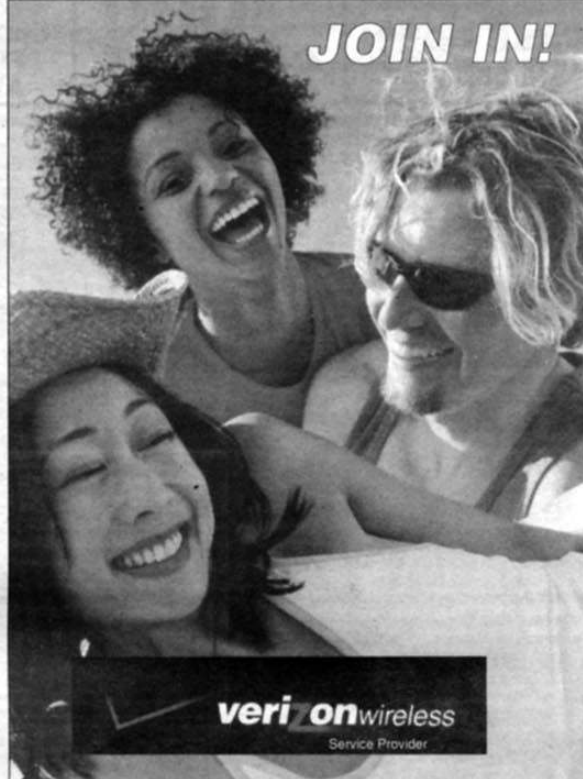
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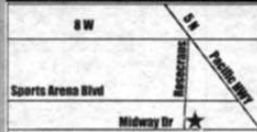
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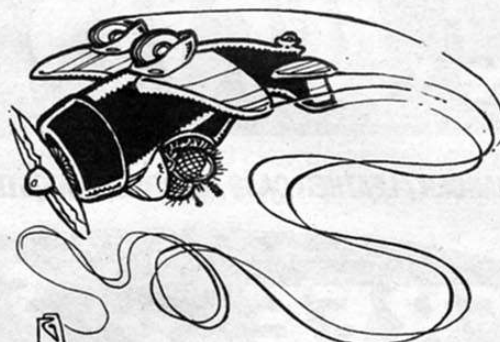
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

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Matt:

Can flies fly upside down? If not, how do they land on ceilings?

— Fly Watcher, San Diego

An inverted fly has the aerodynamics of a rock. Instead of flipping himself over, *Musca domestica* assumes an attitude similar to Mighty Mouse — front legs raised and extended high in front of him. He basically crashes feet-first into the ceiling, sticks there, then rolls his back legs under and affixes them to the ceiling too, well out of reach of the average flyswatter.

Hey, Matt:

Why is it that "WE" who live in the United States need to know what "THEY" who live in Canada pay on consumer items/goods???? (i.e., greeting cards/flower vases, etc.) And why is it that "WE" are the ones who seem to be getting "THE BETTER DEAL" when it comes to the "sticker price"? Are "WE" just cheap or are "THEY" just "RICH"? And (if the latter is true)...should "I" just become a "THEY"? Hey, hey, hey! Thank you in advance for your thoughts (ponder, ponder) and (possible) response (hint...hint) to this earth shattering, EVER so important question of mine.

— Tammy Huntridge-Hocking, a.k.a. "fayedog," Carlsbad

Hey, "FAYE-D"! "WE" no get "BETTER DEAL"! Amazing but TROOOO (yes, yes!) "WE," that is, "US" in the U.S., South of the Border (olé, pardner) pay (oh do we pay) in American dollars. Greenbacks. Dead Presidents. "THEY," North of the Border (brrrrr, eh?), pay in (gasp!) Canadian dollars. Maple leaves. Dead Beavers (ponder...ponder). Your magazine here in America (the Beautiful, man) costs \$3.50 in familiar bills. In (Oh!) Canada, it will cost \$5.50 in low-key, polite, funny-looking Canadian bills. It's called "EXCHANGE RATE," Dog (oooooooooh, big, strange economics term). One USD equals 1.57 Canadian Ds, one of the things that make it fun to visit Canada. That and the fact that the average Canadian isn't armed. Two (count 'em, 2) prices on the cover of your mag mean ya don't have to print two (count 'em, 2) different covers, saving plenty of USD (dough, doe, doh!)

Haymatt:

Could you tell me why the pilot sits in a cockpit? Why is a cockpit called a cockpit? Did Orville and Wilbur think up the word? Do other countries use this same term? In German is it der kochpit? In French le coqpet? In Spanish el cucapito?

— Greg Dutch, up in the air

Ha-ha-ha-ha-hu, hu — hack, coffcoff... You all think I have such a cream-puff job. But you never consider the strain of bad jokes. Staff quack Doctor Doctor estimates my life has already been shortened by ten years from the jokes alone. So anyway, cockpits. Of course we can dump all of Greg's bright ideas. "Cockpit" comes from WWI. Pre-WWI, a cockpit was any place where there was a military battle or fighting of some kind. Naturally, that use came from the very old English term for the place where fighting cocks duke it out. Some other, earlier jokester than Greg likened the hurly-burly of the cramped fighter pilot's seat in WWI to the screeching and flapping in a cockpit. The term stuck. In English, anyway. In French it's maybe a *poste du pilotage* or a *cabine*, or, according to a French aeronautical dictionary, a *habitable*. And yeah, sometimes the French just opt for *coq-peat*. Germans call it a *kanzel* or a *bugkanzel*. Kanzel also means "pulpit." No fighting fowl there. In Spanish it's a *cabina*. Simple. Direct. No jokes.

Oy vey! Silver

Hi, Matt. "Real silver is quite poisonous..." A matter of relativity, this statement. Bacteria, mold, viruses are all quite allergic to silver. Please don't overlook pure silver's role in protecting the body from myriad attackers, providing burn relief and purifying water. For starters, Scientific American: 1914: "I know of no microbe that is not killed in laboratory experiments in six minutes [with 'colossal' silver]." And <http://www.silverlon.com>: "...[Trademarked] Silverlon and Acticoat are silver coated polymeric substrates that are applied directly to the wound surface. The fundamental similarity of the Silverlon and Acticoat is based upon the biological activity of silver." ... Not to even get into the benefits of colloidal/ionic silver use. That phrase "Born with a silver spoon in one's mouth"? Had to do with pacifiers being made of silver at one time, to ensure baby's health. The Lone Ranger had it goin' on!

— jr, Oceanside.

This is in response to our discussion last week of the pros and cons of painting your entire body silver. We voted against it. But now we learn that when you die of paint-clogged pores, your body is entirely fungus free. Some benefit, I guess. We passed the letter on to our vice president of quibbles, thinking he might have a word or two about that "silver spoon" business. He shoved a note back under his door saying something to the effect that those born with silver spoons in their mouths are rich, not sterile. The dirt-poor used wooden spoons, those with more wherewithal used pewter, the rich used silver. They may have lived longer, but probably not because of cutlery.

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

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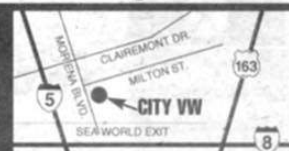
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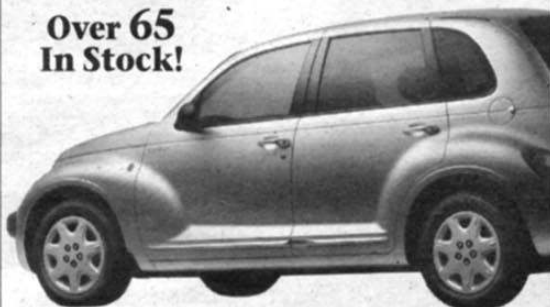
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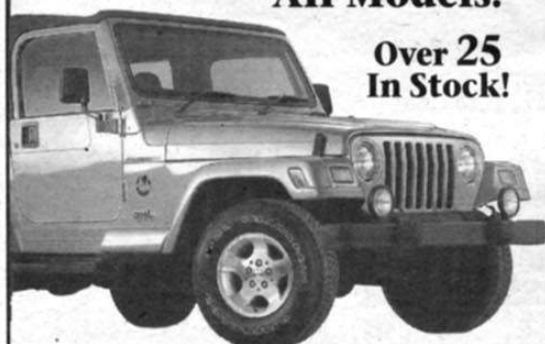
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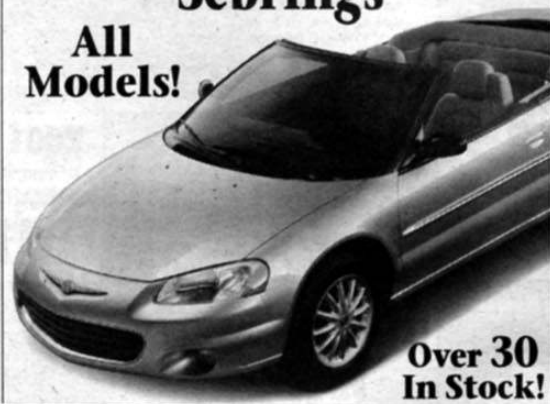
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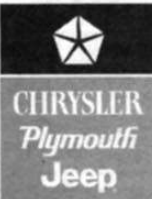
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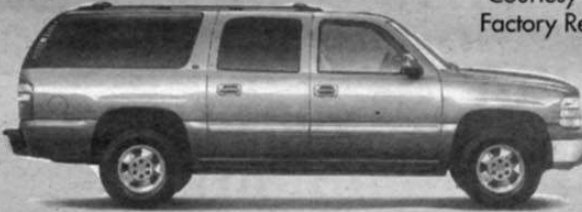


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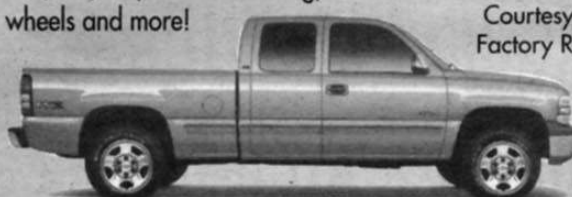


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1999	328i	KG09696	7598	\$32,090	\$30,170
2001	325i	NJ11878	7518	\$34,600	\$32,790

5 Series

Year	Model	Vin#	Stock#	Was	Now
1999	528iA	BY29179	7479	\$35,225	\$33,970
1999	528iA	BY30685	7567	\$36,375	\$34,790
1999	528iA	BY30903	7470	\$35,900	\$33,970
1999	528iA	BY33123	7608	\$33,100	\$32,390
1999	540i	GC91689	7552	\$43,310	\$41,270
2001	525i Sport Wagon automatic	GD86091	7559	\$43,932	\$39,970
2001	525i	GF59439	7600	\$41,860	\$39,970
1999	540iA	GM60321	7565	\$43,775	\$41,270
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2000	528iA	GU14222	7614	\$37,250	\$35,790

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Year	Model	Vin#	Stock#	Was	Now
1999	740i	DN74441	7583	\$44,075	\$43,170
2000	740i	DN76188	7546	\$53,570	\$51,990
2000	740iL	DP10711	7571	\$55,260	\$53,670
2000	740iL	DP14082	D6642A	\$52,345	\$50,970

M3

Year	Model	Vin#	Stock#	Was	Now
1999	M3A Convertible	EC40627	7611	\$41,525	\$40,145
1999	M3 Convertible	EC43172	7603	\$41,235	\$40,270
1999	M3	EY81439	7587	\$39,860	SOLD
1998	M Roadster	LC 85991	7606	\$31,060	\$29,790

X5

Year	Model	Vin#	Stock#	Was	Now
2000	X5 4.4i	LH00774	7502	\$51,240	\$47,900
2001	X5 4.4	LH11543	7612	\$51,975	\$48,790
2001	X5 3.0	LM70012	7541	\$44,100	\$42,700

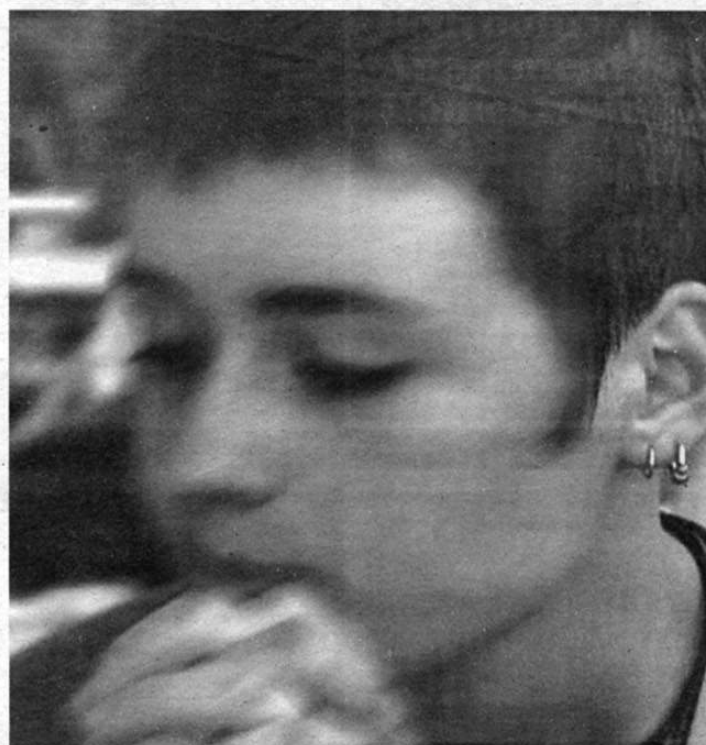
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2000	Z3 Roadster 2.8	LF42799	7613	\$33,650	\$32,170

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Is You Or Is You Ain't My Baby?

Continuing our quest to learn if the Chargers are for real. This week we'll query experts.

Poway Titans

Poway High School

League: Avocado

Ron Murphy, head football coach, third year

2001 record: 7-5

Season to date: 1-1

Last Friday's score: Rancho Buena Vista 14, Poway 10.

On Friday the Titans play Rancho Bernardo at Poway, 7:30 p.m.

Murphy answers the telephone on the second ring. I introduce myself and ask, "Well, Coach, how are the Chargers doing?"

"They're doing well. I'm impressed with their progress. I think the coaching change was huge as evidenced by their play. I expect them to battle for one of the lower playoff spots, a wild-card spot."

Well, yeah. I say, "I've had a difficult time making a judgment because of who they've played. Can you tell what kind of a team the Chargers are from the way they're played as opposed to who they've played?"

"Their opponents, definitely, were not very good. They probably won't be tested until... I don't know who they have week four."

"New England, at Qualcomm."

Murphy laughs, "There you go; that's the test."

"Okay, but from what you've seen so far, what sort of a team are the Chargers?"

One heartbeat. Two heartbeats. "I think it starts with the coaching staff, in terms of the tone that was set and the requirements that were made. They're dominating the football, especially defensively. I would say their first-round draft pick, Jammar, was a nugget, although he hasn't made a contribution yet. Donnie Edwards was a key acquisition."

Eastlake Titans

Eastlake High School

League: Mesa

John McFadden, head football coach, third year

2001 record: 7-5

Season to date: 2-0

Last Friday's score: Eastlake 26, Hilltop 8.

On Friday Eastlake plays Castle Park at Eastlake, 7:00 p.m.

"What do you think of the Chargers this year?"

McFadden answers, "So far, they're improved from last year. They seem much more disciplined and more focused on what they're doing each week. Seems like they have Seau in the right spots instead of letting him fly all over the place."

And, again, the question, "How much of that is due to their opponents' weakness and how much is due to improvements on the team?"

"If you look at it, they're not making the mistakes they made last year. Has a lot to do with the coach having a little bit more of a disciplined attitude. The team is a little bit better, and the offensive line is a little bit better."

I've spoken to two coaches and received two votes for coaches as prime mover. "Can coaches turn around a team by themselves?"

"You have to have the players. If you don't have the players you can only be so good. I think good coaches are successful and, honestly, if you look at the teams Marty Schottenheimer had in Kansas City, I don't think some of them were nearly as talented as this team is."

So, I think coaching has made a big difference."

Vista Panthers

Vista High School

League: Palomar

Chris Hauser, head football coach, 13th year

Defending CIF Division I champions and defending Palomar League champions. Also, CIF champions in 1974, '81, '85, '96, '97, and '98

2001 record: 11-2

Season to date: 2-0

Last Friday's score, Vista 26, Helix 14

On Friday Vista plays Morse at Vista, 7:30 p.m.

"What do you think of the Chargers?"

Hauser says, "I'm pleased with what they're doing so far. Anytime I see their players interviewed they seem to have a sense of excitement about them. That gives me the feeling that things are going well in camp and they're happy with their coaching staff and they like how things are being run."

The Vegas Line

NFL - Week 4
[Home Team in CAPS]

Favorite	Spread	Over/ Under		Underdog
		Sunday		
Miami	3	44 1/2		KANSAS CITY
BUFFALO	3	44		Chicago
New Orleans	7	46		DETROIT
GREEN BAY	7	43		Carolina
JACKSONVILLE	3 1/2	43		N.Y. Jets
PHILADELPHIA	20 1/2	36		Houston
PITTSBURGH	6 1/2	43		Cleveland
ST. LOUIS	NL	NL		Dallas
N.Y. Giants	3	38 1/2		ARIZONA
Tampa Bay	7	33 1/2		CINCINNATI
OAKLAND	6 1/2	43		Tennessee
New England	3	42		SAN DIEGO
SEATTLE	3	44		Minnesota
Monday				
Denver	7 1/2	36 1/2		BALTIMORE

And yet again, the question, "The Chargers seem better, but look who they've played."

"Well, I'm just a fan. I'm going to root for them regardless of how they do, win or lose. I don't get too caught up into how they're playing or who they're playing; I just like to see them do well."

Gads, a coach who admits to being a fan. "But, being in the business, you must see things when you watch the Bolts on TV?"

"To be honest with you, I don't watch them on TV, because I'm busy with football. We don't watch a lot of NFL football, we watch high school football. I watch the *Chargers Report*, maybe, some Monday nights, but most often, I don't watch their games."

I'm starting to like this guy. "What do you do on Sunday?"

"Prepare for upcoming opponents. Watch film and work on the game plan."

Of course. "How about your players...I assume they watch NFL football?"

"I would hope they do. We encourage them to watch football, but at the same time we want them to be kids too and enjoy other things, not be totally engrossed by football all the time."

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Denomination: Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Address: 3850 Westgate Place, Azalea Park, 619-687-5474

Year founded: 1972

Clerk: David Barrows

Congregation: 20 members

Staff: all volunteer

Annual budget: \$8000

Weekly giving: \$156

Singles program: no

Diversity: white

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

If you work downtown you may have for the past year noticed a group of people standing at the intersection of Tenth Avenue and A Street. From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., facing oncoming commuter traffic, the group waves placards saying "Don't Bomb Iraq!" and "Give Peace a Chance." Most of these dozen or so placard wavers attend the weekly San Diego Quaker Meeting in Azalea Park.

Thirty years ago the San Diego Meeting broke off from the La Jolla Meeting. Virginia Flagg, a longtime San Diego Meeting member last week explained to me that, "Quaker meetings are supposed to be family-like. They're not supposed to be huge events. So, once a meeting starts getting big, it's normal for a division to take place. Also, the La Jolla Meeting tended to be a little more activist than we were. We're a little more contemplative. In a way it all works together. You'll find that sort of distinction even within individual meetings. There are more spiritual members and more activist ones. The contemplation informs the activism. The contemplation inspires us to go out and save the world."

Quaker historian Howard Brinton described Quakerism as a "form of group mysticism." For almost 400 years Quakers have met weekly in quiet contemplation, waiting for God to inspire them to stand and offer what they call "vocal ministry," spiritual insight regarding faith, current events, or life in general. ("But we don't like it to get too Twelve Step," said David Barrows, who serves as the San Diego Meeting's clerk. "We like to try and steer clear of personal problems. We save that for 'sharing circle,' which we have once a month after the regular meeting.")

For the past two years the San Diego Meeting has met in a classroom beside the First Church of the Brethren, another "peace church" of long-standing. The Quakers, the Brethren, and a 25-year-old organization called the Peace Resource Center of San Diego hope to build alongside the church a \$1.5 million straw-bale building, designed by James Hubbell, which will house a "center

for peace, social justice, and spiritual growth."

The Quakers meet in a spare beige-and-brown room. They sit on gray metal folding chairs. Last Sunday morning when I visited, an old oscillating fan clicked and whirled and stirred the humid air. When the 20 or so members first arrived they gathered at the rear of the room. Some discussed gardening. They talked about an ancient Concord grape vine that now runs along the entire length of one member's home. They discussed how to blanch fresh grape leaves for making *dolmas*. One member held a bowl of apple compote ("From Julian apples!") that she'd made for the after-meeting potluck.

They are an older crowd. We sat still for 20 minutes, then a pretty older woman in a white blouse and aqua slacks stood to tell us that for some time she'd been thinking about the "wide gap between principle and practice." She referred to the Quaker belief that

God resides in every human. She said, "And I have difficulty remembering that." A while later a man in a Hawaiian shirt rose to say, "My mother said it wasn't easy raising children. Indeed, many tasks aren't easy. But all will yield to persistence." And later an elderly gentleman said that two weeks ago he'd visited a village in Normandy. "I went to the church where my family had worshipped until 1640, when they immigrated to Quebec. It was a very moving experience and I felt close to all those who went before us."

After precisely one hour, David Barrows ended the meeting by shaking the hand of the man sitting next to him. Everyone shook hands all around and moved to a big table

covered with several kinds of raisin bread, cucumber sandwiches, sushi, fruit salad, and a cheesecake topped with fresh blueberries. I told Barrows that I was wondering if our potential war with Iraq weighed on the Quaker mind.

"Of course, we've all written letters to the president, to our members of Congress, our senators. I think the morning vigil we hold downtown on weekday mornings is important."

I asked if Quakers promote their "peace testimony" on college campuses.

"Imposing our beliefs isn't really something that Quakers do. We always accuse ourselves of hiding our light under a bushel basket. We might go out and talk about peace with college students, but not to advertise Quakerism. In fact, since I've been clerk I've put our name in the *Yellow Pages*, which some might consider a not very Quaker thing to do. Some time ago we had visitors from the Midwest. They were visiting San Diego and they found us in the *Yellow Pages*. They were surprised. They said, 'My goodness. Isn't that a little bit evangelical?'"

— Abe Opincar



DAVID BARROWS

San Diego Monthly Meeting Azalea Park

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Liturgy.....no liturgy
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Snacks.....★★★★
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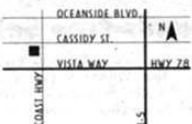


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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My husband and I divorced amiably after a 17-year childless marriage. We remained cordial and socialize once in a while — not often, but every now and again just to keep in touch. I felt good about our friendly parting and our mutual resolve not to disappear totally from each other's lives. Now my ex has gone and married a woman who's excessively possessive. She has forbidden him to see me and he meekly agreed. When he called me to say "goodbye, no more friendly lunches every other month, and please don't call unless it's an emergency," I was shocked. I asked him to please explain to his new wife that I'm no threat. I was the one who asked for the divorce, for God's sake. I said I'd like to meet her so she can see how harmless I am. He said he told her all that but she still put her foot down. No contact with me. Is this fair? Believe me, I have no designs on this guy. Why I should resign myself to never seeing this man again (I spent almost 20 years of my life with him and consider him an old friend) due to a new spouse's immaturity?

STEAMED SAN CARLOS EX-WIFE

Dear Steamed,

Remaining truly friendly with your former partner after divorce is a miracle, nearly on a par with Moses' parting of the Red Sea. How disappointed you must be that after accomplishing this rare, civilized feat it turns out that his new wife won't allow you two to practice the friendship you worked so hard to maintain. The good news is you can remain kindly disposed toward him in your mind and heart. The sad news is that since he has knuckled under to his wife's demands, however unfair, I don't think there's anything you can reasonably do about it right now. It's his decision who he consorts with, and he's telling you he agrees you're off limits. It may be that some of his new wife's anxiety will dissipate after they've been married awhile. She might eventually lift the ban on you if she becomes more relaxed and secure about their bond, but I don't want you to hold your breath. It's also perfectly possible she'll never relent, and you could remain a forbidden planet forever. If your ex doesn't want to challenge his wife's rule, then I think you may have to accept it, regretfully, and move on.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

My grandparents had a bomb shelter out behind their house in Los Angeles when I was a kid. Now that the president is threatening to bomb Iraq I am worried that we may be bombed or gassed or poisoned with noxious diseases. I am considering building a shelter under our house. But I want to do it in secret so that the neighbors do not know what I am doing. I am thinking about building it

under my garage and doing a lot of the work at night. Have you ever heard of anyone doing anything like this?

WORRIED SANTEE CITIZEN

Dear Worried,

I think we all can sympathize with your fears, which are a natural reaction to the events of September 11, 2001, and to all this recent talk of war, chemical weapons, etc. When my nieces, and nephews were in primary school, they used to participate in "duck-and-cover drills." This involved alarms going off and the children being herded under their desks and prompted to cover the backs of their necks with their hands. They had to remain there, cowering, till the "all clear" signal was given. How this was going to protect them from an A bomb attack I never quite understood, but the drills scared the living day-lights out of them. My siblings spent many a sleepless night trying to reassure their kids that the world wasn't going to blow up. Now, decades later, I want someone to tuck me in at night and give me that same reassurance. So I do understand.

But please don't try to build a bomb shelter secretly. That's a disaster waiting to happen. You will alarm your neighbors, who will probably report you to the building and safety department. Also, unless you are a licensed contractor and really know what you're doing, you could create a hazard for yourself or others — exactly what you're trying to protect against! I've heard of poorly constructed, homemade bomb shelters collapsing and injuring their makers. If you must create a shelter, get someone licensed to build it, and have it made ship shape and to code. If you don't want the neighbors to know, you could tell them you're adding a basement, which is *almost* true. Or tell them the truth. You might start a trend.

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Kathy recently returned from a visit to Scotland, where she imbibed a great many things Scottish (including Scotch). I thought a bagpiper would strike just the right note.

There's an entry in the phone book for "Scottish Information" (619-232-5545). I called and spoke with Scott Johnston. Johnston told me that, while he played, he limited himself to services, funerals, weddings, memorials and formal Navy dinners. He charges a flat fee (call for price). The day we spoke, he was preparing for a 9/11 memorial in Coronado. "I'll play 'Amazing Grace,' and I'm probably going to play 'Going Home' by Dvorak. There are only certain things you can play on the pipes, because it only has nine notes."

Though he wouldn't be playing at Kathy's party, Johnston did describe a piper's attire for me, starting with the feet. "Ghillie brogues are a kind of tongueless shoe with laces that go across your foot and up your ankle. Then there is the traditional knee sock — usually wool — which is folded over." On the sock is a sort of garter, called a flash. "An accoutrement that doesn't have to be worn is a *sgian dubh*; that's Gaelic for 'black knife.' It's usually worn on the right stocking."

"Then there's the kilt. Men wear what is called the short kilt. Above the kilt is a belt, three inches wide, usually black or brown, maybe white if you're military. The belt is adorned with a good-sized silver or brass buckle. The shirt worn depends on the type of affair." Possibilities include "a tuxedo shirt, or a white shirt buttoned tight with a tie. The tie traditionally uses a color that's prevalent in your tartan. It could be a long necktie or, with a tuxedo shirt, a black or tartan bow tie."

For the memorial, "I'm wearing a Prince Charlie coat, which is cut short to the waist like an Eisenhower jacket, and a vest. I'll also have on a sporran, which is a purse worn around the waist." Finally, "one of two head-gears: either a Balmoral bonnet — which is kind of like a beret and has a turry (puff ball) on top and two grosgrain ribbons that come down the back — or a Glengarry, which is more of a regimental-type hat. It looks like a teepee on top of your head."

Johnston directs people to pipers "as a public service," as does the San Diego Musicians Union. They suggested I call Robert Burns (619-223-0441). Burns plays at all kinds of events. Burns told me his usual rate is \$130 an hour, but "I charge less for the second

"For \$1000, you can get an entire pipe band" — 25 pipers.

hour. And if I have to drive, it will cost a little more." I knew what I could expect to see; what could I expect to hear? "If it's a birthday party, I'll definitely want to throw in a 'Happy Birthday.' Most people don't expect it. Then I'll play lots of marches — quick and slow — and dance tunes: jigs, fast-paced reels, polkas, and waltzes."

Also, "I like to play what is called Piobaireachd (pronounced pee-brock), which in Gaelic means 'the big music of the pipes.' These are tunes which are big in terms of length, value, history, and emotion. The shortest one I play is 7 minutes; the longest is 20-some minutes." Burns enjoys big music because of the flourishes and rhythmic variations involved. "The fingers have to be, in effect, beating — flying around very quickly" — but the breath in the blowpipe "you must keep very steady."

I can guess where the blowpipe is, but I asked Burns to give me a short course in bagpipe anatomy for the rest of it. Burns's pipe is known as a Great Highland Bagpipe. "Traditionally, the pipe has three drones — those are the long pipes that stick up. Two of them are tuned to each other, and the longer one is tuned an octave lower."

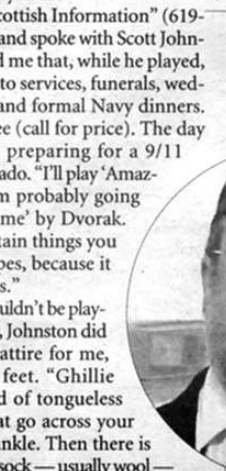
All three are tuned one or more octaves different from the notes on the chanter — the long wooden piece that protrudes down and gets fingered. "This results in higher or lower pitches. Fingers are the means of going up and down the scale. Grace notes, or flourishes, which are made by finger movements, break up the continuous flow of the music. They come from hitting other notes very quickly." The next piper's name to grace my ears was Campbell Naismith (858-592-9228) of the Naismith Academy, a school of highland dancing. A piper for over 40 years, other pipers touted him as being world-class. He charges \$175 an hour, will play any event, and carried a mean set of pipes. "I play a set of Peter Henderson pipes. They were made in the 1890s. The instrument, because it's a wood instrument, becomes seasoned" over time. "If a pipe has been played and well-kept, you'll get a richer sound from your drones."

Robyn Adams (619-334-1520) turned out to be a member of the Cameron Highlanders, the oldest pipe band in the western United States. Member fees range from \$125 to \$150 an hour. But, said Adams, "for \$1000, you can get an entire pipe band" — 25 pipers. A fascinating thought, but I was happy to hear that \$350 an hour would still get you six pipers and two drummers — a bargain! Charlie Rosenberger (619-462-6091), an esteemed member of the band who has been playing for some 45 years (and some at the open, or professional, level), is available at a rate of \$150 an hour.

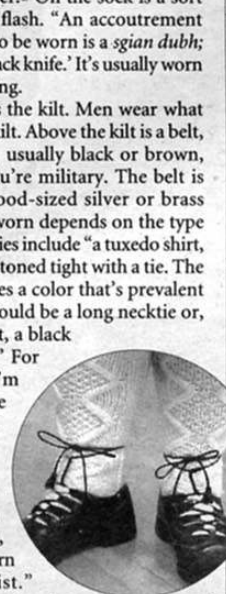
Silverwood (619-286-4227) was the last piper service I found. A lady named Diane told me they could find me pipers for any event, \$150-\$300 per event.



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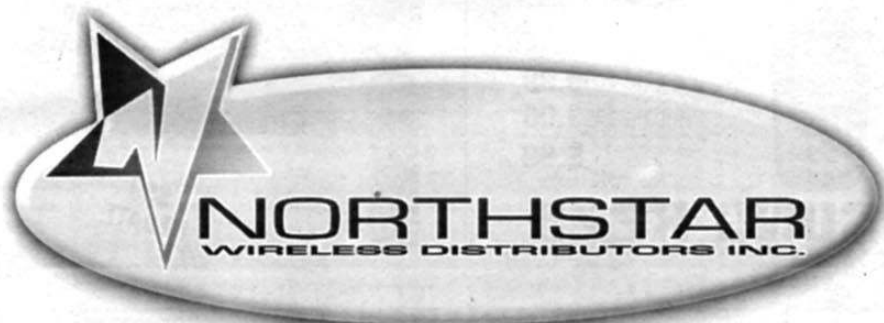
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SAN DIEGO'S ARAB AND ISLAMIC COMMUNITIES have mixed feelings about September 11, 2001. Some blame Osama bin Laden, some fault the United States, and still others blame all parties involved. With one exception, these speakers are naturalized U.S. citizens.

Waleed Yakou, 39, lives in El Cajon and has managed a liquor store in City Heights for 19 years. Yakou is a Catholic, which was reason enough to flee his native country 25 years ago.

"I'm Chaldean [Iraqi Catholic] and Babylonian. I was born in Iraq, near Baghdad. I believe the Arab nations are to blame for the crisis. The whole Middle East [crisis]. Who else? I don't agree with the Muslim nations. I'm not prejudiced, but I don't agree with them. Their religion is too aggressive. I don't agree with their lifestyle. That's why I'm here.

My religion and freedom is why I'm here. As far as the U.S. policy, first they need to get rid of Saddam Hussein, number one. Second thing, they are doing a very good job. The United States needs to take care of the bunch of dictators that are running the Middle East. That's the most important thing."

Mohamed Mohamoud, 56, came to San Diego from Somalia, a coastal country on the eastern coast of Africa. The population is principally Sunni Muslim. He lives in Chollas View and studies computer engineering at UCSD. Mohamoud is reluctant to blame anyone specific for the attack on the World Trade Center.

"It was terrorists, but I don't know who they are. I'm not yet convinced who they are. I cannot say if it is Osama bin Laden, but I don't think it is. Afghanistan is a political issue. I am not a politician — you need to ask them. I know that the other Muslim nations are very much worried about what is going on. Now the situation with Palestine and the Israelis is very complex. Both are wrong. The Palestinians are wrong. Israel is wrong. They have to come together. Saddam Hussein — I can't say about him. I think the United States policy towards the Middle East needs reform. It shows some sort of rigidity towards Islamic

countries, so it needs some sort of reform. They should lay the groundwork for justice for the opposing sides."

Baktiar Hamasaed, 39, was born in the Kurdistan area of Iraq but fled to the United States when Saddam Hussein came to power. The Kurds are a mountain people. These Sunni Muslims are divided into populations in Syria, Lebanon, and northern Turkey and Iraq. Hamasaed works as a cab driver and lives in Chula Vista. He minces no words about who is to blame for the current crisis.

"Osama bin Laden. I look at the other Muslim nations and — to be honest with you, I am a Muslim, and our religion does not teach you to destroy somebody else's life or property. It doesn't teach you to do bad things, it teaches you to do good things. What they did was unbelievable. Muslims never should do those things.

"The Palestinians are just like the Kurds, they are fighting for their lives. That's what we've been doing for the last 50, 60 years. The Kurdish people tried to get their land back, and the Palestinians are doing the same thing. They should have their own state and their own land back and leave everybody to live in peace.

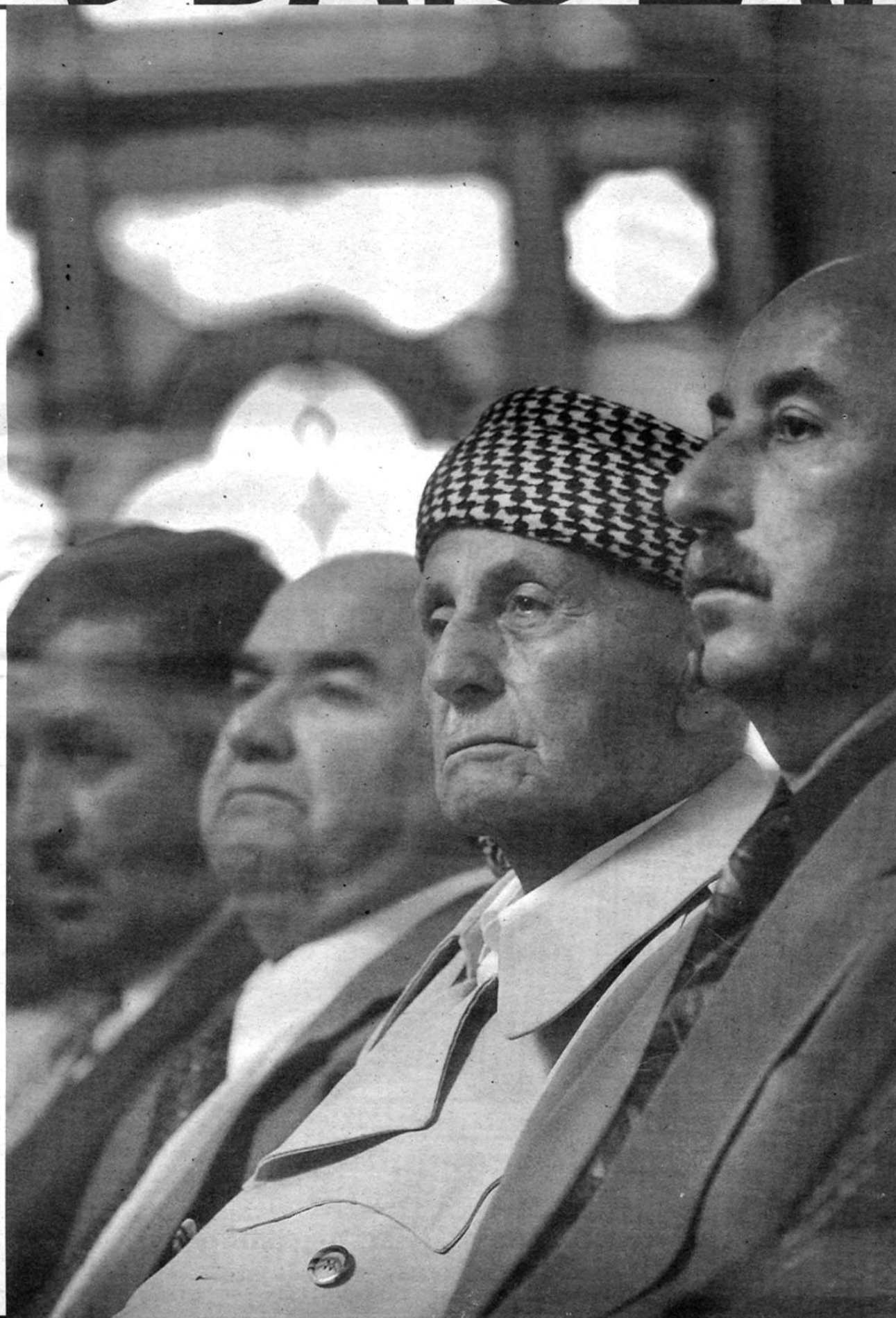
"The U.S. policy in the Middle East is good, but they never finish the job. They should have finished the job, and now they end up with more troubles and spending more money for nothing. If they had finished Saddam in 1991, they would not have the problem right now and everybody would live in peace.

"As far as the Palestinians, they [the U.S.]



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**"I don't have
any idea who
is to blame for
the attacks.
I don't blame
anyone."**



don't do enough. Just talk and no actions. They know exactly what's going on in Palestine, and they could do a lot better to have a better life in Palestine and Israel. A lot of people are killed

for no reason. Every human being has a right to live on this earth as a normal human being and have a good life and a better place to raise your kids. There is no reason to fight."

Ehsam Akbar, 42, moved to the United States from Afghanistan in 1997. He currently manages the Khyber Pass restaurant and lives in Kearny Mesa. Akbar is very guarded about blaming anyone for the

current crisis between the U.S. and the Middle East.

"It is very hard to say. Probably al-Qaeda and those people are to blame. Hopefully the situation in Afghanistan is getting better. We are

glad that the Taliban is gone, and we hope that very soon it will be back to normal. The United States helped us a lot.

"Palestine and Israel have had a problem for a long time. Everybody likes peace, and hope-

fully they will get back to normal and they won't be blaming each side anymore. I don't want to say [anything] about the U.S. policy toward Muslim nations; I don't have that much information. I think the

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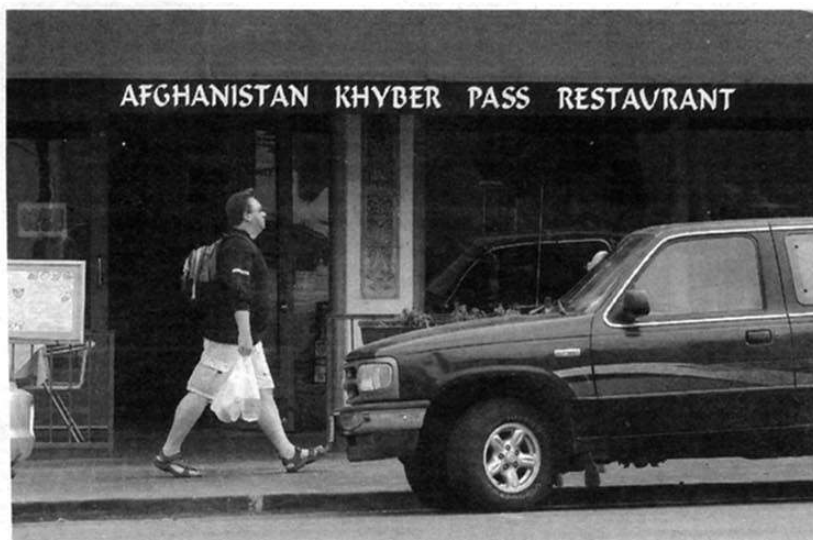
Maheed Mosazeli won't disclose her age. "I'm old enough!" She lives in Normal Heights, near the restaurant she owns and operates in University Heights. The daughter of an Iranian diplomat, Mosazeli spent several years in Afghanistan and moved to the United States 14 years ago.

"I don't know who I blame for the attack and crisis. I think the United States is to blame for the attack more than anyone, because I think they have the ability to know what is going on in the whole world, so they should have known it was coming. I usually think that the United States can do anything. I

was thinking that of course they are taking care of the crisis to the best of their ability.

"I think the United States can do something in Palestine. They are killing each other and nobody is doing anything, so that is why the people are so angry. I've traveled many places throughout the world, and the people are very angry with the United States' policy. I believe that we have to listen to other people. It's always one-sided. We don't listen to other people, and they become very angry and crazy, so they probably do that kind of thing.

"But I was very happy with Afghanistan, because I was thinking we were helping them. They are very poor people,



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something; but it seems they are thinking only of themselves, not even their own people." When asked if she is referring to the Saudis, she giggles. "Of course!" she replies.

Pierre Rouhane, 42, owns and operates a pita bread factory. He came to the United States from Lebanon in 1979 and now lives in Bonita. Rouhane calls himself a born-again Christian, and his beliefs have fostered an indifference toward politics.

"I don't have any idea who is to blame for the attacks. I don't blame anyone. I do my bread, and I am happy. I don't believe in the Muslim religion. Israel and Palestine? It's been going on for thousands

ple, and they really need help after the long war with Russia, and it was very nice that we were helping them. But now, I don't know. It is still not clear what is going on. I listen to the news very much, but I don't know

what is going on. It is very complicated. I feel that they [other Muslim nations] are angry because we are not helping the situation in Palestine — and even look what happened in Israel; they hurt the stu-

dents! This is terrible!

"I feel that we can do anything. I blame some of the Muslim nations for these problems too. Some of them have too much money, and money is power, and they should do

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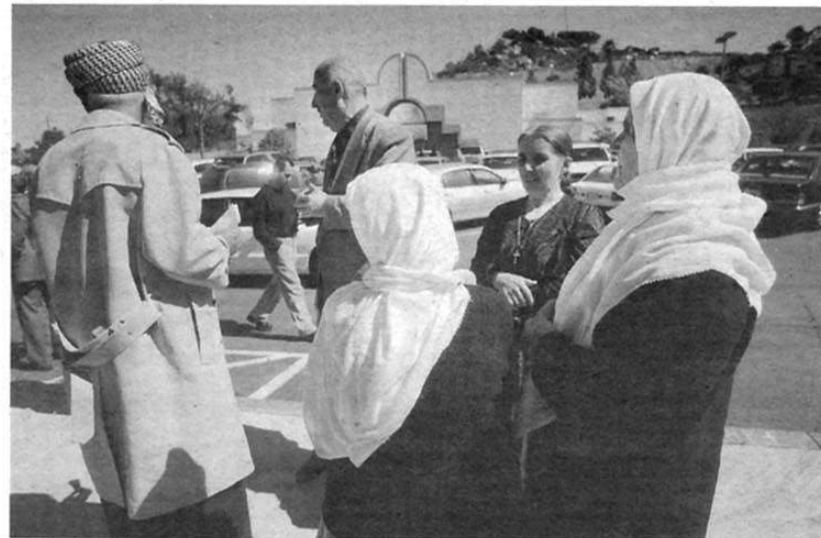
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of years before this time, so it's not going to stop until Jesus comes. I think the United States' policy will be changing a lot. Everyone knows my religion — every born-again Christian is going to tell you the same thing: There will be a lot of tough times. The Rapture is coming; Jesus is going to come and save us, and there will be an end to it after the fake peace between Israel and the Arab nations."

Abu Hajid (not his real name) is 30 and came to the United States from Lebanon six years ago. A practicing Muslim, he asked that his real name and occupation not be published because of the problems he has faced at work since the 9/11



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attacks. "Before that, I had lots of friends, but since then, they are no longer my friends." Currently in the process of changing jobs, Hajid wanted his identity hidden so he could speak freely.

"Of course it was Osama bin Laden that is responsible. He did more harm to us [Muslims] than anybody in the world. He has killed innocent people. If you want to express your hatred, there are a lot of

ways to express it, but not by killing innocent people. The thing is, he is hiding behind Islam, and nothing he did is according to Islam. What does he know about Islam? He doesn't know anything about

Islam, so how can he say he is a Muslim? He hates the United States because he once got money and support from them, and now that they have deserted him he did this. There is no justification for his actions, and Arabs in the United States are being blamed for his actions! I try to keep a low profile because of this. People ask me where I am from, and I tell them that I am half Greek and half Italian. Seriously! I don't want anybody telling me about September 11, because it was like somebody putting a knife in my heart.

"The other Muslim nations are really corrupted. You can't find a Muslim country that is not corrupted. Look at the presidents and leaders. If I was the president, then my son

would be the next president. That is corruption!

"The U.S. policy is biased. I would love to see it change. I would like to see more — like the president says, 'We need justice.' And that's what I want to see — justice. I'm against the Palestinian bombers, and I'm against what Israel is doing to the Palestinian people. When Israel occupied Lebanon, the United States bombed it. So who are we going to blame? The United States, right? When the U.S. embassy in Lebanon was bombed, how many Marines were killed there? I tell you what, about 150 or 160. Do you know how many Lebanese were killed or wounded? More than 2000!"

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they were the kindest people I ever met. The United States' policy is making the Middle Eastern people, the Arab world, mad at America. I think the Jewish lobby that is ruling the United States is to blame — of course they're going to support Israel, right? How many millions of dollars of our taxes are going to Israel to kill Palestinians and take them out of their country?

"I'm not saying all the Palestinians are good people. A lot of them are bad people, because they are killing innocent people. I'm not

saying that killing people is good, but these young kids are bombing themselves. Why? Because they are so desperate. They see their people getting killed. They're immature, they're uneducated, they don't know better, so they go and bomb themselves to kill innocent people. I'm not saying this is good, because it is bad. But that's what they are doing. There is a lot of pressure on them and there is no food, no education, and no freedom; and a lot of people are getting killed. So not knowing better,

they bomb themselves and kill innocent people.

"Like I said, the Americans are the kindest people I have ever met, but they don't know the truth. They ask me where Lebanon is, like I ride a camel! They don't know, because the media here doesn't show the truth of the Arab world and the Middle East. There is a lot of frustration from the people of the Middle East because they think that nobody's telling the truth about them."

Salam "Sam" Raza, 30, came to America from

Afghanistan 22 years ago. He lives in Chula Vista, where he owns and operates a discount furniture store.

"I think bin Laden and his people are responsible [for 9/11], but it is being blamed on Afghanistan. People have the wrong notion and think Afghanistan had something to do with it because this creep was in our country. It had nothing to do with our country. They say, 'Oh, those Afghan people,' and this and that. The media has convinced Americans that people in Afghanistan are bad. My

wife's uncle owns the Khyber Pass restaurant, and he was getting bomb threats and other things after September 11 happened.

"It was a very, very unfortunate thing that happened, but if you lived in Afghanistan, there was nothing you could do, because the Taliban government kept them in such poverty. They beat and killed our people. Osama bin Laden is a Saudi, and a lot of people don't know that. They think that because he lived in Afghanistan that he is Afghan!"

"Some people in the

Muslim nations still have this stupid mentality where they are angry and they use religion and try to make this a holy war. I think the U.S. policy in the Middle East is very fair. I'm a practicing Muslim — not 100 percent practicing, but I practice."

Fahd, 35, is a citizen of Kuwait who lives in La Jolla. He asked that his identity be hidden because he is a member of the Kuwaiti air force, taking his flight training in America. "I don't need problems with the embassy." Fahd believes that there is plenty of

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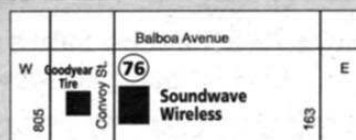
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"I spent almost three hours watching the news today. If you go to Fox News, they are

saying everything that is bad about Arab countries. If you go to any channels, they are saying bad things about Arab countries, but no good things. If there are no good things in Arab countries, then why are so many American people staying and working in these countries and coming back with no problem? The news in the United States does not say the good things about us, only the bad things.

"When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing you do? You wash your face. But there are some people

here in the United States who, when they wake up, wash their feet first, then their face. What I mean is that they don't look to their problems here.

"I respect the Bible and I read it. I found many things that are good. If you are looking at the Koran — not from one angle, but from each side — it doesn't say to kill people. It says in the Koran that if you kill yourself for any reason, you will go to hell. You will never get out of hell. You will not be going to heaven, and you will stay in hell forever.

"And here is something weird. If you look from 1990 until 2002, every September when the weather gets cold, there is some problem coming in the Middle East. Think about it. Can the Americans fight during July and August in the desert, with temperatures rising so high? Every time the weather gets cold, something happens in the Middle East. Americans make problems! The government makes problems to distract Americans from their own problems. This is the situation.

"And Saddam, he

should be dead. He should have been killed in 1991. But they keep him! Why? Believe me, there is no problem to kill him, but they want him to stay. If the U.S. government wanted to kill him, they would have done it a long time ago! They can kill him anytime they want.

"I want the U.S. to look at the good things in the Koran. They want to talk about Mohammed, well, one of his neighbors was Jewish, and Mohammed treated him very good. He respected his Jewish neighbor.

"The Palestinian

government should change. How? That's very difficult because these people [Yasser Arafat and the PLO] are stuck in these positions, and if they leave, they will lose so many things. They will not change. A couple of months ago a solution was found, but [Israeli prime minister Ariel] Sharon destroyed everything. Like Saddam, Sharon is a killer. Anybody who has made that many mistakes and comes and says, 'Now I will be good guy' — you can't trust him. [Former Israeli prime minister Ehud] Barak just about reached a solution, but

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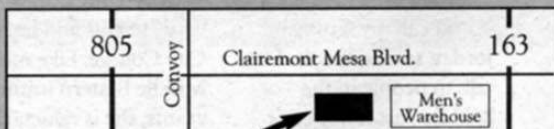


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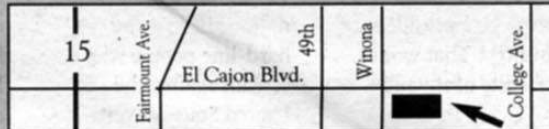
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after that, everything was destroyed by Sharon. There are so many people in control of governments for their own benefit. I am a rich man. Do you think I want to be a president of a country? That would be a waste of my time."

Mustafa Darwish, 62, was born in Haifa, Palestine (now Israel), and has lived in America since 1969. A retired welder, he lives in El Cajon.

"It seems to me like Osama bin Laden is

responsible [for 9/11], but we must find out the truth before we do anything. So far, it looks like we put the finger on him.

"The Muslim nations have some very hard-line people who scream against the United States government. They are going a different way than the original Muslim beliefs. They make it so hard — they scream — they go so far out of Islam. Islam is really a religion of peace. We believe in Jesus, in Moses, and all

of that. We are never against anyone who has the Book, which means anyone who is Christian and anyone who is Jewish. We cannot attack anybody, especially those two religions that have the Book. But some Muslims go further and change the meaning.

"The poor people also became unsettled with their government, with their lives, so who do they find? Osama bin Laden. And who do they blame? Us. The Americans.

"I cannot say what

the president of the United States should do. I know there is some problem with Israel and the Palestinians. I was there when it became Israel. The United States should stand with the Arabs and Israel. When Eisenhower stood with the Egyptians in 1956, when the English, French, and Israel attacked Egypt, nobody hated America. We should not help building the war machine of Israel. The president says that Israel has to defend itself. This is not


defense. This is attack! I am not saying we should not help Israel, but help Palestine too. Don't forget about the Palestinian Muslims. They are under siege.

"I call my family in Jordan sometimes and talk to people in the Middle East. They can't even go out for bread sometimes, because they are under 24 hours curfew. For what? Over one million people under curfew! If you want to stop the suicide bombs, stop the hunger. To make peace, we must

begin to look at both sides."

Halima Ahued, 20, came to San Diego from Somalia seven years ago. She currently lives in City Heights and attends City College. Like many Middle Eastern immigrants, she is reluctant to blame anyone for the current crisis.

"I don't know who is responsible. I can't judge anybody. Whoever is doing it is responsible! I think the United States needs to work together with other countries to



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settle down what is going on. I think if the Muslim nations are doing something wrong, then they should stop and change. They need to do whatever is right for all the countries. If the United States is doing the wrong thing,

then they should stop too. I don't usually watch the news."

Khaled Areiqat, 30, was born in Jerusalem. He now lives in El Cajon and works as a taxi driver.

"It could be the for-

eign policy of the United States towards the Middle East [that caused 9/11]. It's a big question to blame somebody. Just think about it this way. Why don't the people of the Middle East feel anything toward France or

Sweden or Germany? I mean, they're large countries. Why don't the Middle Eastern countries dislike them? It's because what they see on TV is F-16s bombing the people in Palestine and tanks rolling into Palestine and destroying

everything, using American weapons. They know it's free too. They [Israel] didn't even purchase it; we just gave it to them. That's why you see this action toward the United States.

"It's very clear the United States' policy is

to take the side of Israel. I would just like to see it balanced. If you think of peace and fairness, then don't let the Congress pressure the government. I mean, the Congress is 60 percent pro-Israel, and they pressure the whole

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"We pay taxes here, and the taxes go over there to shoot my brothers and the rest of my family. I have a cousin who was just on top of his building, peeking to see what was going on in the street, and he got shot in the head. They called them rubber-coated bullets — it killed him. He was only 16 or 17 years old. He didn't do anything, and a sniper got him. Then when something happens to Israel — yes, they are dying too — but why don't they show you the pictures of the 80 percent of over 2000 children who were killed during this *intifada*? They don't show you anything of what is happening to the Palestinians. Why? Because the media cannot do that. They can show only what they are told to show."

Qais Sekendary, 42, lives in Carmel Mountain Ranch and works as a cab driver. He came to the United States from Afghanistan 12 years ago. ("Afghanistan is not in the Middle East — it is Asia!")

"I don't know who is to blame. But I don't believe in what happened on 9/11. It is wrong. I am not sure, but most of the people of Osama bin Laden would like to do that, but nobody knows. But I hope somebody gets

this guy, believe me. The people in the Muslim countries do not like war. I hope there is peace with Palestine and Israel. I hope the United States' policy will change — change for peace. I don't think the United States will start a war. I know that Americans want peace, but there are people who don't want peace. Most people want peace. Right? No war. Yeah."

Bilal H., 24, is a taxi driver living in City Heights. He came to San Diego from Somalia ten years ago.

"My opinion is that evildoers are to blame. I don't know who is behind that. It may be bin Laden, but I don't believe whatever I see on TV. I wasn't there when it happened."

"The other Muslim nations? I don't mind if the United States blames nations by name. But they should not label them by religion. For instance, when the Oklahoma bombing took place, nobody ever called Timothy McVeigh a Christian extremist or Christian fundamentalist. When Middle Eastern nations help the United States, they are not labeled as Muslim nations, but by name only — you know, 'Afghanistan is cooperating' or 'Indonesia is cooperating,' but not 'Muslim nations are cooperating.'"

"Even the war in Palestine and Israel is not about religion, it's about land. I would like to see the U.S. work towards peace as they claim to, rather than — everybody knows that all that equipment and weapons that demolish Palestinian houses are made in the United States. We say that Israel is our ally. Why don't we just make Palestine our ally too and make everything peaceful?" ■

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CHAPTER 35

In regard to this self-appointed task of having to look out for the whole ocean all day long — and having to do it lone-handedly — my inspection tour also includes walking home from the Cove.

This is when, after having had my swim up there and after having checked up on the Cove itself, I then begin walking the circular route back along the shore. The distance is about two miles, maybe a little more.

But even though the distance is longer than on the highway, I would not be doing my duty toward the ocean by taking the highway. For the highway can look out for itself, whereas the ocean needs a checking all the time.

I Am the Ocean Inspector



La Jolla Rough Water swimmers, 1959

The tide still may be going out when it should have turned and started in, too much sand may be piled up in one spot and not enough in another, shore rocks may be hidden when they should be exposed, the kelp-harvester working the kelp-bed may have loosened too much kelp, allowing the shredded kelp to float in upon the beach, piling up like so much hay there.

And all of this, and more, is but

part of my daily assignment, my daily inspection, and I should be issued a badge. Something or somebody should issue me a badge. For, as I walk along, my duty also is to appear more businesslike than I am, and more preoccupied. This is because of the people sitting on the beach, the people who everlastingly seem to be getting a suntan, and specifically a specific group of people sitting around a specific umbrella.

Each day this specific umbrella is there in the same specific spot, and the spot varies neither an inch to the north nor an inch to the south. And I am sure that each time I pass this umbrella the children say to their parents: "There goes that walking man again, Mama." And I am sure, too, that the parents reply: "We know, my child, but just don't stand there gawking at him —" although they themselves are gawking.

