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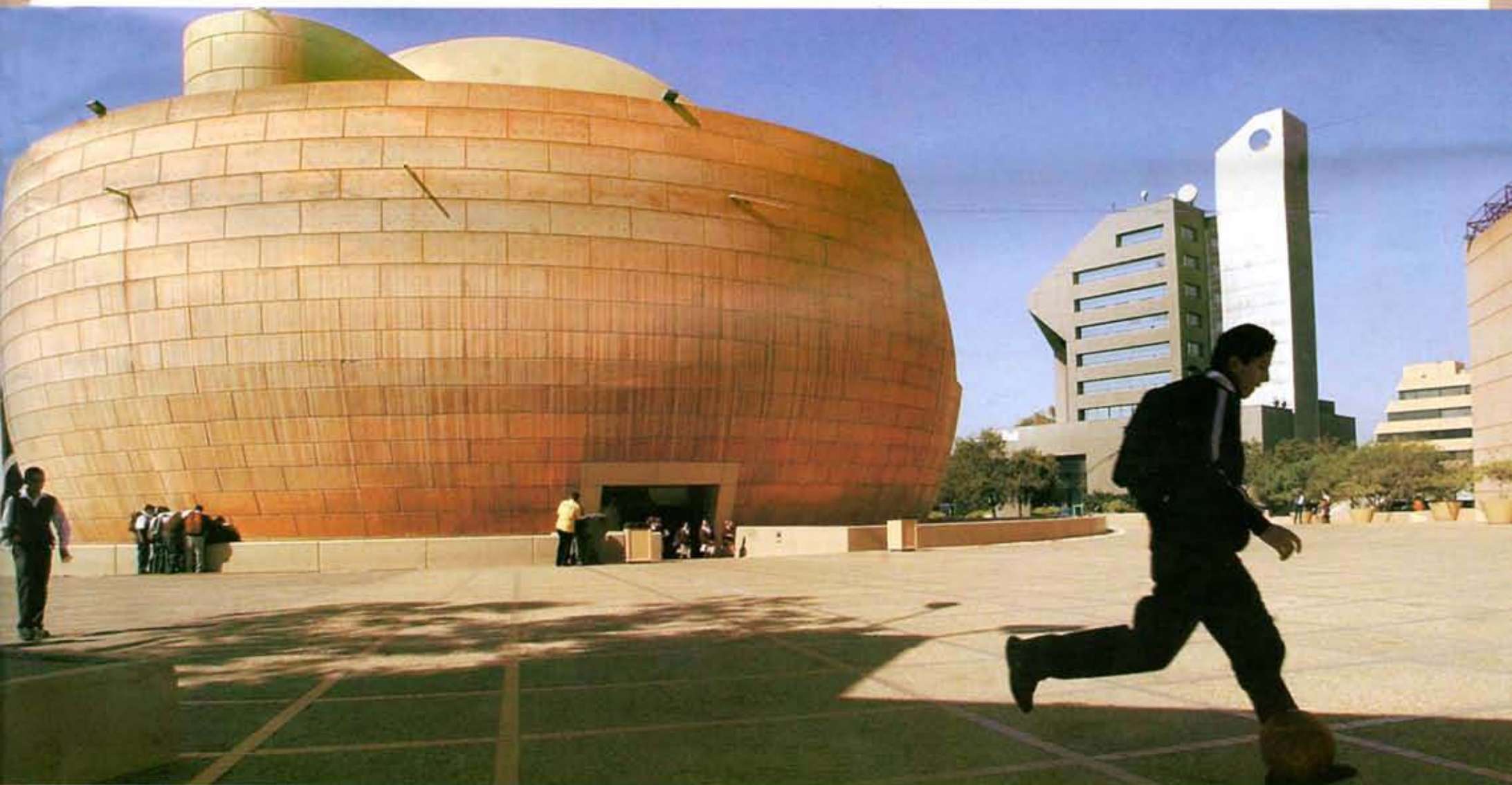
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CULTURAL CENTER
TURNS TWENTY

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Tijuana Cultural Center

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Can't Watch Football
Boy, Patrick Daugherty is so correct ("Sporting Box," October 3). Long ago, I found that football had become unwatchable due to the immense barrage of commercials. When there is so much incessant selling, one begins to feel manipulated and hounded by the parade of merchants, like getting off a boat in a tourist town. When the final 2 minutes take 15 or more to watch, then you know the media has taken over the game for the sake of the millions paid. That plus the fact that producers show the plays over so many times has made the whole thing unpleasant. Baseball is in danger of that too, but the game still seems more interesting. The human element seems closer than football. I also really enjoyed Daugherty's column (June 6) about the expenses that Mike Tyson incurred. He is still a creep, though.

Paul Larson

Excellent Accents
Re Abe Opincar's "Trouble with Accents" (September 26). Excellent and well written. You should see if education publications and alternative weeklies in other cities would be interested in reprint rights. I visited recently from Colorado, picked up a copy, and gave copies to friends who are teachers and English language acquisition managers.

B.F. McCune

Cheesy Accent
Interesting story on accents ("The Trouble with Accents," September 26). Let me tell you a story about my kids' old school.
Two years ago, both my kids went to Ada Harris Elementary School in Cardiff. As part of the fifth-grade program, Ada Harris hires, at some expense, a company to come in and teach

California history for a day. This is a very exciting and dynamic presentation, and the parents of the kids are invited. I went to the presentation.

The presenter, an Anglo, was a licensed teacher. He made his presentation exciting and dynamic by portraying Mexican and Spanish historical figures as having heavy Spanish accents. He made everybody laugh using this technique.

After the presentation, I wrote the principal and my child's teacher. I wrote that I thought it disrespectful to make fun of the way people talk. I pointed out that it was historically inaccurate — the Spanish historical figures in colonial California spoke unaccented Spanish and no English — and that it was especially egregious to do this in a classroom where a significant minority of the children are Hispanic and speak with a Hispanic accent. Many other Hispanic children at Ada Harris who don't speak with an accent have parents who speak no English or heavily accented English.

My letter was ignored. The next year, my second child was in the fifth grade. Same presentation. Same company. Same teacher. Same cheesy accent. This time, I waited for the lunch break and took a walk around the schoolyard to cool off. Then I went back to the room and yelled at the guy for making fun of people's accents. I told the Hispanic kids that he was being very rude and they shouldn't put up with people who make fun of the way they talk. Then I took my kid home.

This year I have no kids at Ada Harris. I don't know if the same guy will be teaching California history. I don't know if he still uses his fake Hispanic accent for laughs. I don't know if anybody at Ada Harris cares.

Brian Gulino

Biggest Jerk
Thank you and your fine staff for the recent article on Paul Pfingst ("The Pfingst Tapes," "City Lights," September 26). As usual, your commitment to good investigative reporting gives us an insight and interesting perspective on numerous issues that face San Diegans on a daily basis.

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Secrets and lies

Kotaro Nakamura got a bit stranger last week with the latest denial by the San Diego Unified School District of a reporter's requests for records outlining Nakamura's company's financial dealings with the district. Nakamura, husband of school-board candidate



Kotaro Nakamura



Katherine Nakamura

Katherine Nakamura, is a senior partner in Roesling Nakamura, an architectural firm contracted to do millions of dollars of design work for the school district. In January of this year, the firm was awarded \$75,000 worth of work to design upgrades for Gompers Secondary, Jefferson Elementary, and Oak Park Elementary. Then in June, a "change order" was issued, jumping the fees to a total of more than \$1.4 million. Two architects experienced with school contracts said the transactions seemed out of line and were not the way the district usually has done business. According to a letter to the Nakamura firm from district contract specialist **Joanne Branch**, the final price was the result of secret, no-bid "negotiations" held between the district and the architect. When the district was asked this summer to provide records showing details of the negotiations, it balked, claiming that the records were protected from public release under a vague and obscure "deliberative process" exemption in the state's public records act. Then, two weeks ago, district chief operating officer **Lou Smith** wrote that the records were being shielded from public view "to protect the architects' financial interests." Last week, the district, prodded anew for the Nakamura records, changed its story again. In a letter dated September 26, school district attorney **Sandra M. Chong** claimed that "disclosure of these documents would seriously undermine the District's ability to perform a public function, i.e., negotiate with architects to obtain architectural services on the terms most favorable to the public. The District would lose its business advantage in negotiating agreements if the District's strategy and decision-making process were revealed." In August, two months after the original request for the documents was made, Nakamura and his partners wrote a letter to his wife, promising they would no longer seek architectural work from the school district, one of their biggest clients, if she were elected to the board in November.

Chairman of the freebies Under the city's new ethics law, San Diego city councilmembers have filed statements revealing gifts they received during the first half of this year. At the top of the free-lunch list was Eighth District councilman **Ralph Inzunza**, who was wined and dined by — and in one case received a "glider chair" he valued at \$290 — people with business at city hall. Developer **Aaron Feldman**



Ralph Inzunza

treated Inzunza to a \$21 lunch on January 14, a \$51 round of golf on March 13, and another \$21 lunch on April 3. Developer **Kent Trimble**, son-in-law of county supervisor **Ron Roberts**, paid for \$51 of golf on March 14, and **David Baron** of the Barona Casino shelled out \$61 for lunch and golf on April 11. Hospitality magnate **Bill Evans**, whose hotels sit on land leased from the city, gave Inzunza tickets to the theater worth \$70, flowers valued at \$45, and a \$16 lunch. **Pepper Coffey**, a real estate woman who led the fight against a plan to build a cargo port at the city's Brown Field, contributed the "glider chair" on April 6. A week later, backers of the cargo port filed a claim against the city, alleging that Inzunza, who has a house in the airport's flight path, had violated conflict-of-interest laws when he voted with the 8-1 council majority last October to renounce its exclusive negotiating agreement with the cargo promoters. Inzunza called the allegations "sour grapes." Other councilmembers who reported gifts included Mayor **Dick Murphy**, who received a \$200 "Super Bowl



Scott Peters

Dinner" courtesy of the New Orleans Saints; and La Jolla councilman **Scott Peters**, who attended the annual \$75 Chamber of Commerce dinner thanks to the largesse of lobbyist **Ben Clay**'s firm, Carpi & Clay. Councilwoman **Toni Atkins** got an "original cartoon" valued at \$250 from *Union-Tribune* editorial cartoonist **Steve Breen**. And councilman **George Stevens** reported receiving a birthday check for \$105 from "Diamond Bid Board of Directors." He also picked up \$105 in birthday cash from the Reverend **Clyde Gaines**.

Seeing red That plan to turn San Diego's red trolleys into "rolling billboards" at \$40,000 a car has drawn criticism from the person most responsible for bringing the trolley to town in the first place. "I don't think they should be used as mobile advertising," says former San Diego mayor **Maureen O'Connor**, who shepherded the trolley through a skeptical city council back in the late 1970s and originated the anti-ad policy to give the new system a clean identity. "That would not in my opinion be in the best interest of the trolley long term." ... Attorney **Mike Aguirre**, who this spring took the covers off Mayor Dick Murphy's then-secret negotiations with **Dean Spanos** and his Chargers football team, is representing San Diegans for Clean Elections in its fight with the city ethics commission.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Michael Collins



Marcus



Robert Swayze Dalton



Kent Kline

Burn Him Alive

By Robert Kumpel

While David Westerfield prepares for life in prison or an endless series of appeals from death row, most San Diegans

have overdosed on opinions about his guilt or innocence. One group that has not been heard from, however, is the inmates at downtown's central jail, where Westerfield was held during his trial.

Michael Collins, 34, was jailed for possession of a methamphetamine pipe and spent none of his time watching the Westerfield trial.

"None of the other inmates watched it either. We were all wondering where he was. They all thought he was guilty. Me too. With all that forensics evidence? Yeah. You bet your ass. When the law gets you, man, the law gets you. That's all there is to it. He's mental. I have no idea what's going to happen to him. Look at that Night

Stalker [Richard Ramirez, who had been on death row since 1989 until his death last week]. He hasn't been executed yet, and he's been on death row for years! If he'd been in our cell, those guys would have tore him up."

At a thin, tall 6'4", with a pimple-covered face and hair standing straight up, Eric looks more as if he belongs in Juvenile Hall than in the Central Jail. "I was in for drug court, 45 days. We could watch the trial if we wanted to, but no one did. We just read about it in the paper. Everyone said he was guilty. It was all the evidence against him. He was striking a deal

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Neal Obermeyer



Octopus Devours Chula Vista

By Susan Luzzaro

Last summer's revelations about export commissioner David Malcolm's conflicted relationship with Duke Energy should be instructive. It's no secret that developers have been in Chula Vista for a while; South Bay developers seem willing to build whether there we have adequate support services, have reached the threshold point of traffic, have enough water, or have enough schools to accommodate the influx of students. Developers are so eager to keep developing they are willing to build a private toll road, SR 125, which will enable them to expand further eastward.

How ideal: Residents in

iceberg, exemplifies the way developers are entwined with elected officials.

It was telling when Shirley Horton Grasser (currently Mayor Horton), appointed to fill a vacancy on the Chula Vista City Council in 1991, abstained from her first item of business. According to the *Union-Tribune*, "Grasser Horton, owner of Grasser Tate Real Estate Co.,...had to abstain from...a public hearing on a Rancho Del Rey development. [She] has stock in a company associated with the

Street. Moreover, when Horton first came to the city council, her husband worked for a law firm that represented EastLake, another major Chula Vista developer. On Horton's 1994 mayoral campaign-disclosure statements, you don't find contributions from Ma and Pa Chula Vista. It may be understandable why political allies David and Annie Malcolm each contributed the maximum, but what did the people from Bakersfield, Newport Beach, Salinas, Santa Barbara, Irvine, Half Moon Bay, and Laguna want from a future mayor?

Another example of this overlap happened in 1995, when Mayor Horton wanted to appoint John Moot to a vacancy on the city council. (Moot made campaign contributions to Horton's mayoral campaign.) The problem with appointing Moot? His law firm — Sullivan, Cum-



School in Chula Vista

flict of interest "could exist if Moot indirectly benefits as a shareholder in his law firm from McMillin's Chula Vista projects." Would Corky McMillin want to see Moot appointed if he had to recuse himself on issues pertaining to McMillin developments? According to the *Union-Tribune*, Horton met with McMillin on Horton's way to City Hall "to dispel talk that McMillin was trying to block Moot's possible appointment." The same article quotes McMillin as saying, "There was concern on our part about having a four-person council when we have a good 50 percent of our livelihood depending on what happens in Chula Vista. We weren't in favor of anybody getting appointed to anything

if they couldn't vote on any of our stuff."

The Corky McMillin Company sends out a publication (advertisement) called *McMillin Lomas Verdes*. In the spring 2000 issue, Mayor Horton contributed a letter. "Transportation Enhancements Coming in 2002." No doubt Horton's letter was prompted by the mounting complaints about traffic aired in many public venues by Chula Vista residents. The letter/article was designed to dispel worries and entice prospective buyers. If the buyers were still not forthcoming, in June of this year, Chula Vista held an "informational fair" for potential homebuyers. Aside from realtors and mortgage lenders, representatives from master-planned

communities were there to sell their wares. It was no surprise that the *Union-Tribune* article announcing the fair assured us that "Liz Barela, an assistant marketing director at the Corky McMillin Companies, said her firm will be promoting its newer communities."

In May of this year, an article in the Chula Vista *Star-News*, "CV candidates are not bought by developer money," quoted city attorney John Kaheny as saying, "Generally speaking, political contributions to a candidate do not constitute a conflict of interest unless you have a specific provision, much like we have, for exceeding \$1000 in any four-year period." The article continued, "It's when an individual or principals from a com-

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Corky McMillin



Shirley Horton



Patricia Davis



David Malcolm

Chula Vista can live in McMillin Lomas Verdes, and children can attend Corky McMillin Elementary School. Corky McMillin has a public record that, like the tip of an

development, creating a potential conflict of interest." Corky McMillin was the developer of Rancho Del Rey, a 1584-acre residential and commercial project on East H

mins, Wertz, McDade & Wallace — did legal work for McMillin Development, Inc. The Chula Vista city attorney at that time, Bruce Boogard, warned that a potential con-



Homes in McMillin Lomas Verdes, Chula Vista

Burn him alive

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before they even found the body. I never heard anyone talk about his motives. He's just messed up in the head, I

guess. A lot of them would kick his ass if they saw him. He might not live long enough to be executed, but he's in PC [protective custody], so he might. If he'd been in our cell, as a guy who killed and molested a little

girl, he would have got seriously beaten, at least."

Ralph just walked out of jail but was not in during the trial. "One of the trustees I talked to was moppin' the floor near Westerfield's cell. He [said Westerfield] was to-

tally bummed out. The trustee's exact words were 'shot out.' He was down the tubes. He had a remote-control bed and color TV in his cell. Nobody really talked about it, because everybody knows that he is guilty. If he

had been with us, it wouldn't have been very nice after we got through with him."

Marcus, a small, wiry 53-year-old, bounds out of the jail-release door on a mission to get cigarettes. "I was in for

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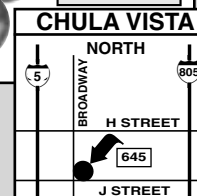
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five days. I violated a court order, being drunk where I wasn't supposed to be." Unlike Eric, Marcus says that most of the inmates watched the coverage of Westerfield's trial. "They all said the same thing: 'Burn him alive! Or let him in here and let us take care of him!' You have to remember that the vast majority of people locked up in there have kids of their own. We know he was guilty. The guys that I discussed it with said it all came down to the blood on the coat. How did the blood get on the coat? And it really pissed every-

body off when they heard he was making a deal before the trial. We don't know why he did it, but a couple of the guys think that the pornography drove him to it. It's weird, because I live in Pacific Beach, and two days before this happened, me and some friends were at Crown Point Park, and there were all kinds of kids running around, and we caught a guy masturbating in the bathroom. We chased him out and chased him down, grabbed him, and two little young kids had seen him while they were in there. We threw him down on the ground, called the cops, the cops showed up, ran his name, and, sure as hell, he's got priors for child

molesting.

"I thought the jury's death sentence was just a recommendation," continued Marcus. "But the jury only recommends, and the judge gets to sentence him. I mean, if he gets death, it's 16 years, average, before they put him to death. He's the same age as me, and I plan on living at least 20 more years. Maybe he'll get to that point, he gets older, he gets sick, or cancer, or something like that, and they'll say, 'We can't kill this poor old man with cancer!' He could never be put in the general population. If he had been in my cell, he probably would have been beaten to death. But I was in a misdemeanor cell, so I know I'm

getting out in a short while. But if they put him in with felons, there's guys in there doing life without parole, and they got nothing to lose. Somebody down the line is going to say, like with Jeffrey Dahmer, 'You go beat him to death, make him feel pain, and we'll keep you in cigarettes for the rest of your life.' It happens all the time. These were all watching the trial. If he had been in the felony tank — I mean, as soon as they came out with the blood on the coat — if he had been with career felons, that would have been it."

After six days in jail, Jeff, 33, wants to walk in any direction, as long as it's away from the jail. Several times he

expresses concern that he's being set up by my questions. "I was arrested on a couple of misdemeanor warrants. I don't want to go back in there, so I hope you're not pullin' no shit on me. I don't want to ever go back in there." When the topic turns to Westerfield, Jeff is more open. "Everybody was talkin' about it. It was all in the newspapers, on television. That's pretty much all they talked about: what's going to happen to him when he gets to the big house, you know. They're not very happy with him, and neither am I. It's unfortunate that there are people out there like that. Not everyone thinks he's guilty. A lot of them think the son has a

lot to do with it. More than half the people I talked to had something to say about his kid and that Westerfield wasn't in it alone. I don't think he was either. Some of the guys think the kid did it alone and that Westerfield had nothin' to do with it. I don't understand why they did this or what their motive was. I don't understand why somebody with that much money — I mean, you know, the guy could go out and buy himself a lady. He didn't have to do that. He had everything a man could want and now look at him. But look at Kurt Cobain: he had \$50 million, and he shot himself in the head. People do weird things

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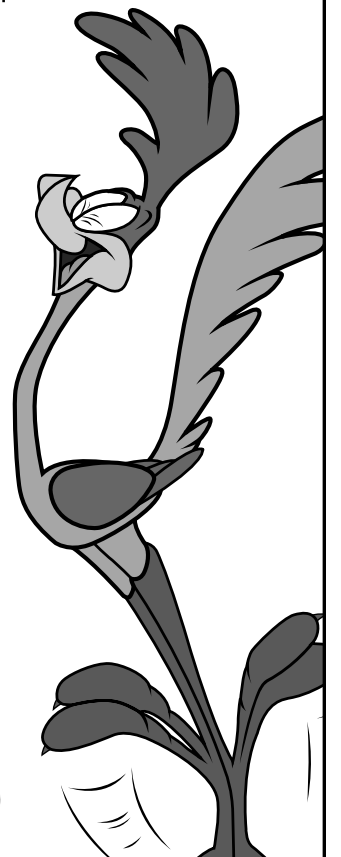
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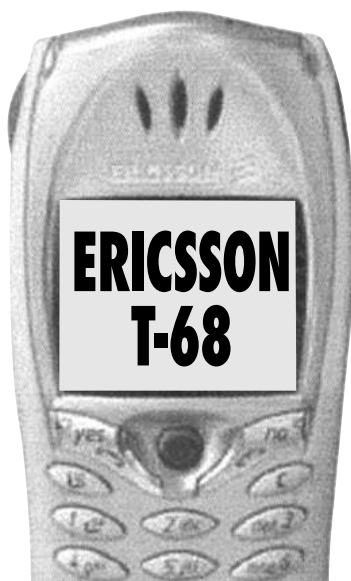
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for stupid reasons."

When discussing Westerfield's future, Jeffrey Dahmer's name comes up again. "But he's not going to make it in [prison]," Jeff continues. "They'll keep him in protective custody, no doubt, but look at what happened to Jeffrey Dahmer. Believe it or not, the 'seals' — the prison guards — are the ones that set him up. They sat there and watched the guy do it. If he'd been where I was at, nothin' would have happened. I would have stayed the hell away from the guy, because I don't need anymore trouble. There were 50 guys in there, and not one of them was happy with the case."

Even though he is homeless, Robert Swayze Dalton is glad to get out of jail. At 49, Dalton speaks articulately with an urbane East Coast accent (he later confesses that he was an English major in college). "I was drinking a beer in public, and they had caught me doing that several times. I have to drink it outside — I don't have a home!" (he laughs) "None of the people I was with watched the trial on TV. We're more interested in music and sports. We get the *Union-Tribune* delivered to us, so we got all of our information from that. If he goes in for life, it's not going to be long before he's dead, because somebody will get him. It's going to be a long, miserable wait for him to go. He'll be racking his brain, he'll be pulling his hair out: he'll always be looking over his shoulder. I think the death penalty in his case is more humane. The prisoners all thought he was guilty, and so do I. I follow the newspaper every single day. That's my only source of information, really. I've read every article on him. I don't think I missed a day, and I believe the evidence. I think he had a dual personality. In other words, why was he caught with all that pornographic child material on his home computer? You can be one person in public and another person in private. I think that was his release — his way of letting his hair down, which is why he didn't have so much of it!" (more laughter)

"He's going to go through

an awful lot of appeals, because, from what his lawyers have said, there are an awful lot of loopholes that have to be pursued. So it's going to be years and years and years before the death penalty comes through. Probably a decade.

If he does appeal, and he does get in the general population, that's the death penalty anyway. If he'd been in my cell, he would probably have just been ostracized, because we were just misdemeanors. We wouldn't do anything be-

cause we don't want any more time."

Kent Kline has only been in jail for 24 hours but has no shortage of opinions on David Westerfield. "No one said they watched the coverage in jail, but we were just

talkin' about how it's unfair for him to get protective custody. He's not going to suffer any punishment. He's going to sit on death row for 20 years and then he might get killed. The people he's going to run into in the yard are

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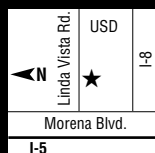
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When the question of Westerfield's guilt comes up, Kline posits yet another prisoner's theory. "People think he's guilty, but some people think the girl's mom had something to do with it. I asked one guy, why would this lady want to get her daughter killed for no reason, and he said, 'Why do people do stupid shit?' " Kline has no theories about why Westerfield killed Danielle van Dam. "They'll probably just throw his ass in San Quentin or whatever, let him sit around for 20 years, maybe more. He'll be chillin', won't have nothin' to worry about — PC'd out. He won't suffer shit. It's not hard, it's easy. If he'd been in with us, he'd probably have got picked on or fucked with or, you know. That's jail." ■

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pany give a candidate more than \$1000 in four years that a council member is required to recuse himself or herself from voting on projects associated with the contributor." Two hundred fifty dollars is also the maximum an individual can contribute.

When I phoned Chula Vista city attorney John Kaheny last July and asked him how long the \$1000 limitation had been in effect, he told me since 1989. I verified with him that the word "principal" refers to CEOs, presidents, vice presidents, and managers of a company. When asked who is responsible for checking on possible violations, he said the answer was "complicated." The way the code was written, he explained, did not allow the city attorney to investigate violations because the city attorney is appointed by the council.

By the end of our conversation, it was unclear whose job it was to monitor the contributions. I told him I was in-

quiring about the limitations because Councilmember Patricia Davis seemed to be in violation of this ruling both in her 1998 campaign and in her recent 2001 campaign for reelection: principals of McMillin had contributed in excess of \$1000. I said that I was not aware of a time when Davis had recused herself in regard to a McMillin project. Kaheny agreed that he could not remember such a time. (When later asked by phone if she had ever in her term on city council recused herself from voting on a McMillin project, Davis said, "I cannot recall, but I remember recusing myself on McMillin projects when I was working on the planning commission.")

Davis, who became a city council member in 1998, worked for McMillin Realty for several years before starting her own real estate business in 1995. Her opponent, Dr. Al Salganick, was worrisome to developers; he favored controlled growth and opposed the construction of SR 125. Salganick picked up 32 percent of the votes in the primary; Davis received only

27 percent. Though nearly every developer in town contributed heavily to Davis's campaign, when it looked as if Salganick might win, the McMillin Company outdid itself. For the November runoff, contributions ran as follows:

Shirley Babbitt, manager, McMillin Co., \$250; Gary Beason, CEO, McMillin Co., \$100; Vince Balanger, developer, McMillin Co., \$250; Michael Brekka, architect, McMillin Co., \$100; Kimberly Cherry, loan officer, McMillin Mortgage, \$250; Sandy Fish, realtor, McMillin Realty, \$100; Isabel Hall, realtor, McMillin Co. \$250; Teresa Hamm, realtor, McMillin Co., \$250; Richard Jarrett, sales vice president, McMillin Co., \$200; Joe Kaelin, estimator, McMillin Co., \$100; Jean Lewis, broker, McMillin Co., \$250; Philip Martin, sales counselor, McMillin Co., \$100; Melissa Mohr, vice president, marketing, McMillin Co., \$100; Charles Smith, sales manager, McMillin Co., \$100; Richard Teichman, loan officer, McMillin Mortgage, \$150; Kenneth Baumgartner, president, McMillin Co., \$100;

Thom Fuller, vice president, McMillin Land Development, \$150; Macey McMillin (again), CEO, McMillin Co., \$125; Scott McMillin, vice chairman, McMillin Co., \$250.

McMillin principals also contributed heavily to Davis in the 2001 elections:

Barbara Brown, manager, McMillin Realty, \$100; Isabel Hall, manager, McMillin Realty, \$250; Scott McMillin, president, McMillin Realty, \$250; Kenneth Baumgartner, president, McMillin Co., \$150; Barbara Brown, manager, McMillin Realty, \$100; Loren Gibbs, developer, McMillin Co., \$200; Erich Goodbody, vice president, McMillin Co., \$150; Chris Lewis, broker, McMillin Realty; Macey McMillin, CEO, McMillin Co., \$250; Marc McMillin, president, McMillin Co., \$250; Scott McMillin (again), vice chairman, McMillin Co., \$250; Rick Ray, vice president, McMillin Co., \$250; and Vonnice McMillin, who lists her occupation as homemaker but her address as that of the McMillin Realty office in National City.

(Note that Scott McMillin's donations exceeded the \$250-per-election-cycle limit.)

Within minutes after hanging up the phone with Kaheny, the city attorney phoned me back and said he remembered that the code regarding the \$1000 limit had changed. A phone call later, he had located an article, though not the code itself. The article, which I retrieved from the archive, dated November 24, 2001, indicates that although the residents of Chula Vista were not clamoring for a change of this reasonable safeguard, in November of 2001 the city council "deleted" the law, which "limited the combined contributions from any one organization to any single candidate to \$1000 over four years. The law further required that any council member receiving more than \$1000 from any particular organization would be prohibited from voting on any matter involving that organization." According to that same article, David Malcolm, perhaps predictably, was the first person to question "the part of

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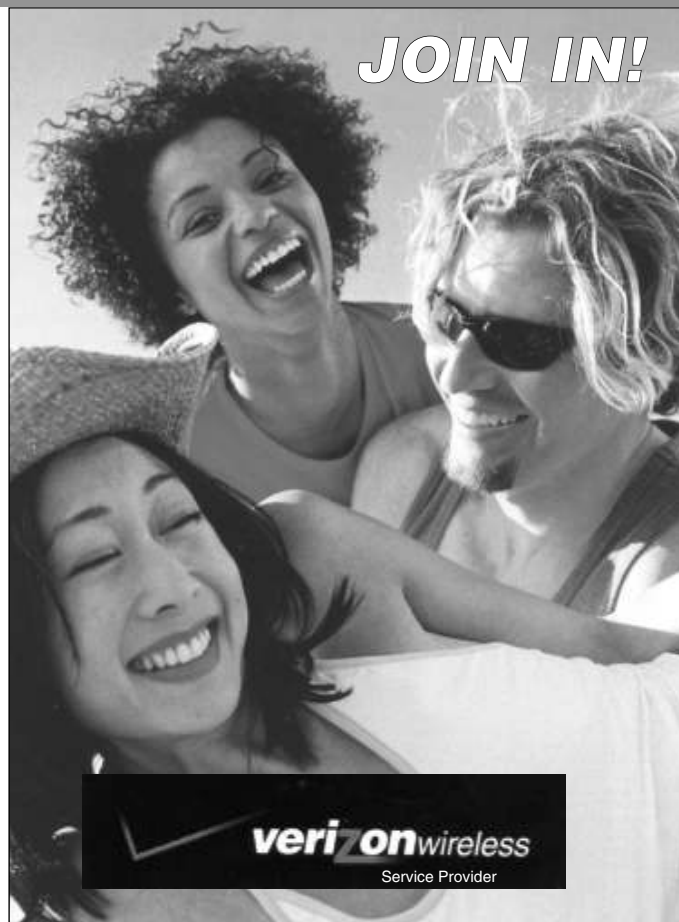
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the ordinance that called for candidates to keep track of how much was contributed to their campaigns from all peo-

ple affiliated with any one organization or company.” Former Councilmember John Moot and Councilmember Davis were appointed to the newly created committee to review and revise the contribution ordinance.

This deletion lets Councilmember Davis off the hook for the most recent election; however, her 1998 contribution disclosure indicates that she should have recused herself on issues pertaining to McMillin projects.

Following the scandal surrounding former port commissioner David Malcolm and his resignation, the Chula Vista City Council was obliged to choose a new port commissioner. They chose William Hall. William and Is-

abel Hall, of the same mailing address, both donated the maximum of \$250 to Davis’s first run for city council, the runoff election, and her most recent campaign. Isabel Hall lists her occupation as real estate manager for McMillin

Realty.

The eastern development in Chula Vista has been mired in the SR 125 battle for at least ten years now. The toll road has been touted by developers and city officials as the answer to Chula Vista’s traffic problems — although the ten-lane private toll road will also provide the necessary infrastructure for further sprawl. Thousands of houses have been preapproved pending the construction of SR 125, and a good portion of those are McMillin’s. Campaigning for reelection, Davis told the *Union-Tribune* that “her main focus will be traffic congestion and making sure planned roadways such as Route 125 are completed.”

In the letter that Horton wrote for the McMillin publication, she assured prospective buyers that “SR 125 — a vital north/south highway..has received federal and state environmental approval.” Actually, what the Environmental Protection Agency said about SR 125 in its report is, “We envision that a variety of adverse effects are reasonably expected to accompany such growth, including air pollution; increased congestion; loss or degradation of wetlands, vernal pools and other habitats; increased water pollution; groundwater depletion/degradations; loss of biological productivity; habitat fragmentation; and increased generation of hazardous wastes.”

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Horton’s statement was also misleading because the Audubon Society, Preserve South Bay, Center for Biodiversity, Sierra Club, and Preserve Wild Santee have filed a suit to challenge the Endangered Species Permit and the Clean Water Act permit and the Environmental Impact Report. They have also filed a preliminary injunction and a temporary restraining order to halt all building until the suit is settled.

“It’s a huge case,” said Allison Rolfe, executive director for the San Diego Audubon Society, “involving so many

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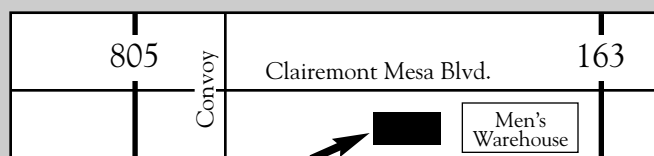


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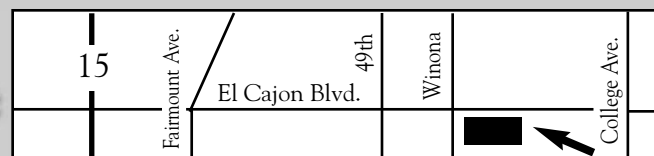
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different violations. There is no way we would have taken this case unless we thought we had a good chance of winning it."

The citizens of Chula Vista are going to pay \$140 million for a bridge-connector to the toll road that will be 150 feet up in the air and will run just west of the Sweetwater Reservoir. Several years ago, upon hearing of the predicted traffic traveling SR 125, the Sweetwater Authority (the body that governs the Sweetwater Reservoir, which provides water for Chula Vista, Sunnyside, and Bonita) ap-

proved a study to measure two chemicals, acetaldehyde and acrolein, which might enter the reservoir from auto emissions. In a 1998 *Star-News* article, the general manager of the Sweetwater Authority said, "According to the study, 2.6 million people could get cancer each year from deposits of these two chemicals." Rolfe says that this will "result in another unfair fiscal impact: \$20 million in new costs to treat the local drinking water."

McMillin Companies have not sat idle during the protracted SR 125 battle. In the summer of 2000, McMillin homeowners were mailed a letter that asserted the necessity of the private toll road.

McMillin also enclosed a postcard to be returned to the political action committee Citizens for 125. Unpersuaded, Arthur K. Warstler, a McMillin homeowner, wrote a letter to the *Star-News* editor. "This is developer money used to influence our mayor and city council to vote for bonds to build this toll road at taxpayer expense." As it happens, SANDAG has just given another \$8 million to the connector, and according to SANDAG minutes, the president of California Transportation Ventures, Inc., the private-tollway developer, is going to go to the Chula Vista City Council and ask for \$2 million.

Is this floundering for

money because CTA doesn't have its financial packet put together? At one point, according to the Audubon Society's Rolfe, the City of Chula Vista even had David Malcolm researching a public/private joint powers package.

In the book *The Ecology of Fear*, Mike Davis analyzes how Los Angeles became a sprawling dystopia. Much of what he writes fits San Diego like a death mask. In a chapter called "How Eden Lost its Garden," Davis writes, "County government in Southern California is so hopelessly captive to the land-development industry that sweeping electoral reforms, comparable to California's progressive revolution of

1911, are probably the prerequisite for overthrowing the 'new octopus' and transforming land-use priorities."

Mayor Horton is leaving office and will run for the 78th District seat in the state assembly November 5. So far, it looks like more of the same. Her campaign is "backed heavily by developers," the *Union-Tribune* reported October 5, 2002. Her Democratic opponent observed, "There is hardly a hillside or canyon left in Chula Vista which has not been graded, paved, altered or compromised by her land-use policies." Horton is being termed out of office, although two measures had been placed on the November 2000 ballot

that would have created the possibility for her to run again. According to the *Union-Tribune* in August of 2000, "Mayor Shirley Horton and councilmembers Patty Davis and John Moot pushed to allow voters to take another look at term limits." (Calls made to Horton's office were not returned by press time.)

In November 2000, Proposition E, which would have done away with any term limits for the mayor or the city council, was voted down by 76.4 percent of the electorate; 59.3 percent of the electorate voted No on Proposition E, which would have increased the term limits from two consecutive terms to three. ■

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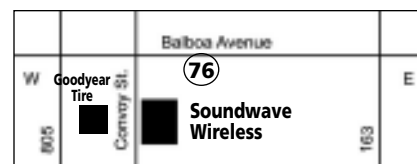
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1999	540iA	GM60321	7565	\$43,775	\$41,270
1999	528iA	GU02645	7616	\$33,790	\$32,190
2000	528iA	GU14222	7614	\$37,250	\$35,790

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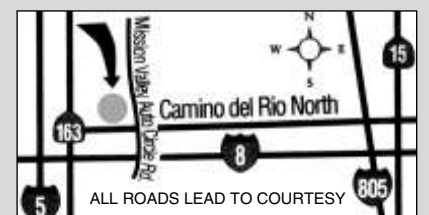
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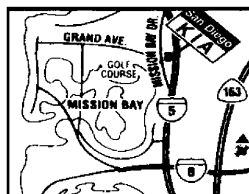
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



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Matthew Alice:

Who created the marriage vows "to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death do us part"? It's a traditional part of the Protestant ceremony, but who gets credit for writing it?

— Kent, Del Mar

He certainly was a starry-eyed optimist, whoever he was. But the vows are so ancient, I guess no one could have anticipated they'd eventually come to mean "To have and to hold from this day forward, till we don't feel like it anymore and our lawyers and pre-nups do us part." So say it's the mid-16th Century. England. You and your favorite wench decide to get hitched. The vows you'd say would be virtually identical to those said today. In fact, most of the ceremony would be quite recognizable to a modern onlooker. It was first set down in *The Book of Common Prayer*, formally issued in England in 1549. The full political and religious history is complicated, but the English-language book was an attempt to simplify and make comprehensible to the average person the very arcane Latin prayers, sacraments, and ceremonies of the Catholic Church of the time. The book's been revised many times, but the wedding vows remain intact.

Clergymen who assembled the first BCP borrowed from lots of sources, including German Reformists, traditional Jewish texts, and, of course, Catholic liturgy. The wedding vows were taken from the ceremony set down in the Sarum prayer book, an English translation and interpretation of the Latin services used in Salisbury Cathedral. That book dates back to the 13th Century. A single author is unlikely. The vows evolved into that form. But once books could be printed in multiple copies and identical form, change slowed down. And I suppose, given enough time and enough graduate students, we could devise a list of probable contributors to the vows, but, well, not tonight, Kent, we have a headache.

My Friend Matt:

Why don't I ever see cashews in the shell? Do cashews have shells? Peanuts in the shell are cheaper than peanuts out of the shell, so wouldn't cashews be? Why can't I buy them that way? I'd be willing to crack them myself.

— Nutty on the net

You'd make it through maybe the first dozen, but then you'd have to stop and search frantically for your car keys so you could get yourself to the emergency room. Long ago the U.S. passed laws against importing the nuts in their shells (all cashews sold here are imported from China, India, or Brazil). On the hoof, they're toxic.

Cashew grove: Imagine a tree covered with small, yellow-red apples. From the bottom of each grows something that looks like an inflated lima bean. That's the nut. It has a thick outer shell and thin, membranous inner shell, between which is an oily liquid that is quite irritating and potentially toxic. When cashews are processed, the outer shell is removed, the liquid drained off, the nuts are dried, and the membrane shell is removed, and the detoxed nuts are packed in tins for export. The oily liquid is recycled into bug spray. Lurking in the branches of the cashew's family tree are a couple of nasty relatives: poison oak and poison ivy.

Hi Matt:

Halloween is coming up. What's the healthiest kind of candy for me to eat? I like saltwater taffy, but I've heard that jelly beans are your best bet. I'd like your opinion.

— Sugar Freak, downtown

Got to admit, I'm not sure what scale of values we're using here to rate jelly beans as healthier than saltwater taffy. This is a question of significance only to the truly desperate. All candy is some combination of sugar, corn syrup, dextrose, sucrose, invert sugar, or molasses. That is — sugar, sugar, sugar, sugar, and sugar. Any individual differences are the result of flavorings, the types of sugar used, and how they are cooked and handled after cooking. Only in your dreams are Snickers bars more wholesome than Gummi Bears.

Saltwater taffy is corn syrup, sugar, sweetened condensed milk, oil, salt, an emulsifier (lecithin, usually), and flavorings. One ounce of taffy provides about 4% of your recommended daily allowance of riboflavin. Eat a pound and a half of it, and your vitamin B2 worries are over for the day. There's virtually no other food value in it. Of course, the vitamin B2 will have cost you about 1700 calories and 75 grams of fat. And just who is the wizard who suggested jelly beans as a healthy alternative? Take the milk out of the taffy, substitute starch or gum of some type, and you've got jelly beans. And half the riboflavin. And nothing else.

Licorice might be a contender for some sort of fool's paradise award as least awful. Real licorice candy contains less added sugar, but that's just because licorice root is already sweeter than cane sugar. An ounce of pure milk chocolate will have protein, riboflavin, and calcium — 4% each in the RDA department. Iron, 6%. It will only cost you 3700 calories and 200 grams of fat to get 100 percent of your calcium needs from a pound and a half of chocolate. But could your old pal Matt make a suggestion? How about a nice candy apple. Peel off the candy, eat the apple.

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

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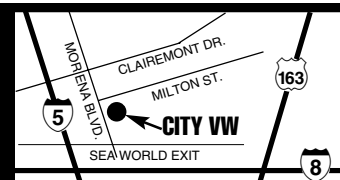
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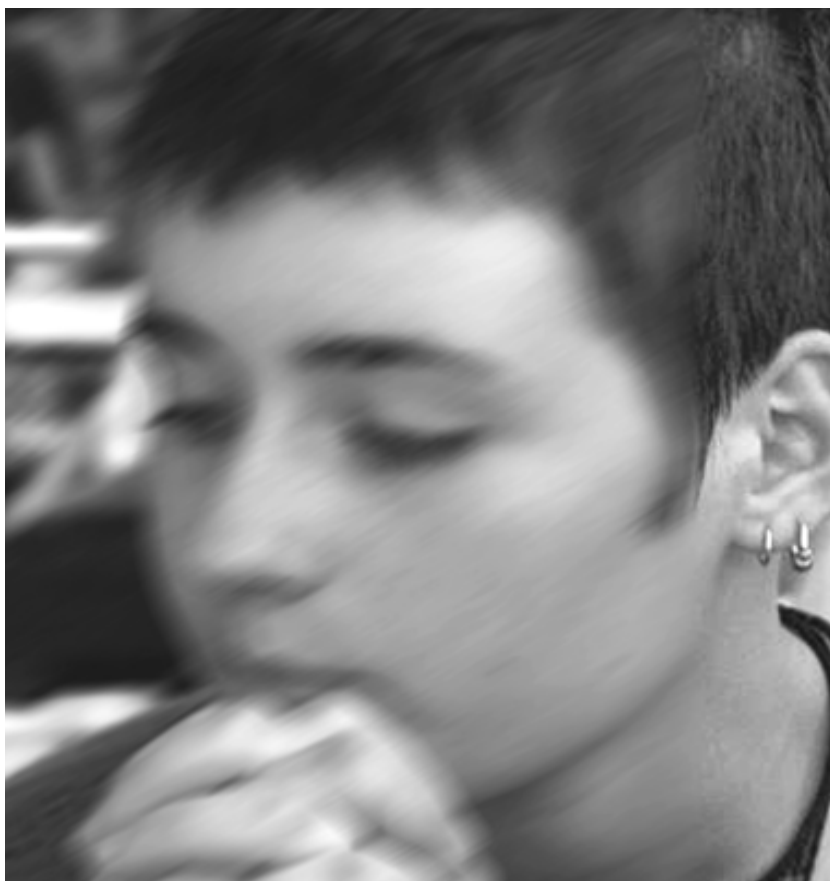


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We are becalmed. For those who follow sports played in other parts of the country, Major League Baseball may entertain. Hereabouts, the Chargers are a good team, but it will take several more games to learn how good. Meanwhile, the San Diego State football team is 0-5, the San Diego Gulls won't begin play until Saturday, and basketball is a faraway dream.

What to do? Or, more precisely, how will I do nothing? Or, even more precisely, how does one pass the time doing nothing when one's normal diet of spectator sports no longer satisfies? Well, buckaroos and buckarettes, brush aside those worries, because this column is written for you.

Although not legal, drinking whiskey and shooting the headlights out of your truck is an ancient American tradition. So is betting on elections. Because I'm a pretty wonderful person, I've handcrafted a 2002 election guide for those readers who desire productive work until the Chargers/Raiders game, which is yet two weeks away.

What follows are current odds, offered at selected Caribbean, British, Australian, and Central American sports books. We'll begin at the top; namely, who will control the United States House of Representatives? Current lineup: 223 Republicans, 210 Democrats, one Independent, and one vacancy.

Republicans: -120 (Bet \$120 to win \$100)

Democrats: Even (Bet \$100 to win \$100)

This indicates the Republicans are favorites.

You have to risk more money in order to win \$100.

Who will control the United States Senate?

Current lineup: 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans, and one Independent.

Democrats: -110 (Bet \$110 to win \$100)

Republicans: -110 (Bet \$110 to win \$100)

This is a Pick 'Em bet and indicates the outcome is too close to call.

Since the Senate as a whole is a Pick 'Em bet, individual races deserve a close look, because how you figure those will tell you how to bet the total.

In Arkansas, the Republican incumbent, Tim Hutchinson, is -105; the Democratic challenger, Mark Pryor, is 115, which indicates Pryor is favored by the bookies.

Colorado: Incumbent Wayne Allard (R) -110, Tom Strickland (D) -110. Toss-up.

Minnesota: Incumbent Paul Wellstone (D) -115, Norm Coleman (R) -105. Wellstone is favored, because, once again, you have to risk more money to win \$100.

Missouri is a Pick 'Em bet between incumbent Democrat Jean Carnahan and Republican opponent Jim Talent.

So far, the Democrats are favored to gain one seat: the seat in Arkansas. The Republicans are favored to keep their seats in Oregon and Tennessee. South Dakota is rated as a toss-up between Democratic incumbent Tim Johnson and the challenger, Republican John Thune.

There are other favorable factors on the Democratic side. They have a single open Senate seat at risk; that is, the current Democratic senator, Bob Terricelli of New Jersey, has resigned, leaving that seat up for grabs. On the other hand, Republicans have five open Senate seats at risk. Robert Smith of New Hampshire was defeated in a primary. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, Fred Thompson of Tennessee, and Phil Gramm of Texas are

retiring. And on the other, other hand, the good people of New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas are going to elect Republicans no matter who retires.

Bottom line: figure who wins New Jersey, South Dakota, Missouri, and Colorado, and you've figured who controls the Senate. What makes this interesting is local politics will be the margin of victory in those states, not the blah-blah-blah you see on cable television. This, in turn, gives the diligent gambler an edge since 99 percent of the population takes cable television's blah-blah-blah as real.

Clip and Save

You'll note that I have not included California. We don't have a U.S. Senate race this year. We do have a Democrat and a Republican running for governor, both of whom are loathed by the majority of California voters. If there was ever a reason to put a state in political receivership, we have one now. For the merciless, hard-

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TAMPA BAY	6 1/2	41	Cleveland
DENVER	3	40 1/2	Miami
Monday			
San Francisco	3	43	SEATTLE

core bettor, Davis is favored and should win unless he is nailed for extortion before election day. Simon needs to find something to do.

Remembering that a bet is a bet and not a statement of principles or an indication of one's hopes, we'll continue on to the governors' races. The current lineup: 27 Republicans, 21 Democrats, and two Independents

Republican Jeb Bush of Florida is pegged at -115. His opponent, Bill McBride, goes for -105. Bush is favored, although there have been several line moves in favor of McBride.

You heard it here first: in the great state of Hawaii, a Republican, Linda Lingle, who is not a porn star, has an edge over Democrat Mazie Hirono by the count of -115 to -105.

I should close on a note of optimism. Regard the governors' race in Minnesota, where the Democrat Roger Moe and the Republican Tim Pawlenty and the Independent Tim Penny are tied at +150. Lay \$100 on any one of them, and if you win, you win \$150.

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Denomination: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Address: 2512 Third Avenue, Banker's Hill; 619-231-1494

Year founded locally: 1998

Senior rabbi: David Kunin

Congregation size: 200 families

Staff: 2 full-time, 8 part-time

Hebrew school enrollment: 20

Annual budget: \$275,000

Singles program: no

Diversity: European, Mexican, Israeli

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Friday night services, 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.

"There are about 80,000 Jews in San Diego. Only 20 percent are affiliated with a synagogue," Rabbi David Kunin of Ohr Shalom told me early last week. "Eighty percent of Jews here have no involvement in the community. They don't even donate to Jewish charities."

Forty-year-old Rabbi Kunin was born and raised in New York's Westchester County

where synagogue affiliation is, he says, estimated at 50 percent. He comes across as smart and good-humored. When he told me that he had a twin brother named Seth, I asked if he or Seth were the evil one. Rabbi Kunin allowed that being a rabbi might be the perfect cover for an evil twin. "But I'm right-handed and Seth is left-handed. The evil twin is always left-handed."

I first attended Ohr Shalom during the High Holy Days and was struck by the synagogue's composition. Ohr Shalom is a blend of Beth Tefilah, an old local congregation, and Adat Ami, a relative newcomer that was organized by Mexico City Jews who immigrated here in the late '70s and early '80s. The folks from Adat Ami are particularly interesting because the Mexico City community has a strong tradition of Yiddish-language education. On Yom Kippur morning when I walked into Ohr Shalom, I was nonplussed to hear entire families switching with great speed between Spanish, Yiddish, and English.

Ohr Shalom has taken over Beth Israel's old home, the handsome Byzantine-style building on Third Avenue. Built in 1925, the building could use a fresh coat of paint and a few repairs. Its massive blue and green stained glass windows, filling the sanctuary's north and south walls, give a sense of permanence and solemnity that most recently built synagogues lack.

"What sets us apart from other Conservative synagogues is our large Mexican population," Rabbi Kunin told me. "They're very passionate about family, about extended family. Everybody pulls together when someone needs help. That feeling of belonging and caring has influenced the entire congregation."

Last Saturday morning Ohr Shalom's cantor, a doctor by profession, was in Mexico giving medical seminars. Rabbi Kunin, apol-

ogizing that he didn't have the "greatest singing voice in the entire world," led the two-and-a-half-hour liturgy. While following along, I noticed that the English portions of the Conservative prayerbook avoid referring to God as "Father," "he," or "him." However, the prayerbook's editors seem to have left the original Hebrew intact. (The presumption being, I guess, that God is as ignorant of English as feminists are of Hebrew.)

Rabbi Kunin adheres to a traditional liturgy. His Hebrew pronunciation is very good, and the melodies he chooses for the prayers and Psalms are not the freakish contemporary sort that sound as though they should be accompanied by banjo and kazoo. Rabbi Kunin is unafraid of saying things that might sound unpleasant to the contemporary ear.

Twice each month after Saturday-morning services, Ohr Shalom hosts a lunch for its guests and members. Rabbi Kunin gives a brief sermon on the week's Torah portion and leads a group discussion about the portion's con-

tents. Last Saturday, while we tucked into chopped liver, bagels, cold cuts, cookies, and chilled sliced melon, Rabbi Kunin told us that of the two Creation stories presented in the Bible, one could be interpreted as suggesting that humanity is evolving toward perfection.

"Among certain Jewish theologians, this sort of progressivist philosophy became especially popular after World War I. The war had been so bad, the only way seemed up. But then came World War II, the Holocaust, the Korean War, Vietnam, Pol Pot, the horrors of Bosnia and Rwanda. If anything, humanity has shown that the only quality it can perfect is its appetite for cruelty. We can't expect that humanity is somehow going to evolve toward justice and compassion. We have to take responsibility for our actions."

These days that sort of common-sense talk is rare among clergy. One reason that Rabbi Kunin gets away with it, I think, is because he's sweet and humble. But some people seem to think he's not sweet and humble enough. Rabbi Kunin, after serving at Ohr Shalom for three and a half years, has been told that the board will not renew his contract. In January, he'll move on to head a synagogue in Edmonton, Canada.

The Ohr Shalom members with whom I spoke were sad that Rabbi Kunin was leaving. A pretty young woman named Rachel whom I met last Saturday told me, "I went to Beth Israel when I was a little girl. I have a lot of memories connected to this building. I came to Ohr Shalom for the first time during the High Holy Days and I really liked Rabbi Kunin. The whole congregation seemed so friendly. I was actually thinking about joining. But now, you know, they have to go through the whole process of finding a new rabbi. I guess I'll wait to join until I see who they come up with."

— Abe Opincar



RABBI DAVID KUNIN

Ohr Shalom Synagogue Banker's Hill ★★★

Sermon

content.....★★★★
delivery★★★★

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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My close friend and business partner has a wife who drives me insane. He mostly works at home. I'm at the office a lot and need to talk to him frequently. When he and I speak on the phone (at least once a day) his wife (not employed) sits right next to him and jabbars constantly. When he says something to me she "corrects" him or comments while I'm talking. He can only hear one of us, so of course it's her, since her flapping jaw is inches from his face. He'll ask me to repeat what I just said. This happens every time we speak on the phone, many times in each conversation. I want to call him on this annoying routine but worry he'll get mad. I try my best not to ram my fist through the wall when she interrupts our conversation for the fifth time, but I may damage the office soon if this doesn't stop.

TICKED OFF ENCINITAS ENTREPRENEUR

Dear Ticked,

Next time he comes into the office, so you have him alone, with both ears pointed in your direction, talk to your partner good-naturedly but seriously. Explain that you love both him and the little woman and are tickled pink they're so close, but these garbled three-way conversations are wasting valuable time and driving you bonkers. Ask him to explain to his little buttercup that when you phone on business, he's going to request she get up off his lap and go do something else for a while besides kibitzing and making it so he can't hear you. If he forgets to do this next time you call, remind him. If he keeps forgetting, take the two lovebirds out to dinner and state your case: no billing and cooing during business calls.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

I have an old friend who has alternately ignored, missed, or belatedly acknowledged my birthday for the past five years. He claims to just be "bad with birthdays," and though it has hurt my feelings (less each year, especially when I discovered that he does this to many people), I made a decision not to let it collapse the friendship. I did, however, swear to myself last year that I would not participate in his next birthday. At first it felt mean and gamey to make a point of NOT sending a card, NOT making a call, but I just *couldn't*. I wouldn't have been able to face myself. Well, now I've been invited by his spouse to a big surprise-birthday blowout, and I have no intention of accepting. I have had discussions with this friend over the years about his "forgetfulness," and I'm not willing to pursue that avenue any longer. Is there an honest, tactful way I can truthfully decline without putting the spouse in an awkward position? I'm thinking a letter, but

that seems wimpy. And in person, I'm afraid I'd burst into tears or get mad — or worse yet, backpedal. What do you suggest?