If I could be wearing some sort of badge, such as "Ocean Inspector," this curiosity might not occur. Or if I could be walking along there doing something besides seemingly just walking, this curiosity might not occur. But as the situation now stands, and as it has continued to stand all summer, all I have to do all my life apparently is to get up in time to walk by this umbrella once a day, and then I am through for the day. For I can see this conclusion on the faces of the same jury always sitting there.

Yet the shore is such that, if I am to take the shore route at all — which I must do in keeping with my duty — I cannot avoid this same umbrella. For the shore at this stretch is bordered on one side by beach houses, and I cannot walk through them or back of them, or I would do so at this section. And on the other side, of course, is the obstinate

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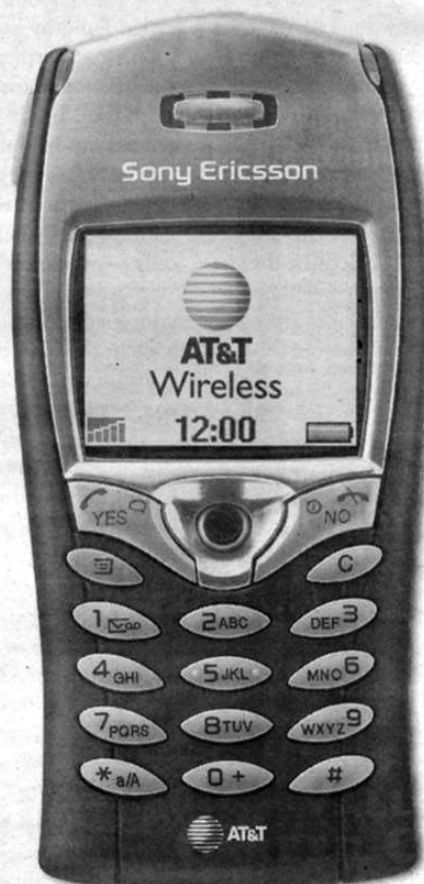
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ocean. Nor, to avoid the umbrella, can I conveniently take a circular walk out around the ocean. I am hooked, then, and must pass, silhouetted, between my jury and my sea, and almost as if I daily am being mugged and displayed before the bright lights of a vagrancy department.

I could, perhaps, turn the reasoning around by presuming that all day long these umbrella people have nothing to do except to set up this umbrella so that I will be compelled to walk by it. I could do this except that they are the many, and I am the one, and the one cannot reason against the many. They have six pairs of eyes, sometimes eight, staring at me, while I have only one pair, and this pair does not dare to take a full stare back, but only a one-eighth kind of corner stare.

"There goes that walking man again, Mama. What does he do?"

"He just walks, my child. He just walks by here."

Like hell I just walk by there, my child. For when you grow older you may realize what it means to be Ocean



Beach cleanup

Inspector — and without a badge. For it is up to me, nevertheless, to determine the cause of each splash or each strange ripple, whether the splash was caused by a pelican diving for a fish or by a fish leaping for a — no, I hardly can say leaping for a pelican — but by a fish leaping. And besides, when I reach that Windansea area along the shore, where the fellows do their surfing, it is up to me to determine who is out there today and which

of the fellows are catching the best rides.

Too, I have to watch for every floating object, and determine whether it is a lobster-buoy, for instance, or a piece of driftwood. And if it is driftwood, I have to estimate, actually calculate, where it will land, if it lands at all, so that I will know whether I ultimately can get it or if it will go to somebody else. And then, too, there is Reggie, the commercial abalone diver. As I watched him far out there he caused me no end of worry one time by going down and seemingly never

coming up. But this was before I learned he had just obtained an oxygen tank to wear on his back, and was trying it out, the first such attempt around here for getting abalones in that manner. Yet he should have told me ahead of time —

As your own school-teacher should tell you, my child, since your own parents apparently refuse to do so, this assignment of mine, of being fully responsible for everything in the ocean, or on the ocean, is much like being in charge of a ranch, and yet without having any control over what the things

on the ranch may do. I cannot stop my sea lions from going after my mackerel, nor can I stop my killer whales from going after sea lions. All I can do, actually, is just to assemble my daily report, and this is no way to operate either a ranch or an ocean.

The outset of my tour, though, seldom gives me much trouble. For the outset has to do more with people high on dry land, the grassy park next to the Cove itself. Here, off in one corner of the park, are the shuffleboard courts with their blackboards. The courts have been there now for years, and with elderly people always playing on them. But these courts, protected by a light shrubbery and an open clubhouse, do not require much of my inspection time as I go by. To be sure, I can hear the swish of the discs and the subdued calling of the scores for recording on the blackboards, but I have yet to be called on to check a riot there.

There are dull days, though, when I sometimes think a good old bloody riot there on the shuffleboard courts is just what the courts need. What a glorious break it would be for me, as an inspector, if on some fine day the elderly ladies would

start clubbing the other elderly ladies with those sticks they play with, and if the elderly men would start clubbing the other elderly men, until all in all not only would the ambulance be called out but also the patrol wagon. I would like that. But no, the courts just go on and on in their mannerly way, behind the bushes.

So, my help not being needed there, I continue on, and across the grass of the park itself, and past the customary little picnics on the grass and with the customary housewives saying: "Now I'll dish the potato salad if you take care of the coffee."

Someday, of course, I even hope to be called on here to stop a disturbance. I do not know yet. But if it does occur, it may occur when the second little housewife replies to the first little housewife: "Damned if I will, you lazy bitch."

Yet you, my child, may still think of me as doing nothing and paying attention to nothing, and merely because I do my best to pay no attention to you or your umbrella. But my duties, while homeward-bound, continue to be more than you may think they are. For as yet I am not even across the park — and the park itself contains more and more people each day who seemingly travel far to come to the ocean, and then definitely want nothing to do with it.

If these people rush to occupy one of the lookout pavilions overlooking the sea for a picnic, the first thing so many of these people do is to hang up a canvas between themselves and the ocean so that the ocean by no means will be a bother to them.

And once in the park I saw a woman who, having come out for the sun and the outdoors, was now shutting off both as best she could by having brought along a bridge

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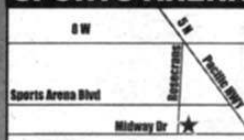


table. She set it up on the grass, and then crawled under it. This is one of the times, though, when I failed on my job. I should have remained on duty there by swinging the bridge table with the sun, thereby making doubly sure that she would not be annoyed by seeing it.

But, no. To my lasting shame I walked on.

I walked on across the park to where, as usual, I meet the shoreline again. And where my two miles of duties really begin.

Already I have mentioned what some of these duties are, but I have not mentioned what all of them are. Nor will I, not even for the sake of the umbrella people, although in regard to

having to pass this same umbrella in the same place each time, I may have a solution. Maybe one of these days I could collect a gang. Maybe a gang of 50 or a gang of 60. As Ocean Inspector, I could appoint them as my temporary deputies-for-a-day. We could walk along the beach together, and when we reached the umbrella we could all line up between the shore and the umbrella. We merely would line up there and stare back, and I wonder then which side would give in first.

The other day I did have to do something about something, although the umbrella people may never know about it. For this something occurred long after I had passed them,

and when I thought my inspection tour was ended, for I virtually had reached home. But there, in front of my own house, I saw a cormorant swimming around with what appeared to be a stick in its back. Cormorants are smaller than pelicans but much larger than seagulls, and cormorants certainly are not supposed to have sticks sticking up in their backs.

Getting my field glasses from inside the house, I turned them on the cormorant, and discovered that it did not have a stick in its back but a long arrow. I could see the feathers on the arrow, and it was sticking so straight up that my only conclusion could be that whoever had shot the arrow into the cor-

morant for the fun of it (cormorants are not a game bird) must have done so from the top of some cliff and while the cormorant was resting down below on something. As they seldom are harmed, and are not supposed to be harmed, they are almost tame around here. But this cormorant, while swimming around now, could not dive for its food. The cormorant would try, but was prevented each time by the long arrow.

There was only one thing to do, of course, and this was to try to catch the cormorant and remove the arrow. But even with the arrow in it, the cormorant still could swim faster than I could. So I gave up that sort of chase, returned to the house, and got my

rubber boat. With my rubber boat in pursuit, the cormorant headed straight out to sea again. The bird must have thought that the yellow boat was some terrible monster, for the race lasted a long time. Each time I would get within arm's reach of the cormorant, and would try to snatch at the arrow, the bird would put all its strength into a desperate attempt to dive, and would succeed just enough to make me miss, and the feathered end of the arrow would swish out of reach like a periscope, and actually would leave a wake like one.

If I had had anybody in the rubber boat with me to do the snatching while I did the rowing, the race would

have been shorter. But as it was, I was starting to become as tired and as exasperated as the bird must have been. The cormorant, panting for breath with its mouth open, seemed to be trying to say to the pursuing yellow monster: "Can't you see I'm in trouble enough with this thing in me. Beat it, you bully, and leave me alone."

And what I was thinking of the cormorant does not matter, although, tired as I was, I could have been blaming it for not having human intelligence, although I do not know exactly what "human intelligence" means. Maybe I was expecting the cormorant to read my mind.

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I got my hand around the arrow finally. The cormorant pulled for its freedom, and I pulled for the arrow, and the arrow came out. There was no barb on it. The cormorant dove then, and reappeared some yards away, its mouth still panting for breath. But the bird also could have been presuming it had won the race, and was gloating about it, for the yellow boat no longer was moving. It had quit.

Why the arrow had not killed the cormorant outright, I do not know. For the arrow had been in solid enough to withstand all that racing and diving pressure against the water. While resting, I sat examining the arrow there in the boat, and the arrow had been in deep. I

could tell by the flesh markings on it, yet these flesh markings could have been made by the arrow having gone down under the skin only and along one side of the bird.

But the cormorant itself had no intention of wanting to be examined, as an explanation of the mystery. When I started back towards shore, the cormorant also changed its course by also coming shorewards towards the nearest reef. The cormorant climbed upon the first exposed rock there and just sat.

Though I still have the arrow, copper-tipped, and upon proper identification will gladly return the arrow to its owner — right through his throat so he cannot eat

either — none of this remains paramount today.

What remains paramount is that none of my umbrella people were there to watch. I would have preferred to have had at least one of them there watching. This is because it might have given the mother something different to say when the child says: "There goes that walking man again. What does he do?"

"Oh, him? He's a cormorant-chaser."

"A what?"

"A cormorant-chaser, I said. He chases cormorants."

CHAPTER 36

The spot overlooks a canyon high on the mesa back of here, and the high walls of the canyon in one place are a

rich brownish red, much like the colors of some Apache desert plateau. For the land and the hills around here do not change much until the buildings actually are built on them, there being few if any natural trees to be cut down, and there has been little if any field plowing. The surface of vacant land has remained as hard and as desertlike as it was in the beginning, and this is the way with my mesa canyon with its bright colors.

My Ivory Tower was to have been built right on top up there, providing I could get the tower and the ivory. Or lacking these, perhaps I still could have hauled up driftwood and have built some sort of structure out of such scraps. But anyway

from the upper opening, whether a window or merely an opening, I would trust to the magic of a lonely tower to permit me to think only of the United States for a change, and nobody could stop me.

Printed letters and pamphlets could not stop me, for they would not be delivered to me up there, and I would have no trail. Nor would strangers with cultured voices and noble purposes know how to reach me to say shame on me for not doing something about something for foreign lands far, far away. And the magic of my tower, whether of walrus ivory or of broken driftwood boxes, would be such also that in thinking of my own country foremost I would be feeling

no guilt.

Virtue and holiness would not be on my side. Nor broadmindedness. Nor the long view. Nor forgiveness. Nor compassion. Nor bigness. Nor love. Nor turn-the-other-cheek. None of these would be on my side in regard to the inter-squabbling countries of Europe and of Asia. And I would just sit up there being as worn-out and as sick of hearing of those countries — and how we must do something for them again — as they are of us.

For how many hours of our working days, I wonder, are devoted to the worries of Europe and of Asia. And how we yet have been unable to do anything about them except to make mat-



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ters worse, not only for them but for us, until the time has come almost when our own country is secondary in our thoughts. And when, in fact, to think of our own country foremost for a change is now virtually considered unpatriotic.

The other day, for instance, a stranger invited himself out to the house under the pretext of knowing somebody who, he said, was a friend of mine. I could not remember such a friend, but then, rather than take chances, I let it go. The stranger came out and, after fumbling around for a while with general conversation, he mentioned other nations far away again, both east and west, and how it was up to me to help him do something about them. He was going to form some sort of club, he said, some sort of talking club, as I got it, as the Americans were not thinking enough about these countries, and the good we could do them. Especially was this true, he said, with the Americans he already had met around here, and the Americans he had met in the Middle West.

His voice was what is described as "cultured" — or at least I presume it is what is described as "cultured." And such a voice in itself can serve as a sesame. We feel obliged to listen. And when I asked him if he ever had been to any of these foreign lands he was mentioning, he answered quite honestly that he had not.

But what occurred after that is just another of those occasions when Goodness and Light may have tried desperately once again to enter my warped soul, and once again were rejected by the Evil in me — this Evil being the memories of American cemeteries in those same lands, and with more and more American youngsters being unloaded in those cemeteries. And the memories of being fired on by the same people we had gone to help. And the memories, even then, of the cute little sayings which used to be thrown at us, not only by our enemies but also by our supposed allies. And the memories of the little booklets we used to study before an invasion so that presumably we could understand the people better. But never any booklets to them by them so that presumably they could under-

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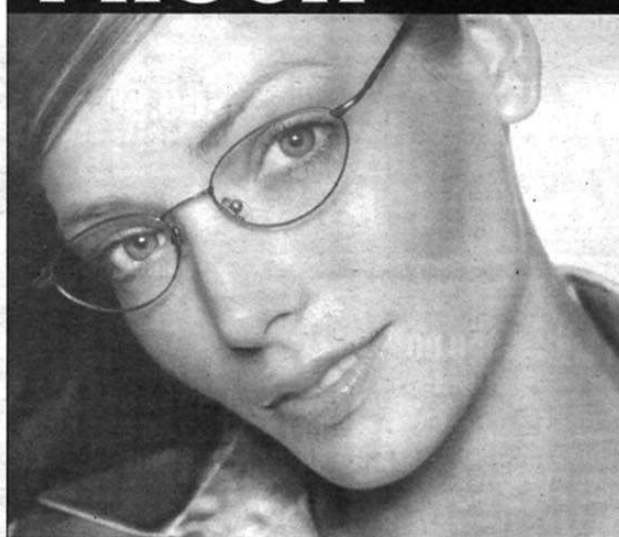
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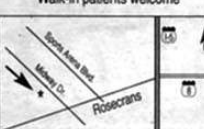
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Yet what a wretched ingrate I must be right now, though, not to care for these invitations any more as much as I should care for them. Where has my courtesy gone? And my politeness? And this may be just another reason I need the Tower. It would not be to get away from other people, but to get away from the evil influence of myself.

One of me could go up there to the Tower, the other me could stay down here. Perhaps we could make faces at each other, and call names at each other, but as yet I have not worked out the details, although I do know what the standardized classifications would be for at least one of us — the one of us who, as a novelty, may really enjoy thinking about our country for a while.

That he is "selfish" is the least of these standardized classifications. That he is an "isolationist" — whatever that means — is another. That he is "stupid and self-seeking" goes without saying. And also, of course, he is "narrow-minded."

But the way I feel now I would just as soon hear the words called to one of us — one of me — over on this side of the ocean than to hear them called to all of us — once again — over there somewhere. Anyplace at all over there, for it seems to make no difference.

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The Trouble with Accents

I called Tijuana to make an appointment with an editor I needed to interview. A secretary answered. I asked in Spanish for the editor. The secretary pressed the phone to her chest. She said to the editor, "Someone wants to speak with you. It's a man. A gringo."

What had I said that betrayed me as a *gringo*? Was my Spanish not good enough? I felt insulted.

"Before we can understand what we mean by accent, which is probably what gave you away as a 'gringo,' we have to start at the very beginning. Learning to speak is like learning to play the violin," said Rachel Zijlstra, a speech therapist for Professional Speech & Counseling Services in Old Town.

"Learning to speak is a very physical process that takes a great deal of practice. It's like learning to play the violin. When you learn to play the violin, your brain and hands are learning very precise, very delicate actions. You learn where to place your fingers on the strings to produce specific notes. You learn how firmly to press, how softly to press. How quickly to apply pressure, how slowly to let it go. When learning speech, there's a similar process with the lips, tongue, jaw, breath, and throat. You have to learn to use those things, alone and together, to produce specific sounds.

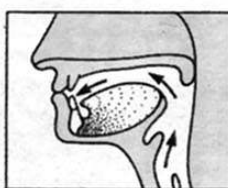
"There are many theories about *how* we start to learn sounds. We know that babies on their own will sit

and babble — 'bah-bah-bah,' 'la-la-la,' or whatever. One theory suggests that the baby learns to associate these random sounds with meaning. For example, the baby's sitting there and saying, for no other reason than the fun of it, 'Ma-ma-ma-ma.' The mother hears this and says, 'Oh, my! Did you hear that? He said

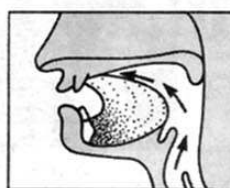
itive attention. The baby learns that by making these movements with his lips, producing the sound *ma-ma*, he makes his mother happy. She gives him attention. He learns to associate those specific actions with his lips; those precise sounds, with his mother.

"The problem is that, because sounds

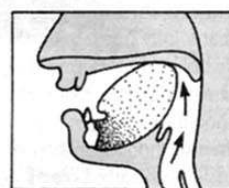
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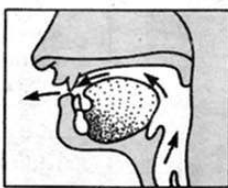
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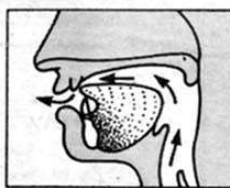
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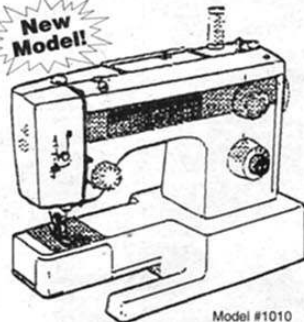
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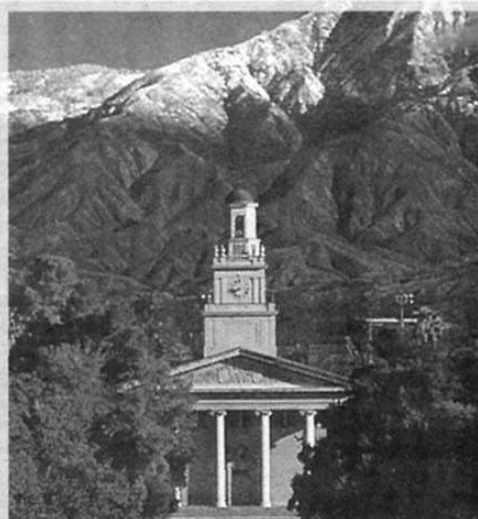
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English, for example. One of the fundamental things the s sound does is communicate plurals. If you can't accurately make an s sound in English, you'll have a hard time communicating the difference between one thing and many, which is a very basic, important kind of distinction to be able to make.

"There are lots of reasons why children don't learn to make certain sounds. This is where it gets complicated. Usually it's the parents who first notice that a child is having difficulty. However, more and more pediatricians are becoming aware of speech problems, and we're starting to get more referrals from them. Why it's so important for pediatricians to be aware of speech problems is that small children often have ear infections. Small children's immune systems are immature. They're prone to infections of all kinds. Their eustachian tubes, the small tubes that

go from the ears to the throat, are horizontal and often get clogged and are prone to infection. As the child grows, the eustachian tubes become more vertical and drain better.

"Ear infections can play a big role in speech development. Between the ages of one and three, a child is learning so much, its brain is developing so fast, that even a minor difficulty in hearing can affect the child's speech. Let's say a child has an ear infection and, as a result, the

child's hearing is reduced by 20 percent. This may not sound like a large deficit, but ear infections

ways involved in speech, a 20 percent hearing loss, sustained for even a matter of weeks or months,

"Most people aren't aware that they speak with a definable accent."

can last as long as six weeks, as long as three months. During those crucial years when a child's brain is developing the neural path-

can have a large impact on the child's speech development. The child's simply not hearing all it needs to hear in order to learn to

speak correctly.

"Part of what speech therapists do is try and identify the nature of the problem. Is it involved with hearing? Is it neurological? Are there factors involving the child's family? In large families, for example, we sometimes see delayed speech development in the younger children. Their siblings are used to being around them. The older kids sort of intuitively know what the little ones want, so the little ones aren't forced to articulate. I'm

sure you've seen and heard it. The little brother will be gesturing and grunting, and his older sister says, 'Tommy wants milk! That's what he means!'

"There's also the issue of bilingualism, which is significant. As recently as a decade ago, immigrant children were often diagnosed as having speech difficulties when, in fact, the children were perfectly normal. We simply didn't have the research, the awareness, the bilingual personnel to properly diag-

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not a rare one — we have research and materials that help us identify the sounds that the individual will likely find difficult when trying to reproduce an American accent. These difficulties are predictable.

"Working with people on improving their American accent is, like all language acquisition, similar to teaching them to play a musical instrument. It's very physical. It takes a lot of practice. We have to teach them to be self-conscious of how their lips work, their tongue, how they direct air through their nose and

throat. With enough practice, producing the new sounds becomes second nature. It becomes habitual.

"But accent is some-

We have to be clear about what our aims are. We're interested in accents only insofar as an individual perceives his or her accent

enhancement."

Rachel Zijlstra, a young woman with violet eyes and a rosy complexion, speaks in a soft, clear, slightly sibilant voice she modulates in the lower registers. ("I have a sister who's hearing-impaired," Zijlstra told me. "That's what triggered my interest in the whole issue of speech and speech disorders.") Her employer, Professional Speech & Counseling Services, or ProSpeech, founded in 1958, maintains a staff of 12 speech therapists who, in addition to treating pri-

vate clients, also work with students in city and county elementary schools. In ProSpeech's Old Town facility, doors and walls shine with cheery primary colors. Tiny chairs and tables sit in the waiting room. Boxes of toys fill shelves in offices.

"The majority of our clients are under six," Zijlstra said. "But we also have a number of programs for adults. We've been considering starting one geared for transsexuals who are in the process of changing gender. We have therapists who would work

"Southern Californians tend to pronounce the -ing ending of words as een."

thing that's very sensitive. The way we express ourselves, our use of language, is very personal. There's also what you might call a political element involved.

as a problem in being understood. We're not trying to erase an individual's culture. In fact, we no longer call it *accent reduction*. We call it *accent*

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with them on sounding more feminine or more masculine."

For accent reduction, or, rather, accent enhancement, ProSpeech uses the Compton method, a program developed by a San Francisco-based linguistics professor. As Zijlstra intimated, the Compton method is rigorous. In the first session of the three-month-long, \$1300 program, the therapist asks the client to make up and say 60 sentences using Compton-chosen words and then read aloud a long paragraph in English. The

therapist records the entire session on cassette and, using the International Phonetic Alphabet, transcribes precisely what the client has said. The therapist then does an "error analysis" of the transcript, pinpointing the exact sounds the client has difficulty pronouncing.

"If we identify, say, 50 specific sounds that the client has trouble with, we can usually correct 25, depending on the client's motivation and intensity of practice. That's a 50 percent improvement. We try to get our clients as close

as we can to a standard American accent."

A "standard American accent," however, isn't

sounded rather British," said Dudley Knight, Yale graduate and vice-chair of UC Irvine's drama

"Vietnamese have the hardest time adopting an American accent. Then come the Russians, then the Chinese."

without its own troubles.

"Up until 20 years ago, many people believed a 'good American accent' was something that

department. An actor and director, Professor Knight is known locally for his work as a dialect and accent coach for the La Jolla Play-

house and the Old Globe Theatre.

"It's what some people call a 'transatlantic' accent. It's a sort of East Coast Brahmin accent. You still hear it in people like William F. Buckley or George Plimpton. Think of Katharine Hepburn. It was really a product of a certain school of speech training that gained ascendancy in the 1920s and '30s. It was promoted by a woman named Edith Skinner, who actually taught something called 'good American speech.' Her followers believed that

this British-sounding American accent was a superior form of speech.

"There are many reasons why this accent was seen as preferable to others. For the longest time, there was this idea that educated Americans should get rid of their regional accents. That's why even today you hear Texans who've gone through accent reduction who come away and talk about it as if it were some kind of religious experience. And in the theater there was, and to some extent still is, a notion that Shakespeare

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should be performed in an English accent.

"Only recently have people started to question this and to debate the whole issue of 'correct accent.' We've started to ask why we privilege some accents and disapprove of others. Most people aren't aware that they speak with a definable accent. Their speech just sounds 'normal' to them. And many people, without being con-

scious of it, do something we call 'code switching,' which means to switch from one dialect or accent to another, given the social situation. African-Americans do this all the time. A good example of code-switching was in the 1996 movie *Secrets and Lies*, where the black actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste switches between several accents, depending on whom she's speaking with.

"The first effort, then, is to make people aware of the accent they have, of how it works. Every accent has its own particular habits, its own logic. I happen to believe that actors do a better job of conveying those habits than many speech therapists. Actors are required to have greater vocal flexibility than most speech therapists. Actors know, physically, what it's like to adopt a certain

accent. In addition to teaching here at the university, I work with a number of foreign-born corporate clients, professionals, who want to speak with a better American accent. Instead of concentrating so much on phonetics, I try to get them to understand how speaking with an American accent should feel in the body and mouth, the physical placement of the accent, the patterns of

tension and relaxation.

"I try to teach what I guess you might call a standard Midwestern accent. A very typically American accent. American speech tends to be very loose, very lax. We tend to let the tongue fall forward in the mouth. If you do only that — let your tongue fall forward — you start to speak right away with more of an American accent. We also do other things

habitually, like bringing the corners of the lips toward the incisors. These physical habits, among others, produce the accent's characteristic sound."

Ann Cook, who also teaches accent enhancement and has her own ideas about "standard American English," immediately recognized Dudley Knight's physical descriptions of American speech.

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"When I die," Cook told me, "I want a *schwa* carved on my headstone. I am the Schwa Lady."

"When you let your tongue drop forward like that, or when you bring the corners of your lips back toward your incisors, what you tend to do is flatten your vowels. They all end up sounding like a schwa — that's the little upside-down letter *e* that you see in dictionaries. It's the phonetic symbol for the *uh* sound, the neutral vowel sound. Americans flatten all their vowels into schwas. Homer Simpson is a perfect example. Think of how he says, 'Uh-uh-uh.' The schwa is the underlying hum, the basic sound, that characterizes American speech."

Cook grew up in San Diego, on Eagle Street in Mission Hills. (Which accounts, she says, for her Southern Californian accent. "The two most prominent features of the

Southern Californian accent are that we say 'git' instead of 'get.' It's not drawn out like the Texan 'gi-yit.' It's just 'git.' And we tend to pronounce the *-ing* ending of words as *een*. Walk-*een*. Say-*een*. It's sort of a cute, perky sound. That's us Southern Californians. That's our accent. Cute. Perky.") She received

ing abroad, teaching English, especially in Japan, that I started to realize what a difficult time people had learning an American accent. When I returned to the States, I was contemplating my next career move. I gave a great deal of thought to what might be the best way to go about teaching standard American English.

"When people contact me to change their accent, they're usually ready to make other changes in their lives."

her degree in Spanish literature at Cal State Los Angeles and went on to live for many years in France and Japan.

"I now live near Magic Mountain, my closest cultural reference, which is kind of sad.

"It was while I was liv-

In formulating my own method, I realized several things. The first was that the basic sounds of American English were relatively easy for most foreign speakers. They can be in this country for five minutes, and they can basically learn to recognize all the sounds that we use. Pronunciation wasn't the biggest problem. The second thing I realized was that most American-accent instruction attempted to teach foreign speakers to speak more formally than native-born Americans do. Take, for example, 'Did you eat?' When Americans pronounce those words, what they say sounds like 'Jeet?' Few American-accent materials actually dealt with the way Americans speak in real life. The third and most important thing I realized was that *nobody* paid any attention to intonation, which is crucial to sounding like an American.

"Because the word order in an English sentence is pretty inflexible, we modify meaning by stressing individual words. This is central to understanding how our speech works. Take, for example, a simple question like 'Will that one do?' It contains only four words, but depending on which one you stress, the sentence can have four different meanings. We also use intonation to change the meaning of single words. Think of how many dif-

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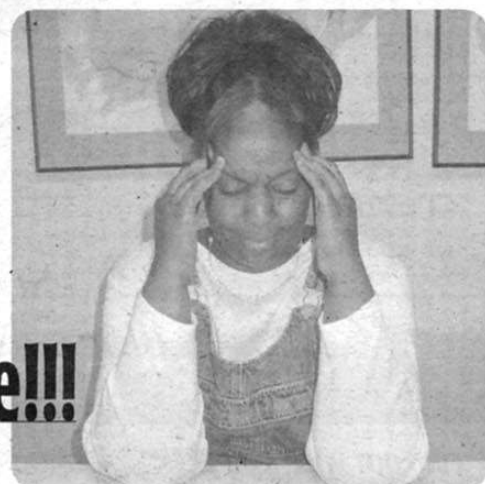


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ferent ways you can say 'yes,' and what those different ways mean. I had one client, Spanish, a psychologist, now practicing in this country. His pronunciation was fine. But he was having trouble communicating with his patients. Now, most of what he was doing was sitting and listening to his patients and occasionally saying 'yes.' But because he didn't understand how American intonation

worked, his patients didn't know if he was angry or bored or was simply encouraging them to go on talking. With this Spanish psychologist, I worked a lot on getting him to learn all the different ways of simply saying 'yes.'

"With most of my students, for pronunciation, I generally concentrate on the 500 most commonly used English words. I stress, of course, the schwa sound. Then we spend most of

our time on intonation. I work out of my home. They call me. The phone is the perfect medium for accent instruction. You can give no visual cues to get your meaning across. You have to work hard on what you're saying and how you're saying it. Of the different nationalities I've worked with, I'd say Vietnamese have the hardest time adopting an American accent. Then come the Russians, then the Chi-

nese. But the Chinese can make tremendous strides. Speakers of Western languages tend to be the most difficult to instruct. Westerners are linguistically arrogant. They often have a 'how dare you' attitude when it comes to correcting how they speak.

"I get the 'how dare you' attitude a lot. People visit my website and send me 'how dare you' e-mail. They accuse me of being racist. They accuse me of being fascist. Which is ridiculous, because my politics are left of center. But this 'how dare you' attitude goes to the heart of what we mean by accent.

An accent is basically your personality reflected through, more often than not, your vowels. Your personal history, your native language, your heritage. To change your accent is a profound undertaking.

"When people contact me to change their accent, they're usually ready to make other changes in their lives. It's just that personal. I had one client, a needy orthodontist in San Diego. For his privacy, I don't want to disclose many details about him. He ostensibly wanted to change his accent. But over the course of our lessons — and lessons with me usually

run for three months — we talked about many things. It gradually became clear that he was gay. As I listened to him, I understood that his dissatisfaction wasn't with his foreign accent but with his sexuality. I finally had to tell him, 'Look, we can work on your accent. I don't think that's going to make you happy. I think the real difficulty is for you to work out how you feel about being gay.' He quit his accent lessons and, as far as I know, went off to explore what it meant for him to be gay.

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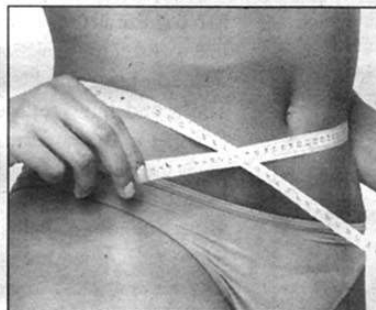
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can't be neutral about it. In America we say that we're a color-blind society, but if I were to adopt an African-American accent—and I happen to believe that African-American is the vanguard of American speech—my family would go crazy. *Why are you talking like that?* Consider what might happen if you, as a white American, were to adopt African-American speech. How would your friends, family, and coworkers react? Accent is heavy with meaning.

"So I get the 'how dare you' e-mail calling me a racist. I once went to Berkeley to talk about American-accent enhancement, and I had all these students around me, accusing me of being a racist. And I said, 'Wait. If you went to France to learn French, wouldn't you like to acquire a good French accent?' And they said, 'Duh. Well. Yeah. Of course. But what you're talking about is *different*.'"

"What these students were talking about, but not actually saying, was that they had *political* reasons for rejecting accent enhancement. They were really talking about American history, about racism, about imperialism. And, frankly, if America and England hadn't been so heavy-handed, so racist, in dealing with other countries, we wouldn't have this debate.

"Last year, I was hired by AT&T to go and give an American-accent-enhancement seminar in Bombay, or what's now called Mumbai, India. Many American corporations have moved their call-in centers overseas. The difficulty is in getting the people who work in these centers to sound like they're in Omaha, not in places like Mumbai. I ran into these political difficulties in India. America was just the new imperialist on the block. What I really had to get across was that we weren't talking about politics. We were talking about *communi-*

cation. We were talking about being *understood*. In the end, my Indian students did extremely well. Within a short time, they sounded very much like native-born Americans.

"But it can be difficult to overcome politics. Particularly in Southern California, considering America's history with Mexico. Here, the whole idea of accent is especially

loaded. I'm someone who's very liberal politically, and I also believe that there is such a thing as a 'good American accent.' Think of what would happen if you moved to China, tried

to learn Mandarin Chinese, but insisted on speaking with an American accent, even if others had a hard time understanding what you were saying. Would you say, 'No. I'm

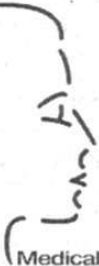
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Osaka-born Professor Yoshikazu Takada came to the United States 15 years ago and for the past 12 years has worked at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla. In his lab filled with noisy machines and technicians gazing at beakers, Professor Takada studies something called the "cell adhesion molecule." When I caught up with him one chilly late afternoon, he and Rachel Zijlstra were ensconced in his cluttered office. Zijlstra was telling Professor Takada to talk to his door.

"I want him to pro-

ject," Zijlstra explained, pointing to the door on the far side of the room. "I want him to speak more loudly. We're dealing with a cultural issue here. Japanese tend to speak softly. But when you speak loudly, you tend to enunciate more clearly. You tend to stress your consonants."

Professor Takada, a gentle-seeming man with a head of thick, graying hair, pulled his white lab coat more tightly around himself.

"It's so difficult," he laughed. "Speaking softly is considered good in Japan, speaking more loudly is considered good here. Being direct is considered bad in Japan, being direct is considered good here."

Weeks earlier, when I called Professor Takada to

arrange my visit, I'd had a difficult time understanding him. He spoke quite softly and his pronunciation was muddled. But as I sat listening to him in his office, his progress sounded remarkable. I asked why he'd decided to improve his American accent.

"I'm a typical Japanese. I spent a lot of time studying English in Japan. But our instruction mostly concerned reading and writing. There was little emphasis on speaking, or understanding spoken English. I could easily read any textbook or journal in English. When I came to America 15 years ago, as soon as I was on the plane, I realized I had a problem. I couldn't understand the announcements the cap-

tain was making. When I arrived, I couldn't speak English at all. I couldn't understand English at all. American TV was just white noise.

"Here at Scripps, in my lab, I've worked mostly with Japanese postdocs. That's the way it is. It's difficult for me to recruit European postdocs because most of them prefer to work in a European environment. It's like that in all labs. A Taiwanese researcher recruits Taiwanese students because he's more familiar with the institutions in Taiwan. So I've spoken a lot of Japanese here. We speak Japanese at home. My two daughters were raised here. They speak Japanese fluently and they speak English like native speakers.

"What happened is that my field has become more competitive. After 15 years, I realized I was having trouble getting recognition for my work and getting grant money. I realized that much of this was because I was having trouble communicating at conferences, for example. In order to get more recognition for my work, I realized I had to be able to communicate more clearly.

"It may sound expensive to improve your accent. But I think it will pay in the long run. I think it's a good investment."

While Professor Takada spoke, Zijlstra, sitting across from him, beamed.

"He's an excellent student," she said. "Highly motivated. Highly intelli-

gent. And he spends a lot of time practicing.

"I, of course, recorded our first session, and it took me hours to transcribe what he'd said. Even I had difficulty understanding him. He had a very hard time making distinctions between *r* and *l*, which is common for many Asians, and between *b* and *v*, and between *h* and *f*. He had a hard time with the *th* sound. He pronounced it correctly only 50 percent of the time. Now he says it correctly 100 percent of the time. He also had a problem with what we call 'complete word production.' He sort of dropped the endings of words."

Professor Takada nodded. "Part of my problem was that I wasn't hearing

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English precisely. After two weeks with Rachel, I started hearing distinctions I hadn't heard before. Like the difference between *r* and *l*.

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When Professor Takada said "precisely," Zijlstra arched her eye-

stra responded.

"Proliferation," Professor Takada said, perfectly. "That's one of the words I really need to practice. I use it when talking about my work."

"During the next seven weeks," Zijlstra continued, "we're going to work on pronouncing many of the words he uses in a professional context. Words like 'proliferation,' 'regulation receptor,' 'therapeutic.'"

"I think I'll make good progress," Professor Takada said. "I have to improve my accent. I have to sell my ideas."

Inspired by the professor's success, I wondered if I couldn't improve my accent in Spanish. I made a few calls. One academic I spoke with told me, "You know, before you start worrying about your accent in Spanish, one thing you've really got to work on is your own speech in English. You

"No one has ever tried to force you *not* to speak English."

brows and tapped the fingers of her right hand against the surface of her downturned left palm.

"I was helping him remember where to place his tongue for the *l* sound," she explained. "To produce the *l* sound, the tip of your tongue touches the top of your palate. My fingers against my palm mimic that. It's a visual reminder. Another example I use is to tell him to remember that when we write the letter *l*, it loops up—a reminder that the tongue goes up to the palate. When we write the lower-case letter *r*, it stays down low, the way the tongue stays low when we pronounce an *r*. These sorts of visual reminders actually help his aural acuity."

Professor Takada stared hard at Zijlstra and said "precisely" with a perfect American accent.

"Proliferation," Zijl-

often say 'accent reduction,' when you should say 'accent enhancement.' If you don't say 'accent enhancement,' you're going to upset people."

Accent enhancement...
Accent enhancement... I repeated the words again and again. I taped them above my computer monitor. When I called a professor of Chicano studies at UCLA, I was so nervous that I said, "I'm working on an article about accent reduction."

"That's disgusting," he said.

I laughed nervously. I said I was aware that accent reduction, or, as some people called it, accent enhancement, was a controversial subject. But what I really wanted to talk about was my acquiring a better Mexican accent in Spanish. I was wondering what Mexican accents there might be to choose from.

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The professor explained that little research on Mexican accents was being conducted in American universities. He said he was aware of some preliminary work being done in Los Angeles, where Central American immigrants seemed to be adopting Mexican slang. He said I should contact a professor at SDSU who had done work on border Spanish. This SDSU professor, he said, might be able to help me.

I had heard the name of this SDSU professor before. She's well-regarded in her field. When, after trying to reach her for many weeks, I finally got in touch with her, she immediately made me promise that I would in no way identify her or the department in which she

worked. I'll call her Professor Dolores.

"I don't believe that I'm under any obligation to speak with you. My first obligation is to my students. I work for my students. As a professor I do have some limited obligation to the public at large, but frankly, I don't see how my speaking with you could in any way possibly serve the public.

"Besides, what you're talking about is in fact a very complex subject tied to a certain discipline. I hesitate to speak about it because things can be taken out of context. There can be misunderstandings. There are certain prejudices I don't want to be connected with. If I spoke with you, I don't know what kind of consequences

there might be."

I explained that I was working on an article about *accent enhancement*, that I was interested in improving my Mexican accent in Spanish, that I was wondering if there was any sort of formal description of

in the field? Have you ever even taken a class in linguistics? No? Well. You're in no way qualified to be writing on the subject. I doubt you could make it understandable to the general public. And anyway, I don't think the general

Dolores if she perhaps knew of any graduate students who might be willing to speak with me. She said she was currently advising several, but, no, they wouldn't be able to speak with me either. Professor Dolores was certain they would be too busy.

I sighed. I said I sincerely wanted to have a good Mexican accent in Spanish. Something in Professor Dolores softened.

"Well, I have only a few minutes. But I can tell you that from what little research has been done on the subject of what you might call the dominant accent in Tijuana, we can't say that Tijuana really has a characteristic accent. There are people there from all over Mexico, and so in a way a Tijuana accent

would be the sum of all their different accents. As far as we've been able to tell, the type of Spanish spoken by Tijuana natives isn't characterized by anything that's particularly distinctive. No distinctive patterns of pronunciation or intonation. No distinctive lexical items or grammatical features. I hope that helps. Now, if you don't mind, I have to go."

I upset the professor of Chicano studies at UCLA. I upset Professor Dolores. Determined to find out why certain people found me irksome, I contacted Ana Celia Zentella, a professor of linguistic anthropology who teaches in UCSD's ethnic studies department. Professor Zentella didn't mind talking with me.

"No one has ever been punished for speaking Spanish with a gringo accent."

the dominant accent spoken in Tijuana. I said I felt a Tijuana accent might be best for me because I often had to interview people in Tijuana.

"Do you have a degree in linguistics? Do you have any training whatsoever

public could possibly be interested in this. I think the *Reader's* readership would be more interested in an article about *American* regional accents and dialects. There's a lot of material about that."

I asked Professor

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"SDSU is internationally famous as a center for bilingual-speech-therapy research."

arrested, or at least questioned, because they were speaking with what was perceived as a Middle Eastern accent.

"But before we talk about specific accents, or about why people are so sensitive about accents, we first have to try to understand how accents are perceived by native speakers.

more of an effort to understand someone who, for racial or class reasons, you happen to like. You'll make less of an effort to understand someone who doesn't conform to your model, according to class and race, of what you want as an American citizen. So, given this, we can see that even before someone opens his

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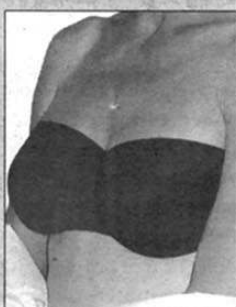


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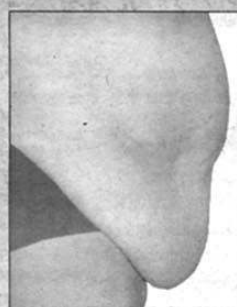


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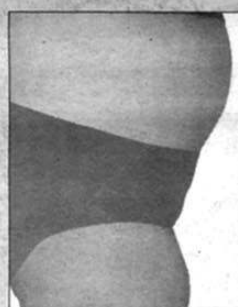


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or her mouth and starts to speak, the idea of accent is already very loaded.

"I'm currently working on a paper about accent discrimination in the workplace, which is becoming a serious problem. I'm developing an idea I call 'TWB,' or 'talking while bilingual' — something along the lines of the racial profiling issue, 'DWB,' or 'driving while black.' In California, the ACLU's Language Discrimination Division, and the federal government's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, are fielding a growing number of complaints from people who claim to have been unjustly evaluated or dismissed because they speak English with a foreign accent. From my preliminary work on this, I have to say that one of the most interesting aspects is that these are mostly educated, middle-class professional people, Hispanic and Asian, who are making these complaints. I've yet to encounter any blond-haired, blue-eyed French people, or other Europeans, who are complaining of accent discrimination in the workplace. You just don't hear of people being discriminated against because they speak with a British accent.

"So you can see, when people are discriminated against for speaking with certain accents, there's going to be a lot of strong feelings around the issue. You can, of course, try to discuss accent, or what's called accent enhancement, dispassionately, but it's very difficult. You can also try, for example, to discuss race or sexual orientation dispassionately, but you'll have a very hard time. These are issues of identity, and people have a great deal invested in their identity. Many things come into play.

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not to speak English. But Mexicans in this country have been punished for speaking Spanish or for having a Mexican accent. As far as I know, no one has ever been punished for speaking Spanish with a gringo accent.

"And I, too, come to the subject from my own perspective. I was born and raised in New York City, what some people who study accents call the 'great sink of negative prestige.' My mother was Puerto Rican and my father was Mexican. I grew up surrounded by different languages and accents. My mother spoke Yiddish before she learned English in New York, which wasn't uncommon for immigrants in the 1920s who went to work in the garment industry. I had black friends, Italian friends, Jewish friends, Puerto Rican friends. For me it was natural to be surrounded by different kinds of speech. And like everyone, I feel a need to fit in and belong. I can be back in New York for two hours and already I'm yelling for a taxi — 'tacks-EEE! tacks-EEE!' — as though I'd never left the South Bronx. I go to Boston and in a few hours I start talking like I'm a native.

"To a certain degree, there is a measure of flexibility and acceptance. We can have American presidents, like John Kennedy and Jimmy Carter, who spoke with strong regional accents, and they were accepted. But both men came from wealthy, privileged families, so their accents were perceived differently than if they'd been from poor families."

I asked Professor Zentella, who describes herself as "obviously Latina-looking, but I could pass for East Indian; I'm the sort of person who now gets frisked at airports," what accent she had in Spanish.

"It all depends on the situation. At work, in class, I generally speak a very neutral, completely unlocatable Spanish. Depending on the group I was talking to, I could definitely

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speaking more of a Caribbean-type Spanish, basically a Puerto Rican-type Spanish. Growing up in the South Bronx, I knew early on that there were prejudices against different ways of speaking. In the early 1960s in the South Bronx, when I was a student teacher in Spanish, I was forced to speak with a Castilian accent, as if I were from Madrid. That was the standard at that time in Spanish education. So at work I was forced to speak like a Spaniard, which, believe me, sounded funny in the South Bronx. I think that sort of emphasis on Castilian for Spanish teachers more or less died out in the mid-1960s.

"I think we are now starting to understand that people have at least several different ways of expressing themselves. Most of us speak two or three different ways. There are still, of course, pressures to conform. But to have only one

way of speaking is very limiting. It's socially limiting. It's stifling. I think we'd now like to encourage everyone to have a larger linguistic repertoire."

To expand my own linguistic repertoire, I turned again to Rachel Zijlstra and asked if she knew a speech therapist who might help me enhance my accent in Spanish. Zijlstra said she knew of no speech therapist who did such work with English speakers. However, she said, there were bilingual speech therapists who worked with Spanish-speaking children. ProSpeech employed several such therapists. Zijlstra gave the name and phone number of one and mentioned in passing that SDSU was internationally famous as a center for bilingual-speech-therapy research.

Professor Vera Gutierrez-Clellen works in SDSU's department of communicative disorders, which

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has an annual enrollment, undergrad and graduate, of around 300 students. Professor Gutierrez-Clellen was born in Buenos Aires, studied and practiced in Spain, and for the past ten years at SDSU has been researching how speech therapy might best be practiced with bilingual clients. There are, she told me,

perhaps only four or five universities in the world conducting research like hers.

"The field is relatively new," she said. "What happened in the United States is that, as recently as ten years ago, bilingual children were being overdiagnosed as having speech disorders. Because they spoke

with an accent, or had problems with grammar, their teachers thought something was wrong with them. There were problems with bilingual children disproportionately being diagnosed as having speech disorders. Lawsuits were filed.

"There simply was too little research, too little information on speech disorders and bilingual children. The bilingual children who actually had

speech disorders were being treated in English, regardless of whatever language they spoke at home. What they were learning wasn't helping them communicate with their own families. And there wasn't any research that showed that it helped to do speech therapy in a language the client wasn't proficient in.

"What we have now is a problem of underrepresentation, of underdiagnosis. For monolingual

children, we have developmental norms. Given a monolingual child's age, we know where he or she should be in terms of speech. For bilingual children, we don't have those developmental norms. So teachers really aren't equipped with the kind of information that would help them identify speech problems in bilingual children.

"Four years ago the National Institutes of Health contracted with SDSU to develop tests to diagnose language disorders among children whose first language is Spanish. Right now we have about 15 people working on the project.

"At this point we're working purely on assessment. We hope in the future to design treatment studies. We have some preliminary research that shows that if you correct problems in a child's home language—the child's first language—the corrections will carry over into

the new language. The *p* and *b* sounds, for example. If you teach a Spanish-speaking child to produce those sounds correctly in Spanish, he or she will learn to produce them correctly in English.

"And this work isn't relevant only to America. Our work here at SDSU is relevant to many other countries. Europe struggles with the same issues too. Since World War II, there's been an immense influx of immigrants into Western Europe. In France, Germany, England, Holland. Immigrant children must be educated. Some of them have speech problems. How do we help them? What do we do? There are many questions. There's so much research that needs to be done. And people have started to focus on the issue of bilingual speech therapy only in the past 20 years."

Luz Angel Paez is a graduate of SDSU's department of communicative disorders, where she stud-

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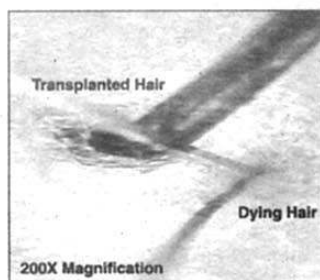
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ied under Professor Gutierrez-Clellen. Paez is the bilingual speech therapist Rachel Zijlstra suggested I contact about my gringo accent.

"The story of how I became a speech therapist is a sad one," Paez told me. "But it has a happy ending."

"My experience with education didn't start well."

"I was born in Tijuana, and my family came to San Diego when I was very small. My father was a meat cutter. My mother only started to work just recently. There are seven children in my family. There were only four when I started school. I guess you could say there were maybe cultural reasons why my parents didn't prepare me for school. I remember walking beside my mother, who was pushing a stroller. We stopped in front of this building, and my mother said, 'You're going to have to stay here today.' I didn't want to stay. I didn't know what the building was. My mother explained that I had a choice: I could stay or I could get a spanking. I ended up getting a spanking and having to stay. That was my first day of school."

"Ultimately I was put into something called a 'pre-first-grade class.' The teacher was this older Anglo woman. She couldn't, or wouldn't, pronounce my first name. Luz. It's a simple name. But she called me 'Lutz.' Now, when you're little like that, your name is very important. Being called Lutz was terrible. I think my mother complained. So the teacher tried calling me Lucy. That lasted for only a few days. My teacher went right back to calling me Lutz."

"I was a very outgoing little girl. I always wanted to help. One day a boy came to our class, and he could speak only Spanish. He couldn't understand a word of what was going on. So I decided I'd help him. I was already bilingual by that time. We were having reading circle, and I sat down by the little boy and started to trans-

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late for him. All of a sudden the teacher turned around and slapped me. She slapped me and said, 'Don't mimic me!'

"I was shocked, humiliated. I was trying to help. I could speak Spanish and English. I wanted to help the little boy. Instead of asking me what I was doing, instead of trying to

understand why I was speaking Spanish, the teacher slapped me. I still can't understand why an adult would want to hurt, to embarrass a child in that way.

"The rest of my school years were also difficult. A couple of times I was made to skip a grade or two because teachers said

I was bright. I ended up missing crucial things. I skipped fifth grade, but fifth grade is when you're really introduced to grammar, to language, to language structure. My skills weren't as refined as they should have been. I ended up being a C student. That was what I settled for. That's what I could live with. Just managing to get through school.

"And you have to understand that I didn't

grow up with the idea of continuing my education, of going to college. I can't remember anyone ever telling me, in elementary, junior, or senior high school, that I could go to college. I remember thinking, 'I can't go to college because I'm Mexican.' I thought that college was for white people, for Americans. And anyway, I thought even if I wanted to go to college, I couldn't because my family was

poor.

"When I was in high school I took a psychology class and I really loved it, which was unusual because by that point I hated school. The teacher said she was starting a class in something called 'cross-tutoring,' which meant learning to help out in classes for kids with disabilities. Because I liked the teacher so much, I took the class. We worked with autistic kids, with kids that had a lot of different kinds of disabilities.

"One day, this woman came to the class, and she

started working with the kids. She was using mirrors and toys. To me, it looked interesting. So I went to the teacher and asked, 'What's that woman doing?' My teacher said, 'She's a speech therapist. Does that interest you? You know, you really should become a speech therapist. There's this huge need for bilingual speech therapists.' I asked her how long it would take. She said, 'Well, probably seven years.' And I thought, 'My God, seven years!' I'd never even considered going to college. My teacher said, 'I know

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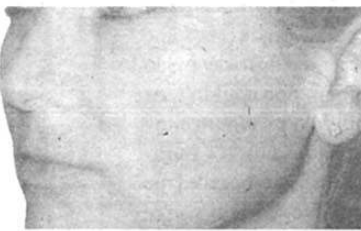
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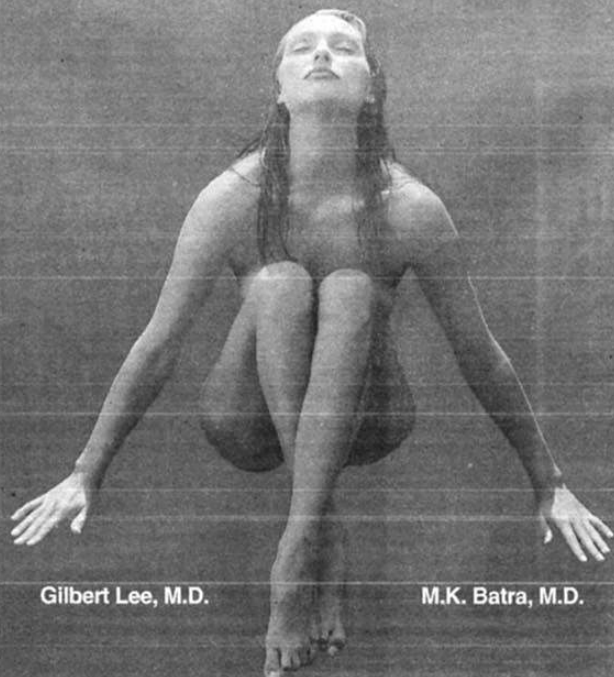
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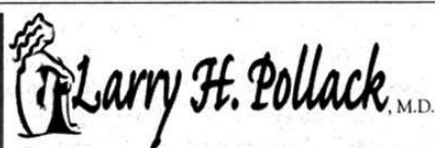
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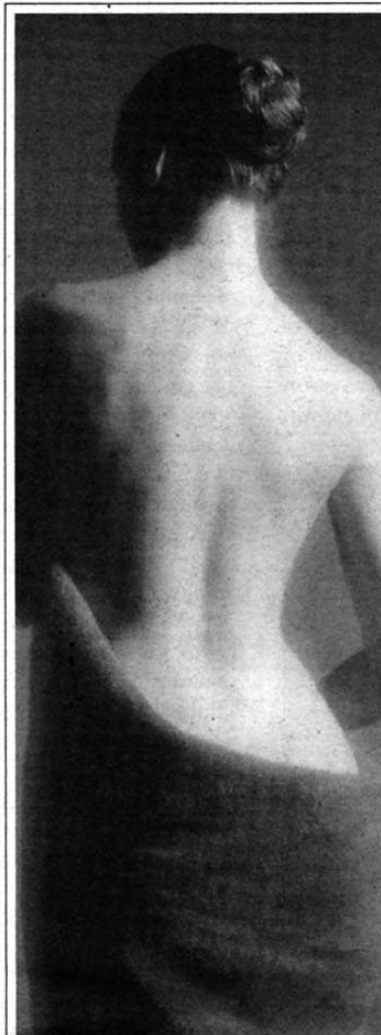
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"I went home and told my mom, 'I want to go to college!' I asked her to make an appointment with my school counselor. The counselor and I sat down and worked it all out. I was missing a lot of the math and English I'd need to get into college. I ended up going to adult night school during the summer, getting all the classes I needed. When I graduated, I went to Southwestern junior college for two years, and from there I went to San Diego State.

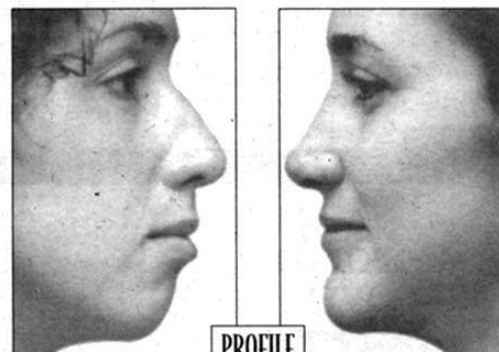
"While I was at SDSU, in graduate school, I got a \$10,000 scholarship that's awarded to people studying to become bilingual speech therapists. Dr. Theely, who started ProSpeech, was responsible for recognizing the need for bilingual speech therapists. By the time I arrived at SDSU, he'd raised \$8 million in grants for educational programs and scholarships for bilingual speech therapists. Dr. Theely understood the difficulties students had in completing the program. He set up special summer school classes that introduced bilingual students to the courses they'd be taking in the fall. My scholarship allowed me to quit working, buy a computer, and just concentrate on my studies. I really needed the support.

"I remember taking a class in phonetics at SDSU. We'd have these spelling bees where we'd have to spell out the words in the phonetic alphabet. Spanish has only 6 vowel sounds. English has around 16. My vowel sounds were still pretty much grounded in Spanish. I had a very hard time with the spelling bees. I had a hard time hearing the English vowels. The professor told me, 'If you can't develop this skill, you're in the wrong field.' I started to doubt myself. I wondered if I'd made the right decision to study speech therapy at all.

"I went to my advisor, a big honcho in the communicative disorders department. She's a Chi-

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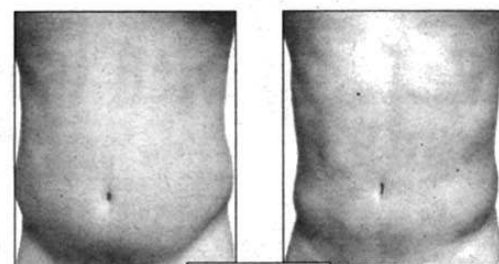
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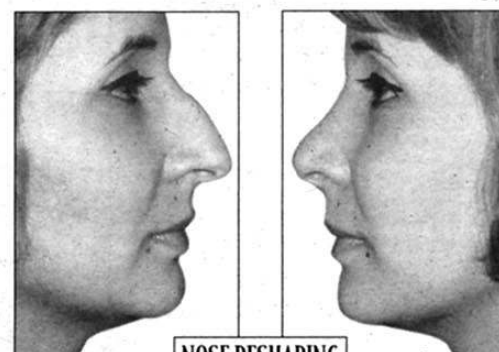
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nese woman who has a strong accent in English. I told her what had happened. She said, 'Look at me. I'm a perfect example. I'm an immigrant. I work in this field. I have an accent. And you know what? I've done very well. Phonetics is a skill that you're going to develop over time. Phonetics isn't all there is to speech therapy. You have a wonderful manner with

children. You have everything it takes to be a great speech therapist.' I listened to her. Without her, I don't think I would have made it through the program.

"Because of the example I set by going to college, by getting my degree, the rest of my brothers and sisters followed me. I was sort of a pioneer in my family. I showed them that it could be done. Now all

of my brothers and sisters have gone to college. The last one was born when I was a senior in high school."

I met with Paez one early evening at ProSpeech's Old Town offices. We sat on child-size chairs at a child-size table. From a well-used plastic bag, Paez placed before me a number of miniature objects — a thumb-size dress, an equally small tree, a bicycle, and

so on.

"You know," Paez said, as she arranged the objects, "the problem with working with bilingual children is that we don't yet have many diagnostic tests. There are maybe eight or so tests that give norms for bilingual children, but more than half those tests are very old. For English-only children, there are hundreds of tests. So, for bilin-

gual children we have to use observation, we have to judge them against what we observe in the overall community.

"The way we work now is that we try to help them in Spanish, the idea being that if we help them with their pronunciation in Spanish, it will carry over to their pronunciation of English. Another reason for doing their therapy in

Spanish is so that their parents can understand what we're doing and help the children at home. Parent participation is crucial to what we do."

After Paez had placed all the small objects on the table, she led me through a "phonology test for Spanish speakers." She would point, for example, to the tree and ask that I say, in Spanish, what it was, and use the word in a sentence. On and on we went, through 40 objects. She asked me to count from 1 to 20. All the while she made notes.

"You're actually very good," she said at the end of the test. "You have very minimal distortion. Your pronunciation is 70 to 80 percent accurate. You have to be careful with your vowels. In Spanish they have to be very short and precise. You sometimes draw them out, and you sometimes don't pronounce them clearly. You turn them into a *schwa* sound. And you some-

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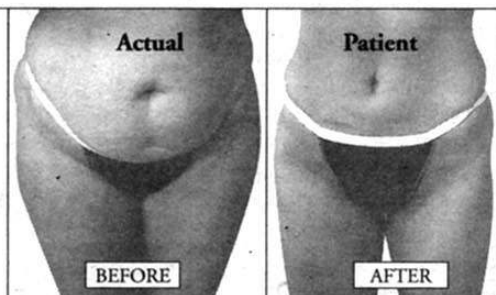
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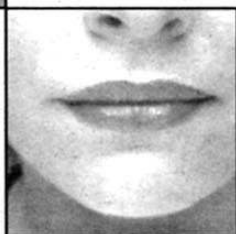
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times overemphasize the initial r sound — you roll it too hard. I know it's an unusual sound for English speakers, so you're probably overcompensating. You need to do it more softly. Don't try so hard.

"But overall, your accent is very good. I wouldn't worry about it. We all have accents. Even when I'm on vacation in Mexico, people can spot me. Sometimes they say, 'Oh, you must be from el otro lado, from America.' Sometimes people say, 'Oh, you must be from Tijuana.' There must be little things that give me away.

"And here in San Diego on occasion I've had Anglo parents who didn't want me to work with their children."

Listening to Paez speak, I told her that anyone would have a hard time discerning that English wasn't her first language. I said I didn't understand what she meant.

"I think my r sounds in English are sometimes perhaps a little too hard. And at other times some of my vowels are still slightly influenced by Spanish. But the Anglo parents who didn't want me to work with their children had never really heard me speak. I don't think it had anything to do with accent. My name was reason enough. In one instance Dr. Theely became very angry and wanted to call and tell the parents that I was an excellent speech therapist. I told him not to bother. I let it go. I think I have more of an impact working with bilingual children anyway.

"I don't believe in accent reduction or accent enhancement. Or, I believe in it only when the person feels that he or she is having difficulty being understood. My accent, the degree to which I have an accent, is part of my identity. I'd never change it. It's my story. My accent is who I am."

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lows for all business interactions with architect firms that design the district's modernization projects, not just Roesling Nakamura. The district issues architect firms an initial contract to hold community meetings, refine the project scope, and validate the project budget. Once this is completed, the district negotiates with each firm the total fee for the design services needed.

2. Allegation: The Reader alleges that "the latest cost overrun was the result of an alleged 'mistake' made by Roesling Nakamura."

Fact: There was no "cost overrun." The error was due to an incorrect count of how many portable buildings needed design work. Once this error was corrected, the design fee was also corrected to match. The term "cost overrun" implies that the district paid extra money for no additional work. This is simply not the case.

3. Allegation: The Reader alleges that the contract was "granted without competi-

tive bid or any kind of public hearing."

Fact: This contract was awarded by the Board of Education in a 5-0 vote after a publicly advertised and competitive selection process in which 42 firms applied and 15 were selected in February 2001. The selection panel, which consisted of individuals from inside and outside the district, used criteria such as professional experience and past performance. Roesling Nakamura ranked first out of the 42 architects submitting.

4. Allegation: The Reader alleges that "The district was secretive in negotiations with Roesling Nakamura." [Editor: this quote is found nowhere in Mr. Potter's story.]

Fact: The district treats all of its architects' fee negotiations in a confidential manner to protect the architects' financial interests.

I will not take space to counter the rest of Mr. Potter's unsubstantiated allegations. However, I did want to set the record straight on a few matters.

L.M. Smith
Chief Operating Officer

Facilities Management
San Diego Unified
School District

Matt Potter responds: As pointed out in the story, the school district failed to respond to repeated requests for comment and information about the Nakamura contracts. As of this Monday, the district continues to withhold public documents regarding the negotiation of the contracts despite written requests from our attorney citing our clear right to obtain the material under the state Public Records Act. For two months, the district maintained that it withheld the records to protect its "deliberative process." Now Mr. Smith admits that it was actually "to protect the architects' financial interests."

Call it what you will, the \$99,000 was clearly a cost overrun. And two local architects who have long experience with San Diego Unified School District contracting have told us that it is definitely not standard operating procedure to issue \$25,000 contracts, then issue "change orders" escalating the ulti-

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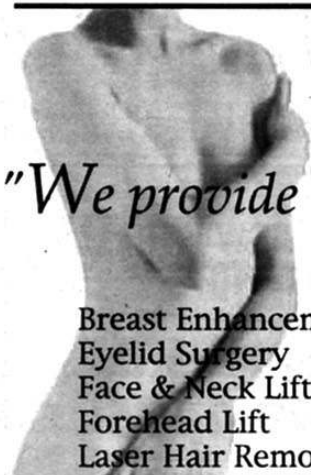
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mate cost into the high six figures following secret, no-bid negotiations, as documented by the district correspondence we cited.

CLARIFICATION

To clear up any misunderstandings, we are rerunning this recipe from the September 12 "What the Chef Eats."

Karen Krasne's Lemon Blackberry Brulée

Lemon Curd:

5 large eggs
1 1/4 cup sugar
zest of 5 medium lemons
1 1/8 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 1/2 cups (12 ounces) cold butter, chopped into 12 cubes
2 boxes fresh blackberries

1 cup heavy cream
white sugar and additional lemon juice or lemon extract to taste
Turbinado sugar

Make lemon curd: Whisk together eggs, sugar, lemon zest, and lemon juice in a heavy, flameproof stainless steel bowl or in a heavy steel or enamel-coated saucepan. (If desired, you can use a double boiler set over simmering water.) Place on stove over the lowest possible heat and whisk constantly until the mixture thickens. (Do not allow eggs to "scramble.") Beat in the cubes of butter a few at a time, whisking constantly until the mixture is smooth (about 1 minute). Remove from the heat immediately.

Place 6 blackberries each in the bottoms of 6 to 8 porcelain ramekins or glass custard cups. Spoon lemon curd over the fruit, covering berries completely. Refrigerate until set, several hours or overnight.

When you are ready to serve, whip the cream to fairly stiff peaks. A little at a time, whip in sugar and lemon juice or lemon extract to taste. Set aside in the refrigerator. Preheat broiler or light a small propane torch. Sprinkle the top of the lemon curd with turbinado sugar. Immediately, place ramekins under broiler or torch to brown the sugar just until it melts into caramel. Top each ramekin with a dollop of the lemon whipped cream and serve immediately. Serves 6 to 8.

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On the first day of class at Barry Alman's school for basketball officiating, students learn a skill that you wouldn't think they'd need to be taught: how to blow the whistle.

Alman is obviously someone who has studied the subject. "There are lots of ways to do it improperly," he says by phone from his home office in Fashion Valley. "If you blow from the throat, there is a tendency not to put as much power into it. Our whistles have peas in them, and the pea needs to rotate in order to produce the right sharp sound. So if you don't blow very much air into it, the sound you produce will be an rrrrrrrrr... instead of an rrrrrRRRRRR!"

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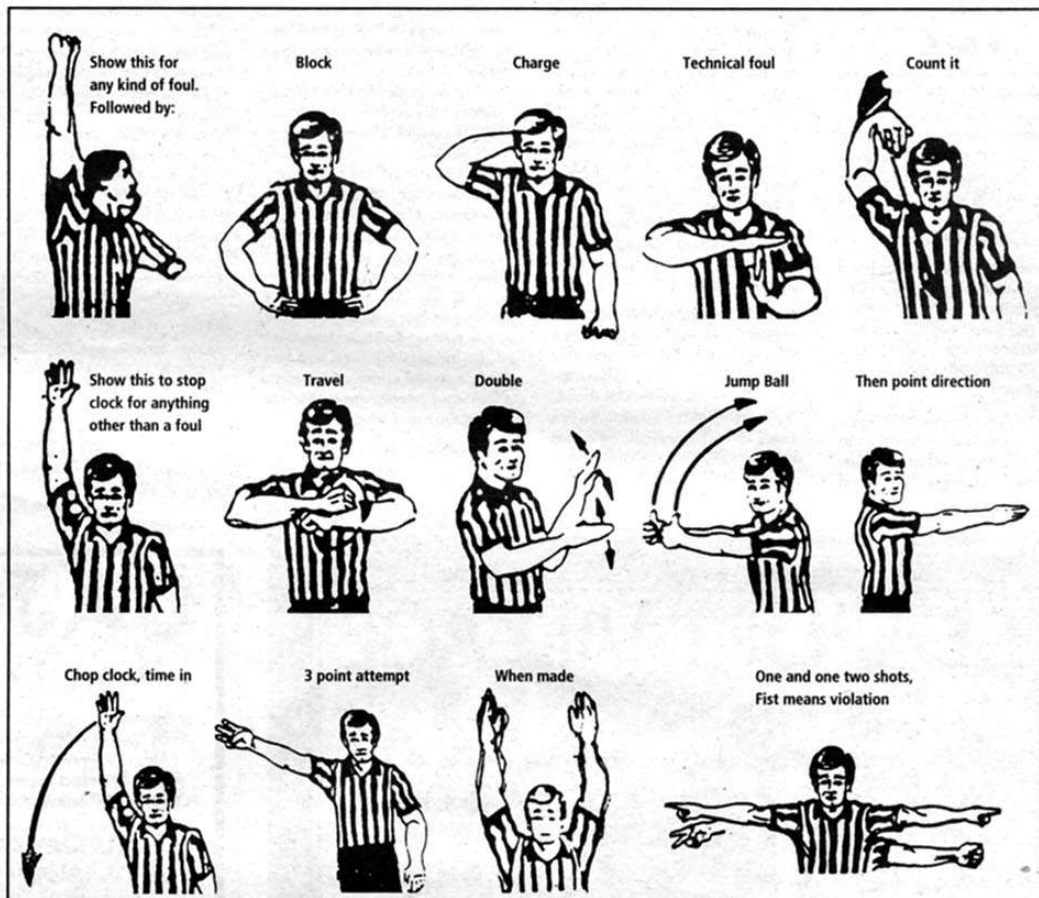
what you're doing, is that the strength actually comes from your sternum."

The duration of the blow is crucial, says Alman, who has been an officiator at basketball games himself for 30 years, 24 of them in San Diego. "Some people produce the right sound, but they don't make it quickly enough. They produce what's called a 'slow' whistle. This makes no one stop, because they just don't hear it. But if you blow too quickly, you'll produce a RRRPT! And again nobody stops, because it sounds almost like the squeak of a sneaker on the floor."

An officiator needs to keep the whistle in his or her mouth throughout most of the game, so Alman has to teach aspirants another skill: "How to talk without removing the whistle and without having the whistle go off unintentionally. That's because when you're working a basketball game, you want to use 'verbal preventatives.' For example, if a person is about to foul, you'll say, 'Back off!' or 'Go easy!' And it's difficult to do that with the whistle in your mouth unless you've been trained. This is the way to stay out of trouble."

It's one way, at least. Trouble comes, as well, when players get argumentative. It happens at adult games more often than at kids', says Alman. "With adults, you have to be a policeman, lawyer, judge, and friend. Many adult players aren't used to being told what to do. At work, they're the boss. So at the school we teach the philosophy: use your people skills to defuse anyone who wants to get into it."

Officiators are also employees, being paid to "hustle," says Alman.



Basketball referee signals

"You don't need to be able to dunk, but you do need to be able to move up and down the court in a reasonable fashion. You need to get there to see if something happened and, if it happened, what it was." Only ice hockey is more physically demanding for officiators, says Alman.

It's not necessary to be or to have been a player in order to excel. "If you have played, especially as a point guard, you have the court vision, and that gives you a little advantage, because you can see the point developing — you can anticipate what might happen — and you can get into position just a little bit quicker. But if you are open-minded, if you are willing to listen, we'll teach you what you need to know."

Other requirements for the job are "integrity, good judgment, and the ability to make instantaneous decisions" — lots of them. "You have to make maybe 100 calls in a game," says Alman. "In most other sports,

there aren't nearly as many."

Anyone who has followed the game knows that it has changed over the past three decades. "The players are not only bigger, stronger, and faster than they were when I started," says the 52-year-old, "the level of teaching and instruction and commitment by the players is higher. That has increased the performance required of us."

Because the game is more popular than ever, Alman is in constant need of new officiators. He gives his classes twice a year; he recruits all year round. Still, he cannot keep up with demand.

So he wants to stress that the benefits of the job are twofold: "Officiators will make good money, especially if they work every night. They'll also be recognized around town. They'll be called by name or they'll hear, 'Hey, ref! Hey! What's goin' on?'" San Diego is a big city with a small-town mentality. It really gives you a good feeling."

What is more, there are jobs available immediately. "We're gearing up for the season." Of the expected 40 attendees at the upcoming classes, Alman predicts, "As many as six to eight of them will go to work even prior to the end of the three sessions."

— Jeanne Schinto

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BAJA

The Comedy Quiero Pero, No Puedo is being presented on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at the Tijuana Cultural Center. Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Rio. For more information, call 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

Rock from the Sixties is on tap when Enrique Guzman performs on Friday, September 27, at 9 p.m., at Mezanine (on Boulevard Insurgentes). Tickets are \$45 and \$67 U.S. Call 011-52-664-621-3936 for information. (TIJUANA)

Time to Tour, COVA's 2002 "open studios" events include bus tours to 13 Tijuana artists' studios on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and

29. Tickets are \$55, including lunch, a stop at the Tijuana Cultural Arts Center, and a wine tasting at L.A. Cetto Winery. For reservations, call 619-234-0928. (BAJA CALIFORNIA)

Chefs from Ensenada and Rosarito gather to prepare their best seafood recipes and compete for top honors when the 24th annual Ensenada Seafood Festival takes place on Sunday, September 29. There will be mariachi, jazz, and traditional Latin music. The festival takes place from 1 to 9 p.m. on Calle Primera (between Riverol and Castillo Streets). The \$15 tickets include five food samples and five drinks. Dial 800-310-9687 for more information. (ENSENADA)

Matadors José María Luévano, Fernando Ochoa, and Jerónimo fight bulls in the Monumental Bullring by the Sea on Sunday, September 29, at 4:30 p.m. For information, call 619-428-9517. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

More Fun with Food, there's a Mexican food fair planned on Sunday, September 29, beginning at noon, on Avenida Revolución (between 7th and 8th streets). For more information, call 011-52-664-682-8744. (TIJUANA)

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 continues through October 21. Call 888-342-7323 for further information. (MEXICALI)

Mainly Mozart Seaside Jazz, this Mainly Mozart series begins when the Guy Barker International Jazz Septet performs on Thursday, October 3. The \$75 tickets include round-trip coach travel from downtown San Diego and dinner and the concert at La Diferencia (10611-A Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, in the Zona Rio).

Participants leave at 5 p.m. and return around midnight. For reservations and information, call 619-239-0100. (TIJUANA)

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

OUTDOORS

Late September signals the beginning of Santa Ana winds, which may continue intermittently through the winter. Early Santa Anas are often responsible for coastal San Diego's hottest and driest days of the year. Records show that 62 percent of the days at Lindbergh Field with 90-degree readings or higher have occurred during the months of September and October.

The desert-like days are a consequence of dry air from a high-pressure area centered over Nevada or Utah moving across Southern California's coastal mountains toward a low-pressure area offshore in the Pacific Ocean. West of the mountains the air sinks as it rushes toward the coast, heating (by compression) about 5.5 degrees Fahrenheit for every 1000 feet of descent. During a full-blown Santa Ana, gale-force winds rake the foothills downwind of the mountain passes, and San Diego's coastal communities often experience temperatures that are among the nation's highest.

Escaping the Heat of this season's first couple of Santa Anas will not be easy—if you can't be inside air-con-

ditioned buildings at any rate. Along the coastline, where temperatures may reach the 90s, taking a dip in the surf solves the problem. Inland, the furnace-like heat is moderated only by increases in altitude. Head for the high places of the county—the mile-plus heights of the Palomar and Laguna Mountains, for example. Climb either of the county's loftiest peaks: Cuyamaca Peak (6512') in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and Hot Springs Mountain (6533') on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. Atop these promontories during a Santa-Ana-wind episode, the thermometer registers about 25-30 degrees lower than in the lowlands. Since the early phase of a Santa Ana sweeps away atmospheric water vapor and air pollution, hundred-mile vistas in every direction may be yours to enjoy.

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next several weeks. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally-generated air pollution under a low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County's coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition begins to weaken: L.A. smog blown offshore by a Santa Ana may get pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

Check Out the Blue Sky, naturalist Akram Attie leads a "Walk on the Wild Side" in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, September 28. Learn about the reserve's plant community when naturalist Charles Hurd leads a hike on Sunday, September 29. Both adventures begin at 9 a.m. Find Blue Sky Ecologi-

cal Reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. 858-694-3049. Free. (POWAY)

Get to Know Bats when a speaker from the Iron Mountain Conservancy presents an in-depth look at the world's most unusual flying mammal on Saturday, September 28, at 7:30 p.m., at William Heise County Park (4945 Heise Park Road). Free. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Hike Out to the Old López Homestead—a turn-of-the-century dairy-farming ranch—during an outing planned on Saturday, September 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will learn about life in the canyon circa 1900; expect a "slightly difficult hike with narrow winding trail and brush negotiation." Meet 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)

Get Outside, the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 28. Find the campground at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

The Coast Is Calling, answer the "call of the coast" when rangers from San Dieguito River Park lead a two-mile hike on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. For reservations and directions to the trailhead, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (DEL MAR)

Many Plants and Animals Make Their Homes in Blue Sky Ecological Reserve. Take a walk along the stream through lush riparian woodland canyons of enormous oak and sycamore trees with the Canyoners on Saturday, September 28, at 1 p.m.

Find the reserve on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (POWAY)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, September 28, at 10 a.m., starting from the park's visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

A Bird Walk for Beginners is planned by birder Wayne Harmon along Tecolote Creek on September 28. Participants will look for red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, Cassin's kingbirds, and common yellowthroats. The outing starts at 9 a.m. at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9961. These outings take place on the fourth Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Take a Short Canyon-Rim Hike during a naturalist-guided tour of "First Canyon" on Saturday, September 28, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Join the group in the parking lot of the First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, across from the UCSD Medical Center). Call 619-299-1743 for information. Free. (HILLCREST)

Trekking the Refuges, view the migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge when the series hosted by the Chula Vista Nature Center continues on Saturday, September 28, at 8:30 a.m. Free. To make the required reservations and obtain directions, call 619-409-5903. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Cabrillo Called It San Miguel, steel production was later attempted, and tiki-style hotels were rampant in the '50s. Get the skinny on Point Loma's rich past when Patty Fares leads an Urban Safari on Saturday, September 28, at 10 a.m.; \$10. For reserva-

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Support Your Local Wildlife Helpers! Wildlife Assist volunteers rescue wild animals in trouble. Two orientations are planned on Saturday, September 28, at 2 p.m. Get the information at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street) and at the Tijuana Estuary visitors' center (301 Caspian Way). Participants are involved in all aspects of the work. Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

Sing Around the (Empty) Fire Ring during the family campfire planned at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve on Saturday, September 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open fires are banned because of dry conditions, but organizers promise a program with animals and volunteers from Search and Rescue, songs, stories, hot chocolate, and cookies. Bring a flashlight for the walk back to your car.

To reserve a spot, call 858-679-5469. There's an easy one-mile walk to the campground; find Blue Sky on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road. A \$1 per person donation is requested. (POWAY)

Hidden Corners of Mission Hills, explore this wonderful area during a seven-mile moderate-plus adventure with Walkabout walkers on Sunday, September 29. The jaunt starts at 8:30 a.m. at Mission Hills Park (a.k.a. Pioneer Park, on Washington Place, five blocks west of Goldfinch). Free. 619-231-7463. (MISSION HILLS)

Architectural Heritage Tours are offered by the Committee of 100 on the first Wednesday of each month, including October 2. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the visitors' information center, located in Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama. Free. Call 619-239-0512 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Wanna Be a Naturalist? New guide orientations are taking place at the Buena Audubon Nature Center. Orientations start at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, and at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 5. Training notebooks are provided. Find the center at 2202 South Coast Highway. For information, call 760-757-6461 or 760-929-2869. (OCEANSIDE)

DANCE

Live Cajun Music in the Park! There's a bayou boogie planned on Thursday, September 26, at the Balboa Park Club (next to the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater). Bon Temps Social Club instructors offer a half-hour of beginning and intermediate/advanced Zydeco coaching at 7:30 p.m., followed by a mix of French-language zydeco, Cajun, and waltzes played by the San Diego Cajun Playboys from 8 to 10 p.m. No partners necessary. The requested donation is \$5; kids are free and welcome. For information, call 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

Dance Jam! This free-form dance party welcomes all ages onto the 2500-square-foot dance floor on September 27 and October 1, at 9 p.m. (and every Tuesday and Friday night) at the Center for the Moving Arts, 3255 Fifth Avenue. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$7. 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

Stamping, Yelling, Clapping, and Music are promised when the International Dance Association of San Diego hosts polka and other Germanic dance workshops on Saturday, September 28. People of all ages are welcome to attend classes led by Kin Ho, who will teach basic steps; Lu Sham will teach the polka and related steps; and Jack Vandover will con-

tinue teaching "easy-to-learn" Germanic dances. The group gathers in the large ballroom of the Balboa Park Club building from 1 to 4:30 p.m. An evening party with Martha Awdziewicz and Dalya Dallal takes place from 7 to 10 p.m.

Dancers in colorful costumes from many countries will be strutting their stuff for the Oktoberfest Dance Festival from 12:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 29. The public will be invited to join the dancers and learn the polka and other easy folk dances. German songs will be sung in the foyer every hour on the quarter hour. "Typical" German food will be offered for sale, as will folk arts and crafts.

Admission to all of the events is free. For more information, call 619-286-0355. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

Ballet in the Galleries, the San Diego Ballet performs in the "Axis Mexico" galleries at the San Diego Museum of Art on Saturday, September 28. Performances begin at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30 p.m. and are included in regular museum admis-

sion. Call 619-232-7931 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Contra-Fun, Graham Hempel calls and Lime in the Harp performs for the contradance planned on Saturday, September 28, 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)

Come and Dance with the North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m., at Dance North County Studio (in North Coast Business Park, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). This evening begins with a lesson taught by National Swing Dance champion Mary Manzella; music is by DJ Lois Rubin. Admission is \$9 for nonmembers. 619-229-0141. (ENCINITAS)

A Sock Hop is planned when the Sandpipers Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Cliff Simpson and Peter Gomez cueing on Saturday, September 28, at St. James (625 South Nardo). Rounds begin at 7 p.m., with alternating squares and rounds from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The donation is \$5. For information, call 760-436-0685 or 858-481-8411. (SOLANA BEACH)

Zydeco Dances with lessons take place every Tuesday, including October 1, at Tio Lio's (5302 Napa Street, between Morena Boulevard and Linda Vista Road). Beginning dance lessons start at 6:30 p.m., with open dancing to recorded tunes from 7:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Call 619-857-8409 for information. (LINDA VISTA)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons are offered by the San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association.

A mixed-level class takes place each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Twin Oaks High School (158 Cassou Road). Beginners may join up on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. at Pomerado Elementary School (12321 Ninth Street). Fees are \$3 or \$4. For information, call 858-549-8879. (SAN MARCOS, POWAY)

Learn the Swing Charleston or just dance during the "hot topic" dance workshop planned on Tuesday, October 1, at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). Workshops run 7:30 to 9 p.m., with open dancing to DJ music (mixed swing) from 9 to 11 p.m. Beginners' lessons start at 9:30 p.m. The fee for lessons is \$12 in advance (call to reserve), \$15 at the door; admission to the dance only is \$5. 619-291-3775. (POINT LOMA)

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

Care for Salsa? Hajji Baba hosts salsa dancing to DJ music every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Find the spot at 1065 Fourth Avenue. Call 619-595-7887 for more information. The cover charge is \$4. (DOWNTOWN)

FILM

Not for Those with Refined Artistic Palates, it's how the folks at Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation describe their show, resurfacing at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street) with screenings on various dates through November 3. This year's titles include *Cubism*, *The In-*

breeds, *Teach Me, Happy Tree Friends*, *Gack Gack*, *The Doll*, and many others.

This week, see the 29 short animated films at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28, and at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 29. Weird Al Yankovic will be on hand on September 27 and 28. Tickets for those shows are \$10.

Admission to regular screenings is \$9; tickets are available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For information, call 858-454-0267. Viewers must be at least 18 years old. (LA JOLLA)

Three Short Films from South Korea make up the anthology *No Comment*. Under the original Korean title *Mudjima Family*, the film boasts a cast of popular young actors in *Surrounded by Enemies*, *Fourteen Years Old*, and *The Last Confession*. You're invited to the U.S. premiere of the film when it screens for the Independent Film Society in association with the San Diego Asian Film Festival on Sunday, September 29, at 7 p.m., at the UltraStar La Costa Cinema (6941 El Camino Real, at Alga). Admission is \$12 general. 760-942-5988. (LA COSTA)

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.

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

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Through the Glass Ceiling, middle-aged executive Stockard Channing finds herself at the top of the corporate ladder and assessing her life when she encounters junior consultant Julia Stiles in *The Business of Strangers*. The movie screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. The library is found at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

See the Premiere of the Independent/Student Film *The Shape of Evil* by Marc Anthony Presents Productions on Tuesday, October 1, at 8:30 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Admission is free; parking is \$3. For information, call 858-534-4090. (LA JOLLA)

A Voice for the Unique Asian-American Experience is promised during the second annual San Diego Asian Film Festival, running October 3-6 at the Madstone Theaters. Organizers showcase shorts, documentaries, and features made "by or about persons of Asian descent." The festival includes workshops, panels, and receptions.

Featured films during the festival include *Better Luck Tomorrow*, *The Way Home*, *New Moon*, *Bang the Machine*, *Illusion of Life*, and *Exit the Dragon*, *Enter the Monkey*, along with films from Japan, Taiwan, Canada, and Asian-American films. Tickets range from \$5 to \$8. For more details, call 858-616-8525. (MISSION VALLEY)

Confess to a Short Attention Span? The "British Television Advertising Awards" will be screened on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$7. Call 619-232-7931 for additional details. (BALBOA PARK)

"Only a Game," directors have always been fascinated by sports and the athletes who play them. See some of the classics during this season's

"Film for Thought" series co-hosted by CSU San Marcos and the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The series begins with *Eight Men Out*, the 1988 John Sayles film exploring the 1919 Black Sox scandal, considered by some to be "one of the most honest" films made about baseball.

See the film on Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. Discussions are led by history professor Patricia Seleski. For more information, call 760-750-4366. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

"Scusate il Ritardo" by Massimo Troisi screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Call 619-237-0601

for information. Admission is \$2 for nonmembers. In Italian without English subtitles. (LITTLE ITALY)

"San Diego, I Love You!" This film series at the Museum of Photographic Arts boasts a collection of films shot on location in and around the county. The series gets underway with *In Harm's Way* on Thursday and Friday, October 3 and 4. Tickets are \$5 general. For showtimes and information, call 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

ward). 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 Revue 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 book signing. Admission is \$35. Find the institute at 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. For information, call 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

Art Collectors' Round Table, lawyer, art collector, and COVA board member Larry Potet 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. 619-234-0928. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Equal Justice for All," this continuing community legal forum concludes with "Legal Basics for Seniors" on September 26, at 6 p.m. The session is presented by the Center for Self-Empowerment at the Tubman Chavez Youth and Family Center (415 Euclid Avenue). Free. For information, call 619-660-5555 or 619-822-1114. (SAN DIEGO)

Three-Toed, Black-Backed, and Red-Bellied — you've got to love woodpeckers and their colorful monikers. Bird photographer Anthony Mercieca will share some of his techniques and answer questions for the Audubon Society on Friday, September 27. The talk starts at 7:30 p.m. (following socializing at

LECTURES

"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 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 Boule-

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Celebrating 50 Years of Fiber Arts, the Palomar Handweavers' Guild presents "Our Weaving Journey" at the Escondido Municipal Gallery. During the exhibition, guild members will give demonstrations at a floor loom and spinning wheel. A small loom, warped and ready, will be available for kids to try. And basketmaker Nadine Spier presents a basketmaking demonstration on Friday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Find the gallery at 142 West Grand Avenue. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Dial 760-480-4101 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

"Where Have All the Progressive Queers Gone?" asks the San Diego Action Network, hosting a community forum on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m., at the Joyce Beers Community Center (on Vermont Street, north of University Avenue). Panelists Bob McCubbin, Rocky Neptun, Noelle Stanton, and Mark Gabrish Conlan will examine why "most lesbian and gay leaders are totally assimilated into political and capitalist orthodoxy." Free. 619-688-1886. (HILLCREST)

Emotional Pain often leads to psychotherapy or analysis. Learn about "Symbol Formation and the Analytic Dialogue" when Sam Naifeh, M.D., speaks for the Friends of Jung on Friday, September 27. The Jungians gather at 7:30 p.m. at Alliant University (6160 Cornerstone Court East). Admission is \$15 for nonmembers. 858-587-4651. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Who Are Indigo Children? Find out when Nancy Tappe, philosopher and

author of *Understanding Your Life Through Color*, speaks on Friday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Tappe offers a workshop on Saturday, October 19. For more information, call 760-753-5786 x3. (CARDIFF)

"Africa: A Continent Extraordinary," it's the topic when Corinne Waldenmayer, president of the Africa Conservancy, presents programs on Saturday, September 28, at the California Wolf Center. Programs begin at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15; to make the required reservations, call 619-234-9653 or 760-765-0030. (JULIAN)

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 focus 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)

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Take a Look at Lewis and Clark when 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 be joined by James E. Thomas, author of *Corps of Discovery*, to discuss the Lewis and Clark expedition on Saturday, September 28, at noon, at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. The talk is included in museum admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Peck will also sign books at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, at Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center. Free. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Explore Essential Bookbinding Techniques through demonstrations and practice when the Art College International hosts a beginning bookbinding class on Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants

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The final class will be offered on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m., at the Encinitas Community Center. Admission is free for Encinitas citizens; nonresidents pay \$25. To register, call 760-436-7986 x14. (ENCINITAS)

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Evenings at the Ranch House, archaeologist/ethnographer Jackson Underwood presents a slide-illustrated lecture on "The Archaeology of Indian Pass" on Saturday, September 28, at the Los Peñasquitos Ranch House. Underwood will review the archaeological record of the area and present illustrations of artifacts and features from extensive study, revealing that the area was most extensively used in the Patayan Period, beginning about 700 A.D.

Bring a picnic supper, folding chair, jacket, and flashlight to enjoy the glow of twilight before the program begins. Docent tours begin at 6 p.m., with the talk at 7:30 p.m. Find the ranch house at 12020 Black Mountain Road, behind Canyonside Park (at Mercy Road). Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

"Declaration of Independents," it's the theme for a musical panel featuring members of the local independent music scene on Sunday, September 29, at 11 a.m., inside Le-stat's Coffeehouse (3343 Adams Avenue). The discussion coincides with the Adams Avenue Street Fair. Free. 619-442-2485. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Fall Gardening, uncover secrets to chilling and naturalizing bulbs and learn to identify hard-working and drought-tolerant perennials when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class on Sunday, September 29, 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will receive "special seeds available only from gardener to gardener" and handouts. The nonmember fee: \$17. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Day of the Dead Masks will be made when Back from Tombocou hosts a workshop on Sunday, September 29, at 10 a.m. Participants will use simple materials to make elaborate masks celebrating the tradition of skulls in the Day of the Dead holiday. The fee is \$20; minimum age is 8 years old. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. To register, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

At Last! Learn the True Meaning of Karma when "energy coach" Sean Hegarty asks, "Do You Want to Understand Events in Your Life?" on Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m., at Phoenix Phyre Bookstore (282 North El Camino Real, suite G & H). The fee is \$20. To register, call 760-436-7740. (ENCINITAS)

"Understanding Difficult Times" is the subject for a panel discussion slated for Sunday, September 29, 3 to 5 p.m., in the Oceanside City Council Chambers (300 North Coast Highway). Panelists Cliff Brown, Florence Gillman, Rafael Goldstein, Nasrullah Mohammed, and Nancy Rank-Medina will respond to questions on the subject of world conflict and share perspectives on how to better understand diverse beliefs. Free. For information, call 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

Who Decides? Who Benefits? Who Loses? You're beckoned to a "People's Hearing on Trade and Globalization" planned on Monday, September 30, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street, at Euclid). Panelists include Herlinda Lucida Hernández, Fela Contreras, Connie García, and Jaime Cota.

Registration starts at 6 p.m., the panel presentation starts at 7 p.m., and *preguntas* (questions) will be taken at 7:30 p.m. Simultaneous English and Spanish translation will be provided. Free. For information, call 619-235-0281 or 619-216-0095. (ENCANTO)

The Often-Neglected Role of conversation in the health of our communities will be explored by Margaret Wheatley, author of *Leadership and the New Science* and *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future*, when she speaks on Monday, September 30, at 8 p.m., at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. The talk is offered for the Leading in a Complex World conference; free and open to the public. 781-389-9700. (DOWNTOWN)

The Arts and Cultures of Polynesia, with an emphasis on Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Easter Island, and the Maori of New Zealand, are on offer when Teri L. Sowell examines "The Art of South Pacific" at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series starts with an "Introduction to the Traditional Arts of Polynesia" on Tuesday, October 1. Sowell will explore the concepts of *mana* and *tapu* and an in-depth look at tattoo and ceremonial costumes.

Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. The fee is \$14 per talk or \$36 for the three talks. To make reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Petroleum — What Is It and How We Get It" will be explained in classes on October 1, 3, and 8, at 6:30 p.m. each night, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The course is led by an expert with 30 years in the petroleum industry. The nonmember fee is \$35. For information, call 619-225-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"New Perspectives in Judaic Studies," the lecture series continues when Irving Alan Sparks presents "Rejoicing in the Torah: Historical and Personal Reflections" on Wednesday, October 2. The talk starts at 3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. Call 619-594-5338 for information. (SDSU)

Tour the Night Sky when Fleet Center resident astronomer Dennis Mammana presents "The Sky Tonight" planetarium show at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2. After the show, view the real sky through telescopes set up by Fleet Center staff and the San Diego Astronomy Association (weather permitting). 619-238-1233. Admission is \$6.75 general. (BALBOA PARK)

Staying Found Is a Skill, learn to read a topographical map and use a compass when Adventure 16 hosts a class on Wednesday, October 2 (and all-day field trip on October 5). The fee is \$65. Find A-16 at 4620 Alvarado Canyon Road. To register, dial 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Axis Mexico" Gallery Conversations, exhibiting artist Rubén Ortiz Torres and curator Betti-Sue Hertz present a talk on Thursday, October 3, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$10 for non-

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History Alive! This series hosted by the Lemon Grove Historical Society continues with a slide-illustrated lecture on "The Story of Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis" presented by William F. Chana on Thursday, October 3. Chana is an expert on Lindbergh's struggles to make his groundbreaking flight. The talk starts at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). Free. 619-466-5579. (LEMON GROVE)

All That Glitters, a technique has been developed recently in San Diego establishing a protocol to show conclusive proof of the transfer of certain materials — including glitter particle cosmetic products from victims of sexual assault, abductions, and other crimes — to the abductor. Get the scoop on this protocol and other forensic techniques when two forensic investigators from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Regional Forensic Laboratory speak for the Sisters in Crime on Thursday, October 3. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Admission is \$3 for nonmembers. 619-283-4172. (HILLCREST)

The Pleasures of Poetry, the second in this series of workshops led by Harry Griswold runs Thursdays, October 3 through December 5, 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Diego (1036 Solana Drive). Participants at all levels are welcome, but openings for newcomers are limited, so call 858-569-1248 to reserve a spot. Free. (SOLANA BEACH)

A Major Revolution in Astronomy will be discussed by Timothy Ferris when he visits the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center on Saturday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. Ferris is the author of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Coming of Age in the Milky Way* and *Seeing in the Dark*. Ferris will speak and sign books. The event is included in regular museum admission. For details, dial 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

A Short Version of The Prayer to Green Tara will be read by the Encinitas-based Daikini Performers, followed by the Green Tara Mantra "Om Tara Tutare Ture Soha" on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m., at the opening of the "Kapali" exhibit at the Shi-ho Gallery (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). The opening includes playing of the "sacred sound" instruments and an Earth gong. For information, call 760-944-3441. (DEL MAR)

Open Talent Night is slated for Thursday, September 26, at 8 p.m., at Boomers Brew (1404 Garnet Avenue). Performers from 6 to 70 are invited to present "all forms of expression." Free. 858-273-9377. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Fresh Sounds, the series features a concert by Jeanrenaud/Masaoko/Ochs on Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m., at the Spruce Street Forum (301 Spruce Street). Members of this "unlikely trio" play cello, koto, and saxophone. To make the suggested reservations, call 619-295-0301. Tickets are \$20 general. (HILLCREST)

Offering Infinite Variety, Wendy Haskett's *Backward Glances* is culled from pieces from the *North County Times*' history column. Haskett will be on hand to sign books on Friday, September 27, at 5 p.m., at the San Dieguito Heritage Museum (561 South Vulcan Avenue). Free. Call 760-632-9711 for information. (ENCINITAS)

The Featured Poet is Michael Klam and the featured artist is Ginger Che when Poetry Unlimited Art and Music convenes on Friday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m., at the La Jolla Recreation Center (615 Prospect Street). Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

"Stand Up Against Domestic Violence," the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute's second annual benefit is slated for Friday, September 27, at the Town and Country Hotel (500 Hotel Circle North). The program includes performances by Heidi Joyce, Margot Black, Lisa Sanders, Maria Falzone, Karen Rontowski, and others. The evening begins with a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., with the performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 at the door; you must be 21 to attend. For information and tickets, call 858-794-7355. (MISSION VALLEY)

Meet the Chapman Stick when musician Tom Griesgraber presents a concert in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m. The "Stick" was invented by jazz musician Emmett Chapman, derived from the guitar and bass, and its playing method shares roots with keyboards and drums. Intrigued? Find the garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West; 619-660-0614. Free. (EL CAJON)

"Finding Your Voice," this vocal concert presented by Kerry and Roby Warren is scheduled for Friday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Tickets are \$8. Call 760-736-8863 for information. (CARLSBAD)

The Concerts on the Green series at Prescott Promenade on Main Street concludes with a performance by Theo and the Zydeco Patrol on Friday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. 619-401-8858. Free. (EL CAJON)

Sitar at the Star, sitar artist Anoushka Shankar presents a concert at the Star Theater on Saturday, September 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets to the concert are \$25 general, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students.

As part of this benefit event, you're invited to a dinner with Ravi Shankar at 6 p.m. catered by An Affair to Remember. The \$125 tickets include dinner and the performance by Shankar *fillie*. Find the theater at 402 North Coast Highway. For reservations, call 760-721-9983. (OCEANSIDE)

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Mixtec-American Singer/Songwriter Lila Downs leads a discussion on her music and signs copies of her latest CD, *Border/La Linea*, on Saturday, September 28, at 4 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Tickets are \$10 general. She'll perform at the Adams Avenue Street Fair after-

wards. Questions? Call 619-230-1869 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

Set in a Suburban San Diego High School, Ellen M. Gilmore's *Deadline* offers a view of educators striving to connect with teens as violence visits a public school system. The author will sign her book on Saturday, September 28, at 2 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Questions? Call 858-454-0347 for answers. Free. (LA JOLLA)

One of the "Original Kings of Comedy," comedian D.L. Hughley, takes the stage at 4th & B at 7 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 28. He's the creator of the *Hughleys* sitcom. Tickets are \$25 and \$30 in advance (\$30 on show day), available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Find

the club at 345 B Street; 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

Created at the Request of Her Daughters, local author Noya Ostrowiak has written *Motherhood Is Not a Rehearsal*. The book offers basic suggestions about parenting and guidelines for mentoring children; Ostrowiak's grown children contributed a chapter about how they were raised. Meet the author when she discusses and signs her work on Saturday, September 28, at 2 p.m., at the Mira Mesa Library, 8405 New Salem Street; 619-538-8165. Free. (MIRA MESA)

Author Marge Pellegrino will discuss and sign *A Cup of Comfort for Women: Stories That Celebrate the Strength and Grace of Womanhood* on Saturday, September 28, at 3:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (7610 Hazard Center Drive). 619-220-0175. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Saturdays in Shadowridge, this concert series features contemporary folk/pop artist Peggy Watson on Saturday, September 28, at 3:30 p.m., at

the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Admission is a \$7 donation. Call 760-631-7055 for details. (VISTA)

"The Show" is being presented by the Uncontrollable FIGGA'Z (Fluent Intellectuals Gaining Great Assets) on Saturday, September 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex (3795 Fairmount Avenue). Expect performances by Silhouette, Young Don, J51/50, J-Crazy, Sabotawj, Nick Faulty, and many others. Tickets are \$3 and \$5 at the door. For information, call 619-612-7744. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Swing, Baby! Jay Wimmer and the Big-Band All Stars perform for the sixth annual big-band concert and dance planned on Saturday, September 28, 2 to 6 p.m., at the Pier Plaza Amphitheatre (near the base of the Oceanside Pier). The program includes performances by Mike Hudson, Dennis Noday, Wendy Ross, and Luci Ainsworth. The requested donation is \$5. For more information, call 760-630-0909. (OCEANSIDE)

"Authentic" Vaudeville Entertainment is promised during the North Park Vaudeville Show scheduled for

Saturday, September 28, at 8 p.m., at the Swedenborgian Theater (1531 Tyler Avenue). Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12. For reservations, call 619-647-4958. (HILLCREST)

The Self-Proclaimed Prince of Piano, Peter Robberecht, presents "Tour of Music Magic" through September 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 \$20 general, available by calling 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Now Boarding for New Zealand... Margaret Katchur presents her comedic puppet show — for the last time before leaving for New Zealand — on Sunday, September 29, 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)

The 2002 National Poetry Slam Organizer, Cynthia French of Minneapolis, brings the "Bustin' Out"

tour to the Last Sunday Poetry Slam on September 29, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). For "chix" perform between slam rounds; slamming starts around 7:30 p.m. (following sign-ups at 7 p.m.) 619-294-2920. The requested donation is \$2. (HILLCREST)

Qui Si Canta Italiano, singer and musician James Scott will talk about the music scene in Italy from the 1960s to the present and chat about Italian singers including Mina, Celentano, Modugno, Lucio Dalla, Claudio Baglioni, Ramazzotti, Zucchero, and others. When? Catch the fun — including a sing-along with copies of lyrics distributed — on Sunday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). Free. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

Jazz Party, the High Society Jazz Band performs when the Jazz Artists Guild convenes on Sunday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m., at the Musicians Union Local #325 (1717 Morena Boulevard). Admission is \$5 for members and first-timers, \$8 for nonmembers. Questions? Call 619-229-1864 for answers. (BAY PARK)

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Take in the program at 12:30 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, at the Cabrillo National Monument. Admission is included in the regular park entrance fee of \$5 vehicle. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Works by Thelonious Monk and Herbie Hancock are on tap when Richard Thompson presents a jazz piano recital for the San Diego Library concert series on Sunday, September 29. 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)

"Embracing Langston Hughes Centennial," California's poet laureate Quincy Troupe will perform at this Sankofa Bird spoken-word and performing arts festival on Sunday, September 29, at 3 p.m., at the Jackie Robinson YMCA (151 YMCA Way). For information, call 619-287-3921. Admission is free; donations will be accepted. (SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO)

Poetry on/about Music provides the theme when the Poetsperformance open reading takes place on Sunday, September 29, 4 to 6 p.m., at Red's Espresso Gallery (1017 Rosecrans). You're invited to read your own work or from the various poetry anthologies available at the reading. Free. 619-523-5540. (POINT LOMA)

Love Triumphs over AIDS and Infidelity in *Jodi: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*. Author Richard Brodsky was diagnosed with AIDS in 1997 following five years of secret ho-

mossexual affairs. Find out how the author and his wife worked through this betrayal when he speaks and signs books on Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. (MIRA MESA)

Uncensored and Uncensored Performances by San Diego artists are promised during the Fifth Monday series co-sponsored by Sushi Performance and Visual Art and the San Diego Museum of Art. The series begins with performances by the Urban Tribal Dance Company, the Minervia Tap Dance Group, Head On/Off, Beston Barnett, Patrick Combs, and Alpha Omega on September 30, at 8 p.m., at Sushi. Tickets are \$5 general. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. 619-235-8468. (DOWNTOWN)

Jazzy for Lunch, the San Diego Mini-Concert season gets underway when the Anthony Ortega Jazz Group performs on Monday, September 30. This concert begins at noon outdoors in Horton Square, across from the Lyceum Theatre. Free. The music lasts about 50 minutes — bring your lunch! 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Enjoy Heavy Percussive Dance Music incorporating African, Middle Eastern, and Caribbean threads when Grateful Dead percussion alumnus Mickey Hart and Bembe Orisha take to the stage at the East County Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 and \$31. Find the center at 210 East Main Street. For reservations, call 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Explore the Fields of Cognitive Science, Robotics, philosophy of mind, and artificial intelligence when Tom Sgouros and his companion robot Judy present *Judy, or What Is It Like*

to Be a Robot? The play may be seen at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. Dial 760-750-4366 for more details. (SAN MARCOS)

In Celebration of the San Diego Asian Film Festival, author Helie Lee discusses and signs her book *In the Absence of Sun* on Tuesday, October 1, at 7 p.m., at the Barnes and Noble store in Hazard Center. Free. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

The S.D. Bluegrass Foursome Virtual Strangers perform for the San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club gathering on Tuesday, October 1. Events begin at 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street, at Ash). Free. Call 760-726-8380 for more information. (ESCONDIDO)

SDSU Sociology Professors Jane Carney Schulze and Rolf Schulze will sign and discuss their book *It's Okay to Talk About Sex: A Guide for Parents of Newborns through Adolescence* on Tuesday, October 1, at 12:30 p.m., at the San Diego State University Bookstore. Free. 619-594-7528. (SDSU)

Afro-Cuban Singer Susana Baca returns to present a concert in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. Baca has spent years assembling the songs and stories of her people. Tickets are \$20 general. Call 858-534-8497 for information and reservations; tickets are also available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

"Jazz in the Park," the series continues with a performance by the Cedar Walton Trio on Wednesday, October 2, 5:30 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 general. For reservations, dial 619-696-1666. (BALBOA PARK)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-mike poetry event on Wednesday, October 2, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is free. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Things Get Tricky and FBI agent Mark Beamon heads into perilous territory in the new book by Kyle Mills, *Sphere of Influence*. Meet the author when he signs and discusses his work on Wednesday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. Call 858-454-0347 for details. (LA JOLLA)

An Ancient Chinese Story with practical math applications for young readers is incorporated in Virginia Walton Pilegard's trilogy of children's books *The Warlord's Beads*, *The Warlord's Puzzle*, and *The Warlord's Fish*. Meet the author when she visits Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. Find the shop at 10755 Westview Parkway and by calling 858-684-3166. Free. (MIRA MESA)

"Everything's ALOUD" when performers of all styles and skill levels take part in the all-format open mike hosted by local writer/performer Victor Payan on Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m., at the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). The featured artist is Rick Felan. Free. For information, dial 619-582-5908. (COLLEGE AREA)

Author Debra Ginsberg will sign *Raising Blaze: Raising an Extraordinary Son in an Ordinary World* on Thursday, October 3, at 4:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). Free. 619-667-2870. (LA MESA)

Take a Performance, Music, and Storytelling Journey of "biological

sex, liberating menopause, and womanhood in the golden years" when Rhodessa Jones presents her newest work at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. See "Hot Flashes, Power Surges, and Private Summers" Thursday through Saturday, October 3-5 at 8 p.m. each night. Find Sushi in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. Tickets are \$15 general; call 619-235-8468 for reservations. (DOWNTOWN)

Latin Jam Night, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, October 3, from 8 to 11 p.m. You're invited to bring your instrument and jam onstage 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)

He's Been Called Our "Most Imaginative Contemporary Novelist," and on Tuesday, October 8, T. Coraghessan Boyle will speak as part of "California Stories: Reading *The Grapes of Wrath*." Boyle is the author of six short story collections and eight novels, including *The Tortilla Curtain* and *East Is East*. He'll talk about his work and answer questions beginning at 7 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

As a Founder of the West Coast "Light and Space" art movement in the 1960s, artist Robert Irwin has long studied the effects of landscaped space on the environment. He was commissioned by the Getty Center to design and create the Central Garden in the early 1990s. *Robert Irwin Getty Garden* offers an account of the process and philosophy behind the creation of the garden.

Irwin will discuss his work at the Getty and sign books on Tuesday, Oc-

tber 8, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets are \$7 general. For information, dial 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS


The Season Ends for the San Diego Padres with a series in Los Angeles against the Dodgers September 26-29. Games begin at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 1:10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 888-MY PADRES. All games are broadcast in English on KOGO (600 AM) and in Spanish on KURS (1040 AM).

Hunter/Jumper Equestrians from all over the world are demonstrating their prowess, skill, and agility during the Del Mar International Horse Show, continuing through September 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)

Cowboy Up, top professional cowboys will be competing in the 30th Annual Poway Rodeo, running September 27-29 at the Poway Valley Riders Association Arena (14336 Tierra Bonita Road). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.



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Walk to Cure Diabetes, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's 5k and 10k walks are slated for Saturday, September 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Balboa Park and Cannon Park (at Cannon Road and Carlsbad Boulevard). On-site registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with the walks stepping off at 8:30 a.m. For details, dial 858-279-9160. (BALBOA PARK, CARLSBAD)

Back Flips and Barrel Rolls, you'll see it all when the third annual Red Bull Wave Bash shreds waves 20 yards off Oceanside Harbor on Saturday, September 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sixteen freestyle watercraft athletes are expected to compete. Admission is free for spectators. For more information, call 949-494-9840. (OCEANSIDE)

Dare to Use the Park! The Knickerbikers will picnic in the grassy park in the center of Rancho Santa Fe during the bicycle ride slated for Saturday, September 28. The 30-mile ride for intermediates begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Carmel Valley park and ride (just west of I-5 at the Carmel Valley Road exit). Bring money for lunch. 619-298-9581. (CARMEL VALLEY)

There's a Destruction Derby planned at Cajon Speedway on Saturday, September 28, as well as competition in street, Grand American modifieds, bomber, pony stock, and factory stock divisions. 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)

Soccer Season Is Here! The San Diego Sockers host the Milwaukee Wave for the season-opening game on Saturday, September 28, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25. Call 619-224-4171 for information and tickets (also available through Ticketmaster, 619-220-TIXS). Listen to the game on KSDO (1130 AM). (POINT LOMA)

Red, White, and Blue in 2002, the McMillan Mile and Corky's Kid Run are slated for Saturday, September 28. Race-day registration starts at 8 a.m., with the adults' event stepping off at 9:20 a.m. and the kids' beginning at 9:50 a.m. To reach the spot, take Highway 805 to the E Street/Bonita Road exit; follow Bonita Road approximately three miles. For information, dial 619-475-8244. (BONITA)

Boot Camp Challenge, this three-mile obstacle run features obstacles used by the Marine recruits at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot (at Tripoli Avenue and Witherby Street). Registration starts at 6:30 a.m., with the race beginning at 9 a.m., on Saturday, September 28. For information, call 619-524-6058. (SAN DIEGO)

The Let It Fly Four-on-Four Flag Football tournament hits the courts at the 32nd Street Naval Base (2375 Recreation Way) on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29. Expect fast-paced, noncontact competition

focusing on speed and accuracy from 4 to 7 p.m. both days. Admission is free for spectators. To check space availability for team registration, call 866-885-3984; team fees range from \$120 to \$240. (SAN DIEGO)

The Best Polo of the Season? The San Diego Polo Club hosts Spreckels Cup competition on Sunday, September 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)

Charger Football, the San Diego Chargers host the New England Patriots on Sunday, September 29, at 1:15 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Support Your Local River Park, the San Dieguito River Park's ninth trail run and hike around Lake Hodges is slated for Sunday, September 29, starting at Kit Carson Park (on Bear Valley Parkway). The six-mile run starts at 8 a.m., with the 4.2-mile hike led by Tom Leech stepping off at 8:30 a.m.; event-day registration starts at 7 a.m. For details, call 858-268-1250. (ESCONDIDO)

Up for Water Skiing! The Convoir Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 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 Top Skateboard and BMX Riders in the world are planning to compete in the Xbox World Championships of Skateboarding and the Vans Championships of BMX hitting the Oceanside Pier and Amphitheater Thursday through Sunday, October 3-6. Competition runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free for spectators. (OCEANSIDE)

SPECIAL

Interested in Canine Companionship? Wish you could take your dog to an outdoor cafe and not have to worry about upset tables and spilled drinks? Enjoy the San Diego Humane Society's "Doggie Cafe" when "dog-friendly trainers" will give tips on how to keep your dog calm in public around distractions like food, people, and other canines.

The event takes place on Friday, September 27, 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Participating dogs should be leashed and friendly. The requested donation is \$5 per person. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Home, Improved Home, the 13th annual fall home show runs September 27-29 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Organizers promise over 350 exhibits with products and services for the home, vignettes created by ASID members, design consultations with interior designers (by appointment), antique assessments, and more.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 general, free for those under 12; admission is \$3 for those 55 and

older on Friday. For more information, call 858-350-3738. (DEL MAR)

Get a Jump on Fright, start your Halloween celebrations when the Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street; 619-231-0131) and Frightmare on Market Street (530 Market Street; 619-231-3611) open on Friday, September 27. The rooms promise "terrifying special effects and illusions" created by "some of the top artists and technicians in the business." Hours are 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday (closed on Mondays except for October 28) and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Take a stroll along the Haunted Trail, an "all-outdoor haunted attraction" also opening on the 27th. Find the trail at Marston Point (just east of Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). Admission to each of these attractions is \$11.95. None are recommended for those under ten years old, and all are open through November 2. (BALBOA PARK)

Hit the Streets when the 21st annual Adams Avenue Street Fair takes place September 28 and 29, along Adams Avenue (between 33rd and 35th Streets). Over 80 acts will perform on seven stages during the event, and there will be over 400 vendors' booths offering arts and crafts and food. For a complete list of performers, see "Concerts" in the music listings of this paper. Admission is free. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Call 619-282-7329 for information. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Dive Right In — chalk art and street painting, live music, local art, and food will all be part of the fun when Artsplash takes place on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, noon to 6 p.m., on Armada Drive. For kids, there's kite making, bubble

art demonstrations, and chalk art squares. Admission is free. Call 760-930-9123 x118 for information. (CARLSBAD)

Sheet Music, Books on a variety of subjects, CDs and LPs, and art periodicals are among the items on offer during the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library's quarterly book sale on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Athenaeum is located at 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Fall Colors and Crisp Mountain Air — it must be time for the 16th annual Menghini Winery Arts Show! The winery at the base of Volcan Mountain hosts the show on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, boasting music all day and a wide variety of art by Julian artists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 760-765-2072 for details. (JULIAN)

Books for Sale, the bimonthly Lemon Grove Library book sale is slated for Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All manner of books will be on offer. The library is found at 8073 Broadway; 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Life in Elizabethan Times — or some romanticized version, anyway — is on offer when the San Diego Renaissance Faire takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, at the Veteran's Memorial grounds (at the corner of Park Avenue and Morley Field Drive). Organizers promise professional theater, jesters, dancers, musicians, games, contests, and vendors. Admission is \$12 general, \$10 seniors, \$6 for kids under 12, free for those under 5. For information, call 619-589-5412. (BALBOA PARK)

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Portrait of a Burger as a Young Calf: The Story of One Man, Two Cows, and the Feeding of a Nation



Peter Lovenheim

Harmony Books, 2002; 272 pages; \$23

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Four years ago, Peter Lovenheim was standing in a long line at McDonald's to buy a Happy Meal for his little daughter, which would come with a much-desired Teenie Beanie Baby — either a black-and-white cow named "Daisy" or an adorable red bull named "Snort." Finding it rather strange that young children were being offered cuddly

toy cows one minute and eating the grilled remains of real ones the next, Lovenheim suddenly saw clearly the great disconnect between what we eat and our knowledge of where it comes from. Determined to understand the process by which living animals become food, Lovenheim did the only thing he could think of: He bought twin calves, num-

ber 7 and number 8, from the dairy farm where they were born and asked for permission to spend as much time as necessary hanging around and observing everything that happened in the lives of these farm animals.