DETERMINED BUT DAUNTED
IN DEL MAR

Dear Determined,

I'm going to go out on a hopefully sturdy limb here. Your problem may not be how to decline this invitation, but how to reassess a friendship. You say you're less hurt by this man's lack of consideration as years go by, but you still sound plenty wounded to me. You also say you're done confronting him. Okay. If you value the friendship, knowing your friend has this flaw, you can try to accept him as is. This means giving up the idea he's ever going to acknowledge your birthday. If, on the other hand, you have come to feel that this man is a small-spirited lout who can't be bothered to honor those "close" to him, you may want to ask yourself a question: Why stay friends with someone whose parties you have to boycott in order to make a point about what a heel he's been? If it's worth it to you, and you can handle it emotionally, drop this grudge and move on. Or, you can back off from the friendship. Decline the invitation if you must by simply telling his wife you can't make it. She hasn't done anything rude to you, so airing your grievance to her just drags her into a tiff between you and Mr. Amnesia. Refusing to discuss this problem with him anymore but lodging the complaint with his spouse is just a roundabout way of continuing a discussion you acknowledge is futile via a third party. If you suddenly get your second wind and want to try to talk to this guy about his behavior once more, phone him after the party and explain why you stayed home. He's the one that's earned the earful, not her.

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Stained glass gave life to the childhood hours I spent in church. As the endless liturgical hums and murmurs sounded in my ears, I kept my eyes fixed on those colored pictorials, trying to piece together the mysterious life of Christ. While I never managed to complete the puzzle, I did begin a lifelong love affair with stained glass.

Imagine my distress, then, when a pebble shot out from under the stump grinder my husband Patrick was battling and left a neat little hole in one of the stained glass panels flanking our front door. I was desperate to get my little slice of beauty fixed. I sought out a skilled repairman, and as I walked into Blue Dolphin Stained Glass in the College Area (619-287-8631), I found one in Michael Millsap. "Our primary business is building and installing custom stained glass windows," he explained. "But when I started, I felt compelled to offer repair service.

"I will usually go out to the site to give an estimate and analyze things — see what work is necessary, what I'm up against for material matches. That can be the most difficult part. A lot of the glass that I used 10 or 12 years ago is not produced anymore. I keep a lot — I've got racks of glass that I've collected from 30 years ago, glass that I've inherited from people who have been doing this longer than me." Millsap told me that these days, "stained glass is sort of a misnomer. In my mind, stained glass refers to the process of actually staining with metal oxides and firing it in a furnace to create color in the glass — like the old church windows have. What we do today is more leaded glass; the glass I buy is already stained and manufactured, unless I'm matching a piece that has been hand-painted or handmade. If I can't match a piece out of the racks, I'll try to match it by painting and firing it in a kiln — we can do that here."

After assessing the situation, Millsap will remove the existing molding — "carefully, because our goal is to use the same molding" — pull out the window, and prep for reinstallation by scraping out old putty and sealant from the casing. He then covers the hole with plywood and heads back to his workshop with the window. He does all this because replacing the panel in optimal fashion usually involves some amount of solder work on the surrounding pieces of came (the metal bars between the panels), whether it be repair or outright removal and replacement. "The connections between the pieces of came are done with a soldering iron, and you can't solder in a vertical position" — the liquid solder would run down the window.

"Weatherproofing comes after the glass has been matched, cut, and set into place. When you have channeled lead came, the channels have a fairly standard width, to accommodate the majority of art glass. But the glass varies in

"I've got racks of glass I've collected from 30 years ago."

thickness, and so there's usually some space between that glass and the edges of the channel. We use a glazing compound — it's like a thick cake frosting — and force it up and under the channel and around the glass to fill any spaces that might exist. That eliminates rattling or leakage, and it solidifies the panel structurally."

The cost of window removal and reinstallation begins with \$75-an-hour for labor. But, he says, "in most cases, we're in and out within the hour, so it's \$60 to come take it out, \$60 to come reinstall it. The repair cost is \$50 for the first broken piece and \$25 for every subsequent piece, plus cost of materials." (So, if you can manage removal, transport, and reinstallation on your own, you can save a bit.)

Lead is durable, but copper is lightweight, and therefore popular in more detailed, small-scale applications such as glass lampshades. Millsap explains that "copper foil is a foil tape that wraps around each piece of glass. The innovation was by Tiffany, who is known for his lampshades. The tape around each piece acts as a medium for the solder, because the solder will not stick to the glass."

When a busted lampshade arrives at his shop, Millsap reaches for his glasscutter. "I score the remainder of the broken piece, crisscross, so that I can carefully tap it, break it, and remove it. That leaves the foil that originally surrounded the piece still soldered in place. I put flux [a chemical that cleans the metal and allows the solder to flow] on the foil, then heat the area until I can get a razor blade between the two layers of foil and separate them. I remove the foil that once surrounded the damaged piece; then I get a piece of pattern paper and press it up underneath, so that it conforms to the shape of the missing piece."

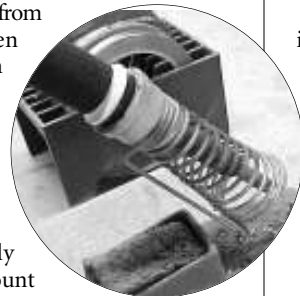
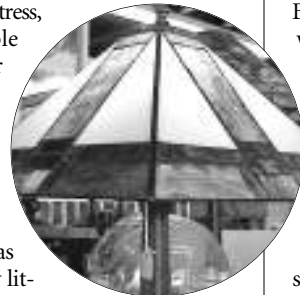
Millsap used the pattern to cut a new piece, then re-foils the newly cut glass. "I set it in place, tack it in a couple of places, and resolder all the way around to create a solder bead, or rounded edge." The result is a shiny silver line covering the joined pieces of copper foil. "I can make it go back to a copper color by using a chemical patina. I also have a black patina."

The work is labor-intensive, but the price is not unreasonable. "With a copper foil piece brought to my door, it will cost \$40 for the first section and \$25 for the subsequent pieces," plus minimal material costs.

Other repair shops around town: Alpine Stained Glass, Mission Valley (619-563-5026), charges \$40/hour labor plus material costs, installation and removal not available, repairs on premises only.

Abundant Treasures, Escondido (760-741-5509). Estimates given by piece on premises; installation and removal not available.

Grapevine Stained Glass, San Marcos (760-510-9598). On-site repairs done, \$100 first hour including travel time, \$50 each additional hour. Price includes glass, unless antique, beveled, or special order. All other repairs priced by piece.



1. Stained glass lampshade
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Tijuana's Cultural Center Turns Twenty

“On the morning of January 20, 1974, the police came. The neighborhood's name was Tierra y Libertad, 'Land and Liberty.' The police marched right into the neighborhood. Perhaps they were state police. I'm not sure. They came in and arrested several people, the leaders of Tierra y Libertad, the people who'd really organized the neighborhood. Others were arrested at work or wherever the police could find them. Worse was to come.

“At around 4:30 or 5:00 that afternoon, as people started returning to the neighborhood from work, coming home, they heard about the arrests. There was a bit of a panic. Someone organized groups to go down to the access road to the Tijuana airport. They kidnapped three buses and an electric company truck and a number of fancy vehicles. They also kidnapped a couple of soda trucks and brought them back to the neighborhood. People went wild and drank the sodas. You can imagine. These were very poor people. A soda was a treat. To be able to drink many sodas was incredible. But they kept the soda bottles. They didn't break them. There was a reason why they kept the soda bottles. They'd been instructed to keep the soda bottles.

“The people of the neighborhood also kidnapped two policemen and a reporter. They put the police in the bus and threatened to set the bus on

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“They burned the place to the ground.”

Tijuana Cultural Center

fire. By that time the neighborhood was encircled by police and soldiers. Nobody could get in or out. The neighborhood’s leaders were in jail. The people were improvising. They were following these hard-left-wing radicals. Two young men from an extremist left-wing group called the 23rd of September Communist League had taken control. The people had no idea what to do. The two radicals weren’t of much help. The neighborhood was surrounded by police and soldiers. As night fell, the people didn’t know what to do. They didn’t even know they had to wait up in shifts. Everyone just stayed up all night together. They were exhausted. The next morning before daybreak, the army moved in and caught them by surprise. Most people had fallen asleep.

“By this time, of course, the two young Communists had fled. They’d run off long before the police and soldiers arrived. The people of the neighborhood ran around looking for them, but the young Communists had run away because, I later learned, they thought it was more important that they save themselves ‘for the revolution.’

“These two radicals had organized these people for a resistance they couldn’t win. They’d instructed the people of the neighborhood to save the soda bottles. They showed them how to make Molotov cocktails. *But they never even told the people they had to*

light the Molotov cocktails before throwing them. The people, of course, had no experience in this sort of thing. They didn’t know what they were doing. When the army moved in, they just threw the unlighted Molotov cocktails at the soldiers.

“The army rounded up everybody. There must have been at least 5000 people rounded up. They were told that the governor of Baja California was in downtown Tijuana and wanted to meet with them, to speak with them. The soldiers forced the people into cargo trucks. The trucks headed out to Tecate and to Ensenada. Of course they weren’t going downtown to meet the governor. At different points, the trucks on the way to Tecate and Ensenada veered off and headed way up into the hills. At gunpoint the soldiers forced the people off the trucks. This was how they dispersed thousands of people in the hills on the far outskirts of Tijuana.

“Meanwhile, the army moved into Tierra y Libertad with flamethrowers. They burned Tierra y Libertad to the ground. They burned the place to the ground. The homes, you know, were simple shacks made of cardboard and scrap lumber. They burned quickly.

“A baby inside one of those shacks was burned to death. Her grandmother was one of the leaders of the neighborhood. When the baby’s mother was put on

the truck, she was afraid of what the soldiers might do. She gave the baby to her two little girls and told them to run and hide inside the family’s shack and not come out, no matter what. The soldiers moved in with their flamethrowers. The little girls panicked and ran out of the shack and left the baby behind. The little girls later told us how amusing the soldiers found it when the little girls ran out. The soldiers were laughing and chasing dogs and pigs with flamethrowers.

“For the next two to three days you’d see people streaming down from the hills. The thousands whom the soldiers had dumped way up in the hills. You’d see them walking down the roads back to Tijuana. When they finally made their way back to Tierra y Libertad, all they found was ashes.”

Forty-nine-year-old Professor Jorge Mancilla, an Ensenada native, studied neurobiology at UCSD and at England’s University of Cambridge. He taught at UCLA’s medical school. He now works in Los Angeles as a union representative for professors. When he talks about the events he witnessed firsthand 30 years ago, emotion overcomes him.

“I haven’t thought about these things for a very long time.

“I was young. I was at UCSD. I dropped out for several years because I felt I needed to help my native

country. I needed to do something politically to help my native country. What had happened was that in 1973, the governor of Baja California and the mayor of Tijuana had launched an effort called *Todo por una Nueva Tijuana*, Everything for a New Tijuana. They meant it literally.

“For decades there had been this squatters’ neighborhood in the Tijuana riverbed right up near the border. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of shacks of the poorest migrants. It was called Cartolandia (also known as Cartonlandia), ‘Cardboardland.’ Most of the shacks were made of cardboard boxes. Well, for a ‘new Tijuana,’ this was intolerable. The land was very valuable. It was flat and there was little flat land in Tijuana to build on. There was this plan to cement in the riverbed and put in

flood control. So in November 1973, the government went in with bulldozers and soldiers and wiped out Cartolandia. Leveled it to the ground. The refugees from Cartolandia went a little east and took the land that became Tierra y Libertad. That’s the story. Part of what was Cartolandia is where the Tijuana Cultural Center now stands.”

On October 20, 2002, the Tijuana Cultural Center (Centro Cultural Tijuana, or CECUT, as it’s most commonly called in Mexico) will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a grand exhibition and festivities. The 186,000-square-foot complex has a budget of \$4.2 million and a full-time staff of 150 and houses, in addition to art galleries, the Baja California Orchestra (Orquesta de Baja California), the Hispanic



Teresa Vicencio Alvarez

American Guitar Center (Centro Hispanoamericano de la Guitarra), and Centro de Artes Escénicas del Noroeste, the region’s only feder-

ally funded drama school. If few people now associated with the cultural center remember Cartolandia, it’s because Mexico’s helter-

skelter politics can make even recent events seem distant. Thirty-year-old events can seem like prehistory.

“What you must understand is how much Tijuana, how much Mexico, has changed,” said Carmen Cuenca, a pretty Mexico City native who in one capacity or another has worked at CECUT (pronounced say-COOT) for the past 15 years. Before coming to Tijuana, Cuenca worked at Bellas Artes, a federal institution in Mexico City that for 70 years has served as a kind of Vatican for the fine arts in Mexico, if not much of Latin America.

“When the Tijuana Cultural Center opened in 1982, there were maybe 400,000 people living in all of the city. Twenty years later, some estimates put the city’s population as high as two million. It’s maybe

more. Who knows? “It was under President López Portillo that CECUT was built. Really, it was under the inspiration of the president’s wife, Mrs. López Portillo. She was interested in culture. Well, interested in a certain kind of culture. I was told she had a very large collection of white pianos. I’ve been told, but do not know for certain, that the center once had in its possession one of those white pianos.

“At any rate, when President López Portillo came to power, the country was rich with oil money. By the time López Portillo left office, he’d nationalized the banks. The peso was enormously devalued. There was this huge economic collapse.

“And López Portillo’s party, the PRI, had been in power *forever*. In 1982, no one imagined, no one dreamed, that the PRI would

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someday *not* be in power. No one dreamed that things would ever change.

“Another thing to remember is that in Mexico, with each new presidential administration, there are so many political appointees that federal institutions change profoundly. Much more so than in the United States. In Mexican government agencies, when a new president comes to power, *everything changes from the ground up*. So it’s difficult to maintain institutional memory, to develop long-term plans and stick with them.

“CECUT is a *federal* institution. Its director is appointed directly by the Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, ‘the National Council for Culture and the Arts.’ No other city in Mexico has such a cultural center. It’s unique.

“So you have all these factors, all these changes. And think about the name. A *cultural* center. Think of what a fluid term ‘culture’ can be, of all that it can mean. The interesting thing is that CECUT has sort of embodied in miniature a lot of changes in the country and in the city. Look at what’s happened. We have a new president, Fox, from the PAN party. Who ever thought that would happen? CECUT not only has its first woman director, Teresa Vicencio Alvarez, but she’s the first director to come from a purely cul-



Manuel Rosen

cultural center’s construction.

“Oh, my God. Yes,” Cuenca laughed as she rose to leave. “I know just the person. Manuel Rosen. One of the two architects who worked on the project. He lives in La Jolla. I love him. But Manuel’s angry with me.”

Angry?

“Yes. Angry. If you talk to enough people who’ve worked at the cultural center, you’ll learn everyone’s angry with everyone. I don’t mean that it’s like everybody *hates* everybody. But, you know, it’s a *cultural* institution. People have strong feelings about culture. Go and meet Manuel. Talk with him. He’s a brilliant man.”

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I met Rosen I was told that in Tijuana, among people who pay attention to things like the cultural center, there were “entrenched groups.” I was told there was “animosity” between these groups. I was told that these groups either did or did not like the “new direction” the cultural center had taken. The opinions of these groups were never stated publicly. These opinions were, I was told, “in the air.” The people telling me that these opinions were “in the air” would by way of illustration make circular clawing motions at their ears, as if their heads were menaced by swarms of invisible bees.

“What are you worried about opinions



Marcos Ramirez

for?” Manuel Rosen asked on the late-summer afternoon I met him in his La Jolla apartment. Rosen’s building must be one of few in the county to have two full-time doormen. Rosen has in

his living room a small Goya, a drawing by Diego Rivera, and large canvases by several of Mexico’s greatest 20th-century painters.

“My wife has been ill,” Rosen said, apolo- gizing for the art on his

walls. “We had even more drawings, more paintings. But we had to sell our home and divide up our art among our three chil- dren. We needed a more manageable space. I had to give away more than

1000 books before we moved into this place.”

In the room Rosen uses as his office, book- shelves sag with books in Hebrew about Jewish mysticism, books in Japanese on Japanese architecture, books in Thai about Thai archi- tecture. One very large bookcase holds the most significant works of 19th- and 20th-cen- tury Mexican literature. The sliding glass door on the east side of his office looks out over the fifth hole of the La Jolla Country Club golf course.

A maid brought me a little seltzer in a tum- bler. Rosen looked lost in thought. Seventy-five years old, a grandfather to eight grandchildren, he’s still an exception- ally handsome man.

(His wife, an Argentine actress, was a famous Mexico City beauty.) Rosen looked sad.

“I miss Mexico City. We had a wonder- ful life there. We were surrounded by artists, writers, journalists, poets. *Creative* people. Constant intellectual stimulation. Here, it’s been kind of...lonely.

“It’s a cultural thing. I am Mexican. I’m used to a more con- vivial society. I’ve always felt very Mexi- can, even though my parents were American. I attended the American School in Mexico City, which was somewhat unusual. Most of the other Jewish kids attended one or another of the Jewish schools. Still, I’ve always thought of myself as Mexican,

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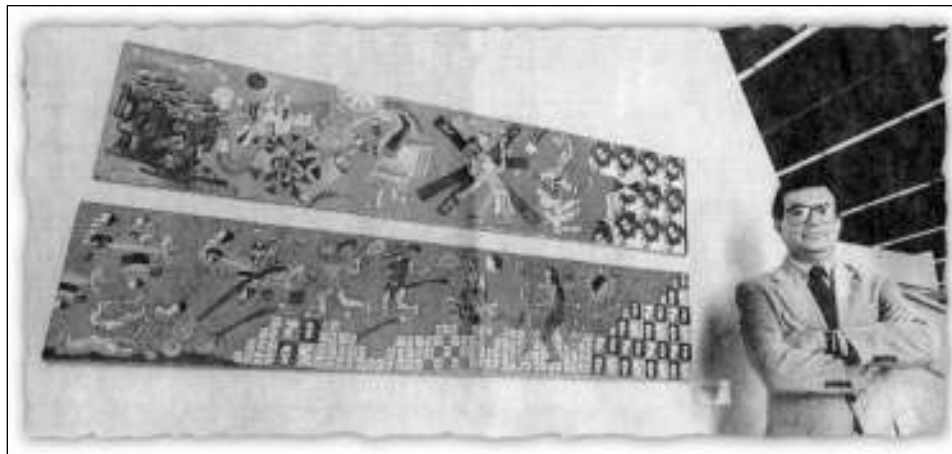
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and I never thought of being Mexican as a liability until I moved to San Diego and had some difficulty establishing myself professionally. People here, I found out, didn't like Mexicans and they didn't like Jews.

"In Mexico I was involved in many projects. I designed the Japanese Embassy in Mexico City, the Olympic swimming pool, a general hospital, the Mexico City convention center. It was through my familiarity with people in the López Portillo adminis-

tration that I became involved with designing the Tijuana Cultural Center, which was really the result of a confluence of a lot of culturally interested people.

"First of all, of course, there was Mrs. López Portillo, the president's wife. Carmen Romano de López Portillo. Everybody who knew her called her 'Munsi.' That was her nickname. Why 'Munsi'? I don't know why. She was a pianist. She was very interested in culture, the fine arts, classical culture. She started the famous Cer-



Cultural center director Pedro Ochoa Palacio beside a Benjamin Serrano mural, July 1989

vantino festival in Guanajuato that now attracts thousands from around the world. She was close friends with Mrs. de la Madrid, whose husband, of

course, was the governor of Baja California. So Munsi had this idea of building a cultural center in Tijuana that would act as a kind of window. A window for

Americans to see Mexican culture, and a window for the people of Baja California to learn about their heritage.

"You see, the peninsula — Baja

California — has historically always been very isolated from Mexico. It was always much closer to the culture of the United States than to the traditions and culture of central Mexico, of Mexico City.

"Munsi had this idea for a cultural center that would present Mexican culture to Americans and to the Mexicans in the north. She was also very passionate about Hellenistic culture, and she had this vision of a kind of agora, the marketplace in classical Athens where all the great

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philosophers met and taught and exchanged ideas. I heard that 'Munsi wants to build an agora in Tijuana.' So when you look at CECUT today, you see that it has this big plaza in front. That was Munsi's idea of the meeting place where people could exchange ideas.

"When I came on board the project, I definitely had the idea, 'Let's make a museum with a meeting hall, a coffee shop, a little bar.' Places where people could meet and talk. You have to remember, in its initial two years, the center was under the direction of the Ministry of Tourism. It

was only later that it came under the auspices of the National Council for Culture and the Arts.

"Munsi visited Disneyland and fell in love with the 360-degree surround cinema they had there. I went to see it too, but it was too large, too out of scale, for what we could do in Tijuana. So I went to see the Omnimax in Balboa Park, and I went to Toronto to see the Omnimax people there. It was perfect for our needs, and it worked out very well. The cultural center now earns 40 percent of its operating budget from the Omnimax ticket sales. Also, with the way the

screen was, we had a difficult time figuring out how to house the theater. I decided, 'Why don't we just build a spherical exterior that matches the interior?' It was that simple. Now that big sphere, *la Bola*, has sort of become a symbol of Tijuana.

"I think, in all, the center took two years to plan and build. The total cost was around \$35 million, which would be more than \$60 million today. We spent \$1 million alone on the equipment for the Omnimax. For the building, we'd wanted to use a special cement used in the construction of the Dallas airport. It turned out to be

too expensive, so we had to look for a cement additive that would give us that same warm color. It turned out that there was such an additive right here in San Diego. It was called San Diego Bluff. So the Tijuana Cultural Center has a San Diego color.

"As for my interior, well, I can't say it's been entirely ruined. But I'd designed an interior filled with light. I wanted it to be a very bright, very congenial space, open to the garden outside. They've covered up many of my windows with plastic, and now the center's become very gray and morbid inside. It's not the hopeful interior I

designed.

"As for this new director, Teresa, I wish her well. She's certainly a very pretty and attractive woman, a very intelligent and well-educated woman. Very qualified for the job. And I don't think she's going to use her directorship as a springboard to a bigger and better political position, as some in the past tried to do. But I don't think there's now any room for me to participate in the center. And, you know, with a woman director, it's difficult for Mexican men to build a certain kind of relationship. With a man, you can go out, have a drink, relax, build a

friendship. But with a woman, it has to be more formal. Mexico *isn't* America. Mexican men and Mexican women interact with each other differently than do American men and American women.

"So I did what I did for the center. And I ended up here, in San Diego. What happened was, of course, the great devaluation of the early 1980s. When López Portillo nationalized all the banks. I had most of my money in one bank in Tijuana. Money that I'd earned over a 30-year career. And from one day to the next, it lost 60 percent of its value. *Sixty percent*. And you couldn't

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take out what little was left. So I had to liquidate what real property I had and live on that. This sort of thing happened to everyone. I'm not saying I was somehow special. I'm not saying I was singled out. But I, of course, felt bitter. I'd given *six years* of my professional life to the López Portillo government. And I lost more than half of all my money. Without warning. Without any warning whatsoever.

"But that's all in the past. Munsí is dead. López Portillo married again, but he's ill. Very, very ill. He suffers a great deal. Mexico has a new government, and maybe it will be less of the rich getting richer and the poor, poorer. So far, I haven't seen any dramatic changes. But what can one man, a president, do in only six years? What can one man hope to accomplish in a lifetime? After the devaluation, I decided to move to San Diego and make a new life."

Rosen was quiet for a while.

"I came here to conquer San Diego," he said.

He squinted out the glass door, as if the spirit of Munsí López Portillo might materialize above the fifth hole of the La Jolla Country Club golf course.

"In the end, San Diego conquered me."

This mix of political power and culture, which seems odd to Americans, or to anyone from the Anglo-Saxon world where government support for the arts has historically been spotty, is very natural to Mexicans.

"It goes all the way back to the conquistadors," says Professor José Manuel Valenzuela, a sociologist who works for El Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Tijuana.

"You had these

priests who were trying to spread Christianity among an illiterate population. So the church used singing and songs to spread its message. The church used drama, little plays in which the Indians acted out scenes from Jesus' life. Theater was used as a tremendous means of conversion. And you can still see this tradition in the great holiday pageants performed by the indigenous populations. The tradition is very strong and very deep. There was no difference between the church, the state, and the arts.

"This makes sense when you consider that a large percentage of the population couldn't read. You had to use more accessible methods. Visual and musical methods. You had to use symbols that could be easily recognized and understood. Think of all the elaborate art you see in Mexican churches. Art used to explain ideas. In 1531 we had the apparition of the Virgin of Guadalupe, which quickly became a nationalist symbol. And this continued for centuries. By the 1850s in Mexico, art was profoundly nationalist. Literature and poetry reflected a strong sense of nationalism. Hidalgo used the Virgin as a symbol for the Mexican independence movement.

"At the time of the revolution, roughly 90 percent of the population was still illiterate. The image of the Virgin accompanied Mexican revolutionary forces. And most political news was actually transmitted by song. That's how people learned what was going on in the country. Muralism functioned in the same way. You had these very strong symbols that could be easily recognized and understood.

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You see it in Diego Rivera, Siqueiros. A very nationalist, political art. You really couldn't divide Mexican art, Mexican culture, from Mexican politics. And this continued even into the Chicano movement of the 1970s. Chicanos used the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe in their protests and in their murals. Once again, the use of murals. The use of visual symbols, the use of art, for communicating political ideas.

"And already in the 1930s President Cárdenas was concerned about American culture overwhelming Mexican culture. You began to see greater expressions of this concern in the 1970s when, for example, the Commission for the Defense of the Language was formed, an effort to keep English

from encroaching on Mexican Spanish. By the mid-1970s the federal government was taking formal steps to strengthen Mexican culture and identity all across the border region. This institute, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, was even part of that movement. The idea being to have a postgraduate institute to study border culture, issues such as migration, Chicano issues, the maquiladoras.

"So CECUT has to be viewed in that broader context. And there was naturally some initial resistance to the center. There's been a long-standing tension between northern Mexico and Mexico City. There was always this notion that Mexico City was the source of all legitimate culture, and places like Tijuana had

no culture, certainly no significant Mexican culture. And so culture was something that Mexico City felt obliged to export to places like Tijuana.

"In the first few years of CECUT's operation, native Tijuana residents were very critical of it. They resented it. They saw it as an *imposition* from Mexico City. Local newspapers, like *Zeta*, for example, tried to devalue events at the Centro. When they'd review a performance, they were always very careful to note how many minutes late it started, how many *chilangos*, or Mexico City people, were in the audience. If the performer was or was not a *chilango*, and if the performer said whether he or she didn't like Tijuana.

"So there's been this

tension about what sort of culture CECUT supported. Was it going to promote an elitist culture, the traditional arts, an idea of what Mexico City defined as culture and art, or was it going to promote regional culture, popular culture? It wasn't until 1989 that CECUT had a director who was born in Tijuana, Pedro Ochoa Palacio."

Professor Valenzuela, who's authored 15 books and edited a number of anthologies, is a fierce thinker. When asked a question, he responds with phrases like "Well, I can think of four reasons why that might be true..." or "There were five distinct stages to that particular historical development..." And he immediately launches *boom-boom-boom* into a point-by-point dis-

cussion of the issue.

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte sits on a hillside overlooking the ocean a few miles south of Playas de Tijuana. After 90 minutes of delivering well-ordered and brilliant thoughts on the relationship between Mexican art and Mexican power, Professor Valenzuela paused. From his office window, I watched pelicans fly low and slow over the gray and barely rippling sea.

"Something interesting, you know, happened in 1994 at CECUT," Professor Valenzuela said. "It was during inSITE94, that big binational cross-border installation art show. An artist named Marcos Ramírez did something very dramatic. I'm sure you've heard of what happened in 1974 when

Governor Milton Castellanos 'evacuated' Cartolandia. Well, in 1979, the Tijuana municipal government returned to finish the job with bulldozers. Some of the residents resisted and managed to hang on until late January 1980. It was the rainy season. It had been raining very hard. The reservoir was full. And Governor Roberto de la Madrid had the floodgates opened. He made sure no one told the people in Cartolandia what was going to happen. And the water rushed down and killed several people. It killed six members of a family of seven.

"Marcos Ramírez, whom everyone calls ERRE, was born and raised in Colonia Libertad. He was participating in the inSITE94 show, which was

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directed that year by Carmen Cuenca. What Marcos Ramírez did was that right there in CECUT's plaza, right there in front of *la Bola*, he built a detailed recreation of one of those cardboard and scrap-wood homes that used to stand in Zona Rio, on the land on which CECUT was built. It was this amazing thing. It looked as though it had just appeared overnight, like some fantastic mushroom. As if it had pushed right up through the ground. As if to say that you can't bury the past."

For a greater appreciation of the cultural center's broader context, Professor Valenzuela suggested I speak with Leticia Márquez, a graduate student and Tijuana resident who's completing her thesis on the development of cultural institutions in northern Mexico. She happened to be available not long after I spoke with Professor Valenzuela, and she agreed to try to explain to me a little about Mexico's cultural bureaucracy. We met in the Centro Cultural's coffee shop.

"The Mexican government simply thought that there was no culture in the north" is how Márquez began to explain how the center came to be. "Initially, all the exhibits, *everything* came from Mexico City."

Mexico City. It sounds so simple. A highly centralized bureaucracy masterminding a nation's cultural life. But bureaucracy tends to be fruitful and multiply. For example, Márquez explained, the Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, "the National Council for Culture and the Arts," which oversees the cultural center, also keeps tabs on 36 other cultural institutions.



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An hour or so into my talk with Márquez, she said, “What’s probably difficult for you to understand, and why you’re having a hard time understanding what I’m saying, is that in Mexico we have a great problem with duplication and cooperation. By that I mean that in addition to there being *national* cultural bureaucracies, there are similar institutions on the state and local levels. So the state of Baja California has its own cultural bureaucracy, as does the municipal government of Tijuana.

Now, one of the problems is that there isn’t enough money to properly fund *all* of these institutions. But who is going to decide who does what? For example, Tijuana’s cultural office publishes the work of local writers. But in the past, the Centro Cultural has also published the work of local writers. The state capital is, of course, in Mexicali, and so there’s been criticism that the Baja government tends to publish the work of only people in Mexicali.

“One of the opin-

ions that’s in the air right now is that things would be simpler if the federal government would just turn over CECUT to the municipal government of Tijuana. I don’t think that’s going to happen. But that gives you an idea of what people are thinking.”

Pedro Ochoa, the cultural attaché to the Mexican Consulate in San Diego, no longer cares much what people think about the Tijuana Cultural Center. From 1989 to 1994 he served as its director. An attorney by training, Ochoa,

like many Mexican attorneys, has a literary side. When I met with him to talk about his stint at the center, he was about to leave for a brief trip to Mexico City. What was he going to do there?

“Buy books!” he said, rubbing his hands together. “All sorts of books. You can find many, many books in Mexico City that you can’t find in Tijuana. I can hardly wait.”

Did he read much when he was the center’s director?

“Read? I hardly had time to eat. I *lived* at

CECUT. I didn’t have a romantic life. I didn’t have any sort of private life at all. CECUT was all I did, all I thought about. Six, seven days a week. Ten to 12 hours a day. The administration of the center is what took up most of my time. There’s a lot of detail to attend to. I was only 29 years old when I took the job. I was the first and only local person to be CECUT’s director.

“I started my career as director of public libraries for the city, and then as director for cultural affairs. I then

went to Mexico City and worked for the de la Madrid government for one year. I also worked for the Salinas government, working in Mexico City government. But I was far away from my family. I wanted to come back to Tijuana. Which ultimately led me to CECUT.

“I’d always had an interest in cultural matters. When I was little, every day after lunch, our father would make sure to read us an article or two from a Mexico City newspaper, to give us some exposure to the bigger world. And

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I loved poetry. When I was in high school, I was with a group of students that toured around, giving dramatic readings of poems, epic poems. He also read Neruda and Paz. So a job at CECUT, an opportunity to work with culture, seemed like a wonderful thing.

"When I arrived at CECUT, I, like all its directors, was confronted with there being no long-term plan, no programs. You start from scratch. And, you know, the federal government pays only the employees' salaries. Everything else, all the other money, CECUT has to make on its own. I was under pressure to act fast.

"The Omnimax, the 360-degree cinema, was clearly the easiest way to make quick money. So I threw myself into this huge project. The Canadian Museum of Civilization had produced this movie, *The First Emperor of China*, that I knew we could use in our Omnimax. I worked very hard with the Chinese community in Tijuana, with the Chinese Consulate in Tijuana, to promote the film, to raise money for the film. We had to have the movie translated. We used the voice of a Tijuana newscaster for the narration. It was an enormous effort. And it was really the first *serious* movie that had ever been shown at CECUT's Omnimax. It wasn't cute. It wasn't about baby animals. And there were people who thought it was a big mistake to even attempt something like that. I wanted to debut the movie in January 1990. Everyone said I was crazy. Everyone said January was a terrible month to start anything like that. In January, people have no money for entertainment. They've spent all their

money on Christmas. But *The First Emperor of China* turned out to be a huge success."

Ochoa and I got together on a humid August afternoon in a café not far from the consulate. He's a dapper, peppy fellow who seems to find humor in just about everything. I mentioned to him that I'd been looking for a copy of a book about the center, a book celebrating the center's tenth anniversary. I said I knew that it had been published during his tenure but that no one at the center seemed to know where I could find a copy. Even the clerk at the center's bookstore knew nothing about it. Ochoa laughed and slapped his thighs.

"Oh, they've got piles of that book. Lots of copies! But they're all hidden away somewhere."

Hidden? Why?

"Jealousy? A silly sense of competition? You know, CECUT's often been run more by emotion than thought. There are traditionalists who, for example, feel that CECUT should support only the fine arts. They don't think popular art is legitimate. For that reason there was resistance to exhibiting the work of local artists. I wanted to exhibit local artists. But there was this sense that Tijuana artists, that artists in the north, weren't good enough. It was in 1989 that I had CECUT's first solo exhibit of a local artist, Roberto Hinstrosa, a photographer.

"I also inaugurated a series of monthly lectures by Mexican writers. And at first there was some criticism of that. There were people who said, 'Who in Tijuana is going to come to lectures by writers? There's no audience for that sort of thing.' But there was. And that series, too, was

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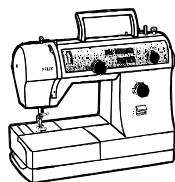
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Ochoa looked at me with a smile. He burst out laughing.

"A lot of people in Tijuana were delighted to see me go."

In other words, Teresa Vicencio, the center's director since the spring of 2001, has a tough row to hoe. She is, as the Tijuana men I spoke with often mentioned, a very attractive woman. She isn't of the big-haired, Chanel-suited sort often associated with Mexico City's ruling class. She's more casual than that, but not bohemian. Her father was, before his death, national president of PAN, President Fox's party. Her mother serves as a representative in Mexico City government. Her older brother is a federal senator from the state of Jalisco.

"My family history has nothing to do with my appointment as CECUT's director" is what Vicencio told me when I gingerly asked about her background. We were sitting at a conference table in the basement offices the center uses for its administration. There was a little silence. I gazed at my notes. I tried again. I knew that she had once studied in Paris and is fond of reading. I asked her to tell me something about her professional life before she came to Tijuana six years ago to join her husband, Luis Humberto Crosthwaite, a well-respected Tijuana writer.

She told me she had spent ten years working for the National Council for Culture and the Arts in Mexico City,

promoting reading and literacy programs.

"And working for a federal bureaucracy was a good education for me. I got to travel a great deal and worked often with state and local agencies. We in the federal government really did have this idea that we knew what was best for everyone else, and in the end I came to see that our attitude wasn't very healthy for the country. We didn't always know what was best. The local people knew what they wanted

and needed. And it was for that reason that I wanted to work for a smaller city. Promote culture on a local level.



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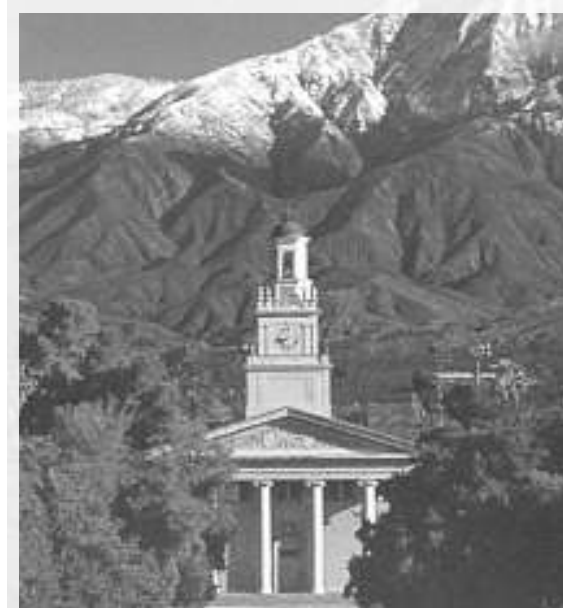
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"Here in Tijuana, I was director for the city's municipal library system, which was challenging because there was very little money and libraries weren't a top priority for the city. I had to use a lot of imagination and creativity. It was another wonderful education. I got to see firsthand how the city's government worked. I became familiar with the people working for the state and municipal cultural agencies. I really loved what I was doing.

"This job at CECUT is difficult because so much of it involves the practical administration of the center. Day-to-day issues. And because we have so much to do in order to define the center's purpose. We've never had a curator, for example. Traditionally, exhibits were decided by the director. Sometimes you got something good, sometimes you got something horrible. I'd like us to have a full-time curator.

"Also, in the past, CECUT was involved in publishing the works of local writers. But we aren't a publishing house, and I don't think publishing should be part of our mission. I think our efforts would be better spent by acting as a liaison between local writers and publishing houses in Mexico City. We would do better to help push local writers to a bigger market.

"What I think we should concentrate on is education. Despite CECUT's problems, the changes in its administration, children have always understood CECUT. We get about 10,000 to 12,000 students a month visiting us for our art and cultural exhibits. As a cultural institution, we can't ignore our responsibility to work side by side with schools. And I'd like to expand our

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“You see, there’s really no school of the arts in Tijuana. I’d like us to create a master plan for educating local artists, for bringing them to a higher level of professionalism.

“All this, of course, takes money. And in Mexico we don’t quite yet have the culture of private support for the arts. Contributions to institutions like CECUT aren’t yet tax deductible. We don’t really get private donations. So we’re having to learn to do things like work on marketing ourselves to sponsors, to businesses.

“There is a lot to worry about. I hope our anniversary exhibition, which is going to be a

big exhibition, in addition to showing CECUT’s past, will concentrate a lot on what’s happening now in the city. There’s a lot of creative energy in Tijuana. And I’d like people to have an idea of where we might be going in the future.”

Magali Arriola is the young curator from Mexico City whom Carmen Cuenca recruited to give shape and form to the cultural center’s 20th anniversary exhibition. In voice, looks, and manner, she resembles a French intellectual. Delicate wrists. Dusky voice. Direct gaze. Her family were Jewish refugees who before the war fled from Paris to Mexico City. Arriola attended the Lycée Franco-Mexicain in Mexico City. She

studied art at the Sorbonne. She’s at home, she says, in both French and Mexican language and culture. She curates for Mexico City’s more avant-garde galleries.

“Young artists in Mexico City look to Europe, rather than to New York, or the United States,” she told me over coffee in the center’s café. “Young artists here in northern Mexico, in Tijuana, are quite comfortable with American art and culture. Which is what surprised me. There’s this whole generation of young artists here, and these are mostly multimedia artists, who take it for granted that they live in a hybrid culture. They’re not at all didactic about it. And this is very different from the

older artists here who work in the more traditional visual media. I thought their work was often very rhetorical and weak in discipline. Their poetics don’t go very deep.

“But these younger multimedia artists are really the first generation that was born and grew up in what I guess you might call ‘new Tijuana.’ The huge, urbanized Tijuana. And it’s this chaotic urban environment that interests them. This mixture of cultures. One huge difference between them and young artists in Mexico City is their ease with English. Here, it’s very common to meet people who speak fluent English. That’s not the case in Mexico City. So these younger Tijuana artists are very willing to overcome the border. Some of them

even have a kind of utopian spirit for making life in this part of the world more functional. One group, an artist collective called Torolab, even envisions a new bridge over the border that would allow people on both sides to communicate.”

On the late-July afternoon when we spoke, Arriola was still deep in the process of selecting what and who would appear in her exhibition. She said she, of course, wanted to include “as much material as possible,” but the logistics were a headache, and the location of some materials wasn’t clear.

“CECUT has never had a formal curator,” she explained. “So it’s difficult to know just what it has in its collection. I know I’m definitely not going to do a

traditional sort of exhibit. I’m thinking at this point that I’d like to do a photomontage showing CECUT’s development over the years. We’ll naturally have some paintings and other work by local artists. But what I really want to do is give space for these younger artists who work in video, and I haven’t quite figured out how I’m going to do that. But their work is some of the most interesting that’s going on in the city right now. There’s a lot of humor, irony, in what they do. There was a video-art group called Bola 8 that grew out of the communications department at UABC, one of the local universities. Some of these artists are especially good, and I’m going to use their work in our exhibition.”

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met with Arriola, two Bola 8 alumni, Ivan Díaz and Salvador Ricalde, sat across from me in the cultural center's café, sipping ice-cold beers and in general projecting a self-possession uncommon among most people their age. Arriola had told me she wanted to show their work in her exhibition.

The young video artists sipped their icy beer. They looked at me, said, "We don't need Mexico City to tell us what art is.

"Tijuana is creating its own identity. We are an amalgam of both sides of the border."

Twenty-six-year-old Díaz said to me, "I don't believe in politics. I don't believe in using art for politics."

Twenty-seven-year-old Ricalde picked up the theme. "Of course some people might read politics into our work. But it's there only in the sense that anything and everything might be considered political. It's not something we'd do intentionally."

Díaz continued, "And anyway, we don't think there's such a thing as a Mexican *identity*, as such. You won't see, for example, a single image of the Virgin of Guadalupe in our work."

Ricalde told me he went to Mexico City to study film and film-making. He studied at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Ricalde found the capital and the university to be "very, very conservative."

"I started doing some experimental stuff while I was at UNAM. A non-narrative short film. About a hotel that was across the street from the film department. Images from different rooms in the hotel. People watching TV. People unpacking their stuff. I used color

filters. Slow motion. Frame-by-frame shots. These techniques were the techniques of *video* art, not traditional filmmaking. The faculty couldn't condone it. They called me in and said, 'If you persist in this fashion, you will have no access to film stock.'

"We're so much more free in the north, in our ways of thinking, in terms of what our culture allows."

Ivan Díaz handed me a CD containing, he said, some samples of

his work. I later took it home and perused it. A five-minute-long video called *Barbara Sabroso Dancer*, or, loosely, "Barbara 'Funky' Dancer," transfixed me. Díaz had apparently cajoled an aging exotic dancer, a *puta*, from Tijuana's red-light district to perform for him in a well-lighted studio. While a (drunken?) Díaz sings an offbeat song, Barbara bumps and grinds. She exposes her breasts. She shakes her pimpled buttocks at the camera. She puffs a

cigarette. She wiggles her tongue. She masturbates.

Barbara Sabroso Dancer is beautifully produced and brilliantly shot and is the sort of thing that would drive the bureaucrats at Bellas Artes, and at the National Council for Culture and the Arts, right up the wall.

Díaz had smiled when he handed me his CD. Ricalde had explained how he himself had gotten started in video.

"In 1997, I got a job

working at a studio that edited videos of weddings and *quinceañeras*, and it was there that I started playing with the idea of combining music with images from real life.

"You have to understand that at our university, we received almost no technical training when it came to making films or videos. We had no access to computers. Everything we learned was theoretical. So in 2000, I got a Sony Vaio, which was an enormous

source of technical experience.

"You see, in Mexico City, videos aren't yet really considered an art form. It's not taken seriously. But that's basically an economics issue. Something that few people understand is that one of the reasons our culture here in Tijuana is so different from that in Mexico City is that our proximity to the United States has given us direct access to inexpensive technology. This has very important conse-

quences. Computer stuff, video stuff, is 40 to 60 percent cheaper in San Diego than it is in Mexico City."

Díaz said, "And it's not for nothing that Tijuana is known as the television capital of the world. Until the recent economic crisis, our factories produced more televisions than any others in the world. We grew up bombarded by television, by visual images from America."

"And up until the recent economic crisis," Ricalde continued,

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“At any rate, I don’t think artists of our generation expect our government institutions to help us promote our art. It’s nice if they do. We appreciate it if a place like CECUT exhibits our work. But I

think we’re already beginning to look beyond the government. I think we have a greater sense of private initiative.”

I asked Ricalde if he had a work he liked best.

“An old work in progress. It’s done now, but I worked on it for about three years. A very low-budget sci-fi film. I was trying to break with the subgenre barrier. Trying to show that you could make an interesting sci-fi film without a huge budget.

I wanted to show that you could do it without all the money and special effects. I also wanted it to be an homage to those old low-budget sci-fi flicks I grew up with.

“I’ve always seen Tijuana as a bad sci-fi movie from the early ’80s. Everything here was very kitsch. So I placed the movie here, and I tried to give it a very cyberpunk feeling. The city going through a very troubled velocity range. A mix between *Mad Max* and a Mexican *norteño* movie. I conceptualized the story with the most popular symbol of the region, the maquiladora plants. I wanted to say something about the cost of having these transnationals here.

“The movie is 16 minutes long and is called *Sector T*. It takes place in the year 2018. The maquiladoras give their workers ocular

implants so they can work better with micro-circuitry. But one guy, a rebellious guy, gets loose. And the maquiladoras send their security cops to try and recover their implant. I use a lot of scenes of cars at night. Natural scenarios that you can identify. Scenes in the flood-control channel. Things you’d recognize.”

I asked Ricalde how he’d come to think of Tijuana as “kitsch,” how he’d arrived at an artist’s appreciation of his city.

“The beginnings of my fascination came when I was a little boy. I used to play with the plastic Mexican wrestlers, and I’d have them fight the plastic toys I had from American movie characters, like R2D2 from *Star Wars*. In my home on Saturdays I’d turn on the TV at 6:00 a.m. to watch the cartoons on

the Fox channel. Later I’d watch Mexican wrestling. So the two cultures were always battling in my imagination.

“When I was a little older, from the time I was 8 until I was 13, I moved to Mérida, Yucatán, where my mother’s family are from. Culturally, it’s very different from Tijuana. And I never lost my contacts with Tijuana. I’d come back to visit every summer. I’d bring back with me music that I’d heard in Tijuana, a lot of punk music and reggae. I’d let my friends in Mérida listen to it. Their parents were horrified. It was like I was from another country. Their parents would say, ‘I don’t want you being friends with that kid from Tijuana.’

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Republic for one year. I got a sort of perspective on where I was from, Tijuana. An objective perspective. I got a perspective of where I am now. And I feel lucky to have all these influences. I'm proud to have Mayan blood, from the Maya in Yucatán. Some people in Tijuana say I have Mayan features. And as far as American culture

is concerned, it's easier to just go with the flow. Not to fight it. I'd estimate that I'm 24 percent American. And in the end, I probably have the same amount of prejudices against Mexico as I have against the United States. I mean, a part of me is American by virtue of having been born and raised in Tijuana. I can't help it. No one here can help it.

American culture. It's like a virus. And I mean that in a good way." On the cultural center's exterior, near the south entrance, on a wall near the 360-degree cinema, a bronze plaque from 1982 announces, "The Government of Mexico Completed This Work with the Efforts of the Mexican People in Order that Baja Califor-

nians Should Continue Our History and Safeguard Our National Cultural Identity." This plaque shines a few yards from the broad plaza where in 1994 Marcos Ramírez built his disturbing little shack. He is thickset and has a rugged, handsome face. He has a construction worker's beefy forearms.

"I worked as a carpenter for many years after I graduated from law school in Tijuana," Ramírez told me on the morning we met at Bread & Cie in Hillcrest for coffee. "I graduated in 1982. I realized I could make more money working construction in the United States. So I moved to the other side of the border.

"I had always been interested in art, in images. But, you know, when I was growing up, we didn't even have CECUT. We didn't have a single museum. We had no access to art except through books and television. "I had a little education in drawing. When I was in junior high school, I took a class in technical draw-

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ing. When I was 12 years old, my father, recognizing my interest, took me to a shop owned by two artists, the Amaro brothers. They used to do these wonderful paintings on velvet that they would sell on Revolución. These great paintings of bandits with scarred faces, long mustaches. A kind of cliché of what Mexicans looked like. To my 12-year-old eye, they were great. I don't know that I'd think the same way if I saw those paintings now.

“What happened is that the Amaro brothers would teach me to draw for a few minutes, and then they'd send me out to buy them beer. Their studio was at the top of

this very steep street in Colonia Libertad, the neighborhood where I was born and raised. So I'd walk all the way down this hill, and all the way back up, lugging four big bottles of beer. It took them only about ten minutes to drink the beer, and then they'd send me down the hill again. I finally told my father, ‘They're really not teaching me much about drawing. I spend most of my time getting them beer.’ My father told me I didn't have to go back to their shop.

“So I was working construction in the United States, and in my spare time, in around 1983, I started hanging out at a custom

framing shop in Colonia Libertad. At that time I was collecting photographs and posters of images that pleased me. I was hanging around, meeting artists. Several well-known Tijuana painters would come to the shop, José Pastor, Juan Angel Castillo, Miguel Nájera. Pastor and Nájera had studied painting in Mexico City. Castillo was a very fine, very well known Tijuana painter of beautiful landscapes. In fact, when Pedro Ochoa was director of CECUT, he invited Castillo to paint a mural in the center.

“It was during my conversations with these artists that I

started to learn a little about art. I was doing some drawing and painting on my own. In my sculptures I was using leftover lumber and hardware from the construction sites where I worked. Around 1990, two artists came to Tijuana. One was Luis Moret, a Spanish painter, and the other was Alvaro Blancarte, who'd come to paint a mural at CECUT. I and other artists began hanging out at the café in CECUT, talking with these guys. It was a great atmosphere. Young artists and these old masters. And it was there, during these conversations, that I began to get a real education in art. The CECUT café

was wonderful. We'd meet there every week. We had what they called the ‘artists’ table.’ The café had a bottomless cup of coffee. We even kept meeting there until a couple of years ago, when CECUT started charging for parking and charging for every cup of coffee you drink. Now we meet on Wednesdays, at around 11:00 a.m., at Sanborn's on Revolución.

“It was in 1990 that I had my first solo show. Four pieces of sculpture and eight or nine paintings at a gallery in Rosarito. It wasn't a very good show. But one of my paintings won second place in the Baja California Biennial. I started

thinking maybe I could become a real artist.

“In 1992, there was a joint exhibition between San Diego, Tijuana, and San Diego's sister city, Yokohama, Japan. I was invited to go to the exhibit in Yokohama. I remember it was very cheap for us artists to go. Seven hundred dollars for a round-trip ticket and a week at a hotel. At the exhibit I looked very closely at all the work, and I realized that I could do just as well, if not better. I came back to Tijuana and decided to take a sabbatical year and study art full-time. To see if I could do it. Alvaro Blancarte was giving classes, very inex-

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pensive classes, in drawing and painting at CECUT. They gave him a studio there. Blancarte was a very free teacher, very open in his methods. He gave me a lot of inexpensive paper and inexpensive paints and let me do what I wanted to do. So I continued with my art, doing geometric sculptures and figurative paintings. In 1994, when I was invited to participate in the inSITE exhibition, I really found what I wanted. I decided I wanted to base my career on doing installations within a political context.

"At the time of the inSITE exhibition in 1994, I was building a house for myself in Colonia Libertad. And I was thinking about all

those shacks, those homes, that people were building for themselves on the city's margins. I had this idea of bringing the city's margins to the city's center, to CECUT. One of the types of shacks that used to stand in Cartolandia. My name for the project was 'Century 21.' A play on the name of the real estate company in the United States. I was doing a sort of 'model home' with a dark sense of humor. I was trying to present the best part of the city to itself. To me, these margins, that's where the beauty of the city resides.

"I'm not like the younger artists of today. I'm more interested in the political side of things. I'm an idealist. I don't think you can so

easily detach art from politics. We have a new government now, and I have the sense that some things are changing. You can see it even in the popular culture. There's more openness. A few more things are accepted. On television, people are even starting to curse a little more. There's more sexual content and nudity.

"You have to remember that many people in the old government, in the PRI, weren't driven by any particular ideology. For them, it was a career. The PRI controlled everything. I know people who were affiliated with the PRI, and so now they're with the PAN. They made the change very easily. So it's difficult to know

how deep these changes go. Perhaps we really no longer need a paternalistic government. If the government will no longer support art, then artists will have to find a way to make it on their own. Maybe that's not so bad.

"But back in 1994, things weren't so open. In some places my little shack was very well received. It was displayed in the magazine *Art in America*, in the *Los Angeles Times*, even in *Newsweek*.

"The rich in

Tijuana didn't like it at all. They didn't want this image of the city to be projected abroad. They were mad that I brought this image to public attention. The poor people had an entirely different reaction.

"You see, I'd gone to a lot of trouble to make it exactly like one of the shacks built by the thousands of people who've migrated to Tijuana for many decades. I paid attention to every little detail. I even had a

small black-and-white TV inside the shack that played all the time. So the poor people who passed by my little shack thought it was the most normal thing in the world. They'd go inside and change their babies' diapers. They'd shit in the little out-house I built beside the shack. Sometimes they'd just come and rest inside. Sometimes they'd just walk up to my little shack and sit outside it and rest for a while in its shade." ■

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Allowance — what's that? I've never gotten a penny out of the old folks without begging, groveling, or lying on the floor kicking and screaming. If I want money, I have to assume the role of a federal prosecutor presenting my case to the Supreme Court. You could say, in fact, my parents are cheaper than a two-bit felt hat in the rain.

When I was about nine, I had my first experience with old Daddy Warbucks. Expecting payment for my two hours of backbreaking yard work, I put out my lit-

tle paw, and into it a shiny penny was placed. Even as a nine-year-old, I knew I had been taken. I learned that if I wanted compensation for my chores, I would have to learn to negotiate better than Jimmy Hoffa.

Now, at the age of 16, my pleading for money lands me about 20 dollars a month. This money I hoard carefully. (I am truly my father's daughter.) Occasionally, I submit to consumerism and purchase a movie ticket or some makeup. Some of my more affluent acquaintances

consider me destitute, a sewer dweller, a dung-heap inhabitant, but I prefer to call myself thrifty...to the extreme.

Don't think I spend my days nipping at my father's loafers for cash, though. I work. I pick hairs out of the carpet, scrape carcasses and other objects off the dishes, and burn a pork chop or two when the parental units let me loose in the kitchen. For these onerous and odorous tasks, I get paid by a handshake, a pat on the back, or the occasional "good kid," accompanied by a pet or a stroke. The Coin of the Realm seldom leaves my father's padlocked wallet. But where, you may ask, do I get that precious Jackson a month? Fortunately for me, my mother's wallet is not protected by Swiss guards. In fact, she'd probably give me more if it weren't for those bastards at the Home Shopping Network conducting their midnight raids. What can I say? It's a hard-knock life.

— Stephanie Feldstein,
Bonita Vista High School

I am paid 50 dollars a month for allowance. I earn it by doing chores around the house, such as vacuuming and setting the table. Fortunately, I

never have problems with payment from my parents. They are always generous and punctual.

I don't spend my money at clubs, racetracks, or on street corners. I do spend my allowance with austerity. Besides the occasional birthday- or holiday-gift obligation, I spend my money on a variety of things, and in a variety of places.

I'm a regular at AM/PM. As weird as it sounds, I'm a patron of the food. I enjoy a Jolt cola, a Snapple lemon iced tea, two cheeseburgers, a jalapeño-and-cheese corn dog, and if I'm in the mood, a candy bar. I'm no blimp, though. This AM/PM habit is countered by a rigorous football schedule. I don't always indulge myself; sometimes my pockets aren't as deep as my belly.

I'm also a regular at Sunset Bowl. My friends and I find bowling to be great recreation. Sunset Bowl has arcades and pool tables that I spend money on while waiting for a lane to open. Paying for bowling shoes has become a hassle, and probably soon I will be spending my allowance on a pair of bowling shoes.

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to have luxurious bonfires. Occasionally, we will have hamburgers, but usually steak and fish. Regarding the other components of a bonfire, like wood, matches, and a grill, we make do, but we are not as particular about them as we are about our meat.

Books and DVDs are other items I purchase with my allowance. I have spent a sum at Bookstar and Amazon.com.

— *Matthew de Lira,*
Point Loma High School

I don't get an allowance from my parents anymore because now I have a job and make my own money. But when I did get an allowance, it wouldn't be much. They would usually give me \$20 every month. They figured I was too young to be spending a ton of money, so they would give me the \$20 at the beginning of the month, thinking I would just have to try to make it last. Occasionally they'd give me a little extra, but like I said, a kid my age didn't have much to spend it on, since my parents bought all my clothes and food.

In order to earn this money, my responsibilities included washing dishes, cleaning my room, taking complete care of my dog, and doing laundry — basically trying to keep the house tidy. Every night my sister and I would have to do dishes and wipe up all the tables and countertops in the kitchen. And every Saturday morning I would wake up early to gather up all the dirty laundry that might have been placed around the house. I would divide the clothes, monitor their progress from washer to dryer, and my sister would fold them.

When I did get money from my parents, I used it to buy magazines, go see movies with my friends, and buy lunch. I would buy YM magazine or *Cosmopolitan* or *Marie Claire*. It was all used for innocent fun. But now that I have my own job and make my own money, I'm saving it all for college so I can move out.

— *Yen Nguyen,*
Junipero Serra High School

Throughout the early years of my childhood, from the time I was born to the time I was about five, my life was filled with unlimited pampering. My parents gave in to my every desire to please

or appease me. At age six, I first experienced rejection when I was refused the new Barbie doll that everyone was buying. I soon realized the value of satisfying the desires of my parents in order to get what

I wanted.

My parents smiled at the opportunity of having someone else set the table and take out the trash for so cheap a price — \$5 a week. So began the years of saving up allowances for

movie tickets and negotiating for a higher allowance.

As I grew into a teenager, my life outside my home became more demanding. I had more fulfilling things to do than to depend on that measly

payment of \$5 per week for cleaning up my room and doing the dishes. My parents had come to understand that I did not have the time to load the dishwasher and take out the trash because of math home-

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work or playing that after-school sport that will help me get into college. I did make my parents proud.

Seeing this softening of my parents toward my needs, I went for the kill. The easiest way to pull money out of parents is

lunch money. An overestimated \$4 lunch each day can be turned into a weekly allowance of about \$20. Who says a teenager needs lunch to get through the day? I know I do not. In fact, I might go through the week without lunch

and save that \$20 for that Jack Johnson CD I want.

— Sirisha Prathipati,
Torrey Pines High School

At age six, I discovered that my brother was receiving an allowance and

decided that I deserved the same. It didn't come easy. My protests spawned many dinner arguments and even led to temporary expulsion from the house. All the pain has been worth it; after ten years of coaxing and arguing, I started

to get an allowance from my parents last year.

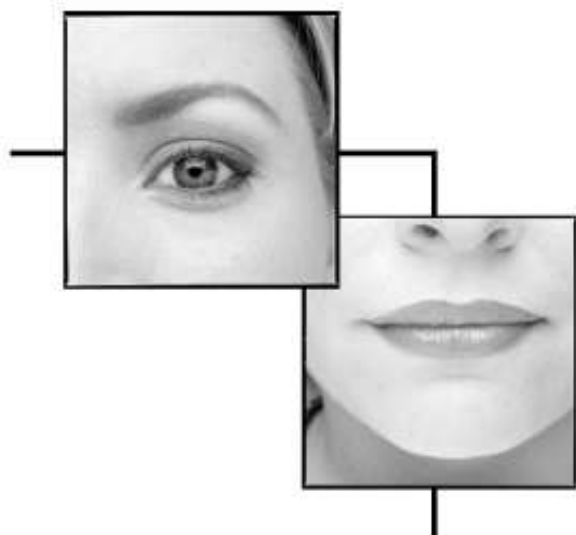
In the beginning, my parents paid me for my quarterly grade reports. For each "A" I earned in a regular class, I received \$3; for each "A" in an advanced placement or honors class,

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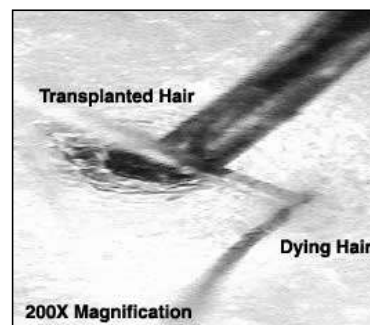
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money, paying for my own gas, food, and clothes. My parents stopped the grade-based allowance and provide for my total gas and lunch expenses during the school year. Although the amount is not fixed, I usually receive \$60 each for gas and food monthly. This is distributed weekly, so I receive about \$30 total each time. The allowance is just enough to cover the costs, but frequently, I will have a few dollars left over. Often, I will use the money to indulge in a Frappuccino or raspberry smoothie after school or go out to dinner with friends on the weekend.

My resourcefulness has been improving. Instead of spending the weekly left-over money, I save it. Occasionally, I will also reduce the cost for lunch by purchasing the cheaper combination meals sold by the school. They may not be as well packaged as meals from the local Jack In The Box, but they are almost equally satisfying. I typically have \$30 left over monthly and use it to purchase clothing or accessories so that my wardrobe stays current.

I don't really *earn* my allowance; rather, I receive it out of necessity. Since I don't hold a full-time job, my parents need to help me. So far it has worked. I still keep up my grades, participate in extracurricular activities, and act responsibly. Oh yeah, the whining has stopped too.

— Julie Yen,
Mt. Carmel High School

Now that I earn money from my job, allowance has become "extra" money. In

the past, I had to earn my allowance by doing chores, but now I receive it out of the generosity of my parents. I use the money to buy snacks or books and when I go out with friends to the movies or to eat fast food. If I want to buy something big, I use the money I make independently. If it's a necessity, such as clothing, I ask my parents if we can negotiate, to share the expense.

Though I'm supposed to expect \$5, I get around 20 bucks a week. The amount varies according to the mood of my parents or if they have the means to give more. I usually get it at the end of the week, on Friday. Unless there's a special occasion, I don't ask for any money on the weekends. My parents are flexible when considering what's a "special" occasion, but I never ask for more than what I already got just because I want a CD or something.

I was over 16 before my parents would give me 20 bucks on a Friday. It was then, also, that I stopped spending frivolously. I think originally I received allowance as a lesson in budgeting, but now my parents seem to give it so I can be happy. We are not rich, so I understand that giving me an allowance sometimes entails sacrifices that my parents don't let me know about. I have respect for any parent who gives their child an allowance, whether it is a large or small amount, because there is no better way to learn the value of money.

— Marcel Reyes ■

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Where some might describe a meal with a lasciviousness akin to lust, I would describe sleep. Sleep is the lover I court. What shall I wear? Nothing that binds...only what slides, skin on skin, oil on skin, silk on skin. And scent. If I fall into bed exhausted, without a bath or a shower, I'm tormented by my own smell. The sweat from the three-mile walk. The garlic on my fingertips. All night I'm torn between the seduction of the mattress and the glamour of a shower. The clean scent of soap rising from my body—say, lemon verbena or rose geranium—is more likely to seduce sleep. The sheets, too, insinuate

their sun-drenched smell into my tryst. Sometimes the seduction is aural, enters me on the oscillations of the Navajo flute or the ululations of a Gregorian chant—cell by cell my limbs surrender to pattern and repetition. In the same way that a person wants to go on eating and eating a delicious plate of basil-and-tomato pasta, I want to consume sleep, take it in bodily, a wafer to transform me. I want to be so sated by sleep that my pillow carves its initials into my cheeks, that indelicate slobber snail trails down the corner of my mouth. I want to gorge myself on sleep until the whole battery of my being

is recharged, and I am able to fight my personal windmills and love this world as if I were leaving it.

"Sleep is supposed to be/ By souls of sanity/ The shutting of the eye," according to Emily Dickinson. But I am an unsuccessful siren, rarely shut my eyes—never, it seems, sleep.

Like a faithless lover, sleep lies down with the man beside me. My husband sleeps soundly. Rises refreshed in the morning, able to battle windmills, embrace the world. It's as if we were crossing a desert together and came upon a stream and from that stream he drinks quenching, restorative mineral waters, and I

drink salt and sand. All night I lie on top of sleep—a boat on water, a body on a body. I am contiguous with sleep but untransformed by it.

I love a good Cabernet. I love to stand in my kitchen with its west-facing windows just as the sun is going down and chop garlic and basil, slice tomatoes, listen to arias, and sip my red wine. I believe it was Czeslaw Milosz who said

suggest that wine might be interfering with my sleep. She said that at first (and it's me who's oversimplifying) the wine helps one to fall asleep, but that as the sugar is gradually withdrawn from the brain, it causes the body to wake up. Which pleasure shall I choose—lose—sleep or wine?

Insomnia can also be caused by depression. I became a light sleeper after I gave birth to my two chil-

certificates give the time of their death as 4:21 a.m. Obviously, that is an approximation. They both did not die at the same instant. Necessarily, the death certificate refers to their marital status as *Widowed*. They never knew themselves as widowed. They were so devoted to one another I'm not sure either of them would have been able to endure life without the other. One of the things that has haunted my nights is imagining what they saw done to one another.

I swear this is no exaggeration—nine out of ten nights when I get up and begin to wander the house, the clock reads 4:20. There is a dramatic and humorous moment in Sylvia Plath's novel *The Bell Jar* in which she loops a rope around her neck and wanders about the house looking for a place to hang herself. (At least that's how I recall it.) Though not consciously woken by the thought of my parents'

I BECAME a confirmed insomniac after my parents were murdered.

something like, "That the world is necessarily evil is proven by the fact that every choice is also a loss." During a recent physical, my physician had the nerve to

dren. Were they coughing, were they breathing, were they safe? But I became a confirmed insomniac after my parents were murdered. Both of my parents' death

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murders, nor, some 14 years later, not even by the grief from their deaths, as I wander through the dark house I feel as if I am looking for something stronger than a beam on which to hang the weight of memory. So it might not be the wine that interferes with my sleep, rather some rhythmic, unconscious sympathy with my parents' deaths.

Sleep, like sex, like food, even like exercise, is pleasure but is also necessity. To go without sleep opens the door to a host of problems, including, some have argued, early death. The National Sleep Foundation finds that with insomnia comes "increased risk of depression; problems with memory, family/social relationships and mood; poorer quality of life; increased health care costs; increased absenteeism; increased risk for coronary disease; and

nap, a person would be energized, alive to the idea of going from bar to bar, socializing and *tapa* hopping. The deep structure of the nap time is verified by science. Between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m., approximately, our body temperature drops. We feel lethargic. Some call it the post-lunch dip, though it can strike us whether or not we have eaten. For most of us, our high-energy times are in the morning and early evening — when our body temperature is also a bit higher. Professor Luiz Menna-Barreto, from the Institute of Biomedical Sciences in São Paulo, says that this body rhythm persists even "in temporal isolation, people living in caves for weeks or months, keep sleeping and waking with a periodicity of around 25 hours."

Nap time was sacred when I was growing up. Right smack-dab in the mid-

RIGHT NOW, the little neurons in my brain are barely firing.

hyperarousal." From the minor category — *insufficient sleep* — one might incur "excessive sleepiness; negative mood changes; reduced performance on standardized tasks; increased accident risk; and acute negative effects on glucose metabolism and immune function." At night, all of these aberrations creep toward me, boring holes into my health. But we are immortal until we are mortal, until death reveals itself on our X rays or in our blood or stool samples. During the day, I feign a healthy lifestyle. I swallow my antioxidants, eat my broccoli, my cauliflower, my flaxseed meal (ugh), drink my 32 ounces of water, do my exercises, and nap.

The siesta is such a civil idea. I remember how Barcelona shut down in the afternoon, then came alive late into the night. After a

dle of the day we lay down. Even when I went to kindergarten, after lunch we had to lie down. When you are five, you do not suffer world-weariness. You want to get at whatever is on the other side of that bedroom door. How imaginative I had to become in that long hour and a half with my body as my only toy. I know now that nap time was not about my brothers and sisters and me resting — it was about my mother resting. Six kids wore her out. But maybe this is the origin of my sleep problem. For the whole of her life, my mother needed her nap. From 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. the lids of the windows were shut, and her phone was off the hook. Some forms of insomnia may be hereditary. Like the lovely but jinxed onyx ring, or the coffee-stained but hand-stitched Missouri quilt, my mother may have passed



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me this imperfect gene. Nowadays, when my head hangs sunflower heavy at midday, or when I wander the dark house at night, I am more than ever my mother's daughter.

My loss of sleep insin-

uates itself into this essay, the architecture of which sprang into my brain almost full blown one sleepless night. Right now, the little neurons in my brain are barely firing. It's not even 10:00 in the morning; by rights the

caffeine should still be stirring me up. I don't want to lose this precious, precious free time — but I want so badly to lie down, to succumb at last to sleep. I am obviously out of sync with normal circadian rhythms.

According to a *Newsweek* article by Barbara Kantrowitz (July 15, 2002), "The height of sleepiness is actually at the end of the night." It seems that in the hour right before we wake up, after we have rested all night long, we are the most tired. It's funny because it seems as if it would be the other way around, right before we wake up I would have imagined we would be the most rested.

Vanity, vanity, thy name is sleep. It was vanity that made me stop smoking. Oh

yes, there was the buried threat of cancer, the darkened spots on the lungs, the hole in the throat. But as I have said, we are mortal until we are not. It was the wrinkles that made me stop. The little puckers over the lip, the deepening striations around my eyes. And the smell. I like to choose my scent — I hated trailing around in a scarf of stinky smoke. I am also vain about my brain. I believe it is because I have two mentally handicapped siblings that I have always been

overeager to appear smart. To salt my sentences with unnecessary vocabulary. To allude to theories I barely know. To read obsessively with the inflated hope that I could become the sum total of the words I ingested. But I am not foiled by sleep, or rather lack of it.

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I love the language of sleep study. A person has a *biological clock*. I always knew that the watches we strapped to our wrists had nothing to do with our own needs, the authentic tick inside of us. A person who studies biological clocks and sleep rhythms is a *chronobiologist*. *Chronus* (time) is the first principle in Orphic theogony. In the beginning there was Time. Then in the cosmology according to me, There was sleep, which cleaved Time in half. A person accumulates a *sleep debt*. It's like a night in Las Vegas. Sleepless nights, like silver dollars, are sucked out of our literal life's savings. And then we have a *sleep switch*, a clump of cells somewhere in the hypothalamus that "regulates" sleep. It must be a misnomer. Switch implies a simple action. Off. On. Off. On, I say.

Feeling a little drowsy after chowing down at noon? Got the post-lunch dip? Hey, just take a 15-minute power nap or take a little walk or drink some cold juice. That's what Circadian Technologies, Inc., advises. Sleep is the subject of a great deal of research recently, and I am suspicious of it. I have such crude and sim-

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ple faith in the logic of the biological clock. In my utopia this is the clock we cultivate. My dystopia would be the opposite — increasing regimentation to the corporate clock. Some research into sleep problems is tied to company concerns. Twenty million Americans do shift work, and since sleep debt incurs problems such as accidents on the job and reduced productivity, as well as health problems, companies like Circadian Technologies are ready to sell their services to employers. Services such as 24/7 Workplace Design; On Site

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I was alarmed when I first saw the phrase “24-hour society.” Its implications move in the direction of my dystopia. Circadian Technologies, Inc., is dedicated to “Optimizing the 24/7 Workforce.” In the same way that, as a society, we have talked about harnessing nature (although she

seems to be recalcitrant with her unpredictable weather patterns, punishing storms, and blistering fires), we are now trying to harness the body. I know my utopia is a throwback, like walking backward into our simian ancestry. Once, on a Sunday morning in the ancient French town of Carcassonne, I experienced it in its great simplicity. All the stores in the town closed. Only the bakeries and the restaurants were open — and those only for a few hours. Though religious in its inception, this practice is finally just a way of life. You

could not go to the Sunday Morning Madness sale at some department store, nor would those employees have to go to work. You could not get your car fixed, or your redwood stained, your hair cut, your toenails painted — all you could do was rest.

Short of utopia, I need a solution. My problem is worsening. I have sleeping pills, which I would rather give to the dogs that bark at night than take myself. I’ve swallowed melatonin, drunk Sleepy Time tea, ingested Donq Quai — all with minimal results. Recently, after

a month with no more than three hours of sleep a night, I got desperate enough to call someone. I don’t like to let people help me, but I had begun to curse the milky light that means morning — and to detest the first bird’s song. I called a psychologist, Robert Horowitz, and asked for help. When a person lies awake at night, he or she often experiences a phenomenon called roof chatter. Roof chatter is when a voice unhinges itself from the center of your being and climbs to the highest eave of your brain and begins to pontificate in a shrill way

about all the things you should have done, could have done, didn’t do, or must do. My personal favorite is when my unhinged voice takes up the litany of my embarrassing moments, makes me relive them again, makes me writhe in my sheets with shame. Dr. Horowitz is directing me in some self-hypnotic techniques to help me suppress my roof chatter. He has made me a tape to play at night, a kind of override, and his soothing voice might triumph over the roof chatter — but I haven’t told him everything.

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Hurry, Hurry, it's Sunday morning, a tiny pocket of Time, Friday and one square inch of Time to work an idea, Just one hour to, Not enough Time to, If only I had a little more Time to... My journal entries over the years are one long cry for Time. (It's become a proper noun for me, and I am obliged to capitalize it.) Time is the secret worm that gnaws at my sleep, and sleep is the secret worm that gnaws at Time. I love being awake when the world has shut its eyes. The night unfurls, a slow rose, and I am my own mistress, my own universe. I enter a space-time curvature in which Time expands. From the mundane of flossing my teeth to the deepest of meditations, the night is, Time is, thick and liquid, and I move more easily in its slow element. I reread a passage from a book I love. I copy my day into my diary. I scribble the questions to which I know no answers. The silence is such that I can tell all the particular people all the things I never told them. And I have Time to listen for the dead through the thin skin between death and life; it's obvious there is less chance of hearing them during the day. I am not alone. The National Sleep Foundation says there are 40 million other people awake at night, and I can hear them turning in their beds. Pacing in their hallways. Scratching in their journals. Their energy is contagious. Janna Leven, the astrophysicist and author of *How the Universe Got Its Spots*, writes, "All those years ago I learned from Joe that we are stars' debris, and it still gives me pause.... Our bodies are made from elements synthesized in stars. These gloved hands of mine, these gloves, are reshaped atoms made only in the center of stars." Some people are driven by the rooster, but sleepless people are powered by star dust, star trash, little stellar-shaped cells that agitate from within, murmur about mortality, and insist we rise out of the wastefulness of slumber and shine. ■

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gushing varicose vein, which he fixed with a clip or something, and zap.

The greatest surprise of my life has been the transformation of my heart the day my daughter joined us in the outer world.

Back up.

I'd been a sensitive, affectionate kid, as kids go, until I hit adolescence

and people started dying. My grandpa. My great-grandma. My other grandpa. Uncle Charlie. My dad. Uncle Eddie. Aunt Mary. Uncle Fenton. My other grandma. And three high school friends including Eric.

Eric had moved in with me while my mom was hospitalized with spinal meningitis, which caught her shortly



Ken, Pam, and Zoë Kuhlken

after my dad's fatal heart attack. For months, they kept her in isolation, and all that time Eric stayed with me. I suppose he

wasn't an angel, but in my many years I haven't met anyone who appears closer to angelhood.

Eric was wise, com-

passionate, true-hearted. When we were 17 and he died by flying out of a Volkswagen on Viejas grade above Alpine, I took a vow. I would love nobody. Then neither death nor desertion could hurt me.

The attitude worked, except it doomed my marriage and helped make me crazy.

When Darcy arrived, the sight of her instantly flushed my heart of that vow against loving. I'd sooner have risked any torment than given up my bond with that perfect little girl.

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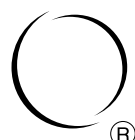
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go for another kid. Laura wanted another and I agreed, though a counselor we tried working with contended that until we'd resolved our issues, another child would hardly be practical. But practicality would rank at the bottom of my aptitude profile, just below biology and basketball.

We were vagabonds, back then. When Darcy was two months old we moved to Iowa for my gradual school (for a definition of "gradual" see or read *The World According to Garp*, by John Irving, who was my first professor there). When Cody was two months old, we moved to Arizona for a teaching job I'd been offered. Two years later, we moved to Chico, California, for a job with more security, which we craved on account of the little

In the beginning,
we clashed in
both measly and
crucial ways. She
slept late, I rose
early.

ones.

But security only exists as a craving. Even though the college in Chico gave me tenure — so they couldn't have fired me unless I kidnapped the president's daughter — I had to leave it behind because Laura and I split apart and my kids, whom I loved more than God, more than health, the sky, art, or anything, went to live in San Diego.

I tried commuting (1000-mile weekend trips) for a while but, feeling what I imagine was a similar emptiness to that of Mexicans who labor up here for their families in Mexico, I chucked the best job I'll probably ever have and returned to San Diego.

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In those first years back, the times I lived for were coaching Cody and the team during practices and ball games at Kuhlken Field, home of La Mesa National Little League. They'd named it after my dad since he'd been president and organized the renovation of the field. During our games, pulling for Cody, I came to understand why a father I knew dropped dead in the stands while his son was pitching.

As teenagers, my kids carried on the family tradition of abject rebellion, to the degree that I wrote a *Reader* story about the Tough Love group I was attending weekly.

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The same year my kids began to climb out of the mud, I met Pam.

A fellow named Terry and I had opened a bookstore. One morning, after ten single years, while on my way to open the place, I allowed myself to day-

dream of a woman and toy with the concept that my chance of meeting somebody would improve if I knew the characteristics of the somebody I sought.

I listed desirable traits: Old enough so I wouldn't get arrested. Attractive, to me anyway. Educated, so we might commune as equals. Artistic, so she would sympathize with my writing obsession. Of similar spiritual beliefs, as I had recently dated two women who thought Christian and moron were synonyms. Not very materialistic — I was almost poor. With no more than one child, since my two teenagers pushed against the limit of what my psychic resources wanted to bear.

Then I thought, *Yeah, sure, a bright, artistic, pretty Christian pushing or over 30, free of entanglements, who wants to hang out with me.*

Long odds. In the store, no more than an hour passed before my friend Emmanuel showed up, bringing somebody. He thought she'd like the bookstore. She was strangely dressed, in a cape. Wore her lipstick in a peculiar fashion. Spoke eloquently. A poet, I learned while we talked for a couple of hours — customers

She wondered how much she'd given up by marrying a fellow who already thought about retiring.

rarely disturbed the peace of my bookstore. And her college degrees were the same as mine — B.A. in English, M.A. in English, M.F.A. in creative writing. She was single, with no boyfriend, just having returned from a year in Prague. And my church was hers too, a big one that featured two Sunday-

morning services. By going to the early one I had missed her.

Her name was Pam and she liked me.

No lie. A sign on the wall of our church: "With God all things are possible."

* * *

Nothing good comes easy, my dad used to claim. Though Pam and I enjoyed

that she might've only bonded with me in her search for a surrogate father. Besides, I wasn't going to leave San Diego until my kids did, and she craved adventure, fresh experience, and a more bohemian environment.

A friend offered her the loan of a condo in Hawaii for six months. She almost went. She applied for scholarships to study in Israel. She almost went there, too, and to a seminary in Colorado.

But something held her back. With the hope that something might be me, after almost a year of dating I pitched caution aside and determined to go for the jackpot, as soon as I found a suitable way to propose to an artist who hates clichés and cringes from the sight of normality.

A song, I thought, and waited for lyrics and a melody, telling myself if they came I could feel sure God had sent His

blessings, because songwriting is one of my lesser aptitudes.

But a song came to me.

* * *

Back when I had only one child, someone told me that two was as easy or easier than one. Whoever said that ought to be gagged. At least in my family, while one kid slept, the other wouldn't. When one behaved, the other raised hell. Everything one gets, the other wants. And so on. (Read Mark Twain's *Roughing It* to see how this plays out in large Mormon families.)

I told Pam one kid would be plenty for me and suggested even that one could wait until after I'd rested for a couple of years from raising Darcy and Cody, who by now were adults so admirable that just thinking about them often made me glow.

Several of my friends with grown kids had mar-

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ried younger women and right away gotten snipped, but I couldn't deny Pam the experience of being a mother, knowing I might've remained a loveless pseudo-zombie without Darcy and Cody.

But neither was I going to insist that she have one. As far as I could tell (she vacillated), Pam wanted a career more than a baby. She wanted to teach at a college. In first grade, she'd decided to become a teacher, and ever since, except during one digression into fashion design, she's followed that dream. In 13 years, K-8, she missed only two days of school, and those were unavoidable. Her Christian school was showing an early film version of Tim LaHaye's *Left Behind* saga, and Pam couldn't bear the sight of people who looked good

Celebrities and other billionaires father kids when they're ancient, but they can afford nannies.

to her getting turned over to Satan.

She won an academic scholarship to Pepperdine University and worked her way through two master's degrees. But to teach where she wanted to go, she needed a Ph.D.

A baby might stand in the way of her career, she believed, and I couldn't argue. Besides, with a little good fortune and without the cost of another dependent, as soon as Darcy and Cody finished college I could take early retirement from my day job and devote myself to writing, which had been my dream for 30 years.

I longed for the freedom to run off for weeks at a time to some hermitage where I could think better and write with deeper concentration. I harbored a suspicion that my writing career has

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always been stopped at the edge of a breakthrough by distracting worries, usually about family and finances.

Most of all, I wanted to feel our marriage was — not secure, but solid. In the beginning, we clashed in both measly and crucial ways. She slept late, I rose early. She was a vegan. And a poet, and poets often thrive on spontaneity while novelists require a heavy dose of routine, if we're to finish those windy monsters.

Over the first year, we adjusted to each other's quirks and all. But by then, Pam had returned to school. Two schools — Bethel Seminary for yet another master's degree and UC Riverside for a Ph.D. in comparative literature. And at those schools, when she met a new crowd of young folks just launching out toward their dreams, she wondered how much she'd given up by marrying a

fellow who already thought about retiring, which caused me to wonder in turn — should I steel myself for another breakup? And should I make sure that if it came I wouldn't again have to slog through the morass of missing my kid?

Pam continued vacillating. One month she'd talk about our child-to-be — Little Abe, we called him or her. The next month, she'd find any such talk distasteful and contend that her school was all her mind could process.

No kid until she passes her exams, I resolved.

Last October, she passed them. With distinction.

* * *

Pam's dissertation would take a year or two, but, hoping she could read and write a little while pregnant and while caring for a baby, I suggested that now was the time, if ever. I'd just turned 56. Sure,

celebrities and other billionaires father kids when they're ancient, but they can afford nannies who take screaming babies for walks in the park, and they can ship the kids off to boarding schools when as teenagers they metamorphose into demons. Given our financial prospects — unless some editor or producer might decide one of my stories is a block-

Pam got euphoric and believed she couldn't fail. If she wanted to be a mom, she could do it.

buster, which I'd long ago quit banking on — if we wanted a child, we'd better get to work.

* * *

My kids are great, and I mean great in the most literal sense. Darcy, the artist who could draw better at 3 years old than I could when I was 33,

majored in painting and photography in college, graduated, then worked as a newspaper designer, but soon turned to teaching. She teaches fifth-grade kids so underprivileged that not one in her last year's class of 27 had ever participated in an organized sport. She loves the kids, so she's always developing some new way to teach, like creating a

Darcy's great because her giant heart is open, and she uses her brains and imagination in generous ways.

And Cody's one of those rare people who's got all the tools. He's strong, smart, industrious, and even handsomer than his dad. He'll graduate with a B.A. next year with near-perfect grades and two minors, in Latin and Spanish, though the degree doesn't require a minor. Still, his greatness, the character trait that makes me hope someday we'll find a president like him, is his devotion to do whatever is good and right, though it might be the hardest way.

A question: How — given the world's need for such people and his belief that his young wife's gifts will make her a mother able to lavish her child with love and wisdom — could a man who, when a novice parent, helped create and develop two such

excellent beings decline to make and raise one more?

After passing four written and one oral exam in four subjects, completing all the requirements for her Ph.D. except the dissertation, Pam got euphoric and believed she couldn't fail. If she wanted to be a mom, she could do it. And though she invests herself in her students, they'd come and go, and she desired somebody to invest in all the way. And as my kids had broken my heart out of its prison, she imagined one of ours could liberate her heart. And, she said, on account of my kids, it appeared I had good genes.

So we decided to get to work.

Mighty pleasant work, which we're both apparently competent at. According to the prenatal calculations, our little girl — Zoë Fox Kuhlken — got conceived during the week after Pam's last exam. Did

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I mention she passed the exams with distinction?
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I read an article speculating that older men have a better chance of an abnormal kid. And I suspect that taking care of somebody who'd never grow up to be independent would pinch the odds of my writing the best stories of which I might be capable, given the freedom from excessive restraints and worries, down to one in a zillion.

All my adult life, I've worked to support other people. I don't mind day jobs or sharing what I earn. But my day-job performance suffers when my mind veers off to the stories I want to get home and write, and I suspect my stories could be richer, more passionate and imaginative, more intuitive and maybe inspired, if they didn't always get interrupted by my day job. Sure, Franz Kafka was an office worker and William Blake a printer, but Kafka didn't live very long, and Blake had no kids. Anyway, those guys were geniuses. Not me.

So I worried: would the baby help squash my writer's dreams?
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Optimism is hard. People get in the way of it. They learned Pam was expecting and impaled her with pregnancy and birth-horror stories. After an adult-school birthing class, five mothers exchanged war stories. All of them had endured cesarean births on account of complications. Pam was terrified of getting cut, and the superstitious part of her suspected that since her mom had delivered her by cesarean, cosmic justice would deal her punishment in kind. But even if she delivered vaginally, the pain would outdo what heretics suffered at the hands of the Inquisition. Those folks died in minutes. She'd burn for hours. Or she could opt for an epidural and spend the rest of her years with an arthritic back, as a woman at a yoga class claimed

she'd gotten from one of those shots.

Apparently she was doomed. People heard I was going to be a father again and asked, "So how old will you be when the baby turns 18?" or "What if you die?"

My friend Mark is ten years younger than me; still, people see him with his daughter Casey and conclude he's her grandpa. I imagined getting pestered by thoughtless remarks every time we stepped out. But lots of people have called Pam my daughter and none of those comments has ruined my life.
* * *

She's a girl, they said, and I reasoned a girl might be quieter, a little more gentle than a boy.

As I recall, Cody was slightly mellower than his sister. Still, every day I see little boys crashing through markets, climbing tables and diving off, glancing around with malicious intent while Mom drags them by a rope. My friends Cliff and Toni have three daughters, who, when they were little, always greeted me with kisses, while their only son welcomed me and other visitors by pitching or firing some missile at us. Once he got me between the eyes with a plastic superhero.

Though I found myself grieving a little that I wouldn't have another son, little girls are just as marvelous, and I could hope she'd sap my energy and nerves less. As teenagers, girls can be tougher to manage, but maybe Zoë will become an athlete and honor student like her mom. Maybe the rebellion gene, from my side, will be recessive.

Knowing her sex made her more real. For the first time, I started getting pictures. I saw her as thin, pale-skinned, and strong like her mom, with reddish hair of a peculiar henna-like tint. Her eyes were bright and inquisitive, her mouth ever-ready to speak.

"Oh Lord," I gasped,

because my heart was melting.
* * *

A friend once asked me, "Do you think we can grow as much emotionally without having a child as we can with one?"

I pondered and decided that having kids helps us break down our natural, resolute selfishness that gave rise to the doctrine of original sin. And my kids taught me how to love. At 26 and 23, they're still teaching me.

And with Zoë on her way, I found myself noticing people on sidewalks or in restaurants, imagining their lives and sending them good wishes, sometimes prayers. More often than before, I noticed hummingbirds, horizons, ocotillos. Spring was the most glorious in years. Life is about feeling, and I was feeling more all the time.
* * *

In 1945, the year I was born, my grandma, Mary Durham Garfield, wrote this poem:

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Whom I had taught to love the fine,
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I'd rather feel when death is near
That in my children I shall live.
No monument of stone can give
Me greater glory, year by year,
Than sons and daughters going on
In truth and honor, when I'm gone.

Who leaves a noble son on earth,
A noble daughter, sweet and pure,
Has monuments that long endure.
No shaft can give her greater worth
The luster of her chil-

dren's deeds
Is all the monument she needs.

A few weeks ago I had dinner with two friends who are successful writers. Mike's new book was on the best-seller lists in New York, Paris, and London, and a movie of another of his books was due to be released in a month. Gene had recently sold his first novel for plenty.

Me? I've written three novels since the last one I sold. Money's a problem I wish I didn't have with Zoë on her way. But I had a grown daughter and son who both amaze and delight me, a wife I wouldn't trade for all the money Enron skimmed out of California, and a precious little girl on the way.

One piece of wisdom I've picked up over these long years is that it's best for our spirits to accept with gratitude what we've been given (that's what winners do, I believe) and lay off longing (as losers do) for the stuff somebody else has.

And I've been given yet another blessing of inestimable worth.

She's a beauty with a noble round face and hundreds of expressions, and she's strong, with the same broad shoulders and barrel chest as her weight-lifting brother.

Twice lately I've encountered the same Bible verse, from the prophet Joel. "...I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams..."

Zoë's mom, though a little weakened and weary, looks ecstatic, as though dancing in a circle of angels, and I'm caught up in a love bigger than before. I want to cradle my new daughter (very carefully) forever.

All at once, I want to hold Zoë, Pam, Darcy, Cody, my cousins, ancestors, descendents. God and everybody. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

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When I read the article in full, I was speechless. I am still angry. How can this man who is one of San Diego's leaders be such a "racist"? To think that I gave him my support and vote turns my stomach. Because of the information given, you can be sure that whenever he runs again that I, along with my

large circle of friends, will work for his opponent, whoever he/she may be. It is heartbreaking to think that we wasted the privilege of votes on someone so undeserving and hateful.

He is the biggest jerk and he got caught.

Again, thank you so much for bringing this story to light.

I am very proud to be a member of the Jewish community, joining others in

our efforts to do good for those in need. We strive to teach our families to do good deeds; to teach our children about love, learning, integrity, strength, and honor; and to fulfill our obligations to our communities.

Estela Lipschultz

Multicultural Pfingst

I worked for Paul Pfingst for three years, on the 13th floor ("The Pfingst Tapes," "City Lights," September 26). My office was around the corner from his, about 15 feet or so, and directly across from his conference room. I saw him every day and he always spoke and was friendly to us staff/support members. There was a rainbow of races and religions working there: black, Jewish, Filipino, male, female...you get the picture. The only time I heard him really go off was when he would blister some of his DAs for losing cases. Maybe he felt they should have won them. I realize that it is in vogue to rip the DA at voting time, but, frankly, you guys are starting to remind me of the U-T with your biased, slanted reporting. The articles you've

run paint a different picture of the guy I saw every day for three years. I want to say at this point that I am not a Republican and have no agenda. I know for a fact that Mr. Pfingst stood up for Keith Burt when he should have cut him loose and at no time participated in a cover-up of what transpired in that office when it was run by Ed Miller; he also didn't try to hide behind the fact that that whole debacle was a holdover from Ed Miller's regime. My first assignment at this office was to help a Justice Department investigator who was on that case. I don't even know if I'll vote for Paul this time around, but probably I will. I also saw Judge Dumanis here and there and wasn't in the least impressed. I left the DA's office because my boss retired and I didn't want to work in BCSE. I know there are problems in this department and that sometimes the boss takes the rap for his employees and their decisions but...look further than your noses for the answers. Sometimes the boss is doing the best he can in a hostile environment...

and the stories you hear can be twisted to the detriment of everyone. How about a balanced picture of the DA's office instead of the constant negativity I see printed in your paper.

Phillip E. Banks

Duncan Vindicated

I am not a big fan of movie critic Duncan Shepherd, and I often find his opinions to be as elitist and pretentious as Ryan Michelson does (Letters, October 3), but I have to come to Mr. Shepherd's defense in this instance. I was so glad to read someone, anyone, articulate what I've been complaining about for years: the incorrect framing of movies at local theaters. Shepherd's column of September 26 was a breath of fresh air, and I was hoping (rather foolishly, I suppose) that others might feel as I do and that local theater managers might take note. Alas, that very evening I went to the opening of two movies, *Sweet Home Alabama* and *The Tuxedo*, and had to get up both times to inform the management that they were incorrectly framed. In the case of *The*

Tuxedo, the lower half of the image was being projected onto the wall, while *Sweet Home Alabama* had at least a six-inch margin on the left-hand side of the screen. To further attest to the accuracy of Shepherd's column, in both instances I was the only one who seemed to care, and the only one altruistic enough to get up on behalf of the paying audience. Now, given Shepherd's thumbnail reviews of both of these movies (each received the dreaded "black spot"), I am certain that he would not have considered it a big loss if the projector had eaten the negative entirely. ("The shrewish Jennifer Love Hewitt?") But his point about the framing stands. When I saw *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion*, the boom mike could be seen throughout the entire last half. When I saw *The Horse Whisperer*, the entire first reel seemed to be in a different aspect ratio from the rest of the film. When *Citizen Kane* played in Mission Valley, it had been reformatted to 35mm, which of course made a mockery of Gregg Toland's compositions (during the "News on the March," sequence, Maine and Florida were hardly visible on the map). These are only the ones which stand out in memory; I would say that at least one-third of the movies I see are framed poorly. For Shepherd to be accused of "self-importance" simply for expecting competence is just galling. Is it snobbish to respect the medium enough to want to see the movies the way the directors intended? No doubt Mr. Michelson is also opposed to wide-screen DVDs! You can attack Shepherd for his taste all you want — I probably agree with him only one-fourth of the time — but not for this. And another thing. If Mr. Michelson is going to castigate Shepherd's failure "to come up with a single witty quip or imaginative gag," he should probably formulate his own arguments above the level of "Let me make it real (*sic*) clear here: you suck!"

Jefferson Nash
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ing violent people by the religion they say they follow ("One Year and 15 Days Later," September 26). It seems plausible that religions create violent people when the religion is relatively unknown to Americans. But what do we make of the violence between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland? Do these religions promote violence, or are the labels missing the point?

The fact is that the English, primarily Protestants, invaded and misruled Ireland centuries ago. They are still causing problems today. The Irish, primarily Catholic, were defeated and couldn't fight back in the traditional way. They turned to terrorism or freedom-fighting techniques, depending on your point of view. It is very misleading to present this situation as a religious problem.

We need to move beyond religious labels and look for more fundamental reasons for violence and terrorism in the Middle East. We need to answer questions such as which groups took land or property or killed members of other groups.

A strong nation will repel invaders with an army. A weak nation will be taken over, and the only way to fight back is through stealthy attacks carried out by people who blend in with the populace. Call it freedom fighting, guerrilla warfare, or terrorism, it is a less direct and sure way of winning than an overpowering army.

Did Christianity cause the Crusades, or were the Crusades an excuse to get troublemaking knights out

of the country so they would loot somewhere else? Did Christianity cause the Holocaust? What about the Spanish Inquisition? You only have to ask what would Jesus do in these situations to see that allegedly religious motives were an excuse.

I don't know much about Islam, but websites (such as www.islam-guide.com) explaining the religion make it clear that Islam is very concerned with individuals improving themselves and im-

proving the situation of others. They realize that violence may be necessary against evil people, but there are clear guidelines about when to go to war. Would Muhammad approve of killing thousands of office workers? Obviously not.

Evil people use whatever tool works for them to further their plans. If religion works, they will pervert it to their purposes. Don't let these depraved people fool you; don't further their cause

by joining in their hatred.
Name Withheld

Abolish Anonymous
I have enjoyed your publication since its inception. I especially like how you have taken on Bersin and his cronies, in contrast to the *Union-Tribune*. I have one sore spot, though. I think you should end your policy of publishing letters whose authorship is simply "Name Withheld." If someone won't go on record with

their comments, perhaps they should keep their mouth shut. Feel free to publish this, with my name.

Aaron De Groot
Mission Hills

CORRECTION
Due to an editing error, the review of Khyber Pass (October 3) incorrectly stated that the game of *buzkashi* is played with the head of a goat. It is, in fact, played with the body of a decapitated goat.

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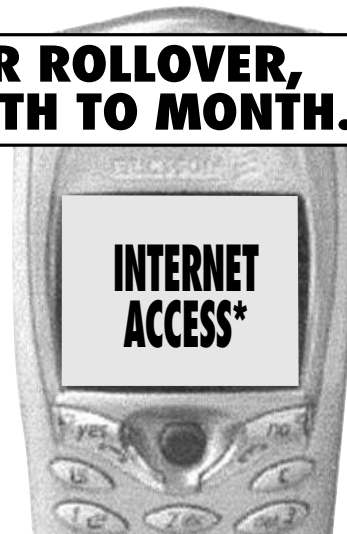
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Metropolitan Opera Auditions

The Metropolitan Opera is seeking young talent. But what does the esteemed New York house mean by “young”? “‘Young’ this year is 19 to 33,” says Joan Henkelmann, San Diego district director for the annual auditions. “Starting next year, the age limit is 20 to 30. And many people are disappointed, because often the voice doesn’t mature until later. But I think the Met thinks it can shape their voices if it gets them when they’re younger.”

LOCAL EVENTS

Another change has singers here worried rather than sad. After this year,

anyone may audition anywhere; a singer no longer has to be a resident of the district.

Is the fear that people will come to San Diego from places where the competition is stiffer? “Absolutely,” says Henkelmann. “And I’ve had inquiries from people studying in Philadelphia and in New York. However, each one had a San Diego tie — a parent here, for example. I’ve not had a call from anyone who is a total stranger to San Diego.”

A third change may be a plus. In the past, a singer could audition only four times. “Now New York has decreed that, if you want to try out every year until you’re 30, you may. It’s a very interesting change, isn’t it?” says Henkelmann, without further comment.

The regional auditions began in the 1950s, with the Met’s acknowledgment that talented singers couldn’t always afford to travel to New York to compete. District winners compete at higher and higher levels for the ultimate



Where Prince Yamadori appears in Madame Butterfly

prize: a place onstage at Lincoln Center.

The chance to reach what is agreed to be opera’s pinnacle, at least in this country, apparently still inspires the same old anxieties. Henkelmann knows from experience that most applicants don’t pick their auditioning arias until the deadline is upon them. “I tell them to pick the five they know the best. But when I say that — well, they’re just a little panicked, I guess.”

They do not sing all five. They choose one; the judges choose another from the list. “I advise singers not to put anything down they can’t sing well, because that’s what the judges inevitably will select.”

Beyond that, a singer may be asked for a third or even a fourth aria. Is that a good sign? “We think it is,” says Henkelmann, speaking for herself and her volunteers. “However, I’ve seen it not work out that way. I’ve seen it go both ways.”

What does one wear to audition? “We encourage them to look nice. For men, a suit or sport jacket; some will show up in a tuxedo, and that’s fine. Some women will wear long gowns; they don’t need to. But ‘proper’ attire, I think, is extremely important.”

Is that because singers are judged on criteria other than voice? “They aren’t supposed to be. I do think that, often, when a stage director is a judge,

he or she may consider how this person will look on stage. That isn’t the object of the Met auditions, however.” She pauses. “I’m trying to be diplomatic. In a recent issue of *Opera News*, there was a long article, ‘When the *Fit* Lady Sings,’ rather than, ‘When the *Fat* Lady Sings.’”

Is it an advantage these days to be fit? “Unfortunately, I think so. And since *Opera News* said it, I feel I can. We don’t have a stage director as a judge this year, but in the past we have.”

How long does it take for the judges to choose? “Thirty to 45 minutes.” That’s all? “You see, as people are singing, they’re taking notes; and they have a lunch break, so you can bet they’re conferring. I’ve never seen it take over an hour, and that time we had 28 applicants.”

Would the serious contenders be apparent to most listeners? “Absolutely. Last year, we started an ‘Audience Choice’ award. Most districts don’t do it; they’re afraid the audience will pick someone different from the judges, and it might be embarrassing. Well, our audience picked the same winner as the judges, so it worked out beautifully.”

Gregorio Gonzalez, a 28-year-old baritone, was that double winner. “He sang Prince Yeletsy’s aria from Tchaikovsky’s *Pikozaya Dama*. The opera isn’t well known — people have

only just started doing a lot of Russian opera. Gregorio was born in Mexico, so with Spanish being his first language, Italian would come easy for him. Instead, he chose Russian. He really showed his stuff. He also sang *Tanzlied des Pierrot* from *Die tote Stadt* by Korngold. This is a famous aria — many kids try out with it — and it is, of course, in German.”

Gonzalez went on to become a finalist in the national competition. In September, he sang the role of Jose Castro in Puccini’s *The Girl of the Golden West* for the Los Angeles Opera; in May, he will sing as the rejected suitor, Prince Yamadori, in Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly* here in San Diego.

— Jeanne Schinto

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GETAWAYS

The Drama Festival at the Tijuana Cultural Center continues with *Mades Medus* on Thursday, October 10, and *La venganza de las Margaritas* on Friday, October 11. See ...*y mas encima del cielo* on Saturday, October 12; and finally *Alicia detrás de las pantallas* on Sunday, October 13. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. each night.

Find the center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. Call 011-52-664-687-9600 for information and reservations. (TIJUANA)

Run for Fun during the mile run starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 11, at the Unidad Deportiva Tijuana, on Vía Rápida, in the Zona Río. For further details, call 011-52-664-634-3089. (Tijuana)

Off-Road Drag Racing is in store when trucks and off-road vehicles compete along a 100-yard sand drag strip on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13 (found at km 15 of Mexican Highway 1 from the Calexico border crossing). Racing runs from noon to 7 p.m. both days. Admission for spectators is \$5. Questions? Call 011-52-686-570-3319 for answers, (Mexicali)

Bulls Hailing from Jorge Hernández Andrés meet up with matadors Pablo Hermoso de Mendoza, Fernando Ochoa, and Fermín Spínola at the Monumental Bullring by the Sea on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m. For information, call 619-428-9517. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

Head to Puerto Nuevo for the tenth annual lobster festival planned on Sunday, October 13. Tickets are \$15.

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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)

Art and Handcrafted Mexican Furniture is on offer when the Rosarito Beach Hotel hosts the first Rosarito Art and Furniture Expo. More than 30 vendors “from the finest Mexican furniture shops, local artists, and art galleries” will offer their wares. Live entertainment will be part of the event, and food will be for sale.

Expo hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 17-19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 20. Admission is free. 800-962-2252. (Rosarito Beach)

Venture Into Amazing Caves when the film screens at the Omnimax Tijuana Cultural Center Monday through Friday at 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m., with an additional screening at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. For showtimes and other information, call 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Floss Silk Tree, a conspicuous “autumn bloomer” here and there around San Diego, has been showing off its pinkish or purplish, hibiscus-like flowers for at least a month

now. The broad, heavy trunks of this South American import, studded with fat, cone-shaped spines, makes it easy to identify.

Saturn is beginning to visit the evening sky again, rising in the east at approximately 8 p.m. during the last half of October. Focus a telescope on Saturn — which appears to be a moderately bright, cream-colored star to the unaided eye — and enjoy the sight of its currently “open” (as opposed to edge-on) ring system, which is inclined to our line of sight at nearly the maximum possible angle.

Right Place, Right Time o’ Year, head to Point Loma with Audubon Society birders on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. Birders will visit Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery and Cabrillo National Monument.

Meet up with the group at the cemetery headquarters; park along the interior cemetery street and just to the left of the headquarters building. For information and directions, call 619-692-3246. Expect considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (POINT LOMA)

Learn About the Elsinore Fault Zone when SDSU geology professor Miles Kinney focuses on the “Geology of the Anza-Borrego Desert” on Saturday, October 12, at 7 p.m., at Agua Caliente County Park (39555 Great Southern Stage Route S-2). The day-use fee is \$5. For information, call 858-694-3049. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

The Flora and Fauna of William Heise County Park provide the subject during the program scheduled for Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. The day-use fee is \$2 per

car. Find the park at 4945 Heise Park Road. For more information, dial 858-694-3049. (JULIAN)

Many Happy Returns, celebrate Lagoon Day and the 15th anniversary of the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy with events slated for Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There’s a nature walk at the Rios Avenue trailhead starting at 9 a.m.; a plein-air art show at the visitors’ center (on Manchester Boulevard) and docent-led hikes along the trails (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.); a hike from the Santa Carina Street trailhead (1 to 3 p.m.); and more. For more details, call 858-646-1133. (Solana Beach, Cardiff)

Star Party, check out the heavens when George Varga sets up a telescope for stargazing in Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park on Saturday, October 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Find the park at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

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Birding the Marsh, the Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around the Sweetwa-

ter Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on October 12 and 13. Saturday’s outing starts at 8 a.m., with the Sunday adventure beginning at 11 a.m. For reservations and directions, call 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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To reach the trailhead from Highway 8, take Highway 79 north to the large parking area on the right, just before the Sweetwater River bridge, about one-half a mile past Green Valley Falls campground. Bring water and lunch. Free. Call 619-232-3821 x203 for information. (Cuyamaca Ranch State Park)

Get Out! Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to enjoy the San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, open September through July. Silverwood offers ten miles of hiking trails, a self-guided nature walk, an observation area filled with bird feeders, and many resident birds and wildlife to observe.

Silverwood is open to the public on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with guided nature walks conducted at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 619-443-2998. The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from the Ashwood-Mapleview turn). (LAKE SIDE)

S.D. Is Poorer for the Loss of "Downtown" Sam Minsker, whose life and

(posthumous) 75th birthday will be celebrated with Walkabout events on Tuesday, October 15. Remember the intrepid walker with one of his favorite jaunts through the Gaslamp Quarter; join the group at 5:15 p.m. at the Balboa Theater (at Fourth Avenue and E Street). There's a reception following the walk at 7:15 p.m. at the Walkabout office (835 Fifth Avenue). Free. For more information, call 619-231-7463. (Gaslamp Quarter)

Fall Birds may be seen when naturalist and birder Vesta leads an easy three-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Thursday, October 17, starting in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive) at 8:30 a.m. Bring water and binoculars (if you have them) and wear boots. 760-839-4680. Free. No pets. (ESCONDIDO)

The Full Moon rises majestically (weather permitting) over the eastern horizon about 15 minutes after

sunset on Sunday, October 20. It's a perfect time to take a twilight walk and enjoy some of the last "Indian summer" weather we'll have during the year 2002.

The Orionid Meteor Shower, one of the year's five or six best annual showers, peaks on the mornings of Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22. The full moon will substantially interfere with the Orionid display this year. For best results, look during the hour or two before dawn, roughly 4 to 6 a.m. With the conditions less than ideal due to moonlight, expect to see no more than ten meteors per hour. The Orionids "radiate" from the constellation of Orion, and many leave long-lasting trains, or glowing trails. Comet Halley is believed responsible for this shower. Every year at this time, the Earth plows through a stream of icy particles presumably shed by that comet in the past.

DANCE

"Apologies from the Lower Deck" are offered when Malashock Dance presents evenings of favorites at Sushi Performance and Visual Art. The program includes *Midnight in Paradise*, *Window Dressers*, and *Together in the Fires of Delight*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 10-12, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 (and again at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, October 17-20). Post-show discussions are planned on October 13 and 17. Tickets are \$20 general, \$17 for seniors, \$12 for students. Sushi is located in the ReinCarnation Building, at 320 11th Avenue. For reservations, call 619-696-1966. (DOWNTOWN)

Contra-Fun, the Continental Drifters meet up with caller Martha Wild for the contradance planned on Friday, October 11, 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)

Dress Like It's the '50s and join the fun planned for an Israeli dance party on Saturday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Folk Dance Center. Find the center at 4569 30th Street. For fees and information, call 858-638-1810. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Ballet in the Galleries, the San Diego Ballet performs in the "Axis Mexico" galleries at the San Diego Museum of Art on Saturday, October 12. Performances begin at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30 p.m. and are included in regular museum admission. Call 619-232-7931 for information. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Square and Round Dance, the Sandpipers Dance Club hosts a dance with calling by Larry Ingber and rounds by Rey Garza on Saturday, October 12, 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)

From Raw Beginners to Seasoned Competitors, all are invited to the "Autumn Gala Ballroom Dance" slated for Saturday, October 12, at 8 p.m., at the Champion Ballroom (3580 Fifth Avenue). All dance levels

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are welcome. The nonmember fee is \$9 and includes a dance lesson. For more details, dial 858-693-4932. (HILLCREST)

Funkification, get funky on the second Saturday of each month, including October 12, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Starlight Dance Studio (6506-H El Cajon Boulevard). Guests West Coast swing to funk, hip-hop, disco, and rhythm and blues. Beginners' and advanced lessons are offered. All ages are welcome. 619-287-9036. The cover is \$8. (SAN DIEGO)

A Global Party for World Peace is planned by Global Education Through Music when Earthdance 2002 takes place on Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Trolley Barn Park (in the 1900 block of Adams Avenue). This free outdoor celebration includes live music, drummers, stiltwalkers, face painting, the Vibe

Tribe, and more. For information, call 858-682-3339. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Learn the Collegiate Shag — described as “a fun swing dance for up-tempo music” — when swing dance champion Joel Plys and partner Alison teach a special workshop on Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal, just off Rosecrans). The workshop is followed by open dance 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)

FILM

Experimental Video is on offer when the Spruce Street Forum and L.A. Free-waves present *The Poetics of Bandwidth* on Thursday, October 10, at 8 p.m. The program, curated by Rodolfo J. Sanchez, includes a selection of experimental videos exploiting new media-making and media-distribution tools.

The donation is \$7.50. Find the forum at 301 Spruce Street and by calling 619-295-0301. (HILLCREST)

“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. For this week's titles and showtimes, call 619-238-7559. Tickets are \$5 general. (Balboa Park)

Not for Those with Refined Artistic Palates, it's how the folks at Spike and Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation describe their latest 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 Inbreds*, *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, October 11 and 12. Admission to 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)

“Silent Screams at the Whaley House,” this classic silent horror film series commences with the 1919 flick

The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari on Friday, October 11. The 1922 *Nosferatur* can be seen on Saturday, October 12. Screenings begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for nonmembers are \$12. Find the Whaley House — a.k.a. San Diego's first commercial theater — at 2482 San Diego Avenue. For reservations, call 619-297-7511. (Old Town)

The History and Cultural Impact of the anti-lynching song *Strange Fruit* is followed in a Joel Katz film screening on Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Free. For more information, call 760-752-9482. (SOLANA BEACH)

An Act of Undying Love helps a stressed-out 42-year-old restaurateur in the throes of a midlife crisis in the Argentine film *The Son of the Bride*, starring Norma Aleandro, Hector Alterio, and Ricardo Darin. This 2001 Academy Award-nominee screens for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library on Monday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. The library is found at 820 E Street; 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

“Vincent Price: The King of Horror” is showcased in this month's selections for the Carlsbad Library's film series. Journey to the *House of Wax* on Wednesday, October 16, at 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Only a Game,” directors have always been fascinated by sports and the ath-

letes 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 continues with Martin Scorsese's 1980 film *Raging Bull*, starring Robert DeNiro as boxer Jake LaMotta, on Thursday, October 10. The series concludes with Spike Lee's *He Got Game* on Thursday, October 17.