Portrait of a Burger as a Young Calf is the true story of Peter Lovenheim's hands-on journey into the dairy and beef industries as he follows his calves from conception to possible consumption. In the process, he gets to know the hard-working people who raise our cattle and make milk products, beef, and veal available to consumers like you and me. He supplies us with a fly-on-the-wall view of how these animals are used to put food on America's very abundant tables.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAID:

New York Times: Lovenheim's goal was lofty. Few people are afforded such a view of a meat animal's life and few writers have worked so hard to keep it. A farmer may raise a cow from birth, but as Lovenheim reports, none of those he spoke with accompany their animals to auction, much less to the killing-room floor. "I know I would find it depressing, and I just don't want to see it," Sue Smith, the dairy farmer who sold him his cows, said. Yet this was the author's goal.

Booklist: Journalist Lovenheim wants contemporary Americans to understand where the milk and hamburgers they take for granted come from. Purchasing several calves from a herd of cattle on an upstate New York dairy farm, Lovenheim follows their progress from birth to death. Along the way, he shares his newfound knowledge of the mechanics of artificial insemination, the rites of calving, the economics of cattle husbandry, the operation of the dairy-products industry, and the functioning of the meat-processing industry. By focusing on the people involved at each step of this process, and by neither sentimentalizing nor anthropomorphizing the cattle, Lovenheim offers a graphic portrait of those whose labor and lives feed a nation and a world. Life favors

neither man nor bovine, but how the humans in Lovenheim's tale conduct themselves ennobles them and gives honor to the brief lives of farm animals who are as vulnerable to nature's everyday vicissitudes as they are to the appetites of their human masters.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, Peter Lovenheim told me that he was born in Rochester, New York, in 1953. "I'm 49," he said, in a pleasant midrange voice. "I received a journalism degree, *summa cum laude*, from Boston University. I went to Cornell Law School. After law school, I lived in Washington, D.C., for a number of years, then came back to Rochester and discovered mediation as an alternative career to law practice. Mediation appealed to me, and I wrote several books on mediation for the general public."

I said, "The books [*Becoming a Mediator: An Insider's Guide to Exploring Careers in Mediation and Mediate, Don't Litigate*] seem to have been very successful."

"They were early in the field. When I hit my 40s, I realized I wanted to get back to journalism and wanted to write something that was meaningful and a challenge. While I was trying in 1997 to come up with an idea is when I took one of my daughters to McDonald's, and from the book you know what happened next."

About *Portrait of a Burger as a Young Calf*, Mr. Lovenheim said, "The book has several levels. Its primary level is my effort to follow the life of a single cow in order to see where our food comes from and to meet the people who put food on our tables for us. At another level, it's a very personal journey that I took to find out something that had made me uneasy, really, for my whole life. In midlife I felt the need to confront and perceive what was really there. I talk about this disconnect between what we eat and our knowledge of where it comes from. And I think people like me, who grew up in cities and suburbs, have preconceptions — misconceptions — about both farmers and ani-

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Diego Pacific Islander Festival, planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, at Ski Beach. Representing the 70,000 Southern California residents who trace their roots to the Pacific Islands, the festival showcases foods, artifacts, crafts, singing and chanting, dancing, and storytelling.

Admission is free. Enjoy the festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The beach is located at Ingraham Street and West Vacation Road. For information — including parking and shuttle details — call 619-699-8797. (MISSION BAY)

Empty the E-Waste Pile that's lurking around the edges of your home office during an "E-Waste" disposal event planned on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the City of Poway Materials Handling Yard, 12325 Crosthwaite Circle. What to bring? Computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, etc. Free. For information, call 800-714-1195. (POWAY)

All Hail the Red, White, and Blue, the fourth annual East County Fleet Week Fireworks and Military Appreciation Day is slated for Saturday, September 28, noon to 8:30 p.m., at Gillespie Field Airport (1960 Joe Crosson Drive). Find static and interactive aircraft displays, military fly-bys, model aircraft displays, "Family Fun Boot Camp Experience," a children's festival area, live entertainment, educational displays, and cultural goods and exhibits. The grand finale fireworks salute starts at 8:15 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 619-445-0180. (EL CAJON)

Hands Across the County, the 12th annual International Friendship Festival runs September 28 and 29, at the El Cajon Civic Center (200 East Main Street). Organizers promise ethnic food and crafts, live entertainment, a fine arts exhibit, a pow-wow (starting at noon each day), and activities for children and teens. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, dial 619-441-1753. (EL CAJON)

Journey Back in Time to commemorate the life and explorations of

Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first European to set foot on the West Coast of the U.S., when the 39th Annual Cabrillo Festival takes place on Sunday, September 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Cabrillo National Monument. Expect music, dancing, food, and opportunities to learn about the customs of Spain, Portugal, Mexico, and

the Native Americans. For information, call 619-557-5450 x0. Admission is free. (POINT LOMA)

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, spon-

sored 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)

Polkas, Waltzes, Marches, and Chicken Dances! It's all on the program when the Bluebirds Oom-Pah-Pah Band performs for the eighth annual Encinitas Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 29. There will be vendors' booths, family fun zones, "authentic" German food and drink, dancing by the Gesundheit Dancers,

and more.

Find the fun on the street at El Camino Real and Mountain Vista Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 760-632-1199 for more details. (ENCINITAS)

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imals. If we think about farmers at all, we maybe think of them as being not too bright, unsophisticated, and dirty — dirty under the fingernails — people whom we probably don't want to spend so much time with.

"If we think about the animals that our food comes from at all, I think we either have sort of childish images of happy animals playing in a barnyard, or we go the other way, and we sort of swallow whole the animal rights view of sort of brutalized animals on factory farms, being mistreated by callous farmers.

"I wanted to find what the truth was. I was willing to spend five years doing it. Why? Because I wanted to confront these early images I had of the living animals being made into food, and I wanted to see what the truth was about that other part of our culture that we know so little about anymore. And the wonder for me was — and I didn't know this when I started — all I had to do was drive 30 miles from my suburban home and I was there, right? I was very lucky to find two separate farm families who were willing to open up their lives to me. I found a very substantial dairy farm with 900 cows, run by a husband and his wife, Andrew and Sue Smith.

"After a 20-minute conversation they agreed to let me go anywhere, talk to anyone, see anything, write about anything, day or night, for as many years as I needed. I think their motivation was that they felt very much unappreciated and misunderstood by the very people who they were spending their lives making food for. I think they felt that if they gave me this access, it would be an opportunity to get a more honest picture out there about what dairy farming is all about.

"The Smiths are a fairly affluent third-generation family. Prominent in the community. He went to Cornell; she's trained in physical therapy. The second couple, the Vonglises, Shelly and Peter, also a young couple, who live just four miles down the road from the Smiths, are struggling financially. Neither of them has yet found his or her niche in terms of their work. They had five young children between them. I think their motivation for

letting me be around all the time was probably financial. I was offering to pay them to board my calves and to raise them in the normal way for beef. Peter Vonglise had a full-time job on a dairy farm, but he raised half a dozen beef calves just for his own consumption and to sell to family and friends.

"So the two families — the Smiths and the Vonglises — were very different families. I came to admire greatly both of them, both for how hard they worked, for their honesty, their directness, the trust they placed in me, and just to appreciate how hard that work is and how well they do it."

When Mr. Lovenheim began his visits to the Smiths and the Vonglises, he purchased coveralls and boots that he could wear in barns and milking sheds and slaughterhouses. I said to him that once he slipped on those boots and coveralls, he must have felt somewhat like a stranger in a strange land.

"I did, actually. I would do that every day. I'd leave my house in the suburbs, get in my Acura Legend, drive down to the farm. I'd put on my coveralls and pull my boots out of the trunk and put them on, and in the winter I had a heavy parka and the same gloves that the farmers wear to keep their hands warm. And I did feel different. I felt like I'd entered some other world, that I was a visitor in some other culture. I slowly acquired the language. I learned the difference between a cow and a bull and a bull and an ox and an ox and a steer."

"What is the difference between an ox and a steer?"

"A steer is a castrated bull, and an ox is an adult steer, an older animal. I also learned the difference between a heifer, springing heifer, close-up heifer, fresh heifer. So, you're right, I felt like I was in a foreign culture that I was slowly learning enough of so as to be able to pass, as it were. One of the nicest feelings is when I did pass; when, for instance, I'd be on the dairy farm and a truck would pull up — it was somebody visiting the farm — and this visitor would see me and assume that I worked there. That felt like a real measure of acceptance. There was something extremely comforting about being in a culture where people talk

directly, where there's no nuance of expression. The country roads are all straight, and life appeared to me to be quite straight and direct too. I would come back to my suburban life, and people would call me for social engagements, and you'd have to listen carefully to see what people were meaning by the way they invited you or by how they couched what they said."

I said that the atmosphere of Mr. Lovenheim's book was very much like the atmosphere of certain Chekhov or Gogol stories that were set in more rural areas of Russia. Dark, I said, "and slightly scary."

"There was something extremely comforting about being in a culture where people talk directly, where there's no nuance of expression."

"Hmm," Mr. Lovenheim said, "you're the second person in two days who has told me that she read the book and thought there was a darker side to it."

"There is," I said, "there is."

"In terms of interview technique," Mr. Lovenheim said, "I found fairly early on that I could sit down with Sue Smith or Shelly Vonglise to do an interview, and they would talk and open up, but the men on the farms would not do that. I never got much of anything just sitting down and trying to interview them. After a few months doing this, I discovered if I went out in the fields with the men and rode next to them, in the chopper or the combine, that's when most of the wonderful conversations occurred. I think of one conversation with Sue's husband, Andrew Smith, when we even talked about spirituality and religion. Peter Vonglise also, if I'd get him out on a chopper or a planting machine, we'd ride through the fields and talk; that's when he would open up."

As one reads the early pages of Mr. Lovenheim's book, it

tunes at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, during the lawn program at the International Cottages. Food will be available for sale. Admission is free. Dial 619-234-0739 for details. (BALBOA PARK)

Thursday Night Thing (TNT), this "ongoing program of intriguing events" at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Downtown continues on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m. Jeremy Blake's digital work included in *Winchester* will be shown next to traditional oil paintings, and the artist will be on hand to discuss "the dissolving boundaries between digital and traditional paintings." Surreal sounds will be provided by Aspects of Physics, mixing live instrumentation and experimental electronics. Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard. Admission is free, although a \$3 donation is encouraged. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Look It Up, the sixth annual San Diego Book Arts fall exhibition continues through Wednesday, October 30, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The exhibit features work by 30 book artists, including limited-edition books and one-of-a-kind handmade books; there are hand-drawn, linocut, sculptural, letterpress, photographic, and monotype pieces. Viewing is free. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

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)

The Big Bee, a corporate spelling bee benefiting Social Advocates for Youth, is slated for Thursday, October 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel Hazard Center (7450 Hazard Center Drive). Team entry fees for ten people are \$500; tickets for "bee watchers" are \$20. Call 858-565-4148 x230 for more information. (MISSION VALLEY)

Start Preparing Your Soil Now! Plants, seeds, bulbs, books, advice — it's all on offer when the California Native Plant Society hosts its 2002 fall native plant sale on Saturday, October 12, beginning at 10 a.m. (with many plants sold out by noon). In addition to plant material, the CNPS offers books, posters, note cards, and abundant advice from society members. Find the natives in the courtyard of Casa del Prado, across from the west entrance of the San Diego Natural History Museum. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

"Songs, Rhyme, and Pantomime" are promised when Puppet Express performs through Sunday, September 29, at the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Rumplestiltskin*, presented by Weaver's Tales October 2-6.

Shows begin at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Friday and at 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near the Aerospace Center. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Back to School with Arthur, the Borders Books and Music stores host rock and roll Arthur and Back Street Boys events this weekend. The party gets underway at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 27, at the Borders found at 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive;

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On Saturday, September 28, events begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Borders at 668 Sixth Avenue (619-702-7420); at 11 a.m. at 159 Fletcher Parkway (619-593-5119); and at 2 p.m. at 1072 Camino del Rio North (619-295-2201). (GASLAMP QUARTER, EL CAJON, MISSION VALLEY)

This Chair's Too Large! Enjoy Goldilocks and the Three Bears and make some puppets during the story time on Saturday, September 28, at 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Celebrate The World's Birthday and the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents its "Children's Classics" on Saturday, September 28, at 11 a.m., at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del Mar). The program includes *Snow White* and *the Seven Dwarfs*, poetry, and

songs. 619-268-4494. Admission is \$4 per person. (DEL MAR)

The New Picture Book Andiamo Weasel by local author Rose Marie Grant includes bits of Italian woven into the tale. Meet Grant when she signs and discusses her book on Saturday, September 28, at 2 p.m., at White Rabbit Children's Books (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-3518. (LA JOLLA)

Simple Crafts for Autumn and Winter will be made by kids three and older during the program planned on Saturday, September 28, at 10 a.m., at the shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

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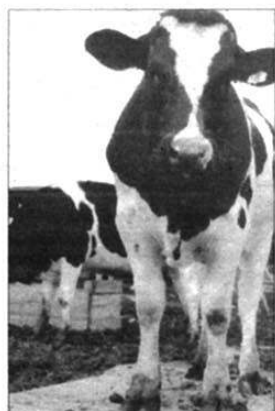
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becomes apparent that the farmers and other agricultural workers whom he's interviewing do not know anyone who's Jewish. Many seem never to have known anyone who's Jewish. I asked how people seemed to feel about Mr. Lovenheim's being Jewish.

"That became an issue," he said, "but not in the bad way. For many of these people, yes, I was the first Jewish person they'd ever met. And this is only 30 miles from Rochester, New York, which is a metropolitan area of a million population."

"And a rather sophisticated area."

"It is, yes. But everyone with whom I met was curious and respectful. No one tried to convert me. But they had a lot of questions about my thoughts and practices, and I think my being Jewish enhanced the experience for all of us. I went to the Christmas parties that they had, and Shelly wanted to come to my daughter's bat mitzvah. They also had to get used to my not working on Saturday, which was okay with them."

At the Smiths' dairy farm, newborn calves seemed to die rather often. I asked Mr. Lovenheim why he thought this was.

"Yes. There would almost always be dead calves there every morning when I'd show up. Why is that? I am not sure. I do know there's a very high percentage of twin births. From articles I've read in the farm journals that speculate on why this is, I've never found a definitive answer. It may be the artificial insemination, it may be the super breeding of the cows that's been going

on now for generations of cows. It may have something to do with the heightened nutrition or antibiotics. I don't think anybody really has a handle on why that is. I think it just may be that twin births lead to more difficult births, and therefore more calves die. That's one issue. Of course, the bull calves are really not pampered once they're born. They're all shipped off the farm within a couple days. So that I don't know what percentage of the dead calves are males who are just not given a lot of treatment right after they're born. They are taken from the mothers as soon as they're born. When I first began visiting the Smiths' dairy barns, bull calves were kept in this unheated, cement-floor barn and not given any medications after they were taken from their mother, so I think they were just getting a high percentage of death there. But I simply can't answer your question about that."

Speaking of the numbers of dead calves he saw led Mr. Lovenheim to say, "I have to tell you, I was a little scared undertaking this project because I didn't know what I was going to see and how I would react to it. I tried in the book not to react until I had enough experience there. This was another issue in terms of technique I could mention. I felt like I had to be there enough — showing up, over and over again — for many reasons. One reason was just to get the story, but another reason was in order to be able to tell the difference between what was normal and what was extraordinary, because without any farm background it would have been very easy for me to observe and then write about things that appeared to be cruel, and write about them as if they were the norm, and therefore sensationalize the stories. So, in order to avoid that problem I felt I needed to be there enough to see what was normal. And when I did see things that were extraordinary, like the time a man collapsed from mixing chlorine when he was cleaning the dairy barn, I could write about something like this as an extraordinary event."

"On the other hand, then I would show up some mornings — one morning, for example, I found that a cow had fallen off the milking platform in the night and broken her

pelvis and was dragged out of the milking collar, waiting for the renderer to come. I also knew by that time, that while that particular injury might be unusual, it was the norm that sometimes cows become injured and have to be taken out of the herd. So I could write about that as an incident as more or less a normal occurrence."

"The other reason for showing up so much is that's the only way to become invisible. I'll tell you a story about that. I had a party at my home a few weeks ago to celebrate publication of the book, and I invited all the people from the farm, the principal characters, and they were my really honored guests, to come to my house and meet my friends, and I gave Sue Smith and Shelly Vonglise red corsages."

"I overheard a friend ask Shelly, 'How was it having Peter hang around your house all that time?' Shelly said, 'Well, at first it was very weird; I was very self-conscious about his being there and taking notes every time I said anything.' But then Shelly said, 'But, you know, he just kept showing up, over and over, and after a while, it just seemed normal to have him around, and then I just didn't think about it.'"

"It felt wonderful to hear that because, of course, that was the goal. I think it was best evidenced when Shelly and Peter would actually have domestic arguments, and I'd be standing there taking notes. And it didn't seem to interfere at all."

"I wanted the farmers to be able to speak to the urban reader. At this party I had about 60 friends over, and the Vonglises and Smiths and a few other people there, and as the night went on, they all started speaking to each other. And so many of my friends came up to me afterwards and said, 'That was really fascinating to talk to Peter and Shelly,' and there were connections made."

By book's end, Mr. Lovenheim's calves are full-grown and ready to cease being animals and to start being meat. As to what happens to his calves, Mr. Lovenheim said, "I hope you won't give away the end of the story." I won't.

— Judith Moore

Orchestra of San Dieguito with Kenneth Bell narrating — may be heard at 11 a.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for seniors/military, \$5 for students and children, free for those under five. (ENCINITAS)
The concert will be repeated at

4 p.m. at Trinity Church (845 Chestnut Street, at Ninth Avenue). The requested donation is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. For information, call 760-436-8744. (ESCONDIDO)

Theater Arts Workshops for children four to nine years old are con-

ducted by the San Diego Actors Theatre on the fourth Saturday of every month, including September 28, at L'Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino Del Mar). Workshops run from noon to 1 p.m., and reservations are required. The fee is \$10. Dial 858-268-4494 for registration. (DEL MAR)

A Family Festival is planned on Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Oceanside Civic Center Plaza (330 North Coast Highway). Numerous booths from community groups will provide information for parents and educational and creative activities for children; children who complete five activities may select a


free book. There will be storytelling, interactive bingo, hat making, sand painting, dance, and musical entertainment. Free. 760-435-5591. (OCEANSIDE)

Mojave and Whitewater Trout (around 3200 pounds in all) will be stocked in Lake Cuyamaca for the


annual Fishin' in the Pines kids' fishing derby, slated for Saturday, September 28. Fishing starts at 6 a.m., registration begins at 9 a.m., and all fish must be weighed in by 12:45 p.m. There's a hot dog lunch at 11:30 p.m. Fishing licenses are not required during the derby. The Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park Dis-

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Germes — the bad guys and sometimes the good guys — are everywhere. "Germes n' Chocolate" provide the subject for the Science Saturday for kids in grades one and up planned on September 28, at 11 a.m., at the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4837. (ESCONDIDO)

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 (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)

Moon Festival, the Chinese Historical Museum hosts this festival celebration and workshop for children five to ten years old on Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street); 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Swimming to the Top, Olympic gold- and silver-medalist Jason Lezak and Olympic athlete Gabrielle Rose offer an "ultimate technique swim clinic" for those 8 to 18 years old on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego (533 Lomas Santa Fe Drive). The duo will share tips and mechanics they learned along the way; following each stroke demonstration, the athlete will finish with a timed swim of each stroke at race pace. For information and prices, call 858-793-1648. (SOLANA BEACH)

Wee Naturalists, learn how to share the wonders of the natural world with curious children during the family program planned on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The class includes demonstrations, slide shows and videos, activities, and take-home crafts. Kids are welcome. The fee is

\$24 per nonmember adult/child pair; pay \$12 for each additional person. To reserve a spot, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

How do Pinnipeds Search for Food and play in the ocean and then come up on the beaches to rest and nurse their young? Find out when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts "Pinnipeds: Mammals of the Land and Sea" on Sunday, September 29, at 1 p.m. The fee for the class — for those in grades one through three — is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

Follow the Trail to Quail, head to Quail Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m., for a general tour of the gardens oriented for kids (aged three to six). Meet at the visitors' center located directly north of the parking lot, at 230 Quail Gardens Drive; 760-436-3036. Free. (ENCINITAS)

First Wednesdays, this series continues at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, with a performance of the "Myths of the Aztecs" by the Jim Gamble Puppet Productions on October 2, at 4 p.m. The show includes rod and shadow puppets, performed by two puppeteers.

Tickets are free, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find the center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard (at Valley Parkway); 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Cuckoo Can't Find You" by Lori-anne Siomades will be read during the parent and tot story time planned on Thursday, October 3, at 10 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway; 858-684-3166). Free. The story time is for those 6 months to four years old. (MIRA MESA)

And How! Meet James Howe — author of the beloved *Bunnicula* books including *The Celery Stalks at Midnight* and *The Howliday Inn* — when he visits White Rabbit Children's Books on Thursday, October 3, at 4 p.m. Howe will discuss his work and sign his new books *Howie Monroe and the Doghouse of Doom* and *Horace and Morris Join the Circus (But What About Dolores?)*. Find the Rabbit at 7755 Girard Avenue and by calling 858-454-3518. Free. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts

COW POEMS

The Cow

The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart:
She gives me cream with all her might,
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray,
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day;

And blown by all the winds that pass

And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow
grass
And eats the meadow flowers.

— Robert Louis Stevenson
(1850–1894)
A Child's Garden of Verses



The Cow in Apple Time

Something inspires the only cow of late
To make no more of a wall than an open gate,
And think no more of wall-builders than fools.
Her face is flecked with pomace and she drools
A cider syrup. Having tasted fruit,
She scorns a pasture withering to the root.
She runs from tree to tree where lie and sweeten.
The windfalls spiked with stubble and worm-eaten.

She leaves them bitten when
she has to fly.
She bellows on a knoll against
the sky.
Her udder shrivels and the
milk goes dry.
— Robert Frost (1874–1963)



The Cow

The cow is of the bovine ilk;
One end is moo, the other,
milk
— Ogden Nash (1902–1971)

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

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, is located in the middle of Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. The facility is

home to fish and invertebrates that inhabit the mud flats and marshes of San Diego Bay. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. At other exhibits, visitors can pet sharks and rays, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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

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

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

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

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in

1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300–2500 BC) through the Ming periods (1368–1644 AD) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as proudly worn ornaments in life. Jades were symbols of dignity and rank (as early as the Late Stone Age) and were status symbols closely connected with the conviction that jade brought long life. A new acquisition is now on exhibit: a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 BC to AD 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). The jade suit continued the quest for immortality. Ongoing.

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

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

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

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine His-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The mu-

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seum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, Tyrannosaurus rex — predator or scavenger? Guests use scientific methods to recreate a "crime scene" to determine the meat-eater's guilt or innocence in "T. Rex on Trial." World-renowned paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? Make the call through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Do dogs see in color? Do cats see what we see? Find out in the exhibit "Animal Eyes," on display through Tuesday, December 31. The show explores "Different Kinds of Eyes,"

Roam-O-Rama

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

As September grades into October and the sun swings ever lower across the southern sky, the high-desert landscape around Anza-Borrego's Blair Valley becomes comfortable enough for an early-season visit. It's warm, dry, and desolate out there, and virtually abandoned, but that's part of its appeal. Don't forget to bring along plenty of water, especially at this "early" time of year.

The greater Blair Valley area is one of Anza-Borrego's more popular "primitive" camping areas — those with few or no sanitary facilities but with plenty of open space and an almost infinite number of rocks and bushes. Roads (suitable for all but low-slung cars if driven carefully) and trails radiate out to a number of interesting historic or prehis-

toric points of interest.

One historic example is Foot and Walker Pass, the spot where passengers on the Butterfield Stage (1858-61) had to walk and sometimes help push their coaches over the low, rocky gap between Blair Valley and the next valley north — Earthquake Valley.

The 60-year-old ruins of Yaquitepec, the hideaway of the eccentric and resourceful recluse Marshal South and his family for more than a decade, stand atop Ghost Mountain, easily reached by way of a mile-long hiking trail. The Souths raised three children in a manner that emulated the life of the prehistoric Indians. When not consumed with the business of survival, Marshal South wrote magazine articles detailing the family's experiences on what was then an extremely remote mountain top.

Bedrock *morteros* (Indian grinding holes) can be found at a marked, easy-to-reach site nearby. Note how several of the larger boulders there are pocked with dozens of shallow depressions — called cupules. They were associated with fertility ceremonies and puberty rites.

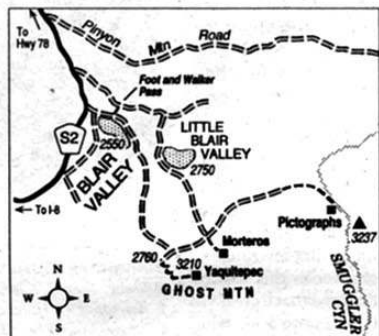
At the pictograph site, reached by



Smuggler Canyon overlook

a well-worn 0.8-mile trail, Kumeyaay Indians left red and yellow painted designs on the face of a large boulder on the wall of Smuggler Canyon. Generations of archaeologists have puzzled over the meaning of these and other pictographs and petroglyphs (etched designs) that appear not only in the Anza-Borrego region but throughout the Southwest. These often-viewed pictographs have apparently been vivified in recent years by some kind of artistic makeover.

From the pictograph site, you may opt to continue hiking southeast down the wide Smuggler Canyon for another 0.4 mile to the top of a dry waterfall. The gap in the canyon there frames a view of Vallecito Valley to the south. Climb the knoll east of there (peak 3237) for a more inclusive view.



"Different Places on Different Faces," "Night Eyes," "Seeing in Color," and "3 Eyes, 5 Eyes, 8 Eyes, More." The exhibition explores what is known about human and animal vision and the ongoing quest to understand what animals actually see.

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and animals tell stories about the region's prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce new fossils that have never been seen by the public," as well as

highlighting the museum's extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "giant-screen films" *Lost Worlds: Life in the Balance* and *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans,

early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Treasures Uncovered: Trade and Exchange at the San Diego Presidio" features artifacts recovered from the Presidio archaeological site, dating to the first European settlement in California (in 1769) when Father Junípero Serra established the Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. "Treasures" in the form of ceramics, religious, and personal goods representing just a fraction of the

more than one-half million excavated to date at the Presidio site are on view. See the show through summer.

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

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is an educational

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

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

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

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

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

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An Anatomy of Dreck

Kraggerud looked like the brooding hero of an Ibsen or Chekhov play.

'Adventures in Chamber Music' was the title given to a weird miscellaneous SummerFest concert. Part of it had to do with the remnants of the "Rising Stars" program that for many years had regularly produced one of the most exciting evenings of the series. In the old days, the young artists had a program all to themselves, playing their hearts out in masterworks of the standard chamber music repertoire, in which they had been coached by the festival's more seasoned musicians. Now, their contributions appear to be distributed throughout a number of the concerts, and their profile as "the young artists" has been blurred. The only work on this program that recalled the previous drill was the Schumann Piano Quartet, Opus 47, where three younger players had pianist Jeffrey Kahane as their older collaborator. (In an earlier concert, Kahane had participated with the always terrific John Kimura Parker in a sensational performance of Rachmaninoff's *Symphonic Dances* in its two-piano version.)

The Schumann was excellently done — and so was what was presumably a young-artist performance of a Trio ("Camera Dances") by the contemporary American composer Scott Wheeler. There was not much substance to the Wheeler piece, alas, which relied throughout on a rather predictable contrast between the jagged, nervous piano part (played like knives and ice by

Gloria Lin) and the lyrical tunes of the violin (Sara Troback) and cello (Jesús Castro-Balbi). Still, it was a respectable composition by a respectable composer (an adjective that seems relevant here because of some compositions later in the program to which it would not apply).

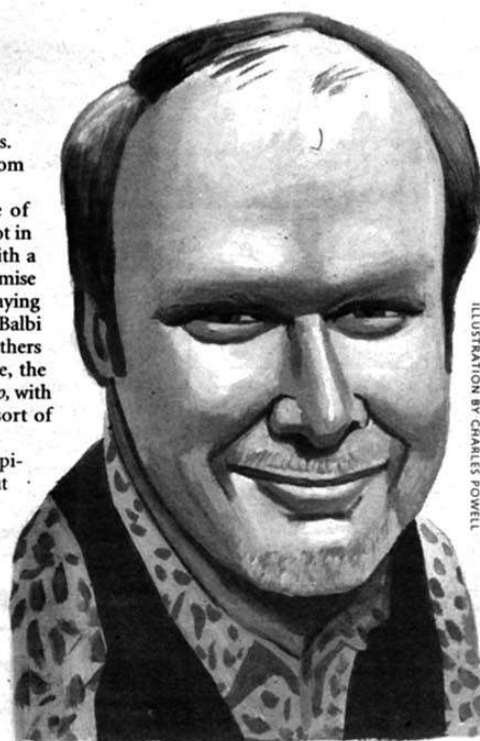
Also thoroughly respectable was the *Passacaglia* by Johann Halvorsen, a work for solo violin and viola consisting of a series of inventive, virtuosic variations on a theme by Handel. The artists in what turned out to be one of the supreme highlights of SummerFest 2002 were Henning Kraggerud and Cynthia Phelps. Phelps, principal violist of the New York Philharmonic and a frequent visitor to San Diego, is a known quantity, and was splendid as always. The real discovery was violinist Kraggerud (who also played viola in several works during the festival). A tall, pale, shaggy-haired young man dressed all in black, he looked like the brooding hero of an Ibsen or Chekhov play, the sort who shoots himself in the last act. With a fiddle in his hand, however, he was transformed into the jet stream, playing with a coruscating brilliance and passionate intensity that blew everyone away. Even Phelps seemed impressed. I immediately bought (from Tower Records) his Naxos recordings: a charming program of "Norwegian Violin Favorites," and a performance of the Grieg Violin Sonatas that makes the most persuasive case I

have heard for their status as masterpieces.

That was the end of respectability. From then on, we moved into a lower world.

The slumming began with a piece of schlock in the manner of P.D.Q. Bach (not in the printed program, but announced with a poker face by violinist Evan Wilson). The premise was this: the several musicians started playing the Pachelbel Canon, but cellist Castro-Balbi objected, and kept trying to throw the others off with misplaced accents. After a while, the music was transformed into Ravel's *Bolero*, with further hijinks. Some people find this sort of thing funny.

There followed a piece for violin and piano (indicated in the program, but without program notes) called *Star Trek Fantasy* by someone (presumably two someones) called "Courage-Arnold." Its connection with *Star Trek* was the use of the theme of the original TV series (the one that goes *yah yah yah, da daddledy da*). This was not schlock but kitsch, which is quite different. A considerable portion of violin encores belong to this category. Franz Waxman's "*Carmen*" *Fantasy*, for example, is kitsch — but very high kitsch, because of the quality of the tunes and the dazzling flamboyance of the writing for the instrument. Lovers of the violin relish this sort of thing, because they know that a great violinist — and Cho-Liang Lin, who played the Courage-Arnold piece at this concert, is certainly that — can make it sound like an absolutely wonderful piece of music. Such is the glory of high kitsch. *Star Trek Fantasy* is, naturally, low kitsch (just think of the artistic difference between *Carmen* and *Star Trek!*), a point emphasized by the fact that



Michael Daugherty

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Lin and pianist Anthony Newman were dressed in the uniforms of the *Enterprise*. Lin as the athletic Captain Kirk, Newman as the dumpy Scotty. But what beautiful playing!

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Finally, the program offered two pieces by the egregious Michael Daugherty, of which I listened to the first. This was *Dead Elvis* — neither schlock nor kitsch, but (like all this composer's work) trash. Schlock can be fun; kitsch can be fun and of great musical sophistication; trash has no redeeming value. *Dead Elvis*

presented poor Ryan Simmons dressed up in an Elvis costume, wig and all, playing the bassoon before a chamber ensemble, which — in a typical example of Daugherty's snide mockery of his betters — had the same makeup as Stravinsky's *L'Histoire du soldat* (performed earlier in the festival). The musical content

of their interventions consisted chiefly of blatant reiterations of the opening phrase of the "Dies irae." The point seemed to be to treat Elvis Presley as a figure of farce, and to make fun of him because he died young.

There are various kinds of trash: recyclable trash, trailer trash, Danielle Steel trash.... *Dead Elvis* was mean trash, Michael Daugherty's signature mode (he is a composer with the moral sensibility of the *National Enquirer*). It was not quite as appalling (in its lack of musical interest, its dramatic crudity, and the vicious nastiness of its attitude toward human beings) as Daugherty's notorious "opera," *Jackie O*, which attempts to drag Jacqueline Kennedy and Maria Callas through the mud of the composer's soul.

His *Sinatra Shag*, which followed, is described by Daugherty as having been inspired by a picture postcard of "Nancy Sinatra, circa 1966, sporting a pair of knee-high white boots sitting on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle." I can offer no personal witness of what this contribution to the art of music was like. I was at home, listening to Schubert — a composer perhaps a bit worthier of the SummerFest musicians and the SummerFest audience. ■

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American Music may be heard when violinist Corrie Cavell and pianist Fontaine Laing perform for the fall concert series at the Oceanside Museum of Art on Sunday, September 29, at 4 p.m. The concert is preceded by a docent tour of the current exhibition (at 3 p.m.). Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way. Tickets are \$13. For details, dial 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

The American Harp Society presents a concert by Annabelle Taubel on Saturday, September 28, with selections by Marcel Grandjany, R.N.C. Bochsa, Michael Mauldin, Louis Spohr, Jesus Guridi, and Manuel de Falla. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. For information, call 858-509-9219. (LA JOLLA)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Complex Rhythmic and Sonic Potential of percussion instruments when Taiwanese-Canadian percussionist Aiyun Huang gives a recital on Sunday, September 29, at 3 p.m., at the Taiwanese American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Huang performs regularly with the UCSD group red fish blue fish. For more information, call 858-560-8884. (LINDA VISTA)

Medieval Court Music may be enjoyed during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 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)

Russian Church Music sung in Slavonic may be heard, as well as a cappella Russian folk songs, when the Pacific Academy of Ecclesiastical Music presents the Russicum vocal ensemble on Wednesday, October 2, at Saint Paul's Cathedral. The repertoire includes older music scores of the Russian monastic tradition, along with works by Russian composers including Borntynsky, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky, and Tchesnokov.

The group hails from St. Petersburg, Russia. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at 2728 Sixth Avenue (at Fifth and Nutmeg). An offering will be received. Call 619-298-7261 for information. (MIDTOWN)

Windy Lunch, the Worldwinds Instrumental Ensemble from SDSU performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, October 3, 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)

Masterworks Series Goes North, the San Diego Symphony commences its "New World Season" at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Thursday, October 3, at 8 p.m. Miguel Harth-Bedoya leads the orchestra and pianist Hélène Grimaud in the "Symphony No. 9 in E Minor (From the New World)" by Dvořák, Corigliano's "Promenade Overture," and the Brahms "Piano Concerto No. 1."

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GALLERIES

"Atmospheres and Icons," featuring the contemporary skyscapes of New York-based photographer Lana Bernberg, opens at the Lumina Gallery with a celebration on Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m. Bernberg's work is on display along with "vintage photographic portraits of influential figures from the history of film, fashion, and music" by a variety of artists.

The exhibition continues through Friday, November 29. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and by appointment. Find the gallery at 2330 30th Street (between Juniper and Kalmia). Call 619-284-5250 for details. (NORTH PARK)

The Featured Artists at the San Diego Art Institute are Claire-Lise Matthey-Anderegg and Renata Spiazzi through Sunday, October 20. The Regional Artists show was juried by Shauna Peck. Work by "Linda Vista Leaders" is displayed in the David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery. Meet all the artists at a reception slated for Friday, September 27, at 6 p.m.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 619-236-0011. Regular admission is \$3. (BALBOA PARK)

Artifacts and Beliefs Associated with Kapali Ritual Items dating back to the 14th Century are on exhibit at the Shi-ho Gallery. The collection — on loan from a private collector — has never before been offered for public viewing. The objects are made from the vestiges of Buddhist and Bon teachers and are considered powerful spiritual objects with great presence, according to ancient Tibetan and Buddhist belief.

The opening reception, with artifact viewing and "sacred dance and sound," is slated for Friday, September 27, at 7 p.m. Open gallery view-

ing ensues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, followed by an evening forum examining the artifacts and teachings at 6 p.m.

Find the gallery at 2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard; 858-259-0787. (DEL MAR)

Celebrating 50 Years of Fiber Arts, the Palomar Handweavers' Guild presents "Our Weaving Journey," opening with a reception on Saturday, September 28, at 5 p.m., at the Escondido Municipal Gallery. The exhibit has two parts: "Current Travels," an exhibit of current work by members juried by Erika Torri; and "Past Adventures," a retrospective of work done during the last 50 years by current and former members.

See the show through Saturday, October 26. Find the gallery at 142 West Grand Avenue. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Dial 760-480-4101 for information. (ESCONDIDO)

A Time to Tour, COVA's 2002 "open studios" events include bus tours to 13 Tijuana artists' studios on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29. Tickets are \$55, including lunch, a stop at the Tijuana Cultural Arts Center, and a wine tasting at L.A. Cetto Winery. For reservations, call 619-234-0928. (BAJA CALIFORNIA)

Get an Intro to "Zedism" during the one-day art show by Yuransky featuring this "style of painting developed in the late 20th Century." The show is set for Saturday, September 28, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Ego ID Factory (3538 Adams Avenue). 619-283-1210. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

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 malleability 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, presenting 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. Los Angeles artist Jeremy Blake's *Winchester* project "exploits the history and architecture of the house" constructed by rifle heiress Sara Winchester. In his piece, Blake embarks upon an abstract, emotional tour of her insanity, executed through a "frame-by-frame digital painting" created from old photographs, ink drawings, and vector graphics. Blake's paintings are said to "provoke debate about the persistence and mutability of painting as a contemporary art form." Join the debate through Wednesday, November 27.

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." 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, models for large-scale public works, 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, Sebastiao 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)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Ethel Greene: Surrealist Painter" is a retrospective of the imaginative paintings by this respected San Diego artist, who died in 1999. Take in the exhibit of 40 paintings through Sunday, October 13, at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, 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 Aboroa, and Daniela Rossell, working in a variety of media. "Axis Mexico" is said to reveal the impact of Mexican art on the evolving global art scene while highlighting Mexico as an axis for the circulation and exchange of art and ideas.

The diversity of print techniques practiced by artists working in San Diego over the past 100 years is revealed in "A Good Impression: A Century of Printmaking in San Diego." The show boasts approximately 60 prints, 30 of which are rarely seen works from the museum's collection; artists represented include Harry Sternberg, Italo Scanga, and Françoise Gilot. The show concludes on Sunday, October 27.

At once erotic and ascetic, both supreme god and intoxicated recluse, the figure of Shiva is one of the most compelling and contrary in Indian mythology. Images of Shiva and his family exploring Shiva's many forms and manifestations are included in "Shiva: Destroyer of Time," concluding on Sunday, January 12, 2003. The images are from the museum's Edward Binney III collection of South Asian paintings.

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Fun Mania

Imagine Robin Williams, on speed, playing six characters for two hours, doing scene changes, all the while screaming at the audience.

I must confess a built-in bias against the San Diego Rep's revival of *Working*. The show, a Rep megahit in the early '80s, is slick, professional, and often well done. It just isn't the original, which, to those who loved it at the Sixth Avenue Playhouse and later at the old Lyceum, has become so ingrained in memory it's part of our genetic code.

It wasn't just the show, based on Studs Terkel's tome of monologues about American workers. It was the qualitative leap the Rep made doing it. Here was all-local talent, directed by a local (Sam Woodhouse), taking a Broadway fizzle and filling it with life, feeling, and first-class flair. *Working* was a homegrown phenomenon. More than any production before or since — and you can include the almost one per year we've sent to Broadway in the past 15 years — *Working* was San Diego's show.

There's also what you could call the Burton/Harris Effect. Anyone who saw Richard Burton in the original *Camelot* — or, more likely, heard him sing the cast album — must have been appalled by Richard Harris's interpretation in the movie. From the first line — "I know what my people are thinking tonight...as home through the shadows they wander" — Harris got it wrong! "This isn't King Arthur," people shouted, "impostor!"

Comparisons are odious but inevitable. Time can't erase Algene Adams's voice in the original, or the pride of Julie Anne Simeone's waitress ("Just a waitress? Don't you deserve to be served by me?"), or the way Biff Wiff and Matthew Cubitto tore into "Brother Trucker," as if fresh from a pit stop — and heaven knows what stimulants — and raring for the road. Thus the Burton/Harris Effect. In the current version, Keith Jefferson and Christian Whelan sing "Brother Trucker" with better-trained voices. But they perform the song. You had the feeling Wiff and Cubitto came straight off an interstate and someone told them to "sing."

The original felt much more blue collar. The cast had to work, to stretch their talents, to make

Working play. The current group, hand-picked for some of the most coveted roles in local history — everyone in town burned to do this show — comes from the other side. These are proven professionals. They know how to deliver,

especially how to sell a moment or a song. For them the show's a gig. For the originals it was a joy.

Splashy production numbers abound in the new, updated version. But show biz dominates. Many characters get played for comic shtick, not sweat of toil, and their humanity disappears. As a result, the toned-down monologues and songs — like Shana Wride's eloquent "Just a Housewife," Melinda Gilb's behind-the-times schoolteacher, and Fernando Flores Vega's "Un Mejor Dia Vendra" — affect the most.

The case for the other side: the current *Working*'s a yardstick for how much the Rep has grown. Compared to the Lyceum Theatre, the old Sixth Avenue Playhouse was a dimly lit, drafty cave. The Rep's technical elements were unthinkable in 1981. The style and cut of Mary Larson's excellent costumes might have terrified the original cast, accustomed to coping with, let us say, imperfections. If you don't count a tinny sound system, which detracts heavily, Robin Sanford Roberts's scenic design, revolving walls and sliding panels, and Trevor Norton's spectacular light shows dazzle with expertise. The Rep has come a long way. But amid the polish and pizzazz of the new *Working*, let's hope it doesn't forget its humble roots.

When I was young, at a picnic, I heard a woman scream at her children, "Now we came here to have fun, so let's have fun!" Even in my tender years, I caught the irony.

The Globe's *Beyond Therapy* brought that memory back. Christopher Durang's comedy can be a picnic. But the Globe either doesn't think so or doesn't trust the script enough. Under Brendon Fox's frantic direction, the production browbeats spectators with hyper-energy, jackhammer deliveries, and doublewide performances. Imagine Robin Williams, on



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Beyond Therapy, by Christopher Durang

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Brendon Fox; cast: Anna Cody, Alma Cuervo, Adam Edwards, Matthew Montelongo, Javen Tanner, Paul Michael Valley; scenic design, Anna Louizos; costumes, Holly Poe Durbin; lighting, Chris Rynne; sound, Lindsay Jones

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speed, playing six characters for two hours, doing scene changes as disco-mania, and all the while screaming at the audience, "WE CAME HERE TO HAVE FUN!"

Trouble is: the comedy's already built in. Borrowing from Joe Orton's *What the Butler Saw*, in which the inmates are the least of an asylum's worries, Durang assaults the Age of Therapy — late '70s, early '80s — where one never acted without first examining the choice for significance, danger, motive, and utilitarian advantage.


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Plus, the therapists are plumb crazy. Prudence's, named Stuart, uses his job to meet, and bed, women, Prudence included. Bruce's therapist, named Charlotte, can't choose the right word — she slides down winding, metonymic spillways — and consults, for her own therapy, a Snoopy doll. In effect, Durang's created a Great Chain of Well-Being: only the higher up the

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chain, the less sane the beings, which makes Snoopy the sanest of the lot.

I must report that, the night I caught it, the audience enjoyed *Beyond Therapy*. And the play is funny. Alma Cuervo's a delight as brain-blasted Charlotte (imagine confessing your deepest troubles to her), as is Adam Edwards — a local star deserving the big spotlight — as Bruce's lover, Bob. And the portable set, minimalist chic, appeals. But the hard-sell approach cartoons the play's themes. And, all too often, the production's so overstaged that Durang's jokes play second fiddle to the show's.

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Jeff Smith. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability. Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS



Matthew Montelongo, Alma Cuervo in *Beyond Therapy*

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The Barber of Seville

San Diego Comic Opera presents an English version of Rossini's "commedia" in two acts, based on Beaumarchais's *Le Barbier de Seville*. SAN DIEGO COMIC OPERA, CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, BALBOA PARK, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; FRIDAY (AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show.

Beehive celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't

the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Betty's Summer Vacation

SDSU's department of theater stages Christopher Durang's comedy about a summer jaunt that becomes a "darker journey." Peter Larham directed.

EXPERIMENTAL THEATRE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, THROUGH OCTOBER 6;

WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Beyond Therapy

Reviewed this issue. 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.

Catskills Conspiracy

Mystery Cafe's interactive dinner theater show takes place at Camp Skills in 1962, where some of New York's finest gather, and die. MYSTERY CAFE, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Death Rides the Stage

HIT Productions new interactive comedy-mystery, written by Beth and Scott McNellen, is set in Texas: "You survived a stampede, Lucy Tyler is looking for your underwear...and there's a dead body in the next room."

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; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Franklin's Window

Community Actors Theatre stages two one-acts, a comedy and a drama, by Earl Hamilton Jr. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 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.

Imaginary Friends

The Globe Theatres stage the world premiere of Nora Ephron and Marvin Hamlisch's "play with music" about bitter enemies Lillian Hellman and Mary McCarthy. Jack O'Brien directed. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Irish Dance Cabaret

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Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATRE, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

The Killing of Sister George

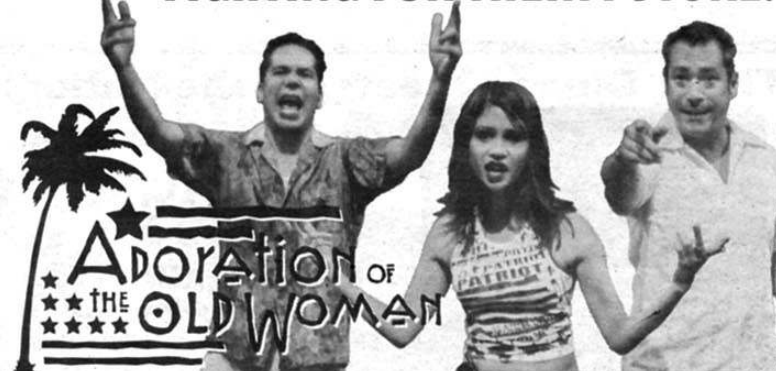
A riding — as opposed to flying — nun, Sister George is a district nurse who tours conservative Applehurst on a moped, singing hymns and healing the infirm. Not in "real" life. On BBC radio, where to myriad listeners she's more real than reality. But if people found out that June Buckridge, who plays 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*, Diverisary Theatre has restaged the play shorn of pre-Stonewall attitudes. Director Tim Irving treats



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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.

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.

The Miracle Worker

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages William Gibson's story about the education of Helen Keller, based on her book, *The Story of My Life*. Carolyn Keith directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Murder on the Happy Trail

Murder Mystery Players, Inc., offer an interactive mystery/dinner theater show about Liza Goodbody. She knows how to make everyone at the Tri-Six Ranch "the perfect targets for blackmail." Fran Palmer directed.

DAVE & BUSTERS, 2931 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, MISSION VALLEY, SATURDAY, 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 AcroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT

7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

Pericles

When Renaissance cartographers included uncharted terrain on their maps, they wrote, "Here be dragons." With Shakespeare's rarely produced *Pericles*, the Globe Theatre 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 hu-

man 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 Mytilene. And the sound design in-

cludes a frequently plucked Aeolian harp that resonates through this excellent production.

Critic's pick.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 6; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

Peter and Wendy

La Jolla Playhouse concludes its season with Mabou Mines's award-winning reconception of J.M. Bar-

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Red Diaper Trilogy

Sledgehammer Theatre hosts Josh Kornbluth's trilogy of monologues — *Red Diaper Baby*, *Mathematics of Change*, and *Ben Franklin: Unplugged* — performed on a rotating schedule.

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Rumors

To celebrate his tenth wedding anniversary, a man throws a party then shoots himself — or did he. Scripps Ranch stages Neil Simon's comedy.

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience 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 offers 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.

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The Barber of Seville

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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Thin Skins and Hayseeds

The Bonitafest Melodrama celebrates its 25th anniversary with Max Branscomb and Loren Tarantino's musical comedy, set in the Sweetwater Valley, 1915-1916, and based "loosely" on *Romeo and Juliet*.

BOLLES THEATRE, BONITA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-482-8872.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep.

Straight from Forever Plaid.

There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the 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 Hoohey 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 ticks

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on a second version 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.

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Worth a try.

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Wanted Dead was the barbecue band for this year's Warped tour. A different band has held that honor for the past eight years

rabbits in this line." Oceanside's Wanted Dead played all the Warped dates except for four in Canada. "We didn't go to Canada because [guitarist] Ian [McConnell] and I have [criminal] records. They make you pay, like, an extra \$300 if you have a DUI to cross the border. It goes back

"We'd also make an extra \$100 to \$200 a day selling T-shirts and CDs.... At the beginning of the tour our motor home breaks down. We sold it for \$100 to a tweaker in Arizona. We rented a U-Haul. Four of us rode in the back. This was at the peak of summer. It was, like, 110 degrees. We were hugging bags of ice. So we thought it would be better if we cracked the door open. We wake up at the [California] border checkpoint. They open the door and all this exhaust pours out. We were passed out. Ten minutes later the [U.S.] border pulls us over with their guns drawn. They

illegal for riding back there. They let us go."

Wanted Dead appears September 27 at the Strand with Dirty Angels and Snapt. Admission is \$4.

— Ken Leighton

"We lost our shorts."

That's Coach House general manager Mike Rouse talking about his company's first attempt to enter the local concert business with a concert featuring America, Al Stewart, and Ambrosia in Oceanside's beach amphitheater near the pier.

Coach House Entertainment has been presenting major-name artists at the 480-seat Coach House nightclub in San Juan Capistrano for 22 years and for 9 years at the 650-seat Galaxy Theater in Anaheim.

"It was a bomb," said one attendee about the September 6 concert who estimated that only about 500-600 attended. The talent lineup was estimated to cost at least \$20,000. While Rouse would not give out details, an insider estimated the Coach House lost at least \$10,000.

"Why book it on the first day of Street Scene?" I ask Rouse.

"That was the day our

talent buyer came up with. Apparently that was the only day available for that package. It didn't help that it rained that day either."

He said the Coach House has made arrangements with the City of Oceanside to bring five or six concerts to the outdoor venue next year. He said the city did not charge him rental fees for this show because it was not profitable.

"We'll start booking in January for next

summer." This is the second time the Coach House has tried to enter the local music business. In the mid-'90s, the company opened the Coach House South in a shopping mall near Qualcomm Stadium. Rouse said the Coach House has no plans on opening a new nightclub here.

— Ken Leighton

Blender magazine listed the "25 most dastardly villains in rock" this month in order to expose

"music's most reprehensible liars, cheaters, scammers, and shysters."

The collection of "rock's rottenest apples ever" includes "boy band baron" Lou Pearlman (#14), "supreme bitch" Diana Ross (#13), "ruthless" Elvis



IKE #2 BAD GUY

manager Colonel Tom Parker (#11), "hip-hop hoodlum" Suge Knight (#8), and Marvin Gaye's murderer/father (#4). Just behind list topper Mark David Chapman (John Lennon's assassin) was the San Marcos-based "husband from hell," Ike Turner, at #2.

"How can Ike Turner be number two over all those others who killed people when he hasn't killed anybody?" wondered Ike's 13th wife, local singer

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of the tour.

"You would have to cook for all the other bands after each show. It's an honor.... They would give you up to \$1000 each day to spend on food. We would have to get the food and cook it. We had to cook vegan food every night along with the regular barbecue. Each night at the barbecue we would say, 'Good evening. We're Wanted Dead. We're the barbecue band. Put your money in the tip jar.... Carnivores in this line, the

to when you were a minor. Everyone else [on the tour] could get in but us. We just hung back in Seattle, played at this bar, and did mushrooms."

Skillet said his band was paid \$100 at each Warped tour stop, which apparently covered their live set and their barbecue duties.



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Jeanette Bazzell (formerly Jeanette Turner). The two were married from 1988 to 2000 and moved to San Marcos in 1992. Jeanette filed for divorce last year.

"I outgrew Ike."

She used to tour with Ike as his lead singer.

"I saved Ike's life and took him to a nomination for a Grammy. He didn't have the decency to even thank me on his current album *Here and Now* when it was recorded in our home and in our studio. I slept on floors with him in the early days. When you kill someone and they are gone, that's one thing. But if you kill someone's spirit and they're still alive, that's worse. He killed my spirit."

"At this point she breaks into tears."

"What I don't understand is how he can be one of the

top villains of rock, and then they glorify him by giving him all these shows everywhere."

Jeanette Bazzell and Company appear October 5-13 at the Burbank Hilton for the World Championship of Performing Arts.

— Ken Leighton

"They pulled the barricades down around the building and construction has stopped," said one promoter about the long-unrealized promise to open a local House of Blues nightclub at the vacated Woolworth building bounded by Broadway and Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

"It is my understanding that plans to open a House of Blues club in San Diego are suspended indefinitely. At that location anyway," said the insider.

Jack Gannon, House of Blues public relations director, did not respond to a request for comment.

— Ken Leighton

"92/1 is more cutting edge even though that is 91X's catch phrase," said

Matt Hensley, Carlsbad-based accordion player with Warped Tour headliners Flogging Molly. "92/1 seems less corporate."



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92/1 CUTS LIVE DJS

North County-based 92/1 may be less corporate, but last weekend it became a little more like its Big Radio counterparts: its full-time and part-time DJs were told the station was going to rely more on prerecorded "voice-tracked" air shifts. Except for specialty shows, 92/1 used voice-tracking all last weekend. Program director Mike Halloran is still heard live on afternoons. Morning

DJ Rick Savage was replaced by Rick Rome. Halloran said the long-term status of Savage was "still being worked out" at press time. Regarding nighttime DJ Anya Marina (pictured with Mike Halloran, top, and Randy DeWitt of Anaheim sister station KMXN), Halloran said, "No comment."

The latest Arbitron ratings show 91X has three times the listeners of 92/1 countywide, but the stations are close in the North County-only Arbitron breakouts.

Flogging Molly appears November 9 at 4th & B.

— Ken Leighton

Clairemont guitarist Josh Sibelman has seen a doodle he did of avant-garde jazz saxophonist Steve Lacy turn into a logo for the free jazz pioneer's French-based record label Senators.

Sibelman attended a concert by soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy at the Spruce Street Forum in Hillcrest back in 1998, and during the show he drew pictures of Lacy because "they don't allow cameras during performances."

At the time, Sibelman says some of his fellow audience members were "exasperated by the constant scritch-



ILLUSTRATION BY JOSH SIBELMAN

LACY DOODLE BECOMES LOGO

scritch of my pen, but I couldn't help it. I love drawing to music."

The doodle is now a logo for Lacy's record company and appears on Lacy's newest CD, *Ten of Dukes*. It will also appear on future recordings by the label's other artists.

Representatives of Lacy's label discovered the picture

when Sibelman put the drawing onto a fan website; they asked him for permission to use it.

"I've received e-mails from jazz historians in Argentina, Italy, and France who each wanted to use the drawing for biographies they were writing on Lacy."

Sibelman says he asked for no money but did request that "the record company... send me copies of any CDs that feature the drawing."

— David Moye

"I still wrestle with the Christian category

in rock," said Switchfoot drummer Chad Butler about the classification-obsessed world of pop music. "It's the only section in the record store that is defined by lyrical content. You don't find the Beastie Boys in the Buddhist section or the band Live in the Hare Krishna section, even though those guys wear their religion on their sleeves. We just try to be ourselves and hope people wouldn't pigeonhole us."

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Butler said their first Columbia CD, *The Beautiful Letdown*, is recorded and mixed down and ready for a January release.

"We're definitely Christian, but we're not religious salesmen. We write music for thinking people."

Butler was one of the original three members along with Jon Foreman (singer/songwriter/guitar) and his younger brother Tim (bass). They launched Switchfoot six years ago and added keyboard/guitarist Jerome Fontamillas in 2000.

"We love San Diego. We don't want to leave. We all live in Encinitas."

To date, the band's biggest exposure came by getting six songs on the soundtrack to the film *Walk to Remember* starring Mandy Moore. Jon Foreman's songs also landed on soundtracks to *Dawson's Creek* and *Party of Five*.

Their first Columbia CD will be Switchfoot's fourth overall. Butler said he did not want to disclose the number of albums the band has committed to Columbia.

"It's my day off. I don't want to get into contracts today."

I note that some up-and-coming artists increasingly are avoiding big-label deals.

"A lot of people are afraid of partnering with a big corporation. You just have to find one that respects artistic freedom. We already had the album recorded and then they signed us. They then had some really talented people come in and mix it so it would sound bigger. But we were there the whole time."

I note that the band's stable makeup (three are happily married) would make for a boring segment on VH1's *Behind the Music*.

"We still talk to all our managers.... We're pretty grateful to come from a healthy upbringing. Living by the beach keeps you out of trouble."