Screenings begin 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)

“Pensavo Fosse Amore Invece Era un Calesse” by Massimo Troisi screens for the Italian film series on Thursday, October 17, 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)

Crossing Three Continents, Three Generations, and 30 years, Thomas Allen Harris's film *E Minha Cara/That's My Face* documents his journey of self-discovery. See the film when it screens on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Harris will discuss the production of the film and answer questions after the screening. Tickets are \$7 general. Call 858-454-3541 for information. (LA JOLLA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, *National Geographic's* IMAX film *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* dramatizes the first perilous three-year, 8000-mile expedition into the unknown west of America 200 years ago, from the Missouri River overland to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. The film reveals how the success of the trek was dependent upon the generosity of Native American tribes. Make the trek through Friday, February 14, 2003.

Spend “Fridays at the Fleet” and take in *Ultimate X: The Movie*, bringing audiences “up close” to the action and excitement of ESPN's Summer X Games. The film features competitors in skateboarding, street luge, wakeboarding, downhill BMX, aggressive in-line skating, and more, sharing their experiences as they prepare for and compete in their sports. “Fridays at the Fleet” includes a double bill of *Ultimate X* and *Wild California*, along with refreshments, through November 29; the film also screens on Saturday afternoons through December.

The in-orbit construction of the International Space Station is chronicled in *Space Station*. The IMAX cameras filmed seven shuttle crews and two resident station crews as they transformed the station from a tiny outpost to a permanently inhabited scientific research station. Take this trip to outer space through December.

For ticket prices and showtimes, call 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)



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What Is “The Future of Aging”?

Find out when UC Irvine evolutionary biologist Michael Rose discusses the prospect of disease-free aging on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Center for Molecular Genetics on the UCSD campus (9500 Gilman Drive). Free. 858-273-6350. (La Jolla)

What Are Sacred Singing Bowls?

Find out when “practitioner” Richard Rudis leads “Transformational Gong Bath and Sacred Sound Experiences” on Friday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the Shi-ho Center for Creative and Healing Arts (2002 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Bring something to lie on. The fee is \$20. For information, dial 760-944-3441. (DEL MAR)

Printmaking Techniques will be demonstrated by artist Ruth Dennis

when the Clairemont Art Guild meets on Saturday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m., at the Clairemont Recreation Center (3608 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

“**Genealogical Research in Germany** and Eastern Europe” is the subject when certified genealogist John H. Wray speaks for the German Research Association on Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. For information, dial 619-420-4557. (HILLCREST)

Plaster Cloth Strips Will Be Applied to Your Face when Cat Gautieri leads a life-mask-making class on Saturday, October 12 (concluding on October 19), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Arts College International (840 G Street). By the second meeting, your mask will be dry and ready to decorate. The workshop fee is \$59,

with an \$18 materials fee. To register, call 619-231-3900. (Downtown)

Hey, Kids, It’s Nontoxic Boat Bottom Paints Field Day! The University of California Sea Grant Extension Program is hosting this event on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough Street). You’re invited to talk with boat owners who are using the new nontoxic bottom paints and see a live underwater hull-cleaning demonstration of the paints. Free. 858-694-2852. (Point Loma)

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

The next workshops are set for Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Workshops run on various

dates through October 30. Find the shop at 3564 Adams Avenue. The fee is \$15 per person, and the minimum age is eight years old. For information and registration, call 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

“**Interviewing Techniques for Documentaries**” will be discussed when the next fall workshop in the series hosted by the Media Arts Center takes place on Saturday, October 12. Students will analyze interview scenarios and practice approaches to shooting and interviewing. The fee is \$70 for nonmembers. Class runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Media Arts Center, 921 25th Street (between Broadway and E Street). To reserve a spot, dial 619-230-1938. (San Diego)

Expanding and Challenging Perceptions about the medium of tapestry, the 29 pieces included in “American Tapestry Biennial IV” were created by artists from all over

the world. Christine Laffer from San Jose, California, one of the jurors for this exhibition in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery, presents a talk on Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m. Free. Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, at 1775 Dove Lane; 760-602-2021. (CARLSBAD)

Pastel Artist Joan Grine presents a demonstration for the East County Art Association on Monday, October 14, at 10 a.m. Free. Find the gallery at 225 East Main Street; 619-588-8875. (EL CAJON)

The Arts and Cultures of Polynesia, with an emphasis on Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Easter Island, and the Maori of New Zealand is on offer when Teri L. Sowell examines “The Art of South Pacific” at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. The series con-

cludes with a look at “The Mysteries of Easter Island” on Tuesday, October 15. The mysteries of the *moai* (huge stone figures) will be revealed!

The lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street. \$14. For reservations, call 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“**The Propagation of California Natives**” is the subject when biologist Bruce Hanson speaks for the California Native Plant Society on Tuesday, October 15. Hanson runs the propagation operation for RECON Environmental’s habitat restoration group; he’ll give a hands-on demonstration of various propagation methods using seeds, cuttings, and bulbs of California natives. Bring your questions.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa del Prado.

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Essays Exploring the “Disconnect” between America’s “permanent professional political class” and an increasingly alienated electorate are on offer in Joan Didion’s latest book, *Political Fictions*. This talented author plans a public conversation on the book followed by a booksigning for the Revelle Forum on Tuesday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute.

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

Wanna Play Bridge? Play bridge for free and meet the directors and teachers at Adventures Bridge (4659 Mission Gorge Place) on Tuesday, October 15, at 5 p.m. For information, call 619-287-8313. (Mission Gorge)

Websites That Say Wow, designers Lee Silber and Andrew Chapman plan a series of three workshops covering all aspects of website production and promotion beginning on Tuesday, October 15, at 7 p.m., at the Creativity Center (243 North Highway 101, suite 10). A different area of website design

will be covered each of the remaining Tuesdays of October. The fee is \$49 per session, or \$99 for the whole series. To register, call 858-792-5312. (Solana Beach)

The Secluded Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan, described as “the world’s last vestige of pure Buddhism,” is the subject for a slide-illustrated lecture on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (143 South Cedros Avenue). Admission to “The Ancient Kingdom of Bhutan” is free. 858-755-7662. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Torah to Talmud: The Evolution of Israelite Law” is the subject when SDSU’s Risa Levitt-Kohn speaks for the “New Perspectives in Judaic Studies” on Wednesday, October 16. The talk starts at 3 p.m. in 100 Nasatir Hall at San Diego State University. Free. Call 619-594-5338 for information. (SDSU)

Special Speakers, this San Diego Zoo series commences when anthropologist Kate Newman presents “Conservation in Action: Saving Africa’s Wildlife” on Wednesday, October 16. Newman, director of the World Wildlife Fund’s East and Southern African programs, will present tales of adventures in conservation.

The fee is \$15 per talk. For the required reservations, call 619-557-3962. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the zoo’s Otto Center Auditorium. (BALBOA PARK)

What Every Business Needs to Know! Learn about “Small Business

and the Internet” and how to create and maintain your website affordably when Denise Burkett of ECommerce-Identity leads a workshop on Wednesday, October 16, at 6 p.m., in the computer lab at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. To make reservations, call 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

“Shiva: Destroyer of Time” is the subject when curator Caron Smith leads a tour of the current installation of Indian miniatures from the museum’s collection on Thursday, October 17, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. The talk is included in regular museum admission. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Educator, Social Activist, and Author Jonathan Kozol has been a champion for quality public education for America’s poorest children since the mid-1960s. Kozol will speak about his decades of work with the disadvantaged for the CSU San Marcos Intercultural Speakers Series on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Among Kozol’s books: *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation* and *Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools*. General admission is \$10; for reservations, call 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Support Your Local Archaeologist, the San Diego Archaeological Center has moved from the East Village downtown area into the old San Pasqual Valley Elementary School. Director Cindy Stankowski plans a talk to explain the organization’s mission to preserve and curate historic and historic archaeological artifacts and to promote the educa-

tional, cultural, and scientific use of archaeological collections.

The talk is slated for Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., in the Turrentine Room of the Escondido Public Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Holistic Health Care for Pets, discover “the truth and benefits of natural foods and remedies for your pet” when a local veterinarian speaks for the “Happy Hour Lecture Series” on Thursday, October 17, at 6 p.m., at the San Diego Humane Society (887 Sherman Street). The fee is \$10. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012. (LINDA VISTA)

IN PERSON

You Know California’s Poet Laureate, now meet Mary Crow, the poet laureate of Colorado, when she reads from her work on Thursday, October 10, at 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2210. (POINT LOMA)

Feminist Critic and Scholar Rachel Blau DuPlessis, a professor of English at Temple University, has a special interest in modern and contemporary poetry; she’s also a poet and essayist. DuPlessis presents “Uncannily in the Open: In Light of Oppen” on Thursday, October 10, at 4 p.m. A reception follows the lecture, and also the awarding of the Pearce Prize to DuPlessis.

DuPlessis returns to campus to present a poetry reading at noon on Friday, October 11. Both events take place in the Seuss Room at UCSD’s

Geisel Library, and admission is free. Call 858-534-2533 for more details. (LA JOLLA)

Memory Play, Family Drama, and Social Protest — see Philip Kan Gotanda’s *Sisters Matsumoto* when the San Diego Public Library and the Asian American Repertory Theatre present this performance on Thursday, October 10. The play starts at 6:30 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium; find the library at 820 E Street. Free. 619-236-5821. (DOWNTOWN)

Author Gloria Karpinski signs *Barefoot on Holy Ground* on Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m., at Earth Song Book Store (1440 Camino del Mar). Free. 858-755-4254. (DEL MAR)

Laud or Slam “Slams” — in slam, traditional, or other styles, with or without props — when Carpe Nota convenes on Thursday, October 10, at 8 p.m., at the Other Side (4096 30th Street, at Polk). Everybody wins! Sign-ups for an open reading start at 7:30 p.m. No cover. Call 619-521-0533 or 619-418-1963 for information. (NORTH PARK)

The Gypsies of Szászcsávás perform their vibrant music and dance of Transylvanian villages on Friday, October 11, at 8 p.m., at the Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). Stay for the *táncház* (traditional dance party) featuring more live music by the band beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 858-457-3136. (Normal Heights)

“Al Ritmo del Tambor,” these Afro-Cuban music and dance performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, October 11-13, at the Weingart/City Heights Library Performance Annex. Tickets are \$10 and \$12. Find the annex at 3795 Fairmount Avenue; 619-641-6100. The master artists from Guantanamo,

Cuba, will be presenting workshops October 12 and 13; for information on these classes, call 619-516-3366. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Head to the “Coffeehouse” when the Point Loma High School Thespian Society presents its 15th annual production — student written, directed, choreographed, and acted — October 11-17. Local bands Fresh Pepper, Cardboard Box, and Inner Limit will perform.

Find the school at 2335 Chatsworth Boulevard. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12 (and October 18 and 19), and at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 17. Tickets are \$4. For information, call 619-223-3121 x245. (Point Loma)

Laugh Out Loud when the Comedy Codependents perform at the Creativity Centre (4716 32nd Street) on Friday, October 11, at 8 p.m. The group depends upon suggestions from the audience to fuel the improv fun. 619-280-5177. Free. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Acclaimed Music Writer Camden Joy will read from his new book, *Lost Joy*, on Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). For more details, dial 858-456-1800. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Suspense and Mystery! R.J. Kaiser signs and discusses *Squeeze Play* on Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books. Kaiser will be joined by Sheree Petree, signing her debut mystery *Number, Please*. Find the Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Sunlight and Dusk Will Be Praised when poets Michael Klammm and Lizzie Wann “shatter the silence and anonymity of our respective poetry kingdoms” while reading selections from their work on Friday, Octo-

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Electro-Acoustic Music Festival, the Northwest Electro-Acoustic Music Organization presents its fourth annual festival, showcasing a spectrum of composers and sound artists on October 11 and 12. The festival features 28 composers, sound artists, and performers presenting "cutting-edge electronic music."

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general per night, or \$17 for both nights. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations and information. (SDSU)

He Ranked Number Two out of the 250 poets at the 2002 National Poetry Slam in Minnesota, and Corbet Dean will perform between rounds during the midmonth Friday-night slam on Friday, October 11, at the Urban Grind (3797 Park Boulevard). The slamming starts at 7:30 p.m. (following 7 p.m. sign-ups); round one is open to the first 18 people. Free. 619-294-2920. (HILLCREST)

Author Carol Bonomo will sign her book *The Abbey Up the Hill: A Year in the Life of a Monastic Daytripper* on Saturday, October 12, at 1 p.m., at the Carlsbad Book Company in the Carlsbad Company Stores (5620 Paseo del Norte). Free. 760-804-0467. (CARLSBAD)

Enjoy Celticana when the band presents a San Diego Folk Heritage concert on Saturday, October 12. Ensemble members include Lauren Morris, Floyd Fronius, Richard Tibbitts, and Angelo Miranda. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena. Tickets are \$12. Call 858-566-4040 for reservations. (ENCINITAS)

"Maine Noir" Author John Connolly signs and discusses *The Killing Kind* on Saturday, October 12, at 2:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. For information, call 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Actress and Author Patrika Darbo will sign her book *65 Glorious Nights of Love and Romance* on Saturday, October 12, at 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10755 Westview Parkway). For information, call 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

"Day of the Drum: Africans in the Americas" is the theme for the fundraising event planned on Saturday, October 12, at 7 p.m., at the World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). The event features live world music performances by drummers from Senegal, Nigeria, and Cuba. Tickets are \$22 at the door and include dinner catered by Prophet Int'l Cuisine. For reservations, call 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

Author Michelle McGriff will present a book review and signing of *For Love's Sake* on Saturday, October 12, at 3 p.m., for the Sistahs' Bookclub at the Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. For information, call 858-547-0668 or 858-748-1735. (MIRA MESA)

En español, chef Ricardo Munoz Zurita makes a presentation on "Los chiles rellenos en México" on Saturday, October 12, at 7 p.m., at Casa del Libro (1735 University Avenue). For more information, call 619-299-9331. Free. The presentation will be in Spanish. (HILLCREST)

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LOCAL EVENTS

October 12, at 7:30 p.m., at Bliss-woman (4839 Newport Avenue). Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door. 619-523-5543. (OCEAN BEACH)

An Acoustic Solo Concert is planned by guitarist Tommy Emmanuel on Saturday, October 12, at 8 p.m., at Foothills United Methodist Church (4031 Avocado Boulevard). Emmanuel was nominated for a Grammy with Chet Atkins in 1999. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 619-670-1404. (LA MESA)

“Funnybone-Chilling Tales” may be enjoyed when storyteller Laura Pruden kicks off the Enrichment Package series at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts with stories about Halloween and harvest time on Sunday, October 13, at 7 p.m. Pruden is an official storyteller for the Los Angeles Public Library System and worked with the Second City improv company.

The \$25 tickets include buffet supper. Call 858-748-0505 for reservations. Find the center at 15498 Espola Road (at Titan Way). (POWAY)

The Original Chicano Hepcat, he’s been called the father of Chicano music, and for his years of contributions to American music, Lalo Guerrero was awarded a National Medal of the Arts by President Clinton. Head to Casa del Libro Bookstore when this treasure signs and discusses his book *Lalo: My Life and Music* on Sunday, October 13, at 7 p.m. Free. For more information, call 619-299-9331. (HILLCREST)

Mystery Author Rochelle Krich signs and discusses *Blues in the Night* on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m., at

Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

“Angel” Authors Jeff Mariotte and Nancy Holder will sign and discuss *Angel: Endangered Species* on Sunday, October 13, at 1:30 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Holder will be joined by Debbie Viguie to sign their “young adult” title *Wicked: Witch*. For more details, dial 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Where’s the Backdoor? Head to this spot at San Diego State University’s Aztec Center for a series of events on Monday, October 14. SDSU professor of Chicano/Chicana studies Richard Griswold del Castillo will discuss and sign his new children’s book, *Cesar Chávez: A Struggle for Justice: La Lucha por la Lucha*, at 4 p.m.

Next up: Chicano Indian beat poet and activist Raul Salinas will read from his work and sign his new CD *Beyond the Beaten Path* at 5 p.m.

Beginning at 6 p.m., Marquessa Emily Hicks from SDSU’s department of Chicano/Chicana studies will perform her “multimedia anarcho-feminist spiritual journey” *The Chymical Wedding*.

Michelle Hackney will read semi-autobiographical poetry from her handmade, self-produced book at 6:30 p.m. Hackney is described as an “El Paso, Tejas, Xicana poet.”

Pepe Villarino will play music in collaboration with Lalo Sanchez and Chicano music icon Lalo Guerrero at 7 p.m. and then sign his *Aztlan: Chicano Culture and Folklore*. Guerrero will discuss and sign *Lalo: My Life*. Admission to all these events is free. Call 619-594-7528 for information. (SDSU)

Editor Mark Weiss will read poems from *Across the Line/Al otro lado: The Poetry of Baja California* on Monday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the

Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Hazard Center. Free. Find the store at 7610 Hazard Center Drive; 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Music and Dance of India may be enjoyed during programs beginning at 6 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 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)

Both the First and the Oldest! When Pat Henry anchored her 31-foot sailboat *Southern Cross* into Acapulco Harbor in 1997, she became both the first American woman to sail around the world alone and the oldest woman to do so. *By the Grace of the Sea: A Woman’s Solo Odyssey around the World* is a chronicle of Henry’s eight-year voyage. Meet Henry when she visits Warwick’s Bookstore to sign and discuss her book on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Inspiring Laughter and Admiration, Alec Mapa, described as a “gay Asian Pacific actor-activist,” presents his one-man show *I Remember Mapa* about the heights and depths of a career on Broadway on Tuesday, October 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the Ruth French Chapman Performing Arts Center (on the campus of EastLake High School, 1120 EastLake Parkway). Tickets are \$10, \$25, and \$35, available by calling 619-838-7367. (CHULA VISTA)

“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. 619-582-5908. (COLLEGE AREA)

The Lingo, Bennie Herron of the Taco Shop Poets hosts this open-

mike poetry event on Wednesday, October 16, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Sign-ups begin at 7:30. Admission is free. 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Based on a Haitian Folktale, *Many Voices* was created by the Icarus Puppet Company in response to the September 11 tragedies. Performances run October 16-20 at the Kensington Community Church (4773 Marlborough Drive). Performances begin at 11 a.m. on weekdays, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, and at 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$6. Call 800-449-4479 or 619-563-5252 for reservations. (Kensington)

The Jewish Book Fair begins with an appearance by actor, director, producer, author, poet, and photographer Leonard Nimoy on Wednesday, October 16. Nimoy plans a slide-illustrated lecture with discussion of the creative process and production of his book *Shekhina*, his black-and-white book of photography focusing on “the feminine aspects of the divine.” A booksigning follows.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. Tickets are \$24. For reservations, call 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

The Story of a Marriage is told in *I Do! I Do!* It’s the next production for the Broadway Bound Youth Theatre Foundation, with performances October 17-19. The musical follows the 50-year-marriage of Agnes and Michael.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. on October 17 and at 8 p.m. on October 18 and 19, at the East County Ministry and Arts Center Theater (a.k.a. ECMAC, at 389 North Magnolia). Tickets are \$25 on Thursday and Friday and \$75 for the black-tie festivities on Saturday. For reservations, call 858-484-1692. (El Cajon)

Latin Jam Night, this event hosted by Bill Caballero takes place at Voz Alta on Thursday, October 17, 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)

“Quincy and Friends,” California’s poet laureate is honored during a poetry reading and reception planned at UCSD’s Faculty Club on Thursday, October 17, at 5 p.m. Quincy Troupe will be joined by fellow poets Rae Armantrout, Michael Davidson, Eileen Myles, Jerome Rothenberg, and Wailim Yip and pianist Anthony Davis. Admission is free, but reservations are required, made by calling 858-534-1473. (La Jolla)

“Transform Your Life,” it’s both the title of Buddhist author Geshe Kelsang Gyatso’s book and the topic when Buddhist nun Gen Kelsang Tubpa speaks on Thursday, October 17, at 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). Tubpa, an experienced meditator, will talk about the book and answer questions. Free. 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Take the Stage for open-mike-night fun on Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m., at Boomers Brew (1404 Garnet Avenue). Free. 858-273-9377. (PACIFIC BEACH)

SPORTS

The Socks, the San Diego Sockers host the Harrisburg Heat on Friday, October 11, 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)

MB, OB, PL? Head out with Knickerbikers bicyclists for an adventure on Saturday, October 12. The 27-mile ride will be scenic and moderately paced, with flat terrain, long hills, rolling terrain, “three short but quite steep hills,” a bike tour through Point Loma Nazarene University, and more. The fun begins at 9 a.m. at the sand parking lot at the entrance of Fiesta Island, at Fiesta Island Road and Sea World Drive. Bring money for lunch in Ocean Beach. 858-456-3862. (Mission Bay)

Low-Tide Run, this Pacific Beach Fest 8k run is slated for Saturday, October 12, at 9:05 a.m., on the beach south from Crystal Pier to the Mission Beach jetty and back. Race-day registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Grand Avenue lifeguard tower. For more details, dial 619-475-8244. (Pacific Beach)

The Season Is Nearly Over at Cajon Speedway, but you can catch USAC Sprints, Ford Midgets, and legends competition on Saturday, October 12. 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)

Enjoy the Fall Colors evident along Wynola Road and in the Pine Hills area during a Sierra Club bicycle ride slated for Sunday, October 13. This Julian loop starts at 10:30 a.m. in the center of town, near the Julian Museum. The ride boasts one steep hill

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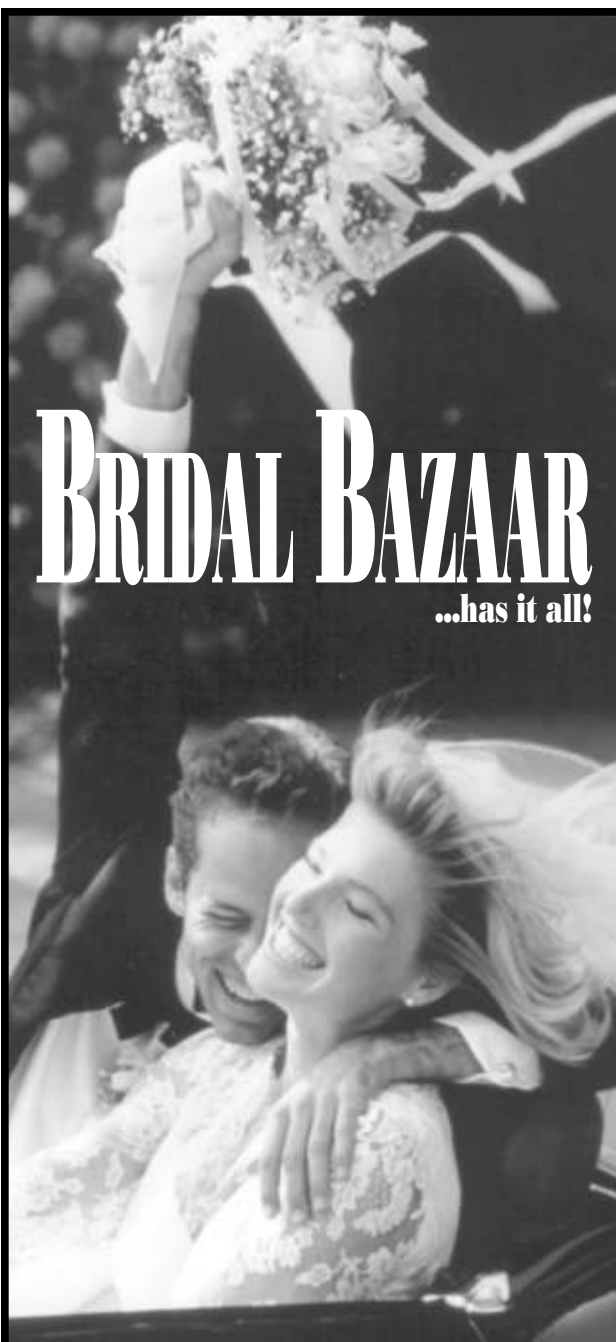
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Every Three Minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. Take steps to fight this disease when the City of Hope's Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer takes place on Sunday, October 13, on the UCSD north campus recreation area track. Registration for the 5k walk-and-run festival begins at 6:45 a.m., with the walk starting at 8 a.m. For more information, call 888-805-8911. (La Jolla)

Do the Bridge when the ninth annual installment of this San Diego to Coronado 8k run takes place on Sunday, October 13. Participants start at Seaport Village at 8 a.m. and finish in Tidelands Park. Day-of-event registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Questions? Call 760-736-1001 for answers. (Downtown, Coronado)

Thwack, the San Diego Polo Club hosts the amateur Rancho Santa Fe Challenge on Sunday, October 13. 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)

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Explore the Stars when the Cleveland National Forest and Orange County Astronomers join forces for programs on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12 at the renovated Observatory Campground (located two miles from the Palomar Observatory). The event begins with a 45-minute amphitheater presentation, followed by evening viewing with telescopes provided by volunteers. For times and other information, call 760-788-0250. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

John Dewey's Virtues will be examined when the Del Mar Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Friday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12835 El Camino Real). 858-756-4298. Free. (DEL MAR)

Artists and Craftspeople gather to offer their wares during the 2002 Harvest Festival, taking place October 11-13 at the San Diego Concourse (202 C Street). Look for clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art*.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8.50 general, with discounts for seniors and children. Questions? Call 800-321-1213 for answers. (Downtown)

Call It Harvest Festival or call it the Seventh Annual Polish Arts and Food Festival, the place to be on October 12 and 13 is the St. Maximilian Kolbe Polish Roman-Catholic Mission and Cultural Center (1735 Grand Avenue). There will be food for sale, music, dancing, and singing. Admission is free. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. For information, dial 858-668-0485 or 858-456-5950. (PACIFIC BEACH)

National Wolf Awareness Week is being commemorated locally with benefit events at the California Wolf Center on October 12 and 13. Tragedy struck the center when the Pines Fire swept through the grounds in July, killing four wolves and causing significant infrastructure damage.

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READING

The Book of Illusions



Paul Auster

study the works of this mysterious figure, who vanished from sight in 1929.

Who was Hector Mann? An Argentinean-born comic genius, with a signature white suit and fluttering black mustache, a master of “backpedals and dodges...sudden torques and lunging pavaes...double takes and hop-steps and rhumba swivels.” Presumed dead for 60 years, he had flashed briefly across

Henry Holt, 2002; 321 pages; \$24

FROM THE DUST JACKET: Six months after losing his wife and two young sons in an airplane crash, Vermont professor David Zimmer spends his waking hours in a blur of alcoholic grief and self-pity. Then, watching television one night, he stumbles upon a clip from a lost film by the silent comedian Hector Mann. Zimmer’s interest is piqued, and he soon finds himself embarking on a journey around the world to

American movie screens, tantalizing the public with the promise of a brilliant future, and then, just as the silent era came to an end, he walked out of his house one January morning and was never heard from again.

Zimmer’s research leads him to write the first full-length study of Hector’s films. When the book is published the following year, a letter turns up in Zimmer’s mailbox bearing a return address from a small town in New Mexico — supposedly written by Hector’s wife. “Hector has read your book and would like to meet you. Are you interested in paying us a visit?” Is the letter a hoax, or is Hector Mann still alive? Torn between doubt and belief, Zimmer hesitates, until one night a strange woman appears on his doorstep and makes the decision for him, changing his life forever.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Paul Auster was born in 1947 in Newark, New Jersey. He received his B.A. (1969) and M.A. (1970) from Columbia University. He has been husband to two writers — Lydia Davis, from whom he was divorced in 1979, and to his present wife, Siri Hustvedt, whom he married in 1981. Mr. Auster and Ms. Hustvedt live in Brooklyn.

Author now of ten novels, Mr. Auster is also a translator, translating prose and poetry from French to English. He has edited several volumes, including *The Random House Book of 20th-Century French Poetry* and the more recent NPR National Story Project anthology, *I Thought My Father Was God*. He has written several film scripts, including those for *Smoke* and *Blue in the Face*.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: On the day that we talked, early afternoon in California and late afternoon in Brook-

lyn, I asked Mr. Auster from where the name Zimmer came.

“Zimmer, of course,” said Mr. Auster, “means room in German. One of my very favorite writers is Holderlin [see page 92 for two of Holderlin’s poems], the German poet. In *The Invention of Solitude* I wrote about him at some length. After Holderlin went mad, a carpenter in the town of Tübingen built him a little tower in his house. That carpenter’s name was Zimmer. My Zimmer grew out of that name, as someone who shelters an unfortunate friend or person. That’s where it comes from.”

Holderlin wrote a short poem for Zimmer:

For Zimmer

The lines of life are various,
Like roads, and the borders of mountains.
What we are here, a god can complete there,
With harmonies, undying reward, and peace.

As I read *The Book of Illusions*, David Zimmer seemed familiar, and I did not know why. I asked Mr. Auster if Zimmer had been in another of his books.

“He was. He was in *Moon Palace* [published by Viking in 1989]. He was Marco Stanley Fogg’s good friend. Have you read that book?”

I had, but I had not remembered that Zimmer was Fogg’s friend. “It’s like running into someone from your past and not remembering where you met them,” I said.

“Well, 1989, that’s a long time ago. Zimmer was Fogg’s roommate when they were freshmen in college, and they remained very close friends. Zimmer is the one who finds Fogg in the park

The programs include updates about the center; lectures by Brian Kelly, Mexican Wolf Recovery Team coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; a visit with the center’s “ambassador wolf pack” and an optional hike to see the new Mexico 3 wolf enclosure; and refreshments.

Events run from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with an evening program 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets to the afternoon programs are \$35 for adults, \$25 for those under 12; Satur-

day night’s festivities (which include a dinner buffet and musical entertainment but do not include the hike) are \$75. To make the required reservations, call 619-236-9060. (Julian)

Love the Sound of Bagpipes? The fourth annual Angus Macdonald Western Regional Championship Solo Bagpipe Competition is slated for Saturday, October 12, at the Holiday Inn on the Bay (1355 North Harbor Drive). Competitive categories are *Piobaireachd* (classical bag-

pipe music) and MSR (march, strathspey, and reel).

Competition is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a reception and judge’s recital from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission to the day’s activities is \$10; pay \$25 for the event and judge’s recital. 619-659-9221. (DOWNTOWN)

Who’s the Top Cat in the World? Find out when the Cat Fanciers’ Association hosts its international cat show on October 12 and 13 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Up to 450 cats from

among 37 different breeds will be on hand for competition, along with the household pet class competitors. Vendors will offer all manner of goods.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for seniors, military, and children; free for those under 6 with an adult. For more information, call 858-455-9390. (Del Mar)

Columbus Sailed the Ocean Blue in 1492, and the 33rd annual Columbus Day parade is set for Saturday, October 12. The parade steps off at 10 a.m., following Harbor Drive along the San Diego Bay from Grape Street to Seaport Village. The festival follows the parade, from noon to 6 p.m., at Amici Park (at the corner of Date and State Streets), with Italian food, live music, arts and crafts, and children’s rides. Admission is free. For more information, call 877-224-4229 or 619-469-0795. (DOWNTOWN)

Oom-Pah-Pah, the annual Oktoberfest hosted by the German-American Societies of San Diego is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, noon to 10 p.m., at the clubhouse and beer garden, located at 1017 South Mollison Avenue. Events include live German music and dancing, food for sale, vendors’ and craft booths, children’s fun zone, air gun shooting range, and more. Admission is \$2 for people over 21 (free for those under 21). 619-442-6637. (El Cajon)

Dusty Rhodes Park is the site for

another Oktoberfest celebration, running October 11-13. Organizers plan “giant beer tents,” music, dancing, a rugby tournament, carnival rides, games of skill, food and merchandise vendors, and more. Admission is \$3 general, free for those under 12. Hours are 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. The park is found at the foot of Interstate 8, between Sunset Cliffs and Nimitz Boulevard; park in the area and use one of the free shuttles to get to the party. Admission is free. 619-224-4906. (Ocean Beach)

Traditional German food and spirits, live entertainment, and dancing will all be part of the fun when St. Peter’s Episcopal church hosts Oktoberfest celebrations on Saturday, October 12, 6 to 9 p.m. The \$15 fee includes food and entertainment. The church is found at 334 14th Street. To make the required reservations, call 858-755-1616. (Del Mar)

Julian hosts Oktoberfest celebrations on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Valley Independent Bank’s parking lot (on Main Street). What’s on tap: German food, live music, and games. For more details, dial 760-765-1857. (Julian)

Books to Good Homes, the Friends of the Encinitas Library fall book sale is slated for Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the San Dieguito Boys and Girls Club (1221 Encinitas Boulevard). Find lots of “gently used

books” in a variety of categories and a bake sale. For more information, call 760-753-7376. (ENCINITAS)

Check and Check Again, the Balboa Park Chess Club hosts gambito open chess tournaments every Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Balboa Club (2225 Sixth Avenue). Expect four rounds with a time control of 45 minutes for each competitor per game; cash prizes for winners. Current U.S. Chess Federation membership is required for participation; the entry fee is \$15. For more details, call 619-239-7166. (BALBOA PARK)

In Love with Lobster? Loews Coronado Bay Resort chef de cuisine Ron Tolle presents a luncheon cooking demonstration with recipes highlighting the coveted shellfish on Saturday, October 12. The class meets at 10 a.m. and concludes with lunch. The fee is \$40. Find the resort at 4000 Coronado Bay Road; call 619-424-4000 to make the required reservations. (CORONADO)

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

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with Kitty. And then brings him into his house. His apartment on Bank Street. That is Zimmer. Later on in the book, Fogg mentions how, many years later, he ran into Zimmer and his wife and two kids on the street, by accident, in New York, and that in a way that was what inspired him to start writing his own book. And, if you notice carefully, one of Zimmer’s children in *The Book of Illusions* is named Marco.

“Which is Fogg’s name, of course. So Zimmer has been with me for a long time. He’s also, if you can remember, in *Moon Palace*. Zimmer is waiting around for a letter from a girl named Anna Blume, and Anna Blume is the letter-writer in the novel *The Country of Last Things*. So Zimmer has been around for a while, I just haven’t made him the center of a story until now. But very mysteriously, if you ever go back and look at the passages about him in *Moon Palace*, you will notice that he’s described as being rather short, and he gets taller in the new book; in fact, he’s grown about six inches. I can’t really explain it. It’s just that the new Zimmer is physically somewhat different than the old Zimmer.

“It is weird when I think about it, but I had no intention when I was writing *Moon Palace* ever of writing a book with Zimmer as the hero. But Fogg mentions what Zimmer does, and he gets it all wrong; it’s that he’s a professor of film studies and that he has written a book about French movies. It’s so odd. And then later on Zimmer comes back, and he knows nothing about movies at all but then informs himself in the course of this new book. So there are...how shall I put it?...*inconsistencies* as well. But it is basically the same character.”

Because Mr. Auster puts Zimmer to work on a book about Hector Mann’s films, Zimmer must watch these films, and because Zimmer must watch these films, Mr. Auster must write films for

Zimmer to watch. I asked Mr. Auster how he “made up” Hector Mann’s films.

“I don’t know,” he said. “They just came to me, and I saw them very vividly in my mind, just as if they were real films. The job was to write a kind of prose that had enough visual detail in it so the reader could actually see what was going on. But, at the same time, I needed to give a certain speed to the prose as well, so that you’d feel as if you were watching a film. Things move quickly in movies, so too much detail and you begin to bog down, and not enough detail and you wouldn’t see anything. So it’s just a matter of trying to find the right balance in all those passages. There was a lot of writing and rewriting that went into it. But while you’re doing something like this, you’re inside it, and you’re not thinking about whether it’s difficult or not; you’re just doing it.”

“It’s a zany, crazy, wonderful idea, the reader reading Zimmer as Zimmer watches Hector’s films.”

“I’m sure people have done this before, but I’m not aware of it. But I can’t be the first one who’s written down imaginary films on paper. I can’t be.”

“Imaginary silent films,” I sighed, “whose star is a mustached man in a white suit.”

“Novelists have strange imaginations.”

“The white suit is wonderful.” (Mr. Auster writes, about the suit, that it “embodies [Hector’s] relation to the social world, and with its cueball brilliance shining against the grays and blacks that surround it, it serves as a magnet for the eyes. Hector wears the suit in every film, and in every film there is at least one long gag that revolves around the perils of trying to keep it clean. Mud and crankcase oil, spaghetti sauce and molasses, chimney soot and splashing puddles — at one time or another, every dark liquid and every dark substance threaten to smudge the pristine

dignity of Hector’s suit. That suit is his proudest possession, and he wears it with the dapper, cosmopolitan air of a man out to impress the world.”)

“Good, good. I’m glad you like that too. Hector appeared to me that way — white suit and mustache — oh, probably 12 years ago. And I always wanted to write about him. I didn’t know who he was at first. He was just this silent comedian. My original desire was simply to write the films that he had done. Actually,

“A twitching filament of anxieties, a metaphysical jump rope, a thread of discombobulation, the mustache is a seismograph of Hector’s inner states.”

of anxieties, a metaphysical jump rope, a dancing thread of discombobulation, the mustache is a seismograph of Hector’s inner states, and not only does it make you laugh, it tells you what Hector is thinking, actually allows you into the machinery of his thoughts. Other elements are involved — the eyes, the mouth, the finely calibrated lurches and stumbles — but the mustache is the instrument of communication, and even though it speaks

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ally, thinking about it now, Robert Coover wrote a book a number of years ago called *A Night at the Movies*, and he describes films in his book, but I think they’re real movies.”

I said that the mustache was poignant — heartrending and funny and sad and silly. (Mr. Auster writes, about the mustache: “Before the body, there is the face, and before the face there is the thin black line between Hector’s nose and upper lip. A twitching filament

Natural History Museum. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Nuts for the Arts, head to Bates Nut Farm for the fine art festival slated for Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event promises work on display and for sale by 50 artists and pumpkin patch activities for kids. Admission is free. Find the farm at 15954 Woods Valley Road; 760-749-3333. (VALLEY CENTER)

Orchids Galore, the San Diego International Orchid Fair, sponsored by

Quail Botanical Gardens, is set for October 12 and 13, in the Activity Center at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Growers will be on hand from Hawaii, Thailand, Ecuador, Brazil, and Peru. Expect to find lectures, classes, and plants for sale. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$3. For information, call 760-436-3036 x203. (DEL MAR)

Tasks for Sewers and Non-Sewers Alike abound when Quilt in a Day

hosts its 14th annual quiltathon on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the end of the day there are usually 30 to 40 completed quilts; this year they’ll be donated to the Women’s Resource Center and St. Clare’s Home. Bring a bag lunch. Find Quilt in a Day at 1955 Diamond Street; 760-591-0929 x135. (San Marcos)

Antique and Collectible Showtime, St. Martin’s Women’s Club hosts this event on Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Forty pre-appraised items

will be on display for viewing and discussion with appraiser Kathy Snowden and Carla Powell, a seminar entitled “What to Do With the Stuff the Kids Don’t Want,” and vendor booths.

The \$6 admission fee includes lunch and the program. Find St. Martin’s Catholic Church at 7710 El Cajon Boulevard. To make the required reservations, call 619-469-3976. (El Cajon)

Start Your Engines! It’s time for the Chrysler-Jeep Classic Speed Festival, taking place on Saturday and Sunday,

October 12 and 13, at Naval Air Station North Island. Staged on the runways and taxis of NAS North Island, vintage car fans and racing aficionados will see over 200 of the “world’s top racing machines of days gone by.” Organizers promise a “vendor village” and the New Car Dealers Association Concours d’Elegance, and more.

Gates open at 8 a.m. both days, with racing from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday, concluding around 4:30 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$20 for one day, or \$30 for a

weekend pass, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). For more information, call 619-283-5808. (Coronado)

“A Taste of the 2002 Harvest” is on offer at Belle Marie Winery from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 12. Tours begin at 1, 2, and 3 p.m., with samples of new wines. Wines are paired with barbecued treats; \$5. Find the winery at 26312 Mesa Rock Road. For information, call 760-796-7557. (ESCONDIDO)

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François-René de Chateaubriand (1768-1848)

(continued from page 89) a language without words, its wrigles and flutters are as clear and comprehensible as a message tapped out in Morse code.”)

Mr. Auster responded to my praise of Hector’s mustache, saying, “A mustache was not an uncommon attribute in those days, but, still, the mustache is the central means of expression, I suppose, for Hector. He was a good comedian. He had his own style. He might not have been completely original, but he was distinctive nevertheless.”

Earlier in the day, before Mr. Auster and I chatted, I’d talked with a friend who’d also read and admired The Book of Illusions. I told Mr. Auster that my friend had said that, given the book’s intellectual razzle-dazzle, it could have been very dry and cerebral and merely charming but that Zimmer’s terrible grief at the loss of his wife and sons and the terrible grief borne by other characters in the book brought it all down to earth and made The Book of Illusions deeply affecting.

“It’s a book,” Mr. Auster said, “about emotions. It emerges out of emotion. It’s not, it’s not at all a clever book about illusion and reality. It’s a book about lived experience and terrible suffering, terrible suffering. And if you had to define what this novel is in one word, I suppose it’s a novel about grief and how people cope with terrible loss.”

The Book of Illusions’ epigraph comes from the 19th-cen-

tury French memoirist Chateaubriand: “Man has not one and the same life. He has many lives, placed end to end, and that is the cause of his misery.” Zimmer accepts as an assignment the translation from French to English of Chateaubriand’s 2000-page Mémoires d’outre-tombe, a title Zimmer translates as Memoirs of a Dead Man.

I said that I noted that Chateaubriand was 80 years old when he died of old age on July 14, 1848.

“A big year, 1848,” Mr. Auster said, “in Europe. Of course, Chateaubriand was not for the revolution. He was more conservative, what you would call today a liberal, but not a revolutionary. And so he went into exile. He went to England. He got out during the bad years of the Terror and saved his skin that way.”

“You had to be awfully healthy in that day and age to live that long, didn’t you? To live to be 80 years old?”

“Yes,” said Mr. Auster. “And awfully lucky too. But some people did live to very old ages. Goya, think of him. Goya lost his hearing probably when he was about 45. But he lived way into his 80s.”

“Why,” I asked, “did the Chateaubriand book so greatly appeal to Zimmer?”

“First of all, there’s the immensity of the project, the idea of spending a couple of years, or maybe three years, translating 2000 pages of French into English appeals to Zimmer because he’s looking for a project to, as he says, ‘drown himself in.’ Now, the fact is it’s true what I say in the book: the only complete translations of those memoirs were in 1849 and 1901. It hasn’t been done since. But it’s perfectly plausible that someone would commission a new translation of this book.

“In fact, I secretly know that enough people will read my novel that some editor somewhere will get the crazy notion of

commissioning a translation, which would be very nice. I think there’s the fact of Chateaubriand’s intense intelligence and his gift for very sharp phrasing and poetic thought, and plus, there’s the amazingly rich life that he lived as a writer, as a politician, as a traveler. I think Chateaubriand is probably the only man who met both George Washington and Napoleon. As a young man, he came to the United States and wrote about Niagara Falls. He may be the first person who described the falls for a European audience.

“Then, of course, there is that amazing story about the traditions under which the book eventually was published, which I think has to be one of the strangest publishing stories in the history of literature.”

The story is that Chateaubriand didn’t want his memoirs published until 50 years after his death. Mr. Auster writes that after the 1830 revolution, Chateaubriand fell into debt. Madame Récamier, Chateaubriand’s mistress, formed a stock company and encouraged people to buy shares in Chateaubriand’s memoirs. “In effect, Chateaubriand mortgaged his autobiography to finance his old age. They gave him a nice chunk of money up front, which allowed him to pay off his creditors and a guaranteed annuity for the rest of his life. It was a brilliant arrangement. The only problem was that Chateaubriand kept on living.”

Madame Récamier, I said, was so clever.

“She was no slouch,” Mr. Auster said. “Not only beautiful but very intelligent. But, of course, by the end the tragedy for Chateaubriand was that all the shares in this company that had been formed to support him in the book had been sold. Originally, friends were involved, and by the end it was a bunch of strangers who wanted nothing so much as for Chateaubriand to die so that they could recoup their investment. Eventually he did die,

Tea for You? Would you like to taste unique teas and learn the art and science of tea at the same time? The Tea Pavilion offers informative presentations about tea and complimentary tastings of tea from around the world on the second Saturday of each month. Tea specialist Michael Figins will offer two different teas — such as formosa silvertip oolong and China Yunnan — and tea pastries.

The pavilion is located at the entrance to the Japanese Friendship Garden (next door to the Spreckels Organ Pavilion). Presentations begin at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on October 12. Reservations are not required. Free. 619-607-3298. (BALBOA PARK)

Psychic Times, a metaphysical conference and psychic fair is scheduled

at Alexandra’s BookStore noon to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, and other psychic arts will be featured; pay \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G; 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

Bayou Blues in the Afternoon, support Eveoke Dance Theatre’s education outreach programs and performances during this party planned on Sunday, October 13, 1 to 6 p.m., at Mary Lou’s Sugar Shack (666 San Fernando Street). Guests will enjoy Cajun food, live entertainment, henna tattoos, tarot card readings, auctions, and children’s activities. Tickets are \$50 general, or \$10 for children. For reservations and information, call 619-238-1153. (Point Loma)

The House of Spain hosts the lawn program at the International Cottages at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Octo-

ber 13. Free. Food will be offered for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

“A Toast to Art and Architecture” is offered on Sunday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., a walking tour showcasing fine art and fine wines. The self-guided tour of art shows is free, with over 25 locations included. Wine-tasting tickets to “City Arts in the Gaslamp” are available for those 21 and older for \$10, available by calling 619-233-5227. (Gaslamp Quarter)

The Heartland Coin Club plans a coin show on Sunday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Masonic Temple found at 695 Ballantyne. Admission is free, as are appraisals, and there will be a “Coins for Kids” table. 760-789-7181. (El Cajon)

The Three-Part Installation Bird Hub by artist Daniel Wheeler is on view through March 5, 2003, at the San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center. With the Bird Hub, Wheeler aimed to create an artistic scene similar to what could be described as an airport with birds perceived as the “airplanes.” The project consists of three stations: the “Terminal,” the “Tower,” and the “Perch” (found on the MiraCosta College

campus). For information and directions, call 858-756-2140. (ENCINITAS)

Time to Read a Classic, have you heard about the statewide reading and story-sharing event taking place in October? “California Stories: Reading The Grapes of Wrath” has begun, a program designed to “get Californians talking — to each other.” Libraries across the county are hosting book discussions, film screenings, musical performances, and lectures based on this John Steinbeck book. For specific information, call your local library. (San Diego County)

Frightening Fun is promised when the San Diego County “Scaregrounds” hosts the Scream Zone. The entire 25-room zone has been crafted using 3-D effects, each using a “gothic Frankensteinish” theme, designed and handpainted by former Disney artist R.J. Ogren.

Hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. Visit the Scream Zone (designed for teens and older) through November 2. Admission is \$10.95. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

Sports Nut? Head to the Del Mar Fairgrounds for the TRX Expo, running October 17-20. Organizers call it “the world’s largest sports store...showcasing your favorite recreational items.” Guests may shop, take part in sports clinics or fitness seminars, or take in a travel seminar. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, free for kids under 12. For information, call 866-976-6468. (Del Mar)

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, linocuts, sculptural, letterpress, photography, and monotypes pieces. Viewing is free. 619-583-6080. (SDSU)

Get a Jump on Fright, start your Halloween celebrations at the Haunted Hotel (424 Market Street; 619-231-0131) and Nightmare on

Market Street (530 Market Street; 619-231-3611). 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)

Or take a stroll along the Haunted Trail, an “all-outdoor haunted attraction.” 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)

FOR KIDS

“Who’s Afraid of Peter Pumpkin?” Find out when ventriloquist Lynn Trimble performs through Sunday, October 13, and again from October 16-20, in the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. 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)

Meet the Berenstain Bears and listen to *The Berenstain Bears Trick or Treat* during activities slated for Saturday, October 12, 11:30 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (10775 Westview Parkway). Free. 858-684-3166. (MIRA MESA)

Go Exploring when Sarah Wilson’s book *Dora’s Backpack* is read for the story time planned at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Saturday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m. Find the shop at 7610 Hazard Center Drive. Free. 619-220-0175. (MISSION VALLEY)

Choo Choo! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides from noon to 3 p.m. on October 12 and 13, in Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). The requested donation is 25 cents. For more information, call 619-421-5227. Children under 48” must be accompanied by an adult. (BONITA)

“The 13 Days of Halloween” may be enjoyed when the San Diego Actors Theatre presents its “Children’s Classics” on Saturday, October 12, at 11 a.m., at L’Auberge Del Mar Garden Amphitheater (1540 Camino del



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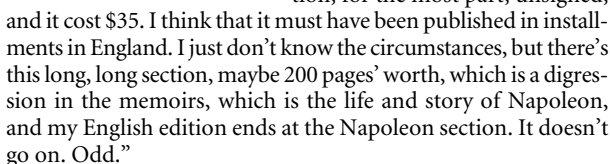
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“Absolutely. I think a very good school to go to if you want to become a writer is to translate good writers, because it’s a way of penetrating a text more thoroughly than just reading it or even writing about it or thinking about it. You have to go into the bloodstream and the bone structure of the piece. You’ve got to break it all down, and then you’ve got to rebuild it. You really

"I tracked one down, on the Internet, through a used book service. It is a copy of the 1849 edition, and it was for sale in some remote part of Australia. I got it. It's very little in dimension. And it's not the whole thing. It's only about two-thirds of the book. Bound in leather and in a very nice translation, for the most part, unsigned,

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Mr. Auster agreed. “I sometimes think of writing novels as like acting — you inhabit imaginary beings, you try to bring them to life. An actor does it with his body, and a writer does it with words. But it’s really the same leap of the imagination. And translation is a bit like that as well.”

For David Zimmer, writing is an anodyne for his suffering. When he works on his book about Hector Mann, or later, when he begins his translation of Chateaubriand, the work, for at least a few minutes, can muffle his grief. I asked Mr. Auster if work ever functioned for him in that way.

“Yes. I think it’s definitely the case. Writing is such a strange activity that when you’re really deep in something, time doesn’t exist anymore. And when I’m fully engaged in a novel, I come down into my little room here in the house in the morning, and I start working, and I blink my eyes, and the day is over. It’s very strange. You just don’t feel the clock at all ticking away.”

“Does that fictional world you’re writing ever come to seem more real to you than the world in Brooklyn where you live?”

“While I’m working on a novel, that work is certainly equal to the reality around me. And it’s a very hard moment in the day when you stop working and you have to rejoin humanity. It’s very hard. I’ve made a pact with myself over the years, and I think it’s helped to keep me reasonably sane, not totally, but reasonably, sane. The pact is that once I stand up and leave the table, I try not to think about the book. I try to trust my unconscious to do the work for the next 12 hours or however many hours it is before I go back.

You know how it is when you're trying to go to sleep at night; it's not so easy always. And of course, the first thing you want to think about is the book you're working on, and I try very hard not to do it. I have this little trick I play with myself. When I'm going to sleep, I start thinking about the next book I want to write. So I force myself to think about another story altogether, so that I'm not dwelling consciously on the work I'm doing now, and because often sleep miraculously gives you new ideas, and you wake up and you're ready to go again. It's remarkable."

I asked if Mr. Auster, when for some reason he could not go to his work table and write, missed the characters he was creating.

“Oh, yes. It’s terrible. They become real. The characters in a novel for the novelist are real people, and you know everything about them, much more than you ever put on the page. Everything.”

Asked if he was a prodigious reader as a child, Mr. Auster said, "Yes. I read all the time. I think people become writers because they love reading as children. I think it comes out of that. You don't have anything to say; it's just that you love books so much you want to be part of that world."

Reading fiction, Mr. Auster said, “You learn a lot about how the world works, how people live. Everything that’s important can be found in a good novel, I think. That’s why we keep reading them, the few of us who still care. It’s a passionate experience. I’ve always felt, you see, that novels are the one place in the world where strangers can meet on very intimate terms. I can’t think of another place where that happens. The solitary experience of sitting somewhere with a book. It’s just you and the writer. And the two of you make the experience together.”

— *Judith Moore*

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)

What Are “Mouse Sumo Wrestlers”?
Find out when their tale is told during the Japanese Friendship Garden’s Momotaro preschool story time for those three to seven years old on Saturday, October 10, at 10:30 a.m. Children under six are free with a paying adult. To make the required reservations, call 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Explore the Natural Beauty of Balboa Park when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts “Nature Sketching and Painting in Balboa Park” for children in grades four through six on Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. The fee is \$30 for nonmembers. To register, call 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Stepping Stones, create beautiful garden art and a keepsake with your child (in grades one through three) at the San Diego Natural History Museum on Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. The nonmember fee per child/adult pair is \$35. Reserve a spot by dialing 619-232-3821 x203. (BALBOA PARK)

Wildlife in Your Back Yard, learn all about “Terrific Tarantulas” when the San Diego Natural History Museum hosts this class on Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. Participants will “make a furry tarantula to take home as a pet” and learn how to dance the tarantella. The fee is \$20 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-3821 x203 to register. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet an Adventurous Rodent when the Omaha Theater for Young People presents *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* on Sunday, October 13, at

2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). The theater piece is based on the wonderful Beverly Cleary book, and Cleary herself worked with the writers during the adaptation process. Tickets are \$10, available by calling 800-988-4253 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (ESCONDIDO)

Support Your Local Firefighter, the Oceanside Fire Department open house is slated for Sunday, October 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the station located at the corner of Ditmar and Pier View Way. Admission is free. Call 760-435-4100 for more information. (Oceanside)

Howdy, Pardner, put on your cowboy boots and get ready to dance when Buck Howdy performs for the “rockin’ cowboy” costume party planned on Wednesday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). 619-295-2201. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

Disney Classics Come to Ice, ice-skating champions from around the world perform in "Disney on Ice" October 16-20 at the San Diego Sports Arena. Characters include Snow White and her seven pals, a Little Mermaid, many Dalmatians, and many others.

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Wednesday through Saturday, at
11 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, at

3:30 p.m. on Saturday, and at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday (the 1:30 performance on the 20th is in Spanish). Tickets range from \$11.50 to \$33.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (Sports Arena)

Accumulator, Excreter, or Excluder — which one are you? Find out when the Junior Rangers focus on how salt marsh plants survive their salty environment on Thursday, October 17. The program starts at 3:15 p.m. at the Tijuana River Estu-

arine Reserve visitors' center (301 Caspian Way) for kids 7 to 11 years old. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Children's Discovery Museum of North County, the museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, mini-city, and renovated children's marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

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Trick or Treat at the Ranch House, celebrate Halloween at the Adobe Ranch House on Saturday, October 26, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. The party includes presentations by Sky Hunters, Ranger Paul on creepy crawlies, spooky storytelling, costume contests for all ages, crafts, a night hike, pin the stem on the pumpkin, and much more.

The fee is \$7.50 per person, free for those under 5. The adobe is found in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Reservations must be made by calling 858-484-7504 before Tuesday, October 22. (MIRA MESA)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

TWO POEMS BY HOLDERLİN

Human Applause

Isn’t my heart holy, more full of life’s beauty,
since I fell in love? Why did you like me more
when I was prouder and wilder, more full
of words, yet emptier?

Well, the crowd likes whatever belongs to the
marketplace; and no one but a slave
appreciates violent men.
Only those who are themselves godlike
believe in the gods.

Mnemosyne (third version)

The fruits are ripe, dipped in fire,
Cooked and sampled on earth. And there’s a law,
That things crawl off in the manner of snakes,
Prophetically, dreaming on the hills of heaven.
And there is much that needs to be retained,
Like a load of wood on the shoulders.
But the pathways are dangerous.
The captured elements and ancient laws of earth
Run astray like horses. There is a constant yearning
For all that is unconfined. But much needs
To be retained. And loyalty is required.
Yet we mustn’t look forwards or backwards.
We should let ourselves be cradled
As if on a boat rocking on a lake.
But what about things that we love?
We see sun shining on the ground, and the dry dust,
And at home the forests deep with shadows,
And smoke flowering from the rooves,

Peacefully, near the crowning towers.
These signs of daily life are good,
Even when by contrast something divine
Has injured the soul.
For snow sparkles on an alpine meadow,
Half-covered with green, signifying generosity
Of spirit in all situations, like flowers in May —
A wanderer walks up above on a high trail
And speaks irritably to a friend about a cross
He sees in the distance, set for someone
Who died on the path...what does it mean?
My Achilles
Died near a fig tree,
And Ajax lies in the caves of the sea
Near the streams of Skamandros —
Great Ajax died abroad
In the roaring winds typical
Of Salamis — but Patroclus
Died in the King’s armor.
Many others died as well.
But Eleutheraí, the city
Of Mnemosyne, once stood upon

Mount Kithaeron. Evening
Loosened her hair, after the god
Had removed his coat.
For the gods are displeased
If a person doesn’t compose
And spare himself.
But one has to do it,
And grief is soon gone.



— Johann Christian Friedrich Holderlin,
(1770–1843) translated by James Mitchell

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 work-

ers from ancient cultures. A mural by Mona Mills depicting ancient Teotihuacan in its days of glory is now on exhibit, resulting from the artist’s extensive study of this ancient “City of the Gods” that was once home to 200,000 people in central Mexico. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art.

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

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe

Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

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

Museum of History and Art, “Open Doors: Vietnam POWs Thirty Years Later” is the 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

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

Some of the loftiest — and loneliest — mountain country in San Diego County lies on the 25,000-acre Los Coyotes Indian Reservation. You won't find any casino here, but you will discover San Diego County's obscure high point, Hot Springs Mountain. At elevation 6533 feet, it beats the better-known 6512-foot Cuyamaca Peak by a whisker. With its network of graded and unmaintained roads (only a few of which are shown on the adjoin-

ing map), the reservation draws a steady stream of weekend campers, hikers, mountain bikers, and four-wheel-drive enthusiasts. Trail motorcycles are not allowed; leashed dogs are.

Hot Springs Mountain may be approached by way of three distinct routes. The maintained but dry and dusty 7.6-mile-long Lookout Road leading to a disused fire-lookout tower atop the mountain is perfect for high-clearance vehicles and mountain bikers. A shorter, steeper, more precarious jeep road ascending from the reservation's main campground can be used instead.

Most hikers will enjoy the shorter climb from Nelson's Camp, a small campground accessible by car in the remote northern portion of the reservation. From the camp, hike west and then south up a densely shaded north-facing slope on a primitive road barely negotiable by the most nimble of off-road vehicles. Once you reach the top of the hill, turn right and complete the walk to the summit via the Lookout Road. This hike measures 2.8 miles one-way, with an elevation gain of 1250 feet.

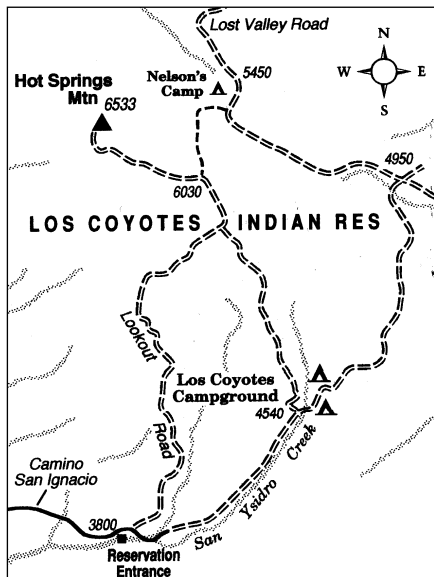
The old lookout tower has become increasingly dilapidated and dangerous — with rotting and broken wooden steps. A



The true summit — Hot Springs Mountain

better view awaits you just east, on a small concrete platform topping a large boulder. This is the true summit of Hot Springs Mountain. A bit of hand-and-toe climbing is required to gain the last 20 feet of elevation. As seen from the flat platform, steep canyons yawn to the west and north, and the Salton Sea often shimmers like a mirage on the eastern horizon. On sunny days, soaring enthusiasts riding the thermals quietly buzz the summit using their lean-looking aircraft.

To reach the Los Coyotes reservation, turn east on Camino San Ignacio from Highway 79 at Warner Springs and follow the signs. Entry fees are \$10 per car, \$12 for overnight camping. Los Coyotes is open year-round on the weekends and holidays, weather and road conditions permitting. Call first if you plan to visit on a weekday: 760-782-0711.



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 lo-

cal 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 museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

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

nal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

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

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, 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 paleontol-

ogist 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,” “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 Junipero 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 Na-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Antic Violin

The problem was the organ.

In one of their most sensational offerings ever, the San Diego Early Music Society presented a program of 17th-century music by violinist John Holloway, harpsichordist Lars Ulrik Mortensen, and organist Aloysia Assenbaum. Although billed as “Music from the German Baroque,” the program was in fact thoroughly Austrian. All the composers spent much of their creative lives in Vienna or Salzburg, including the Italian-born Antonio Bertali. The only “German” was Johann Pachelbel (and even he was for a few years employed as an organist at St. Stephen’s Cathedral in the Austrian capital). Much of the music came from the second half of the century, in which the rather wild experimentation of the first half was being given more logical and systematic form, without losing its piquant imaginativeness. The chief focus was on violin works (the group’s harpsichordist and organist had only one solo section each). And within that focus, the central figure was Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber.

Biber (1644–1704) was one of the greatest of Baroque composers. Although he composed liturgical music and opera, as well as some remarkable works for various large instrumental ensembles, his reputation continues to rest principally on his violin sonatas. Of these, Holloway and his colleagues at St. James by-the-Sea performed three (all of them from Biber’s 1681 collection), plus — as an encore — a brief part of an unpublished sonata. The Biber violin works were rounded out with similar pieces by Georg Muffat, Johann Heinrich Schmelzer, and Bertali.

Biber’s 1681 sonatas generally alternate slow and fast sections (they are not really “movements,” since each sonata is to be played as a continuous whole), but this description does not give a sense of the special Biber tone. The slow sections tend to be rather free in meter, and to switch direction without warning, in the improvisatory manner of earlier 17th-century violin compositions. There is a sense of lyrical whimsy and a series of diverse emotional states. Sometimes, over a sustained note in the bass or slowly changing chords, the violin bursts into a frenzy of impassioned scales, roulades, or other unconstrained figurations, as though the performer were making it all up on the spot.

The sonatas’ fast sections, in contrast, usually adhere to a more-or-less strict form, and above all to that favorite organizing principle of the 17th Century (and later), the theme with variations. This can be called *variatio* or *passacaglia* or *chaconne*, but what it means in all cases is that a theme or a succession of chords (sometimes quite short) is repeated over and over again in the accompaniment,

while the violin plays ingenious variations above, usually leading to spectacular fireworks displays. No one is better at this than Biber: in spite of the rigidly predictable nature of the form, he always surprises the listener with his unexpected bursts of wit, his amazing instinct for good tunes, and the preternatural demands he makes on the violinist’s technique. In addition, he sometimes unifies the entire sonata with certain thematic or harmonic motifs — on this program notably in the Sonata No. 3 in F. Nor is he afraid to break out of the form for the sake of emotional variety, as though to show that it is he who is the master and not the variation form itself. He does things his own way, with striking originality — as, for example, at the end of that same F Major Sonata, where the violinist, in a virtuosic *coda* at top speed suddenly stops in the middle of a phrase, and the piece is over.

If Biber is a master of this kind of music, so is John Holloway, with his brilliant virtuosity, his expressive freedom, his own vivid sense of humor, and the wide spectrum of timbres he draws from his instrument (he avoids *vibrato* so consistently that when he makes a brief, deft use of it the coloristic effect is shocking). What makes his performances (of Biber, Schmelzer, Telemann, Bach) so memorable is their vitality, the gripping sense of inner exuberance Holloway’s playing always succeeds in conveying.

The same thing can be said for Lars Ulrik Mortensen, one of the most intense and expressive of harpsichordists. These qualities were evident throughout his dazzling realizations of the *continuo* to the violin pieces (most delectably in the zestful improvisations with which he accompanied Bertali’s wonderful C Major *Ciaccona*), and they also contributed to the powerful effect of his solo performance: the Suite from Johann Jakob Froberger’s Fourth Book

lamenting the death (in 1654) of young Ferdinand IV, heir to the Imperial throne. Baroque aficionados had only recently heard this same work exquisitely performed by harpsichordist Laurent Stewart, in a superb concert sponsored by the San Diego Harpsichord Society; and Mortensen’s performance was the equal of Stewart’s in its mixture of poignant intimacy (in the opening movement) and robust vigor (in the other three) — although Stewart’s harpsichord was sweeter and clearer in tone.

Holloway’s choice of *continuo* instruments, at this concert and in his recent recordings (of Biber and Schmelzer), is a controversial one. The *continuo* provides the bass line and harmonic support for the treble(s). It was traditionally performed by various combinations of keyboard, wind, bowed, and plucked instruments. Holloway has chosen to assign the *continuo* to a combination of organ and harpsichord, in the belief that this would have been a possibility in the 17th Century.

Certainly, the sound produced by those two instruments was pleasurable, but I’m not sure it did full justice to the music. The harpsichord was just fine (although a theorbo would have been fine too), with the performer’s incisive rhythm and inventive embellishments. The problem was the organ. When all that was needed

from it was a sustained pedal point (something beyond the capacity of a harpsichord) or accompanying harmonies, it was perfectly adequate. But one of the defining characteristics of Baroque music is the counterpoint between the treble and bass lines, and the tone of Aloysia Assenbaum’s little portative organ was so covered and colorless that the bass line carried little impact. What was needed was an instrument with an edge to its tone, an instrument that when necessary could hold its own with the violin and not be drowned out by the harpsichord. In his recording of several Biber violin sonatas, Ryo Terkado uses as *continuo* instruments a harpsichord or positive organ plus a viola da gamba, and the difference is remarkable, with the contrapuntal textures lucid in a way Holloway’s ensemble cannot achieve.

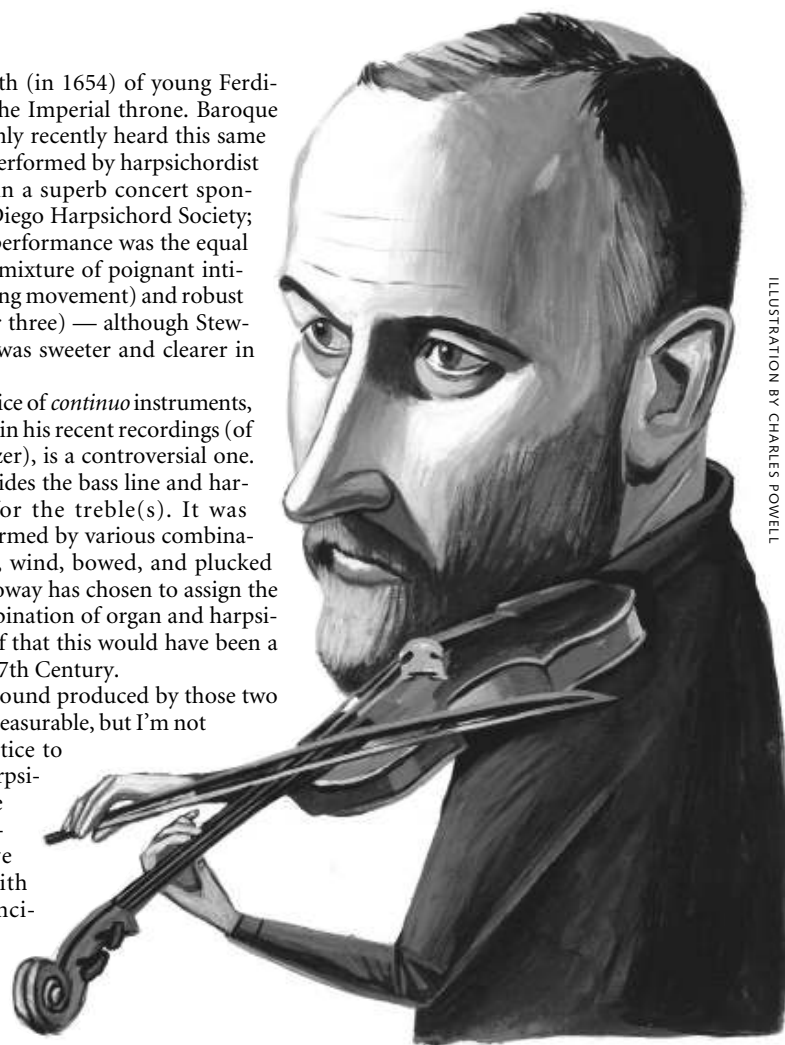


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John Holloway

John Holloway, violin; Lars Ulrik Mortensen, harpsichord; Aloysia Assenbaum, organ
St. James by-the-Sea (San Diego Early Music Society)

Biber, Sonatas Nos. 3, 5, and 6 from Sonatas violino solo 1681; Muffat, Sonata violino solo; Schmelzer, Sonata No. 6 from Sonatas unarum fidium; Bertali, Ciacona in C; Froberger, Harpsichord Sonata in C from Libro quarto; Pachelbel, Fugue No. 13 from Magnificat primi toni and Fugue No. 3 from Magnificat sexti toni.

The deficiency of Assenbaum’s instrument — though not of her playing, which was exemplary — was underlined by her solo performance of two fugues on the *Magnificat* from Pachelbel’s

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extensive collection of such organ works (he wrote considerable numbers of them in every key). Fugue No. 13 of the *Magnificat primi toni* is a lively piece with a perky, trumpet-like theme. Played on a Baroque organ with a variety of tone colors, it can be delightful. With all the voices as muffled flutes, without the slightest reedy bite to them, it sounded plodding and dull.

But those were the only moments when words like “plodding” and “dull” could be applied to this otherwise magnificently exciting concert. ■

Events that are underlined occur after October 17.

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“From Russia with Love” provides the theme when the San Diego Chamber Orchestra season gets underway with concerts October 11-15. The performances will include Aren-

sky’s “Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky,” Borodin’s “Noc-turne,” “Vocalise” by Rachmaninoff, the “Piano Concerto No. 1” by Shostakovich, and Turina’s “Rapsodia sinfónica.”

The program is offered Friday, October 11, at St. Joseph’s Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); on Monday, October 14, in Sherwood Auditorium at the Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street); and on Tuesday, October 15, at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club (15150 San Dieguito Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. For ticket information for all performances, call 1-888-848-7326. (DOWNTOWN, LA JOLLA, RANCHO SANTA FE)

Electro-Acoustic Music Festival, the Northwest Electro-Acoustic Music Organization presents its fourth annual festival, showcasing a spectrum of composers and sound artists on October 11 and 12. The festival features 28 composers, sound artists, and performers presenting “cutting-edge electronic music.”

Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Tickets are \$10 general per night, or \$17 for both nights. Call 619-594-1696 for reservations and information. (SDSU)

Operatic Aspirations? Head to Shiley Theatre on Saturday, October 12, when the 44th year of Metropolitan Opera auditions begins at 10 a.m. Competitors sing five arias in at least two different languages. The auditions are open to spectators; a \$5 donation is requested. Find University of San Diego at 5998 Alcalá Park. For information, call 619-479-8184. The winner’s concert is set for October 20. (LINDA VISTA)

Organist and Composer-in-Residence Daniel Burton performs music by Pachelbel, J.S. Bach, James Hewitt, and selections from his own composition, “24 Psalms for Organ,” on Sunday, October 13, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Child care is available by reservation; an offering will be received. For information, call 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Keyboard Conversations, the Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations series commences with a look at Mozart, Haydn, and Hummel on Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m., at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets are \$15. Reach the box office by calling 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Seagate Sundays, the series gets underway with a concert by the San Diego Baroque Ensemble on October 13, at 2 p.m., at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). The recital includes selections by Fontana, Ortiz, Byrd, Couperin, Krebs, Pachelbel, J.S. Bach, Fischer, Frescobaldi, Handel, Purcell, and many others. Tickets are \$15 general. For information, call 760-436-8744. (ENCINITAS)

“Sundays at Seven,” the series begins with a concert by the eight virtuoso string players of the Hutchins Consort on October 13. This San Dieguito Performing Arts Association concert begins at 7 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for those 18 years and under. 760-752-5078. (CARLSBAD)

Selections by Lotti and Herzogenberg may be heard when the Striano Piano Quartet presents a concert for the San Diego Library series on Sunday, October 13. Ensemble members include Carol Tolbert (violin), Burt Fisch (viola), Barbara Chahbazian (cello), and Dorothea Hover-Kramer (piano). The music begins at 2:30 p.m. in the third-floor auditorium; find the library at 820 E Street. 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents a concert on Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m., in Spreckels Organ Pavilion. For more information, call 619-702-8138. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Poems, Prayers, and Promises” may be heard when soprano Juliette Singler presents a recital on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m., at the Village Presbyterian Church (6225 Paseo Delicias). The program includes pieces by Berlioz, Mozart, and Schubert. Free. For information, dial 858-756-2441. (Rancho Santa Fe)

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Woodwind Ensemble, perform for the San Diego Mini-Concert slated for Monday, October 14. Charity Mahannab (flute), Sara Sulak (flute/oboe), MaLinda Gaines (clarinet), Jennifer Oracki (horn), and Michael Milham (bassoon) will play works by Mahler, Bizet, Skolnik, Ib-ert, Mueller, Tuthill, and Jansons. The concert begins at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Free. The music lasts about 50 minutes — bring your lunch! 619-236-1980. (DOWNTOWN)

Winds in the Park, the San Diego Wind Ensemble plans a concert on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Museum of Art. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. Call 619-232-7931 for reservations. (BALBOA PARK)

A Faculty Recital is planned when oboist Electra Reed presents a concert at noon in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University on Wednesday, October 16. For information, call 619-594-6060. Free. (SDSU)

Baroque at the Museum, the San Diego Baroque Ensemble explores the historic origins of baroque music and art in “Beginnings: The Foundation,” slated for Thursday, October 17, at the San Diego Museum of Art. The slide-illustrated lecture and concert examines the symbiotic relationship between European art and music of the 17th and 18th Centuries. Tickets are \$12 for nonmembers. For information and reservations, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Classical Piano may be heard when pianist Michael Sellers performs for the Concert Hour at Palomar College on Thursday, October 17, 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)

A Faculty Chamber Music Concert is slated for Thursday, October 17, at 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall, at the University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Admission is free. Dial 619-260-2280 for details. (LINDA VISTA)

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GALLERIES

“Art Defends” — an exhibition promoting the idea “that art can play an integral role as a facilitator in a community’s development” — opens with a reception on Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m., at the Southwestern College Art Gallery patio (900 Otay Lakes Road). The show features works by artists working in the Maclovio Rojas community of Tijuana; artists from Mexico, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, France, Australia, and the U.S. are included.

The exhibit continues through October. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. 619-216-6605. (CHULA VISTA)

“Black and White,” an exhibition of new works in a variety of media by members of the faculty at the Crafts Center at UCSD, is on view through Wednesday, October 30, in UCSD’s Grove Gallery. The media represented include ceramics, neon, glass-blowing, jewelry, drawing, weaving, painting, and photography. Meet the participating faculty members at a reception slated for Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m.

Find the gallery in the UCSD Crafts Center Complex on the Revelle College campus (off Eucalyptus Grove Lane). Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For details, call 858-534-2021. (LA JOLLA)

“Chinese Brush — The Essence of Reality” is an exhibition of recent works by Peggy Oechsle, beginning with a reception on Friday, October 11, at 6 p.m., at Artists Gallery (7420 Girard Avenue). Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 858-459-5844. (LA JOLLA)

Memento Mori, over 25 local artists have created altars and works commemorating people and memories of personal importance — and in the process, explored their experiences with and feelings about “the concept of death and its tie to the living” — for inclusion in the seventh annual Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead exhibit at the Next Door Gallery. Meet the featured artists during a reception slated for Saturday, October 12, 5 to 7 p.m.

The show concludes on Saturday, November 9. Find the gallery at 2963 Beech Street (between 30th and Dale Streets); 619-233-6679. Viewing hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. (GOLDEN HILL)

“Slippin’ — New Work by Tim McCormick” opens with a reception on Saturday, October 12, 6 to 9 p.m., at

the Emporium Gallery. McCormick’s style of painting is described as “completely unique and original”; see if you agree through Saturday, November 9.

The gallery is located inside Ducky Waddle’s Emporium (414 North Coast Highway 101). Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. 760-632-0488. (LEUCADIA)

China’s “Most Famous Expatriate Artist”? Meet Chinese calligraphy artist Jiang Tiefeng, whose new work goes on exhibit at the Fingerhut Gallery with a reception on Saturday, October 12, at 6 p.m. The exhibit includes original works on canvas and rice paper, along with a new limited-edition series on canvas and silk. The show continues through November.

Find the gallery at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to RSVP for the reception and gallery hours. (LA JOLLA)

The Autumn Fine Arts Show and exhibit by members of the Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery begins with a reception for the participants on Saturday, October 12, at 5 p.m.; awards will be presented at 6 p.m. Find the gallery at 845 Main Street. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. 760-789-3682. See the show through October. (RAMONA)

The October Show at the Phantom Art Gallery features “New Works” in watercolors, charcoals, and pastels by John Dittmeier. The artist will be on hand for the opening receptions planned at 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13.

Regular gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday

and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Find the Phantom in Artist’s Alley, 212 East North Coast Highway; 760-754-4512. (Oceanside)

Nature and Animal Photography by Robyn Waayers go on exhibit at the Sierra Club Larry Dumlao Gallery with a reception for the artist during “Ray at Night” festivities on Saturday, October 12, at 6 p.m. See the show through Friday, November 8. Find the gallery inside the Sierra Club Bookstore (3820 Ray Street). For gallery hours and information, dial 619-299-1743. (NORTH PARK)

Sheet Metal Is Layered with acrylic paint to create “weavings of light in lucent abstracted windows of color” in the canvases by Aryen Hart on view at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art. The show opens with a reception on Saturday, October 12, at 6 p.m., and continues through Monday, October 28.

Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with hours extended through 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and 10 to 4 p.m. on Sunday (closed on Tuesdays). The gallery is located at 2807 University Avenue. 619-688-5969. (NORTH PARK)

“Fantastica,” life-size sculptures and paintings by ENovelo, opens at the Tres Studio Gallery with a reception on Saturday, October 12, at 6 p.m. This reception is a fundraiser for the Yucatan hurricane victims. Find the gallery at 3803 Ray Street. For information, call 619-297-8737 x4. Regular gallery hours are 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and by appointment. (NORTH PARK)

Expanding and Challenging Perceptions about the medium of tapestry, the 29 pieces included in “American Tapestry Biennial IV” were created by artists from all over

the world. The exhibition — opening with a reception on Saturday, October 12, at 5 p.m., in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery — was juried by Peter Horn of Germany, Christine Laffer of San Jose, and Marcel Marois from Quebec City. View the selected pieces through Sunday, December 1.

Juror Laffer will present an art talk on Sunday, October 13, at 2 p.m. Free.

Find the gallery at the Carlsbad City Library, at 1775 Dove Lane. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; with hours extended until 8 p.m. on Wednesday; and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 760-602-2021. (CARLSBAD)

Explore “One Universe, Many Worlds,” when retired art instructor Howard Ganz, who has “experimented with computer art for years,” exhibits his colorful, computer-generated pieces in MiraCosta College’s Kruglak Gallery through Thursday, November 7. Meet the artist at the opening reception planned on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m.

The gallery is located in the student center; the campus is found at One Barnard Drive. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with additional hours from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details, dial 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

The Studio Faculty of the Mesa College art department is showcased in the “Mesa College Faculty Exhibition” on view through Tuesday, November 5, in the San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104). The 24 participating artists are honored with a reception on Thursday, October 17, at 5 p.m.; an artists’ slide-illustrated lecture follows the reception in LRC room 435.

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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 see-saw designed specifically for adults. The remaining six works are rendered as two-dimensional shadows that could be cast by some of the objects and activities associated with youth: jacks, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope, also on adult scale.

The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard. For information, call 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum of Folk Art, “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 Rail-

road 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, Sebastio Salgado, and Damir Sagolj, among eight others. This show closes on Sunday, October 13.

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

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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Ferocious Women

"I didn't want her to die. I wanted her to lose in court."

Reality wasn't enough for Lillian Hellman. She needed to embellish. Lee Gershwin: "She would lie — a man, a woman, could be anything — for what we used to call 'a pretty good story.'" Her biographer, Carl Rollyson, agrees, "Everything about her life became grander in the rewriting of it." And most of her work was self-vindication, "as if in all things that touched her most closely — like her cooking and her politics — she had to be not only right but victorious."

Hellman's motto, expressed in *The Little Foxes*: "God helps those who invent what they need."

"Strident and shrewish," "harsh-tongued and snobbish," crammed with "celebration and bitchiness," "always ready to take up arms," wanting to "set herself apart from the run of people" — Hellman? Could be, though they're part of author Mary McCarthy's personal entourage. McCarthy (1912–1989) and Hellman (1905–1984) only met twice but became inseparably entwined January 25, 1980, when McCarthy told Dick Cavett's TV audience that "everything Hellman writes is a lie, including 'and' and 'the.'" Hellman sued for \$2.25 million in damages. McCarthy, by no means wealthy, fought back. The two literary figures, miles past their prime, waged a verbal war that started ugly and then — after Norman Mailer wrote an article begging them to stop poisoning the literary world — got mean.

Hellman died in 1984, before the case went to court. McCarthy: "If someone had told me, don't say anything about Lillian Hellman because she'll sue you, it wouldn't have stopped me... I didn't want her to die. I wanted her to lose in court. I wanted her around for that."

The facts of the case could make for good fiction — and have, in Richard Nelson's drama *Sensibility and Sense* and Maureen Howard's novel *Natural History*. But Nora Ephron's "play with music" about the two women, *Imaginary Friends*, feels more like notes for a drama than the real deal. Part of the problem is simple logistics. Who remembers Lillian Hellman or Mary McCarthy? Name four works by each. What were their politics (and what's the difference between a Stalinist and a Trot-

skyite)? They had several famous husbands and lovers. Name some. This will be on the test.

Before it can come to the point, *Imaginary Friends* must re-create two biographies. That's double the usual exposition for a show. Further,

Ephron must fill in cameo bios for Dashiell Hammett, Edmund "Bunny" Wilson, many others — plus recount the significance of historical events (McCarthyism,

for example). Thus, much of the evening is packed with info-bytes, stuff the audience will need to know before the actual drama can start. The lecture format reaches an absurd low when Muriel Gardiner, the real "Julia," enters an imaginary courtroom and takes 20 minutes — it seems — to explain herself for a scene that never took place in real life.

I can't remember ever being made more aware of exposition in a theater. It's relentless. Hellman and McCarthy seem like talking heads trapped in cages. In order to escape and get on with the drama, they must first explain themselves. On the showing-versus-telling scale, we see little and hear a ton.

The play's themes have a similar compulsion to explain. Hellman embellished for a good story. McCarthy was a grad grind for facts, even if they caused grave harm. So there's a built-in dialectic. But rather than let the audience discover it, a song, "Fact vs. Fiction," explains it all. Another song encourages us to "figure it out." But in case anyone is having trouble, the woman in court (Muriel Gardiner) is also a psychologist who does an instant analysis — psychotherapy *ex machina* — of Hellman and McCarthy. She "Hegels" them (one was too false, the other too true) and assures us that the truth is more subjective and elusive than that.

Another song strikes a strange, cautionary tone: "Smart Women" claims that "brilliance takes its toll." But so what? Should they have played dumb?

Marvin Hamlisch's incidental music develops things, sort of, but often does little more than assist scene changes and take time out from fact-centered monologues. And the question persists: what, beyond the rubric of having the two women meet, is the emotional point? That they could have been friends? Okay, but given the volatility



Swoosie Kurtz, Cherry Jones in *Imaginary Friends*

Imaginary Friends: A Play with Music, by Nora Ephron, music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Craig Carnelia

Old Globe Theatre, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts

Directed by Jack O'Brien; cast, Swoosie Kurtz, Cherry Jones, Harry Groener, Anne Pitoniak, Anne Allgood, Bernard Dotson, Rosena M. Hill, Gina Lamparella, Dirk Lumbar, Peter Marx, Perry Ojeda, Karyn Quackenbush, Constance Barron, Jim Osorno, Melanie Vaughan; scenic design, Michael Levine; costumes, Robert Morgan; lighting, Kenneth Posner; sound, Jon Weston; musical director, Ron Melrose; choreographer, Jerry Mitchell
Playing through November 3; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 619-239-2255.

Peter and Wendy, adapted by Liza Lorwin from the J.M. Barrie novel, music by Johnny Cunningham, lyrics by Cunningham, Lorwin, and Lee Breuer

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Playing through November 10; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For information call 858-550-1010.

of the material, and how the personal is the political, couldn't there be more to it than that?

The Globe Theatre's production is as polished as the script is uncertain. Jack O'Brien puts pace where none seems possible, and the actors and designers constitute an all-star team of talent. The show dazzles visually. Except for green fig leaves, from which big dolls fall too many times, two colors dominate: white, which suggests the past, and red — including a proscenium-sized, flowing sheet — which suggests that McCarthy and Hellman are in hell.

Harry Groener is a kind of everyman figure, every man in Hellman and McCarty's lives. He

sings, dances a soft shoe, does accents, creates characters — and would steal the show *blind* if Swoosie Kurtz weren't playing Hellman and the incomparable Cherry Jones, McCarthy. Kurtz edges more toward caricature: brittle, chain-smoking Hellman's on her last match. Jones, by contrast, is so assured, so empyrean, that the duel becomes too one-sided (the script is in awe of McCarthy and needs a better balance). And it's true that, as Hellman's biographer William Wright said, McCarthy was one of America's "sharpest and most energetic minds," but she, too, had an "impressive ferocity" and always threw tact to the skies. Which leads to one of

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Peter and Wendy

Imaginary Friends' biggest puzzles. Where is the ferocity? Hellman and McCarthy rarely interact or "make a scene." Instead they face front and defend themselves to the audience, as if finalists at a *Survivor* tribal council, each pleading not to get her torch snuffed out.

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At first they look like Victorian beekeepers — off-white outfits, wide brim hats, silk veils. They are actually puppeteers, yet in Mabou Mines's *Peter and Wendy*, as they perform their craft, retelling the story of Peter Pan and Wendy Darling, the puppeteers weave past each other, sprint in white blurs, float into framing tableaux, and do a dance almost as enchanting as the tale itself.

They work with humble "found" items, the way children make magic from the everyday: rippling blue cloth

becomes an ocean, another sheet's the bow of Hook's ship. Many effects come out of books, literally, like flapping pages that soar like flying penguins.

Mabou Mines has probed the familiar story for deep structure revelations about lost innocence and initial hurts ("no child ever gets over that first unfairness," says a character). The piece's only manipulative note: in the end, Wendy cries, cueing the audience that it should too.

Accompanied by lilting Scottish music, Karen Kandel narrates the story, speaks all the voices (at least 25 different ones), plays some of the characters, sings, and, along with percussionist Jay Peck, makes background sounds. It's a two-and-a-half-hour tour de force almost unimaginable in scope. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Adoration of the Old Woman

In Spanish, *belen* can mean birth, bedlam, or Bethlehem. It's also the perfect name for the old woman in Jose Rivera's enchanting new drama. Born in 1898, she's the "First Lady of Puerto Rico." She's haunted by the ghost of her husband's mistress, and by what's become of her homeland, which, in the past 500 years, has been "free one week and a day." When a 104-year-old woman is the center of a play, you smell overriding metaphor. But like her name, and the situation in Puerto Rico, *Adoration* resists facile interpretation. There's a Humpty-Dumpty quality about the characters and their country. All have diverse, scattered parts, and people offer various theories of putting them back together. Rivera's only got one set and five characters — OK, four characters and a ghost — but he paints a big canvas on this small frame, crafting an intricate portrait of "near future" Puerto Rico. Along with fine acting (Ivonne Coll amazes as Doña Belen: not larger than life, but as large as life can get) and "magic realism" design work, one of the most refreshing aspects of *Adoration* is that it shows an American satellite country from the inside, from the point of view of the colonized, and how many reject the identity imposed on them. Rivera offers no easy answers for an authentic Puerto Rico. He knows, with Edward

Said, that "the assertion of identity is no mere ceremonial matter" in today's world. And given the temper of these times, *Adoration* is an act of courage: it dares to show American audiences something they rarely encounter: how it feels to be Other.

Critic's pick.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS FORUM, 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.

Apologies from the Lower Deck

Malashock Dance presents "an evening of Malashock favorites," including re-choreographed or new sections of original work. SUSHI COMMUNITY SPACE, REINCARNATION PROJECT, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-235-8466.

Beehive

Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the "Hives," in the Theatre in Old Town's reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and "girl groups" of the 1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you'd swear something's amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the "Junkman," was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the '60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and

Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros's costumes are a history lesson (the times weren't the only thing "a-changin'" back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant's four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid's set may require an explanation. What are those big black round thingies all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the '60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.

THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Beyond Therapy

I must report that, the night I caught it, the Globe Theatres' audience enjoyed Christopher Durang's comedy. And the play is funny. But the Globe either doesn't think so or doesn't trust the script. Under Brendan Fox's frantic direction, the production browbeats spectators with hyper-energy, jackhammer deliveries, and doublewide performances. Imagine Robin Williams, on speed, playing six characters, doing scene changes as disco-mania, and screaming at the audience, "ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?" It's a lot much. Bruce and Prudence answer a personal ad. They will never be a Love Connection. It's not just that they're flaming neurotics. Their psychotherapists encourage a flowering of their neuroses. Alma Cuervo's a delight as brain-blasted Charlotte, a therapist in need of same, as is Adam Edwards — a local star deserving the big spotlight. And the portable set, minimalist chic, appeals. But the hard-sell approach cartoons the play's themes (in this

version everyone's just crazy; in Durang's they are much more human beings with tendencies in that direction). All too often, the production's so overstaged, Durang's jokes play second fiddle to the show's. 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.

The Curious Savage

For four performances only, Class Act Productions presents John Patrick's three-act comedy. Sharon Strawn directed. DESERT PLAYHOUSE, MISSION VALLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 4750 MISSION GORGE PLACE, SAN DIEGO, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, THROUGH SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-287-3211.

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Franklin's Window and Bench Warmers

Community Actors Theatre stages two one-acts, a comedy and a drama, by Earl Hamilton Jr. COMMUNITY ACTOR'S THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Full Monty

Broadway/San Diego hosts a touring production of the musical comedy that originated at the Old Globe. Jack O'Brien directed. The production is "for mature audiences only."
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 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.

Halsted Street, Chicago:

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Korbett Kompany Productions stages the San Diego premiere of Howard Casner's five one-acts about a gay neighborhood in Chicago. Robert Korbett directed. KORBETT KOMPANY PRODUCTIONS, 3858 FRONT STREET (AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE), SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, THROUGH OCTOBER 27; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-291-6353.

Imaginary Friends

Reviewed this issue.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

I Remember Mapa

Pasacat hosts a performance by Alec Mapa, actor, writer, activist, that recounts the ups and downs of his career "on Broadway and in Hollywood."
CHAPMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 1120 EASTLAKE PARKWAY, CHULA VISTA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-838-7367.

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The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Maggie and Drey

For one evening only, Culy presents Christie Ryan's study of racial barriers dividing Americans. Ryan directed. CULY WAREHOUSE THEATER, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-847-6290.

The Miracle Worker

A competent staging of the familiar drama about intrepid Annie Sullivan's efforts to educate Helen Keller. Though "virtually blind," Sullivan hand-signed — and sometimes wrestled — the idea of language into the deaf, blind, and mute Keller. D. Candis Paule makes Sullivan a pillar of patience, while revealing the frustrations underneath. Young Abbey Grace Howe's Keller sees a bit too clearly, and moves too freely around the stage (and drifts in and out of character), but captures the chaotic tantrums of the woman destined to become one of America's most eloquent figures. The rest of the cast, directed by Carolyn Keith, varies in quality, Southern accents included, and verges on the melodramatic. The play takes place in Tuscombia, Alabama, in 1887, and Corey Johnston's excellent costumes nail period and place with glorious precision. Marty Burnett's set brims with detail and, typical of this fine designer, is

sturdy enough to withstand a WWF-strength battle in the Kellers' dining room. George Ye's surrealistic music contributes, and Chris Rynne's lighting, which shaves the three-part stage — framing, illuminating, even magnifying — demonstrates once again why he's becoming one of San Diego's best.

WORTH A TRY.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Miss Macinernie's Acquaintances

6th @ Penn Theatre's "off-night series" presents the world premiere of Mike Dempsey's "goofball comedy of self-discovery and little demons." Dempsey directed. 6TH @ PENN THEATRE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.

The Mystery of Irma Vep

The La Jolla Stage Company presents Charles Ludlam's comedy in which two actors play "all the roles, men, women, animals, and others." LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH OCTOBER 27; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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 The-

atreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a "challenge match" against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

Poway Performing Arts Company stages Dale Wasserman's drama, based on the Ken Kesey novel. Dimitar D. Marinoff directed. POWAY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, THROUGH NOVEMBER 3; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Peter and Wendy

Reviewed this issue.
LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH NOVEMBER 10; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Polyester

The La Jolla Stage Company's late-night show brings back the '70s

with a musical revue that includes "Play That Funky Music," "YMCA," "Lady Marmalade," and "I Will Survive."
LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY THROUGH NOVEMBER 24; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 10:30 P.M.

Recuerdo

The Muse Theatre stages the world premiere of Rosanne Ramos's poetic drama about the suicide of Dorothy Hale, as painted by Frida Kahlo. Mark Alan Mendes directed. ACADEMY OF SOUND AND MUSIC, 3554 KETTNER BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, THROUGH OCTOBER 20; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-239-2894.

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, cal-low 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



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1776

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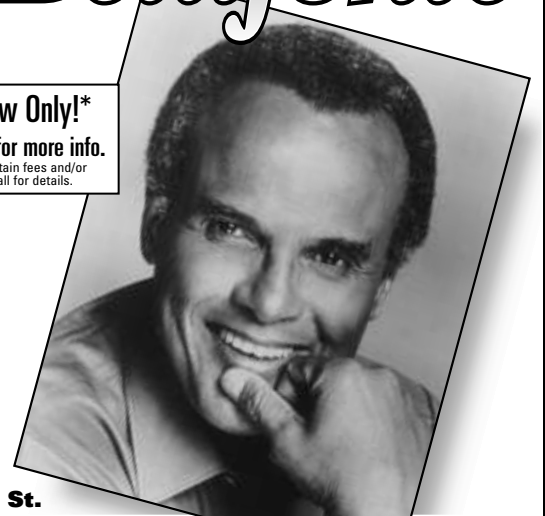


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found its feet and did justice to Albee's *homage* to Ionesco. *Dream* is a savage comedy; *Zoo Story* is a savage drama. Jerry, a compulsive talker, unloads on Peter, a textbook publisher, at a Central Park bench. Jerry's speech builds, or should build, like an aria, concluding in an unexpected twist. Marcus Overton (Peter) and Jeffrey Jones (Jerry), however, do by-the-numbers readings. They play it as a "what if" exercise, not a life-and-death "what is." The piece stays on the surface. It needs more subtext (Peter's reactions should be more varied), and much more underlying menace. For both plays RTC continues its tradition of quality production values (you could almost call the designers North Coast Rep South, since four of the five also work for NCRT) and, with Albee, its tradition of mounting American classics. **Worth a try.**

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"Effective immediately, all Ché Café programming must stop. Please contact me regarding any questions

pay.

"There have been several instances of noncompliance over the past academic year," she wrote. "These cause me great concern as to whether or not the Ché Café will be allowed to continue to function as a registered student organization."

On Thursday of last

media regarding their impasse with UCSD administration.

But the Ché website did

added that all student groups must register or reregister with the administration each year and



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PARKED CAR BRINGS COPS TO CHÉ CAFÉ

say, "In the early morning of September 13, university police illegally entered the Ché building, stating that they did so on the suspicion that someone had broken into the Ché to sleep (based on the evidence that there was a car parked in the parking lot)."

Checafe.org also said, "There has been a new wave of threats, shutdown attempts, and harassment towards the Ché Café."

Could the Ché Café cooperative lose its home?

"I can't comment on that," said Strong, who

that if certain issues are not resolved, the Ché Café's reregistration could be denied.

The Ché Café presents multiband shows, usually for \$5 or \$6 admission, drawing touring artists from across the country. The unnamed Ché Café staffer said that all scheduled live music events will continue uninterrupted. The Ché Café is all ages and admits non-UCSD students.

— Ken Leighton

"Tecate is right on the border," says Peter Tintle, who works in

collections for the Bank of America downtown. "You can park on the U.S. side and not even drive across the border."

This is an asset to the fledgling rock promoter. "I was on a tour of the Tecate brewery a month ago, and the tour guide was this college kid. He told me he was really into punk but that bands from San Diego never go to Tecate. They go to Tijuana instead."

So Tintle, 28, and tour guide Hanzel Ochoa, 22, are co-promoting a ten-band, free-admission punk fest on Saturday with the blessing and financial support of the Tecate city fathers.

"The government is providing the stage, P.A. system, security, and a backstage area for the bands," says Tintle. "There will be a skateboard contest going on when the bands are playing, and after the bands play, they are going to have a parade. It's on October 12, which is founding day for the city of Tecate. It's a city

holiday. It will be in Los Encinos Park, which is the middle of town."

Tintle said he is looking



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STUMPY PLAYS TECATE

for new places to play for his band, Stumpy, a three-piece Green Day-esque pop-punk band based in Mira Mesa.

"We need events like this to bond with our neighbors," said Ochoa, who is studying international business at the University of Baja at Tijuana. "Tecate is actually larger in territory than Tijuana, but we never get any bands. Hopefully that will change with this

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you may have."

Marcia Strong is UCSD's assistant director of SOLO (Student Organization and Leadership Opportunities). In an e-mail dated September 13, Strong instructed the Ché Café to stop presenting live, all-age music shows, saying the student collective that runs the Ché was not providing the school with proof of bonded security or insurance and that it was not providing proper accounting documents regarding band

week, Strong said she had "received something" about proof of insurance, but she would not comment on the other matters of concern.

So have the Ché shows actually been halted?

"You have to contact them," said Strong.

Two calls to the Ché Café last week were not helpful. An unnamed person said that the Café is run as a collective and that the group that makes decisions for the Ché could not agree on whether to speak to the

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— Ken Leighton

"There were four of us.

We went to Tijuana. It was about 11 o'clock, and we had all been drinking. We met this guy who called himself Demon Child.... We go to this club called Beverly Hills. I guess the people there knew this guy Demon Child was a dealer. This manager guy comes up and said, 'You guys are out of here.' As we start to leave this other guy

who worked there as a bouncer said, 'Give me your money.' I told him no. But then the other bouncers...take all the money out of my wallet. They took, like, \$3."

So says Eric Kaufman of the OC Bombers.

"They had our drummer, Matt, pinned up against the wall.... Try being drunk and



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OC BOMBERS GET ROLLED IN TJ

have this happen to you. We try to get back to the border with, like, \$6 between us. We saw that Demon Child walking around, and they didn't do anything at all to him. It's like if you're the actual dealer you are protected in Mexico."

Kaufman says that the recent TJ incident is his first

bad experience in 60 visits south of the border. "That was just an isolated incident."

The OC Bombers appear at the First Annual Punk Festival of Tecate, noon to 7 on Saturday.

— Ken Leighton

"If I told you, I'd have to kill you."

Punk promoter Brandon Pastor says he will continue promoting live shows. He just won't say where until just before the show.

The 19-year-old skater/entrepreneur just lost his downtown venue called Caffiends on Broadway near Sixth.

"Basically the owner had been having trouble with the cops, the fire marshal, and her landlord. All the problems came with this other chick who was also doing shows there. The cops never came to my shows....

I'd like to do more shows there, but [the owner] made it pretty clear that she won't be doing any music unless it is acoustic."

Pastor said he organized over 30 punk shows at Caffiends with local bands like Underminded, Danny



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FURNITURE ABUSE BOOTS PUNK FROM CAFFIENDS

These people are not respectful. They would try and bring [alcoholic] drinks inside or drink outside. The type of people who do this music and who follow this music are difficult to

Tanner, the Shitgiveits, and his own band, SK8 or Die. Tickets were between \$3 and \$6. The last punk show at Caffiends was September 27.

"We're going to have to do it on a guerilla basis. Be on the lookout for the flyers."

A lady who identified herself only as Bernadette and as the owner of Caffiends said the punk shows drew "destructive" patrons who "don't care about the furniture.... One time one of the microphones disappeared. Another time a mike stand was broken.



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PEPPER ESCAPES BIG ISLAND BLISS

handle."

Bernadette said she has a permit for live music but that she has no plans to use it for "punk and hard rock" bands in the near future.

Meanwhile, Pastor wants ideas for guerilla venues (indoor or outdoor) e-mailed to him at evilexplosion@yahoo.com.

— Ken Leighton

"It's a numbing, heroin-like feeling being on the island," explains bassist/vocalist Brett Bollinger about living in Hawaii.

"Meanwhile, you turn 30, and you're still a waiter and still partying with high school girls. We had to get off the island."

All three members of Pepper were born on the Big Island. They lived in "kick back" Kona when they

decided to leave for Carlsbad three years ago. The punky-reggae trio left behind a non-existent Hawaiian music scene.

"Borders was the only place that even sold CDs," said drummer Yesod Williams. "There were no such things as venues. We didn't even know what a booking agent was until we got here."

They moved to SoCal because Newport Beach-based surfwear company Volcom was launching a record label, and they gave the band verbal support.

"Volcom told us they would hook us up if we came over here," says Williams. "It was a bro deal."

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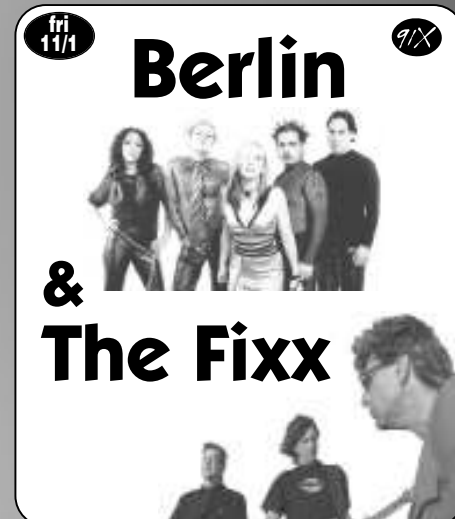
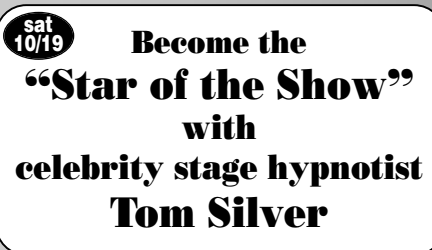
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to help us because we weren't punk enough," said Williams. "But we were up there every day, bugging them to sign us."

Volcom/MCA released Pepper's *Kona Town* CD in March. The band played the 2001 and 2002 Warped Tours.

I note how unusual it is that Pepper, which has been featured on two back-cover ads in *Surfing* magazine, has largely been flying under the radar, undetected by the local music scene.

"Maybe it just takes a while to digest Hawaiians," said singer/guitarist Kaleo Wassman.

Pepper appears October 10 at 'Canes.

— Ken Leighton

"I only paid 25 bucks...and I'm seeing musical history. These guys were a major force in music. It costs \$300 to see Paul McCartney or the Rolling Stones. Here I am seeing Graham Nash and David Crosby for \$25," said George Marhoefer.

Without any advance notice, David Crosby showed up and performed at Graham Nash's poorly attended concert September 29 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Word of Crosby's appearance would surely have helped ticket sales (there were only 627 in the 1500-capacity concert hall).

"Graham played with a five-piece band." Marhoefer, who works in real estate, said no mention was made of Crosby's appearance during the first half of the show. "After intermission — two songs into the second set — out walks David Crosby with his hands in his pocket. The place goes crazy. David puts his hands up as if to say, 'Okay, enough...' Graham makes jokes like 'If you look in the dictionary under 'trouble,' there's a picture of David.' David talked about his loss of memory. He said, 'I can't remember a damn thing, but I've got a great talent for reading Graham's lips out of the corner of my eye.' The funny thing, Graham was aimed directly at the audience, while David was aimed so he was facing both the audience and Graham. He looked at Graham the whole time, so I think there was some truth to that statement."

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: THE SCENE

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



But Marhoefer said Crosby made no mistakes. "You could see the age on them — how the hard rock and roll lifestyle had taken its effect on their faces. But their voices sounded like they did 30 years ago."

I note that Howard Stern had made the joke that singer Barry White was lucky he needed a kidney transplant instead of a liver transplant because Crosby had taken all the livers.

"There were no liver jokes," said Marhoefer. "But he was really huge. I was just hoping that he would walk off the stage alive."

As to the makeup of the 600 who showed, Marhoefer said, "There were a lot of

men with gray ponytails — I wasn't one of them. I'm gray, but I don't have a ponytail."

— Ken Leighton

The following online auctions of San Diego music memorabilia took place at eBay.com between August 1 and September 5.

Unwritten Law's *Visit to Oz—Rare Demos* EP inspired a bidding war, as two individuals were determined to own the four-track CD released in conjunction with the group's 1999 Australian tour. Sixteen bids were placed before it closed at \$31 Australian (approximately \$17 U.S.).

Sprung Monkey also

seems to have a following down under. The band's 2001 *Party* CD, available only in Australia and now out of print, contained three tracks, one of them previously unreleased and exclusive to this disc — "Half Past a Monkey's Ass." The other songs were "Party Like a Rock Star" and "American Made." Its seller in Eugene, Oregon, set an opening bid of \$8.99, which is what the CD sold for.

An issue of *Rolling Stone*, featuring blink-182 on the cover and autographed by the band, was described by its seller in Atlanta, Georgia, thusly:

"Hand signed, custom framed, and acid free

double matted...Tom, Mark and Travis on the front, and each of them have signed in bold Sharpie." A copy of the band's CD *Enema of the State* was included in the framed display, which sold for \$199.87 and came with a certificate of authenticity from the seller and a "lifetime money-back guarantee."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Aryan Goddess

Ms. Knef followed her lover to the Eastern Front as the Russians closed on Germany.

Hildegard Knef died this past February. The German actress, author, and cabaret singer will be unfamiliar to all but a handful of readers. The only reason I know of her is through the kind gift of a CD I received upon leaving Berlin after an extended stay.

There is a custom in Berlin to present a friend with a lunchbox-sized container, a sort of miniature suitcase, with writing on one side of it that reads *Ich hab' noch einen koffer in Berlin* (I've still got a suitcase in Berlin). Inside the box is a tape or CD with a song of the same title; a lovely, sentimental song about the various pleasures to be found in that fascinating metropolis and why they will always call one back. In this particular instance, my friends apologized for the tape included in the farewell package because they were unable to find their favorite version of the song, the Hildegard Knef version (which they later found and mailed to me, sweet people). I immediately understood why they bothered. No one can ever sing "Ich hab' noch einen koffer in Berlin" like Frau Knef. In fact, upon her death the German chancellor Gerhard Schröder declared that Ms. Knef was "the voice of Berlin."

It was as an actress that Knef was best known, in Germany foremost, but throughout Europe and only slightly here in the States. She was regarded as the "thinking man's Marlene Dietrich," which by American standards would have made her the Madame Curie of cinema. Her movies weren't especially memorable but extremely popular. She was brought over to Hollywood by David O. Selznick in 1947 and

merchandized as the new Garbo, but her acting career never took off properly in this country. She did, however, enjoy a unique singing voice, and when Cole Porter heard her rendering of "You Do Something to Me," one of three Porter

songs she sang in *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, he grabbed her for a leading role in the Broadway musical *Silk Stockings*, which enjoyed a successful several-year run.

Ella Fitzgerald described Knef as "The greatest singer in the world without a voice." This was in no way a putdown. Ms. Fitzgerald would have been paying a compliment to Ms. Knef's ability to phrase and to draw maximum expressiveness from a lyric without the extraordinary set of pipes a singer like Ella enjoyed.

Knef's singing career only began in 1960, when the actress was already middle-aged, but she quickly became one of the most imitated singers of her era. Knef's lyrics are half-spoken, half-sung, in the tradition of the German *Sprechstimme* (speech song), a sort of inflected spoken singing with a loose relationship to the pitches in the score. Kurt Weill admirers will be familiar with the style, as will those who have listened to Marlene Dietrich sing.

Knef is often compared with Dietrich, favorably or unfavorably, depending on which side of the ocean. Germans prefer Knef, not least because Dietrich took the Allies' side during the war. Both blonde femmes fatales employ a similar style of singing with that half-spoken quality that suits their limited vocal

range. Both had husky, sexy voices; Ms. Knef, the heavier smoker, had the throatier of the two. Both infused their lyrics with a sly, weathered knowingness that conjures the "heady mixture of *sekt* [champagne], smoke, sex, and satire" to be found in Berlin cabarets during the Weimar years, celebrated in books like Christopher Isherwood's *Berlin Stories*, along with the play and movie *Cabaret*, based on the book.

Liza Minelli was about as convincing in the part of a Berlin cabaret singer as Annette Funicello. Listen to Ms. Knef, and you'll quickly know why. By the time she had become a cabaret artist, Ms. Knef (b. 1925), like many of her countrymen, had been to hell and back. An "Aryan goddess" used on propaganda films while still in her late teens, Ms. Knef followed her lover, a film producer protégé of Goebbels, to the Eastern Front as the Russians closed in on Germany toward the end of the war. Both were captured by the Russians. Knef managed to escape; her boyfriend did not. After the war, Knef became the most popular German actress of the era, appearing in over 50 films. But when she went to Hollywood, even though she was more or less a flop in America, her German public turned on her for selling out.

Hildegard Knef has a best-selling autobiography titled *The Gift Horse*. I haven't read it, but given the course of her life, there is probably embedded in the title the minatory note of not looking said gift horse in the mouth. Yet one only needs the barest outline of her life and her distinctive voice to have a sense of a beautiful, rather doomed, headlong character: a fool for love. "Success is greatly overrated," she wrote. "Failure is too, but it gives you a

whole lot more to talk about." And, I should think in her case, to sing about.