Butler said the band hasn't played locally since December due to constant touring.

Switchfoot is signed to the William Morris Agency and is managed by Storefront Entertainment (Mandy Moore, Citizen Cope).

Switchfoot appears at the Scene 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, with Noise Ratchet and Pax 217. All ages.

— Ken Leighton

General manager of the Mint Lance Hubb said, "I don't have anyone here that I don't think is trying to

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heal people" as an explanation for why he wouldn't have back local singer Anya Marina. "I agree that Howard Stern and shock radio and WWF wrestling is obviously successful. WWF is the number-one-rated cable show. What does that tell you about us as a society? The art I want to pursue is not about trying to find weaknesses or to objectify people. I want to be in the business of healing."

Hubb admitted Marina had a "nice turnout," but he also said, "This room is like my living room. I'm trying to create something. I'm trying to build circles of artistry. What she was doing just didn't fit in the room.... I don't do punk or aggro-rock or white supremacy."

I noted to Hubb, "You just compared Anya Marina to white supremacists. Come on."

"That's not what I'm saying. I have to give my patrons some sort of idea what they can expect. In L.A., clubs will just throw together all kinds of bands. It's all about making a buck. I want people to say, 'Let's go to the Mint' because they know what they can expect."

Anya Marina appears Saturday at 9 p.m. at Java Joe's in Ocean Beach with White Buffalo and Tristan Prettyman. Admission is \$6.

— Ken Leighton

Former Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh spent Wednesday, August 7,

jamming with local blues band Blue Label at Fat Katz in Encinitas. He walked in with a guitar and amp in hand, and they did half a dozen songs together, ending with his hit "Rocky Mountain Way."

Joe Zito, the bass player for Blue Label, said, "I've been playing music for years and years, and you always hear about people that are supposedly going to show up and jam. My singer mentioned he might show up, but I was surprised to see him."

Fat Katz owner Art Haffling said, "Walsh was in here for a late lunch, and he had mentioned that he might come back that night and play. When he did, the place

was packed. People were standing on the tables and bar watching." Walsh lives in Encinitas.

One patron at the show said, "When I lived in L.A. I always saw famous people sitting in with local bands. Once Gregg Allman. Another time Johnny Depp at the Viper Room. But this was the first time down here I've seen that."

Fat Katz hosts a blues jam every Wednesday night. Any band or performer can get up and play.

— Josh Board

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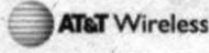
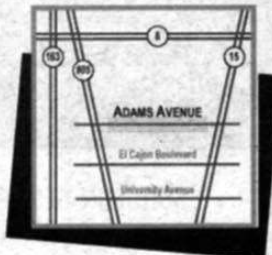
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'Bye Thong

"I guess my favorite would be 'My Own Summer.' I can't remember any of the words right now."

Chris De Meyer, 15, is a sophomore at St. Augustine High School. In a shameless act of self-promotion, he says the one song he will remember from his high school days is his own. "I'll think of 'Goonies Never Say Die' by All Pride Aside [his band].... 'I'm chillin' in my east side crib / breakin' mom's statue / I'm rollin' on a stolen tricycle / Searchin' for Willie's pot of gold / Searching rip-ping flooring exploring / adventure to the mother-efin' sky / Goonies never say die.' It's about the classic '80s movie. It's performed by All Pride Aside, and I'm the lead vocalist."

When I ask Robert Masterson, 17, a senior at University of San Diego High School, what songs 30 years from now will remind him of high school days, he says, "I don't know. Lots of songs! There's actually a lot of techno music here at our school. Kenny G is pretty big these days. But songs? I don't listen to N'Sync or the Backstreet Boys. I listen to some punk. I don't even listen to the radio much anymore. I guess I'll remember those stupid songs by POD. They're always on the radio, but I don't really like them. They're from around San Diego. I hear that 'We are the youth of the nation' song a lot. It goes, 'We are, we are, the youth of the nation.' That's the chorus. It's definitely a song I'll remember, but I'll wish that I didn't! Too repetitive."

Peter Blackhall, 17, is a junior at Point Loma

High School. "I'll probably remember a lot of reggae and a lot of punk. Probably 'Our Generation' by POD. That song came out after September 11. It's kind of punk and hip-hop. I don't really remember any of the words. In the

song it says, like, teenagers are the youth of the nation, and we hold the future and stuff like that. They're a Christian band. POD stands for Payment on Death [Payable on Death], I think. It's just a common song that's on the radio right now."

Brian Kruming, 16, is a junior at Francis Parker High School. "I'll pretty much remember anything by the Deftones. Any of their songs probably. I guess my favorite would be 'My Own Summer.' I can't remember any of the words right now — I'd have to hear the song. I heard it during the summer between ninth- and tenth-grade years. It just brings back good times about summer, I guess."

Alexis Castro, 16, is a sophomore at University of San Diego High School. She is stuffing equipment into the back of a Toyota 4Runner with her lacrosse teammates. "I like 'Rave On,' which is a song by Bad. I like the song because high school is basically about sex and... I don't know!" She laughs nervously as her friends warn her to be careful about what she says. "Because everybody's just..." she pauses. "It's just about, like, people. I like the beat to the song. I don't



Chris De Meyer



Robert Masterson



Peter Blackhall



Brian Kruming



Alexis Castro



Brandon Arias



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Geneva Trunzo



Emily Nowland



Victoria McGrath



Daniel Collins



Nick Jackson

know any of the words. I listen mostly to hip-hop and rap."

Brandon Arias, 17, is a junior at University of San Diego High School. "I listen to a lot of Bob Marley. I can't really think of one song. I listen to reggae and rap and rock. I like all types of music, and I can't really think of any songs that I like

more than others."

Amanda James, 17, is a junior at University of San Diego High School. "I'll think of 'The Thong Song' by Cisco. I think that's rap. I have it on CD. The lyrics?" She starts to sing, "Thong, thong, thong, thong..." That's pretty much it! I've heard it so much and it's funny. At parties,

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that's the song that is always
played. Everyone dances and
it's just exciting."

Geneva Trunzo, 17, is a junior at University of San Diego High School. "I'll probably remember 'Bye Bye Bye' by N'Sync. We sing it a lot of times, like driving to school. It goes, 'Bye, bye bye...' I don't know. I'd have to have the music with it to remember the words. I'm kind of a big fan of N'Sync. I have all of their CDs."

Emily Nowland, 17, is a junior at University of San Diego High School. She says that the song she will remember from high school will be Jennifer Lopez's "Ain't That Funny," the remix with Ja Rule. It's kind of more pop-dance-rap. It's about love and how it's funny how love is not there when you want it, but when you don't want it, it's there."

Victoria McGrath, 17, is a senior at University of San Diego High School. She says, "I will think of Nelly's songs. He's a rapper. 'E.I.' is a song of his. I have no idea what it stands for. It's just really kind of, you know, rap. So it's...I don't know. Then N'Sync and Nelly's 'Will You Be My Girlfriend.' It just talks about how they were meant to be and blah, blah blah. It's a love song. Love songs and dance songs will remind me of high school. A lot of Destiny's Child's songs and 'Play' by Jennifer Lopez. I'll always remember that because we did it for air band."

Daniel Collins, 18, is a senior at University of San Diego High School. "I'll probably remember songs having to do with Cake, my favorite band. Songs like 'The Distance,' 'Jolene,' 'Friend' Is a Four-Letter Word, and songs like that. I know the words to all of them. I probably like 'The Distance' the best. It goes, 'Reluctantly crouched at the starting line / engines pumping and thumping in time / [The] green light flashes / The flags go up / Turning [Churning] and burning they yearn for the cup / They desperately [defiantly] maneuver and muscle for rank / Fuel running [burning] fast on an empty tank. I don't know if it's meaningful — I just like the way it sounds."

Nick Jackson, 16, is a junior at Francis Parker High School. Like some of the other high school students, Jackson's musical associations with his school are less song-oriented and more psychological. He says, "Songs? I don't know any particular songs.... There is one song, 'God Hates Us All' by Slayer. I have the CD. It goes, 'In the cardboard wasteland / Asphalt prison no one hears you....' Uh, that's all I can really remember. They're still together, but I don't follow them or anything. It's kind of a turbulent song, the same as your high school years."

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Two of 17-year-old Jason Edmison's favorite movies star Brad Pitt. Edmison makes it clear, though, "I don't have an obsession over him; it's just that the movies that I like he did. He is a good actor and I liked him because he does all that he can to show the character's personality and characteristics."

Preferred theater "I usually like theaters that are comfortable, like, the seating, so I usually go to AMC 'cause I have the student card, you know, 'cause it's easy to use."

Snacks "I hardly ever buy food from [theaters] 'cause prices there are pretty expensive. If anything, I would go to some other store, like Target, if it's at Grossmont.... I drink a lot of soda [at home] and...sometimes beer, but it's just, it's just a sit-down thing. And snacks, probably chips."

Video collection "I guess you could say ten real movies, real high-quality movies.... I don't have a VCR in my bedroom."

Fave movie #1: Times seen? Life lessons? *Snatch*; more than ten times; "There was a lot of business involved, and so I guess treat everybody the same and don't try to change the rules."

Fave movie #2: Times seen? Life lessons? *Fight Club*; "probably" more than ten times; "Just be yourself and let things happen and don't push them along."

Fave movie #3: Times seen? Life lessons? *Rocky*; "probably four or ten times"; "Not to take what people say about you personally...you can't let anybody bother you."

PG "My mom doesn't really mind what I watch unless it's in the house. Obviously I wouldn't watch movies that have a lot of cussing or a lot of nudity or whatever in the house...that would be more at a friend's house or in the theater, but she doesn't really mind...she would ask me what I watch and say, 'Oh, that's nice,' or whatever — it's just a film."

Movies your child won't be allowed to watch? "I guess films like *Scary Movie* — that was a really crude film, and it was just...I mean, I do have morals, and just because I don't go to church I still have morals and think that's wrong. And another film would probably be *American Pie*, *American Pie 2*...just too crude. Like, I've gone with friends that are girls and I just felt, like, really uncomfortable."

A movie's worst influence on teen viewers? "I guess you could say violent scenes, actually, 'cause sex scenes are a way of life, and you know they are obviously gonna find out one way or the other. I mean, I wouldn't let a 5-year-old watch whatever — a movie with explicit nudity or things like

that. Nor would I let them watch a violent movie or with explicit language, 'cause, you know, that's just wrong. But if it's a 15-year-old student that is aware of their actions and shows responsibility, then it should be allowed."

Do you like horror and/or violent films? "I like horror films sometimes, but not that much. They are not that thrilling too me, but there are some movies like...um, old movies like *Vertigo*, that's a little more scary than new movies like *Scream* or whatever, and a good horror film is...*Psycho*, like, even though they didn't show violence or death, they showed it through actions; they didn't have to show, like, somebody getting stabbed."

Do violent films inspire real-life violence? "It all depends on the person and maturity. Yeah, I think it would provoke it with little kids, 'cause when they are little they don't really know what they're doing as much as adults do. They are conscious, but they are not as conscious and mature as older adults, and I've never really seen an adult watching a movie and going out and trying to kill somebody...I mean, that's just retarded; if that happens, that means they have mental problems."

Grossest scene ever? *Sleepy Hollow*, where the headless horseman goes around chopping off people's heads and they show everything."



Jason Edmison

Patricia Davis, 17, watches a lot of movies — at theaters, on video, and with her parents. What do they watch together? "Anything," she says.

Preferred theater "Usually Grossmont, because it's near where I live."

Snacks "I never buy food [at theaters]. I always bring my own food, like candy.... I usually have a bottle of water or soda [at home]."

Video collection "At least 200 videos, and I have a VCR in my bedroom."

Fave movie #1: Times seen? Life lessons? *Ocean's Eleven*; four times; "Scamming is bad."

Fave movie #2: Times seen? Life lessons? *Pearl Harbor*; three times; "War is bad."

Fave movie #3: Times seen? Life lessons? *Spider-Man*; one time; "None."

PG "[My parents] are very open-minded.... They let me make my own decisions."

Movies your child won't be allowed to watch? "I'll let my kids be open-minded. Whatever they want they can watch."

A movie's worst influence on teen viewers? "Scenes of violence. 'Cause I don't think sex is more influential than violence. Violence kills people and in sex people meet."

Do you like horror and/or violent films? "Violent films are OK."

Do violent films inspire real-life violence? "Yes, there are a lot of weird people out there, and if they



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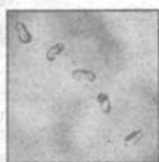
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see something they will do it. It's just human nature." Grosset scene ever? "I don't know, I always cover up my eyes."

Greg Theilmann, 18, sees a movie each week, but it's not actors that draw him to the theater. "I would never want to be an actor. I thought of being a director. It would be really cool." Theilmann's made two films: "One was about a bunch of random stuff, like, drugs and a drug handoff. And another one was about a guy who sells his soul to the devil."

Preferred theater "Probably the one that my friend works in or just whatever movie is showing...if it's good quality."

Snacks "I don't actually buy food at the movies... [At home] I drink Coke a lot... I eat licorice."

Video collection "I have a DVD player, and I own about 30 DVDs."

Fave movie #1: Times seen? Life lessons? *A Clockwork Orange*; 5 or 6 times; "It taught the dangers of technology taking over society."

Fave movie #2: Times seen? Life lessons? *Blue Velvet*; 3 or 4 times; "I didn't get any lessons from it."

Fave movie #3: Times seen? Life lessons? *Clerks*; "I can't even count how many times"; "It's more just to be funny and to make you laugh."

PG "Now [my parents] are fine with what I watch."

Movies your child won't be allowed to watch? "Movies that are, like, pointless or trying to make a statement about violence or glorifying it. Just like the regular Arnold [Schwarzenegger] movies or shooting action movies or just like any movie that promotes killing."

A movie's worst influence on teen viewers? "I'd say scenes of violence, 'cause sex scenes are pretty much just...it's a natural thing, and violence is not natural."

Do you like horror and/or violent films? "I actually do like violent films, but I like horror films...films like *Pulp Fiction*."

Do violent films inspire real-life violence? "I really don't think that watching a movie can make you violent, I just think if you endorse violence in movies...that a kid might think that it's a way to solve problems. But I don't think that movies can cause people to kill."

Grosset scene ever? "I saw a scene in a movie called *Requiem for a Dream*, and this guy...he shoots, ah...he has a huge scab on his arm from shooting heroin constantly and it shows the needle going into the arm and it's really disgusting."

Like most teens, Mike Untalan, 17, has seen R-rated movies. He admits to seeing an X-rated film once "at a friend's house and they were, like, joking around so they popped it in and it was funny..."

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till their parents came in." How does Untalan reconcile the off-color material found in movies with his churchgoing? "I have my own moral standards, and even though I do attend a church...basically it's about the effectiveness level, where you feel that if it affects you as a person..."

Preferred theater "I usually go to Grossmont or Rancho San Diego or downtown, in the Gaslamp area."

Snacks "It's so expensive [at theaters]...only drinks if I am really thirsty.... [At home] I like iced tea, and I don't really eat anything 'cause I like to concentrate on the movie."

Video collection "I have a VCR and I have, like, 50 movies." **Fave movie #1: Times seen?** Life lessons? *Forrest Gump*; "I don't remember.... It taught me that, you know, we may be stupid, but we know what love is."

Fave movie #2: Times seen? Life lessons? *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*; four times; "It taught me that, you know, even though a lot of stuff may be put on us in life...perseverance always pays off."

Fave movie #3: Times seen? Life lessons? *The Other Sister*; two times; "A lot of times we can look at those types of [mentally handicapped] people and say, 'Oh, I feel bad for them, they don't have a life.' But they actually, sometimes...they are people just like us."

PG "Not unless I go to see an X-rated video.... They'll be, like, 'What are you doing?' But I don't watch those." **Movies your child won't be allowed to watch?** "Eyes Wide Shut," 'cause, like, that's basically like a movie with nothing but sex in it."

A movie's worst influence on teen viewers? "I'd have to say, like, sex scenes, 'cause they really, like...desensitizes it in the scene 'cause if you see it a lot, you think that everyone does it."

Do you like horror and/or violent films? "[The last] violent film I saw was *The Patriot*, and that was pretty violent with all the shooting and the war, but it's nice to see that. And horror...was *The Exorcist* — that scared me, but we all like to be scared."

Do violent films inspire real-life violence? "Again, it desensitizes, but it doesn't really provoke more [violence], not at least in the murdering aspect or anything like that... maybe if someone got into a fight really bad."

Grossest scene ever? "[In] *Braveheart*, and they didn't show it, but they showed the actions, and at the end when the guy was [getting] cut up — I guess he [got] pulled with a hook and you could see his body...it was pretty bad. And some guy got his head chopped off."

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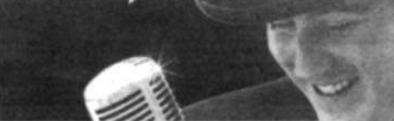
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This latest disc, *Tango Brasileiro*, is a dandy. The three cellists providing the tunes call themselves, reasonably enough, the Cello Trio. The Trio consists of a German living in Brazil and two Brazilians living in Germany; thus, it is fair to regard them as a German-Brazilian outfit, one of among not many, unless we start thinking of mining consortiums, that sort of thing.

One doesn't ordinarily associate the cello with Brazil, but it was an important instrument in Brazil's *chôre* tradition, which will be much less familiar to most in comparison with, say, the samba tradition. *Chôre* is a quieter music than the samba. It is a music for the salon, its origins in European chamber music forms and Portuguese *fado*. The *chôre* means, literally, crying or sobbing. Its rhythms, and everything else about it, are a hybrid, a mix of European dance forms, like the polka and waltz, along with Afro-Brazilian syn-copation, which provides a subdued, jazzy flavor, somewhere between ragtime and Dixieland. The customary instrumentation is flute, a guitar, a *cavaquinho* (miniature guitar), clarinet, and cello. Heitor Villa-Lobos, Brazil's greatest composer, whose "Bachianas Brasileiras, No. 2" is performed here by the Cello Trio, grew up playing cello and guitar in *chôre* bands, on street corners, in cafés, and at parties, all over Rio.

I've written about Villa-Lobos before and will

surely do so again; he splashed Brazilian primary colors across the classical music landscape of the last century. But the composer Ernesto Nazareth on this Piranha CD is new to me. Nazareth (1863-1934) was older than Villa-Lobos, and one of his few teachers, insofar as Villa-Lobos had, or acknowledged having, any teachers whatsoever. (On arriving in Paris in 1923, the young Villa-Lobos was asked with whom he was studying. The Brazilian, incredulous, responded: "Studying with? You will all learn from me!")

Nazareth was regarded as the preeminent composer of the Brazilian tango, and his compositions, a mix of the popular and classical, determined the direction and style of most of the

chôre music in his lifetime. Brazilians will tell you that their *chôre* groups were playing what they called a tango before the Argentines ever heard of the term. Perhaps so. An equivalent brew of natives, blacks, and Europeans of different stripes were pouring through both places and probably passed through Brazil first. Both tangos emerged in the second half of the 19th Century and seem to be connected to the *habañera* with its 2/4 time, making use of similar rhythmic ornaments associated with the *habañera*, the "dance of Havana," that probably evolved from English country dances, a transformation so extreme as to seem incredible.

The Brazilian tango seems very mild by comparison with the Argentine version, more like a genteel variant of the waltz than the sexually violent barroom spectacle we think of as tango. It's the sort of music one might have heard played in the lobby of an upscale movie theater in Rio in the 1920s, which is exactly where Nazareth made his living for years, at a theater

called the Odeon, also the title of his most famous composition. Later he would work at a music shop, where in lieu of radio or phonograph he would be obliged to play the sheet music for customers. It's fair to say that an American equivalent to Nazareth would be George Gershwin, the more important musical figure, but one who also drew on popular "folk" and classical elements in his work.

These cello performances of Nazareth's, and these piano performances of Nazareth and Gnattali, another splendid Brazilian (1906-88) who straddles the popular and classical, are above all else charming. That is their ambition, and they succeed wonderfully. This is musical charm at an advanced level, and I don't use the term disparagingly. These are refined musical entertainments, not for the barroom or pool hall. In fact, they would serve perfectly well at a large dinner or cocktail party or as part of a restaurant's soundtrack, and by restaurant I mean cloth napkins and tablecloths and a decent interval between courses. Having said that, I can't see why they wouldn't enhance the atmosphere at the local Denny's or Jack In The Box, although the music's delicacies and nuances might be lost or seem out of place.

Incidentally, if you fancy Gnattali, look for his "Sonatina No. 1 for Guitar and Piano" on Carlos Barbosa-Lima's Concord disc, *Ginastera's Sonata*, a desert island pick for guitar enthusiasts.

Villa-Lobos was a good deal more ambitious musically than Nazareth or Gnattali, although with 17 string quartets, 12 symphonies, 15 *chôre*, assorted operas, ballets, choral compositions, and assorted works for chamber and orchestra, solo piano, and guitar, not everything of Villa-Lobos is of equal stature or, sometimes, any good at all. He was an inexhaustible fountain, musically and in temperament. But if you enjoy the Cello Trio's treatment of his "Bacchianas Brasileiras, No. 2," you might want to have a listen to Cello Octet Conjunto Iberoico's version of his "Bacchianas Brasileiras, No. 5" and "No. 1," both originally scored for 8 cello,

"No. 5" including a famous aria ("Gantilena") for soprano, whose melody, you may discover, is familiar to you. It's among the loveliest and most haunting in all of music and has been interpreted by popular American performers like Joan Baez and Branford Marsalis.



Heitor Villa-Lobos

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For my money, the best Villa-Lobos out there will always be his works for solo guitar, principally his *Preludes* and *Études*. They stand atop 20th-century guitar literature, and their glory is in large part responsible for the rich guitar literature of the century that followed. In these guitar pieces Villa-Lobos manages to distill his lifelong musical enterprise of breeding the Brazilian native folk tradition with the Baroque structures of Bach to create a unique, vigorous hybrid.

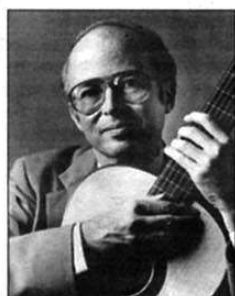
When Villa-Lobos was a child his father fashioned a cello for him out of a viola. When, at age 12, Villa-Lobos lost his father, and his mother forbade him to play piano, the youngster borrowed a guitar from a friend and taught himself to play. And thus, my friend, is how an oak from an acorn grows. ■

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Enrique Iglesias and Soluna: San Diego Sports Arena, Wednesday, October 23, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring Nicholas Payton & the Soul Patrol: Thursday, October 24, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

The Watts Prophets: East County Performing Arts Center, Friday, October 25, 210 East Main Street, El Cajon. 619-440-2277.

Joan Osborne /428/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 25, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Morris Day & the Time /603/ and the Ohio Players /420/: Sycuan Casino, Friday, October 25, 7 p.m., 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-445-6002.

Chris Cutler and Thomas Dimuzio: Spruce Street Forum, Saturday, October 26, 8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's Hill. 619-295-0301.

Keb' Mo' /937/: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, October 29, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Jets to Brazil: Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The String Cheese Incident: RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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Merle Haggard /774/: 4th & B, Sunday, November 3, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Glassjaw, A.N., Open Hand, and the Blood Brothers: The Scene, Sunday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R., Maroon 5, and Matt Nathanson: Canes Bar and Grill, Monday, November 4, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Aerosmith /485/ and Kid Rock /198/: Coors Amphitheatre, Tuesday, November 5, 6:45 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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Flogging Molly [316] and Andrew W.K.: 4th & B, Saturday, November 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Kenny Rogers [785]: California Center for the Arts, Tuesday, November 12, 8 p.m., 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Vanessa Carlton and Ben Lee [425]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, November 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Rolling Stones [506]: San Diego Sports Arena, Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

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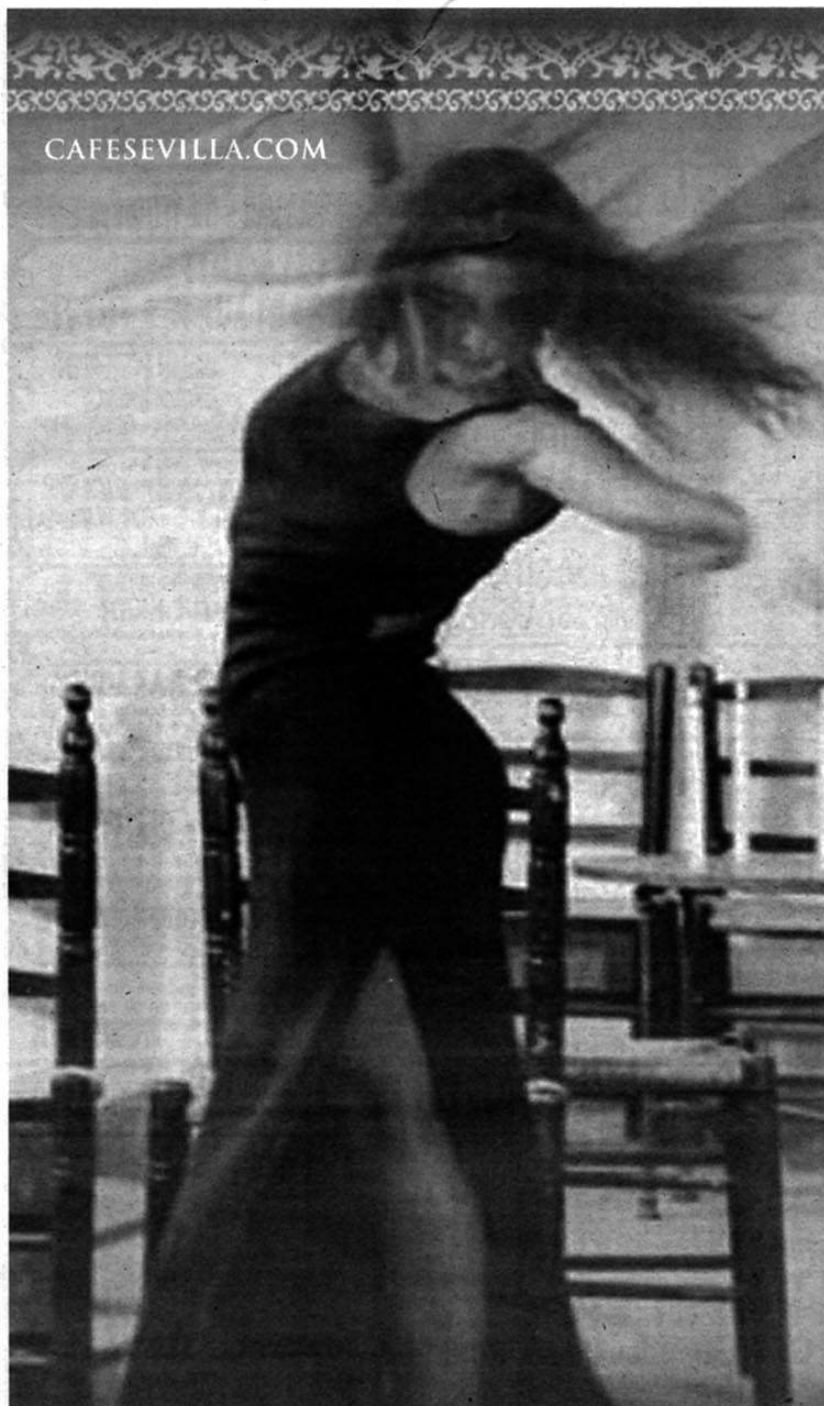
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Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys (343): The Casbah
The Bipedes: The Casbah
Blindsight: Epicentre
Boxx: Brick By Brick
Breaking Pangaea: The Scene
The T.J. Brinjak Show: Brick By Brick
Bunky: The Casbah
Call Me Alice: Canes Bar and Grill
Cheeky Monkey: Blind Melons
Childress: The Playhouse
Cinera: The Casbah

Circus Minor: Blind Melons
Civil Unrest: The Playhouse
December Suicide: Club Xanth
The Devastators: Canes Bar and Grill
Drive Pin: Canes Bar and Grill
Emergency Broadcast: Winstons
The Enchanted: Blind Melons
F213: Winstons
Fairview: The Scene
Fallen Out: Epicentre
Ferretto: Epicentre
Fingertight: Epicentre
Fith: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp)
Flight 180: The Scene
Futyle: Blind Melons, Canes Bar and Grill
The Glossines: The Casbah
Gudamunkas: Brick By Brick
Gut Rot: The Playhouse
Heaving Grooves: Dream Street
The Hill Street Stranglers: The Scene
Ithaca: The Casbah
Konipoint Fit: Canes Bar and Grill
Kramer's Rule (171): Dream Street
La Bestia: Brick By Brick
La Vagancia: Dream Street
Larger Than Life: Canes Bar and Grill
The Legend of...: The Scene
Lodus: Dream Street
The Loons: The Casbah
Low Brow: The Playhouse
Lucky 7: Canes Bar and Grill
Any Marina (118): Java Joe's Coffeehouse
The Muffs (187): The Casbah
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White Buffalo: Java Joe's Coffeehouse
Whole Hog: Brick By Brick
Wither: 'Canes Bar and Grill
Wonderbread: Buffalo Joe's

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

The Acid Horse Bandana Trio: Etta's Place
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Audio: The Playhouse
BTO: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
The Bandits / 451: Club Xanth
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Bottomline / 597: Boar Cross'n
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Captured by Robots / 526: Brick By Brick
The Craig Carter Band: The Alley
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Deadline Friday: Dublin Square
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Strict 9: Brick By Brick
Thunderhead: Fannie's
Two Guys: The Casbah
Urban Evergreen / 406: Blind Melons
Vegetation: Winstons
Victory at Sea: The Casbah
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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Andrea's Fault: Carvers
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The Disco Pimps: Buffalo Joe's
80z Enough: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
Leslie Gold: The Westgate Hotel
Inthevisualz: Blind Melons
The Island Boys: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
Jungle Boogie: Rock Bottom (Gaslamp)
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Calima: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, The Raintree

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Aubrey Fay: Juke Joint Cafe

Glen Fisher con Alma: 638; Croce's Jazz Bar

5 O'Clock Shadow: The Beach House

Larry Fogle: Moray's Lounge

Forward Funk: Galoka

Dora Hall & Mixed Company: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

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Holly Hofmann: 684; Humphrey's

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Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

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Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

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The Coral McFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

Tim McMahon: Dizzy's

The Shep Meyers Quartet: 660; Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

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Francisco Ojeda: Bayou Bar & Grill

John Opferkuch: Dizzy's, Inn L'Auberge

Sue Palmer: 641; Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Juke Joint Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet: Croce's Jazz Bar, Martini Ranch (Gaslamp), Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Rod Piazza: Humphrey's

Primo: Croce's Jazz Bar

Quiet Storm: 682; Humphrey's

The Darren Raser Band: Bayou Bar & Grill

Rick Ross: Robbie's Roadhouse, The Beach House

Rick Ross-Piano: 659; Moray's Lounge

The Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble: Bayou Bar & Grill

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The Shade of Blue Quartet: Cafe 828

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Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Tricia: Bayou Bar & Grill

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo: Anthony's Star of the Sea

The Jaime Valle/Bob Magnusson Jazz Trio: The New Bristol Hotel

The Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo: Il Forno

Dave Warren's New Jazz: Il Forno

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EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Big Sound: Jim Kelley's

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations: 732; Buffalo Joe's

Herb-n-Root: Winstons

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Shine Eye: Buffalo Joe's

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EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Chess Set: Don's Cocktail Lounge

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EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Berkley Hart: 880; Java Joe's Coffeehouse

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Steve White: 875; Jim Kelley's

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EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Blue Frog & Company: Buffalo Joe's

Blue Funk: Robbie's Roadhouse, Jim Kelley's

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Chris Cain: 911; Humphrey's

Chill Boy: Dick's Last Resort, The Kraken

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Whitey Conwell & the Tone Kings: 965; Buffalo Joe's

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Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors: 910; The Kraken

Shelle: 913; Juke Joint Cafe

The Small Town Heroes: Mas Fina Cantina, Dick's Last Resort

The Soul Persuaders: 945; Humphrey's

Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors: 946; Winstons

EXTENSION 4010

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American Legion: Mi Fiesta Mexican Seafood Restaurant

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Vicki Eriqat: House of Munich

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

Kjell Holmes: 994; House of Munich

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Gordon Kohl: 983; House of Munich

La Combinacion: Sevilla

Lau: Cannibal Bar

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Leviticus: La Valencia Hotel

Local Culture: Cannibal Bar

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

Mana: 110; Cannibal Bar

Nella: Cannibal Bar

Orquesta 8.8: Sevilla

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Acapulco: Fridays, in the cantina, DJ Forte spins hip-hop; Saturdays, DJ OneSlippa spins hip-hop, R&B, and reggae. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

Beat Parlor: Saturday, October 5, slamin' organic beats in a chill environment: deep house, underground hip-hop, funky downtempo, and jazzy beats. DJs Jonathan Brae, Blue 42, Steve Graham, Collage, Jersan, and Danny Massure. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Free before 9:30 p.m. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-517-2030.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Event information, 619-998-4336.

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Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

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.

Club '80s II: Fridays (except the first of the month), DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, and Kurt Heilige spin the best of '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

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Darkwave Gardens: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Event information, 619-465-5827, www.klubs.com.

Eavesdrop: Wednesdays, downtempo excursions with DJs SIX:8, Somatik, AKRANM, and Jon Wesley. Live instrumentation by Timothy Lowman and Jonathan Williams. No cover; 21 and up. The Pirate's Den, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, San Diego, 619-574-6833.

Freeform: Saturdays, atmospheric beats with DJ Sum and special guests. Seven-17, 717 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-232-4440. Event information, 858-635-1255.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

It was a stray comment that caught **Herbie Hancock's** ear backstage at SDSU's outdoor amphitheater: "Why did you go electric?" I don't remember the answer as much as the look the pianist gave my friend. It was uncomfortable. Hancock's transformation into electronica was so convincing that it split his audience: the old school felt abandoned, while the newer crowd who came to hear his neo-funk back then hadn't a clue that Hancock had once been a disciple of acoustic jazz.

For a generation of listeners, Herbie Hancock's reputation began and ended with Miles Davis, his employer of many years. My friend's comment was most likely a response to *Headhunters*, the 1973 album on which Hancock played synthesizer for the first time.

Prior to that, Hancock had performed primarily on acoustic piano (with the occasional use of a Fender Rhodes). But it was with Davis that Hancock learned about funk and began to absorb the influences of the day: Sly Stone, James Brown. *Headhunters* not only became the largest-selling album in jazz history, but it was also the beginning of fusion. Hancock blended rock and jazz and funk into lengthy roller coasters like "Chameleon." A few years later, using virtually the same musical formula, he topped the pop charts with 1980's "Rockit."

Herbie Hancock was born in Chicago and began playing piano at age seven. He performed Mozart's D Major Piano Concerto with the Chicago Symphony at the age of 11. In his early 20s he moved to New York and hooked up with Donald Byrd, who helped land Hancock a record deal. The 1963 album *Takin' Off* featured the pianist's first hit, "Watermelon Man." Somewhat jazzy and with



HERBIE HANCOCK

a loose Latin sway, the song foretold of what was to come — Hancock's best work is in the creation of sly, unassuming riffs that climb out of nowhere and then linger.

Holly Hofmann opens.

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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

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Wednesdays, *Niagra* '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.

Old Madrid: Thursdays, *Eyes*, guest DJs, movies, and dancing. Saturdays, *Ritual*, DJs Jose Amezcua and Kid Krazzy, midnight sessions with DJ Rags. Wednesdays, *Bombay*, DJs Rags, Vince DeLano, Matty A, and Kid Krazzy. 755 Fifth Avenue, downtown, 619-557-0146.

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Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Event information, 619-998-4336.

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NORTH COUNTY

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BY WILLIAM CRAIN

It's 1997, and all over the nation rock clubs are canceling live music in favor of DJs. The kids just want to dance. And they're on psychedelic drugs that make them thrill to simple four-on-the-floor drum-machine beats, booming bass, and squiggly electronic sounds.

The rockers don't know what to do. Some of them have renounced the faith and jumped on the electronica bandwagon. But most just scratch their heads and content themselves with making fun of the club kids. Because rockers know that, no matter how much love the electronica DJs get, rock will always make for better home listening and a

better live show; someday the club kids will want live music again, and they'll come back to rock 'n' roll.

But in Louisville, Kentucky, four rocker guys get tired of waiting. So they take their guitars, drums, and bass and combine them with electronic effects and start playing their own hybrid of '70s disco and '90s house music. And as a tribute to the early '80s, they call themselves **VHS or Beta**. And they're a hit. Club kids love to see a live band again, and rockers find they actually enjoy dancing — as opposed to just standing there with their arms crossed. Today, VHS or Beta looks like the answer to a question that no one is asking anymore. But that's no reason not to dance.

Cinerama and Ballboy also perform. (To hear a sample of **VHS or Beta**, call



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VHS OR BETA, The Casbah, Thursday, September 26, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497. \$10.

Saturday, 9:15 pm, the Disco Biscuits. Tuesday, 9 pm, Toots & the Maytals with Skania, reggae/ska.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad, 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Bottomline, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, Calima, Flamenco, jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 11160 Rancho Carmel Drive, Carmel

Mountain, 858-618-1814. Saturday, 7 pm, Celticana, folk.

The Camelot Inn, 887 San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos, 760-744-1332. Friday, the Strange Woods, Celtic folk. Saturday, call club for information.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566-2400. Friday, Andrea's Fault, pop rock. Saturday, the McNallys, 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 Porterfield. Wednesday, Break This, break beats.

Danato's Ristorante, 1280 East Vista Way, Vista, 760-724-7242. Friday and Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Susie Burns and Tim Maglione, jazz.

Fat Katz, 1476 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas, 760-943-7768. Music is blues. Thursday, call club for information. Friday and Saturday, Blue Largo. Sunday and Monday, Nick Perich. Tuesday, In4Rhythm. Wednesday, Blue Label.

Fogerty's Pub, 1260 West Valley Parkway, Escondido, 760-480-0833. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Liquid Blue, pop rock.

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Jim Kelley's, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9800. Thursday, 8 pm, Steve White, acoustic blues. Friday and Saturday, 9 pm, Blue Funk. Monday, Big Sound, reggae. Wednesday, 8 pm, Dave Windhem.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors. Friday, Chill Boy. Saturday, Giving Up the Woobie.

La Costa Coffee Roasting Co., 6965 El Camino Real, Suite 208, La Costa. 760-438-8160. Music hours are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Friday, Mike Cea, jazz duo. Saturday, Lauren Casale, folk.

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.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Thursday and Monday, Dixieland jazz. Saturday, 8 pm, Bill Mayes, jazz.

Mi Fiesta Mexican Seafood Restaurant, 1551 West Mission Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2740. Friday, American Legion.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, Jared Mattson, jazz duo. Sunday, 10 am to 1 pm, Ned Landau, jazz.

Mocha Marketplace, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-744-2112. Thursday and Friday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, John Foltz, acoustic rock. Saturday, Jared Mattson, jazz duo. Sunday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Brittany Valle, piano.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, El Jardin.

North Bar Sports & Spirits, 200 West El Norte Parkway, Escondido. 760-480-8228. Friday, 8 pm to midnight, North Star, pop.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, the Stiletto, rockabilly. Saturday, Calima, Flamenco, jazz.

Robbie's Roadhouse, 530 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-634-2365. Thursday, Rick Ross, jazz. Friday, Blue Funk. Saturday, Peter Padua. Sunday, Cameron the Magician. Monday and Tuesday, Nic & Friends, acoustic. Wednesday, live blues and jazz.

Ron's Red Eye Saloon, 1448 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-4881. Friday and Saturday, Nitro Express, country.

Roxy Restaurant, 517 First Street, Encinitas. 760-436-5001. Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm, Sambajazz, American and Brazilian jazz.

Second Wind (Escondido), 1320 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. 760-746-7408. Friday and Saturday, Blink Luck, classic rock.

Surf N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Thursday, 9 pm, open mike. Friday, Furbull, rock. Saturday, the Janet Ricci Band, rock.

Zip & Zack's Filling Station & Pickup Joint, 1020 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-591-9393. Thursday and Saturday, Private Domain, rock and roll. Friday, 8 pm, the New Breed Band, pop, jazz.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, Wonka Bar and the Yellow Mises. Friday, Emaculit, Bargain Music, and Fytle. Saturday, Road Noise, Urban Evergreen, 3Against1, the Unfaithfuls, and Circus Minor. Sunday, Cheeky Monkey, Magnuson, the Enchanted, Christy Bruneau, and G. Williams. Wednesday, Inthevisual and Dialect X.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album name: *American Girl* (2002)

Artist: The Good China

Label: Ren Zenner Music/BMI

Songs: 1) My Love 2) She's Got You 3) 500 Roses 4) Barely Breathing 5) Twisted Up 6) If Only 7) Angel 8) Slippin' Away 9) Uptown Mixx '86

Price/Where Available: cdstreet.com, \$12.99

Names of band members: Ren Zenner (vocals, tambourine), Gilbert Koury (guitars, synthesizers), Ted Mabbatt (bass), Jeff Graves (drums), Moises Ortiz (piano, organ, synthesizer, horns)

Extra Info: The Good China has opened for the Knack, Colonel Parker, Moonpools and Caterpillars, and Dave Wakeling

Website: thegoodchina.com

American Girl, the second album from alternative-rock quintet the Good China, features the

commanding vocals of lead singer/songwriter Ren Zenner backed by structured melodies.

The band's nine-track album, including a cover of Patsy Cline's "She's Got You," offers an array of alternative rock/pop ranging from the soft, melodic beats in "500 Roses" to the harder rock found in "Slippin' Away." After listening to *American Girl* for the first time, no track stands out immediately. The songs do not possess the overly catchy melodies that saturate radio stations.

In "My Love" Zenner sings, "She remembers too many times/ the sting of your hand/ the look in your eyes...it won't happen again/ this is the last time." Zenner's voice, with its soft edginess, carries this song with sincerity. In the music world, where the top priority of



The Good China

songwriters has increasingly turned to creating lyrics through making random words rhyme, it is refreshing to hear a band with solid songwriting behind it that has produced lyrics that not only sound good but convey heartfelt messages.

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IT TO: Jennifer Ball, Hometown CDs, San Diego Reader, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Wither*, Call Me Alice, Drive Pin, Plane, and Suckerface. Friday, *Shortbus*, One Draw, and Konipon Fit. Sunday, *Lucky 7*, *Larger Than Life*, *Never Heard of It*, and *Skeetball*. Wednesday, *Slumber*, *Fytle*, *No Reply*, and *Revenge of Doh*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Thursday and Friday, call club for information. Sunday, *Mikole Karr*. Wednesday, *Rockola* and *Lisa Campbell Band*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dream Street, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. All music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Rolling Blackouts*, *Arson for Profit*, and *La Vagancia*. Friday, *Heaving Grooves*, *Kramer's Rule*, *One Side Red*, and *Student Driver*. Saturday, *VIII Fraud*, *Lotus*, *Tragic Ritual*, and *Amherst*.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, *Dora Hall & Mixed Company*, jazz, blues. Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Judy*

Chamberlain, jazz. Wednesday, 7 pm to 10 pm, *Dejablue*, blues.

Galoka, 5662 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla. 858-551-8610. Thursday and Saturday, call club for information. Friday, *Forward Funk*.

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*, rumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

Java Joe's Coffeehouse, 1956 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-523-0356. Thursday, *B.D. Katz and Jefferson Jay*. Friday, *Berkley Hart and Michael Weston King*, folk. Saturday, *Tristan Prettyman*, *White Buffalo*, and *Anya Marina*, alternative folk. Monday, Wendy's open-mike night.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Levich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Moondoggies, 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550. Friday, live music.

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Calendar CLUBS

Moray's Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 pm, Rick Ross, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, Larry Fogle, piano and vocals.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Jack Pollack, piano. Wednesday, Stephen Knight.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, Fairfield Fats. Friday, Agave, rock. Saturday, Electrovibe, rock. Sunday, open acoustic night.

Victor's Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Thursday, 9 pm, Rockfish, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *ir* and *Blue Spring*. Friday, *Herb 'N' Root*, *Emergency Broadcast*, and *Voice of Reason*. Saturday, *F213*, *Superunloader*, and *Warsaw*. Sunday, *Vegetation* and *Starshak*. Monday, *Electric Waste Band*. Tuesday, *Dexter Grove*. Wednesday, call club for information.

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Anthony's Star of the Sea, 1360 North Harbor Drive, San Diego. 619-232-7408. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 pm, the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Duo, Brazilian-Latin jazz.

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Mission Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 pm, Celticana, folk.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Gudamunkas*, *Acts of Aggression*, and *Murmer*. Friday, *Riot House*. Saturday, *Whole Hog*, *La Bestia*, *Captured By Robots*, *Proof of Burden*, and *Boxx*. Wednesday, *Blue Spring* and *Strict 9*.

Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street, San Diego. 619-584-2720. Music is alternative/punk/hardcore. Thursday, *the Undead*, *Swindle*, *December Suicide*, *the Bandits*, and *Somatrix*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Three Simple Words*, *Slumber*, *Fallen Out*, and *Fingertight*. Friday, *No Thanx to Paul*, *Blumside*, *U.T.I.*, and *Ferretto*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, *the Goat Herders*, rock. Saturday, 9 pm, *the Acid Horse Bandana Trio*, rock. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *the Committee*, blues.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Thursday, *the Edelweiss Band*. Friday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones*, blues. Sunday, *the Vince Clementson Duo*, jazz, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco. Tuesday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, 6 pm, *Bill Mayes*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *Meeshi Sumayao*, swing. Sunday, alternative rock. Monday, Beatles jam, open mike. Wednesday, open mike.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *the Soul Persuaders*. Friday, 9:30 pm, *Detroit Underground*, rock, soul. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Quiet Storm*, jazz, pop. Sunday, 8 pm to midnight, *Jose Molina Serrano*, jazz. Tuesday, *Joshua Redman*. Wednesday, *Chris Cain and Rod Piazza*.

Concerts by the Bay: Thursday, 7:30 pm, *the Herbie Hancock Quartet* and *Holly Hofmann*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *Tower of Power*. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Daryl Hall & John Oats*, rock.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 pm to 10 pm, workshop/concert with the San Diego Concert Jazz Band.



NightSpotting

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MUSIC > Thursday, Jeremy Geltman with acoustic guitar; Friday, belly dancers; Wednesday and Saturday, DJ playing house/hip-hop
SPECIAL NIGHTS > owner says they'll be adding open-mike night and poetry readings

CLIENTELE > college crowd; all-age venue; 70% Caucasian, 15% Asian, 10% Mexican, 5% African-American

COVER > none

HOURS > Sunday-Thursday, 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m.-2 a.m.

DRINKS > no alcohol; tea, water, Snapple, apple juice, fruit smoothies, hot chocolate, and coffees

FOOD > a few different types of cakes and muffins (24-hour Mexican restaurant nearby)

ACCESS > parking lot with eight

spaces; lots of marked spaces on University, right in front

DRESS > casual; shorts, jeans, T-shirts; one guy was wearing a red beret that made him look like a beat poet from 1964

DANCE FLOOR > none; entire place about 75 feet by 75 feet (the place appears bigger because of the high ceilings and two walls that are all glass)

BATHROOMS > only one for both men and women; it's 5 feet by 5 feet, with one toilet, one sink, and a hand dryer

CAPACITY > 55

SPECIAL AREAS > two pool tables, off to the left; a shelf nearby with board games and magazines

FURNISHINGS > six couches, five small tables, three tables outside;

abstract paintings on the wall

DECIBEL LEVEL > 90; last week at Dizzy's the level was 105

QUOTABLE > "It's like smoking the air freshener in my car," said a woman as she took her first toke.

The Xen Hookah Lounge has been around for only six months. The cost of the use of a hookah pipe filled with flavored tobacco is \$10 (unless you get the daily special, which is \$8). I got orange flavored. The pipe was brought out to my table. It's about two feet high, and it reminded me of a trophy. They bring you a brand-new plastic mouthpiece, still wrapped up so you know it's clean. The orange was milder than I thought it would be. The smell from others smoking is stronger than the flavor you inhale.

They carry 44 flavors, including double apple, apricot, green apple, raspberry, peach, jasmine (which I'm told is one of the more

popular), banana, and lemon.

Each pipe lasts an hour. Occasionally an attendant will come over and put small coals on top to keep it going. I was told that the tobacco "contains dried tobacco leaves mixed with fruit flavoring and honey glycerin. When you smoke it, you don't burn the tobacco, you burn the flavoring. You aren't getting as much of the toxins, because the tobacco isn't being turned into ash."

Hmm.

For a place that has smoking, it is surprisingly well ventilated. I don't know if it was the four ceiling fans or the fact that I only saw three pipes going. I asked the owner about the law that prohibits smoking indoors.

He said, "It's like a cigar lounge. You can smoke in there when you buy tobacco products."

- By Josh Board

Jolt'n Joe's, 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Saturday, call club for information.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday, *Evans*, acoustic. Saturday, live music. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

Kelly's Steakhouse, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego. 619-291-7131. All music is piano. Music hours are from 7 pm to midnight. Thursday and Wednesday, *Joe Cromwell*. Friday, *Dale Peterson*. Saturday, *Kayla Black*.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848.

Friday, *Sin Sin 77*, alternative. Saturday, *the Neon Beat*, rock.

La Jolla Marriott, 4240 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla. 858-587-1414. Characters Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, salsa, merengue, and cha-cha music.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Fish & the Seaweeds*, funk, blues. Saturday, *Idle Train*, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, *Gregory Page*, alternative.

Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, *the Hatchet Brothers*, folk.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nitelif*, classic rock, swing.

The Playhouse, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-284-8802. Friday, *Bye Sami*, *Viva Malpachil*, *Afxion*, and *Audio*, Latin rock. Saturday, *Low Brow*, *Pain Unlimited*, *Gut Rot*, *Childress*, and *Civil Unrest*, alternative.

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,

Strange Noise, *the Hill Street Strangers*, *Flight 180*, and *the Legend of...* Friday, *Switchfoot*, *Noise Ratchet*, and *PAX 217*. Sunday, *A Static Lullaby*, *Fairview*, *Breaking Pangaea*, *Say From Charms*, and *To What End*.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

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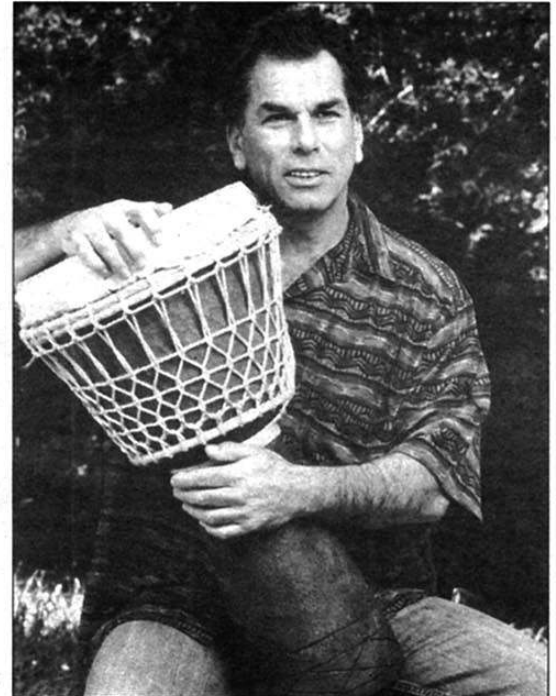
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"Another thing we can't get in El Paso," said Jane, "is good Chinese food."

"Don't feel like the Lone Ranger — it's hard to find here, too," I answered.

You remember my friends Jane and Paul from last week. This was Day Two of their three-day visit, and now the challenge was to locate fresh, vivid Hong Kong-style Cantonese cooking. I'm not talking about "Cantonese-American," the Chinese-for-white-folks food that you find all over America (even El Paso), and I'm not talking about the mo' hotter mo' betta Szechuan style that predominates in San Diego. I'm talking about the inventive cuisine that makes Hong Kong a rival to Paris as the globe's greatest "foodie" mecca.

I made a few calls to friends who've lived here longer than I have, and the consensus was that ten-year-old Emerald was the best bet. I was even more pleased when I phoned the restaurant and was cordially told that they take reservations for every meal — so even on a busy Saturday night, my friends and I wouldn't have to stand hungrily for an hour watching other people eat.

Emerald occupies the whole first floor of an office building at the southern end of Convo Street. As we approached, we espied two women squatting in a quiet corner just outside the kitchen door, chatting and laughing as they sorted and trimmed fresh pea shoots in the day's last sunshine. That was the first good omen. The second auspicious sign was the heavenly aroma that greeted us when we opened the restaurant door — to me, it's an aroma that says "home." And the third mark of good fortune was the palpably happy vibe in the atmosphere. All over the room, multigenerational Chinese families were joyfully feasting together, from ancient, beaming great-grandfathers down to playful toddlers. (And their nationality was one more good sign. "Would you trust a Chinese restaurant that had no Chinese patrons?")

We four were seated at a spacious table for six, and all around us were tables sized to hold ten or more. The dining room is vast — 5000 square feet — with lighting that's bright but not harsh. The floor is tastefully carpeted in yellow, and the ceiling is carpeted in acoustical tiles; despite two big parties at tables near us, noise was not a problem. The members of the birthday party to my left were inspecting an enormous live crab (about a 15-pounder) carried on a tray by a



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waiter. The crab wasn't moving around much; he was more of a sedentary Jabba-the-Crabb type. The party decided to let him live another day or year, but my sweetie and I followed him back to the live tank to see what else it held. Jabba had his own private room; normal-size Dungeness crabs had a separate suite. Another cell held numerous lively fin fish, including our own heart's desire, a black cod of just the right size.

The thick menu (about 300 items) is the same in Chinese and English. This makes Emerald a good destination for *guei lo* (gringos) who love authentic Chinese food, because there's no "secret menu" for Han eyes only. There are tabs on the pages like a high school binder, so that you can easily skip to your favorite sections or create a balanced meal by choosing something from each of them. We passed on the shark fin and ham soup (\$450); you need to order that one in advance, anyway.

When we were ready to order, our waiter was busy at the nearest banquet, but at his signal, a

businesslike waitress moved in and took over. Four people helped us during the meal. Nobody spoke the dreaded words, "I'll find your server for you." Everybody pragmatically shared the workload, keeping the patrons fed and purring.

Jane was attracted to the exotic duck and orange peel soup, and we went for it. "You want the small soup, not the large," cautioned the waitress. "The large feeds eight; it will fill you up too much." This soup turned out to be our least favorite dish of the evening, due to an excess of cornstarch and a slight shortage of flavor, since we'd ordered "no MSG." Most dishes here are made without MSG, but if you're sensitive to it, you can request it be omitted on all made-to-order dishes (not dim sum), and we did. Careful doctoring of the soup with salt and a little coarse chili sauce (from a ramekin it shared with hot mustard) brought the duck shreds and black mushroom slices to life.

"Crispy squab" is the whole, small rich-flavored bird, rapidly deep-fried so that the meat is tender and the skin is crisped all over. Emerald

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does it right and serves it simply, quartered with salt and lemon slices, with the head neatly separated from the body pieces. Just as the cheeks are considered the tastiest bites of a fish, Chinese regard the head as the choicest portion of a bird, because of the velvety lush morsels of the tiny brain. At a banquet it's always offered to the guest of honor. If a poultry head is offered to you at a banquet, just deal with it — your host will lose face if you can't face it. In a fried squab, it's really spectacular — you eat the whole crunchy-soft thing in one bite,

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everything but the beak. I accepted the honor with delight.

The happy commotion of the big party to our right caught our attention — and so did their beautiful bronze Peking duck. “I want that,” we all murmured. Just then the waitress came to apologize that the kitchen had run out of our suckling pig sampler. We were more than happy to substitute half a Peking duck. (How nice that you don’t have to order a whole one!) It’s served in two courses. For the first round, the waitress glazed eight small, soft white buns with Hoisin sauce; filled them each with a slice of crisp, well-seasoned duck skin and a scattering of slivered scallions and cilantro; and served us two apiece. The second duck course was even better — a mound of minced duck, mingling with minced water chestnuts and deep-fried rice-thread noodles (for extra crunch) in a savory light sauce. Hoisin sauce came on the side, as did very fresh iceberg lettuce leaves to make into wrappers for the divine duck mixture.

The pacing at Emerald is consistently smart — instead of dumping everything on the table at once (a frequent practice in local Chinese restaurants), servers follow in the style of a Chinese banquet, with a flurry of appetizers, then a couple of flurries of entrées. The pea vines that the cooks had been sorting outdoors showed up on the menu as “beanstalks.” We were as lucky as Jack with our giant’s treasure of green — a tall heap of it loaded

with lightly sautéed slivered garlic. The tendrils’ texture was a little chewier than it is in spring — no problem at all. Those noodle-lovin’ Texans were thrilled by a bowl of soft, fresh noodles with black mushrooms and “yellow leeks” (flat-leaf Chinese chives, blanch-grown like celery). Lightly robed in the chicken stock they’d been boiled in, and bedded with emerald-green, tender-crunchy Chinese broccoli, they’re purest Cantonese comfort food. You could make a whole meal of the noodles and be happy. Millions do.

“Can we get something with beef?” Paul had asked, evidently turning Texan right before our eyes. We chose “sizzling satay beef.” A plate of flank steak arrived, thinly sliced across the grain to make it tender; it had already been stir-fried in an assertive sauce. The server upended the bowl of meat and sauce onto a hot metal platter, where it spat hot juices and caramelized for a few minutes. Tasted alone, the sauce was very salty, but everything fell into balance when you mixed the meat into the rice. “I don’t really like beef, usually,” Janie said, “but this rendition really scores with me.”

A whole fish is traditional at or near the end of a celebratory meal. Black cod (a.k.a. sable) is one of the sweetest-flavored species in the sea (or in the tank). Our chosen sacrifice, weighing something over a pound, was steamed in the classic Cantonese manner, scattered with scallions

and ginger, and kissed with a light soy-based sauce.