She would have known more than her share

about both. Gifted not only as an actress and singer but as a writer — and a great beauty to boot — Knef seems to have spread herself too thin and, by temperament or carelessness, ignored many of the opportunities that came her way. She habitually chose undistinguished movie

parts and never took proper advantage of her talent for the stage, a talent that early on suggested she might have been up to some of theater's classic roles. She divorced twice. One gets the impression she didn't stay terribly lonely before, between, or after these divorces. Her beauty is of a particular German kind, blonde and rather long-jawed, almost equine but in a comely way: a

distinctly German, less universal beauty than, say, Dietrich's, who took my breath away the other evening (again) in Billy Wilder's *Witness for the Prosecution*.

Knef was a great smoker, in the European manner of her generation. A significant gesture bereft of a cigarette was hardly worth making. It provided her with that signature husky voice. It also wound up killing her after an appalling 50 surgeries.

After Knef arrived in Hollywood in 1947, she was pressured to change her name to Gilda Christian because of anti-German sentiment among the filmgoing public. She was also instructed to say that she was Austrian, not German. She refused this makeover as well, insisting that "the Austrians had Nazis too." (They sure did. They still do.) An exasperated publicity man told her, "But nobody knows that here!"

Hildegard's most famous song, the one she is most identified with by Germans, is "Fur Mich Soll's Rote Rosen Ragnen" ("For Me It Should Always Be Raining Roses"). ■

Hildegard Knef, *Ihre grossen Erfolge*
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A more accurate recollection of the Big Hair Decade is available by browsing the *deepshag.com* website. Launched in 2000, Deep

Shag Records describes itself as "the label that refuses to sit quietly in one section of your collection." Though his label is

based in Atlanta, Georgia, founder Michael Reed spent much of his youth in San Diego and endeavors to reissue music by the bands with which he grew up.

"It seems hard to believe now," e-mails Reed, "but starting in the early 1980s... San Diego was home to a thriving rock music scene. The suburbs of El Cajon and Chula Vista were full of young men with pointy-headstock guitars and music collections — on vinyl, naturally — there was ample testosterone for wine, women, and song. Some groups dabbled in the dark imagery associated with 'devil bands,' but hardly anyone took it more seriously than pro wrestling."

Especially revered at *deepshag.com* is a La Mesa concert venue frequented in the late '70s by groups like Gary and the Blind Dates, Screamers, POP!, and the Zippers. "I was 14 when I first stepped

into Straita Head Sound," recalls Reed. "This club was unique in that it had obtained its liquor license as a dinner theater and, therefore, was able to serve alcohol to the 21-and-up crowd, yet still [could] allow those under 18 to get in. All they had to do was serve food to meet the legal requirements of 'dinner theater.' This loophole in the law kept the club profitable and allowed many of my age to see their first live rock show."

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Reed says it was a simpler time back then. "Unlike clubs today, there was no inside security whatsoever; no cops posted at the door. There was no need."

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1985 Assassin publicity photo

Bible Black, Prowler, Ragged Lace, Street Leigel, Britton, Red Alert, Stress, Shok, Snakebyte, and Twin Wire, along with bands that came down from — or emigrated to — L.A.

"Mickey Rat played there often before moving to Los Angeles and becoming Ratt. The club also hosted dates for national tours playing San Diego. One of my favorite Straita Head moments was running lights for Riot as they did 'Swords & Tequila.'"

"Swords & Tequila" is a track from Riot's 1981 LP *Fire Down Under*. It was reportedly a show-

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Straita Head Sound moved away from rock shows in 1987, changing format to become a legit dinner theater and, later, a dance hall.

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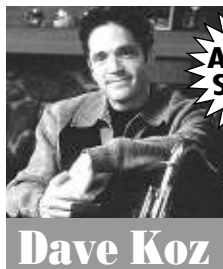


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bassist Josquin des Pres and singer/guitarist Mike Thomas. The secondary guitar position was manned by Tim Nicholson until 1985, when he was replaced by Rough Cutt's Jimmy Crespo, who'd been Aerosmith's temporary guitarist while Joe Perry was estranged from that band. Various drummers came and went throughout the group's history, including Leroy Vega, formerly of Reed's protégés Assassin.

Stress earned regular bookings at high-profile L.A. clubs like Madame Wong's, FM Station, and the Troubadour, and their shows were attended by Sunset Strip scenesters like Billy Sheehan; Rudy Sarzo and Tommy Aldridge of Whitesnake; and Michael Jackson's guitarist Jennifer Batten. Stress never managed to attract major-label attention, even after moving toward power pop in 1987, and the lack of success contributed to their eventual breakup. Deep Shag's catalog includes a Stress compilation featuring recordings from the band's entire career, covering the years 1983 through 1987. Also available is Stress's 1984 album *Killing Me Night & Day*, reissued in its entirety and including unreleased studio tracks featuring their later guitarist Jimmy Crespo. Deep Shag is looking for original material from San Diego bands who played at Straita Head Sound, and Reed invites band members or anyone with con-



Assassin onstage at Straita Head Sound

tact information to e-mail him at straitaheadsound@deepshag.com.

"In addition to great music," says Reed, "we're putting out comedy, indie film soundtracks, and spoken-word releases."

One of those nonmusical projects is *On the Road with Ellison: Volume One*, a reissue of a 1983 limited-edition vinyl record containing first-person narratives from best-selling author and essayist Harlan Ellison. In a career spanning four decades, Ellison has written or edited 75 books and over 1500 stories, essays, articles, newspaper columns, and television scripts. He's accompanied rock groups like the Rolling Stones on concert tours; and his novel docu-

Spider Kiss, was cited as "the finest novel about the world of rock in the past quarter century" by music critic Greil Marcus.

The Deep Shag CD includes liner notes written by Ellison specifically for this release, and deepshag.com features MP3 clips from the recording such as "You're Short" — Ellison, just over five feet tall, mines much humor from being "vertically challenged." Other spoken-word tracks include "Carl Sagan Is a Nifty Guy," "Bugfuck Is a Way of Life," and "Did You Really Mail a Dead Gopher to an Editor?"

"When Harlan Ellison speaks, nobody is safe," says Reed of the acerbic writer. "Those who have been exposed to the unfettered mind of Ellison cannot help but

be...outraged and thoroughly entertained." Among the books he's written, which have been translated into over 40 languages, are *I Have No Mouth & I Must Scream*, *Love Ain't Nothing but Sex Misspelled*, and his anthology of science fiction and horror tales by various authors, *Dangerous Visions*. It's through this latter book that I got to meet Harlan Ellison.

Ellison and I — both of us booked to sign autographs at a 1995 Atlanta comic book convention — ended up seated side by side behind a conference table. I was mostly signing copies of *Rock 'N' Roll Comics* I'd written, while Ellison was promoting his *Dream Corridor* comic book. The two of us made small talk about friends we had in common, such as George Clayton Johnson who, like Ellison, scripted for the original *Twilight Zone* and *Star Trek* TV shows. I showed him a comic book I'd done with Johnson called *Deepest Dimension Terror Anthology*, featuring an adaptation of a short story that Ellison had published in *Dangerous Visions* — "A Toy for Juliette" — by famed *Psycho* author Robert Bloch.

Ellison's mood visibly darkened. "Nobody told me about this," he growled — and I do mean growled. He made the line of autograph seekers wait while he carefully read the comic, which was illustrated by Matthew Alice's own Rick

Geary. I could almost see the thunderclouds forming over his head as he got to a brief scene that hadn't appeared in the original text story from *Dangerous Visions*.

"Who the fuck gave a no-

spoke with Robert Bloch about the comic, and he's the one who suggested the change and the new dialogue."

The scowl was replaced by an unctuous smile, as he closed the comic book and handed it



Harlan Ellison

name son of a bitch like you the right to rewrite Robert Bloch?" he fairly shouted, loud enough to make most of the people in line flinch. "You put his fucking name on the cover, every goddamned word of this story should be by Robert fucking Bloch."

He went on without a pause with vague threats of a civil suit before he finally took a long enough breath for me to say, "I

back to me with feigned grace. "Oh, well, why didn't you say so? In that case, I love it. Good work."

Ellison turned to the crowd of onlookers and said, "Every one of you should buy this Deepest Dimension comic. I highly recommend it."

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FRIDAY

"The Fourth Annual Northwest Electro-Acoustic Music Festival" featuring 28 composers and sound artists from Great Britain, Germany, Japan, Canada, Mexico, and the United States: Smith Recital Hall, Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12, 8 p.m., San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego. Information, 619-303-1509; tickets, 619-594-1696.

Santana /567/ and **Ozomatli** /200/: Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October 11, 8 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Creed, **Sevendust** /212/, and **12 Stone**: Cox Arena, Friday, October 11, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497.

Mest /435/, **Agent 51**, **Catch 22**, and **Mad Cap**: Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Jack Johnson and **G. Love & Special Sauce** /440/: RIMAC Arena, Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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"Countryfest II" with **Willie Nelson** /788/, **Lonestar** /791/, **Phil Vassar**, **Shedaisy**, **Chris Cagle**, **Emerson Drive**, and **Cyndi Thompson**: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 13, 3 p.m., 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Patty Griffin /839/: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

Dickey Betts & Great Southern, the **Marshall Tucker Band** /537/, and **Poco** /561/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 13, 6 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

WEDNESDAY

Jerry Cantrell /153/, **Mad at Gravity**, **Comes with the Fall**, and **Udora**: 4th & B, Wednesday, October 16, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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Maktub [586]: Belly Up Tavern,
Thursday, October 17, 8:30 p.m., 143
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**Marco Antonio Solis and Rocio
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**Nelly, the St. Lunatics, Big Tymers,
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Coors Amphitheatre, Friday, October
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Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe [681]:
4th & B, Friday, October 18, 345 B
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**Supreme Beings of Leisure, the
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'Canes Bar and Grill, Friday, October
18, 9 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk,
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Bob Dylan & His Band: Open Air
Theatre, Saturday, October 19, 8 p.m.,
SDSU campus, College Area.
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The Rugburns [263]: Belly Up
Tavern, Saturday, October 19,
9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
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858-481-8140.

Southern Culture on the Skids [266]
and the **45's:** The Casbah, Saturday,
October 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner
Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or
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**Nathan Hubbard with Las Cajas Del
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Street Forum, Saturday, October 19,
8 p.m., 301 Spruce Street, Banker's
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The Dead Kennedys: 'Canes Bar and
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The Cult and Ours: 4th & B, Monday,
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Ani DiFranco [112] and **Toshi
Reagon:** Copley Symphony Hall,
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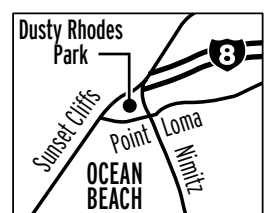
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Morris Day & the Time [603] and the
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The Cramps [110]: 4th & B, Friday,
October 25, 345 B Street, downtown.
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Chris Cutler and Thomas Dimuzio:
Spruce 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.,
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Jets to Brazil: Canes Bar and Grill,
Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., 3105
Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach.
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The String Cheese Incident [439]:
RIMAC Arena, Tuesday, October 29,
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Saves the Day, Ash, Kind of Like Spitting, and Saturday Looks Good to Me: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Tuesday, November 5, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

"Athenaeum Jazz at the Neurosciences Institute" featuring the **Tomasz Stanko Quartet:** Wednesday, November 6, 8 p.m., 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla. 858-454-5872.

Badly Drawn Boy [609]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Thursday, November 7, 8 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Shakira: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 8, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-224-4171 or 619-220-8497.

Thrice [491] and Hot Water Music [545]: The Scene, Friday, November 8, 7:30 p.m., 7514 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa. 858-505-9111 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 [607] and Ben Lee [425]: 'Canes Bar and Grill, Wednesday, November 13, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

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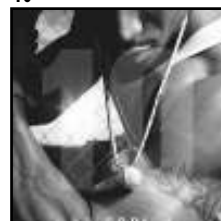
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ROCK

Altered Time [514]: On The Rocks
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Barley Pop: Tiki House

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The Blazers: Tio Leo’s Lounge
Blind Luck: Second Wind (Santee)
The Michael Bliss Band: The Gordon Biersch Brewery
The Joey Bowen Band [498]: Hard Rock Cafe (Gaslamp)
Brad: Belly Up Tavern
Common Rider: ‘Canes Bar and Grill
Compass: Sham Rocks Shack
The Corduroys: Carvers

Da Jam Band: Viejas Casino
Detroit Underground: Fogerty’s Pub
DJ Turbo: Sham Rocks Shack
Downspell: Brick By Brick
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Element 8: Brick By Brick
End Creation: Brick By Brick
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The Global Funk Council: Winstons
Green Eggs & Sam: Surf N’Saddle

Happy Chichester: Belly Up Tavern
Hera’s Olive [461]: Dick’s Last Resort
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo’s Lounge, Dick’s Last Resort
The Ideas: Zip & Zack’s Filling Station
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Pure Flow: Fannie's
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Red Eye Gravy [423]: Tio Leo's
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Makai: Humphrey's

Mar Dels: Belly Up Tavern

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Peter Robberecht/Pianoman [622]:
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Lori Bell [666]: Inn L'Auberge

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Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective [686]:
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Susie Burns: Danato's Ristorante

John Cain [703]: Hotel del Coronado,
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Down to the Bone: 4th & B

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Glen Fisher con Alma [638]: Croce's
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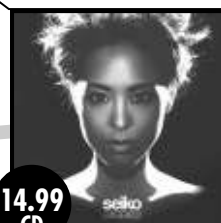
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

In a recent review of a **Dirtbombs** show, a writer for London's *NME* described the band's leader, **Mick Collins**, as John the Baptist to Jack White's Jesus. I think that's going a bit far, and I'm sure the White Stripes singer/guitarist would be embarrassed by the comparison. Maybe it would be better to say that the Dirtbombs are the Mudhoney to the White Stripes' Nirvana.

At any rate, Detroit is now considered the capital of garage rock, and that's due largely to Collins. First coming to national attention with the stripped-down sound of the Gories, Collins started a number of primitive, high-energy bands in the Motor City, helping spawn a scene that gave rise to the Demoli-

tion Doll Rods, the Detroit Cobras and, of course, the White Stripes.

A self-described rank amateur at guitar, Collins would start a new band every time he wanted to try a new style of music. Most of these bands didn't last long. The Dirtbombs have lasted the longest, even though they're the most unlikely — they feature a deafening mix of two drummers and two bass players in addition to occasional other instruments and Collins's guitar and vocals.

On last year's all-covers album *Ultraglide in Black*, Collins paid tribute to the black artists who inspire him, from Curtis Mayfield to Stevie Wonder to Thin Lizzy's Phil Lynott. As with the Detroit Cobras, who also cover old R&B songs, the Dirtbombs run the risk of sounding like an anonymous bar band but make it through with their personalities intact. In the Dirtbombs' wild stage shows, anonymity is



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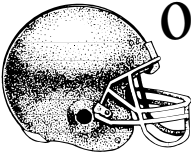


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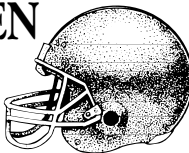


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Soul Cellar: Saturdays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Event information, 619-998-4336.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Saturday, and Wednesday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz. Friday, *Dirk Debonair & the Yacht Lizards*, blues.

The Beach House, 2530 South Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-753-1321. Performances are from 7 pm to 10 pm. Thursday, *5 O'Clock Shadow*, jazz, swing. Friday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz. Saturday, *the Justin Brothers*, acoustic

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

On last year's *White African*, folk/blues singer **Otis Taylor** describes the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in human terms by making Christianity's dark moment seem like just one more act of terrorism against a brother. In "Resurrection Blues," Taylor sings about having a dream in which he believes that he is Jesus Himself, but this Jesus is more weighed down with mortal concerns: "Don't wanna be crucified," Taylor's voice echoes, as if coming up from the depths, shrouded by a hornet's nest of guitars. "Don't want thorns on my head/ Don't want...walk among the dead. I don't want be...Je-e-e-e-e-esus," he whispers, his voice like broken glass.

Much of Taylor's work in recent years consists of nightmarish exorcisms — racial,

and some of them personal. He sings about the lynching of his great-grandfather and the murder of his uncle. There are also mini-operas of brutality: a black man is executed for a murder he did not commit, or a father cannot pay the doctor and sits for three days and nights powerless, waiting for his child to pass. "I went home to my cardboard box/ And laid my little girl down." Even love becomes pain on *White African* — Taylor sings about faithless beings churning out the kind of lust that can make a man go crazy.

This year, Taylor earned a W.C. Handy Award (read: blues Grammy). Taylor resides in Denver and teaches in the National Blues Foundation's "Blues in the Schools" program. Skilled on guitar, ukulele, banjo, mandolin, and harmonica, Taylor formed the Otis Taylor Blues Band and went to London in the '60s. He got out of music entirely in the '70s, sold antiques, and did not perform



OTIS TAYLOR

again until 1995. Sometime during that sab-batical, he found his voice.

Charlie Musselwhite, Robben Ford, Henry Butler, and **Deborah Coleman** also perform.

OTIS TAYLOR, "Front Porch Blues," California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 12, 8 p.m. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497. \$20 to \$40.

pop rock. Wednesday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 pm, *Chuck Prophet* with *Minibar*. Friday, 5:30 pm, *Mar Dels*, 9:15 pm, *Common Sense* with *Tabularasa*, reggae. Saturday, 9:15 pm, *Eek-A-Mouse* and *Tabularasa*, reggae. Sunday, 7:30 pm, *Patti Griffin* with *Peter Stewart*. Monday, 9 pm, *Del tha Funky Homosapien*, rap, *Motion Man*, *People Under the Stairs*, and *Lifesavas*, alternative. Tuesday, 9 pm, *Brad* with *Happy Chichester*. Wednesday, 8 pm, *Jason Mraz*, acoustic alternative, with *Tristan Prettyman*.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall. I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 pm, *Joseph Angelastro*, acoustic.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Rhythm Method*, rock. Friday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Theo & the Zydeco Patrol*, blues. Saturday, 3 pm to 5:30 pm, *Big Daddy & the Moneyshakers*, blues, 6 pm to 10 pm, *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae. Sunday, 2 pm to 5 pm, *the Boogie Woogie Group*, jazz, blues, 5 pm to 9 pm, *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Monday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Chill Boy*, blues. Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Red Lane*, blues.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Simply Complex*, rock.

The Hot Java Cafe, 11738 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 182, Carmel Mountain. 858-673-7111. Thursday and Sunday, 7:30 pm, open mike. Friday, *Jody*, folk.

Inn L'Auberge, 1440 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar. 858-259-1515. Friday, *the Rainmaker Duo*, jazz. Saturday, *the Mark Lessman Trio*, jazz.

Jim Kelley's, 937 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-943-9800. Thursday, 8 pm, *Ben Powell*. Friday, 9 pm, *Nathan James*, blues. Saturday and Sunday, *Blue Funk*.

Tuesday, 8 pm, jazz jam. Wednesday, 8 pm, *Steve Mendoza*, jazz.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues. Saturday, *West of 5*, rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at "D" Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *Poor Specimen*. Tuesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Miracles Cafe, 1953 San Elijo Avenue, Cardiff. 760-943-7924. Saturday, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, *Bob Karwin*, contemporary. Sunday, am to 1 pm, *Ned Landau*, jazz.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Thursday, 6:15 pm to 9:15 pm, *the Cradit Union*, swing. Saturday, 9:30 pm, hip-hop, live bands. Sunday, 9:30 pm, salsa and *rock en español*. Monday, *Trio Italiano*, swing.

The Raintree, 755 Raintree Drive, Carlsbad. 760-931-1122. Music hours are from 6 pm to 10 pm. Friday, S.O.B., contemporary rock. Saturday, *Trio du Jour*, jazz.

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BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Liquid Image*, *Mercy House*, and *Syk*, alternative rock. Friday, *Bargain Music*, *Warsaw*, and *the Cosmic Funk Wartz*, alternative rock. Saturday, *ir* and *Munkafust*, rock. Sunday, *Spoken Gun*, *Bucky’s Roommates*, *Cheeky Monkey*, and *Scot Taber*, alternative folk. Wednesday, *SunRu* and *the Voice of Reason*, hip-hop.

’Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Brothers from Another Planet*, *Pepper*, *dJfRost*, *Fith*, and *Snake Oil Revival*. Friday, *Mest*, *Agent 51*, *Catch 22*, and *Madcap Otis*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Vena Cava*, *Praxis*, and *Mas Macho*. Monday, *Thursday*, *Poison the Well*, *Common Rider*, *the Lawrence Arms*, and *Cursive*. Wednesday, *the Cadillac Club*, *Lucky 7*, *Larger Than Life*, *Hot Like a Robot*, *Decidedly So*, and *Lance’s Hero*.

Cannibal Bar, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Friday, *the 80z All-Stars*, pop. Saturday, *the Melaza Orquesta*, salsa. Sunday, *the Lee Brown Perspective*, jazz. Wednesday, *Rockola*, classic rock, 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, *O.B. Kanobe*. Friday, *Hogg Farm*, *Downpour*, *Lodus*, and *Layover in Atlantis*. Saturday, *Dirtknap 29*, *Swelter House*, *Low Cloud Cover*, and *Straight No Chaser*. Wednesday, *Rick O’Shee*, *Rekless*, and *Vision*.

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, *Christopher Adler Trio* and *Reggae Fever*. Friday, *Forward Funk*. Saturday, *Jah Judah*.

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Friday, *Praxis*, rock.

Il Forno, 909 Prospect Street (next to the Hard Rock Cafe), La Jolla. 858-459-5010. The Room: Thursday, *Dave Warren’s New Jazz*. Friday, *Afinity*, rhumba and Spanish guitar. Saturday and Wednesday, *the Wagnertorre & Christiano Novelli Duo*, Brazilian rhythm.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, Sunday, and Wednesday, 6 pm to 10 pm, *Barry Leovich*, piano variety. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm, *Leviticus*.

Longboards Grill, 1466 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-4030.



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Album name: *The Last Days of Scurvy Rikkets* (2002)

Artist: Jack Courtesy

Label: unsigned

Songs: 1) The Ballad of Fred 2) Garden Song 3) Desperado Jr.

4) Classical Interlude 5) Angelina 6) Song 13 7) Jack & Jill

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Names of band members: Jack Courtesy (vocals, guitars, keyboards), Brian Walsh (bass guitar), Zak Najor (drums)

Extra Info: The album serves as a soundtrack to a story written by Courtesy involving “escaped inmates from a 19th-century German insane asylum and a Mexican barmaid named Angela.”

Website: iuma.com

Thursday, 10 pm, *Beston & the Kitchen*, soul, hip-hop, tropicalia.

Moray’s Lounge, at the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-488-1081. Wednesday through Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Rick Ross*, jazz piano, saxophone, and vocals. Sunday through Tuesday, 8:30 pm, *Larry Fogle*, piano and vocals.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, 1 pm to close, live bands on the patio.

Shooters Bar and Grill, Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla. 858-453-5500. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Jack Pollack*, piano. Wednesday, *Stephen Knight*.

Written to accompany a short story he wrote entitled “The Last of the Bohemians,” Jack Courtesy’s first album, *The Last Days of Scurvy Rikkets*, offers a multi-genre medley including rockabilly, rhythm and blues, and classical music. “*There once lived a man with cotton in his ears / a freezer full of beer / he was a good man I knew him well / and when the night comes to gather at my head / I often think of Fred...*”

Jack Courtesy’s long and drawn-out stories of woe set to bluesy melodies do possess a certain melancholy, which at first attracts, and then becomes bothersome. He goes on to sing, “*If you think you’re full of bitters, dregs, and tears / I’ll allay*

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, *the Nebulas* and *the Infrareds*, rock. Friday, *the Rockin’ Blues Hounds*. Saturday, *Barley Pop*. Sunday, open acoustic night.

Victor’s Restaurant & Bar, 2702 North Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-490-3380. Saturday, 9 pm, *Project Object*.

Jack Courtesy



you of your fears / ’cause you’re not so bad off after all.”

Although he does so with good intentions, the manner in which Courtesy tries to give advice through his songs only succeeds in putting the listener off.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *Maypole*, *Energy OK*, and *Being With*. Friday, *Agua Dulce*, *Slowrider*, and *Burning Star*. Saturday, *the Thought Experiment*, *Malachi Crunch*, *18 Bonez*, and *Man Minus Label*. Wednesday, *Nihilist*, *Element 8*, *Downspell*, and *End Creation*.

California Club, 5522 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-287-2895. Friday, *the Creepy Creeps*, *the Nebulas*, and *the Infrareds*, alternative. Saturday, *Whole Hog* and *Rambis*, alternative rock.

Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, 8 pm, *the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet*. Saturday, *the Triple Dip Trio*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Friday, *Three Times Lucky*, *From Down Here*, *EMP*, and *the Get-Go*. Saturday, *One Track Mind*, *Happy Hour*, *No Vanity*, and *Runev*.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Friday, 9 pm, *Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs*, rockabilly. Saturday, 9 pm, *Beyond Blue*, blues. Sunday, 4 pm to 8 pm, *Lady Star & the Bustin' Loose Blues Band*.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *the Michael*

Bliss Band, rock, blues. Saturday, *the Boogie-men*, blues.

Henry's Pub, 618 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-238-2389. Thursday, *Superfunk Fantasy*, disco. Tuesday, *the Stiletto*, rockabilly. Wednesday, *Star Shak*, reggae, jazz, Latin funk.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. Thursday, 6 pm, *Bill Mayers*, jazz. Friday, 8 pm, *Cafe Savoy*, swing, dance. Saturday, alternative rock. Monday, Beatle jam. Wednesday, 8 pm, open mike.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. The Backstage Lounges: Thursday, 9:30 pm, *Calvin Romance*, jazz, soul. Friday, 6 pm, *Johnson Project*, 9:30 pm, *Viva Santana*, Latin rock. Saturday, 9:30 pm, *Makai*, pop, disco. Sunday, 8 pm, *Pro2call*, jazz. Wednesday, 8 pm, *Fattiburger*, jazz.

Concerts by the Bay: Thursday, 7:30 pm, *Sergio Mendes & Brasil 2002*. Sunday, 6 pm, *Dickey Betts & Great Southern*, *the Marshall Tucker Band*, and *Poco*.

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*.

Kelly's Pub, 6344 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area. 619-286-0400. Friday and Saturday, *Evans*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Tommy Price*, acoustic.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Friday, *the Teeth*, alternative. Saturday, *Lualta*, *the Negative Ponies*, and *Yellow Misery*.

Lestat's Coffeeshouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Thursday, *Howell Murphy & the Dime Store Poets*, folk. Friday, *A.K. Skurgis*, acoustic/folk. Saturday, *the Enchanted*, alternative. Sunday, *Derek Etheridge & the Decendants*, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, *Nectarine*. Saturday, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, 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, *Crying Out Loud*, alternative rock.



MUSIC ► rock bands Friday and Saturday nights; karaoke on Mondays 9 p.m.–1 a.m.

SPECIAL NIGHTS ► mid-October, they have pool tournaments on Tuesdays

CLIENTELE ► regulars that live in area; 90% Caucasian, 10% Mexican; average age 40; 60% male

COVER ► none

HOURS ► 10 a.m.–2 a.m. (happy hour 4–7 p.m. every day)

DRINKS ► on tap: Budweiser; bottles of beer, \$2.50; imports, \$3 and \$5; well drinks, \$2.50; tall drinks from \$4 to \$6 (for example, a Long Island iced tea)

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DANCE FLOOR ► 30 feet by 20 feet

BATHROOMS ► men's had one toilet, one urinal, one sink, and a trash can with graffiti that read, "Yeah! a condom machine," and "pre-tested by John Holmes"; women's room was clean with no graffiti

CAPACITY ► 250

SPECIAL AREAS ► a game room, about 25 feet by 20 feet, with one pool table, an ATM, small table, and three gumball machines; another pool table in lounge and a video game

Swindle, *Over My Dead Body*, *Bleeding Through*, and *Underminded*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Saturday, 1 pm to 1 am, *Nearvana*, *Bury Me in the Backyard*, *Bunky*, *the Mites*, *Battling Maxo*, *the Tori Cobras*, *Freedom for Saturn*, *the Day After*, *Canaveral*, and *the Drop Science*, alternative rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Music starts at 9 pm. Friday and Saturday, *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

FURNISHINGS ► 6 large booths, 15 small tables, 20 places at the bar, two TV sets; older mirrors behind the booths and Mexican-style light fixtures make the place look like a family-style Mexican restaurant

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 90 (during karaoke version of "Brandy"); last week, Vista Entertainment Center was 108

WEIRDEST BAND NAME IN LAST MONTH ► the Avalanche Brothers

QUOTABLE ► "This place was voted 'best dive bar' last year by *San Diego* magazine."

"Some patrons actually line up at the door waiting for this place to open at 10," someone told me. They meant 10 in the morning. Another person said, "What's great about this place is that it smells like a real bar."

Perhaps that's the attraction. "I've been coming here and doing karaoke since 1992," one woman told me. On a Monday night at 10:30 p.m. there were 25

people, but by midnight, 20 more showed — some who could sing, some who couldn't. One Mae West lookalike belted out "Makin' Whoopee." An older white guy did a version of the rap song "Because I Got High" and sounded so unhip singing, "*I could've cheated off someone's paper and passed, but I got high...*"

Bartender Bobbi tells me the same owner has had this place here for 32 years. Bobbi's been here for 4 years, but she tells me, "One bartender has worked here for 25 years, another for 18." A lady I talked to earlier in the evening approaches me as I'm leaving and says, "The people here, including the bartenders, are all so nice." I thank her for telling me about the bar, and she says, "One last thing. How can I get a job reviewing CDs for the *Reader*?"

— By Josh Board

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (1/2 block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Saturday, *Compass*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Lee Rocker* and *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *the Blazers*, rockabilly. Saturday, *Southern Tide*, *Berkley Hart*, and *Quetzalga*, alternative/rock.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-

1188. Wednesday, 6 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet*.

DOWNTOWN

The Bayou Bar & Grill, 329 Market Street, downtown. 619-696-8747. All music is jazz. Thursday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Tricia*, 7:30 pm, *Cold Fusion*. Friday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, *Francisco Ojeda* with *Kevin Cavanaugh*, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *David*, 9:30 pm, *the B-3 Three* or *the David Mosby Trio*. Saturday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, *the Clay Salmon Jazz Ensemble*, 9:30 pm,

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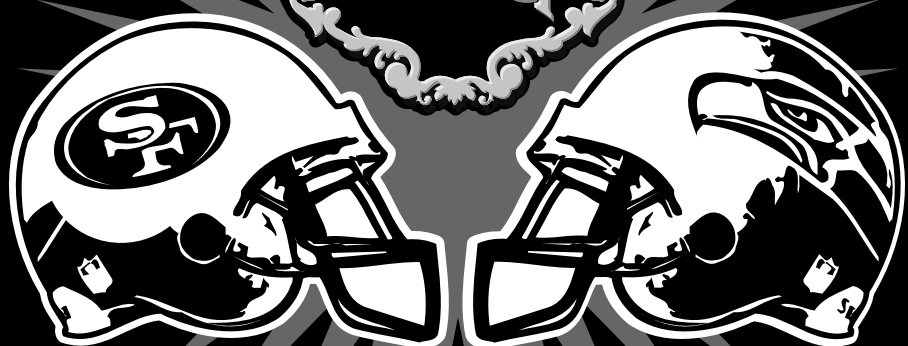
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At that point, chef de cuisine Jason Shaeffer ascended to become Laurel's new executive chef. After letting him settle in for a year, my wife Grace and I wanted once more to descend the stairs (we discovered a new wine shop on the landing), once more to admire the bronzed-leaf chandelier and the massive farm table below it, once more to sink into the chatty hubbub and the (slightly adapted) flavors of Southern France.

On our first visit, we had to try the five-course prix fixe dinner, which offered an appetizer, a seasonal risotto, a fish course and a meat course (with two choices for each), and a dessert. House-selected glasses of wine accompanied the middle three. At \$59, the price was almost a bargain since it included wine. But we cast economy aside to order the premium wine selections for \$30 extra. Laurel remains a wine lover's destination; it's still linked to WineSellar & Brasserie, which regularly wins *Wine Spectator* magazine's Grand Award. How could we resist the higher-priced flight?

Unfortunately, before the parade of dishes began, we paused a moment to taste the bread. The restaurant now has its own bread oven, but our first slices of airy-crusty white *batard* proved doughy in the center. Later slices were baked through but carried a burnt bite in their crust.

An appetizer of duck foie gras and Mission fig *au briq* both pulled me in and put me off. The seared liver was bound up in a papery pastry, along with its own rendered fat, caramelized onions, cream, and tiny rounds of fig, then briefly baked at high heat. Each bite carried layered sweetness —



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bright fruit-sweet, dark onion-sweet, and heavy fat-sweet — but we were distracted by foie gras so near-raw and gooey that it actually oozed over our tongues and teeth.

In the risotto course, the stock-swollen rice mingled with wild mushrooms, spinach, and sharp, nutty Parmigiano-Reggiano; it was topped with more of the cheese and precisely two (unremarkable) truffle shavings. The rice's texture was exactly to my liking; each grain retained a distinct body, but you could still crush it with your tongue. The flavor, though, was overly salty, probably due to an abundance of cheese. And the wine selection, a nonvintage champagne from Trouillard, seemed a curious choice to accompany the dish. We sipped the champagne, tasting of apples and yeast, took a bite, sipped again, and winced when the risotto turned the wine's flavor bitter.

The fish course showed Laurel's sunnier side. Grace's pan-roasted Alaskan halibut, served over a halibut *brandade*, was a triumph, brown-crust above and flake-tender within. Below was a superla-

tive fish cake: bits of salted halibut in a mound of mashed potatoes, garlic, and cream, surrounded by a light and zippy asparagus *beurre blanc* and underlaid with two spears of asparagus, their tips dusted with crunchy salt. On the side lounged a couple of vivacious red grape tomatoes. (Laurel, which features produce from the Be Wise Organic Ranch in North County, takes care with its vegetables; in every instance, they were properly cooked and flavorful.) My tuna Niçoise was correct and powerful. In a clever new touch, pungent anchovy-stuffed olives studded the crushed potatoes beneath the seared fish, their influence

countered by a whiff of peppery heat and plenty of ripe acid in the tomato coulis. But once again, the premium wine-pairing was problematic. Grace's 2001 Heather Ranch Chardonnay gave up a smidgen of melon before delivering oak, oak, and more oak. And my 2000 Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc/Viognier blend, while tasty and well matched to my dish, seemed a little too little for the premium price; it runs seven or eight dollars a bottle in local shops.

REVIEW

AMBROSE MARTIN

Laurel Restaurant & Bar

★★½ (very good to excellent)

505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), Uptown; 619-239-2222; www.laurelrestaurant.com

HOURS: Friday lunch, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; dinner nightly from 5:00 p.m. (closing time varies with business and evening).

PRICES: Lunch, \$13–\$24. Appetizers, \$9–\$18 (more for caviar). Dinner entrées, \$22–\$36. Prix fixe five-course tasting menu, including a flight of three wines, \$59; with premium wines, \$89.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Southern French food with Mediterranean influences. Wine list is broad, deep (especially in wines from the Rhône region of Southern France), and expensive, with a number of hard-to-find bottlings and older vintages. Full bar with an interesting array of bourbons.

NEED TO KNOW: Reservations recommended. Private dining room for up to 25 people available; private events for 200+ with customized menu also available. Valet parking; street parking usually not a problem. Fairly noisy, rather chic. Handicap access via elevator in back of restaurant.

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My meat course, beef tenderloin, was criss-crossed with excessively charry grill marks and arrived without the red wine sauce mentioned on the menu. Tenderloin is prized more for its tenderness than its flavor, and unsauced, its taste couldn't compete with those acrid-tasting black marks. The Yukon gold potato puree, molded back into potato form, was the course's high point. Although properly cooked to medium-rare, Grace's tough-textured herb-roasted Colorado lamb loin

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RESTAURANTS

with a lamb *jus* simply failed to dazzle.

Both our meat course and our earlier risotto initially arrived without their accompanying wines; we had to grab a passing server and plead for them. My 1998 Lancaster Meritage (a California version of a Bordeaux blend) tasted of cherries and wood and little else, but I at least got what I expected. Grace fell victim to a vinous bait and switch. The menu listed her wine as a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. When our server brought her glass, he said casually, "This is a Gigondas. It's very similar to a Châteauneuf-du-Pape." Well, not exactly. Châteauneuf-du-Pape is generally a much bigger deal. While these wines are made from some of the same grapes and grown in the same general area of France, the varying soils they grow in give them distinctly different characters (and prices). Between the delays and the switcheroo in the wine deliveries — and a subsequent 25-minute wait for an after-dinner drink — we agreed the service could've stood improvement.

The tasting dinner concluded with a trio of desserts: a butterscotch *pot de crème*, fresh blueberries in balsamic vinegar, and a miniature peach tart topped with ginger ice cream. The creamy butterscotch custard was dense

enough in both texture and flavor to make us glad for the sampler-sized ramekin; a few bites sufficed. The blueberries, plump and fresh, spoke of vinegar in barely audible whispers. Our favorite was the tart, its cold ginger ice cream acting as seasoning for the intense-flavored peach.

The prix fixe dinner left us more than a little confused. The best dishes convinced us that the new chef was capable and intelligent, but there had been stumbles, too. When a couple of friends from L.A. paid a visit a week later, we decided to investigate further. We were glad we did.

This time, service was uniformly excellent, and the cooking was much more consistent. The foie gras appetizer, a round of meat riding atop half a roasted white peach and accompanied by a ginger and onion confit and fig *vincotto* (a sweetish vinegar), was a happy medium-rare. The peach and ginger provided a pleasing tang against the liver and onions.

My old favorite among the appetizers, the Roquefort and onion *tarte fine* with arugula and salad frisée, had been modified from a conventional tart into a glorified and gigantic Ritz cracker (right down to the bumps around the edge) slathered with onions and cheese. Delicious and comforting, but — hellfire! — the pastry was burnt on one edge. It reminded me of the char-marred bread and beef from our previous visit. (A grilled quail appetizer

special also showed heavy scorch.) Black mussels steamed in an aromatic fennel broth varied a bit, some tender and sweet, some chewy and slightly briny. Best was the smoked wild King salmon with summer vegetable potato salad and horseradish cream — an intense dialogue between smoky fish and vinegar-spiked veggies.

This reasonably successful start was followed by a bravura middle. A Niman Ranch pork chop, roasted with honey and lavender and served with Mission figs, snap peas, and a potato "risotto" (tender "kernels" of potato stirred into a starchy, stock-y treat), was perfect. Niman Ranch pigs, carefully raised on Midwestern ranges, produce meat that is both sweeter and juicier than conventional pork, and the firm flesh grew more aromatic and flavorful with every chew. Almost as perfect was veal — two cuts prepared two ways, roasted strip loin and braised shoulder — served with handmade gnocchi and a ragout of mushrooms and cippollini onions. The shoulder was achingly tender and rich, the sort of meaty goodness that older beef can only dream of. The only drawback was a slight gooeyness to the gnocchi.

A couple of birds — duck confit and chicken in a clay pot — also sang. The duck arrived swimming in a puddle of firm-tender shelling beans, escarole, Toulouse sausage, and a reduced brown sauce. The meat was appropriately salty and firm

under its chewy-crisp skin, but the supporting cast really made the bird soar. Its intense sauce of reduced brown chicken stock and "duck juice" was deep-flavored and slightly salty; it begged for bread-mopping. The chicken's skin was even browner than the duck's, a heat-sweetened umbrella above the still-moist pot-roasted flesh. And the vegetables, notably the tomatoes, were suitably concentrated. Everybody ate happily, and we finished our wine along with several of the artisan cheeses the restaurant flies in weekly. The Colston-Basset Stilton was the standout here, creamier and more complex than typical sledgehammer-intense Stiltons.

While Laurel makes plenty of chocolate desserts, they always offer several fruit-based sweets, too. A cannoli stuffed with lemon mascarpone hit us with an intense, almost stinging, lemon acidity — a brilliant bright flavor, but a little too much for me. I preferred the blueberry-peach crisp, which was hot, homey, and chunky under a melting dome of that lovely ginger ice cream. But the favorite turned out to be the prunes in Armagnac topped with vanilla-bean ice cream — simple flavors, delicious, and straightforward.

Impressed and reassured, we took our leave. As we stepped out, my friend took note of the luxury apartment/condo complexes springing up on the two corners adjacent to the restaurant, opposite the Fifth Avenue Financial Center that houses Bertrand at Mister A's. It was

easy to imagine promotional real estate literature touting the intersection as "San Diego's French Corner — Live Well, Eat Well."

ABOUT THE CHEF

Douglas Organ officially left Laurel on Bastille Day in 2001, but the actual business of running the kitchen had been Jason Shaeffer's job for the previous 18 months. Shaeffer, 31 and Virginia-born, has been working in restaurants for nearly half his life. "I pretty much fell into it," he says. "I did a summer bussing tables for a resort in North Carolina. All the help left at the end of the summer, and they wanted to train me in the kitchen as a cook. It was pretty basic — mainly things like prime rib and seafood — but I learned how to make soups and sauces and things like that." Shaeffer liked the work enough to attend the Johnson and Wales College of Culinary Arts.

His subsequent gigs included several jobs at hotel restaurants and at "a huge, multi-venue restaurant/nightclub" that served Peruvian-American cuisine. After four years at Elizabeth's Café and Winery in Duck, North Carolina, he made the jump to Manhattan, landing a job at the prestigious Danube. After some days of apartment hunting, he decided the cost of New York living just wasn't worth it. He headed for San Diego with his girlfriend, spent six months at George's at the Cove, then signed on at Laurel Restaurant and Bar

as a sous chef in September of 2000. A few months later, he became chef de cuisine.

Since Organ's departure, Shaeffer has been slowly making the menu his own, tinkering with the restaurant's classic dishes and specifically taking more advantage of seasonal foods (such as the huckleberries that surrounded our grilled quail appetizer). "I do specials nightly, whereas Doug would never do them. And I'm definitely changing the menu more frequently than he was," says Shaeffer, "though I'm still keeping the Southern French-Mediterranean style and some dishes that made this restaurant what it is. We're going to have a menu section, 'Laurel's Classic Dishes,' things that have basically been here since day one — chicken in a clay pot, Provençal shellfish soup, duck confit." Although the signature *tarte fine* will soon depart, its flavors will reappear elsewhere — say, a Roquefort cream on a butternut squash and sweet potato gnocchi.

While Shaeffer may once have shared Organ's leaning toward more urban cityscapes, he might end up staying with us for a while. He chose San Diego because he'd been here before, and San Francisco "was pretty much the same as New York" in terms of expense. "We figured, 'Start in San Diego, stay here maybe a few years, then possibly move up to San Francisco.' Well, a few years have passed, and here I am." ■



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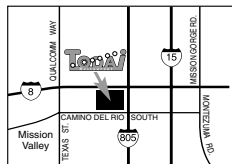
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Izzy Bliss

Plate One’s the frittata, sizzling golden in a brown pan with a handle.

‘A nybody know a good place for breakfast?’ That’s me asking the crowd aboard the 864. We’re cruising east along Broadway, El Cajon. What I get is a bunch of women’s names. “Janet’s.” “Bonny’s.” “Izzy’s.” They’re all cafés. “Izzy’s is the next stop,” says this guy. “Hey. Let this guy off. Man’s fainting from hunger.”

What the heck. Fact is, I am dry, parched, starved. Been up since the crack, and so far, it’s been a totally breakfast-free, coffee-free morning. So I step off and into the street. Wild Bill’s Western Emporium looms next to the New Jerusalem Forum. Across Broadway, a bunch of RVs sit broiling in the morning sun. Names on ’em like Tumbleweed Fever. A black-and-white PT Cruiser sails past. Hey. It’s an El Cajon police car. Cool. Very cool.

Then I spot Izzy’s. Place doesn’t stick out particularly. It’s a stucco-and-tile building, but man! So good to get into the cool. I see they have an outside deck with tables too. Uh, no. I walk into a room buzzing with people. Working stiff, couples, retired folks at tables and in red leatherette booths. Two ornate ceiling fans swirl above the center divide. The room is all light wood wainscoting and cream walls, with country-scene pictures, signs advertising the Cajon Classic Cruise parade of old cars, and knickknacks like little wooden milk bottles hanging in the booth area. I make for the counter seats at the back.

“Hi,” says Monica. Blonde. In a little black denim skirt. “Coffee?” I nod. She pours. Moment of bliss. “Ready to order, or you want a minute?”

It’s a big menu. “Make that a couple, darlin’.”

They have a bunch of things I really want to eat here. Omelets, frittatas, biscuits and gravy, scrambles, Mexican breakfasts, on and on. “Okay,” I say to Monica. “Let’s cut to the chase: which has the most food? I’ve got a chasm down there. It echoes.”

“What you want is the chicken-fried chicken,” says Monica. “You won’t finish that.”

I see it listed “NEW!” in “Country Corner.” “Boneless breast of chicken, breaded and smothered in country gravy, served with 2 eggs any style, choice of potatoes and bread. \$6.75.”

Hmm. Love the idea, but I’m also noticing the BTA omelet. “Bacon, tomato, avocado, with jack and cheddar cheese,” \$5.95. Or the Meat Lovers’ omelet. Ham, bacon, sausage “smothered in jack and cheddar,” \$6.50. Or the \$5.95 Veggie Scramble, “3 eggs scrambled with broccoli, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, peppers, smothered in jack and cheddar cheese.” Like the others, it comes with choice of grits, hash browns or country potatoes, plus choice of toast, muffin, biscuit, or two buttermilk hotcakes. That’s a lot.

But mostly what I’ve got my eye on is Izzy’s Frittata Bar. \$6.75. “Farm-style omelet served open-face with hash browns or country potatoes and choice of toast, muffin, or biscuit and gravy.” Below that, 15 circles frame the names of extra ingredients you can have, like sausage, zucchini, green peppers. You get to choose up to 4 of them for the base price of \$6.75. After that, it’s 50 cents for each extra item.

That’s it. I’m going for the frittata. I choose bacon, avocado, chorizo, and tomato as my four flavorings, plus country potatoes, and biscuits and gravy. “Good choice,” says Monica. “That oughta fill the Grand Canyon.”

“So what do you have for breakfast here?” I ask the guy next door. “Oatmeal,” he says. Bud. Lawyer. I find oatmeal under Side Orders, \$2.25. Okay. I admit it. For financial and health reasons, that’s what I should be having too.

To make matters worse, the car salesman next to him orders a “short stack.” It’s not health central, but it is only \$3.50.

Then my three-plate bonanza arrives. Ha! No regrets. Plate One’s the frittata, sizzling golden in a brown pan with a handle. Nice. Big chunk of avocado, parsley, and twist of orange on top, and chorizo, bacon, and tomato inside under the eggs

and cheese. Plate Two is the country potatoes. Plate Three is two biscuits playing submarines under a lumpy cream sea of country gravy. “Think you can handle it?” says Monica as she refills my coffee (\$1.25 with refills).

I try. I spot their homemade salsa (pretty mild) on top and hoe in. The frittata’s rich and cheesy, and the biscuits go great with it. Potatoes are real chunky, skins on, obviously made here. I try to get through it all... Maybe I’m talking too much. Trying to find out how this place came to be called “Izzy’s,” when the owners’ names are Blaine and Lorrie Sellers. Seems one night back in 1992, when they were just engaged, Blaine and Lorrie sat watching *A Christmas Carol* on TV. When Scrooge called his fiancée Isabel “Izzy,” Lorrie confessed to Blaine that *her* middle name was Isabel. They agreed: if ever they started a restaurant, they’d call it Izzy’s Café.

Ta-daa! Ten years later, they’ve made it. And Izzy’s it is.

My only problem: I’m admitting defeat on the frittata front. I swear they size their meals here for ten-foot El Cajon giants.

“Box it up?” says Monica. She looks at me like I’m some out-of-town wimp.

“Yup,” I sigh. “Next time I’ll have the oatmeal.” ■

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SoCal Whiff

"I wanted a La Jolla address, because to the world, at least then, La Jolla was a state of mind."

The first issue of the *Wine Spectator* — dated April 1, 1976 — ran as an eight-page tabloid newspaper, a far cry from its future status as an industry-dominating glossy behemoth. Of the few ads that founder/editor/publisher Bill Morrissey had managed to solicit, one was from a wine newsletter entitled the *San Diego Grapevine*, put out by Nick Ponomareff.

Morrissey, then a wine columnist for the *San Diego Evening Tribune*, had counseled Ponomareff against his choice of title. "I wasn't the only one who told him that he could go a lot further by getting off the San Diego kick," he recalls. (Ponomareff eventually agreed, changing the name to the *California Grapevine*.) The columnist took his own advice to heart, and when he rented the office that was to be the *Wine Spectator's* first home, he was careful about its location. "I wanted a La Jolla address, because to the world, at least then, La Jolla was a state of mind, while San Diego was just another place." Though it wasn't just San Diego he was worried might drag him down — it was all of California. "It was death to be known as a California wine publication. Not because it was about California wines," which were then coming into their own, but because the rest of the country would think of it as "just a couple of guys in a garage putting out a wine publication."

The "couple of guys" part wasn't too far off the mark — besides Morrissey, the original staff consisted of his wife Mary Jane (circulation manager and food columnist), fellow retired Marine Al Gunkel (associate editor), and fellow Tele-dyne-Ryan employee Shaun Doole (proofreader, copy reader, Q&A writer). Copy was sent out daily to be typeset; final assembly and printing were done in Encinitas. In order to avoid the mom-and-pop label, Mary Jane wrote as Gemma

McGrorey, and Morrissey, besides writing the unsigned editorials, used Rob Brewster (his middle name) and RBM along with his regular name. (He estimates that he was writing well over half of every issue in those early days.)

Despite these efforts, there was an almost unavoidable whiff of SoCal locality in the first issues: ads from San Diego wine shops, a long feature on Temecula's pioneering Callaway winery, another on Bodegas de Santo Tomas in Baja. But there were plenty of more far-ranging topics as well.

In what today seems a particularly canny move, Morrissey wrote reviews — "pretty straightforward, not hypercritical" — of the various private wine newsletters being distributed at the time. The newsletters got free publicity, and the *Wine Spectator* gained an air of authority — it reviewed the reviewers. Other early items included an editorial blasting the BATF over labeling requirements (the more things change...), a column from wine writer Jerry Mead blasting restaurant wine prices (...the more they stay the same), a review of Leon Adams' book *Common-sense of Wine*, and a small story noting the opening of Hop Kiln winery in Sonoma.

The Hop Kiln story, like the rest of the paper's "North Coast Vignettes," was written by Richard Hinkel, Morrissey's man in the wine country. "I met him in the Sebastiani tasting room," says Morrissey. "He asked if there was any way he could write for the *Wine Spectator*. I said, 'Yeah — for nothing.' Later on, I paid his expenses." In that, Hinkel was the exception; the standard reward for writing for the paper was seeing your name in print, and nothing more. "It took about a year or two, but I started getting good stuff," says Morrissey with a smile. Besides Jerry Mead, the paper attracted articles from

wine-writing luminaries such as Jancis Robinson, Dan Berger, and Charles Sullivan. "As it grew, they needed their name in it."

And it did grow, to the point where it crowded other wine publications off the map. When he began, "*Vintage Magazine*, put out by Philip Sheldon, was the king of the roost — even if it came out late or screwed up." Another, *Wine World*, came out "every six or seven weeks. There was a lack of currency in wine publications, but they were making it because they were the only publications in town. I didn't like that." Morrissey thought too much was going on in the wine world, and too many wines were being released, to let the industry be covered in such haphazard fashion. He decided the *Wine Spectator* would be a newspaper first and foremost, and a timely one at that. The publisher's statement in the first issue assured readers that the paper would come out every two weeks and would "be delivered quickly, while the news is still news, to members of the Wine Group by first-class mail."

The Wine Group was Morrissey's "umbrella." For \$25, you could become a member of the Wine Group and receive the *Wine Spectator*. You also gained access to the paper's phone line. You could call collect with feedback, commentary, anything. If you were a business (winery or retail), you could pay \$100, which got you a spot in the paper's business directory and 25 copies of the *Wine Spectator* to do with as you wished. "Most of the wineries put it on their tasting-room counters and gave it away. A lot of retailers gave it away. That really got us some visibility. The business directory grew and grew; pretty soon, we had retailers in every state." More retailers meant more free copies being distributed; more distribution meant more readers, who, in turn, visited the retailers they found in the directory. Everybody was happy.

Apparently, he had guessed right about what the wine world wanted. "After six months or a year, all these other publications [the private newsletters excluded] disappeared. We just beat them to death. We were the thing you wanted to read, because it was timely. You had the latest update. The wine people loved it."

There was rejoicing inside the wineries as well, though Morrissey made a point of railing against



Bob Morrissey

the gotta-beat-the-other-guy price increases that had some wines nearing the ten-dollar mark. Relationships he had begun during his days with the *Tribune* proved invaluable; August Sebastiani in particular was an enthusiastic supporter. "He was a prince. He loved that paper. He said so many times, 'We need that paper in the industry.'"

But supporter or no, Morrissey was careful to keep his professional distance — he had promised in his initial publisher's letter that his advertisers would have no influence on the paper's editorial content. Sebastiani, out of love rather than malice, gave him a chance to prove it. "Once, when he was staying at the Hotel del Coronado, he took me aside and said, 'How's it going, Bob?'" "Well, we're pretty financially puckered. We're going to manage; I'm just not moving as fast as I want to move." He said, "What do you need? Six figures?" I said, "I love you, August, but if I accepted that, tomorrow it would be the *Sebastiani Wine Spectator*." He looked at me and he said, "I understand." ■

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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 sport-ing crowd, which makes the place ex-citing. 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 grand-children 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. Inex-pensive. 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 Moun-tain Road, 858-675-4424. — *E.W.*

D'LISH PIZZA AND PASTA 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivo-rous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegeta-bles pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flow-ers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

THE FISH MARKET 750 North Har-bor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquite-grilled, skewered, steamed, or panko-fried fin



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fish and shellfish, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. The chain's facilities near San Francisco purchase, process, and truck the catch to its various branches. Hence, when the menu refers to a species as "local," it doesn't really mean nearby waters, but rather, the Pacific. At the small retail fish market in the downtown branch, products prove slightly fresher than most supermarkets', but less vibrant than at the top fish markets (e.g., Point Loma or 99 Ranch). Identical seafood is served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But there's better quality at the sushi bar, emphatically the top Fish Market venue. The sushi rice is well seasoned and just sticky enough, the seafood there is pristine and preparation is careful and sometimes creative. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a truly sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservations, but the space is vast, so waits are brief. Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar; mini-branch near Fashion Valley. — *N.W. (9/01)*

HEIDI AND BERNIE'S GERMAN BRATWURST TENT North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian back-

ground that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

HOMETOWN BUFFET 5881 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, College Area, 619-583-7373. If you're a nostalgia buff and long for cooking as it existed 50 years ago, try this all-you-can-eat buffet. Menus change daily. Massive amounts of food that's fresh but not low-cal/low-cholesterol. Not for gourmet diners, but fun. Open daily. Other branches located throughout the city and suburbs. Call 619-583-7373 for locations. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

JOE'S CRAB SHACK A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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.*

What the Chef Eats

SAUTEED JUMBO SEA SCALLOPS WITH SUN-DRIED ROMA TOMATOES

BY MARIO SANFILIPPO

Chef, The Gathering, Mission Hills

I have lived in San Diego all my life. My father is a local fisherman and has been for years. I have had the opportunity to taste the quality of fresh seafood throughout my life, and I appreciate many different kinds.