Emerald is also noted for its lunchtime dim sum. We felt that we owed it to you, dear reader, to get up early several days later and try it. (Oh, the sacrifices we make!) Emerald’s dim sum is cart-driven, not menu-driven. Servers wheel their metal carts by your table, showing you what’s in all the little steel bowls they’re transporting. The hard part is trying to maintain some self-control in the face of this parade, instead of instantly grabbing more than you can possibly eat.

If by some chance you’re a dim sum novice, here are the haps: “Dim sum” means something like “little bits of heart.” They’re small delicacies originally created to amuse the demanding palate of a gourmet empress of China. Many dim sum are miniature “wraps,” some of them steamed, some baked, a few fried. The thin, yellowish-white wrappers are made from wheat-noodle flour, like won ton skins. The translucent, ghostly white wrappers are made from rice flour (of a more delicate flavor, to hold more delicate stuffings), and the silvery wraps with large pores and a bouncy texture are made from taro-root flour. The baked and fried dim sum you’ll recognize on sight. Among the many savory fillings are whole shrimp, minced shrimp, shrimp and pork, Chinese barbecued pork, crab, poultry, even seafood soup sealed into a wrapper. You may also

encounter tidbits like plates of chopped roast duck, braised chicken feet, deep-fried tofu, and larger offerings such as pan-fried noodles (the original “chow mein”). And a dessert cart also makes the circuit, laden with “Chinese doughnuts,” mango pudding, and numerous small pastries.

The greatest variety of dim sum comes out for weekend brunches, but even on a weekday, Emerald offered a full variety — even a few that I’ve never eaten before: there were pastry-dough crescents of the lightest, shortest, most crumbly texture, containing shredded pork strongly seasoned with cinnamon. There were elastic taro-dough ovals filled with *char siu*, sweet barbecued pork redolent of Chinese five-spice seasoning; and there were greaseless cigars of fried spring-roll wrappers surrounding whole shrimp, accompanied by a fetching honey-mustard-mayo dip. Among the old friends were minced shrimp and strong Chinese chives in a clear, round rice-flour wrapper, lightly seared on top to produce a little crust. And minced shrimp cradled in green pepper slices or hollowed eggplant pieces. And devastating salt-and-pepper shrimp with jalapeño circles. And the usual suspects — *siu mai*, *fun gor*, *har gow* — they were all there too, in fine fettle. From the dessert cart, my favorites were bouncy, barely sweetened little coconut-shred confections, with exteriors the exact texture of Hostess Sno-

Balls and interiors of coconut cream and toasted pine nuts. My only quibble with Emerald’s dim sum is that the steel trays keep the wraps a bit too hot, compromising their textures; I prefer service in the traditional slatted bamboo steamer baskets.

Whether for dinner or dim sum, Emerald has to be one of the most genuine, honest (and comfortable) Hong Kong restaurants west of the Pecos. What a relief! Janie and I finally found the taste of home again.

ABOUT EMERALD

“We serve traditional Hong Kong Cantonese food,” says Emerald’s owner, Chuck Ng. He hails from Guangdong (a.k.a. Canton), in southeast China, close to Hong Kong. The head chef, Mr. Tan, and most of the staff also came originally from that area. It’s a seacoast region with warm, wet winters, so vegetables are grown year-round in great seasonal variety — and, of course, an amazing array of local seafood is always available. This wealth of ingredients has given birth to a cuisine that, despite different condiments, has much in common with the best California and French cuisine: The greatest value is placed on fresh, in-season foodstuffs, cooked to maximize (not disguise) their natural flavors.

Although there are plenty of southern Chinese residents in the area, Ng has to search far and wide to find chefs who can produce authentic Cantonese

cooking. “Not all Chinese cooks know how to make our food,” says Mr. Ng. “In San Diego there are not many chefs who can do it. We hire our chefs from Los Angeles, New York. All the chefs need to be specially trained. The food is different from what’s served in regular Chinese restaurants. There’s a lot of preparation, and many of the ingredients come directly from China or Hong Kong.”

Obtaining Asian vegetables is no longer a problem, now that many California small farmers are specializing in them. But seafood is still an issue for a Hong Kong restaurant in San Diego. Emerald uses five different types of shrimp and prawns, both fresh and frozen, to cover its needs. Keeping the live tanks filled is even harder. “We get some of our fish from Los Angeles, some from local suppliers, and some direct from the fishermen,” Mr. Ng explains. “One supplier cannot provide all that we need. Supplies are very limited. In San Diego there aren’t many restaurants that use live fish, so there are just a few people who catch them for us. When the fishermen have a good day, we have more fish in our tanks. And lately Fish and Game has stopped allowing some fish to be taken — rockfish are limited, for example. In a few weeks, many of the fishermen will go catch local lobsters and won’t catch fish. Seafood is very seasonal. But then, all real Cantonese food is seasonal.” ■



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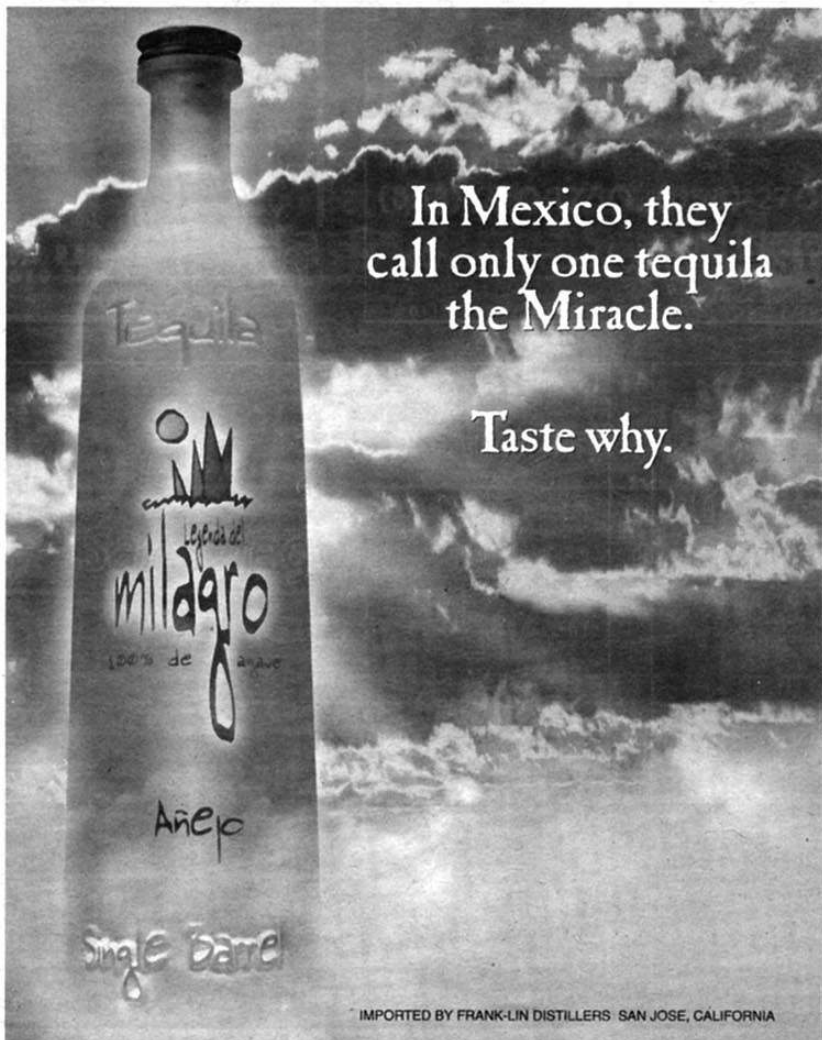
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Respect Pain

Fact is, I'm broke till Friday. Thank goodness Carla's off with her family for a week.

"Oh, jeez," says this guy with the red hair and beard. We're both waiting to cross at 13th and Broadway. "We could be here hours." The whole block across the road buzzes with people lined up along the cyclone fence, waiting for the daily food handout. "Feeding the Homeless." Men, some women, a couple of moms with kids around their legs. A hum from a hundred conversations fills the road.

"Oh, what the hell," says my friend. He steps out. I follow him. Fact is, I'm broke till Friday. Thank goodness Carla's off with her family for a week.

A minute later we've made it to the back of the line, right across from the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center. We pass some noisy clumps, guys laughing and talking football, but I notice most people seem to keep to themselves, avoiding eyes. We all curl our fingers through well-polished wires in the hurricane fence and look down toward the Euro-Tek Auto Collision parking lot. That's where clumps of people — must be volunteers — are busy setting up tables in the dusk, opening big hampers, releasing food 'n' gravy smells to die for. Shirley, the little lady behind me, lights up a Benson & Hedges and sniffs the wind. "Mm," she says. "Think it's Kentucky Fried again, like last night. Hope they have the bowl of chili too. That was great."

Shirley has a Section 8 hotel room nearby. She's been living downtown for 38 years. From the

head of the line, the voice of someone preaching drifts up. "God... Jesus... Respect... Pain... Thank you, Lord!"

By the time the man with the big voice comes up to our end, it's dark. And he has bad news. "As I was telling the people up front, we've been coming here 15 years," says Elder Marrs. "But we're not going to be here much longer. The city in its wisdom has told us this needs to be apartments and a parking place for when the ballpark development comes. But I want you to know we're not giving up.

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The reverend's sermon wakes everybody up. Now the buzz goes through about other places to get food.

"Rubio's, man," says this guy. "Buy one, get one free."

"Sara Frances, four o'clock Saturday afternoons. Bags of food."

"Canned food at Fourth and Cedar."

"Jewish Services at Sixth and Pennsylvania." Lena, a woman swinging with plastic bags, comes up the line. "Bread! Good bread. We've got plenty. Surplus from a baker on Broadway." Wow. I take mine.

By the time we've shuffled to the gate, it's been half an hour. I'm number 173. "Over here," say shadowy figures. It's young kids. "Water." They

hand Shirley and me plastic cups of water. Then voices farther down. "Over here. Food."

Another semicircle of kids, maybe 17 years old, hold out bendy plates stacked with victuals. "Follow me," says Shirley. She leads the way to a table-high concrete berm and lays her food and drink down there. Me too. We grab our plastic forks and dig in.

"Well, the price is right," Shirley says. "Let's see. Two fried chicken..." she picks at her pile. "Oh. No chili tonight." But there's plenty of stuffing, beans, and other veggies, a big cheese bagel, macaroni salad, fruit salad, on and on.

Lady called Linda pops up. "Want some cookies? Chocolate, blueberry?" Shirley says these volunteers buy all this food, cook it in their own homes, and bring it down. All around us, in clumps and out across the road, people stand, sit on bikes, squat, park themselves on the curb, chew away on the chicken and the stuffing, and don't say much.

"This little light of mine, gonna let it shine..." Elders Wilkins and Marrs have started the servers singing. "Come on! Come on! Let it shine..."

"That woman there, crossing the street?" says Shirley. "Her husband left her. She's having a real hard time with those kids. She needs a place for them. I give her stuff I pick up, like toothpaste."

The woman tries to hold the hands of her three boys as she disappears into the night.

"Know what I do with my bagel?" says Shirley. "There's a wee mouse lives under this Dumpster. I leave it for him. You going to eat yours?"

We both take our bagels and drop them between the berm and the Dumpster. "He's only this big," she says, holding out half a finger. She's getting ready to leave. She coughs a smoker's cough. "Chronic bronchitis. Smoked 45 years."

Suddenly, most everybody's gone. Elder James Wilkins, of St. Stephen's Pentecostal, the organizer, is telling how they've had miracles here. Twice, it rained all about, but they stayed dry on this spot till everybody had eaten. "I have performed four marriages right here," says Elder Marrs. "People who didn't want to live in sin anymore." Then Elder Wilkins shouts to those remaining, "We never leave without thanking the Lord!" He has people form a circle. Hold hands. "Lord, we thank Thee. Lord, bind the broken hearts. I pray tonight that no harm come to any of us."

Somebody comes back looking for a wallet he lost. He doesn't find it. Elder Wilkins locks the wire gate.

And then nobody is left except for Jonathan. He has wrapped himself in a blanket and settled down on the sidewalk. He knows God will protect him — along with the knife he has, just in case. Not far from his head, three or four big cockroaches scuttle over the gravel, heading for the Dumpster. ■

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"I was talking to one lady on the phone, and she said, 'Guadalupe...now, is that in Texas? California?'"

Added one more to the ranks of successful San Diegans who have traded their white collars for blue, their pink hands for purple, and the considered management of wealth for the romance and expense of the wine business. Paul Marx, a real estate developer, has thought about owning a winery ever since he saw them springing up all over Napa in the '70s. He had been making wine at home with his father — a product of a German family long associated with wine and wine-making — since boyhood, and though he didn't dive into wine for profit straightaway, he continued the tradition in his own home. "When my wife and I were first married, 20-some-odd years ago, I was making wine in our laundry room, using five-gallon carboys." The location proved disastrous when fermentation got out of hand and blew the tops off the carboys, sending red wine (with its marvelous stain-making properties) everywhere.

In 1995, he purchased a decrepit adobe home in Escondido on top of a hill overlooking the San Pasqual Valley. The 3-acre parcel, all that was left of a property that had once stretched from Lake Hodges to the valley floor, was planted mostly with avocados, but Marx thought it looked like a good spot to live and grow grapes — and a facility in which to vinify them. He bought 14 acres in Bonsall as a hedge, in case things didn't work out on the Escondido property, and waded into the bureaucratic quagmire involved in starting a winery.

Trouble dogged him from the beginning. "It took me three years to get the winery approved. Every single roof that you can see protested me." The hill is residential; roofs are plentiful. Eventually, the neighbors were placated, but only after Marx agreed that the winery would not be open for public visitation. Next came the city and county governments, which remembered little of Escondido's past as a wine region. "We had to put in a toxic wastewater system for grape lees. I'd be photocopying pages out of my old UC Davis

textbooks, bringing them down." But eventually he won the right to sink his fortune into wine. He named his new venture San Pasqual Winery; the last winery to bear that name is now known as Orfila Vineyards and can be seen from Marx's home.

"Winemaking is extremely ancient," notes Marx. "About the only thing that gets better about it is the technology." So Marx invested in technology, most of it Italian-made: a floating-cap tank from which to drain wine to top off barrels. A high-end, high-efficiency corker. A crusher-

destemmer and 1200-liter bladder press to gently squeeze the juice from the fruit. And a couple of things I'd never seen before in a small (2000 cases this year) winery: a newfangled refrigeration system for regulating fermentation temperatures and a peristaltic pump for moving wine (and must) from place to place.

"The refrigeration system cools glycol down to minus-ten degrees, then pumps it over to the tanks. They're polyurethane tanks; a lot of small wineries are going this way because it's a third of the cost of stainless steel." Well and good, but poly doesn't conduct cold like steel, and I noticed no chilling coils and no insulating jackets around the tanks. "Look inside," says Marx. Inside is a stainless steel fin, jutting inward from the side of the tank and running almost its full height. "Glycol circulates through the fin. It's much more efficient" than external coils, which have to work harder to cool the wine at the tank's center.

As for the pump...the best (but often impossible) way to move wine is to let gravity move it. Among other things, pumps often end up exposing wine to oxidizing oxygen, and too much bumping and grinding can cause tannins to break into small, harsh-textured molecules. This pump, modeled after the pump used to circulate blood during surgery, is a wonder to behold: a rotating arm with broad steel wheels at each end. As the wheels rotate, they roll along a semicircular section of specialized rubber hose, gently pressing it down as they pass. "The wheel rolls very gently;

when they come down on the hose, anything underneath is just gently pushed aside. The wheel rolls along the hose," and the compressed-then-released hose "creates a vacuum that just sucks things along. You can drop a basket of cherry tomatoes through this thing, and on the other side, hardly any of them will be crushed."

The equipment was in place; now what to run through it? The three acres will eventually provide some estate wines, and he does buy Chardonnay from Santa Barbara and Zinfandel from Cucamonga. But for the bulk of his grapes, Marx followed local winemakers like Mick Drago at Belle Marie to the vineyards of L.A. Cetto Winery's Camillo Magoni in Baja California's Guadalupe Valley. Marx has been pleased with Magoni's offerings of Grenache, Nebbiolo, Cabernet, Tempranillo, Barbera, Malbec, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. The Nebbiolo, Tempranillo, and Grenache especially strike him as hot-weather grapes that can be made to shine in the valley's climate.

But the foreign fruit comes with a price, especially in the higher-end California market, where appellation is prized. Folks look askance at something merely labeled "California Cabernet" instead of "Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet." "Guadalupe Valley" may not carry that kind of cachet, but the front label of Marx's "Ramona" (a Sauvignon Blanc) carries no mention of appellation whatsoever. "The BATF won't allow the words 'Guadalupe Valley, Baja' to be on the front of the label." He tried a second version, this time mentioning the source in the back label's first sentence. Again, he was rejected. "I had to bury it in the verbiage on the back. I had to hire a specialist in Washington, D.C., just to get the last sentence on there: 'Our premium grapes are picked in Guadalupe Valley, Mexico.' She had actually worked for the ATF for 20 years, and even then, it still took a month. It cost me a thousand dollars in fees to get her to write persuasive letters to the ATF. They don't have a clear idea of things; I was talking to one lady on the phone, and she said, 'Guadalupe...now, is that in Texas? California?'"

Having survived the vicissitudes of government, Marx opened his winery three years ago, "just in time for the great wine glut to start hitting." The glut has a number of causes: a slouching economy, overplanting, and huge recent harvests, to name three. But whatever the cause, Marx feels the glut hurt his chances with local restaurants and markets, which "wouldn't even return our calls. Three years earlier, they would have been anxious to talk to us. Now they're getting their wines from



Paul Marx

Chile and Australia and Argentina," countries that can afford to charge less for their wines.

Again, Marx followed the locals. Winemakers like Mick Drago, Dave Wodehouse at Witch Creek, and even Leon Santoro at Orfila have all opened retail outlets of their own, the latter two in the tourist-heavy Julian area. Marx struck gold in that department, renovating a space owned by a wine-loving acquaintance on Prospect in La Jolla. "We had our grand opening Labor Day weekend, and sales are just blossoming. We have a tasting room and a lawn; we bring in Spanish guitar players. We get a huge amount of foot traffic; a lot of people coming from Europe, the East Coast. The locals love us; what we're hearing from them is 'Thank God you're not another jewelry store; thank God you're not another art store.'" He also sells wine through his website, www.sanpasqualwinery.com.

So far, Marx is producing two Chardonnays (the Santa Barbara-sourced "La Jolla" and the Guadalupe-sourced "Del Mar"), a Sauvignon Blanc ("Ramona"), a Tempranillo-Grenache blend ("Felicità") a multi-varietal blend ("San Luis Rey") and a Nebbiolo-Cabernet ("Ranchero"). He has begun production of a Zinfandel Port, a Merlot ("We kept getting questions: 'Where's your Merlot?'"), and a Merlot-Grenache. Prices range from \$14 for the "La Jolla" to \$35 for the "Ranchero." His goal is to "grow to five or six thousand cases and that's it. I'm not looking to become the next Robert Mondavi. The wine business is a lifestyle business." ■

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BUCA DI BEPPO 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp District, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822.

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BULLY'S NORTH 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-1660. Especially during summer, this branch is the most colorful and is jammed with the sporting crowd, which makes the place exciting. Food is the same as at other Bully's, but the high intensity carries it. Steak, prime rib, hamburgers, fries, and fresh fish are favorites. Open daily. Moderate. Other locations: 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-459-2768; 2401 Camino Del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2685. — E.W.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN Here's a good family restaurant where you can take your children and grandchildren for salads, pasta, or pizza. There are 28 pizzas. The chicken tequila with spinach fettuccine is great, as are vegetarian sandwiches. Same menu, lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 437 South Highway 101, suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; La Jolla Village Square, 3363 Nobel Drive, 858-457-4222; and Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, 858-675-4424. — E.W.

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

What the Chef Eats

CHICKEN/SAUSAGE SAUTE WITH BASIL RICE AND SWEET RED CURRY SAUCE

BY JEFF ROSSMAN

Executive chef, Terra, Hillcrest

I love to eat Thai food, so I created Seafood Sauté with Basil Rice and Sweet Red Curry Sauce for our menu at Terra. It reflects the Asian inspiration that is so prevalent right now in California. Not too spicy, not too sweet, the dish has become a popular selection at Terra. Whenever I walk the dining room and visit tables, I'm questioned about this dish. The curry sauce has a bite to it, but I steep it in some basil or cilantro at the end of cooking, which adds the sweet characteristic. That, and the addition of some honey, is what adds depth

to the sauce and takes the edge off of it. Honey acts like a buttery Chardonnay — it wipes the palate clean. And the spicy-sweet curry with the steaming basil rice is a savory combination.

This recipe, a delicious variation on the seafood, is a chicken/sausage blend that enhances the essence of the spices.

To find ingredients to make the recipe, home cooks can visit any of the many Asian markets in San Diego. One of the largest is 99 Ranch Market, but there are also smaller,

neighborhood Asian stores. A visit to an Asian market is a culinary adventure I recommend.

A great year-round dish to make for guests or family, this recipe is enhanced when served with reisling or gewürztraminer wines.

This recipe of Chicken/Sausage Sauté with Basil Rice and Red Curry Sauce serves 4.

HOW TO DO IT

Prepare the red curry paste: grind jalapeño, garlic, ginger, lemon grass, galangal, and lime juice using mortar and pestle.



(You can also use a mini food processor, spice grinder, or clean coffee grinder, if necessary.)

To make red curry sauce, place 1 tablespoon canola oil in a large sauté pan. Add the ground curry paste. Sauté briefly over medium-high heat until fragrant and blended. Stir in coconut milk and honey. Bring mixture to a boil, lower heat, and simmer for 1 hour. (If

top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine

and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honey-moon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and din-

ner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — N.W. (9/01)

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets),

no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Center and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too:

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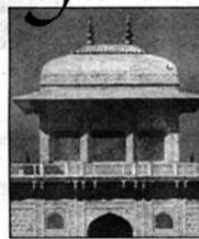
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using bottled curry paste, use about 2 tablespoons. It will cook more quickly.) Remove from heat. Add half-bunch fresh basil or cilantro and allow to steep until sauce is flavored with it, about an hour. Push the curry sauce through a wire strainer into a small bowl and set aside.

In a large sauté pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Quickly sauté chicken slices in the oil, turning midway. When almost cooked, add sliced sausage and cook one minute more. Add beans and black-eyed peas and 2-3 tablespoons of the curry sauce. Heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (Leftover sauce may be used to make

Thai curries; it may be divided into several packages and refrigerated for a few days or frozen until ready to use. If frozen, defrost and whir in food processor to smooth again before using.)

For basil rice, first make basil butter by placing butter and basil in food processor. Blend until smooth, and set aside at room temperature. In a saucepan of at least 1-1/2-quart capacity, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil. Stir in Jasmine rice and sauté it over medium heat until coated with oil. At same temperature, add 1-1/2 cups water in small amounts, stirring constantly until all liquid is absorbed. The method is

similar to the one used for making risotto. When all liquid is absorbed, turn rice into bowl and stir in basil butter.

To serve, place rice in center of serving plate, top with chicken and sausage, and garnish with fresh basil.

INGREDIENTS

Chicken/sausage sauté:
2-3 tablespoons Thai red curry sauce (recipe provided)
2-3 tablespoons canola or other mild-flavored cooking oil
5 five-ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts, sliced into half-inch strips
6 ounces sliced andouille sausage
1 cup cooked kidney beans
1 cup cooked black-eyed peas
salt and pepper to taste

Red curry sauce:

1 red jalapeño
2 cloves garlic, peeled
1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
1-1/2 inch lemon grass root, chopped
1 tablespoon minced fresh galangal root (also called "laos" in some markets, it looks like a knobby ginger root)
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon canola or other mild-flavored cooking oil
3 13.5 ounce cans coconut milk
1/4 cup honey
1/2 bunch fresh basil or cilantro, whole
Basil rice:
1 stick unsalted butter
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1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup Jasmine rice
1-1/2 cups water

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earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)
HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50

years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — E.W.

IL FORNAIO 1333 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only

to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from *sfilatino con bisticchina* (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite-grilled 22-ounce *bistecca alla fiorentina*, with lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple *penne alla sorrentina* — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce — is charming. Pizza puttanesca is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

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 ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabbioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — N.W. (5/01)

KARL STRAUSS' OLD COLUMBIA BREWERY AND GRILL 1157 Columbia Street (between B and C Streets), downtown, 619-234-2739. The star attractions here are the ales and beers brewed on the premises. Up to a dozen beers may be available at one time. Food includes burgers, pastas, soup and salad, fish and chips, grilled sausage. During weekends the noise can be shattering, but it's fun. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Valley,

858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. Call for hours. — E.W.

THE LIVING ROOM COFFEEHOUSE 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434, www.livingroomcafe.com. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE 3906 Convoey Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

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SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA You have a vast choice of wood-fired pizzas here, including many exotic toppings. Salads are popular and are available as half-orders. Same menu lunch and dinner. Continuous service. Open daily. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. Inexpensive. — E.W.

STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable pakora — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They are pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmeniancafe.com. Long ago, Turkish conquerors brought Armenian food to Greece. At this large cottage with a sun-deck overlooking Highway 101, some dishes (e.g., gyros) have traveled in the opposite direction, and the menu also translates the Armenian specialties to the more familiar Greek food vocabulary. The gyro meat mixture is made on the premises; other good choices are Armenian marinated rack of lamb and shish kebab, including kebab-filled breakfast omelets. Music and belly dancing Friday and Saturday evenings. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

BIG JIM'S OLD SOUTH BARBECUE 190 North Coast Highway 101 (2 blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in

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THE BRASSERIE La Costa Resort & Spa, Costa Del Mar Road off El Camino Real, Carlsbad, 760-438-9111, x4500. This hotel dining room offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All-you-can-eat Sunday buffet brunch with champagne is \$32.00. Seafood buffet Friday, from 5:30 p.m. Outstanding service. Reservations recommended. Pisces Delicacies of the Sea is also located in this complex. Expensive. — E.W.

CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest l'il eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The cafe is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone, from truck drivers to movie stars, would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its "secret sauce," chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish, biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

CALYPSO CAFE 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252, www.calypsocafe.net. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as ahi pissaladière (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

D.B. HACKERS SEAFOOD CAFE AND GRILL 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. Parked next to the train tracks, this cute little café shakes, rattles, and really rocks. They've been serving superb British-style fish and chips here since the mid-1970s. The fish is New Zealand hake, a cod-like species with fine flavor, carefully fried in an airy, greaseless batter. (Sprinkle on some malt vinegar and sit back and think of England.) The "chips" are thin oval potato slices, a hybrid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood platters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

FIDEL'S CARLSBAD 3003 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-729-0903. A sister restaurant to the venerable establishment in Solana Beach, the stars here are carnitas; quesadilla with chicken, beef, or pork; tostada suprema; and breast of chicken Milanese. Open daily lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

FIRENZE 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000, www.firenzetrattoria.com. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables are laden with huge portions of accomplished, multi-regional Italian cuisine and reasonably priced Italian and California wines (with bargain wine prices Monday nights). Vegetarians will rejoice in the two dozen meatless selections. Lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday, dinner-only on Sundays. High moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

HILL STREET COFFEE HOUSE 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside,

760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored yellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

I TRULLI TRATTORIA 830 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An instant hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that co-exist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and some modicum of creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Reserve for dinner or expect an hour's wait on any night of the week. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (11/01)

JOHNNY MANANA'S 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolate, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *my* popular, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

KIM'S RESTAURANT 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with seitan (mock poultry). The seafood isn't necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

KNOCKOUT PIZZA 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. All our pies are 18-inch. But we do do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and flavors like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "Whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fello New Yorkers quicker 'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

POTATO SHACK CAFE 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-436-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu,

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TOMIKO 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587, www.tomiko.com. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh uni, world-beating silky toro. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fusion-tinged seafood entrees. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

THE VILLAGE GRILL 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

NORTH INLAND

BERNARD'O RESTAURANT 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. The restaurant is elegant in food, service, and ambiance. The cuisine is California-French, menus

change seasonally. Best bets are rack of lamb, filet mignon, daily fresh fish, and crème brûlée. You'll have a good experience here. Lunch weeknights, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (8/99)

DELICIAS 6106 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-756-8000. The room is smashing and the menu offers excellent pastas, fresh fish, first-rate meat and chicken, gourmet pizzas. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — E.W.

DICRESCENDO'S 11625 Duenda Road, Westwood Shopping Center, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. Should you be in Rancho Bernardo and seeking great Italian sandwiches or pizzas to eat in or take out, keep this Chicago-style deli in mind. The Italian beef and Rocco's Imperial sub are knockouts. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

EL BIZCOCHO Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. You get what you pay for at one of San Diego County's premiere dining destinations — stunning new French cuisine in a lovely, civilized room. The left side of the menu lists traditional golf-and-tennis-folk favorites (lobster bisque,

filet mignon), but the right side is a daily-changing array of creative dishes by chef Patrick Ponsaty, including a five-course tasting menu. These dishes are not merely luxurious, they're the food of thrills and revelations, with flavor combinations that are intense and balanced, audacious and refined. The wine list is awesome and pricey, with numerous half-bottles and some near-bargains in the higher realms (the legendary Chateau Grillet Condrieu at \$126). Dress rules aside, the atmosphere is anything but stuffy: A charming room captain puts you at ease and servers are pleasantly attentive. It's an

ideal restaurant for a special night out — and the Sunday brunches are lavish, too. Jacket required, ties usual, women's attire chic or prosperously dowdy, reservations essential. Very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

HERNANDEZ' HIDE-AWAY Rancho and Lake Drives, Del Dios, Lake Hodges, 760-746-1444. The popular bargain-priced breakfast/brunch on Saturdays and Sundays offers steak and eggs, chilaquiles, sausage, beans, and omelets. At dinner, most tables sport pitchers of margaritas to wash down standard So-Cal gringo-Mex dishes. Reservations urged, especially for week-

ends (when non-reservers may have to wait over an hour for a table); ask for driving directions when you call. Weekend brunch; lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

MIKI JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND SUSHI BAR 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (hotategai), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all

prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

SAND CRAB CAFE 222 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschool-

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TONG SZECHUAN 609 North Broadway #E-F, Albertson's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The "New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, kung pao, ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

TONY'S GIANT PIZZA 122 El Norte Parkway, Escondido, 760-738-9121. Tony's claims to serve "New York pizza" and they're not that far off — the crust is thin enough (if not quite crisp enough), but what's special here is the honest, gooey mozzarella — it doesn't get stringy when hot or rubbery when cool. You can get plain or pepperoni pizza by the humongous slice (it laps over the plate), and fancier (if still pretty basic) toppings on pies of up to 28 inches. There's also a mean meatball sandwich with small flavorful balls and an okay sauce swathed in that yummy cheese. There are video games for the kids and a neighborly atmosphere, although most orders are take-out or delivery. Inexpensive. — N.W. (5/01)

VINCENT'S SIRINO'S 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robbing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. (Closed annually from third week of June to third week of July.) Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine rustica and chicken Marsala best bets. Lunch, Tuesday through Friday; dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (1/00)

MILTON'S DELICATESSEN, GRILL, AND BAKERY 2660 Via de la Valle, Flower Hill Mall, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. You'll find 200 items on the menu. They include Jewish deli; Chicago-style pizza; and grilled ribs, steaks, vegetables. Two recommended items: Chinese chicken salad and skirt steak sandwich. Not the greatest Jewish deli; not the worst. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

NOBU JAPANESE RESTAURANT 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-0113. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

PACIFIC COAST GRILL 437 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-794-4632. Many dishes here are under \$10. Best bets: baby back ribs, fresh fish, and a variety of burgers served with salad and fries presented in a paper bag. Warm, casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Inexpensive to expensive. — E.W.

RED TRACTON'S 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Truly mammoth portions of prime rib, steak, chicken, and fish are served in lovely surroundings. Dinners come with corn on the cob (when in season) or baked potatoes or vegetables. Salads are à la carte, but are enough for two people. Open daily. Expensive. — E.W.

SPICES THAI CAFE 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

SUSHI @ LA KAZ 3870 Valley Centre Drive, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, 858-792-5509. Outstanding, sophisticated sushi includes caterpillar roll (eel and avocado), soft-shell-crab roll, tempura roll. Good hot dishes include "Dynamite" and sukiyaki. Elegant sushi. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

LA JOLLA

AESOP'S TABLES 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, La Jolla, 858-455-1535. The chief attributes of this Greek and Mediterranean restaurant are fresh food, tasty preparation, and low cost. The salads

are a good buy. Entrées are large enough for two. All items available for takeout. Lunch, Monday through Saturday; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

ALFONSO'S OF LA JOLLA 1251 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-2232. Both the patio and the dining room are lively, crowded, noisy, and festive. The house specialty is carne asada, and the quesadilla Mercedes (shrimp over a quesadilla) is outstanding. Extensive menu offers combination plates, chiles rellenos, sopas, and flautas. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

AZULA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

BARBARELLA 2171 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. Don't miss this lively bistro that offers sandwiches, soup, pizza, and entrées. Lively atmosphere. The Bibb salad and Max's Pizza are outstanding. Arrive early or late to avoid wait for tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (3/00)

FLEMING'S STEAK HOUSE AND WINE BAR 8970 University Center Lane, Aventine Complex, La Jolla, 858-535-0078. Beautiful atmosphere, excellent service, very fine preparations. Very crowded weekends. Steaks and chops first rate. Vegetables à la carte. Open nightly for dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — E.W. (1/00)

FOREVER FONDUE 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. If you stay with the cheese fondue, house salad, or shrimp with spicy cocktail sauce, you'll have a good meal. Steel plates make the food cold. The prix fixe dinner for two is very affordable, but not necessarily a best buy. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily for dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-4244. The always-excellent George's, with its first-rate fish and meat menu, boasts three dining levels on its ocean-view site. The first level is the fine dining room, with full menu and gourmet lunch and dinners. Above is the Café, and on top is the Terrace, which is romantic on balmy nights. The Café and Terrace offer identical menus: light meals for lunch, extensive menu for dinner. The Ocean View Room offers high-quality California regional cuisine, with higher prices. Food is well prepared and their famous roasted chicken, bean, and broccoli soup is still on the menu. Incomparable service. Call for exact hours. Expensive. George's gourmet room; moderate to expensive, other rooms. — E.W. (9/99)

LA TAVERNA 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the rooftop sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except

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MICHELE COULON PASTRIES 7556-D Fay Avenue (across the street from Vons parking lot), La Jolla, 858-456-5098, www.dessertier.com. The daughter of Don Coulon (retired chef/owner of The Belgian Lion restaurant) and her son reside in turn at this delightful little cafe/bakery. (Look for it behind the octagonal sandwich shop that fronts its mini-mall.) Every ingredient is fresh and of top quality. Cakes are light, moist, rich, and available as wholes, slices, and even "miniatures," plus you can choose tarts, chocolates, ice creams, and breakfast pastries. At lunch there are European-style salads, house-made paté, fresh vegetables, and two or three substantial entrées — often including the family's famed cassoulet and a seductive quiche Lorraine featuring a light, satiny cheese custard in a crumbly crust. Wine and Belgian ales available. Open daily, breakfast through late afternoon; during the summer, dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

SANTE RISTORANTE 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — E.W. (4/99)

SUSHI ON THE ROCK 7734 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy, high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (although older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative futo-maki party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and immensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well-conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip. The one-time menu of cooked dinner entrées, however, is now minimal. No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly, with deep discounts for Happy Hour specials. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

TRATTORIA ACQUA 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. You'll do fine if you stay with the simplest dishes: marinated grilled chicken breast on pizza dough, grilled portobello mushrooms, or pasta dishes. Entrées from shores other than Italian don't fare as well. The restaurant is located two flights down and offers an ocean view and patio as well as indoor dining. Elevator located at garage below on Coast Boulevard. Open daily. Moderate (some pastas) to very expensive. — E.W.

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

94TH AERO SQUADRON 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farm-house chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might

include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

ADAM'S STEAK 'N' EGGS 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crepes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has very faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

BACI RISTORANTE 1955 W. Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-2094. If you have been eating low-fat, low-calorie food, consider this place a special treat. Be sure to order at least two pastas (parties of four or more can request a combination pasta plate) and fresh fish or chicken. Excellent fried squid and the best zabaglione (dessert) in the city. Salt may be more than usual. First-rate service. Open Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

DUMPLING INN 4619 Convoy Street #F, 848-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center, among Oriental herbalists, man-size vase shops, stores with jewelry, fresh fish, even Feng Shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious, but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried Three-Ingredients lo mein (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

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HSU'S SZECHUAN CUISINE Hazard Boulevard, 9350 F-G Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-279-9799. This restaurant is noted for its hot and spicy Szechuan dishes as well as for its Mandarin specialties. For Mongolian barbecue, you have a choice of beef, pork, lamb, or turkey with stir-fried vegetables (barbecue is not available Sunday morning). Extensive menu with many unusual dishes. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

KING'S FISH HOUSE 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230, www.kingsfishhouse.com. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above

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average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn pot-sticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

MANDARIN GARDEN RESTAURANT 8242 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-566-4720. From the dim sum served Saturday and Sunday to its variety of exotic dishes, this restaurant is worth seeking out, especially at dinner. Located in the Mira Mesa Mall, it offers many unusual and hard-to-find appetizers. The noteworthy main dishes are steamed whole fish, twice-cooked pork (spicy), and fresh eel served in brown sauce. The extensive menu includes standard dishes favored by Americans. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

PHO TAU BAY RESTAURANT 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name: La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscoting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try *mi ga*, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or *order banh mi thit*, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

SAM WOO BAR-B-Q RESTAURANT 7330 Clairmont Mesa Boulevard #A103, 858-505-9888. Sam Woo is one of a bunch of restaurants inside the "99 Ranch" Asian supermarket. Great idea — you're never supposed to grocery shop while hungry. Next to the checkout counter you can savor some primo Hong Kong delicacies — without busting the bank. BBQ pork and roast duck rice or the BBQ "Two Delicacy" Combination will fill you nicely. *Tung kong* salty chicken or soy-braised pork intestine are interesting. Honey-glazed walnut shrimp is easy to love. But the quickest, healthiest choice is probably *jook*, Chinese rice porridge. You can get it garnished with pork organs, beef, seafood, sliced pork, preserved egg with duck... this is not your mama's oatmeal. Then there's House Tea With Pearl — iced tea with boba (caramelized tapioca balls) floating in it. You suck the boba up with the tea through the triple-wide straw and chew. Isn't this the way shopping should be? Daily, 9 a.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

SAN TONG PALACE 4690 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist. San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

SHOGUN KOBE 5451 Kearny Villa Road, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-7399. This restaurant specializes in well-seasoned Japanese-style steaks, either by

themselves or in combination with lobster, shrimp, or scallops. All entrées arrive with soup, salad, rice, and Japanese-style vegetables. Seating is communal at the *teppan* tables. There's also an attractive, well-stocked sushi bar. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

THE BEACHES

GO GREEK CAFE AND GRILL 4501 Mission Bay Drive (mall with 7-Eleven and Sushi Ota), Pacific Beach, 858-270-4487, www.eatgreek.com. Located in the same easy-to-miss mini-mall as Sushi Ota, across the street from Rubio's (look for the 7-Eleven sign), this informal Greek café is better than it looks. The *taramasalata* (codfish roe salad) may not be house-made, but the delicious spread is straight from Greece. Excellent house salad, stuffed grape leaves, lentil soup, *saganaki* for additional starters; fine homey mousaka and grilled fish are among the entrées (but gyros are ordinary), and the exotic rice pudding makes a light dessert. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Belly dancing Friday nights. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; sporadically on Sunday. Low moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

GRINGO'S 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877, www.gringoscantina.com. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

GUAVA BEACH BAR AND GRILL 3714 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-6688. Old-fashioned American cooking such as meat loaf with mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese (on children's menu) are prepared here, along with Mexican and seafood specialties. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

HARBOR'S EDGE Sheraton Harbor Island Resort, 1380 Harbor Island Drive (across from airport), 619-291-2900. The restaurant has a stunning bay view and contemporary interior. Good California cuisine includes fish, chicken, pastas. For inexpensive diversion, try the Bakery (adjacent to the dining room) where sandwiches and pastries are served. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

HUDSON BAY SEAFOOD 1403 Scott Street, Point Loma, 619-222-8787. Fresh fish and seafood, burgers, and salads served in room on the dock. Great view and you may eat on the out-

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JARED'S 880 East Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1028. The house specialty is steak, offered in a room directly on the harbor. Presentation, in the manner of Morton's, is to show you the entrées raw. Price of entrée includes nothing else; vegetables, potatoes à la carte. Excellent appetizers, especially five-onion tart. First-rate bread and bread pudding. Dinner only, Tuesday through Sunday; closed Monday. Expensive. — E.W.

KAISERHOF 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and *biertgarten*, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen's reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excellent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (6/02)

LAMONT STREET GRILL 4445 Lamont Street, Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. Most entrées here include salad or soup, potatoes, vegetables, and fresh fruit dipped in chocolate. This restaurant boasts a genuine fireplace on the heated outdoor patio. It's really romantic. Dinners only, nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — E.W.

REUBEN E. LEE 880 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-291-1880, www.islandsedge.com. This docked faux-riverboat replica serves seafood without a sea breeze — the windows are sealed and it can get stuffy when the weather's warm. The food can be inconsistent. Best bets are an appetizer of steamed clams and a surprisingly authentic, zesty bouillabaisse. Otherwise, the cooking style tends to be corporately cautious. No disability access, but you can order from this menu down stairs at sister-restaurant Jared's. Dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Bargain-priced buffet Friday evening includes all their best items. Otherwise, expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

SAM CHOY'S HAWAII AT THE BALI HAI 2230 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-222-1181. Unpretentious Hawaiian/Chinese creations emphasize seafood here, in a family-friendly setting with spectacular views. Dinner prices include soup and a salad with an addictive sesame dressing. Simpler entrées are best. Try the coconut-stuffed halibut in pineapple cream sauce or a sashimi-lover's sampler of three different fish species, seared "ahi-style." The weekly specials can be risky; wokked entrées run to old-fashioned "Cantonese-American" fare. Full bar, with well-made "umbrella drinks," pitiful wine list. Champagne brunch buffet Sundays. Reservations get a view table. Noisy on Sundays. Moderate. — N.W. (3/01)

SASKA'S 3768 Mission Boulevard, 858-488-7311, www.saskas.com. Venetian, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet'up

front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — A.M. (8/02)

SPORTSMEN'S SEAFOODS 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Bay, 619-224-3551, www.sportsmensseafood.com. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE THIRD CORNER 2265 Bacon Street (at West Point Loma Boulevard), Ocean Beach, 619-223-2700, www.thethirdcorner.com. On the former site of The Belgian Lion, Ed Moore and his long-time chef from The Bungalow (across the street) focus on Mediterranean-style seafood, with some meat and poultry entrées for dedicated carnivores. The house style is creative but rational — try the ethereal (not an oxymoron) cabbage-wrapped seafood "charreusse" with sauce Nantua, the wild mushroom strudel, the potato-crusted salmon, or the lake whitefish in any preparation. A huge wine list offers food-friendly bottlings chosen to complement the cuisine at below-normal markups. To request a specific wine from The Bungalow's larger cellar, call ahead. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (3/02)

THE BUNGALOW 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884, www.thebungalow.com. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like grandmaman used to make. And like *mamhre's*, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the over-rated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — N.W. (11/00)

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ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. —E.B. (10/01)

AWASH ETHIOPIAN RESTAURANT 4979 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-583-9225. Small eatery, but great place to sample some of Africa's best vittles. Come off El Cajon Boulevard into clean white walls, Ethiopian art, haunting music, maroon cloth-covered tables, and white napkins. Awash (named after an Ethiopian river) serves pretty much everything on injera, the giant soft crumpet you rip and wrap around foods arranged in beautiful piles on top. (Don't expect cutlery; the injera serves that function.) They have plenty of meat or vegetarian choices, among them *yebeg alicha* (lamb stew), *kitfo* (raw chopped beef with spices, red peppers, and Ethiopian cheese), or *yedoro wot* (spicy lamb cooked in red pepper *berbere* sauce and butter). For a late breakfast, try the *foul* (crushed beans, onions, tomato, and green peppers with French bread) or the *sambusa* (a pastry shell filled with lentils or beef). Ethiopian beers or the Awash's *tej* (honey wine, with or without alcohol) go well with this food. Open daily. Inexpensive. —E.B. (6/02)

BALE'S CAFE 3926 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-293-0772. This bare-bones cafe offers some of the best Vietnamese-Chinese and American food prices in San Diego County. Owner Mr. Pham and his family are trying a formula that has worked in the Vietnamese community in Santa Ana, offering meals as low as \$1.99. Try the steak and egg breakfast with hash browns or toast. Or BBQ pork chop, egg, and shredded pork with rice. Mr. Pham knows what Americans like—before the fall of Saigon he supplied food to the U.S. military there, so you can trust his good, basic burgers. Also good: spicy lemon grass chicken, half a fried Cornish hen with fried rice, or *kung pao* shrimp, *pho tai* (rice noodle beef soup), curry chicken or *chow fun* (thick noodles, beef, shrimp, chicken, with black mushrooms). Decor is sparse, but at these prices, who's complaining? Open daily. Inexpensive. —E.B. (5/02)

EL MORELENSE 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelos-style cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of *carne asada*), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the *carne de adobada* (pork dish), *caldo de res* (beef soup), *huevos rancheros*, and *menudo* or *pozole* soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. Inexpensive. —E.B. (12/01)

ISLAND SPICE 2820 Market Street (at 29th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister), but don't overlook lesser-known delicacies such as savory oxtail stew, *escovitch* (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. —N.W. (2/01)

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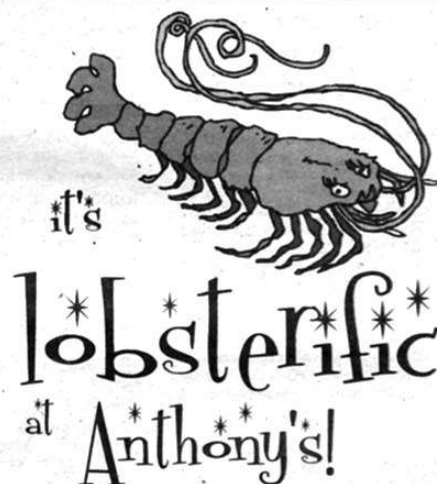


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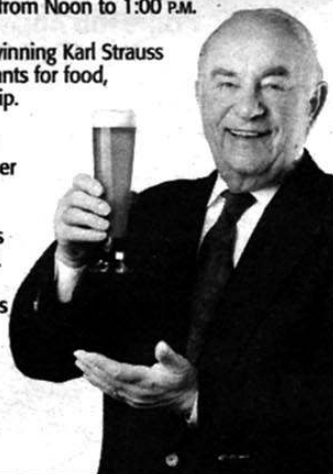
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JYOTI-BIHANGA 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "Treno della Pace." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also dishes: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

KENSINGTON GRILL 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This new addition to an old neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Salads are well prepared, as is the savory smoked duck appetizer with cheese-bread pudding. These preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold — as do the entrées. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hardworking kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — M.N. (8/99)

KENSINGTON VILLAGE CAFE 4090 Adams Avenue (at I-15), 619-283-7546. This small, friendly café, a great favorite with the locals, is often filled with local politicians and folk from the nearby Kensington Library. Best morning bet: the Village Breakfast (three eggs, thick bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, peppers, cheese, cooked frittata style) or the half-pound Village Burger with fries, potato salad, macaroni salad, or coleslaw. Lighter standards include Caesar salad with grilled

chicken, or a Polish sausage on a roll with sautéed peppers, onions, and cheese. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

LA CAMPANA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 2479-A Broadway (at 25th Street), Golden Hill, 619-232-8756. Don't be fooled by the strip mall location. Jefe Arturo's wonderful specialties include *cochinita pibil*, roast suckling pig in sauce; a nice, thick *pozole*, pork and hominy soup; and tacos filled with various odd parts of the steer, including the sweet meat of the cheeks. Decor includes *campañas* (traditional bells) and old photos of Arturo's hometown, Tepic, the riverport capital of Nayarit. Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Sunday, closes early Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

SISTER PEE WEE'S SOUL FOOD 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southern-fried chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

EAST COUNTY & STATE COLLEGE

CAFE ZIA 6686 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

THE HIDEOUT STEAKHOUSE AND SALOON 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs (Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squash bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Friday through Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

JIMMY'S 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on butter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

JOHNNY B'S 4738 Fourth Street (at La Mesa Boulevard), La Mesa, 619-464-2465. This "Burgers and Brew" bar is a real 1950s place, with burgers to die for and good bar snacks, including a zesty jalapeño dip. Play pool, watch TV, hide from your ex on the smokers' patio out back. On Sundays (1 p.m. to 7 p.m. only), their 10-oz. New York steak, fries, beans, and salad is a must-eat at a rock-bottom price. Open daily; lunch and dinners

Monday through Thursday; three meals (until midnight) Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/00)

LEMON GROVE DELI 7860 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-464-2928. More than one local has called this small and spare deli one of the best sandwich shops in East County. Arrive at lunch time and you will find neat stacks of rolled pastrami, beef, and chicken, and cole slaw and sliced tomatoes in giant coolers ready for midday's rush. Lots of "Build Your Own Sandwich" suggestions on the wall menu, but one of the best has to be the pita pocket grilled chicken with mushrooms and onions. Closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

ORCHARD THAI AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 762 North Johnson Avenue, #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli, celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). *Larb*, the Lao ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the *masaman*, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include *prik pow* beef, *som tum* (papaya salad), *panang* curry, and *mee pad* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Monty Sengouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of *Kratin Daeng*, Red Bull. It's a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to plug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner. The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

SHERMAN'S CAJUN AND CREOLE BUFFET 7353 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-698-8797, www.shermanscajun.com. According to Sherman

Hargrave, the owner-chef, the difference between Cajun and Creole is that Cajuns were country French and Creoles were mixed-race town sophisticates. And their food reflects this background. Must-know: "Gumbo's a soup and Cajun," says Hargrave, "jambalaya's a casserole and Creole. But onions and peppers and celery are the base of both traditions." His all-you-can-eat lunch buffet (including a salad bar) is the best on-the-job way to get educated. His long center table has everything, from Louisiana gumbo, vegetable gumbo, fried catfish, barbecued chicken, and jambalaya, to beef hot links, baked and Southern-fried chicken, candied yams, collard greens, dirty rice, macaroni and cheese, crawfish étouffée, and really good, crumbly corn bread. And do not leave without a bite of (dangerously addictive) coconut coffee bar. Price includes a choice of soda or coffee. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

TYLER'S TASTE OF TEXAS 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9297. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (2/02)

FAR EAST

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ing. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE MOUNT SIGNAL CAFE 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a *banderillera*, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional *casera* (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

OWL CAFE 674 Main Street, El Centro, 760-352-3951. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners — and they are full — include roast beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until 2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

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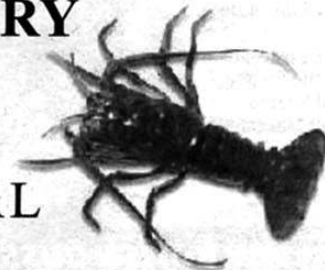
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BUSALACCHI'S RISTORANTE 3683 Fifth Avenue, Uptown, 619-298-0119. If you like old-fashioned Sicilian-style cooking—tons of tomato sauce, olive oil, and garlic—then try this converted cottage which serves it. Lots of pasta dishes, veal, chicken, and fish. Lunch, Monday through Friday; dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CABLE CAR CAFE 1945 Adams Avenue, 619-291-8607. A lot of San Diego history is tied to this place. For starters, a real Frisco-style cable car used to terminate near here from downtown. So did later electric trolleys at Trolley Barn Park across the road. Harvey Bentley's ostrich farm was here too—which explains the mural of ostrich characters inside. They say the first Cable Car Café opened on this spot in the 1920s. Today it's a happy little red-and-white corner joint offering honest American fare. Breakfast includes two eggs any style with potatoes and toast, or "make-your-own" three-egg omelets. Walk by late morning and your nose will lead you in—the owners roast their own beef with fresh garlic every day. One great result: the Cable Car cheese steak (fried beef, grilled onions, and cheese on a hoagie roll). Or try the BBQ pork sandwich (with coleslaw, potato, or pasta salad). Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

CAFE W 3680 Sixth Avenue (south of Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-291-0200. Chef-owner Chris Walsh combines world-ranging ingredients into eclectic, fusion-y "taps" to mix, match, and share around the table in a lively, casual ambience. Three plates per person make a reasonably filling meal, particularly if you include some starches (e.g., pizza, polenta). Unfortunately, though, the number of menu choices has grown to a length beyond what the kitchen can execute with any consistency. Numerous vegetarian choices. Can be very noisy. Dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (4/02)

CITY DELICATESSEN 535 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Jewish specialties available here include brisket of beef, chicken-in-the-pot, chopped liver, and a wide variety of sandwiches and vegetarian items. Breakfast specials weekdays; early bird dinner for \$9.95. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to midnight during the week and to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — E.W.

ELAGAVE 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You'll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines—Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl—with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It's the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yu-

catecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuilacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of "mushroom" that grows on corn ears. (In English it's called "corn smut," but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

EL FANDANGO 2734 Calhoun Street (next to Bazaar Del Mundo in the Plaza), Old Town Historic Park, 619-298-2860. This indoor-outdoor café sits right on the tourist-packed plaza. But come early, like 8 a.m., and you'll be practically alone. You're suddenly in a Mexican town, say 1840. Order up a chorizo (Mexican pork sausage) scrambled with eggs and rice and refried beans, or scrambled eggs mixed with *nopalitos*—cactus pads—and chile verde and frijoles, and maybe add breakfast champagne. Soon you'll be conjuring up all the fandangos—dances—that happened here. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

GELATO VERO CAFFE 3753 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-9269. A fine spot for Italian sorbets and ice creams, pastries of all kinds, and coffees. Diners can read undisturbed indoors or, weather permitting, outside. Open daily. — E.W.

JIMMY CARTER'S CAFE 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise—great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or *pesaratu* (mung bean crepe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too—like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center-stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

LAUREL RESTAURANT 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Douglas Organ's French provincial restaurant is sophisticated and stylish, featuring an ever-changing seasonal menu of fresh, appealing dishes and a superb wine list (as you'd expect from the sister of the North County's Wine Seller Brasserie). The crowd, many coming straight from work or business conventions, are on the dressy side. Dine early in the week for quiet, as weekends are jumping. Reservations are a must. The site now includes a small gourmet market, open from 4 p.m. Expensive to very expensive. — E.W.

LIAISON 2202 Fourth Avenue (at Ivy Street), uptown, 619-234-5540. This French restaurant with its romantic atmosphere offers an à la carte menu and fixed-price meals. Pleasant food, excellent service. Patio dining, weather permitting. Open Tuesday through Sunday for dinner; closed Monday. Low moderate to expensive. — E.W. (3/00)

MISSION HILLS CAFE 808 West Washington, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Here's a good bargain restaurant for dinner. There are two dining rooms with the atmosphere of a casual neighborhood restaurant—nothing fancy, but good value for the money. Open Tuesday through Sunday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner; closed Monday. Breakfast items available until 4 p.m. Moderate. — E.W. (6/99)

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE 2489 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-297-4330. This boisterous café is noted for its excellent breakfasts, served from opening to closing. Try also the rotisserie-roasted chicken, the carnitas, or the fajitas. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

PRADO House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asian-touches cuisine. Despite the mixed ethnicities, the food brings few surprises, but is generally flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly tender, slow-roasted pork loin. A

meringue-based banana Tres Leches cake is everyone's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Dinner reservations vital. Interior is vast and prone to loudness, but heated, umbrella-topped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. — N.W. (12/00)

SAFFRON NOODLES AND SATE 3737 India Street, Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. Casual Thai food, noodle dishes, soups, *sate* (grilled chicken, beef, pork) to eat in or take out. Best bet: chicken noodle soup and curry served Wednesday only. Gorgeous artwork. Open daily, same menu all day. Inexpensive. — E.W.