My Sautéed Jumbo Sea Scallops with Sun-dried Roma Tomatoes is an appetizer that brings a variety of textures and flavors to the palate. The ingredients enhance the scallops without

distracting from the natural flavor. All the ingredients can be found in most supermarkets, but for the freshest sea scallops, try a local fish market.

I am a self-taught chef, and I strive to create unique dishes. When creating this scallop appetizer, I gave it a light, delicate flavor, along with an eye-appealing finish. This appetizer can be served year-round. Preparation time is 10

minutes, and the following recipe serves one.

HOW TO DO IT

Rinse the scallops gently with cold water to remove any sand that may be attached to them, pat dry with a paper towel, and set aside. Peel and mince the garlic clove, chop the parsley and green onion; stack the basil leaves on top of each other and roll up together, slicing them into thin strips. Chop three of the chives.



Prepare all remaining ingredients and set aside.

Using a small sauté pan, add the olive oil and allow to heat for 5 seconds on medium-high heat. (The olive oil should heat only slightly before adding the scallops.) After 5 seconds, gently place the scallops into the pan one at a time. Swirl the pan

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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)*

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3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden

mini-superdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the 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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slowly in a circular motion to prevent the scallops from sticking to the pan (use the same method for a nonstick pan). Cook until the scallops have a light golden color, turning only once. Season the scallops with a pinch of salt and pepper and reduce heat to medium.

Add the reserved chopped garlic and the sun-dried tomatoes. As the garlic starts to brown, add the wine, lemon juice,

green onion, parsley, basil, and chopped chives. At this stage, test the scallops for doneness by tapping each scallop with the tip of your index finger. If the scallops feel a little dense when you do this, they are done and should be removed from the pan and set aside on a serving dish; if the scallops are still soft and need more cooking, let the ingredients come to a slow boil over medium-high heat. Check the

scallops constantly and remove them from the pan as soon as they’re done. Swirl the butter into the pan until you have a smooth sauce; it will thicken a bit as it cooks. (If the sauce looks too watery, stir in a bit more butter.) Pour the sauce over the scallops and garnish with whole sprigs of chives and lemon zest.

INGREDIENTS
3 medium sea scallops

1 clove garlic
1 sprig fresh parsley
1 green onion stem, chopped
3 fresh basil leaves
6 sprigs of fresh chives (3 chopped, 3 whole sprigs reserved for garnish)
2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 oz. sun-dried Roma tomatoes in olive oil, drained (approximately 6 strips)
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
Zest of 1/2 lemon

Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye’s, you’ll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren’t bad, but it’s more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where’s the soup?). Dirty

rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/02)
STAR OF INDIA 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-459-3355; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp District, 619-234-8000. It’s the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically Punjabi) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable pakora — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry masala, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, palak paneer. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola.

Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)
UNO CHICAGO BAR AND GRILL The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more up-standing. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago’s better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak’n cheese burgers) is the wicked “grilled honey-mustard salmon.” Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch

and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-219-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — E.B. (8/01)

NORTH COASTAL

THE ARMENIAN CAFE 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-720-2233, www.thearmenian-cafe.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.
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CAFE 101 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest hi’l 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 head-ing 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, rang-ing from old warhorses like onion soup and coq au vin to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as ahi pissaladiere (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are gen-erally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Al-though 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 High-way 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 hoke, 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 hy-brid of French fries and potato chips. Classic New England clam chowder, fish tacos, seafood quesadillas, salads, pastas, and a handful of seafood plat-ters are also worthy candidates. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/01)
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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 chocolatey, 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 *muy 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 "White-stone" (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 fell 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, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

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.*

DICRESCENZO'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.*

MIIKI 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, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on ship-board, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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)*

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)*

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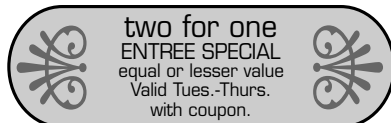
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BARONE'S TRATTORIA DEL MARE 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Pleasant interior, 27 pastas, low prices, huge portions of tasty food make this a winner for all bargain seekers. On weekends, try the paella, large enough for two. Linguine 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.*

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*, *sopes*, and *flautas*. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

AZUL LA JOLLA 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediter-

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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 roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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 *to-biko* wrapped in suave salmon. Even



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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 café 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)

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 delicious: 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

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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 Steet), 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 *campanas* (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 squaw 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)*

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)*

LA MESA OCEAN GRILLE AND SEAFOOD MARKET 5465 Lake Murray Boulevard (at Maryland Street), La Mesa, 619-463-1548. This spot speaks seafood in several accents — Italian, Mexican, Cajun, and "Continental." One part of its menu is devoted to basic fare, such as seafood sandwiches, tacos, and various simple fish preparations (fried, blackened, "wraps"). Then there are the more elaborately sauced-and-garnished seafood dinner entrées, most with pasta accompaniment. Fisheschewers will find chicken and veal in classic Italian treatments (scaloppini, *piccata*, etc.), plus nightly specials. Seafood here is very fresh and properly cooked, although there are occasional missteps — too much salt in the blackening, a hollandaise that tastes of lemony mayo. Salads are fresh but iceberg-standard; hot rolls are delicious sourdough, and the halibut ceviche is a treat — cool, refreshing, and slightly tart. Baked Maryland-style crab cakes in a thick red-pepper sauce are gooey-rich and tasty. The ambience, too, is a mixture of styles — from the encyclopedic fish posters of a basic fish house, to the lace curtains and tablecloths of an old-style seafood restaurant, to the slightly hip modernity of charcoal-gray track-lighting and black-background fish-design upholstery. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *A.M. (5/01)*

MARIO'S DE LA MESA 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mex-

ico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few dishes (except maybe the *menudo*) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the *carnitas rojas*, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting tenderness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studied with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (7/01)*

ORCHID 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 Laotian 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 ped* (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, 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)*

SHAM ROCKS SHACK BAR & GRILL 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. Construction workers come in during the day, students at night. Around 6 p.m., you get a little of both. And the food tells the tale — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland,

like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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)*

SHMOOZERS KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va'ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas,

tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

SUNNY GARDEN CUISINE OF CHINA 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

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: 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)*



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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 bull-fighters 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)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

ALEX'S BROWN BAG 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), Suite 171, uptown, 619-231-2912. The reborn Alex's (now in the Mr. A's building) is rightly famous for its "Original Philadelphia cheese steak sandwich" (with fried bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and mozzarella). Benito Guidagni says what makes his sandwiches so special is that he has the meat trucked in from cheese steak central, South Philly itself. Other Italian-American goodies include the Italian Stallion (Genoa salami, capocollo prosciutto, and mortadella sausage meat), egg plant parmigiana with hot garlic bread, grilled pastrami, and cheese on rye. Partly, of course, you come to see Benny and his family at work. It's, well, very Italian. Open for breakfast, lunch, and just-after-work dinner weekdays; closes 4 p.m. on Saturday. — *E.B. (9/01)*

ANTICO TOSCANO 1288 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2768. Home-style cooking from Tuscany, unpretentious, filling, inexpensive. Good soups, salads, pastas. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (2/00)*

ARRIVEDERCI 3845 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. The chef has cooked at major European hotels and the food is outstanding. You won't go wrong with any of the pastas, and you may order small portions in combination. The appetizers and salads are also excellent. Chicken and shrimp fare well here. Modest physical plant, but it delivers in flavor and light preparations. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

BREAD AND CIE 350 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. Twelve varieties of bread are baked daily in a 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Outrageously good because of the crusty exteriors and density. Among the best are multigrain, sour-dough wheat, and fig-anise. Baguettes, brownies, and biscotti are first-rate. The sandwiches to eat in or take out are spectacular. Don't miss this one. Open daily. — *E.W.*

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 (sliced 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 "tapas" 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.*

EL AGAVE 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), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogos cuirlacoche*, 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 sorbettoes 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 *pessaratu* (mung bean crêpe 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)*

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)*

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.terrasd.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)*

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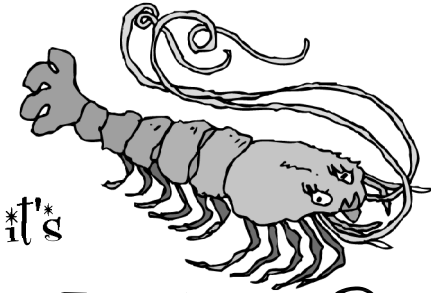
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921 Sixth Avenue, downtown, 619-544-1661. This take-out emporium serves delicious sandwiches, soups, and small entrées for amazingly low prices. Best bets are sandwiches: roast beef, meat loaf, egg salad, and salmon. The soup plus half-sandwich makes 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, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — 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 barbecue 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 — bar-

becued 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)

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)

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 Grueben" — 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. À 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

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 chipped 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 cheese-cakes, 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, cook-owners from Hong Kong, seem to change the revolving "All U Can Eat" lunch buffet dishes quicker than you can say "Re-fills!" *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

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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 *sinampalokan* 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/eatery 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*, *cucuracha* (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 delish 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)*

TOMATOES PLUS: A CALIFORNIA BISTRO 4346 Bonita Road, Bonita, 619-479-8494. If you blink between the Baskin-Robbins and the market in the Bonita Center, you could miss this place. A mistake. Tomatoes charms you with an atmosphere somewhere between mumsy and whimsy. And it bulges with dishes that are healthy but not preachy. This is not thinly disguised rabbit food — not with dishes like chicken and eggplant salad, which comes with delicious roast eggplant and chicken strips bathed in tingling chipotle (mesquite-smoked jalepeño) vinaigrette. Or chicken Florentine (breaded chicken breast with tomatoes — of course — plus spinach, cheese, and sautéed mushrooms). To use up more tomatoes, they have lotsa pasta dishes too. And if you’re feeling broke, the chili or clam chowder in an edible bread bowl will definitely fill you. Sunday champagne brunch usually has a surprise or two, and the everyday apple sausage omelet breakfast is a sweet-savory treat. Breakfast through dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (4/02)*

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Any qualms about the rampant attitude of tolerance and affection toward the screen's premier people-eater had already had occasion to be expressed with the release last year of *Hannibal*, the sequel to *The Silence of the Lambs*, and need not be regurgitated with the release of the prequel, *Red Dragon*. The new

one is no more than a remake of *Manhunter*, 1986, for the sole purpose of instating the "real" Hannibal Lecter — Anthony Hopkins — in the role. (It would have been simpler, if it would have been technologically possible, to cut-and-paste him digitally into the pre-existing film, obliterating Brian Cox.) He, to be sure, can use all the tolerance and affection he can get, in order to gloss over the fact that the aging, thickening, thinning-haired actor is here supposed to be younger than he was in 1991, the year he first assumed the role. Given that *The Silence of the Lambs* was itself

essentially a re-do of *Manhunter* — the incarcerated psychopath assisting the FBI on a serial-murder case — the opportunities for *déjà vu* are manifold.

The preludial explanation of how Hannibal the Cannibal initially got himself incarcerated seems a good place to start, and a few seconds before Jodie Foster walks into his life seems an

obvious place to end. (The actual climax — not the false climax but the *de rigueur* follow-up climax — is sufficiently well-staged to excuse its triteness.) Of course, as a mere consultant on the case, our ingratiating anthropophagite is not on screen for very many minutes; and the winner of the hot competition for most close-ups (I lost count in triple digits) is no doubt Edward Norton as the empathic FBI profiler formerly played by William Petersen. It might not seem so, however, because the diffident Norton never scores as heavily from close range as does the taunting Hopkins

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Spirited Away

or the tortured Ralph Fiennes, who misses the pathos that Tom Noonan put into the "Tooth Fairy Killer" in *Manhunter*. (Is that, I wonder, the voice of Ellen Burstyn, uncredited, as his tongue-lashing grandmother in the childhood flashback?) Another telling point of comparison with the earlier version — perhaps the single most

telling — is the photography: the slick and polished image of *Manhunter* as against the rough, abraded image of *Red Dragon*. The photographer, curiously, was the same for each: Dante Spinotti. The difference, one surmises, must be the director: the preening Michael Mann versus the slovenly Brett Ratner.

To move on to the next copycat: *Welcome to Collinwood*, co-written and -directed by the brothers Anthony and Joe Russo, counts as the second American remake, after Louis Malle's crummy *Crackers* in 1984, of Mario Monicelli's prototypical caper comedy, *Big Deal on Madonna Street*. The freshness and flavor, naturally, are

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long gone. But considered as a repertory piece, like *Romeo and Juliet* or *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this is a brisk and enthusiastic run-through (Sam Rockwell, William H. Macy, Michael Jeter, Jennifer Esposito); and unscenic Cleveland, the filmmakers' hometown, supplies a workable backdrop. The film's best possible function, though, would be as a bread crumb to lead you back to the 1958 original (Gassman, Mastroianni, Toto, Cardinale: those were the days, my friend). The catchy opening tune — Paolo Conti, is it? — could serve as another bread crumb to lead you to another better film, the current *Mostly Martha*, in which the song can also be heard.

Spirited Away cancels the retirement of Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whose *Princess Mononoke* was a worthy valedictory to the traditional hand-drawn method. For this addendum to his career, he has made liberal, corner-cutting use of computer-generated backgrounds; and the clash of styles creates perhaps the most overt conflict in the entire film, together with an unwanted undercurrent of sadness and resignation. A contemporary fairy tale about a timid little girl (of indistinct race) who learns to cope — or in other words a textbook metaphor of growth — it lacks something of the drama and the narrative drive of *Mononoke*, though it lacks nothing in visual imagination (a fully realized spirit world where anything goes) and nothing, either, in audacity. No home-grown animated film from Disney, the U.S. distributor, would dare

dish up such dreamy inscrutability. Nor would it dare drag on for more than two hours, a bit long by any measure, even though individual episodes have the fascination of a Sunday installment of *Little Nemo in Slumberland*. Much of the strength of its grip, on my own attention anyway, comes from Miyazaki's meticulous simulation of the classical camerawork and cutting of live-action filmmaking. The scene construction remains reliably solid, however vaporous the content.

Tuck Everlasting, an adaptation of a "beloved" children's novel I've never heard of, posits a backwoods family with a private Fountain of Youth (more than that, a Fountain of Indestructibility), and it weighs the merits of an eternal life ("What we Tucks have, you can't really call living. We just are. We're like rocks stuck at the side of a river") against those of a full life. The height of the corn is established straightaway, with the garden-variety overhead shot of a nubile teen (Alexis Bledel, a younger Robin Tunney or slightly younger Thora Birch) lying supine on the grass, a garland of flowers around her head, a sort of Baby

Chatterley awaiting her woodman. The ensuing romance with a hundred-and-four-year-old boy (Jonathan Jackson, with novelty-shop plastic lips) and the intrusion of a plundering Ponce de León (Ben Kingsley) bring things, as it were, to a head. If the outcome does not make you feel like a child again, it should at any rate remind you how it felt to be addressed as one.

The Rules of Attraction, a different type of adaptation, unites the director of *Killing Zoe* (Roger Avary) with the novelist of *American Psycho* (Bret Easton Ellis), to reach the combined maturity of a know-it-all sophomore (high school, not college), for a view of the modern university as a libertine's paradise of casual sex, drugs, and Nietzscheanism. It starts, you might say, with a bang: a drunken co-ed losing her virginity by rear entry in front of a camcorder, then getting thrown up on for added memorability. From there, it seldom lets up for a minute. If it's not hitting you over the head with its worldly wisdom, it's jabbing you in the ribs with its cinematic cleverness: reverse motion, split screen, pixillation, alternating narrators, and

so on. The would-be uncompromising vision nevertheless seems slightly compromised (a slight understatement) by a casting philosophy in common with a TV jeans ad: a haughty Master Race of buff beauties (James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Ian Somerhalder, Kip Pardue, Jessica Biel, Kate Bosworth). And all that cleverness, all that worldly wisdom, cannot manage to create any distance between the observers and the observed. The moviegoer can avoid contamination by steering clear.

What with the Santa's sleighful of new releases this month, to say noth-

ing of the baseball playoffs, I did not get to see as much of the San Diego Asian Film Festival as I would have liked. The joint — the Madstone Hazard Center — was jumping. Nothing to compare with Edison Field or the Metrodome, but pretty exciting all the same. *The Way Home*, a Korean film scheduled to open commercially later this Fall, tells a simple tale of a bratty city boy, a TV and video-game addict, accustomed to trading swats with his irritable mother, but now packed off for a long stay with his rural grandmother, a mute, stooped over at a thirty-degree angle, bearing her burdens with the

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Igby Goes Down — Offbeat youth comedy, not offbeat to the exclusion of incessant pop songs on the soundtrack, but offbeat in the extremeness of family dysfunction, or human-race dysfunction — out there on the path of Todd Solondz and Wes Anderson. First-time writer and director Burr Steers, nephew of Gore Vidal, shows off a cold-blooded, waspy, New Yorky wit — and “shows off” is very much the verb — which arouses occasional admiration and infrequent mirth. At least he distributes the rhinestones democratically among the mixed-nuts ensemble. At the same time, there’s something monotonous about it all. With Kieran Culkin, Claire Danes, Ryan Phillippe, Susan Sarandon, Jeff Goldblum, Amanda Peet, Jared Harris, Bill Pullman. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Just a Kiss — A change-partners sexual square dance in a ghastly pallid digital-video image. The image, or part of the image, is scribbled on, now and again, with crude animation; the time sequence is scrambled; and an alternative destiny is thrown in at the end. Affectation is everywhere. With Patrick Breen (who also wrote the script), Ron Eldard, Kyra Sedgwick, Marisa Tomei, Taye Diggs, and Marley Shelton; directed by Fisher Stevens. 2002. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/10)

Knockaround Guys — Long-shelved crime comedy with Barry Pepper, Vin Diesel, Dennis Hopper, and John Malkovich, directed by Brian Koppelman and David Levien. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/11)

The Last Kiss — Hectic sex comedy, almost Restoration-like in its worldly-wise cynicism and indulgence, revolving around five Florentine best buddies on the brink of thirty. One of them, the pivotal one, is an unmarried father-to-be with a wandering eye for an eighteen-year-old blonde, a sort of Italian “Marcia Brady.” One is a recent father. One is a newlywed. One is an inveterate and indiscriminate skirt-chaser. One is a torch-carrier for a former flame. Between them, they pretty much cover the possibilities. Around their extended circle, special attention is paid also to the mother of the pregnant girlfriend, a panicky grandmother-to-be, unhappily married to an uncommunicative psychologist. Keeping track of the various lifelines often feels like a juggling act with too many bowling pins. And the lurching, reeling Steadicam and capering, cantering background music don’t help. (Amid the confusion it is scarcely surprising to find mismatched camera angles in which a shoulder strap is down from one point of view and up from another. Down. Up. Down. Up.) Still, and despite the essentially commonplace nature of the filmmaker’s vision of grass-is-always-greener human discontentment, a good deal of actual humanity oozes through, especially by way of the peripheral character of the older woman, a knowing and self-aware portrait by Stefania Sandrelli. (A sex-kittenish photo of the actress in younger days is pinned to her vanity mirror, somewhat improbably, as a daily rebuke to her “ugly” new self. What woman would want such a slap in the face?) She has, in particular, one outstanding scene opposite Sergio Castellitto, wherein she tries to rekindle the spark with an ex-lover for whom life has moved on. Stefano Accorsi, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Martina Stella; written and directed by Gabriele Muccino.



Moonlight Mile

2001. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Man from Elysian Fields — Slow-to-develop, yet not carefully or credibly developed, Faustian tale of a struggling writer whose financial straits impel him to moonlight as a male escort, and then as a collaborator with a dying Pulitzer Prize winner, rewriting the old lion’s historical novel on Roman slaves into a topical piece on California migrants. Some glintingly

polished lines; much honey-coated imagery. With Andy Garcia, Julianna Margulies, Olivia Williams, James Coburn, Mick Jagger, and Anjelica Huston; directed by George Hickenlooper. 2002. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/11)

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Shaw in *Jaws*, George W. Bush (not nearly as authoritative as his Bush, Sr., on *Saturday Night Live*), and — you have to see it to disbelieve it — a cherry-pie filling. Thinner than any of these disguises is what passes for a plot premise: an ancient Italian family, conveniently named Disguisey, that has mastered and refined the art of disguise, an inescapable legacy for the Jerry Lewis-y nerd who toils as a waiter in his parents’ pizza parlor. The outtakes strewn through the closing credits suggest that a lot of material got discarded before the movie was trimmed to its slight but nonetheless leaden hour and a quarter. (The hero’s prospective girlfriend is his harshest critic: “It was fun for, like, one second, okay.”) As vehicles go, this junker doesn’t. Jennifer Esposito, Brent Spiner, James Brolin, Harold Gould; directed by Perry Andelin Blake. ● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Men in Black II — The embodiment, the epitome, the acme of the “franchise picture,” one of those brass rings that studio executives like to stack up on their lances. So perfect a one, in truth, that it would make more sense to cover the movie in the financial pages than in the entertainment ones. A recitation of components, amenities, selling points could reasonably take the place of a review. Both Will Smith and, after half an hour, Tommy Lee Jones are back,

albeit with roles reversed — Smith the blasé veteran, Jones the bemused novice — until the latter’s elective “neutralization” can be undone and his memory restored. Rip Torn and Tony Shalhoub are back as well, if that matters to anyone, along with director Barry Sonnenfeld and composer (but of course) Danny Elfman, whose surname seems to entitle him to a monopoly on such projects. There are also Lara Flynn Boyle as an extraterrestrial *femme fatale*, a quorum of computer-generated creatures of no particular originality (a giant worm who crawled over from *Dune*, etc.), and a wisecracking dog who speaks in the voice of a cartoon gangster. Gags are cranked out the way McDonald’s cranks out hamburgers, indistinguishable from and interchangeable with their predecessors. That the movie runs barely eighty minutes (minus its closing credits) could likely be seen, in that light, as a Smart Business Practice tantamount to shaving an ounce off every Quarter-Pounder. As a work of creative imagination, on the other hand, it is pretty close to a total cheat. 2002. ● (GASLAMP 15)

Merci pour le Chocolat — Refrigerated Forties-style melodrama from French director Claude Chabrol (and from a novel by Charlotte Armstrong, original author also of Chabrol’s excellent *La Rupture*). The gabby exposition takes a while to set up the

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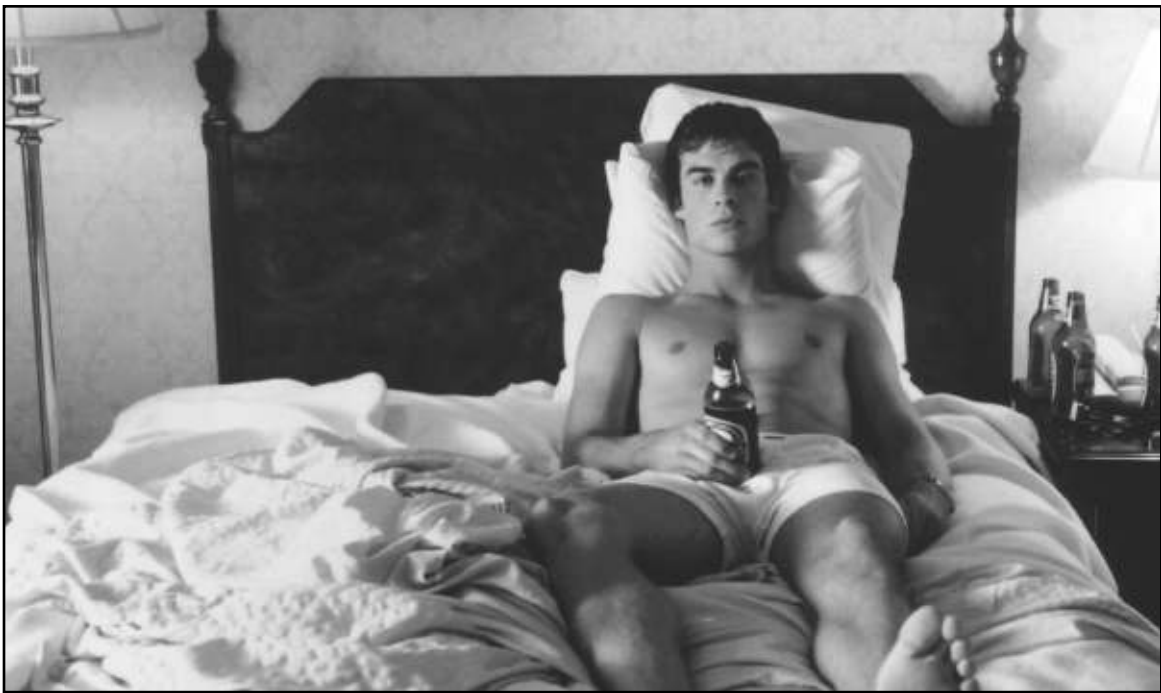
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situation: a chocolate heiress and a concert pianist, long-time friends and lovers, have elected to tie the knot only after the eighteenth birthday of the pianist's son, a bit of a couch potato, prone to accompany the Liszt or the Schubert of his father with the electronic beeps of a pocket video game. Somewhere across town (lovely, lakeside Lausanne), the wedding announcement in the paper stirs memories of an apparent mix-up in the maternity ward when a nurse presented the pianist with a baby girl as his newborn. Isn't it odd that the girl, now eighteen as well and only just learning of this, is herself an aspiring pianist? How can she resist ringing the great man's doorbell? Once set up, the situation could be characterized as suspensefully unfocused. Where's the core of it? Where's the goal? Family, plainly enough, is at issue; legitimacy; security; rivalry; rot. But if this is a "Hitchcockian" thriller as advertised, where's the menace, the malevolence, not to mention the motive? Well of course Chabrol comes with the adjective "Hitchcockian" only out of old habit. The Master was never so languid, so oblique, so discreet. Chabrol, however, is something of a master in his own right at deploying the camera for mood, tone, subtle inflection, strong emphasis: he gives rise to several delectable *frissons* when the camera slides decisively into place, as if searching, finding, then fastening on. And he is greatly aided by the enigmatic performance of Isabelle Huppert, always the dutiful servant to the will of her director and to the needs of the project (so tactful, so respectful, so French), in the role of the cool, aloof, calculating heiress. Not all the combined skills of Chabrol and



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Huppert, collaborators on numerous other occasions, can save the plot from ridiculousness and obviousness. Under those circumstances, their efforts appear all the more valiant and stirring. Anna Mouglalis, Jacques Dutronc, Rodolphe Pauly, Brigitte Catillon. 2001. ★★ ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Moonlight Mile — Strained chipperness in the face of tragedy: the innocent bystander shooting of an imminent bride-to-be. (Not just the characters are strained, but writer-director Brad Silberling most of all.) What the victim's parents do not

know — Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon — is that their daughter had already broken off the engagement; and the prospective son-in-law, currently staying with them, is too magnanimous to disillusion them, even to the point of sneaking out the bedroom window to make time with a perky postal worker: life goes on, at a jaunty clip. Jake Gyllenhaal, in the lead role, often brings to mind Hoffman in *The Graduate* (perhaps Hoffman's presence provides the hint), a beleaguered young man almost tongue-tied by his superior insight and honesty, until at last he administers a "truth enema" on the witness stand at the

murder trial, a scene of excruciating embarrassment. With Ellen Pompeo and Holly Hunter. 2002. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Mostly Martha — Germany's donation to the cinematic food drive seems unlikely to have received distribution without its appeal to the salivaries. And indeed, despite the pasty complexion of the film, the visual appeal of the dishes can match any screen menu outside of maybe *Babette's Feast*. Yet

it has more to offer than just that. Written and directed by Sandra Nettelbeck, it is an easy-flowing comedy concerning a master chef who's a control freak in all areas except her temper whenever her cooking is questioned. She already has a full plate when her sister is killed in an accident and she inherits an eight-year-old niece. Plus her culinary second-in-command is eight-months pregnant. So her boss, without consultation, takes the proactive measure of hiring a new helper, a talented Italian who brings into the kitchen, along with gnocchi, etc., a breezy new attitude and a boom box of *paisano* pop: Dean Martin, Louis Prima. The clash of Teutonic severity and Mediterranean serenity throws off some predictable sparks, and Sergio Castellitto is very touching as the drowsy-eyed, hunched-shouldered Italian with a casual knack for life. Martina Gedeck, under a permanently arched eyebrow, is aided in seeming a real person by being an unfamiliar face, though she could never have gotten away with it if she were not also an actress of skill and subtlety. The aforesaid easy flow quickens into burbling rapids during the closing credits, sweeping you through the happy ending. 2001. ★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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; ENCINITAS 8; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

One-Hour Photo — Psychological suspenser, sort of a stripped-down Ruth Rendell thriller, about "Sy the photo guy" at SavMart, and his abnormal obsession with an outwardly perfect family whose lives he knows through their faithful patronage. It seems to be moving toward a conventional explosion of violence, and it is indeed conventional despite a little surprise in store at the end. (Very little.) Robin Williams, with a blond dye job, is no asset, broadcasting his creepiness at such a pitch as to alert any concerned parent or vigilant boss within a thousand miles. A respectable calling card, all the same, for music-video director Mark Romanek. With Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan, Eriq LaSalle, Gary Cole. 2002. ★ (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 10/11; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/11; OCEANSIDE 16)

Possession — Jamesian literary mystery in the vein of *The Aspern Papers* and *The Figure in the Carpet*. Two present-day scholars, an American male who specializes in a fictitious Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria and an English female who specializes in a lesser-known poetess known to be a lesbian, track down evidence of a secret affair between their two specialties, and strike a similar spark between themselves. You can imagine their excitement as academic detectives, never mind as potential lovers. Yet you cannot really feel it, perceive it, sense it. (Even the rival treasure hunters from New Mexico can't turn up the flame.) Part of this might be traced to the casting of Gwyneth Paltrow, the Anti-Charisma, reprising her clothespin-on-nose British accent, and the unshaven Aaron Eckhart, who seems to say it all about himself when he assures his genteel hostess that he's just "a brush-and-flush kind of guy." Part of it, too, might be traced to the mere fact of adaptation to another medium: puncturing the literary airtightness of the A.S. Byatt novel and flooding it with raw, rough, washed-out illustrations. Whatever the merits of the novel, it plays on screen as little more than a sop story with highbrow

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pretensions, a paperback romance bound in Moroccan leather. Jennifer Ehle, the Pseudo-Streep, and Jeremy Northam, suave as ever, wear their costumes well in the flashbacks to the 19th Century, and in general carry off their roles better than their modern counterparts. (“You cut me, madam.” “I only meant to scratch.”) But the spectacle — the stunt — of the astringent, the acid Neil LaBute (*In the Company of Men*, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, *Nurse Betty*) turning his attention to High-Tea Cinema is not so much broadening of his image as shattering of it. 2002.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Red Dragon — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Norton, Anthony Hopkins, Ralph Fiennes, Emily Watson, Harvey Keitel, and Mary-Louise Parker; directed by Brett Ratner.

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Road to Perdition — Inflated, arty, but satisfactory reworking of an old gangster-film formula. The sense of raising the bar (in the fashionable phrase) seems quite ostentatious at the outset, with its unmistakable evocation of *The Godfather*. These are Irish gangsters instead of Italian, and they are gathered for a wake instead of a wedding; but the sanctity of the family and the strict demarcation between home life and professional life are very much the same: the pistol that Pa unstraps and puts down on the bed before supper is not meant for the eyes of his eldest (named, in a further echo of the Corleone clan, Michael), for whom the father has higher hopes. The film never loses its air of grandiosity, of outgrowing its trimly tailored britches; yet it does find its stride, right around half an hour into it, as a ritualistic genre piece, a twice-told tale of underworld revenge — you hit me, I hit you back, and back, and back — set in motion when an inquisitive twelve-year-old, his imagination stoked by Lone Ranger dime novels, stows away in the rear seat of his father’s car, to find out what the old man gets up to on those mysterious nocturnal errands. Director Sam Mendes, in his sophomore effort after *American Beauty*, unfailingly rises to the occasion in the scenes of violence, adopting a variety of approaches and vantage points to keep the scenes fresh, resisting the urge to charge into the thick of it. And although the anti-*Godfather* finale (at the end of a blessedly non-epic running time) may be a bit soft-hearted, even arguably self-contradictory, it doesn’t really ruin anything. There’s really nothing much to ruin. This is not, for all its striving, a “great” gangster film. But it’s at least a genuine one, a generic one. Its ordinariness, odd to say, is its primary source of strength. The striving for greatness weighs it down as much as pushes it upwards. With Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Daniel Craig, Stanley Tucci, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Tyler Hoechlin. 2002.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Rules of Attraction — Reviewed this issue. With James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Jessica Biel, and Kip Pardue; directed by Roger Avary.

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ballet of secretarial services performed while cuffed to a crucifixion-like yoke (stapler operated by chin, etc.), and then it jumps back to six months earlier, taking its sweet time to return to the starting point (and beyond). The gradualness of development is one of the keys to the strategy, making sure that this feels like the unrehearsed mating dance of two autonomous oddballs, instead of the free-rein wish fulfillment of an S&M fantasist. (Although far from a pivotal peg, the concept of Sexual Harassment In The Workplace crops up parenthetically in a casual conversation among minor players,

just to show that filmmaker Steven Shainberg has a certain familiarity with contemporary society and has not been secluded in some unapproachable chateau out of *The 120 Days of Sodom*.) The potential offensiveness is deflected by two main devices. First, the utter and total individuality of Maggie (sister of Jake) Gyllenhaal, discouraging generalization. Not so much the individuality of her case-file character (prettier sister, alcoholic father, overprotective mother, and so forth, though Shainberg is no more interested in “psychology” than was Luis Buñuel, a filmmaker who is brought to mind at numerous points), but simply the individuality of her look and manner: faintly moon-faced, buck-toothed, pig-snouted, with a twinkly Lillian Gish-y girlishness and a galumphing tomboy gait. (James Spader,

more conventionally “attractive,” feels obliged to signal his oddity more openly and incessantly.) Second, the absurdist, semi-surrealist exaggeration, coupled with the isolated, unpeopled, quasi-laboratory setting, discouraging us from taking the thing literally. But how, then, may it be taken figuratively and without offense? Well: how about as a metaphor of the miracle of love, the finding of the right fit, the happy discovery that what’s wrong with you is all right with somebody else? Even then, however, the lightness of tone, the virtual giggleness of tone, might be felt to weaken not only the potential offensiveness but also the potential power. 2002.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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 plasticity, elasticky CG animation. It’s just the way this sort of thing is done, and no room to wriggle. Even so, the advance misgivings of Spider-Maniacs over the pivotal casting of sensitive, vulnerable Tobey Maguire (*Ride with the Devil*, *The Cider House Rules*) prove to be not unfounded. Yes, yes, the premise of the piece — the boy who gets bitten by a genetically engineered superspider and infected with arachnoid superpowers — is a metaphor of the adolescent-to-adult metamorphosis. And who better than Maguire to bring out the human dimensions of the larval adolescent? Still, the movie lingers so long on the human side of the equation that it might have been better named *Peter Parker*. It truly is a Tobey Maguire movie more than a comic-book superhero movie. (Marvel of Marvels!) That’s not altogether a bad thing in view of the actor’s eccentric, *ritardando* sense of timing and his deadpan talent for hinting at a beehive of interior activity. Yet the urban Tarzan in the spandex bodysuit seems (when he gets the chance) a completely separate entity, a two-dimensional phantom in an alternate universe. And Willem Dafoe’s Green Goblin, riding a sort of aerial surfboard, makes an unformidable and uninteresting villain: Batman’s Joker reupholstered in metallic monochrome. Whatever thunder is available to be stolen is harnessed by J.K. Simmons (memorable as well in Raimi’s *The Gift* and *For Love of the Game*) as the most jaundiced of yellow journalists. With Kirsten Dunst, James

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chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: “Ignorance is bliss,” “Fuck guilt,” “Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others,” “Eighteen inches of personal space,” and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-joint construction — a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it’s hard to be sure you’re really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative. The former tends to sound “written” and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it’s not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell’s *The Concept of Happiness* as a “jumping-off point.” The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss,



Tuck Everlasting

suspicious of anyone’s good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating

plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.)

The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on

Clockwatchers. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7)

The Transporter — Action film by Hong Kong director Corey Yuen, with Jason Statham, Matt Schulze, and Qi Shu. (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; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/11)

Tuck Everlasting — Reviewed this issue. With Alexis Bledel, Jonathan Jackson, William Hurt, Sissy Spacek, and Ben Kingsley; directed by Jay Russell. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/11)

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8 Women (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Sat.-Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:25; Tue.-Thu. 4:30, 7:00, 9:25

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262)
The Transporter; **Tuck Everlasting**; **White Oleander**; **Swept Away**; **Knockaround Guys**; **Red Dragon**; **Moonlight Mile**; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie**; **Sweet Home Alabama**; **The Tuxedo**; **The Banger Sisters**

La Jolla Village
8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-453-7831)
Merci pour le Chocolat (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:15) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:00) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; **Mostly Martha** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (11:05) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Tue. (1:50) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Wed. (1:50) 4:30, 9:50; 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. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; Mon. (11:25) 2:10, 4:50, 10:05;

Tue. (2:10) 4:50, 10:05; Wed.-Thu. (2:10) 4:50, 7:30, 10:05; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:45) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Tue.-Thu. (1:30) 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

MIRA MESA

Mira Mesa 18
10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700)
Call theater for program information

MISSION VALLEY

Fashion Valley 18
7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)
The Rules of Attraction; **Tuck Everlasting**; **Brown Sugar**; **The Transporter**; **White Oleander**; **Red Dragon**; **Moonlight Mile**; **Welcome to Collinwood**; **Sweet Home Alabama**; **The Tuxedo**; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever**; **The Banger Sisters**; **The Four Feath-ers**; **Barbershop**; **Signs**

Hazard Center 7
7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-299-4500)
Fri. 5:15, 7:30, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:30, 10:10; **Thirteen Conversations about One Thing** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:30, 9:40; **Diamond Men** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:35; **The Good Girl** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 3:15, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25; **Yana’s Friends** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15, 9:15

Mission Valley 20
1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262)
The Rules of Attraction; **Tuck Everlasting**; **Brown Sugar**; **The Transporter**; **White Oleander**; **Pokemon 4ever**; **Swept Away**; **Knockaround Guys**; **Red Dragon**; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie**; **Sweet Home Alabama**; **The Tuxedo**; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever**; **The Banger Sisters**; **The Four Feath-ers**; **Barbershop**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**

STATE UNIVERSITY

Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50) 4:55, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. (1:50, 4:55) 7:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:10, 5:20) 7:40; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:20, 9:55; Mon. (1:30, 4:15) 7:20; Tue.-Thu. (3:05, 5:15) 7:30; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 10:10; Mon. (1:20, 3:25, 5:30) 7:35; Tue.-Thu. (3:20, 5:45) 7:45; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:00, 3:45) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. (3:00, 5:30) 8:00; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:10, 9:30; Mon. (1:40, 4:20) 7:10; Tue.-Thu. (3:25, 5:35) 7:50; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:40, 10:05; Mon. (1:10, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40; Tue.-Thu. (3:35, 5:40) 7:55

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Satin Rouge (Not Rated) Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

UPTOWN

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-299-2100)
How I Killed My Father (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Mon. (11:00) 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Tue.-Thu. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; **Igby Goes Down** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Sat.-Mon. (11:10) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Tue. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; Wed. (2:10) 5:00, 10:05; Thu. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:05; **The Man from Elysian Fields** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Mon. (10:40) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Tue.-Thu. (1:40) 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; **Secretary** (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Sat.-Mon. (10:50) 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Tue.-Wed. (1:50) 4:40, 7:20, 9:55; Thu. (1:50) 4:40, 9:55; **Spirited Away** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Mon. (10:30) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Tue. (1:30) 4:20, 9:45; Wed.-Thu. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45

Museum of Photographic Arts
1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559)
San Diego, I Love You, Thursday, 8 p.m., and Friday, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; **Devil Dogs of the Air**, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Adventures in Wild California (Not Rated) Fri. 8:00; **Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Tue. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; Wed. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00; Thu. 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00; **Space Station** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sat. 10:30, 2:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 2:00, 5:00; **Ultimate X** (PG) Fri. 9:30; Sat. 1:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. (5:15) 7:40, 10:10; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 4:15) 7:40, 10:25; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 4:10) 7:15, 10:05; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 4:00) 7:00, 10:10; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:15) 7:35, 10:00; **The Master of Disguise** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40); **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:10) 7:10, 10:00; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:45, 5:10) 8:00, 10:25; **Pokemon 4Ever** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 4:50); **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 3:40, 4:00, 4:30) 6:40, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:50, 10:30; **The Ring (2002)** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:50) 7:05, 9:45; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10) 7:05; **Stealing Harvard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:25, 9:40; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:20, 10:15; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (4:15) 9:50; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:30, 5:00) 7:50, 10:20; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:50) 7:10, 9:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:50, 10:20; Sat. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 10:00; Sun.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:50, 10:20; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:40) 7:30, 10:15

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Shopping Center (619-465-7100)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:45; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:10, 5:20) 7:25; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:40, 3:05) 5:25, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:45) 8:00, 10:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30; Sun. (1:30, 2:15) 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:15, 4:30, 5:15) 7:30, 8:30, 10:20; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:15, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:15, 9:55; **Swept Away** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:55, 10:20; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50, 10:05; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:50) 7:35, 10:00; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 10:05; Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:40) 7:55, 10:10; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (2:20) 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:45, 10:25

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road (619-660-3460)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:25, 9:50; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:20, 4:55) 7:30, 10:05; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:20, 5:10) 8:00; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:00, 5:10) 7:20; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:05) 7:20, 9:35; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 3:50, 4:20) 6:40, 7:10, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 9:30, 10:20; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25, 9:45; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:35, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 5:35, 8:00, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 3:10, 5:50) 8:30; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 3:00, 5:40) 8:20; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:30) 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00; **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:25, 2:50) 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:25, 7:45, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 3:15, 5:55) 8:35; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:20) 7:30, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05; **The Rules of Attrac-tion** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 3

The Tuxedo — Effects-laden Jackie Chan comedy about a mere chauffeur, a martial non-artist, who acquires superspy powers through a gadgety suit of evening clothes. (The stuff of fantasy rather than science fiction.) Chan’s physical gifts are a little stifled, and the shrewish Jennifer Love Hewitt tramples all over him in the verbal department. Directed by Kevin Donovan. 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Welcome to Collinwood — Reviewed this issue. With Sam Rockwell, William H. Macy, Isaiah Washington, and Jennifer Esposito; written and directed by Anthony and Joe Russo. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; HORTON PLAZA 14)

White Oleander — The long and winding and rocky road of an adolescent foster child after her bohemian mother (“She’s an artist. She doesn’t care about things like Parents’



Welcome to Collinwood

Night”) is imprisoned for murder. A hair-tearing women’s picture (hair-hacking and hair-blackening, too), with some

authentically messy emotion en route to the triumphal uplift. Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robin Wright Penn, Renée

Zellweger, Patrick Fugit; directed by Peter Kosminsky. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18;

10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 3:05, 5:45) 8:25; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:55, 5:35) 8:15

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Red Dragon (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 11:05; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:00; **Swimfan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 11:00

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 10:45; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road, San Diego (858-558-2262)
The Rules of Attraction; **Tuck Everlasting**; **Brown Sugar**; **The Transporter**; **White Oleander**; **Pokemon 4ever**; **Swept Away**; **Knockaround Guys**; **Red Dragon**; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie**; **Sweet Home Alabama**; **The Tuxedo**; **Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever**; **The Banger Sisters**; **The Four Feathers**; **Barbershop**; **Swimfan**; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**; **XXX**; **Signs**

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street at Tierra Del Rey (619-216-4707)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:40) 7:15, 9:50; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 3:55) 7:25, 10:00; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 3:35) 7:25, 10:25; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 2:55, 5:05) 7:15; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 3:05, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:45) 7:05, 9:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 3:00, 5:25) 7:45, 10:05; **One-Hour Photo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30; **Pokemon 4Ever** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:35, 2:50, 5:15); **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 12:45, 3:10, 3:50) 6:40, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:50, 10:20; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:15) 7:55, 10:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:20) 6:55, 9:35; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:00) 7:20, 9:40; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 10:10; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:45, 5:10) 7:35, 9:55; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30) 7:10, 10:00

Vogue
226 Third Avenue (619-425-1436)
The Master of Disguise (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00; **Spy Kids 2** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:30; **XXX** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:30

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
Call theater for program information

NATIONAL CITY

Harbor Drive In
32nd and D (619-477-1392)
Sweet Home Alabama; **Blue Crush**

Sweetwater 9
1920 Sweetwater Road (619-474-8571)
Barbershop (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:40) 5:55, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (1:25, 3:40) 5:50, 8:00, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:30) 8:00; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:20) 7:50; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:40; Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 5:00) 7:35; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (1:05, 3:15) 5:30, 7:40, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 3:50, 5:50) 8:05; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 9:45; Sun. (1:00, 3:55) 7:05, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 7:40; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:25) 7:55; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:20) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:15) 7:45; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:00, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:10) 7:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:50, 10:10; Sun. (1:30, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 3:55, 5:55) 8:10

NORTH INLAND

BONSALL

Galaxy 6
Highway 76 and Mission Road (760-945-8784)
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) Fri. 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00; Mon. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00; Mon. 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; Tue.-Thu. 1:45, 4:30, 7:15; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:00; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri. 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30; Mon. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Tue.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45; Tue.-Thu. 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:45

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain Ranch (858-674-9770)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:15) 7:10, 9:50; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 2:50) 4:50, 7:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:05,

5:05) 7:05; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:10, 3:40) 5:50, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:30) 5:35, 7:50, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:35) 7:50, 9:55; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:45, 9:55; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 7:45, 9:50; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:45, 1:45, 3:55) 4:45, 7:00, 7:50, 9:40, 10:30; Sun. (12:45, 1:45, 3:55) 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 5:10) 7:00, 8:00, 9:35; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:35) 7:25, 9:45; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (1:20) 4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:20) 7:20, 9:40; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:35, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:15, 5:25) 7:35, 9:45; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:40) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 2:55, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:10; Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:40) 7:55, 10:00; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 9:50

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

RAMONA

Ramona Twin
626 Main Street (760-789-3422)
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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Thu. (2:15) 7:40; **Barbershop** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:15, 4:45) 7:10, 9:35; **Brown Sugar** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:15) 7:40, 10:15; **The Four Feathers** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:55, 4:40) 7:45, 10:30; **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:05, 3:10, 5:15) 7:20; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:35, 5:05) 8:05, 10:35; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:05) 7:25,

9:50; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:20, 11:45, 2:00, 2:25, 4:40, 5:00, 5:15) 7:30, 8:00, 9:55, 10:20, 10:45; **The Ring (2002)** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **The Rules of Attraction** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 1:45, 4:20) 6:55, 9:30; **Signs** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 4:55) 7:35, 10:10; **Swept Away** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:10, 4:35) 7:05, 9:25; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 3:00, 5:10) 7:15, 10:25; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:35, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (12:20, 2:35, 4:55) 9:55; Sun.-Mon. (12:20, 2:35, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Wed. 12:20, 2:35, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Thu. (12:20, 2:35, 4:55) 7:30, 9:55; **Welcome to Collinwood** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 2:25, 4:50) 6:50, 9:45; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:10) 7:35, 10:30

NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Cinemas 4
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7147)
Red Dragon (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:00; **Knockaround Guys** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:00; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Sun. 12:15, 5:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:15, 5:15; **Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00, 2:45, 7:45; **Welcome to Collinwood** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15; **White Oleander** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:30, 2:55, 5:20) 7:40, 10:25; Mon. (2:25, 5:20) 8:20; Tue.-Thu. (5:20) 8:20; **Barbershop** (PG-13)

FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 10/11)

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Fri.-Sun. (1:40, 4:30) 7:05, 9:50; Mon. (2:15, 5:15) 8:10; Tue. (4:30); Wed.-Thu. (5:15) 8:10; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 7:55, 10:15; Mon. (2:50, 5:35) 8:15; Tue.-Thu. (5:35) 8:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:20, 4:20) 7:15, 10:10; Mon. (2:00, 5:00) 8:00; Tue.-Thu. (5:00) 8:00; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (1:50, 4:45) 7:25, 10:00; Mon. (2:10, 5:10) 7:45; Tue.-Thu. (5:10) 7:45; **The Transporter** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:35, 3:00, 5:25) 7:50, 10:20; Mon. (2:40, 5:25) 8:30; Tue.-Thu. (5:25) 8:30; **Tuck Everlasting** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:05; Mon. (3:00, 5:40) 8:25; Tue.-Thu. (5:40) 8:25; **The Tuxedo** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (12:40, 3:05, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30; Mon. (2:30, 5:30) 7:55; Tue.-Thu. (5:30) 7:55

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
One-Hour Photo (R) Fri. 7:00, 9:10; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. 7:00, 9:10

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The Banger Sisters (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45; **My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:15, 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15; **Red Dragon** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30; **Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 10:30, 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Swept Away** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00, 12:

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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.

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BUSINESS ADS

BUSINESSES include paid services or functions, rentals, and profit-making enterprises. For rates and discounts call (619) 235-8200, 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday.

DEADLINES: Business classifieds are accepted until 6pm Tuesday, two days prior to the issue. Call by Friday for early-placement discounts. Ads may be placed by phone using a credit

card (619-235-8200) or in person (1703 India Street, Downtown). Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, and until 6pm Tuesday.

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Reader Free Classifieds, PO Box 85803, San Diego CA 92186.

INTERNET: Free ads can also be placed online at SanDiegoReader.com. Free ads placed online appear *only* on the *Reader's* Web site. The deadline is 6 pm Monday. See below for instructions on placing online ads that also appear in the paper.

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QUICK, EASY, AND CHEAP! \$8 ads are available to private parties only. Ads are limited to 25 words. Cash, check or credit cards are accepted. (Services, rentals, lessons or any other profit-making enterprises do not qualify for \$8 ads. See instructions for business ads above. Other rules apply to Roommates and Matches ads.)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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

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COMMUNITY TRAINING Specialist. \$8.38/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.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. Geico Direct Claims Department. Days or evenings. Starting salary \$26,500. Health, dental, life insurance, 401(k), profit sharing, paid

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CUSTOMER SERVICE/Clerical. \$8/hour to start. Flexible hours. Mission Valley office. Computer skills helpful, but not necessary. Call Karen, 800-566-9677.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE. \$10 per hour and up. Call Ultimate Staffing Service, 858-625-2025.

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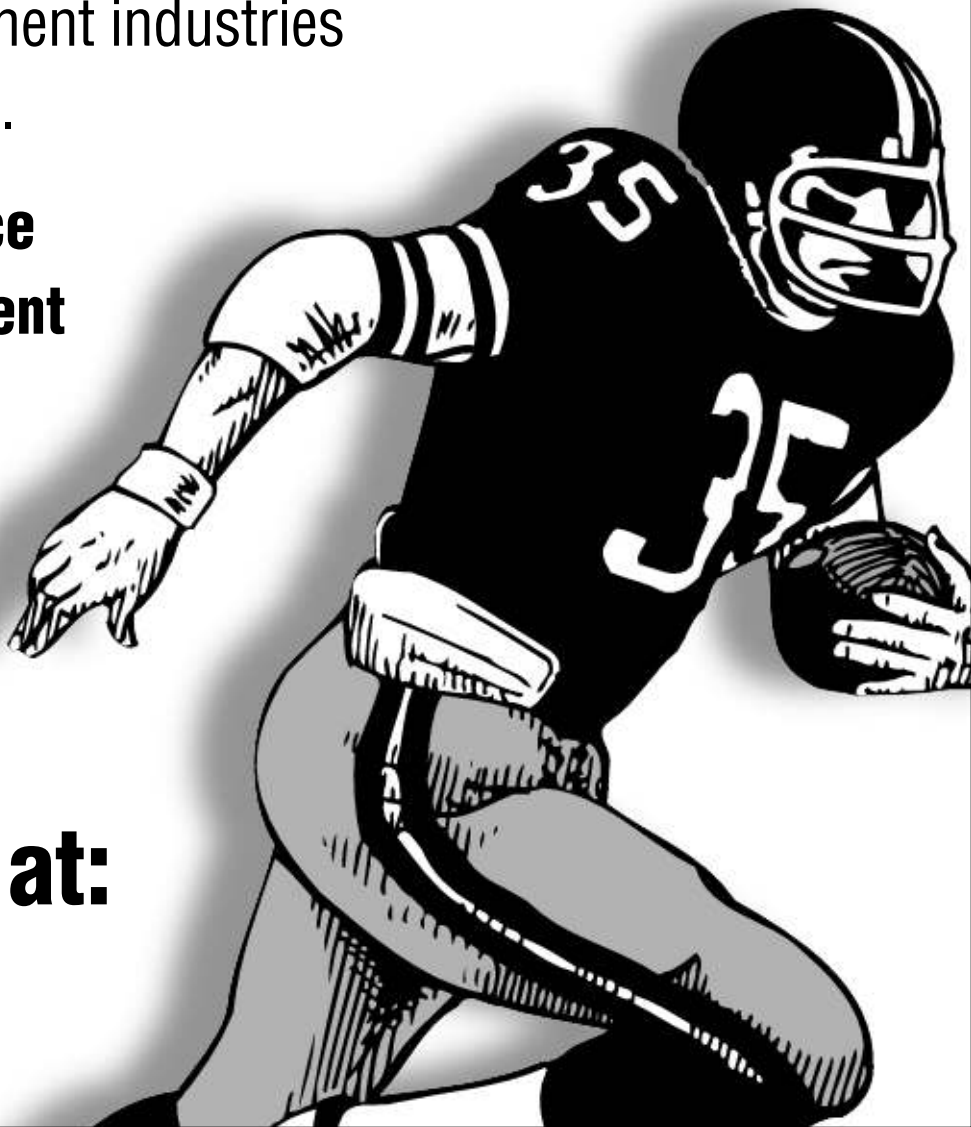
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DRIVER. United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego seeks driver for donation center. Full time, benefits and bonuses. 4/10 plan. Must be dependable. Please call 858-495-3154.

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.

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GENERAL CONSTRUCTION. \$10-\$25/Hour, depending on experience. Own tools, own truck. Reliable, no drugs. Commercial-Residential remodeling, and wireless communications construction. (San Diego County) 760-272-0055, or 858-677-7980.