TASTE OF SZECHUAN 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. The Mandarin Szechuan menu offers standards with few surprises. But the three best features are the lovely room, the astonishing friendliness of the management, and the late hours. The Peking duck is excellent and so is the chopped chicken in lettuce cups. If you have favorite dishes, they will be prepared upon request in advance. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

TERRA 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088, www.terra.com. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venture-some, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

A LA CARTE ON SIXTH AVENUE 921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes a fine light meal. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

CABO CAFE & GRILL 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, chesces, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (5/02)

FIO'S 801 Fifth Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp District, 619-234-3467. This handsome Gaslamp old-timer serves rich, comforting, serious North Italian cuisine in a civilized atmosphere, with the bar glassed off from the dining rooms, keeping the sound level low. High-quality ingredients (fine fresh fish, free-range chicken, genuinely ripe tomatoes, great Gorgonzola) are employed in well-executed dishes that are creative without going off the deep end. Great small details include fine bread

with rosemary butter and an impressive wine list. There's plenty of life in this old girl yet. Full bar, heated patio. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

GREYSTONE 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225, www.greystonethesteakhouse.com. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lobster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of first-growth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

HENRY'S BBQ 1300 Market Street, downtown, 619-239-3919. The outside's a little tatty, but inside—Aladdin's Cave! A dining room of gold-framed pictures, mirrored golden-wood booths, and cushions, tables, walls, and carpet all in blue. Pork ribs are the thing here, guaranteed slow-cooked overnight for ten hours. Also beef, turkey, lamb, and ham. Try them together in combo sandwiches. Full plates come with barbeque beans and macaroni, potato, or coleslaw salad. "We haven't changed the menu since 1953," says Lorens, grandson of the original Henry. Closes 6 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

KANSAS CITY BARBECUE 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop—barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (3/01)

LILLO'S NEW AMERICAN CUISINE 1125 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-231-1969. Swank little Art Deco retro-café with a menu that's homey in a sexy way. Something about the dark varnished wood, cream walls, scones, mirrors, giant French posters and a mezzanine gallery makes you feel ritzy. The menu tries hard to be interesting. How about gingerbread pancakes (with molasses and candied ginger) or pear and walnut salad with blue cheese and sherry walnut dressing? Or chomp into the Belpoort chicken with sautéed onions, peppers, cheese, and mustard on a bun, or salmon fillet with caper-anchovy butter, rice pilaf and a French baguette. Lunchtimes are speedy—secretaries and their bosses; evenings, it's theatergoers. Breakfast and lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (6/02)

MAMA GUCCI'S HOME-STYLE ITALIAN FOOD 1157 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-338-0400. Mama Gucci did so well here she retired back to Italy; now her son-in-law, George, runs the restaurant. A pretty interior with blonde wood chairs, checkered tablecloths, yellow walls, red shutters, and window-box flowers brings in the downtown office crowd between noon and 1 p.m.—but join the in-crowd sitting out in the sun, drinking wine and scarfing up spaghetti bolognese or chicken Chianti (chicken on fettuccine, with mushrooms and red-wine sauce). Lunch only, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

OCTOPUS GARDEN 314 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp District, 619-233-1653. Not-to-be-missed Japanese and Continental preparations. Superb sushi and sashimi, unique hot appetizers, fish with continental sauces. Ahi tuna steak and sea bass outstanding. Upstairs seating for large parties. Delightful atmosphere and service. Open nightly for dinner. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)



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OLD WORLD RESTAURANT 452 Eighth Avenue (at J Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for anyone who loves Northern European food. Their "Great Grilled Gruben" — homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, "gemütlich." Also, try the sausage platter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

POKEZ MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND VEGETARIAN CUISINE 947 E Street (at 10th Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago. He was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it's all Rafa's friends. People from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he's got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays, closes earlier on weekends. — E.B. (12/01)

RAINWATER'S 1202 Kettner Boulevard, downtown, 619-233-5757. Though this attractive restaurant is noted for its fine steaks and chops, the

live Maine lobster and fresh fish (especially the salmon in parchment) are outstanding here. For a low-cost meal, try meat loaf and creamy mashed potatoes. Open for lunch Monday through Friday; dinner seven nights a week. Expensive. — E.W.

SEVILLA 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp District, 619-233-5979, www.cafesevilla.com. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — N.W. (2/01)

THE SNACK GALLEY Greyhound Depot, 120 West Broadway, downtown, 619-234-4522. At 4:00 in the morning you don't expect Cordon Bleu, Pink, or any other color. The great thing about Snack Galley is that it's open at all. If you can get past the sleeping bodies, ask for the breakfast sandwich: bread stuffed with egg, cheese, and bacon, sausage, or ham. Sausage is best — it feels like you get more to munch. Order a large coffee to wake you up, or sober you up, whatever you need. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

STAR OF THE SEA 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-7408. This is not your father's Star of the Sea. In a chic new setting with the same romantic view, a talented new chef offers superb sea catch in fresh flavor combinations that are bold but sane. Menus change seasonally, but one constant is an always-ravishing chef's tasting menu, which can include a cleverly paired wine flight. A la carte dishes are equally alluring, and wines are interesting, mainly affordable, and poured generously into good large goblets that show off their noses. Service is very considerate. Is this perfection? Quite possibly so. Somewhat dressy; reservations urged. Expensive to very expensive. — N.W. (2/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

BUON GIORNO 4110 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-475-2661. The menu includes antipasti, soup, salad, pasta, pizza as well as chicken, meat, and fish. Try the Caesar salad topped with grilled fresh chicken breast, or linguine al pesto. Fish does very well here. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

CROWN ROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611, ext. 7284. Open only for Sunday brunch and special events. The food is competent, but the room is outstanding, especially the crown-shaped ceiling. Expensive. — E.W.

FLAMINGO CAFE 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076. Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of clipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always a "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

GRANDMA'S PANTRY RESTAURANT AND BAKERY 875 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-424-5800. Kids will appreciate Grandma's notice — pinned above a heap of cheesecakes, pies, and cakes — that says "Enjoy Life More: Eat Dessert First." The menu ranges from Belgian breakfast waffles heaped with strawberries and cream to "Hot Juan" frittata (eggs, chorizo, onions, cheese, flour tortilla, salsa, and sour cream) to homemade meat loaf with mashed potatoes, veggies, a roll, and chilled

pudding. Friday and Saturday nights, try their "All-The-Fish-You-Can-Eat" special. Then go and have your second dessert. You can walk it off on IB's pier. Breakfast and early dinner six days, Sunday to 2 p.m. only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

ISLAND WOK 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

JADE HOUSE CHINESE RESTAURANT 569 H Street (at Broadway), Chula Vista, 619-426-5951. Fairly bare bones, but comfortable, decorated with red dragons and paper lanterns. William and Anna, co-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Refills!" *Kung pao* squid, beef with broccoli, orange beef, and fried yam are great, but hang in for (in my opinion) the star turn: William's batter-covered crab puff — imitation crab with cream cheese. Or go with the menu and try the Pu Pu Appetizer Tray (for two) including fried shrimp, crab puff, and paper-wrapped chicken with flaming habachi. Seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

KARIHAN RESTAURANT 2220 Plaza Boulevard, Suite B, Grove Plaza Center, National City, 619-470-7491. It looks like a grass hut and features about 16 different dishes at remarkably low prices. *Hamonado*, *binagoongan*, and *sinampalukan* turn out to be sweet-and-sour pork in pineapple sauce, pork with salted shrimp, and chicken in tamarind soup. Filipinos like to mix sweet and savory flavors, like *kare kare*, beef tripe and oxtail cooked in peanut butter sauce. And everybody loves *pancit*, Filipino chow mein. Open 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

LA BELLA PIZZA GARDEN 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters, and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

LYDIA'S CAFE AND NIGHTCLUB 1628 Palm Avenue, Nestor, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eating has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented — *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open early to very late, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MARCO'S FINE ITALIAN FOOD AND PIZZA 736 Palm Avenue (at 7th Street), Imperial Beach, 619-424-3636. You hardly notice it tucked into a row of TV repair shops, but Marco's is a jewel. Marco, Frank, and Rosa Palombo ran the place for 30 years. Now Alex Pacheco does, but nothing has changed. There are the classic red tablecloths, murals of Italian scenes, white trellises, dripping plastic grapes, and Chianti bottles. Try spaghetti, mostaccioli, or rigatoni with meat sauce and meatballs. Three meals, six days; Sundays, dinners only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

MARY J'S CAFE 1930 Cleveland Avenue, National City, 619-477-6645. Mary J and her café have been around

for 40 years and about the only thing to change is the prices. This is the real National City. The regulars start piling in at 5 a.m. Mary always has specials going, but check the big board menu above the stove too. One of their most popular items is the Trucker's Breakfast (three eggs, ham, bacon or sausage, home fries, and toast), or steak and eggs with hash browns and toast. Mary's son Vic, the morning cook, always gives you more than enough. For lunch or early dinner, try the meat loaf with mixed veggies, boiled potatoes covered with gravy, toast, and soup or salad. Or chicken-fried steak with all the fixings. Also hefty: cheeseburgers or tuna melts (with fries plus soda included in the price) and that old American favorite, a fried egg sandwich with chips. Open 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekdays only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

PEOHE'S The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch, and dinner. Bargain-priced early-bird dinners Monday through Thursday, otherwise expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

SUSHI SUSHI 600 Palm Avenue, Suite 300, Seacoast Plaza, Imperial Beach, 619-429-4373. Imperial Beach's only sushi bar really tries hard. With its pine sushi bar with roto-polished steel backboard, its white paper lanterns and paper and wood screens, its water-rooted bamboo growing out in weird shape — it feels like you've been teleported to the Ginza. Even the dishes are little pieces of art. Cheap but delectable choices include *katsudon* (breaded pork, onions and egg over rice) or *nabeyaki udon* (thick noodle soup with carrots, egg, chicken, fish cake and a side dish of deep-fried battered shrimp). Or tackle a combo *bento* tray (rice, soup, salad, plus two items from a list that includes squid teriyaki, *gyoza*, *sashimi*, and *panko* fried oysters). Or just go the "tapa" way, ordering sushi dishes one at a time. Your local honor-dish: the "I.B. Roll," filled with salmon egg, smelt egg, cream cheese, and avocado wrapped in salmon. Daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

ZORBAS FAMILY RESTAURANT 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. All-you-can-eat Greek buffet daily, lunch, midweek dinner, weekend dinner with entertainment of belly dancers and Zorba's dancers. Plenty to eat. Not gourmet food, but fun. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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to the post of designated trouble-shooter in the event of any hiccup in the projection of a film anywhere in the

entire county, while the remainder of the audience are cleared to sit like bumps on a log, practicing a Buddhist-like acceptance of life as it comes. I pass over, too, the stray militant who, out of some deeply buried racial memory or vestigial sense of tradition, will whistle, clap, or call out "Focus!" — just as if in the age of the multiplex there were still a sentient and responsive human being up in the projection booth, monitoring the progress of the show with an eagle-eye. I even pass over my own crotchety notion that the job of alarm-raising ought, by unstated covenant, to devolve on the audience member seated closest to the exit, much like the duties assumed by the airline passenger situated in the exit

row. I pass over all this because none of it strictly pertains to the gripe *du jour*.

It is true that my response-time in a crisis has increased somewhat since the advent of "stadium-style" seating.

Preferring, as before, to sit at or toward the back of an auditorium, I now find myself to be one of the farthest view-

ers from the exit rather than one of the closest (I used to be out of my seat like a shot), and therefore am prone to ponder a while longer over the willingness of other viewers to put up with a fuzzy picture or lopped-off heads, or their readiness to laugh sophisticatedly at the microphone poking down into the top of the frame as though this were the mistake of the filmmaker! (And in a sense any margin for error left to the whims of a multiplex projectionist could in fairness be characterized as a filmmaker's mistake.) But no. Time and time again the impulses of selfishness and altruism form an alliance, and I shoulder my lifelong responsibility out of my perverse conviction that a film is ideally to be

REVIEW

DUNCAN SHEPHERD



Men in Black II

viewed in focus and in frame.

And so begins my ever-lengthening journey, which perforce lengthens the amount of the movie I am missing en route: down the stadium stairs, through the tunnel to the exit, then another city block or so to the lobby where I endeavor to flag down the first seventeen-year-old in a uniform I see.

I have my set phrases, to attach to the relevant variable. "The focus is soft in theater fourteen." Or: "The picture is framed too low (or too high) in theater sixteen." Or simply: "Could we please get the film refocused/reframed in theater eight/ten/twelve?" I'm in a hurry. I'm missing the movie. So I waste no words, I state no credentials, I pull

no rank. I am just a customer like any other, except of course in my persnickety preference for seeing a movie as it was intended to be seen.

Which brings me to my complaint. There is no need here to single out any particular theater or chain for censure, inasmuch as the *modus operandi* seems to be the same all over. What I

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would like to see happen, in some pie-in-the-sky fantasy of a world of care and efficiency, is that the uniformed seventeen-year-old would whip out a walkie-talkie with the approximate speed at which Dirty Harry pulls his Magnum on a scumbag, and would bark into the static, "Ace, we've got a problem in fourteen!" And I could spin on my heel with assurance that by the time I retraced my steps to my seat the problem would be fixed. What happens instead is that the seventeen-year-old frowns slightly and cocks his head, as I would fully expect him to do if I had informed him that some phosphorescent green tentacle was emerging from one of the toilets in the men's room; and then, inevitably, preventably, he sets out on the half-mile hike to the specified auditorium to check out for himself whether there might be a scintilla of truth in the wild claims of this old crank.

And I fall in beside him, left-right, left-right, left-right, and for roughly

the five hundredth time my heart sinks. I know from vast experience what's going to happen once we get there. By some immutable law of the universe, when eventually we arrive at the auditorium and come out of the tunnel together at the foot of the screen, the image at that moment will be a humongous close-up that minimizes whatever the problem is, and my seventeen-year-old hiking companion will throw a glance at it and say, "Looks okay to me," thus indicating that he has no clue what to look for, and requiring me to try to detain him there until, in the case of a focus problem, we are accorded an extreme long shot in which the letters on street signs or storefronts are illegible and the actors' faces unidentifiable, or, in the case of a framing problem, we are accorded a standard medium shot in which the heads are cut off at the top of the screen or the bodies cut off at the bottom of it. And I can say, "See?"

An affirmative response at that point brings no relief, no elation, no thrill of victory, because I know, from vast experience again, what will happen next. The seventeen-year-old, gazing skeptically at the screen, reserving judgment as to whether the

filmmaker might be up to something experimental that eluded my comprehension, will at last with reluctance activate the walkie-talkie, the alarm will be raised, I will return to my seat to await developments, and the aforementioned law of the universe will see to it that when the peripatetic projectionist makes his way to the trouble spot and peers through the glass, he will be presented with a humongous close-up and say to himself — I can hear it in my mind's ear — "Looks okay to me." And I have no way to detain him, no way to explain to him what he should be looking for, no further recourse.

Sometimes there is no need. Sometimes, through luck or conscientiousness, a change for the better will be effected. Other times nothing happens at all (did the projectionist ever come round or was it the humongous close-up?), or I can detect at least a fleeting effort to refocus (often on the wrong sort of shot) or fleeting effort to reframe (often in the wrong direction) and ultimately no improvement. Those times I must decide whether to make the trek again to the lobby and miss some more of the movie, or else to work on my acceptance of life's inescapable imperfections and my empathy for those who incline to

watch movies at home on video. Or one other option: to make the trek again to the lobby and keep right on going out the front door.

In the new *Diamond Men*, when the tyro salesman learns how long his mentor has been on the job, he marvels, "Thirty years! That's older than me!" With that in mind, I note that next week marks the thirtieth anniversary of the *Reader*, and so the thirtieth year I have occupied this position. (Granted, I was barely out of kindergarten, but still.) I mark the occasion myself with the simple observation of how often it is, how almost without exception, that the ushers I must convince to refocus a film, the ticket takers, the host or hostess at the courtesy desk, the studio "reps" who stop me at the door of a promotional screening and inquire who I am, are people who were not yet gleams in their respective daddies' eyes when I was already on the job. It puts things in a certain perspective. A certain *Caligari* perspective. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever — Antonio Banderas vs. Lucy Liu, rival undercover agents in a storm of fireballs, crumpled cars, thudding and shrieking rock music. But they're not "versus" for long; they team up against a common foe (common as dirt), a good deal for Banderas, because Liu was chilling him with her superior cool. Directed by Wych Kaosayananda ("Kaos" for short). 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; Santee Drive In; Sweetwater 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Banger Sisters — A loosen-up lesson taught by two former groupies, one now the strait-laced wife of a Phoenix attorney, the other still a disciple of Sex, Drugs, Rock-and-Roll. (Or if not drugs, at least cigarettes and rum-and-Cokes.) The comic contrivances cannot compel attention as much as the documentary concern with Goldie Hawn's boob job: "You used to be much smaller-chested." "I went from one extreme to another. I overdid it." With Susan Sarandon and Geoffrey Rush; written and directed by Bob Dolman. 2002.

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Baraka — A sort of street-corner doomsday tirade, though strictly nonverbal, and very much in the mode of *Koyaanisqatsi*. (The title, according to the press notes, is a Sufi word meaning "blessing" or "breath" or "essence of life.") Half an hour or so of big-wide-wonderful-world footage is followed by over half an hour of shrinking-cramped-awful-world footage, followed in turn by a few final minutes of spiritual contemplation. There is no printed text, no narration, and no telling where you are or what's what (unless you happen already to know). It sometimes piques interest, seldom satisfies it. Photographed (in 70mm) and directed by Ron Fricke. 1993.

★ (KEN. 9/30 THROUGH 10/3)

Barbershop — Comedy set at a Chicago tony parlor, with Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer, and Anthony Anderson, directed by Tim Story. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Blue Crush — Can the local Hawaiian surfer chick bounce back from a near drowning, conquer her fear, and win the Pipemasters Contest at the same time as she romances a GQ NFL QB? Director John Stockwell, of *Crazy/Beautiful*, murmurs some feminist sweet nothings, but his PC lip service is overcome by a penchant for *Baywatch* montages and a severe case of the fidgets. Wipeout! With Kate Bosworth, Matthew Davis, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanoé Lake. 2002.

● (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; HARBOR DRIVE IN; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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

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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 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. Zeigist 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, THROUGH 9/26)

One-Hour Photo — Psychological suspense, 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.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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: punctuating 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 astrigent, 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.
★ (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, THROUGH 9/26)

Quitting — Zhang Yang's re-enactment of the drug struggles of actor Jia Hongsheng, who portrays himself.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/27)

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 truth they get little more out of their surveillance than they would have gotten from plain old nonverbal voyeurism. Ultimately, at the climax, an actual use is found, but the semi-clever resolution is not (by half) clever enough to be believable. In spite of the small scale of the film, the dull, bluish image is pushed up to the plane of the screen as if by bulldozer, the narrowly focussed camera locked onto faces, the surrounding action practically unstaged. 2001.
★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Secretary — Kinky office romance with Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Spader, directed by Steven Shainberg.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/27)

Sex with Strangers — Salacious video documentary on three swinging couples — well, two couples and one ménage-à-trois. It enables you to tag along and sample the "lifestyle" without any active involvement, though it's too unappetizing to serve as a recruiting film. The filmmakers, Joe and Harry Gantz, gain extraordinary intimacy with their subjects, not just for the bouts of

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sex, but for spats, negotiations, breast-implant shopping, and even a marriage proposal. You ought not be shocked to discover that swingers have a higher 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 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.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 9/27; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 plastic, elastic 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 unimpressive 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.
★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

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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 would be beyond the wildest dreams of this dim bulb. Directed by Bruce McCulloch. 2002.

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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 whole-

someness 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)

Sweet Home Alabama — You can take the girl out of the country — take her away from her redneck husband, plant her in the Big Apple, launch her on a career as a fashion designer, affiance her to a Kennedy-esque politico — but you can't take her out of the cliché. Reese Witherspoon, all by her lonesome, is asked to light up the dreariness, a firefly on a moonless night. With Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey, Mary Kay Place, Fred Ward, and Candice Bergen; directed by Andy Tennant. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; Santee Drive In; TOWN SQUARE 14; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/27)



Diamond Men

Swimfan — Teen suspense thriller with Jesse Bradford and Erika Christensen, directed by John Polson. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION

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Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 6:35, 9:00; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Wed. (11:10, 12:30, 1:20, 2:40, 3:30, 4:50, 5:40) 7:15, 7:50, 9:35, 10:05; Thu. (11:10, 12:30, 1:20, 2:40, 3:30, 4:50) 7:15, 9:35; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15, 12:05, 1:50, 2:40, 4:30, 5:15) 7:05, 7:45, 9:40, 10:20; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 4:05) 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45, 1:25, 4:05) 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 4:05) 7:00, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:15; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 1:45, 4:10); **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; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:30, 1:35, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **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; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10

LA JOLLA

Cove

7730 Girard Avenue (858-459-5404)

8 Women (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)

Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R); **Trapped** (R); **The Banger Sisters** (R); **The Four Feathers** (PG-13); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Possession** (PG-13); **Signs** (PG-13)

La Jolla Village

8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)

The Last Kiss (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:30, 9:40; **Mostly Martha** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Quitting** (R) Fri. (4:20); Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 4:20; Mon.-Thu. (4:20)

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18

7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R); **Trapped** (R); **The Banger Sisters** (R); **The Four Feathers** (PG-13); **Stealing Harvard**

(PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Blue Crush** (PG-13); **XXX** (PG-13); **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs** (PG-13); **Goldmember**; **The Bourne Identity** (PG-13)

Hazard Center 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)

Thirteen Conversations About One Thing (R) Fri.-Wed. 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; **Diamond Men** (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:35; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Wed. 1:20, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Wed. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **Possession** (PG-13) Fri.-Wed. 12:45, 2:50, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15; **Read My Lips** (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; **Sex with Strangers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Wed. 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)

Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R); **Trapped** (R); **The Banger Sisters** (R); **The Four Feathers** (PG-13); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **Swimfan** (PG-13); **Spider-Man** (PG-13); **Men in Black II**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **XXX** (PG-13); **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs** (PG-13); **Goldmember**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-287-8990)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:45) 7:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50) 4:55, 7:30, 9:45; Sun. (1:50) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:30) 7:40; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:45) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:20); **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35; Sun. (2:00) 5:05, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:25) 7:45; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 5:40, 10:10; Sun. (1:00) 5:40; Mon.-Thu. (5:35); **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 5:45, 9:50; Sun. (1:20) 5:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:05) 7:35; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 9:55; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:40) 8:00; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (3:00) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:00) 7:30

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)

Outfest San Diego Thu.-Sun. **Baraka** (Not Rated) Mon.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)

Igby Goes Down (R) Fri. 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 10:30, 11:10, 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; Wed.-Thu. 1:30, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **Merci pour le chocolat** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (10:50) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Mon.-Wed. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 9:55; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Secretary** (R) 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

Museum of Photographic Arts

1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)

The Honeymooners (four episodes), Friday, and Saturday, 7 p.m.; **The Honeymooners** (four more episodes), Friday, and Saturday, 9:30 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; 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; 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. (2:25) 7:20; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:25, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 4:10, 5:15) 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:40, 10:20; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:55) 10:00; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:15; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10; **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) 8:00, 10:30; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:45, 10:25; **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); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50) 7:25, 9:40; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:10, 3:50, 4:30) 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:05, 2:20, 4:50) 7:20, 9:50; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:10) 7:45, 10:25; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 12:20, 2:15, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:20; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:50, 10:30

LA MESA

Grossmont Center

Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:55, 10:15; Sun. (12:25, 2:55) 5:25, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:30) 7:50, 10:00; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 9:55; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:10, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:40, 10:05; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:20, 10:10; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:00, 1:40, 2:35) 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 1:40, 2:35) 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 7:45, 9:55, 10:20

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, uninvited, 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

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)

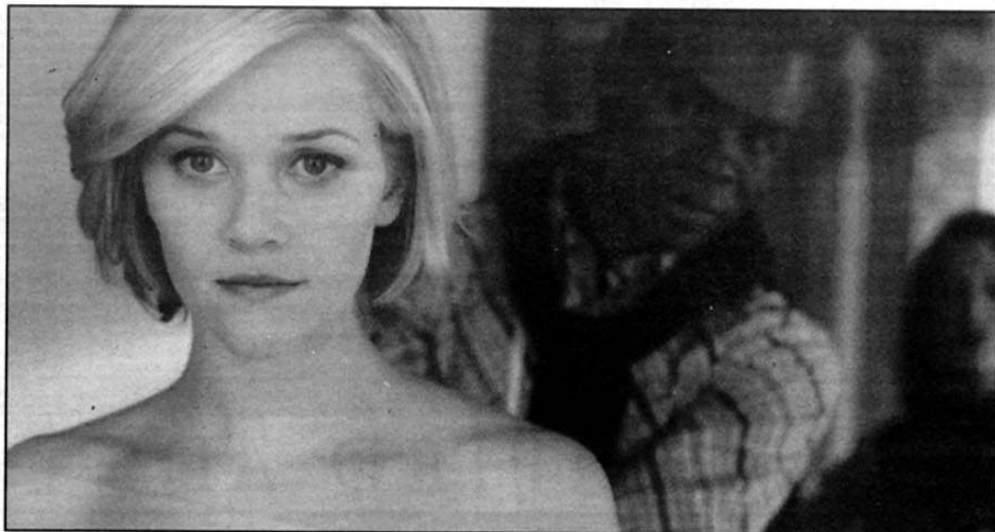
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri. (12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. (12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00) 6:25, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Mon. (12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 9:30; Tue. (12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00) 6:25, 7:15, 9:30; Wed.-Thu. (12:30, 2:00, 2:45, 5:00) 6:45, 7:15, 9:30; **The Banger Sisters** (R)

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; LA PALOMA, FROM 9/27)

Trapped — A decently clever kidnap scheme — it came off like clockwork four times before — goes haywire when Charlize Theron, her anesthesiologist husband, and her asthmatic daughter deviate disobediently from the script. (Her hiding a scalpel between her hind cheeks, then holding the blade to Kevin Bacon's penis, had not been part of the planned rape scene.) Bullishly directed by Luis Mandoki; badly acted by one and all — worst by Courtney Love. With Stuart Townsend and Pruitt Taylor Vince. 2002.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VAL-



Sweet Home Alabama

LEY 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)

The Tuxedo — Jackie Chan spy comedy

co-starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, directed by Kevin Donovan.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;

FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 9/27)

XXX — National Security recruits a multi-tattooed Xtreme sportsman to save the world from a group of Russian terrorists known as Anarchy 99: it takes an anarchist to catch an anarchist. See him slide down a stair railing on a sterling silver canapé tray. See him jump a castle wall on a motorcycle. See him outrun an avalanche on a snowboard. Who thinks up this stuff? (And what's he smoking?) Vin Diesel, who made a favorable impression in *Pitch Black* and *The Fast and the Furious*, seems here to have set his sights on being the next Stallone. Or next Schwarzenegger. Or next Seagal. In short, next laughingstock. With Samuel L. Jackson, Asia Argento, and Marton Csokas; directed by Rob Cohen. 2002.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:45, 1:15, 5:45; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:15, 7:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:30, 8:00, 10:15; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 4:45, 9:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45

Palm Promenade 24

770 Denney Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); **The Tuxedo** (PG-13); **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R); **Trapped** (R); **The Banger Sisters** (R); **The Four Feathers** (PG-13); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13); **Barbershop** (PG-13); **City by the Sea**; **Swimfan** (PG-13); **FearDotCom**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG); **Blue Crush** (PG-13); **XXX** (PG-13); **Spy Kids 2**; **Signs** (PG-13); **The Master of Disguise**; **Goldmember**; **Mr. Deeds**

Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
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, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:40) 7:05, 9:40; **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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG-13) 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; **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, 9:25; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:10, 3:15, 4:10) 6:55, 7:25, 9:35, 10:20; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:20; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:30) 7:20, 10:20; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:55) 7:40, 10:30

Vogue

226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
Minority Report (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:45; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 7:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:30, 9:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2272)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In

32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13); **Blue Crush** (PG-13)

Sweetwater 9

1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:00, 5:55) 8:10; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:25, 7:35, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:10) 7:50; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 9:35; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:20) 7:55; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:10) 5:05, 7:05, 9:05; Sun. (1:10, 3:10) 5:05, 7:00, 9:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:50, 5:40) 7:35; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 5:15, 9:40; Sun. 5:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (5:25); **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:15) 7:40; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 5:50, 10:20; Sun. (1:40) 5:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (5:35); **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (3:35) 8:05; Sun. (3:35) 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:40) 8:00; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:30, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:55, 5:50) 8:05; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:25) 7:10; Sun. (2:25) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:25) 7:45

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6

Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sat. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; **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; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:10) 7:25; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (R) Fri. (1:05, 3:25) 5:40, 7:55, 10:20; Sat. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (1:05, 3:25) 5:45, 8:00, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:35) 8:00, 10:00; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri. (1:15, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30; Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:15, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:45) 7:35, 9:45; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 5:05, 7:30, 10:10; Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25; Sun. (12:45, 3:05) 5:40, 7:50, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:50, 10:05; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15;

Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 10:15; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:15, 9:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:25) 7:30, 9:40; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Sat. (12:05, 2:20) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:05, 2:20) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:10, 9:20; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:05, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:05, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:50) 7:05, 9:25; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 3:40) 5:55, 8:05, 10:10; Sat. (1:20, 3:30) 5:55, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:30, 7:40, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:30, 5:40) 7:40, 9:35; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 2:30) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:25; Sat. (12:15, 1:20, 2:45) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 1:20, 2:45) 4:15, 5:20, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 2:45, 4:15, 5:20) 7:00, 8:30, 9:45; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 5:15, 9:35; Sun. (1:00) 5:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 5:15) 9:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:35, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:45, 9:50

POWAY

Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **One-Hour Photo** (R) 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; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:15, 7:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 4:45, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 4:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30

RAMONA

Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
Call theater for program information

SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18

West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
Goldmember (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 9:45; **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; **City by the Sea** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 5:00) 9:35; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:35, 10:25; Sat.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:30, 10:25; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:25, 9:50; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:15) 7:40, 10:15; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45); **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:05, 5:10) 7:25, 9:55; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu.

(11:00, 12:00, 1:45, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:40) 7:30; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:20; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 12:15, 1:10, 2:35, 3:20, 4:55) 5:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:10, 5:05) 8:00, 10:35

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 2:20, 4:00, 7:20, 9:20; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:40; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) 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; **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. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:15, 7:00; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Trapped** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 4:30, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 12:00, 4:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) 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

Flower Hill 4

2430 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; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) 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

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05, 5:40) 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:05, 5:40) 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (5:35) 8:30; **The Banger Sisters** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45, 10:10; Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (5:00) 7:30; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (1:40, 4:30) 7:15; Mon.-Thu. (5:15) 8:10; **Blue Crush** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05, 9:30; Sun. (1:30, 4:15) 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (5:25) 8:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (5:30) 8:15; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 7:35, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:20, 5:30) 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (5:40)

8:25; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (5:10) 7:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:15; Sun. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50

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BY PHONE: With a touch-tone phone and a Visa, Discover, or MasterCard, you can use our 24-hour Ad Line. Fill out the form below before calling; then be ready to dictate the information into the system when requested. Call (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055.

BY INTERNET: Go to SanDiegoReader.com and click on the link to place an online classified ad. Fill out the form and remember to check the box for your preferred billing method.

IN PERSON: To place an ad with cash or check, fill out the form below and bring it to our office at 1703 India Street (at Date), Downtown. The deadline is 6 pm Monday.

BY FAX: Complete the form below, photocopy it, and then fax it to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (619) 233-7907. Payment is with Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

REALLY, REALLY LATE ADS: Private parties that have missed the 6pm Monday deadline may still place ads until 6pm Tuesday. Either come to the above address or call (619) 235-8200. The cost for these late ads is \$16 for 25 words, plus 60¢ per extra word.

24-Hour Phone: (619) 233-9797, ext. 8055 24-Hour Fax: (619) 233-7907

Deadline: 6pm Monday

Write your ad below, listing the item for sale first, followed by its description (including price) and ending with the phone number. Each phone number counts as one word; ads over 25 words

will be edited. Refer to the Table of Contents to determine the classified category you want. If you are unsure, the appropriate category will be assigned. No cancellations accepted. No refunds.

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The Reader will not be responsible for failure to run an ad or for errors in an ad except to the extent of the cost of the ad.

CASHIERS. Full time/part time. Will train. Start immediately. Apply: 7-Eleven, 10505 San Diego Mission Road, San Diego. Near Qualcomm Stadium.

CASINO. Sycuan Casino and Resort is a leader in the gaming industry, and we need to fill a variety of food service positions. Sycuan provides a great work environment with exciting advancement opportunities. We offer competitive starting wages, a 401(k) plan, health care and much more. Available positions include: Baker, Baker's Assistant, Cashier, Chefs, Line Cook, Shift Managers, Food Servers (all shifts), Utility. Interested applicants, apply in person at Sycuan's Human Resources office Monday-Friday, 9am-11am and 1pm-4pm, or send resume to: Sycuan Casino & Resort, HR Department, 5485 Casino Way, El Cajon, CA 92019 Fax: 619-445-1806. Or visit us at www.sycuan.com.

CATERING. Culinary Concepts, Finest Service Award winning caterer, needs part-time on-call chefs and kitchen help for special events. Seeking well groomed professionals with a "can-do" attitude. Have fun and make extra money. Fill out application at 8575 Commerce Avenue, 858-530-1885 or fax resume: 858-530-2424.

CHAUFFEURS. Excellent opportunity for persons interested in joining San Diego's leading Executive Transportation company. Background in customer service with a class B license preferred. Must provide clean DMV (H&I). We offer a competitive package of salary and benefits, including health, vacation, 401k, outstanding working environment. Will train. EOE. Join our team by applying in person or calling, Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm at Premier Ride, 639 13th Street, or call 619-239-8061 x748.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for overnight position for residential treatment center in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Fax resume at-

tention Matt at 619-656-1429 or call Crystal at 619-397-6956.

CHILD CARE WORKER needed for adolescent residential treatment center located in Chula Vista. B.A. degree required in related field. Pay dependent on experience. Fax resume to Matt, 619-656-1429.

CHILD CARE WORKERS. overnight, needed in a residential group home located in Point Loma area. Full time, part time and weekends positions available. Very flexible schedules from 11pm-7am. Minimum requirement, A.A. degree. Residential experience preferred. Fax resume to attention: Rolanda, 619-523-0249 or mail to 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

CHILD CARE AIDE. ECE units/experience required. Playing and teaching a 3 year old and 5 month old. Part time, Monday-Friday 9:30am-1:30pm. Starting salary \$7/hour. North Park. Call 619-299-4024.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT Counselors to work in a therapeutic setting with SED Children. \$9/hour. Merit raises, benefits. 619-421-6900. Fax New Alternatives, Inc., attention: Terry, 619-421-7742.

CLAIMS SERVICE Representatives. Geico Direct. Days or evenings. Starting salary \$26,500. Health, dental, life insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, paid vacation, holidays, tuition reimbursement. EOE. Drug test, physical, credit, background checks required. www.geico.com. E-mail: sdjobs@geico.com. Fax: 888-644-5775. Jobline: 858-513-JOBS.

CLASSROOM AIDES. Work with developmentally disabled children in a nonpublic school. Experience preferred. Allied Gardens, Chula Vista and Lakeside, Monday-Friday, 7:30am-1pm. \$8.14+/hour to start, depending on experience. EOE. www.vistahill.org or E-mail to HRDept@steincenter.org. Fax resume to 619-281-0164. Apply in person, weekdays, 9am-4pm; Stein Education Center,

Attention: HR, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego CA 92120.

CLERICAL, part/full time, 20-40 hours/week. Requires good computer and phone skills. Convenient Mission Valley location. Competitive pay, casual office, growth opportunities. Call 858-279-9896.

CNA'S/HHA'S for homecare. 12/24 hours fill-in. Must have experience. Please call 619-224-8244.

CNA/CHILDCARE. Homemakers, CNAs, Childcare, Eldercare. Provide nonmedical, in-home help for seniors, children, and disabled. Childcare, dependent care, benefits, retirement. At Your Home Familycare. E-mail: homecarejobs@ayhs.cncdsc.com. Call toll free: 1-877-903-JOBS.

CNA/HHA/CAREGIVERS. Live-ins. \$200 new-hire/referral bonus! Premium pay rates. Paid medical and dental benefits. 401(k). Uniforms provided. \$200 vacation bonus. Call AALI: Care! Lake San Marcos. 760-471-7033. San Diego: 619-297-9601.

COFFEE CART. Part-time help needed at Clairemont location. Barista experience required. Must be reliable, hard working, honest and outgoing. Please call 619-518-3885.

COLLECTION MANAGER. Up to \$50K. Call AtWork Staffing today. www.atworkstaffing.com. Fax: 619-234-9678, or call 619-234-WORK.

COLLECTORS—Commercial agency seeking aggressive, experienced Commercial Collector. Strong background, experience—1-2 years a must. Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus. Salary/commissions. Call Tony, 619-681-1101.

COLLECTORS/MANAGERS. The Sagres Company. Experienced, motivated. Base salary, superior commission structure. Benefits, on-site fitness center, pool. jobs@sagresco.com. Fax resume to 858-554-1354 or call Miriam, Department JG, 800-398-5557 x44449.

COLLECTORS for local collections firm. 1-2 years experience. Temporary/temp-to-hire positions. \$11-\$13/hour, depending on experience. Credit check, criminal background check, drug screening. Quick learner, computer savvy, detail oriented, self-managed, strong work ethic. E-mail resume: Word file attachment, dpattee@actadv.com.

COMMUNITY TRAINING Specialist. \$8.98/hour to start, depending on experience. Assist developmentally disabled adults in the community. 32.5 hours/week. Benefits. Apply Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm: Stein Education Center, 6145 Decena Drive, San Diego 92120. E-Mail: hrdept@vistahill.org. Fax 858-514-5195. www.vistahill.org.

CONCIERGE. Full-time position. Fun job! Greet visitors and provide information. Answer switchboard. Assist residents with transportation requests. Good phone and customer service skills a must. Computer skills a plus. To apply in person, take 15 to Poway Road East to Sabre Springs Parkway North to Belmont Village, 13075 Evening Creek Drive South, San Diego, CA 92128. Or fax resume to 858-486-3540.

CONCRETE WORKER. Pay starts at \$12/hour, depending on experience. Permanent position. Pour, set forms, lay rebar and spread sand. Drug-free workplace. Call 858-874-3336 for application appointment at 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Link Services.

CONTROLLERS needed with construction experience. Never a fee to the applicant. westfinancialstaffing.com. Fax: 619-615-5389, or call: 619-702-7301.

COOK/ASSISTANT CHEF. Busy, upscale cafe in Rancho Santa Fe seeks full-time individual to assist in all kitchen areas 7:30am-4pm Tuesday-Saturday. Experience, ability to speak English and flair for presentation required. We offer a competitive hourly wage and fast-paced environment. Management opportunities. Please

call 9:30am-11:30am or 2pm-3pm Tuesday-Saturday. 858-759-0747.

COUNSELOR, Child Development. Full/part-time positions available in Point Loma area. B.A. degree in related (psychology) field preferred. Fax resume to attention: Robert, 619-523-0249 or mail: 3485 Kenyon Street, San Diego CA 92110.

COUNSELOR/CHILD CARE Worker. Work with SED children, ages 6-12. East County Rehabilitation Training Center. B.A. Degree/senior status required. Various full/part-time available. Training. Benefits. EOE. Fax resume: NAI#17, attention Kristi, 619-447-5386.

COUNTER HELP. Deli. Part time. Friendly, energetic. Apply after 2pm: Monday-Friday, Prospect Cafe, 888 Prospect Street, La Jolla 92037. Julie or Avril, 858-456-9914.

CUSTOM MANUFACTURING. Assist in making aquariums and acrylic items for manufacturing/acrylic company. Experience with saws, router, etc. a plus. \$7-\$9/hour, depending on experience. Fax resume: 858-571-0234. Call 858-571-3474.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. We have immediate full-time openings in Sales and Marketing, Customer Service, Public Relations, and Project Management. No experience necessary. Will train. Call Jill, 858-547-0719.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Geico Direct Claims Department. Days or evenings. Starting salary \$26,500. Health, dental, life insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, paid vacation, holidays, tuition reimbursement. EOE. Drug test, physical, credit, background checks required. www.geico.com. E-mail: sdjobs@geico.com. Fax: 888-644-5775. Jobline: 858-513-JOBS.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS. Competitive pay, benefits, advancement opportunities, tuition assistance. Apply in person: Weekdays, 7am-1pm. Chevron Station, 215 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido. Call Bill, 760-747-0971.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Time Warner and Qwest have immediate openings in Call Center Sales and Customer Service. 1 year sales experience a plus. \$10-\$15/hour plus bonus, full/part time. Monday-Friday daytime schedule. Paid training. Sedona Staffing: 858-268-9844. Fax resume to 858-268-9880 or come by our office at 7380 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard #209, San Diego (next to Coco's).

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS. Full time, 8:30am-5pm. 5 days including Saturdays. \$9-\$11/hour. Excellent customer service and computer skills. Great benefits. Raphael's Party Rentals. 8606 Miramar Road, San Diego. Fax resume: 858-689-8040, or call 858-689-9819.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Immediate full time for growing, busy, multi-city mortgage company. Friendly cooperative environment. Basic computer/communication skills. Salary plus bonuses. No experience necessary. Amanda, 800-620-6223.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES. Established astrology publishing company is seeking a dependable order entry operator with outstanding people skills. Customer service/sales and some computer experience required. Basic astrology knowledge a plus. Previous applicants need not apply. Mail resume to: ACS, Attn: J. Curran, 5521 Ruffin Rd, San Diego, CA 92123.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Strong phone sales, computer skills. Dependable. 35 hours/week, including evenings, 1 weekend day. Enthusiastic, personable. Answer phones, clear credit. Will train. 619-280-0575.

HELP WANTED

Sports & Entertainment IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

The local branch of an international advertising firm specializing in the sports and entertainment industries is looking to fill 15 positions in all areas.

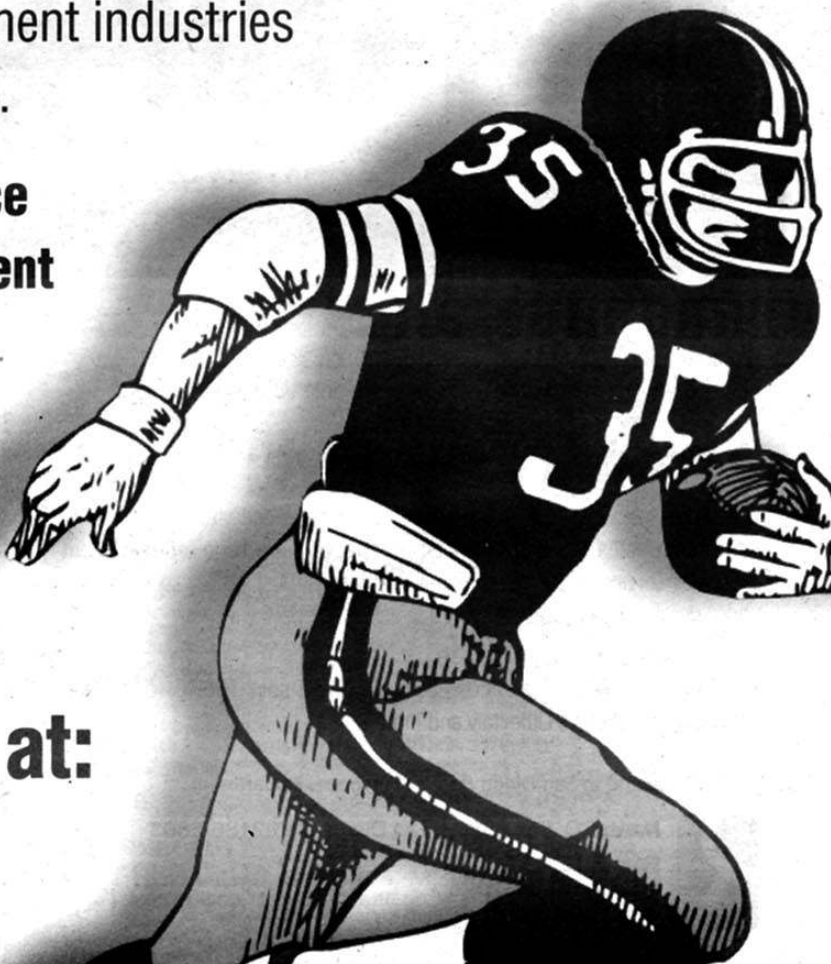
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NO TELEMARKETING.

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858-547-0694



CUSTOMER SERVICE needed for growing medical equipment company. Must be friendly, motivated, reliable, detail oriented, and able to multi-task. Experience helpful. Fax resume: 858-278-0490.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/DATA ENTRY. Hiring Fair 7am-6pm Monday, 9/30/02. Work downtown! 50 openings. \$9-\$10/hour. All shifts available. Temp-to-hire. Full benefits. Sedona Staffing, 858-268-9844. Fax resume to 858-268-9880. E-mail carla@sedonastaffing.com. 7380 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., #209, San Diego.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. \$9-\$10/hour. Temp-to-hire. Flexible weekly schedule, minimum 6 months experience and high school graduate/GED. Also, positions for Retail, Warehouse, Administrative Assistants, Reception, more! Adecco, 9450 Scranton Road, #101, San Diego 92121. Fax 858-554-0840. 858-554-0013.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Kaiser Permanente, A-Star Staffing now hiring Account Administrative Representatives, Kearny Mesa Kaiser processing center. Type 35wpm, data entry 7000wpm, MS Windows. Accounting experience preferred. Customer service skills. Long term, temporary. \$11/hour. Fax resume: 619-574-6700. E-mail: Jobs@AStarStaffing.com. Apply online: www.AStarStaffing.com.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES. Leading door manufacturing/wholesale company located near Otay border crossing seeks dynamic individuals to promote products and serve customers. Good communication/computer skills (spreadsheets, etc.) required. Sales/customer service experience a plus. Competitive salary, benefits, creative environment. Please fax resume to Far East International: 619-671-2310.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS. \$9-\$13 per hour. Inbound, Help Desk, Outbound. Please call for an appointment. Ultimate Staffing Services, Poway and North County, 12650 Sabre Springs Parkway, #205, Poway, CA 92126. 858-513-7077. Ultimate Staffing, La Jolla/South County, 4660 La Jolla Village Drive, #740, San Diego, CA 92122. 858-625-2025.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Hostelling International, Point Loma is looking for an upbeat, capable person with customer service and cash handling experience. Part-time position. Live-out. Budget travel experience a must. E-mail resume and cover letter to tanya.hickman1@aol.com, attention Tanya Hickman.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. Level 1. Medical technology firm seeks full-time candidate with 2 years customer-oriented experience who is interested in assisting

individuals with disabilities and the medical community. Requires: friendly phone voice, can-do attitude and attention to detail. Send resume with salary history and hand written letter to: HR/CSR, 3830 Valley Center, #705-216, San Diego, CA, 92130 or fax to 858-457-5088.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. Distributor of motorcycle parts in Oceanside. Great opportunity! Take calls from authorized dealers and customers; handle customer concerns; look up catalog part numbers. Must have knowledge of motorcycles or off-road bikes. Benefits. EOE. www.volt.com. Volt Services Group, 760-729-8916.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP. The Greater San Diego Transportation Company is looking for friendly, dependable, customer-service-oriented individuals for our 24/7 call center to take reservations and dispatch. Candidates must be able to type 25wpm, handle large call volumes, multitask. Benefits and growth potential. \$7.25/hour. Bilingual in Spanish, \$7.75/hour. Graveyard, afternoon, evening shifts. Full time only. EOE. Drug-free workplace. Apply in person, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at 639 13th Street. 619-239-8061 x748.

DATA ENTRY OPERATORS. \$10/hour. 1st and 2nd shifts! Short and long-term positions. Westall, 4411 Mercury Street #207, San Diego 92111. 858-576-1001. casandiego@westall.com.

DATA ENTRY OPERATORS. Receptionist and administrative support professionals.

Immediate openings. Miramar/Mira Mesa area. Entry level to executive level. Customer Service oriented. Great money! www.volt.com. Volt Services Group, 858-578-0920.

DATA ENTRY. Part-time, Monday-Friday, PM shift. Located in Pacific Beach. Must be detail oriented/reliable. \$9-10/hour. E-mail resumes, available hours to hr@clearcrossing.com.

DATA ENTRY. Full-time, 8:30am-5pm. 50 wpm required. Excellent computer skills. \$8-\$10/hour. Great benefits. Apply in person: Raphael's Party Rentals, 8606 Miramar Road, 858-689-9819.

DELIVERY DRIVER/Helpers. Full-time plus overtime. Experienced, heavy lifting (50-100lbs). \$8-\$10/hour. Includes week-end. Great benefits. Apply in person: Raphael's Party Rentals, 8606 Miramar Road, 858-689-9819.

DELIVERY HELPER. Full-time, 8:30am-5pm. Heavy lifting, license. North County. \$8-\$10/hour. Great benefits. Apply in person: Raphael's Party Rentals, 8606 Miramar Road, Fax: 858-689-8040. Call: 858-689-9819.

DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER. San Diego County. Bachelor's degree, experience, good physical condition, no felonies or drugs. Bilingual needed. \$41,246-\$52,644. Open filing deadline. Safety Retirement Sworn Officers 3% at age 50. San Diego, National City, El Cajon and Vista. Department Jobline: 858-514-8558.

DEPUTY SHERIFF/Detentions/Courts. San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Exam date: Saturday, 10/5/02, 7:30am. Southwestern College Cafeteria, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista CA 91910.

Work in Detentions and Courts. Current annual salary: \$33,216-\$51,382 plus benefits. Must be U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien who has applied for citizenship; U.S. high school graduate or G.E.D. No felony convictions, not on probation (misdemeanors may be disqualifying, depending on the number, type and recency of violation). Vision 20/100 uncorrected, corrected to at least 20/30. No minimum vision requirement for soft contact lens wearers. Valid California driver's license prior to appointment. Effective oral and written communication in English. Applications available at the door. ID required. www.SDSheriff.net. Call 858-974-2013.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS Manager. City of Chula Vista. \$5063-\$6179/month. Filing Deadline: 5pm, 10/4/02. EOE. HR Department, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista 91910. www.ci.chula-vista.ca.us. Job Hotline: 619-691-5095.

DISHWASHER. Mail Boxes, Etc. No experience necessary. Assist in daily production of prep food items and guest orders. 6060 Cornerstone Court West, San Diego 92121. Fax resumes: 858-625-3159.

DISPATCH ASSISTANT. Full time, 8:30am-5pm, 5 days including Saturdays.

\$8-\$10/hour. Excellent customer service and computer skills. Great benefits. Raphael's Party Rentals, 8606 Miramar Road, San Diego. Fax resume: 858-689-8040, or call 858-689-9819.

DISPATCHER I/II. City of Oceanside Dispatchers receive and evaluate requests for police/fire emergency services and dispatch appropriate police/fire personnel/equipment using radio, telephone and/or alarm signal communication equipment. Please apply as soon as possible. Next exam tentatively 10/12/02. To apply or for more information, contact Personnel Department, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054. www.ci.oceanside.ca.us.

DONORS needed. \$200 or more for plasma. Safe, easy. We'll also pay you to bring first-time donors to our facility. Call today for first appointment. Alpha Therapeutic, 6075 University Avenue, 619-265-7550. Or 2720 Hoover Avenue, Suite A, National City, 619-474-4644.

DRIVER, CLASS B. Local delivery driver with airbrakes endorsement. Must be familiar with San Diego geography. Pay is up to \$11.50/hour to start. Drug-free workplace. Call 858-874-3336 for more information and an application appointment at 8199 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Link Services.

DRIVER/MERCHANDISER for magazine distribution company. Work Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Need own truck or van.

HELP WANTED

Customer Service at Kaiser Permanente

Work at Kaiser Permanente, one of California's largest health care providers! We have multiple openings for Account Administrative Representatives at the Kaiser processing center in Kearny Mesa. Job requirements include: typing speed of 35 wpm, data entry speed of 7,000 kph, and knowledge of MS Windows. Accounting experience is preferred, along with a solid background in customer service and problem solving. These openings are long-term, temporary positions with a salary of \$11/hour. This is a great opportunity to work with a top-rated organization!

Send your résumé today!

Fax: (619) 574-6700

or e-mail: Jobs@AStarStaffing.com

or apply online: www.AStarStaffing.com

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Forward résumé to San Diego Reader Personnel Department:

Mail: P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803

Fax: (619) 231-0489

E-mail (plain text only, no attachments or enclosures): cwalters@sddreader.com

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Energy/Utility Inspector.....	\$3802-\$4620/mo.....	Deadline 10/8/02
Food Services Substitute Worker.....	\$8.47/hr.....	Call 858-627-7320 for more information.
Licensed Mental Health Clinician.....	\$4614-\$5607/mo.....	Continuous filing
School Bus Driver (will train).....	\$10.81/hr.....	Call 858-496-8726, option 1, or visit 4710 Cardin St., San Diego.
School Police Lieutenant.....	\$4914-\$6272/mo.....	Deadline 10/18/02

*Prorated for hours worked.

For further information on the above items, visit

www2.sandi.net/personnel and wander down to the classified and management classified job postings button.

Request an application packet by phone at: (619) 725-8195, e-mail: jobs@mail.sandi.net (specify title),

or visit: 4100 Normal Street, Annex 9, San Diego, CA 92103.

All required application information must be received at the above address no later than 4:30 pm on the closing date indicated.

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with insurance. Good DMV record. \$125-\$140 per day. Call 858-492-9911.

DRIVER/COURIER. Hesco Couriers. Drive own pickup/van. Earn wage plus mileage or route available in company vehicle. Clean DMV. 24-hour jobline. 858-571-7398. 800-574-3726.

DRIVERS WANTED. California's largest restaurant catering and delivery service needs drivers in your local city. Part/full time. Flexible schedule. Must be 18 with own car. \$75+/day. Apply at www.d-i.com, or call 888-DDI-WORK.

DRIVERS. Day and night shifts. Experienced or inexperienced. We train. North County/San Diego City. North City Cab Company. 4896 Voltaire. Call 24 hours. 619-260-0100.

DRIVERS. Full and part time for our brand-new vans and mini buses. Yellow Cab is the proud recipient of the MTDB's DART/Flex Route contract. \$7.50-\$8 per hour. Call Joe Ford at 619-239-8061, x400. Fax resume to: Joe Ford, 619-234-3628, or e-mail: jford@drivem.com. EOE.

DRIVERS. Growing wholesale bakery needs drivers for early morning deliveries. Part time, early mornings. Hourly pay. Clean DMV printout required. Apply in person: Le Chef Bakery, 7835 Wilkerson Court, San Diego.

DRIVERS. Laidlaw Transit Services is rapidly expanding its local Paratransit service and has immediate openings for 30 courteous and safe drivers. Must be at

least 21 years old, with a good driving record, good customer service skills, and pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. We offer excellent benefits and paid training. Apply in person 9am-5pm Monday-Friday. Bring your H-6 DMV printout and social security card to 800 Fessler Street, El Cajon.

EDUCATION. San Diego City Schools is seeking qualified individuals who desire to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom. Our current vacancies include: Clerk Typist III, Energy/Utility Inspector, Food Services Substitute Worker (call 858-627-7320 for more information), Licensed Mental Health Clinician, School Bus Driver (will train, call 858-496-8726, option 1, or visit 4710 Cardin St), and School Police Lieutenant. For further information, please visit www2.sandi.net/personnel and click on the classified and management classified job postings button. Request an application packet by phone at 619-725-8195, e-mail at jobs@mail.sandi.net (specify title), or visit 4100 Normal Street, Annex 9, San Diego, CA 92103. www.sandi.net. EOE.

EDUCATION/RECREATION. YMCA School Outreach Services After School Program, 2002-2003 school year. School Age Teacher: \$8/hour. Youth Leader: \$7.25-\$9/hour. Site Supervisor: \$8.25-\$9.50/hour. All part-time positions Monday-Friday, 2-6pm. North (Escondido), East, Central and South San Diego County. EEOE. Fax resume, attention

School Outreach Services, to 619-543-9491 or stop by YMCA at 4080 Centre Street, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92103.

EDUCATION/RECREATION. YMCA School Outreach Services After School Program, 2002-2003 school year. Youth Leader: \$8.50-\$9/hour. Mandatory bilingual in Tagalog. Part-time position, 6-8am and 2-6pm Monday-Friday. Chula Vista area only. EEOE. Fax resume, attention Patrick, to 619-543-9491 or stop by YMCA at 4080 Centre Street, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92103.

EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE. Earn up to \$1000/week! Software of the Month Club hiring for 1:30pm-8pm shift. Hourly, commissions, bonuses. Medical, dental, vision, life insurance. 401(k). Management opportunities. www.somc.com. E-mail: awadsworth@somc.com. Apply: 8755 Aero Drive #100, San Diego 92123, Kearny Mesa. Fax resume: 858-569-1420. Alicia, 858-609-1166, x3913.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. 3 years experience designing high performance RF/Analog integrated circuits. Completed design of LNA's, Mixers, PA's, VCO's and/or Baseband Analog circuits. Javier Leon, jleon@mail.at-tech.com.

ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY. We are hiring for Assembly and Production. Call today. Ultimate Staffing 858-513-7077.

ENTERTAINERS. Earn up to \$175/week-end as costume characters. Reliable transportation required. Party Animals. 858-279-2908.

EQUIPMENT ENGINEER needed for North County company. Temp-to-hire. E-mail: greg@securestaff.com or call Greg at Secure Staffing at 760-510-6080.

ESTHETICIAN/Massage Therapist. Bodywork Emporium is looking for an Esthetician who is also certified Massage Therapist. All natural product line. Great pay and flexible hours. Experience and current clientele a plus. Call James, 760-942-9565.

EVENING JANITOR. Full time for retirement community. Must read/write English. Apply at: Human Resources, Mount Miguel Covenant Village, 325 Kempton Street, Spring Valley.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE Manager. Volt Services, Carlsbad. Responsible for basic facilities maintenance, maintaining smooth operation. Requirements: Mechanically inclined, have clean room experience, 2 years facilities maintenance experience. Benefits: Medical, dental, vision, 401(k), life insurance, personal time off, stock options. \$40-\$45 annual, depending on experience. Volt Services Group, 760-729-8916 or fax: 760-720-7341.

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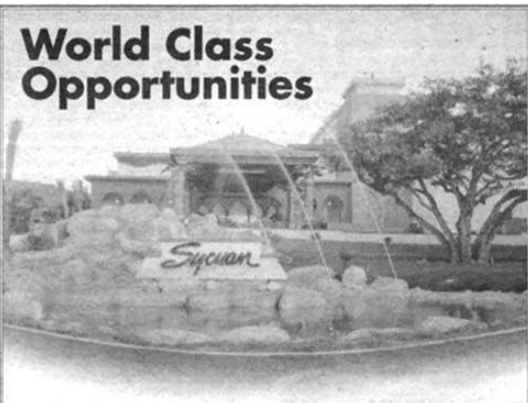
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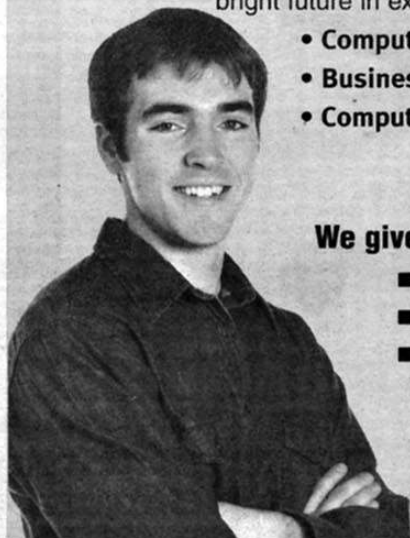
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1. They're animals
7. Help in a crime
11. When it's broken, that's good
14. Novelist Leonard
15. Aussie amigo
16. Like Bach's Violin Sonata No. 3
17. Two-time Oscar winner (2000 & 1948) about a village for Roman employees?
20. Aria
21. "Well, sorr-ry!"
22. Intelligence grp. established by Truman
25. Determination, slangily
27. Make dirty
28. It's hard to handle
32. Prison-related
33. Mexican-American, e.g.
34. Mrs. Chaplin
36. Two-time Oscar winner (1970 & 1986) about a group who fought in WWII?
41. Jai ____
42. Roofing material
44. Washington, D.C., once
48. Whirlpool
50. First word in stage setting
51. "____ la vie!"
52. Knucklehead
53. Clings (to)
55. Author Janowitz
59. Two-time Oscar winner (1976 & 1943) about the difficult terrain in Morocco?
64. American acquisition of 2001
65. "Just do it" sloganer
66. Less stifling
67. W-2 info: Abbr.
68. Basic util.
69. Try not to wake anyone, say

Down

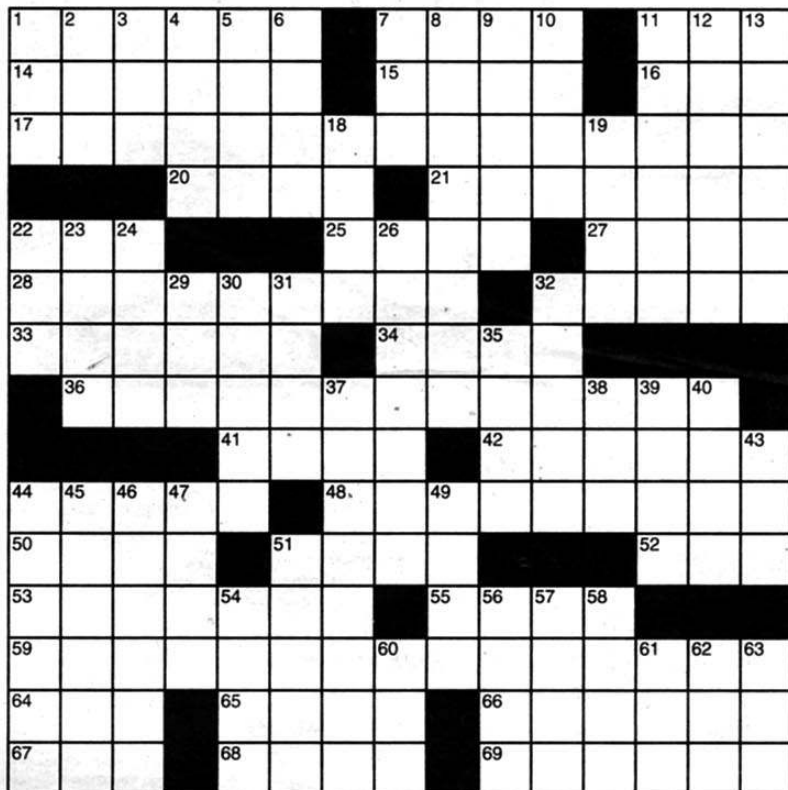
1. Entreat
2. Right-angled extension
3. G.P.'s grp.
4. Plot cover-ups?
5. The Bee Gees, e.g.
6. It has a ball at the circus
7. Latin 101 word
8. Norm's perch
9. Group's character
10. Tetley offerings
11. Keep adding
12. Liver is good for it
13. Explain anew

18. Forum wear

19. Ponder
22. Art Ross Trophy org.
23. "General Hospital," e.g.
24. "____ girl!"
26. Perfect places
29. Mine shaft
30. Like draft beer
31. Ax or adz
32. Ways to go
35. Part of N.R.A.: Abbr.
37. Elizabeth II, to Elizabeth I
38. Muesli morsel
39. Other, in Oaxaca
40. Sgts. and cpls.
43. Naval inits.
44. Intelligence
45. ____ peak
46. Waste holder
47. Proverbial heirs
49. Jazz singer James
51. Filmmaker De Mille
54. Second baseman Sandberg
56. Like ____ out of Hell
57. Mid 11th-century date
58. Over-50 grp.
60. Instant, for short
61. Annual sports event: Abbr.
62. Subj. of a Fortune profile
63. "Who ____ we kidding?"

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1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader (addressed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
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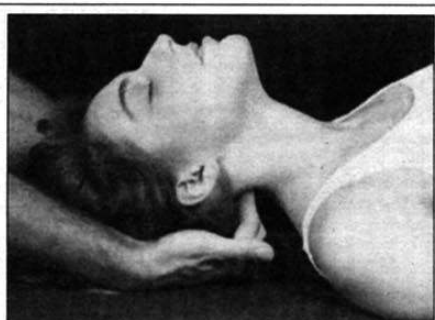
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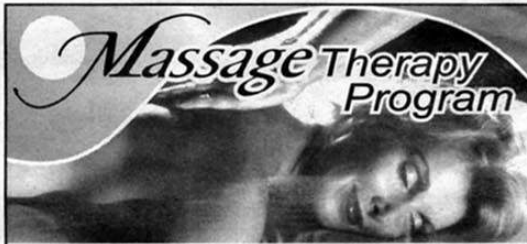
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ATTRACTIVE, FIT, 45, Hispanic loves hiking, watersports, music, culture. Looking for outgoing, physically fit male for hikes, movies, concerts, friendship and maybe more. (10/9) ☎34615

HISPANIC BABE, 41, looking for Caucasian. 36-45, honest, fit, professional, good-looking man for good conversation, dinners, listening to music, cooking, etc. (10/9) ☎34647

SEXY, CURVY, PLAYFUL, athletic, brunet, 40ish lady seeks serious playmate. Romantic, fun gentleman wanted! Enjoy travel, good humor, talks, beaches and quiet times together. (10/2) ☎34571

EUROPEAN, CLASSY LADY, professional, young looking, attractive, 48, 5'8", slim, great personality, very outgoing. Seeking African-American gentleman, 45-55 age professional for friendship/relationship. (10/9) ☎34635

THE MUSE GAVE ME SOME breathing room. Let's have coffee. Who knows, we might collaborate on a project, then become rich and famous together. (10/2) ☎34584

62, 5'5", LOVING WOMAN who smiles, hugs, laughs a lot. Cultural arts, traveling, family/friends. Looking for young-at-heart gentleman, 60+, appreciating these, more. (10/9) ☎34623

GODDESS SEEKS WHITE, adventurous, humorous, generous, charming man. This smart, passionate, sexy, childless black beauty awaits. Are you worthy? No baggage! 28-48. (10/9) ☎34634

ATTRACTIVE HISPANIC lady, 40s, active, fit, tall, slim, with old-fashioned values, seeking independent, well-grounded man for romance, golf, bicycling, movies, fun, etc. (10/2) ☎34535

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensual, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous white professional. 35-55. Let's enjoy food, music and explore. (10/2) ☎34593

SEXY, TALL, blonde/blue, great smile, seeks 50, good looking, nice, sweet, gentle, dog loving. I like my garden, romance, mountains, fun. Long-term relationship. (10/9) ☎34643

59-YEAR-OLD WOMAN of mixed nationalities looking for a sincere man. Cooking is one of my favorite things to do. (10/9) ☎34631

AUSTRALIAN LADY, 46, single white female, intelligent, great sense of humor, seeking a warmhearted man to go out with. (10/2) ☎34589

ANGEL (?) SEEKS TEDDY BEAR. White female, large (big, beautiful woman), 5'6", 39, seeking a stable man with good Christian values and sense of humor. (10/2) ☎34591

NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST. You're 45-55 and enjoy camping, fishing, beach, motorcycles, movies, casinos, wine and barbecues. I'm blonde/blue, not big, just cuddly. (10/2) ☎34337

LET'S TALK. Attractive, intelligent, brunet, sassy, witty, very fit, active, divorced, no children, 44, 5'2". Seeking pleasant looking professional, intelligent, fit, honest, witty, 39-50, 5'7-6'1". (10/2) ☎34579

CURVACIOUS, CULTURED and cute, seeks great conversation and great sense of humor. You: independent, movie lover, nonsmoker. Me: 24, intelligent,

brunette. Guys with dogs a plus. (10/2) ☎4766

FULL-FIGURED GODDESS, pretty, up for being spoiled. Fun loving, humorous. Love travel, gourmet dining. You: generous, nonsmoker, happy, on-the-go kind of guy. (10/2) ☎34596

AUBURN-HAIRED, hazel-eyed, pretty, single white female, 43, 5'5", 125lbs. Seeking tall, 5'10"+, single white male, 45-60, nonsmoking, financially secure for love, lasting relationship. (10/2) ☎34580

HEAVENLY MAMA EARTH seeks laugh, leading, family man. I'm 5'2", voluptuous, red-head, Christian, mother (3), 10-14, witty, bohemian yet country, passionate yet premaritally pure. (10/9) ☎34628

SEEKING LIFE PARTNER. I'm 49, 5'2", slim. We're kind, loyal, spiritual, monogamous, youthful. We value health, friendship, hugs, romance, humor, and still believe in love! (10/2) ☎34594

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, 33, active, college educated, prosperous, nonsmoker, into spirituality, Wayne Dyer. Call if you are too. Look/are Latino, Hawaiian, 36 years maximum. (10/2) ☎34340

EUROPEAN LADY, 38, 5'6", educated, intelligent, charming, honest, nonsmoker, single mother with one daughter, seeking real gentleman. Please e-mail me. (10/9) ☎34644

VERY ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, sexy, great legs, wants to meet very attractive guy. 38-49, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (10/9) ☎34642

56, 5'4", SLIM. I think, listen (NPR, Handel), read (Dickens New Yorker), speak, aspire, vote (Democrat), feel, question, wonder, enjoy, exclaim, contribute, share. You too? (10/2) ☎34583

WHITE WOMAN, 47, healthy, meek, slim, 5'5", 120lbs., would like to meet attractive white male. Enjoy traveling, movies, dining, sports, concerts, beach, mountains and more. (10/9) ☎34629

TREAT YOUR MARE like a thoroughbred and she'll never be a nag. Built like a race horse. Long, lean, strong, pretty, passionate, blues-loving woman. (10/2) ☎34576

FEMALE PROFESSIONAL, 35, seeks soul mate. You are 35-45, considerate, intelligent,

funny, romantic, monogamous; love kids, traditional values; successful and desire a meaningful, fun relationship. (10/2) ☎34334

50+, DIVORCED CAUCASIAN wanted: casual dating, maybe more. Old fashioned, romantic, warm, caring, compassionate. Music, dancing, beach walks, dining out/in, museums, zoo, weekend getaways. (10/2) ☎34598

ANY GOOD MILITARY MEN out there? Single black female, 45, is dreaming of you. 32-55, white, into fun, to lead to committed relationship. You're mine. (10/9) ☎34610

PRETTY, SLENDER strawberry-blonde, seeks cute guy with hair who's funny, communicative, fit, easygoing; likes cats. Love music, concerts, travel, movies. 36-50. Long term relationship. (10/9) ☎34606

WANTED: WHITE MALE, 45-55. Kind, generous, fun loving. A true companion, especially willing/able to travel United States/Canada. Let's see the sights, meet the people, and share the gift of living life adventurously. (10/9) ☎34614

NEED SOMEONE TO LOVE YOU? Let me be the one. I have lots of love for you. Plus size brunet, nonsmoker, very romantic. (10/2) ☎34573

BEAUTIFUL LAW STUDENT, intelligent, witty, wild yet passive, loves challenges, excitement, bad boys. You: 25-45, gorgeous, employed, no rules kind of guy. Good/bad boy. (10/9)

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

PASSIONATE YET peaceful pentecostal lady, youthful 5'1", tall, blonde, seeks tall, fit, pentecostal gentleman who enjoys laughing, nonsmoker, nondrinker, degreed. Maranatha. (10/2) ☎34574

GOT TO STOP SEEING Sponge Bob Square Pants! Looking for someone smarter than Patrick, cuter than Squid-

ward and 55+. Points for not knowing these characters! (10/2) ☎34578

WOMAN WITH BRAINS, oh what a concept. Me? Well proportioned, 45, looking for companionship. If you like your food weak and your women spicy, call. (10/2) ☎34585

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GUY. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sincere, honest man and a great kisser. 45-56, for happiness, love, romance and marriage. (10/9) ☎34641

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. (10/9) ☎48745

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

NURTURING LADY, TRIM and attractive, seeking special gentleman to share San Diego's simple pleasures. Love dancing, outdoors, gardening, animals. 50s, nonsmoker. (10/9) ☎34639

TEACHER, 29, 135lbs., 5'5", athletic, tan, long hair, free spirited, passionate, practical. Into nature, dancing-yoga, reading, backpacking, massage, traveling, running, gardening, hot springs, movies. (10/2) ☎34592

TALL, SEXY, EBONY QUEEN, degreed, black beauty seeking, 6'2" or taller, attractive male, degreed, age 30-38. Race unimportant. Must be 6'2" or taller. (10/9) ☎34630

UNLUCKY WITH MARRIAGE; petite, attractive black professional seeks quality companion instead. Must like arts, dining, walks, conversation. No addictions. 40-50. Race/looks open. Maybe we'll lift the curse! (10/9) ☎34605

SINGLE MOM, 43, 5'7", 130lbs., long brown hair, brown eyes. Looking for fun, outgoing, emotionally stable, not selfish guy. Take it from there! (10/2) ☎34599

WE: INTELLIGENT, down to heart, fun, social, loyal, romantic. Music, movies, travel. Fit, healthy, loving, affectionate, easygoing, theatre, quality, classy, hugs, wine, 40s, tall. Pretty. (10/2) ☎34581

EXTRAORDINARY FIND, attractive, Scottish redhead, 47, Capricorn, mild herpes, in search of tall, 6' +, 40-50ish, handsome, educated, stylish black male for friendship/possible romance. (10/2) ☎34601

ADVENTURESOME, CREATIVE brunet, 37, down to earth, loving, humorous. Enjoys travel, music, theatre, gourmet cooking. Seeks kind, intelligent, expressive, professional man of integrity. 38-48. (10/9) ☎34651

IN ALL HONESTY! I'm a beautiful, slim, brunet. I enjoy laughing and having fun with that very, that very special man in my life. You! (10/9) ☎34604

HIKER, 51, SLENDER, 5'7", educated, Coronado resident, active, healthy lifestyle. Enjoy walking, outdoors, travel, theatre, cooking, bridge. Seeking professional, fit, active, Christian gentleman, hiker. (10/9) ☎34636

ADORABLE AND PETITE seeking fit, 40+, financially secure white Christian male. Please have good teeth, hair, etc. I enjoy classical music, cooking, reading, weight training. (10/9) ☎34620

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN-AMERICAN, spiritual, metaphysical, health conscious, kind, homeowner, child grown, businesswoman, seeks gentleman, 45-55, for sincere friendship, quality conversation, adventure, fun, companionship and growth. (10/9) ☎34617

ENGLISH LADY, 64, likes travel, vegas, walking, theatre. Nonsmoking. Seeking active, 60-70-year-old, socially inclined white male. (10/9) ☎34611

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, sportive, spiritual/non-religious. No previous kids. 38-48, 5'9". No Republicans. (10/9) ☎34621

ENERGY/ECSTASY— awesome chemistry! Relationship ready! Awareness, meditation, unconditional love. Spiritual, young 43, invites apesque, any background. Multidimensional synchronicity. E-mails: leave return 2-mail and phone! (10/9) ☎34648

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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**

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for friend, companion, lover, husband, 60+. Include experience, accomplishments, lessons learned, values, goals, possible interview locations. (10/2) **34572**

LOVELY DINNER COMPANION for gourmet dining, theatre, cruises, friendship. Me: pretty, warm, friendly, real. You: generous, mellow, content, peaceful, over 45. Show me San Diego. (10/2) **34595**

SEEKING YUPPIE SURFER, 34, blonde, 5'8", college educated, professional, surfer, beach girl. Seeking handsome, 30 to 40, tall, educated, professional surfer for long-term relationship. (10/9) **34624**

CAPRICORN, WHITE FEMALE, brown/brown, 5'5". Music, movies, boating, pool, jogging, animals. La Mesa. Seeking Taurus/Cancer white male, 43+, tall, dark and handsome type. (10/2) **34582**

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**

Wanted: Special Gentleman

Classy black lady, 50s, attractive, very feminine, impeccably dressed, sterling character, great personality, nonsmoker, enjoys theatre, music, Vegas and great restaurants. Friendship must be based on mutual respect. Race unimportant. Requirements: over 55, high integrity, financially and emotionally stable, with a generous heart, nonsmoker. Make your fantasy a reality! (10/9) **34640**

48, TALL, SLIM, long legged, attractive lady seeks partnership with a one-woman man. Friendships are important but I want an intimate and secure relationship. (10/2) **34570**

MEXICAN AMAZON BEAUTY, 36, 5'9", degreed professional, witty, values, principles, multifaceted, fun loving, romantic, supportive, integrity. Seeking similar, attractive, intelligent, Caucasian life mate, 32-40, 6+ (10/2) **34339**

40-YEAR-OLD CUTE LADY who is a lot of fun, personable, kind, wants to meet a fun, pleasant, good looking, mature gentleman for dating. (10/2) **34627**

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 45 desires honest, spiritual, emotionally/financially secure, nonsmoking gentleman for dating, dining, movies/plays/galleries, some sports. North County area preferred. (10/9) **34603**

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attractive, slender, audacious, witty, educated. Seeking 6+, athletic build, confident, stylish, intelligent. Like fitness activities, travel, festivals, fine dining, dancing. Race open. (10/2) **34586**

HI I'M HOPING TO FIND someone who's happy, healthy, active, funny (witty, not weird), outgoing but not aggressive; likes planning but not adverse to spontaneity. (10/9) **34632**

MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

JUST MOVED TO SAN DIEGO. Professional, intelligent, hopeful romantic, funny and believer-in-love man looking for healthy girlfriend. (10/9) **34828**

WORLD TRAVELER, 35, positive, upbeat, funny, with solid career, great personality, good listener, wants long-term relationship leading to marriage with kids. Golden heart required. (10/2) **34876**

TALL DESIGNER, 6'3", easygoing, German bachelor, 41, entrepreneur, inventor, Theolb, philosopher, saver animals/trees, seeks tall, trim, blue-green cutie, artistic/musical; start family! (10/2) **34874**

OFFICER AND GENTLEMAN seeks pretty woman, highly educated, intelligent, romantic, considerate, loving, versatile, listener, looks like Hemingway, likes music, dancing, nature, touching. Let's talk, play. (10/9) **348825**

ATTRACTIVE, TRIM, successful man seeks match who is 35-45. Fun, movies, walks, dancing; no smoking, moderate drinking. Guarantee lots of fun and no boredom. (10/9) **348847**

NORTH COUNTY, HANDSOME, athletic, 45, 6', 175lbs. Healthy lifestyle, financially secure. Enjoy outdoor activities. Biking,

long walks, aerobics, dining out. Seeking attractive, fit, unencumbered woman. (10/9) **348797**

59, WHITE MALE LOOKING for lady for fun, romance, walks, dining out, weekend trips. Vegas, Julian, Shelter Island. Be open, adventurous, fun loving. (10/9) **34855**

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL seeking attractive, fitness-oriented lady, 50 to 58, for dating, travel and sharing simple life's pleasures. North County. (10/9) **348801**

HANDSOME, SINGLE WHITE male, healthy, 6'1", 190lbs. Widower. Degreed, retired, successful, businessman. Homeowner. Financially secure. Seeking pretty lady, 45-65, well-developed figure. Dates, fun, laughs, possible long-term relationship. (10/2) **348768**

"MARRY ME!" I'm 38, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with fun, friendly, female. (10/2) **348753**

LET'S GO RIDER 38, athletic, 5'10", brown, engineer, never married, seeking single white female, 28-38, fun, energetic, happy, ready for new relationship; share quality time. (10/2) **348744**

HEAVY METAL FREAK seeks meat eating, avocado loving, authoritarian bashing, biker babe for Ozzy worship and Enya meditations. Must like going crazy in public places. (10/2) **348748**

MEDIUM-LENGTH HAIR, nice body, professional, romantic, good cook, high cultural level, 40, 5'7", mature, blues, jazz. You: 30s-40, clean, fit. Brains a must. (10/9) **348802**

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) **348769**

COOL, TATTOOS, BUFF, great sense of humor. Smart for being blond. Divorced dad loves kids, music sports. Great cook. 35, look younger. (10/9) **348851**

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, passionate, white male, 4'10", 165lbs., 40, seeks affectionate, slender, sexy female, 30-40, for dating and strong desire to develop

relationship, share mutual pleasures. (10/2) **348751**

TOTALLY DISILLUSIONED, 49-year-old Irishman seeks female for companionship and more. Slim, attractive and smart. Any age. Any out there who are sincere? (10/9) **348853**

OUTDOORSY TYPE WANTED by attractive and active Japanese-Italian, 35, 5'10", 185lbs., down-to-earth person. Looking for honesty, sincerity, communication, consideration. Let's have fun! (10/2) **348740**

SINGLE MALE, 38, 5'7", professional, easygoing, fun loving, humorous, outdoors and sports, physically strong, intelligent, creative, seeking a special woman to share with (10/9) **348844**

FOUND IT YET? Go—not knowing where. Bring—not knowing what. The path is long, the way unknown. (10/9) **348846**

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blond, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (10/9) **348799**

ATHLETIC, HUMOROUS entrepreneur seeks natural, attractive, shapely gal, professional. Must love fun. A good life! See a baby in her future. No previous children, please. (10/9) **348805**

FRIENDSHIP, COMPANIONSHIP and more! Monogamous, any race. Unpretentious, nonjudgmental. Seeking 45-55, 4'11"-5'5", not heavy. Film, videos, walks, open to new ideas, emotionally available! Be sincere! (10/9) **348857**

TALL, WHITE, FINANCIALLY secure, 44, handsome, clean cut, athletic body, affectionate, fun. Seeking Latina or Asian, 40ish, warm, fit, friendly. Near Mission Valley area. (10/9) **348821**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46, Sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, 5'10", 170lbs. Enjoy music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive blonde, 33-41. Reliable. Be my lady. (10/9) **348834**

HONEST, INTELLIGENT, passionate, humorous, spiritual, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/brown. Enjoy coffee houses, conversation, books, movies, walks, classic rock, shops. Seeking intelligent, proportionate to height. (10/2) **348750**

STYLISH DAD: Fresh out of a long-term relationship, good looking, fit and adventurous world traveler. You're happy, fun, outgoing, not a player, 39-45. Ready for love. (10/9) **348803**

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) **348777**

TRAGICALLY HIP MALE seeking a partner in crime. Interests: the arts, tennis, bikes, yoga, KPB, classic rock, chemistry, communication. Looking for 36-44,

petite, spontaneous nonsmoker. (10/2) **348783**

AMAZING, AMAZING, AMAZING man of culture, professional, 46, look 36, excellent cook, nonsmoker, linebacker type, very good looking, seeks white professional with class, dancing skills. (10/9) **348808**

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, homeowner, social, Mid-west values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (10/2) **348730**

BLACK MALE PROFESSIONAL, 51 yrs, 6'3", enjoys music, movie, good conversation and more. Interest in meeting good humor, down to earth, honest female. (10/9) **348869**

GREAT-LOOKING ITALIAN, 50, looks 40, great shape, very secured, nonsmoker. Seeking fit, nonsmoking, secured, loyal lady who will be first in my life. (10/2) **348723**

WEALTHY, INTELLIGENT, 35-year-old male seeks independent, attractive, adventurous female for open and anything-goes good times. Must be able to travel and play. (10/9) **348862**

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) **348752**

LOOKING FOR A NICE ASIAN or Latina lady, age 30-45, for an average-looking white contractor, 5'8", 150lbs., athletic build. No drugs or games. (10/9) **348856**

HUMOROUS, 40-YEAR-OLD extrovert, romantic, sincere, travel, sporting events, music lover, theater, nonsmoker, seeks fun, romance, long-term relationship. You be 30-45. (10/2) **348736**

SEEKING FRIEND/LOVER. Single parent, Latino, newly relocated, educated, open minded, spiritual, fun loving, inquisitive, seeks an attractive, mature and intelligent Latina to explore with. (10/2) **348836**

OCEANSIDE MALE seeking lady who enjoys the art of making love. Looks not important, good heart is. I'm 5'7", 160lbs., brown/blue, 44, romance, nights. (10/2) **348749**

HISPANIC WOMAN WANTED! I'm Italian, 47, 5'11", 175lbs., nice looking, caring, affectionate, outgoing. Own home in Bonita. Seeking Latina under 52. All replies answered. (10/9) **348836**

HELP ME. NEED PARTNER to help if I sail warm waters or cabin time in mountains. Want real person. Share time with. No games please. (10/2) **348779**

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HERPES. Funny, caring, affectionate, hardworking, charismatic, easygoing, ad-

venturous; outdoors, music; 32, tall, dark, handsome. Seeking friendship, possible romance. 35 and under. Call me. Let's talk. (10/2) **348724**

LATIN MAN, FIT, SLIM, 5'8", 40s, educated, homeowner, seeks companion-ship with fun, outgoing, attractive woman; any shoe size. (10/2) **348775**

GODLY GUITAR MAN seeks godly woman! 49 years young, follower of Jesus Christ. 5'10", 160lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Seeking Christian woman for serious relationship. (10/2) **348733**

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AND YOUR NAME IS? Mine is Andre. I am here to enjoy life and others. Upfront,

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TALL, HANDSOME, BLUE/BROWN, Humorous, Irish, Pisces, intelligent, financially secure male seeking 27-39 year old who enjoys either travel, golf or jazz. Taurus, Scorpio preferred. (10/9) ☎48861

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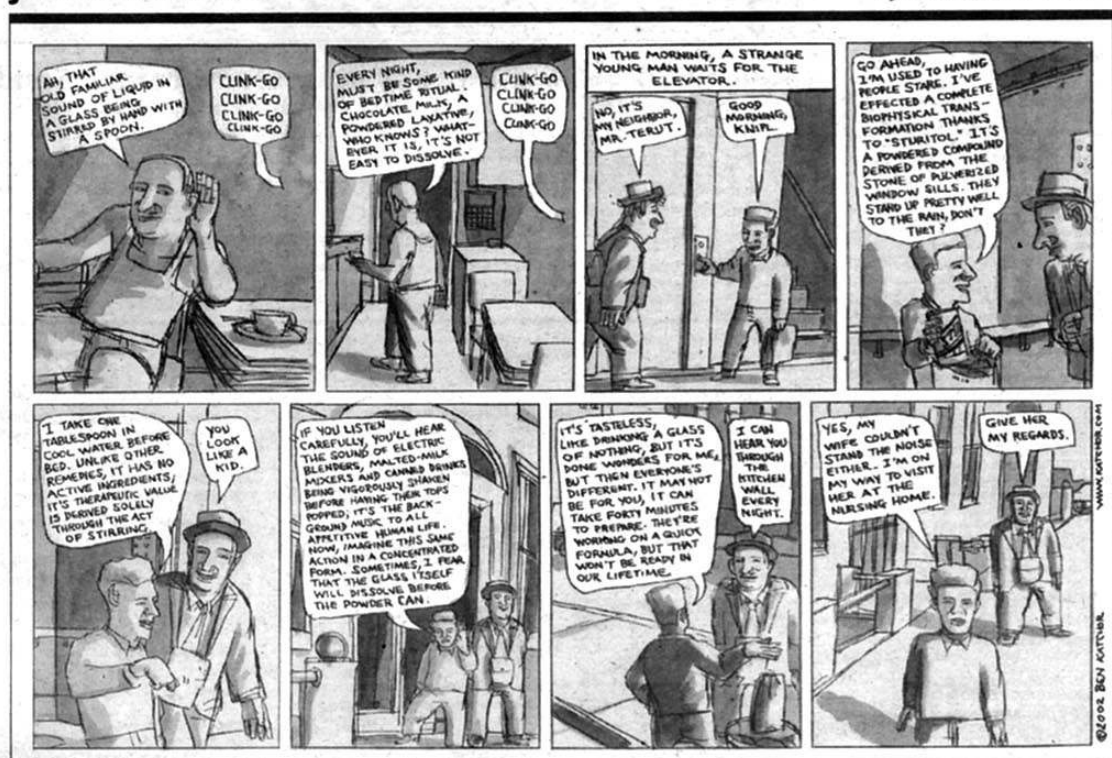
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HILLCREST/DOWNTOWN. \$1425. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 950 square feet. Available now. \$1650. 2 bedroom with den. Washer/dryer included. 1400 square feet. Available now. Garages available. \$75/month. Premier location. Laundry Courtyard. Near Balboa Park, shops, restaurants, bus, entertainment Park Boulevard Apartments. 3525 Park Blvd. 619-692-0461. www.sdrreader.com/rent/1087.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1550. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Newly renovated. Large balcony, washer/dryer. Quiet residential neighborhood. No dogs. 619-298-5066.

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.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1255. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. All new washer/dryer, large patio, off street parking, gated. Available now. 4650 Florida Street. 858-597-6100 x315.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$650. Sunny, charming, private, detached studio in pleasant garden setting. Small, quiet, clean. Nice area. Laundry. Plenty parking. Sorry, no pets. 1530 Monroe Avenue. 858-597-6100 x315.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$650. Spacious new studio. Hardwood floor. Private patio. New appliances. Central location. Walk to everything. 3652 Columbia Street. 619-692-3255.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Deluxe, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with dining room/office, view of bay, breakfast area, garage, walk-in closet, laundry, dishwasher. Small pet OK. 116 Redwood. XLA. 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$995. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in new small art deco building. Completely remodeled interior and bath with 1 car space, laundry and all appliances. 4057 Brant Street (just north of Washington). Call 619-840-MOVE(6683).

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$850. Large 1 bedroom cottage, hard wood floors, ceramic tile, yard, patio with barbecue. Parking. Nonsmoking. Cat OK. Close to shopping and freeways. 4533 Cleveland Avenue. Frank. 619-295-4270.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$495. Utilities included. Cozy studio apartment in charming Victorian house. Nonsmoking. No pets. 2330 Union Street. 858-492-8744.

HILLCREST/UPDOWN. Luxury townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Hardwood floors, fireplace, 3 secure parking spaces, pool, gym. \$2150. 1296 Cleveland #3. Pets OK. 619-294-8983.

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/BANKER'S HILL. \$845. Immaculate 1 bedroom, near ocean, garage included. Second story unit has hardwood floors and peek view. Laundry. Cat OK. Rent plus \$500 moves you in. Drive by 2453 Union Street (near Laurel) then call Megan. 619-544-0685.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Excellent location. Coin laundry. Off-street parking. No pets. 4066 Albatross. Resident Manager. 619-692-1837.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath. Secure garage, on-site laundry. Near all. Recently refurbished. Open house, Saturday/Sunday, 12-4pm. Call 858-680-1448.

HILLCREST/BALBOA PARK. \$725. Large ground-floor studio. Newly renovated kitchen and bathroom, built-in desk, ceiling fan. Upstairs balcony. 2 blocks to Zoo. Laundry. 1-year lease. Corner Park and Brooks. 619-296-7219.

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HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$675. Large corner studio. Upstairs. Lots of light. Large windows. Full kitchen and huge bath. Charming. Available now. 3970 Goldfinch. Call 619-297-7368.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, shared laundry. 2433 Howard Avenue. AGD Properties. 619-368-9638.

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. \$1495. Front unit, ocean view townhouse. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, separate floors. 2 secured parking. Fireplace, laundry. Available now. 152 Evergreen #1. 858-272-5071.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, fenced yard, near beach. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

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IMPERIAL BEACH. \$750. Studio. All utilities paid. View of Mexico and estuary. 1365 Seacoast. Kinsella and Associates. 619-429-0065.

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.

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LEMON GROVE. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with family room. 2-car garage. Cul-de-sac. Fenced yard with deck. 8131 Brennan. Open Sunday, 11am-1pm. 619-690-2805.

LEUCADIA. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk to beach. Newly refurbished. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. No pets. Available 8/25. Security deposit. Call for appointment. 131 Diana Street. 760-632-1900.

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. \$620. Duplex, 1 bedroom on quiet canyon street. Available mid October/November 1st. Sorry, no pets. 10'x16' shop available on property. 858-278-8636.

LINDA VISTA. \$950. \$1000 deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit, upstairs. Near USD. Laundry on-site. No pets. Available 10/24. 5756 Lauretta Street. Coastal Choice Properties. 858-539-7433.

LITTLE ITALY. \$1700. Spacious 2 master suite bedroom condo. Brand new corner unit. Washer/dryer hookup. 2 secure underground parking. 1501 India. No pets. 619-255-4804.

MIRA MESA. \$1550. 3 bedroom house. Covered patio, fenced yard, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready. 858-505-4848.

MIRA MESA. \$1300. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1-car garage. Approximately 1000 square feet. New carpet. 10635 Whitehall Road. Centre City Property Management. 619-296-6699.

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. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in gated community. Fireplace, spa, pool, gym, sauna. 2-car covered parking. Close to all. 858-699-5656.

MIRA MESA. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Master has sit-down vanity area. Fenced rear yard. Enclosed patio. Very bright, clean. Charge. 858-751-1497.

MIRA MESA/SORRENTO MESA. \$1590 lease. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with large lot. 1140 square feet. Quiet canyon view, upper unit. New appliances, carpet, www.aurelochinvestments.com. 619-987-6761.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. Spacious 2 bedrooms from \$1225! 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 Claremont Drive. Call 888-816-5137. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

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. \$775. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath, custom patio, newer appliances, refrigerator and stove, sunlit kitchen. Low deposit. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$775. Deposit \$500. Bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Walk-in closet. Close to bay. Small, beautiful complex. Assigned parking. Nice carpet. Laundry. Security lighting. Cat OK. 619-278-8816.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. 1 bedroom duplex on the water \$1150. San Jose Place. 2 bedroom duplex, \$1650, oceanfront walk, parking, laundry. Available now. Mark. 858-272-3900 or 858-488-0587.

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. \$1750. Wood-burning fireplace, 2-car parking, coin laundry, built-in bookcases, steps to ocean. Must see. Available now to 6/22/03. 619-234-7572. 619-544-1086.

MISSION BEACH. \$1800/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath oceanfront with patio. 9-month lease. Pets negotiable. Isthmus and Oceanfront. 858-336-3186.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Furnished/unfurnished renovated condo beach units off boardwalk. \$2500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. Mike. 619-247-2114.

MISSION BEACH. \$2000. 3969 Oceanfront Walk. 2 bedroom, 2 bath on the boardwalk. 1000 square feet. Totally remodeled. Granite countertops. Stainless steel appliances. Travertine floors. Parking. No pets. Agent. 858-488-9125.

MISSION BEACH. Bill Luthy Realty has 10 available units! Furnished and unfurnished. 858-488-1580 x14.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Hardwood/ceramic tile floor. Microwave. Steps from beach and bay. 801 San Jose Court #3. Available approximately 9/23. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2nd floor condo with garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, new carpet, two balconies. View. Steps from beach. 9 month lease only. Available now! K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Year round. Parking Steps to bay. Quiet complex. No pets. Available now. 2985 Bayside Lane #2. Call 858-488-2217.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 car garage. Furnished. On quiet court, steps from the ocean. No pets/smoking. 720 Avalon. Owner/agent. 800-476-1665.

MISSION BEACH/Z, SOUTH. \$750/month. Studio. Utilities paid. On-site parking. 1-year lease on approved credit. 2980 Mission Boulevard #6. 714-505-4923.

MISSION BEACH/Z, SOUTH. \$895. Large 1 bedroom, upper apartment. New carpet, vinyl, blinds and paint. No dogs. Coin laundry. 2932-1/2 Mission Boulevard. 858-488-6803.

MISSION BEACH. \$2500. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome on quiet bayside court. Double garage, washer/dryer, fireplace, deck. 808 Monterey Court. 858-488-3539.

MISSION BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Fireplace, garage, year round. No pets. Christa. 858-488-2006.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry. Steps to ocean! Available now. 720 San Jose Place. 619-990-6398.

MISSION BEACH/Z, NORTH. Luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, washer/dryer, steps to beach. Ocean view. No pets. \$2195. 619-417-4392.

MISSION BEACH. \$1750. Deposit \$1800. 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. \$2795. House, beautiful, modern, spacious. 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2-car garage. Fireplace, patio. Block to beach. No pets. 813 Isthmus Court. 858-459-7391.

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.sdrentals.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1450-\$1600. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Two available. One with den. Hardwood tile floors. 1 parking. Laundry. Available after 10/1. No smoking/dogs. 619-224-0985.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1800. Deluxe, unfurnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2

parking. Dishwasher, laundry. Immaculate. No pets. Lease. Steps to ocean and bay. 619-589-1177. 858-488-3150.

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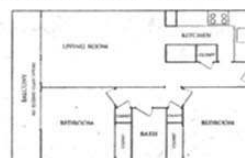
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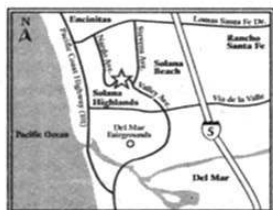
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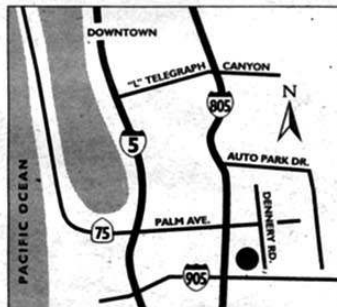
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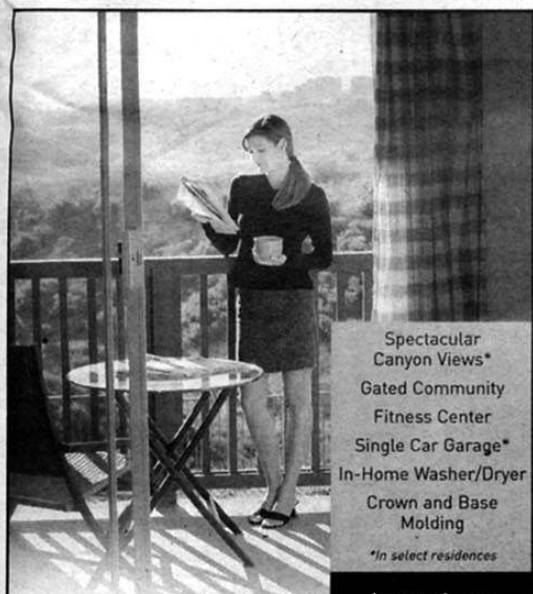
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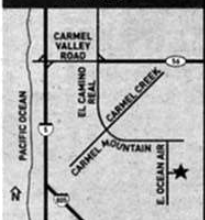
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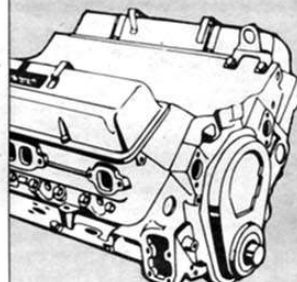
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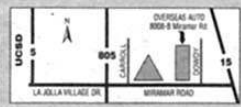
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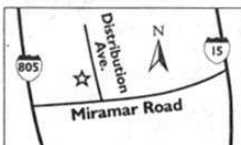
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— The 12-story, earthquake-proof, \$190 million Roman Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels was dedicated in Los Angeles in September, celebrated not only for the obligatory gift shop (\$24.99 for house chardonnay), the ATM, and the \$12-a-day parking garage, but for the private crypts underneath at prices of \$50,000 to \$3 million. "[That's] kind of like selling sky boxes," said a Notre Dame theology professor. A Loyola Marymount University professor defended the steep price, saying, "I don't think that the poor are terribly worried about where they are going to be buried."

— While Chile copes this month with the first murder in 15 years on its remote Easter Island (pop. 4000; 2370 miles from the mainland), Great Britain was reportedly preparing to build a jail and a courthouse on Easter's closest neighbor, Pitcairn Island, after investigators from Britain and New Zealand said they suspected as many as 20 of the 47 residents had engaged in sex with children. According to a July report in Britain's *The Guardian* newspaper, if charges are eventually filed, trials might be held on Pitcairn or in New Zealand using a special satellite video hookup from the island.

Vacationers Just Beggin' for It

— A 34-year-old woman from Texas was attacked by three lions in a pen at a game park in South Africa after she started petting one of them (Pietersburg, June). And a 30-year-old woman from Texas was critically injured by a car as she stood on the shoulder of Los Angeles' Hollywood Freeway to snap a photo of the "Hollywood" sign (June). And a 40-year-old man from Georgia, who had locked himself out of a 10th-floor, Alabama-beach condo, decided that shimmying down from the 14th-floor roof was faster than asking security guards for help, but fell 200 feet into the 4-foot-deep swimming pool, breaking three ribs (Orange Beach, July).

Trouble Up Ahead

— Former Jehovah's Witness elder Bill Bowen charged in June that the sect manages a secret

database of 23,720 members who have been accused of sexual abuse but that little if anything happens to those named unless a witness comes forward (a stipulation supposedly commanded by Deuteronomy 19:15, requiring witnesses to prove a sin). When Bowen complained, he was expelled from the sect for "causing divisions." Furthermore, Bowen charged, even confessed abusers are "punished" only by being kept from proselytizing door-to-door unless accompanied by another Witness.

— Officials in Livermore, Calif., apparently weary of breakdowns in the city's sewer system, made a formal apology in August to American Indian Adam "Fortunate Eagle" Nordwell, who had placed a curse on the system in 1969 after city workers chopped off a portion of the totem pole he had donated for the city's centennial celebration. Some residents have routinely attributed any sewer breakdown over the years to the curse.

— Tucson (Ariz.) Heart Hospital was cited in June by the state Department of Health Services for having illegally locked its emergency room from the inside, and employees told an Associated Press reporter that that was to prevent patients from leaving before payment had been arranged (although a hospital vice president denied that).

— Samuel Greenbaum, 58, one of five "mohels" in the Detroit area (qualified to conduct the Jewish circumcision ritual), was charged with DUI after being stopped on June 18 on his way to perform his craft on a boy in West Bloomfield Township. He told police he was en route from another circumcision, at which he might have had a couple of glasses of wine, but felt (despite failing a Breathalyzer test) that he was alert enough to wield the scalpel-like instrument.

Great Art!

— The performance "XXX" by the Spanish theater group La Fura dels Baus opened in May in the small town of Lorca, Spain, the only venue available because the play's rawness continues to keep it out of mainstream European theaters. Its nude, sexually acrobatic troupe performs a work by Marquis de Sade ending in a woman's staging the rape and mutilation of her mother as

punishment for having sheltered the daughter's life (about which one actor said, "[W]e have achieved something essential, which is to leave nobody indifferent"). The show opens with a nude woman picking up a pen between her buttocks cheeks and scrawling (in Spanish) "A better world is possible" while squatting over a video projector.

People Who Can't Learn From Experience

— Inmate David Ivy escaped through a hole in the fence at the Shelby County (Tenn.) jail in May; officials discovered that Ivy had escaped through the same hole in 1991 and that the hole had not since been repaired. And police in Cleveland picked up Betty Horton, 44 (and with no criminal record), in July, for the third time in eight months when they were really looking for Bettie Horton, 37; an official said he couldn't guarantee it wouldn't happen again.

Recurring Themes

— More Creative Smugglers: Border Patrol officers arrested two Texas men who drove back from Mexico with 11 pounds of marijuana but also with a dead body whose chest cavity had been cut open as if the men had originally tried to plant the drugs inside the cadaver (Falfurrias, Texas, July). A Belgian woman, 23, traveling by ferry from Greece to Italy, was detained for trying to smuggle her boyfriend in a large suitcase (Brindisi, Italy, July). A 17-year-old woman, whose plane had just landed in England from Dubai, was detained when agents realized that the mock chameleon design on her hat was a live, endangered-species chameleon (Manchester, England, July).

The Defense du Jour

— Church youth minister Hartley McWhite, 29, was convicted in August of killing his mistress (despite his defense that she choked to death accidentally during rough sex) (Tampa, Fla.). Raymond Rock, 37, was arrested in July and charged with killing a 40-year-old woman he had met in a bar (but said it was an accident after

she asked him to choke her during rough sex) (Pittsburgh). Jeanette Daniels, 40, was arrested in July and charged with killing a 62-year-old man (but said he accidentally asphyxiated during rough sex) (Chicago).

Our Civilization in Decline

— Coca-Cola and Pepsi signs were painted on many rocks on a 35-mile stretch in the picturesque Manali-Rohatang area of the Himalayan mountains in India; the India Supreme Court took supervision of the cleanup in August. And Vancouver (Wash.) Mazda-Dodge agreed to make restitution to settle charges that it sold a string of 18 new cars (in 14 months) to a 70-year-old, mentally impaired man (August). And California's program to encourage mothers to turn in unwanted babies to hospitals has drawn widespread praise, except from Waste Management Inc., which objects to the state's signs on its Dumpsters. "If we [have to tell people] not to throw babies in Dumpsters, [we] have reached the lowest point we can get to as a society." (August).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— Germany beat Lithuania, 4-1, to advance in the European under-21 soccer championship, after Lithuanian players accidentally kicked three goals into their own net (Vilnius, Lithuania). A fourth-grade teacher was reprimanded for teaching her kids the correct use of "niggardly" ("stingy") because school officials said it was a nonessential word that could be highly offensive to some students (Wilmington, N.C.). A couple filed a lawsuit against Air Canada for losing their cat, asking \$5 million but insisting, said the man, "It's not about the money" (San Francisco). Greece banned playing all video games because legislators said they did not know how to ban only video gambling, which was their intention; one court has overturned the ban (Thessaloniki).

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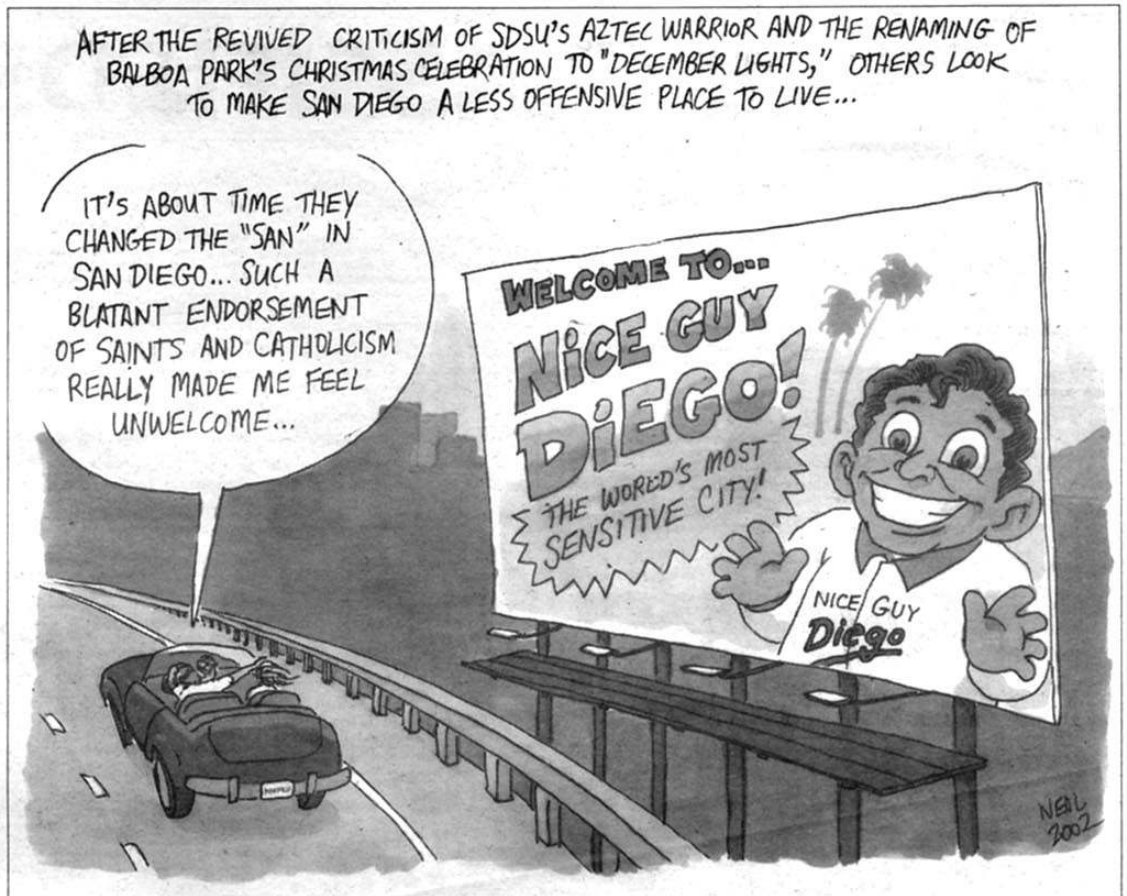
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Aside from life itself, the only upside of heart surgery can be summed up in one word: morphine.

By John Brizzolara

August is dead and gone, but it hasn't finished with me. I have chronicled my August root canal work here and my seasonal affective disorder on this page as well. So I figure, in for a penny...

On August 30, a Friday morning, I had open-heart surgery. A quadruple bypass. I may be a recovering masochist, but I swear to God I didn't consciously arrange this. Who has a root canal and heart surgery in the same month? It's been observed I have a tendency to feel sorry for myself, and maybe so; but it would be lunacy to think that I was somehow subconsciously responsible for the convergence of these events in the same month, the same month my son turned 25.

I include my son's birthday as just another little uperupt from mortality. What is it with Death? (I sound like a bad stand-up comic — *Death! What's up with that?* But I don't feel that funny, and I certainly don't feel like standing up.) In my case, Death must be very insecure. I say this because, first of all, I have proved to be more difficult to remove from the board than I might appear. But more than that is the repeated tugging at my coat hem by an attention-starved little neurotic: *Hey, remember me! Death? You could go at any time now, you know. Huh? You know? Don't forget me. Where ya goin'? Hey, I'm*

comin' too. Yeah, yeah. Shut up and sit down.

Aside from life itself, the only upside of heart surgery can be summed up in one word: morphine. But it is a god-awful way to get high. Oh, I know what I'm supposed to say; I've been forced to watch *Oprah*, and I've noticed that books like *Success with Heart Failure!* or *Cancer for Life!* edge my own books off store shelves. I'm supposed to say something about the dignity of being a survivor, the triumph of healing, and how empowering it all is. Well, okay, let's see... how about "empowering" in the sense of the tyranny of the sickroom.

In exchange for that cheap power rush — knowing I can pretty much have my every whim seen to with impunity for a couple of weeks — I can look forward to even more weeks of damage control, trying to salvage a relationship, a closeness that has been strained to the last stitch. The ostensible bailout straw? I must have been drinking again. I have never been such an asshole sober, it was assumed (actually, I have been); ergo, I must have been nipping at the jug. This is a mutually agreed-upon grounds for adios; and in the absence of any homicidal attempts per se, this would do in a pinch. The pinch? Having one's sternum cleaved asunder with the equivalent of a chainsaw while trying to maintain that attitude of gratitude and letting go gracefully of, well, any trace of dignity, for one. Jesus H. on a Harley, it can't be done.

Dignity was way gone Thursday night before surgery. That was when Cletus, still in nursing school, swished open the curtain to one side of my bed, brandishing towels and a winking, metal-studded smile beneath a youthful face and a head full of cornrows. "I'm going to shave you from the top of your head to the tippy-top of your toes!"

Events on the Weather Channel were moving too fast for me to keep up with anyway, so I blinked at Cletus and asked him frankly, man to man, "Gaaa?" "Well, not your head, just up to your chin," he explained and set to work. "And just the front of your legs, chest, and tummy." Cletus was not, as I would have sized him up, gentle.

"This is my first time," he announced happily.

"Me too."

He was supposed to say, "I'll be gentle." He was supposed to be gentle. This wasn't happening.

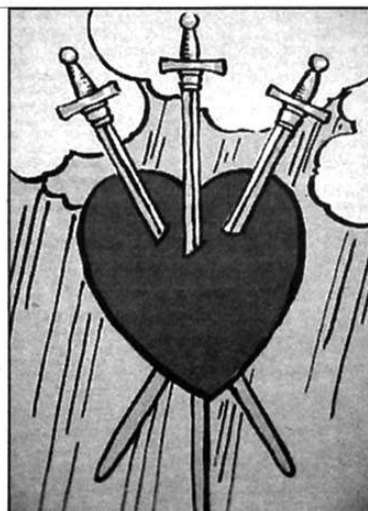
The happy rookie worked on in silence, broken only by my quick expul-

sions of breath forming the curious word "Unk!" as acres of foliage and follicles were wrenched away. The Lady Electro-Bitch whined along like a living thing. His colleague nurse, making the other bed in the room, asked, "How are you doing over there, Cletus?"

The young nurse seemed to shiver as he advised his coworker, "He's so ITALIAN!"

To endure all this, I went through my mental list of words and phrases containing "heart." The list had been growing since that day back in April when I first heard the phrase "dilated cardiomyopathy." Among the words and phrases on my list: heart failure, heart condition, hard-hearted, black-hearted, tenderhearted, warmhearted and coldhearted, heart in it or heart not in it, heartbound, heartsick, heart attack, Braveheart (now capitalized), did or didn't have the heart for it, heartfelt, heartstrings, hearty appetite, hearty har-har — about as far as I got that night.

My last memory for a few hours would be my anesthesiologist, wearing an outsized scrubs beret (a heart-burgundy color), taking my hand and articulating a prayer for both of us. I considered this decency beyond the call of duty. But still, I couldn't help thinking of a gangster character in Vincent Patrick's novel *The Pope of Greenwich Village*. That character's advice to an aging racketeer facing surgery was to select a Jewish surgeon as opposed to an Italian one. The logic was to the effect that you don't want some meatball who really believes it's all in God's hands, you want the Jew who is going to keep working.



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Ben, who is almost two, sat beside Johnny and asked, "Daddy go?"

"I have to go to a meeting," Jack answered from the passenger seat beside me.

"When will you come back?" nine-year-old Rebecca chimed in.

"Tuesday night."

"But that's too long," Angela, seven, complained.

"It'll go by before you know it," Jack assured Angela and Lucy, five, who shot Jack a mournful look.

We got through Thursday and Friday without too much

trouble. The three girls went to school all day both days. Johnny went to a half day of preschool Friday. Friday night, we got Oscar's takeout then watched Country Music Television until bedtime.

"Are you being so nice to us because Daddy's not here?" Angela asked as we climbed the stairs for bed.

"Yes," I told her. "And because I love you."

"Oh, yeah," Angela said.

Saturday morning, Angela and Ben woke me around 6:30. "Can we go downstairs and watch cartoons?" Angela whispered in my ear.

"Sure," I croaked.

"Ben," Angela said in a sing-song voice, "want to watch *Bob the Builder*?"

"Yeah," Ben answered and disappeared

down the stairs. I could hear him saying, "Bob, Bob, Bob, Bob," all the way down.

Johnny and I followed Angela and Ben a few minutes later. Rebecca and Lucy slept until almost eight. By the time I had made Bisquick coffee cake for breakfast, straightened up the kitchen, started a load of laundry, talked to my sister on the phone, rifled through the girls' backpacks looking for important papers, written my grocery list, and gotten the kids dressed, the clock in my room read 10:48.

"Rebecca," I called down the stairs.

"What?" Rebecca answered.

"Can you keep an eye on Ben while I take my shower?"

"Sure. Come on, Ben," I heard Rebecca say. "Want to listen to a CD?"

While I let the warm spray wash over me, I thought about Jack far away in Ohio. A magazine editor, Jack had gone to a writers' con-

vention looking for people to write articles for his magazine. "He's probably schmoozing someone right now," I thought as I stepped out of the shower. "It's almost 11, and I'm still trying to get to the grocery store."

After I got dressed, I headed downstairs. When I rounded the corner into the living room, Lucy and Angela sat at the dining room table using tiny baby spoons to drink something from plastic cups. Angela's lips and teeth glowed bright fluorescent orange. Lucy's lips and teeth and tongue had darkened to a deadly shade of purple. She looked like the undead from a low-budget horror film. "What are you guys doing?" I asked.

"Angela put food coloring in our lemonade," Lucy confessed.

"Angela, what were you thinking?" I asked as I seized the cups and poured the offending liquid down the kitchen sink. "You guys should see your mouths. That stuff stains. You're going to look like that for the birthday party this afternoon." Our neighbors across the street had invited us to their younger daughter's third birthday.

Lucy ran to the bathroom and gazed at her frightening reflection. "I'm not going to the birthday party," she said and began to cry. "Angela, why did you make me drink that?"

"I didn't make you drink it," Angela shot back. "It was your idea."

"It was not. You can't be in my club anymore." Lucy and Angela constantly form and dissolve clubs with floating themes and changing memberships. Last week after her first day of PE, Lucy formed a physical fitness club. She and

Johnny ran around the back yard jumping over obstacles and sliding down the slide. The week before, Angela formed an animal club. She and Lucy gathered together all their stuffed animals and told Johnny he couldn't join. Saturday morning, I wasn't at all sure from which club Angela was being dismissed.

"Well, I don't want to be in your stupid club anyway," Angela told Lucy.

"Where's Benjamin?" I asked reflexively. Benjamin gets into more trouble than my other four kids combined. If I don't see or hear Benjamin for more than a minute or two, I figure he must be into something.

Rebecca looked up from where she lay reading a book on the living room couch. "I think he's in the office," she said.

Sure enough. When I walked in the door to our home office, Benjamin sat at the old computer Jack and I let the kids use for their games. Benjamin held up a *Bob the Builder* CD and stuffed the disk into the disk drive. "Bob," he said with great enthusiasm as he pushed the button that makes the disk drive open and shut. "Bob," he said again as he pushed the button over and over. The disk slid in and out.

"No no no, buddy," I told Ben and grabbed the disk out of the drive. "You're not supposed to play with the computer."

Ben threw himself to the floor and screamed.

Johnny walked into the office. "Mom, Lucy won't let me be in her club," he complained.

"How long until Daddy comes home?" Rebecca asked over the din.

"Only three more days," I said and tried to smile.

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