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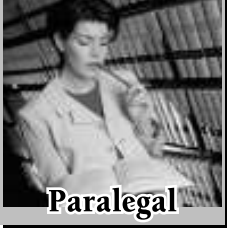
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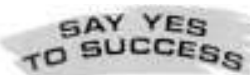
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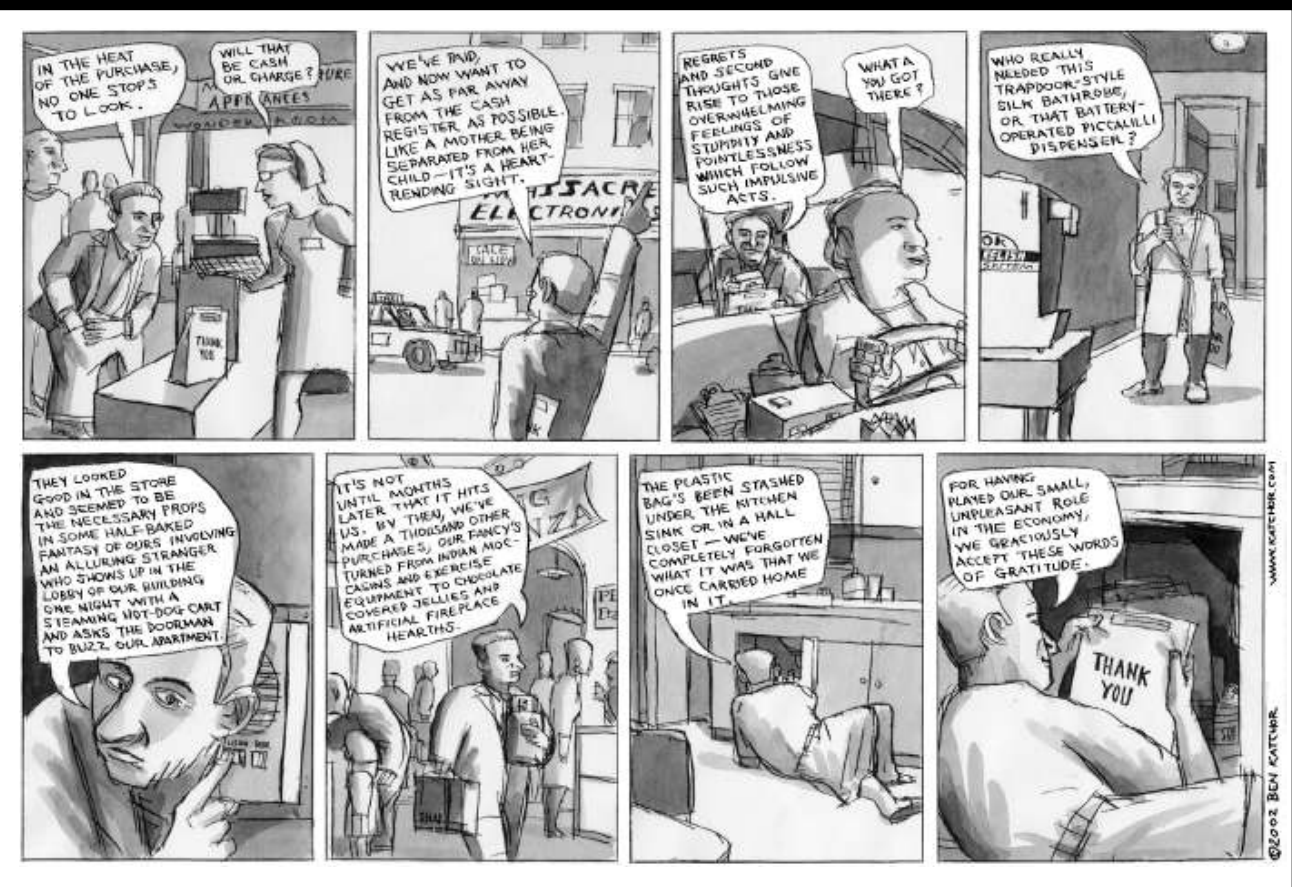
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David Nelson

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Downtown

I found out that it's more expensive than I thought in Ensenada — not that I was paying for it. I'd never been down there. I like this country a lot better. It's kind of sad to see some of the poverty.



Tracey McReynolds

Store Owner

North Park

I was in Mexico this weekend. You really appreciate the United States — the safety, the security, the amenities — *the cleanliness* — not having to worry about what you eat and drink. We were in Rosarito, and we're leaving for Cabo tomorrow, so it's not stopping me. But I always bring my own water. I bring my ID, my birth certificate, passport. We always hide money, we always get insurance. You just have to be aware.



Victoria Harmer

Mother

Little Italy

I don't travel a lot because I don't have a lot of time, but I find that it relaxes me. Well, getting on the plane and getting there can be stressful, but once I'm there, I relax. Of course, it's always nice to come home, too.

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BE YOURSELF. 23, African-American woman looking for educated Caucasian, 25-30, who enjoys sports, music, movies. Friendship first/possible relationship. Slim, tall, athletic. Financially secured. (10/16) ☎34694

LOVING SWEETHEART WANTED by good looking, blonde/blue, 58, classy lady. You: Handsome, romantic, intelligent, honest, exciting, upbeat, soul mate. I could be the one. (10/16) ☎34701

PRETTY BLONDE, professional, affectionate, sweet, unencumbered, homeowner, seeks attractive, considerate, interesting, active, happy male, 40-55, to enjoy music, hiking, biking, travel, life with. (10/23) ☎34738

I'M BORED. Black female seeking white male for fun. You must be open, passionate and ready to put a smile on my face. (10/16) ☎34668

PASSIONATE YET peaceful pentecostal lady, youthful 51, tall, blonde, seeks tall, fit, pentecostal gentleman who enjoys laughing; nonsmoker, nondrinker, degreed: Maranatha. (10/16) ☎34660

FORMER PROFESSIONAL singer, fun, energetic lady, slender, attractive, legs and more. Well-educated, well-traveled, centrally located, seeks soul mate. (10/16) ☎34696

SHAPELY, AVERAGE LADY, 5'8", brown/ hazel, 46, funny, loving, passionate, country jaunts, day trips, car/motorcycle rides. Enjoying challenges, that this life tosses to me. (10/16) ☎34682

SHORT AND SWEET. 5'3", freckles, strawberry blonde, young 49, bashful, easygoing, funny, peanut butter lover, positive, thoughtful, trustworthy. (10/23) ☎34733

PROVERBS 31 WOMAN who longs for the completeness of becoming one's helpmate seeks Colossians 3 man with similar longings. (10/16) ☎34679

ACTIVE, FUN-LOVING, pretty woman seeking 55+, adventuresome guy with integrity, a positive outlook and caring personality. We enjoy cycling, running, travel, theatre, music, outdoors. (10/16) ☎34666

Pretty West Indian

Sweet chocolate island girl, 60ish, loves to laugh, go walking. Need someone 60ish, young at heart, professional, with sense of humor, believes in God. (10/16) ☎34685

SOUTHERN, 45, 5'8", medium built, interested in camping, bowling, dinners, dancing, open to new interests. Need numerous, honest, loving, affectionate, sees into heart, soul mate. (10/23) ☎34753

SIMPLE PLEASURES! Seeking tall, white, for movies, dinner, good conversation, friendship first with potential for future. Goal oriented, no addictions, is positively adventurous, passionate, respectful. (10/23) ☎34748

SEXY, VOLUPTUOUS, black female business owner, seeks friendship with male between 35-55. You: independent with sense of humor, enjoys life. Emotionally/ physically fit, financially stable. (10/23) ☎34742

ARTIST, LIFE EXPLORER, cutie, petite, fit, intelligent, one with universe. You are handsome, caring, giving, 45+, male, path to higher consciousness, time for romance, nonsmoker. (10/16) ☎34652

ATTRACTIVE, SINGLE, black female, 50. Seeking caring affectionate, sincere, romantic, honest, down to earth, single, black male, 38-55, for friendship and dating. (10/23) ☎34750

ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL, slender, good-looking European is looking for sincere, handsome, classy, about 6', 50

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SURF? HAWAIIAN destination possible? Looking to find heart like mine. Adventurous, free spirit, 40s, pretty and kind. (10/23) ☎34717

GOOD LOOKING, down to earth, smart, honest, 5', slim, 53, seeks one nice, neat, solvent guy to share entertainment, good food events, films, for relationship. (10/16) ☎34699

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CHARMING, AFFECTIONATE woman seeking educated, attractive, dependable man for good conversation, laughter and fun. Health conscious, easygoing, Jewish, funny. Must love sleepovers and vegetables. 40-56. (10/16) ☎34704

INTEGRITY, HONOR, MORALS, loyalty, never married, exotic Polynesian beauty queen, gourmet cook, artist, model, educated, athletic. You: Quality, never married, military background a plus, 37-52. (10/16) ☎34709

NATURAL BEAUTY, 38, 5'8", fit, no children yet. Seeking dance partner, financially able to play, must be healthy, single, tall, 40ish, athletic, ready for me. (10/16) ☎34710

GREAT MIND, WARM HEART, attractive blue-eyed intellectual with humor, culture, spirit, 40s, 5'7", slender, seeks similar, bright professional for life's adventures, 46-56, educated nonsmoker. (10/23) ☎34734

FLEXIBLE SENIOR, 60s, attractive lady, seeks tall gentleman. Easygoing personality. Seeking companionship, friendship, relationship maybe? Don't spend years left alone. Fun, music, casinos, trips. Honest! (10/16) ☎34662

CLASSY, ATTRACTIVE MOM, 49, looks 43, active, fit, professional, homeowner, North County. Gentleman, 45-55, clean-cut, intelligent, active, fit, 5'9"+, financially/emotionally secure, honest, marriage. (10/16) ☎34687

45, FEMALE, EXOTIC, cute, friendly Latina seeks man with real stability, values. Need friend first to watch movies, just hang out. No drinking, smoking, drugs. (10/23) ☎34725

ATTRACTIVE, FRIENDLY, Japanese, 5'5", professional, outgoing, fit. Seeking tall, honest, educated, happy, athletic, open-minded. Beach, rollerblade, tennis, salsa, scuba diving, sailing, dining out, conversation. (10/23) ☎34718

TOMBOY, 50, PEACEFUL, pretty, warm, friendly, real. You: Generous, mellow, content, handsome, great personality, friendship, must be based on mutual re-

spect, generous heart. Crazy sometimes. (10/16) ☎34700

GODDESS SEEKS KNIGHT! Charming, generous, humorous, adventurous. No baggage, 28-48. This smart, sexy, childless, black beauty awaits. 5'8", adorable smile. Are you worthy? Are you? (10/23) ☎34743

DARK CHOCOLATE SKIN. 5'6", medium build, happy, active and healthy, outgoing and pretty. Looking for a kind, generous gentleman for dinner and movies. Possibly more. (10/23) ☎34723

NEW TO AREA. 55, full-figured, funny female professional. Seeking kind, intelligent, solvent male with sense of humor, 53-63, to have fun with and explore San Diego. (10/16) ☎34656

SEMI-RETIRED, FIT, active, 50-year-old, 5'6" blonde seeks fun companion for brisk walking, cycling, tennis, snow skiing, dancing, traveling and the theater. (10/16) ☎34663

ATTRACTIVE, SEXY, 41, single mom, 5'4", 130lbs., seeking relationship with handsome, fit, humorous man for dining, intimacy, walks, talks, beach, travel, camping. North County inland. (10/16) ☎34695

27-YEAR-OLD FEMALE who is vibrant, intelligent, adventurous and passionate, hopes to find an easygoing, energetic, witty, masculine man for a possible relationship. (10/16) ☎34680

NICE, AFRICAN AMERICAN, 33, 5'4", 125lbs., college educated. Professional, athletic, loves physical activity. Looking for Caucasian, 32-40, must be physically active, like indie films, dancing. (10/23) ☎34736

I'M 29, BLACK, sexy, vibrant, professional, slender, fit, affectionate and tired of boys! I crave a handsome, tall, muscular, confident, financially secure, generous, masculine man. (10/16) ☎34702

CATCH OF THE DAY! No baggage, just a down-to-earth, humorous, 54 year young professional. Tired of being alone, yet not lonely. (10/16) ☎34714

I AM A 22-YEAR-OLD student at SDSU. I would like to meet an intelligent, honest and independent man to have fun with. (10/16) ☎34669

LET'S HAVE ROMANCE, LOVE, laughter, dance, sharing happy and sad. Russian born, 57, blonde, pretty, fun, glamorous, great cook. You: 58-60, cute, special gentleman. (10/16) ☎34691

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

FIRST I'LL WHISPER in your ear so softly, and then... Single, professional, black male, light carmel complexion, 30s, outgoing, sports active, seeks shapely, race open. (10/23) ☎48987

SINGLE DAD LOOKING for someone to go to the desert with who likes dune buggies, camping and having fun. I'm 40. Seeking that special someone. (10/16) ☎48896

SWEET AND SASSY REDHEAD sought by open, attractive male, 30, 6'2", blond, 175lbs. Into alternative music, outdoors, 4x4s, travel and more. Take chance! Smoke OK. (10/16) ☎48936

BLACK MALE PROFESSIONAL, 60, 6'3", 220lbs., highly educated and handsome. Enjoy long walks, biking and more. Seeking attractive white female, 48-58, for friendship/relationship. (10/23) ☎48958

UNCONVENTIONAL, HANDSOME boater, Sea of Cortez, fishing, diving, seafood, sunsets, happy hour, tennis, chess, jazz, Michael Franks, looking for a hardheaded woman. (10/23) ☎48957

POP QUIZ! Got time for a nice guy in your life? North County homeowner, 50, hopes so. Got fun? (10/16) ☎48881

KOOKY, INTELLIGENT, charming, creative, 6'2", slim, physically/emotionally healthy, happy, never married, career professional, young 50. Seeking attractive, intelligent woman for best friend, passion, family. (10/23) ☎48962

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE, 46, sincere, honest, healthy, attractive, reliable. 5'10", 170lbs., enjoys music, beach, dining, coffeehouses. Seeking marriage-minded, attractive, blonde, 33-41. Be my lady. (10/23) ☎48977

CALL ME NOW BEFORE someone else if you are beautiful, 30 to 40, with a great personality, and you really want to change your life. (10/23) ☎48990

SINGLE MOTHER OF ONE small child? My son is 4. I'm 42, 6'3", slim and fit, college educated, MBA, Spanish descendant with an accent. (10/16) ☎48876

SPIRITUAL, LIBERTARIAN, fine wine/ smoke/dining (usually in moderation), books, road trips; Tarzan's physique, average face, 50, 5'10", brown/blue; need feminine, approximately proportionate counterpart. (10/16) ☎48873

CABO SAN LUCAS! 89 degree, Baja beach resort. Vacation with me! Educator, 52, 6', blond/blue. Prefer shapely, smart, adventurous, nonsmoker, under 52. Relationship seeking. (10/23) ☎48972

Time for Us!

Handsome, attractive, entrepreneur, youthful, 56, 5'11", fit, healthy lifestyle, quick wit, easy smile, loves films, music, nature, stimulating conversation, seeks special woman for friendship, laughter, love. (10/23) ☎48992

CHRISTIAN, RECOVERING alcoholic, 43, gentle, kindhearted, down to earth, not shallow. Hate TV, like hiking, reading, scripture, personal growth. Seeking Christian woman, similar interests. (10/23) ☎48947

JOYFUL, CONSCIOUS relationship sought by successful, active, athletic, 48-year-old health professional. Relationship dynamics are the door to soulful living. Love kids, travel, you? (10/23) ☎48965

SKI SLOPES, BIKING, waves, jacuzzi, balanced with work and education. Athletic, educated, musical, white male, 5'10", 48, blond hair, seeks vibrant woman resisting middle age. (10/16) ☎48902

HANDSOME, 52, millionaire, businessman, 5'10", 200lbs., personable character, goals, monogamous, commitment minded. Enjoy dinner, dancing, movies,

travel, spoiling you. Seeking slim, classy, sexy beauty, 35-55. (10/16) ☎48906

AND YOU ARE? I am Andre, 46, straight-forward, speak from the heart. Joy is intimate communication, I know what I want. Do you? Call me. (10/16) ☎48919

LOTS TO OFFER, professional, balanced, unencumbered athletic, solvent, attractive, romantic, 52, homeowner, spontaneous, midwest values, educated. Seeks compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (10/16) ☎48929

SEEKING FULL-FIGURED woman with whom I can be frank and earnest. White male, 6', brown/blue, enjoys: dinner, movies, walks, cuddling, etc. North County. (10/16) ☎48917

LOYAL, POLITE, ATTENTIVE, 6'1", 190lbs., 46, extremely handsome, emotionally/financially secure, good communicator. Seeking tall, assertive, mature, creative, sublime woman to love, honor and respect. (10/23) ☎48970

HI, I'M 33, good-looking man looking for a Latina girl, 25-36, to have fun. (10/16) ☎48904

DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT, fun-loving, creative, attractive professional, 38, 5'7", 160lbs., seeks attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship of growth and enjoyment. (10/16) ☎48886

BEACHFRONT HOMEOWNER, MBA, professional, athletic, 5'10", 160lbs., 41, green eyes, brown hair and attractive. Seeking slim white female, 21-36, for romantic relationship. (10/23) ☎48980

CARING, SENSITIVE, KIND, seeks attractive, intelligent, fun. You: 24-29, nonsmoker. Me: 30, 5'8", few extra pounds, cute. Enjoy travel, outdoors, museums, art, movies, music, dining. (10/16) ☎48892

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT from India looking to meet cute chic in San Diego for fun. (10/23) ☎48954

HELLO. Looking for a sweet, warm and loving girl, 28-33. I hope to hear from you soon. Bye. (10/16) ☎48897

CLASSY, SEXY, TALL, handsome white male, 50s, gentle, kind, lives alone, Mission Valley, seeks female, lover, exy, stylish, passionate, loves touching, kissing, cocktails, fireworks, me. (10/16) ☎48890

ROMANTICALLY HOPEFUL, 6', 210lbs., brown/brown, childless, educated, marriage minded, semicool, communicative, sensitive, affectionate, loyal and very ready. Seeking, 5'3"-5'8", trim, healthy inside/out woman. (10/16) ☎48907

ONE GOOD WOMAN WANTED. Handsome black male tired of the club scene and the games. Race open. (10/16) ☎48898

ASIAN, 36, GENTLEMAN, educated with career. Looking for someone to spoil. No drugs! Must be open minded, sensual, have family values. Love to be pampered. (10/23) ☎48953

ROMEO SEEKS PRINCESS, single white male, age 47, upbeat. Looking for my special princess! She is between 25-38 years old and has one arm. (10/23) ☎48997

INNER BEAUTY, ASTUTE, witty, friend for movies, outdoors, some sports, cultural events. I'm 46, 5'11", Catholic, desire Caucasian or Latina, open to age, prefer unencumbered. (10/23) ☎48976

REALLY NICE GUY, 40, 6'2", blond hair, blue eyes. Into jazz and progressive music,

sic. Looking for single white female for companionship, humor, walks, fun! (10/16) ☎48878

24-YEAR-OLD SEEKING attractive, smart, down-to-earth, open-minded female. In other words, I'm looking for someone with similar qualities of my own. (10/16) ☎48895

YOU: BLONDE, BLUE, petite, 30-40. Me: Tall, dark, handsome, responsible, professional. House, hair, trucks! Tall, slim, sexy, 40, rock music, hobbies, love Hawaii, travel. Divorced. (10/16) ☎48932

SNORKELING IN TAHITI! Wine tasting, dining, concerts, spa trips, weekend get-aways. Handsome, nontraditional, affectionate romantic seeks sincere, very fit, nonsmoker, passionate woman, 35+. Serious fun. (10/23) ☎48960

HOT, FULL-BODIED Hispanic woman, 40-55, wanted by handsome, romantic, virile, black male for serious, passionate relationship/marriage. All my love, all my life. (10/23) ☎48967

SINGLE WHITE MALE, young looking 44, 5'11", 250lbs., seeks older woman for intimate relationship. I am clean, kind and very affectionate. Seeking same. (10/23) ☎48945

SEEKING MISCHIEF, mayhem, earth trekking? Very attractive, successful Jewish guy from Midwest, 42, seeks creative and adventurous younger woman. Healthy rebels and nonconformists welcome. (10/23) ☎48955

JUST MOVED to San Diego, 48, but feel 33, a well educated, high energy, nice looking professional. Want a friend as well as a lover. (10/23) ☎48963

MALE, 45, 6'4", 180lbs., brown/blue, fit, honest, loves to laugh, easygoing. Looking for very attractive, honest female to put up with me. (10/23) ☎48951

ROMANTIC CHEMISTRY. Tall, handsome, fit, fun, successful professional, 42, loves passion, travel, conversation, spirituality. Seeking openhearted woman for romance and long term relationship, North Coastal. (10/23) ☎48986

HUMOR, INTELLIGENT, eclectic, spiritual, 52, 5'8", 170lbs., brown/black; enjoy coffeehouses, conversation, books, movies, walks, nature, classic rock, shops. Seeking intelligent, somewhat proportionate to height. (10/23) ☎48971

DO YOU LIKE WIMPS? Look somewhere else! Rugged, law enforcement professional, 48, white, knows how to treat lady. Seeking fit, pretty, kind soul. Call me. (10/23) ☎48966

TALL BLOND! Emotionally available, down to earth, intelligent, attractive, well adjusted, athletic, adventures. Sought by handsome, sexy, passionate, fun, communicative, 58, Sean Connery look-alike. (10/23) ☎48941

LET ME DATE YOU. Me: adorable, astute angel, nonsmoker, active, great dancer, good shape, educated, 35, childless. You: 30s, attractive blonde, Latina, slim, be pampered. (10/23) ☎49001

LOVE BUDDY, TYPE A guy seeks type B woman. 40-50, cute, petite, under 5'6". Further information on Reader's web service under, Love Buddy. (10/23) ☎48998

GENTLE, DEPENDABLE, honest, homeowner, handyman, 58, nonsmoker, not gorgeous but OK, looking for a friend to get to know me, to share life's simple pleasures. (10/16) ☎48883

VERY ATTRACTIVE, WARM, highly sensual, fit, athletic, intelligent, positive, sincere, personable, secure, generous, confident, professional who cares/ appreciates. Seeking white female, 35-47, with similar qualities. (10/16) ☎48937


FIT PROFESSIONAL, 42, 6'1", likes biking, swimming, outdoors, animals. College educated, childless, nonreligious, seeks awareness, sincere. You're similar, nonsmoker, non to light drinker. (10/23) ☎48999

PETITE, ATTRACTIVE, shapely female sought by a handsome, North County Coastal, Spanish male, 45, affectionate, romantic, degreed, for dating, romance and a possible relationship. (10/23) ☎48944

SCORPION/LONG HAired computer scientist/hippie seeks petite, sweet, vivacious, creative, intelligent lady, 30ish. Love animals, rock concerts, photography, exploring, hiking. Central San Diego. (10/16) ☎48877

GOOD-HEARTED, HEALTHY gentleman, 44, 5'7", 170lbs., financially secure. Boat owner, enjoys waterskiing, boating, camping, outdoor activities. Looking for one special woman. (10/23) ☎48974

THE ONE. I'm the one that likes to take care of and treat a girl in the right ways. I'm 24, male, attractive, athletic build. (10/23) ☎48982



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30, PRESCHOOL TEACHER who loves football, soccer, wrestling, acting, working out, steaks, ice cream and tries to better my life. Asian lady, similar interests. (10/23) **☎**48973

EBONY LADY. White male desires speaking and going from there. I only ask that you be honest, romantic, 30-40s proportionate, like simple things but goal oriented. I'm 39, 6'3", 240lbs., single father with same interest. (10/16) **☎**48874

ONE WHO LOVES LIFE, looking for laughter and fun. Wine and dine to have a great time. Passion and pleasurable makes it more measurable. (10/23) **☎**48988

FUN-LOVING, affectionate, degreed professional, 32, seeking white, 18-35 who loves to cuddle, good conversation, down to earth, for companionship and more. Height/weight unimportant. (10/23) **☎**48993

JEWISH MALE, 59, 5'9", 160lbs., attorney/real estate developer. Honest, attractive, seeks sincere, attractive, slender female, for long term relationship, 47-56, preferably with long hair. (10/23) **☎**48984

NATURAL MAN seeks natural woman. Your being intelligent, educated, professional, creative, funny, realistic, unencumbered, health-conscious, tall, slim, attractive, at least 45, would be terrific. (10/16) **☎**48908

HANDSOME ARCHITECT, fun, active, playful, 6', blond/green homeowner, seeks attractive soul mate for dining, travel, outdoor sports, good marriage material. (10/23) **☎**48991

TALL, TAN, ATHLETIC, successful businessman, youthful, 58, seeks slender companion, relationship. Share sunrises, sunsets, each walks, dining out, 54' power boat, music, cruising, Hawaiian Islands. (10/16) **☎**48935

PAPI CHULO, fit, slim, 5'8", 40s, educated, homeonwer. Seeking Latina woman, 135lbs. or less. (10/23) **☎**48946

CHRISTIAN, TALL, BLOND, fit, 40, educated, traveled, active, outdoorsy, coastal, communicative, content, seeks Godly, marriage and ministry-minded, semifit woman that appreciates life's simple pleasures. (10/16) **☎**48909

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl 4 years. 45 years, 5'10", 170lbs., blond/blue, Chula Vista. Seeking lasting relationship with loving, caring, easygoing, thin woman. (10/23) **☎**48949

FRISKY 70-YEAR-OLD gentleman professional, 6'3", 210lbs., active, excellent health, neat, clean. Searching for sensuous, passionate lady, under 65 and not overweight. (10/23) **☎**48956

HANDSOME YOUNG DOCTOR, 36, outgoing, athletic, secure, affectionate, seeks beautiful, classy, warm, intelligent, 22-34, slender, caring, honest, fun loving, cheerful. Theater, music, travel, meaningful relationships. (10/16) **☎**48915

HELP ME FEED THE DUCKS at the lake across the street. Sensitive, Lakeside

homeowner, 59, 5'11", 150lbs., needs your caring, affectionate companionship. Enjoys movies, music. (10/23) **☎**48978

LOOKING FOR THAT DEVOTED, trusted woman, between 20-26. No head games, looking for an one-on-one, long term relationship. E-mail me. (10/23) **☎**49000

SINGLE WHITE MALE SEEKS female from San Diego, 19 to 45 years old, and over a size 14. (10/16) **☎**48900

ATTRACTIVE-LOOKING 42-year-old white male, 5'8", 165lbs., likes sailing, hiking, dining, working out regularly, never married, nonsmoker, integrity, fun, very caring, loyal, compassionate. (10/16) **☎**48887

ROMANTICALLY INCLINED, tall, slim, white male, 40s, seeks warm, witty, left-leaning female under 30. Race, size, appearance matter less than offbeat sensitivity, compassion. (10/16) **☎**48880

Bon Jour My Lovely Ladies

I'm from Canada to San Diego, California. New in town to find/explore a very sexy, passionate, open, honest, no games lady like you that wants to share true romance/adventures. So please, let's get together to share the moment of happiness from the heart. (10/23) **☎**48939

HANDSOME, HIGH QUALITY, healthy, 6'1", 190lbs., widower. Retired, successful businessman, homeowner, seeks pretty lady, 45-65, curvy figure, dates, fun, laughs. Possible long term. (10/23) **☎**48948

SUCCESSFUL, EUROPEAN, intellectual, handsome, charming and emotionally stable, wishes to make happy a sensitive, attractive and educated lady in her 30s. (10/16) **☎**48918

YOU ARE BRIGHT. ME TOO. You are witty. Me too. You are slender. Me too. You are shapely. Uh...I'm not. You are relieved. (10/16) **☎**48916

PLAYFUL PISCES. Dreaming about love. Me: Handsome, fit, entrepreneur, musician. Love music, travel, surfing, exercise, movies, romantic dinners, cuddling, communicating, vulnerability, open mindedness, passion! You? (10/16) **☎**48934

A NEW BEGINNING! Recently widowed, adventurous spirit, figured what the heck, might meet somebody interesting. Avid motorcyclist, intelligent, independent, witty, sensual, caring, much more. (10/16) **☎**48899

BLOND, SWEDE, 32, looking for a San Diego girlfriend. E-mail me. (10/23) **☎**48952

WANTED: VERY ATTRACTIVE, 33-49, white, nonsmoker, sweet, sensuous, stylish, values. Tired of losers with no class/ambition, selfish liars, players? Let this 6'2", 180lbs., 52, blond/blue, successful, handsome gentleman show you how a real man treats a lady. I'm kind, romantic, funny, smart, fashionable. Friends first, maybe more. Enjoy dining, dancing, walks, movies, celebrate life. (10/16) **☎**48927

TALL, HUMOROUS, LEAN, handsome, romantic, bald, struggling black male, 50, still searching and hoping to connect with large, shapely, sometimes lonely Cau-

casian redhead. Thanks. (10/16) **☎**48910

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SUPER NICE GUY! Handsome, romantic, 52, looks 38, creative, nonsmoker, Jewish, polite, educated, professional, dynamic, humorous, kind, enjoys music, seeks younger, petite, attractive, childless lady. (10/23) **☎**48968

JUST LOOKING FOR A GIRL to get to know. Go see movies, dinner, etc. See what develops from that. E-mail me. Later. (10/23) **☎**48964

ATTRACTIVE, BUSINESS owner, 41, looks 30, athletic, sandy blond/blue eyes, fun loving, positive, seeks attractive lady, kids OK, kind, smart, sensual, passionate, honest, warm. (10/23) **☎**43996

YOU CAN'T LOVE SOMEONE unless you love yourself. I have good morals. I'm respectful, considerate, and I'm a caring listener. Young 46. Wait, there's more. (10/16) **☎**48884

BRAZILIAN LADY WANTED. North County Coastal, tall, 57, nice looking, sincere. Seeking long-term relationship. Loves ocean, rio, Brazilian People, travel, photography, walks, dancing. (10/16) **☎**48913

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BOYS WILL BE BOYS. Handsome, attentive, boyish, monogamous cuddler, 47. Desires nurturing, curvaceous, sensuous, strong-willed, loving woman for a mutually satisfying relationship. Age open. (10/16) **☎**48903

SEEKING DIVORCED LADY, 45-55, who wears heels and stockings. Professional man, 6'2", 195lbs., will escort you to dinner, theater, long walks. Yes, this means you! (10/23) **☎**48995

INTENSE HAZEL EYES, single white male, 38, outgoing, honest, strong features. Like playing tennis. Spontaneous Gemini seeking fun loving Asian female who enjoys the outdoors. (10/16) **☎**48872

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NICE BUT LONELY, 52, 5'6" guy looking for nice, lonely woman to start a meaningful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request. (10/23) **☎**48961

INTERESTING GUY DESIRES a counterpart, 47-53. Your: smart, a cross between an artist and an entertainer, literate, sen-

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GOT CHANTILLY LACE, faded jeans? Commitment friendly? Vices moderate? Blue-collar dad, 8/14/50, slightly offbeat, needs easygoing, book/street-smart, nicely packaged, mind, body, soul! (10/23) **☎**48985

HEAVY METAL SLACKER. Seeking voodoo practitioner, into idolatry, authoritarian bashing, Paganism, general mischief and mayhem. Enya, Ozzy, barbeques, walks on the beach. Foreign travel. (10/16) **☎**48912

37, 6'3", VERY FIT, athletic professional passionate about teaching, travel, art, life. Enjoy new experiences/helping others. Seeking secure, worldly, sincere woman, long-term relationship. (10/16) **☎**48891

DOCTOR, GUITAR PLAYER, 38, tall, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, good listener, sensitive, very attractive, enjoys reading, music. Seeking sensitive, empathetic, intelligent, growth-oriented, caring female. (10/16) **☎**48933

EMPTY NEST SYNDROME, kids are grown. Dad's time now. Healthy, happy, stable but not boring. Do you have the time and desire? Let's do it. (10/16) **☎**48894

EASYGOING, SLIGHTLY eccentric, Caucasian, 53, 6'2", 200lbs., enjoys art, music, reading, travel, working out, exploring new things. Seeking open-minded, adventurous 40-55 to share journey. (10/16) **☎**48928

LOOKING TO DATE Lutheran lady, minister, that in the American Lutheran church, Christian male, 35. I love the bible. (10/23) **☎**48950

JAZZ, MOZART, PUCCINI, Renoir, Rodin. Seeking slim, attractive woman, 37-43. If these interests get your attention, especially jazz, please call this gentleman. Thank you. (10/16) **☎**48930

BLACK FEMALE WANTED. Funny, romantic San Diego guy, 45, 6'4", for 27-53. Jazz, barbecue, dancing, sports. Listen to my introduction. Call, let's talk and meet. (10/16) **☎**48888

A MATURE FEMALE, 45+, wanted by a black professional. I'm 36, athletic and funny. Race open. Let's talk! (10/16) **☎**48893

SOBER, SOLVENT, single white male, blue eyes, 6', bright, likes dinners, coffee movies, concerts, lectures and walks with a friendly companion. (10/23) **☎**48969

EASYGOING, 37, WHITE, male professional, seeks white female, 30-39, for beach sports, travel, dancing, hiking. To be best friend, possibly leading to more. (10/23) **☎**48979

JEWISH MAN LOOKING FOR Jewish woman, 35-50, for meaningful relationship. Only serious inquiries apply. (10/16) **☎**48914

HARMONY! YOU: FUN, adventurous, serene, 40-50. Me: 50+, tall, no kids, kayak, swim, fish, golf, dance, cook, walk, life! Herpes. (10/16) **☎**48885

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MARRY ME! I'm 38, 5'10", 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable, homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with caring, sincere female. (10/16) **☎**48905

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ACTIVE SWIMMER, CINEASTE, works with university students, freelance video editor, 48, childless, lives with father. North County local, active with church. Anyone out there? (10/16) **☎**48901

THIS 49-YEAR-OLD Christian guy seeks Godly woman for marriage. I am 5'10", 160lbs., blond and blue eyed. I am fun and love Jesus. (10/16) **☎**48938

47, 5'2", LEPRECHAUN. Likes jazz, martial arts, Chicago Bears, animals. Seeking Caucasian lady, 35-45, single, honest, caring. Need friendship first, I'm spiritual and very alone. (10/16) **☎**48882

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. (10/23) **☎**48942

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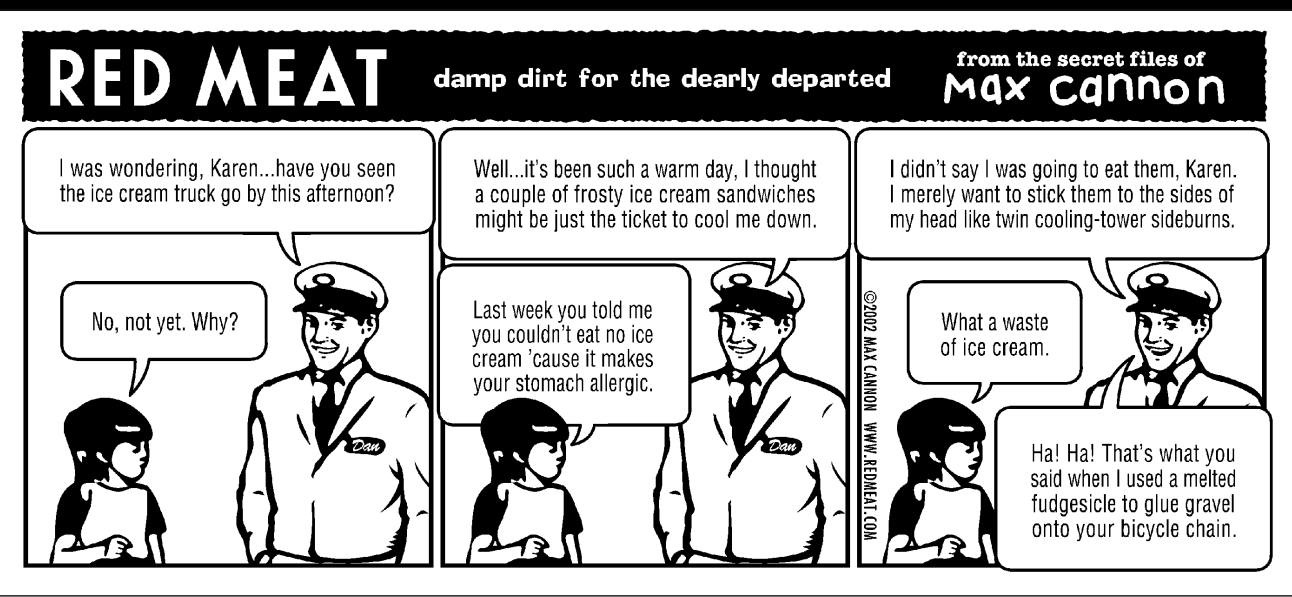
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Across

- The “Mr.” of a 1939 film
- Write, like on glass or metal
- Give for a while
- Barbecue site
- Centers of activity
- Phobia starter
- Novice puzzler’s comment, at this point
- Rolodex abbr.
- Country with more than 300 islands
- Bridal path
- Scotch partner
- Lo ____ (noodle dish)
- Novice puzzler’s comment, at this point
- Coup ____
- Capital of Latvia
- Article in Der Spiegel
- “I have ____ good authority”
- Meticulous to a fault
- Fish that swims upstream
- Eight-time Norris Trophy winner
- El ____, Tex.
- Fill with joy
- Novice puzzler’s comment, at this point
- Actress Flynn Boyle
- Word before time or value
- Wood for a storage closet
- Get an ____ effort
- Wall St. news
- Novice puzzler, now
- “____ la guerre!”
- Easy as falling ____ log
- Removes dependency (from)
- Slapstick comedy items
- “Like taking candy from a baby!”
- Dominican Republic’s ____ Domingo

Down

- Dentist’s directive
- Medieval or modern weapon
- Stressed type: Abbr.
- Tenth anniversary gift
- Go in haste
- Wood in “The Lord of the Rings”
- Nobelism Morrison
- Third-century date
- Vanity plate in a two-car household
- Dominican-American, e.g.
- New York Times publisher Adolph

- Botanical cover
- Carrot on a snowman, maybe
- Pooch’s name
- Port city north of Tel Aviv
- “South Park” kid
- Some scans
- On pins and needles
- Saying
- Aquarium favorite
- Alibi
- Fire work
- Kind of center
- Mazda model
- Brought to a close
- Square’s partner
- West Point inits.
- Gin flavor
- Fruits by a partridge
- Some accounts
- Turns up high, like a boom box
- When things don’t go right
- New Mexico art community
- Cold war inits.
- “..... saw Elba”
- Prescription particular
- Canine clamor
- One of several czars
- Confined, with “up”
- Guesstimate phrase
- Misery
- Son ____ gun
- Untilled tract

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 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.
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 10/3/02.

Of the 156 entrants, 150 were correct. The winners are:

- Gloria Ann Kaufman, *El Cajon*
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- Thomas B. Nolar, *Escondido*
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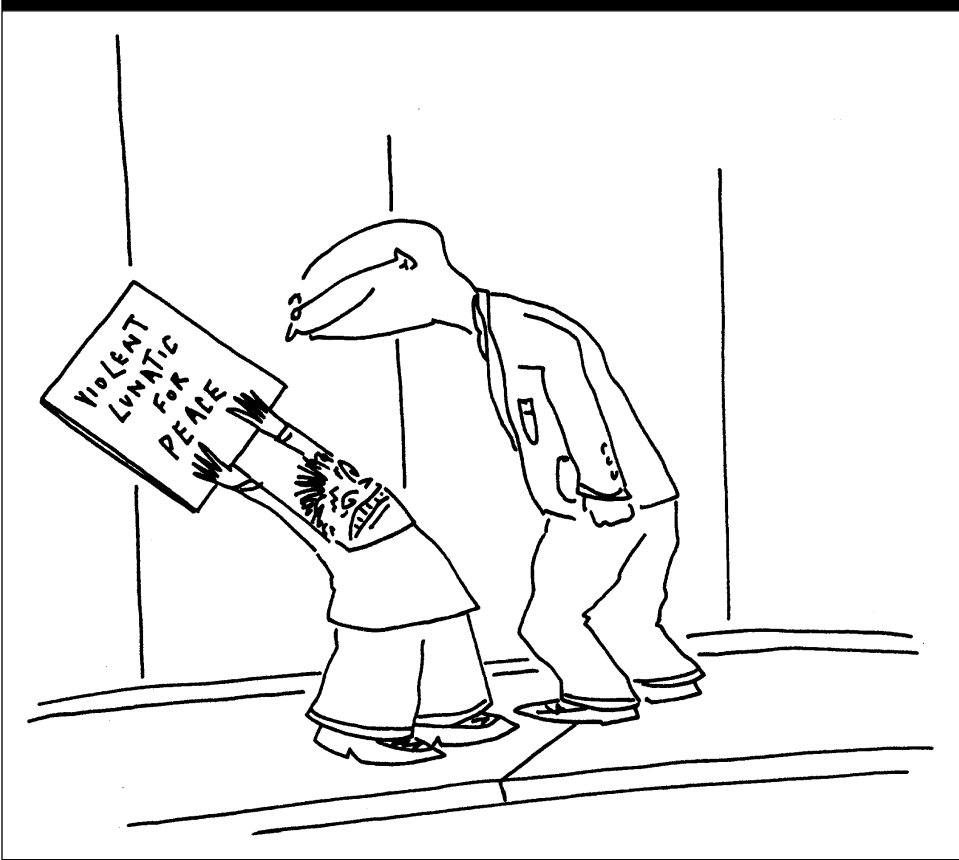
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DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1495. Charming 2 bedroom plus bonus room, new appliances, carpet, paint, detached workshop/garage, safe cul-de-sac. Awesome view of city/bridge. 619-233-4473.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. Loft, live/work. \$2100. 1800 square feet. Stunning, huge, open, finished space with storefront. Nice building/lobby. North light. Pets well-come. 619-239-5256.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. Live/work loft at Simon Levi Building. 1119 square feet, view, 15' ceilings, air conditioning. All utilities included. \$1663/month. Mike, 619-233-0123.

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$625. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$735. 1 bedroom cottage, small garden complex, gated. Cats OK. 2537 State Street. 619-338-0126.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Available now. Live/work loft. Fireplace, washer/dryer hookups, full kitchen/bath, 14' ceilings. Call for details, 619-236-9353.

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EL CAJON. From \$910. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Beautiful gated complex. Convenient location. Full appliances. Pet accepted. For more information, to view photos, and to view other vacancies in San Diego area, check out www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

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EL CAJON. \$750. 1 bedroom condo. Covered patio. New carpets. No pets. Central air/heat. Laundry. Pool. Clubhouse. Near all. 619-442-1749.

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EL CAJON. \$850. 2 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath flat. Available now. \$915. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath townhouse. Available 10/10. In small quiet gated community. 619-593-6602.

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EL CAJON. \$695-\$825. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments located in gated community with off-street parking, on-site laundry, air conditioning and sparkling pool. 247 N. First Street. Agent, 619-442-8618.

EL CAJON. \$750. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs. Gated community. No pets. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. 140 Wells Avenue. Available now. Call manager, 619-442-5857.

EL CAJON. \$675. Move-in Special! 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Pool, recreation room. Off-street parking. Laundry on site. 868 South Magnolia. www.sunriseliving.com. 619-401-9370.

EL CAJON. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment. Vaulted ceilings, central heating/air, washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, microwave, pool. No pets. Open house 10/12-10/13, 10am-1pm. 300 Roanoke Road. Phillips Realty, 619-401-2993.

EL CAJON. Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. Laundry facilities, assigned parking. Open house 10/12-10/13, 10am-1pm. 1423 Peach Avenue. Phillips Realty, 619-401-2993.

EL CAJON. \$850. Deposit \$700. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit, off-street parking, on-site laundry, close to all. 632

W. Washington Avenue #B. 619-843-8168.

EL CAJON/CREST. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house. Total renovation 4/02. Air, carport, skylights, washer/dryer hookups. Small pets OK. Fenced. No smoke. 619-588-5660.

EL CAJON/CREST. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. \$1600, 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 1200 square feet, fireplace, washer/dryer, yard. Pets OK. 619-980-9625.

ENCINITAS. Up to 1 month free rent! Call for details. From \$1260. 1, 2 bedrooms with brick fireplaces. Washer/dryer included. Gated community. Minutes from beaches and hiking trails. Lighted tennis and racquetball courts. Cats and dogs welcome. Canterwood, 1720 El Camino Real. Toll free: 1-888-333-0921. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1052.

ENCINITAS. Surf view, 1 block to beach. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath furnished townhome. Tennis, guarded gate. 2-car Garage. Sleeps 6. \$1000/week, \$2495/month. 760-402-8645.

ENCINITAS. Tired of roommates? Cute 1 bedroom beach trailer, 2 blocks from Moonlight Beach. Walk to restaurants, Coaster, and shops. Garden spot, no smoking/pets. \$635 and up, plus utilities. 760-753-4101.

ENCINITAS. \$2075. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, garage, fenced yard, spa, great location. Pet ok. Open Sunday 2-4pm. 2119 Mountain Vista. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

ENCINITAS. 1 bedroom. \$995. Private patio. Bright and airy. Garden setting. 1-1/2 blocks to beach. Close and easy access to shopping, freeway, Coaster. No pets. 1237 North Vulcan. Available now. 760-929-1950.

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ENCINITAS. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet, clean complex. Dishwasher, berber carpet, onsite laundry, garage. Close to shopping and YMCA. 185 Saxony Road. 760-436-2495; 760-613-1350.

ENCINITAS. \$1495. Panoramic ocean view, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, duplex, deck, 2-car garage. Walk to beach and Coaster. No pets. Available 11/1. Agent, 760-752-2812.

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ENCINITAS. \$3500. Ocean front 3 bedroom apartment. Dining and living room, sundeck, magnificent white surf view, big garden, no pets, 2-car garage. 909-596-3922.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. Coastal duplex. 2 bedroom, 2 bath plus office. 1690 square feet. Peak ocean views! Washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace, lots of windows. \$2000/month. 760-943-7179.

ENCINITAS/LEUCADIA. Architectural delight! Open design, high ceilings with skylights, fireplaces. Secluded 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Master bedroom with fireplace and deck. Backyard and carport. Nonsmoking. \$1575. 858-794-7880.

ESCONDIDO. \$1500. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, fireplace, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

ESCONDIDO. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

ESCONDIDO. \$1050. 2 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fireplace. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

ESCONDIDO. \$925-\$975. 2 bedroom, 2 bath in attractive park-like setting. Washer/dryer, air conditioning. Pool/spa. Covered parking. 1564 Tanglewood. Manager, 760-743-3827.

ESCONDIDO. Move-in special! 2 bedroom, 2 bath from \$920. 1-car garage with unit. Pool, spa. On-site laundry. 1240 N. Broadway. www.sunriseliving.com. 760-743-6798.

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FASHION VALLEY. \$995. Furnished 1 bedroom condo at The Bluffs. Pool/sauna. 6202 Friars Road. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

FASHION VALLEY, WEST. \$1250. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Top floor. Vaulted ceilings. Lease. No pets. Presidio Place, upscale resort living with pools, spas, tennis, 24-hour gate guards, elevators, parking underground. All units with air conditioning, fireplace, laundry hookups. Available 10/1. R.A. Properties, 858-483-3989.

FASHION VALLEY. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great golf course location. Pool, spa, racquetball, tennis and more. Washer and dryer, covered gated parking, fireplace and more. 619-296-2787.

FASHION VALLEY. Near USD. \$2200. Upper, custom, luxury 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Views, deck, jacuzzi, wet bar, detached 2-car garage, laundry. 5919 Mildred. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

FASHION VALLEY. \$950. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Newly refurbished. Washer/dryer. Near USD. Available now. 1 small pet OK. 619-435-0387.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1100 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Underground parking. No pets. 5550 Mildred #10. 619-692-4022.

FASHION VALLEY. \$900 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. No pets. 5550 Mildred #5. 619-692-4022.

FASHION VALLEY. \$1100 rent. \$500 deposit. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. No pets. 1330 Eureka Street #1 or manager in #3. Agent, 619-692-4022.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$2150. Large 4 bedroom 2-1/2 bath with fireplace and canyon view. 1441 Lakeridge Lane. Agent, 858-560-1178.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$499/month. \$499 deposit. 1 bedroom apartment, ceiling fans, canyon sundecks. Properties shown, Saturday 2-3pm, Sunday 4-5pm. 1841 Bancroft Street. 619-434-9343.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled. New appliances, tile. Pool, on-site laundry. Available immediately. Call Maria, 619-280-2658, 619-281-5418.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1650. Contemporary upgraded 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, berber carpet, all appliances, fireplace, patio. Controlled entry, gated underground parking. Excellent freeway access. Year lease. Available 12/1. mc142@cornell.edu or 619-823-6340.

GOLDEN HILL. Pet-friendly community! Charming 1 bedroom with large walk-in closet. Newly renovated paint and carpet. Pets under 25 pounds. \$750. 619-921-6199.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750-\$875. Studio and 2 bedroom. Garden setting. Studio has private backyard with fire pit. Close to Balboa Park. Spacious unit, laundry room. 2775 "A" Street #1, #B. 858-270-5500.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upper Victorian apartment. Tiled kitchen/bath. Laundry. Off-street parking. 838 25th Street. No pets. Nonsmoking. 619-231-2809.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1100. Canyon setting, 2 bedroom upper duplex plus sun room. Spacious porches. Off-street parking. Close to freeway and downtown. Please call 619-298-2367.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1050. Charming cottage in rear of beautiful Victorian. Nice area near park. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, utility porch with washer/dryer, outdoor deck overlooking nice yard with flowers and fruit trees. Your own vegetable garden in rear. Nonsmoking. Small indoor pets only. Available 10/23. Michele, 619-696-7076.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200. Small 2 bedroom, 1 bath in classic Victorian. Half the ground floor. Completely restored, lots of charm. 6 closets, office nook, ceiling fans,

gated property, laundry on site, storage available. Pets. Parking available. 2042 F Street #2. 858-453-4510.

GOLDEN HILL. \$675. Studio, clean. \$775. 1 bedroom. Security gated, laundry, off-street parking. 2865 A Street. Manager #2. Close to all. Available now. 619-239-3771.

GOLDEN HILL. \$795. 1 bedroom cottage. Hardwood floors. Tiled kitchen and bath. 1-car garage. Gated. Cats OK. Laundry on site. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. Gated 1 bedroom cottage with gleaming hardwood floors. Lots and lots of windows. Detached 1-car garage. Laundry on site. No dogs. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors. Berber carpet. Granite counter tops. New tile. Laundry. Agent, 619-234-9553.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650/month, \$300 deposit. Exceptionally nice, well located, 1 bedroom. Appliances included. Laundry, off-street parking. Great access to all, freeways and Downtown. Must see! No pets. 619-501-6551.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$1495. \$1495 deposit. Classic Spanish 2 bedroom, 1 bath private home. Tile. Patio. Share large yard. Parking. Laundry. Indoor cat OK. 2816 B Street. 619-236-9616.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1295. Classic 2 bedroom, 2 bath with hardwood floors in a Victorian. 2451 B Street. 619-236-9616.

GOLDEN HILL. \$850. 1940's style 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood. Tile. Lush secure courtyard. Second floor with garage. 2824 B Street. 619-236-9616.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1600. 3 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman house, 1200 square feet, 1-car garage, skylights, fireplace. Available November 1. 1319 29th Street. Call 760-630-7329.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1400. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fenced yard, washer/dryer. Near Balboa Park, Downtown. No smoking/pets. Elizabeth, 619-239-7269.

GOLDEN HILL. \$730, utilities included. Large studio, newly remodeled in beautiful Victorian house. Tile bath, clawfoot tub. Must see. Available 11/5. 2475 G Street. 619-238-2710.

GOLDEN HILL. \$775. Sunlit, airy 1 bedroom condo. Fireplace, appliances plus washer/dryer. Balcony, gated, off street parking. 2835 C Street. Agent, 619-426-0661.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1200. Completely remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman cottage. Large, newly landscaped fenced yard. Parking. No pets. Deposit. Partial water, gardener included. Terry (business cell), 619-890-2471.

GOLDEN HILL. \$650. Spacious studio in 1930s fourplex, new paint, appliances, hardwood and ceramic tile floors. Lots of storage. 2663-1/2 "E" Street. 619-233-5183.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Cozy sunlit studio in 1920s building. Remodeled with tile countertop, maple cabinets, new appliances. Tiled bath with glass block for increased lighting. Contemporary lighting. Laundry, roof deck, secure. West of 25th. Excellent references. 2035 Broadway. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$1800. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Nice neighborhood. Large yard, washer/dryer, easy freeway access, near downtown or SDSU. Pets negotiable. 2640 Montclair. 619-972-1808.

GOLDEN HILL. \$700. Spacious studio in 1920s building. Hardwood floors, large walk-in closet, 2 built-in dressers, decorative fireplace. Kitchen with built-in seating. Lots of character. Laundry, roof deck, secure. 906 21st Street. 619-459-2563.

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GOLDEN HILL. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$795. Gated, parking, laundry. Large bedroom and bath. 3030 Broadway. 619-243-4000 x0.

GOLDEN HILL. \$735. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Near bus lines. Off-street parking. On-site parking. On-site laundry. 2631 A Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

GOLDEN HILL. \$695. Studio with great city view in historic building. Hardwood floors, clawfoot tub, large closet. Newly remodeled with tiled countertop and floors, maple cabinets. Excellent sunlight.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$425. Residential space. All utilities included. Refrigerator, stove, cabinets. Shared bathroom, laundry. Secure building. West of 25th Street. 619-239-2278.

GOLDEN HILL. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated community. On-site laundry. Minutes from downtown. 2827 A Street. Call Cassandra, 619-238-4350. www.sunriseliving.com, call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST, NORTH. \$850. Nice 1 bedroom cottage. Stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, yard, must see! Pet OK. Contact Vitale Property Management at 760-746-3080 or 760-807-2416.

HILLCREST. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, bright, appliances, fireplace, carpet, verticals, on-site laundry, quiet, access entry, garage. 619-886-3146.

HILLCREST. \$850/garage included. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, gated, unfurnished apartment, stove, refrigerator, laundry facilities. No pets. Close to Uptown District shopping. 619-296-9393.

HILLCREST. From \$775. Studios apartment homes in the heart of Hillcrest. Newly renovated to capture your distinguished taste and style. Controlled access buildings. Hot tub. Barbecue, picnic area. Dedicated, efficient management team. Don't miss out on Hillcrest living at its best! Nightingale Apartments. EHO. 619-295-4351. www.sdreader.com/rent/2014.

HILLCREST. \$925. Private, sunny 1 bedroom in small charming Spanish-style gated property with laundry facilities, 9-foot ceilings. Eat-in kitchen. Large bedroom. Robinson Avenue location. Garage available. Call 619-298-1961.

HILLCREST. \$625. Large studio furnished, senior complex. All utilities paid. Newly decorated. No pets. 619-286-8487; 619-293-7544.

HILLCREST. \$1795. Remodeled, all new 2 bedroom, 2 full bath. Uptown District condo. Pool, spa, gym, convenient to all. Garage parking for 2 vehicles. Pets negotiable. 1260 Cleveland. 619-980-0125.

HILLCREST. \$795-\$1295. Large upstairs studio, 2 bedrooms. In a restored 1920s Mediterranean-style community with controlled access, laundry, community barbecue and more! 3967 Centre Street. 619-299-4666.

HILLCREST. \$620. Giant, newer studio, near park. Murphy bed, large closet. Gated entry. Beautiful garden. Pool. No pets. 3563 6th Avenue. 619-298-5602.

HILLCREST. \$925. Unique 1 bedroom apartment. Cul-de-sac, off-street parking, on-site laundry. 903 Hayes Avenue. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

HILLCREST. \$820. 1 bedroom. Near park. Refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal, coin laundry, off-street parking. No pets. 4659 North Avenue. 619-222-9463.

HILLCREST. \$2100. Very large 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath in the heart of Hillcrest. Completely renovated, 3-car parking, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookups, courtyard. Small pet OK. 306 Robinson. XILA, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST. 2 bedroom Craftsman house. \$1695. With gorgeous hardwood floors throughout and fireplace. Large dining room and laundry room. Near Mercy Hospital. Drive by 4185 Fourth Avenue, then call 619-447-6556.

HILLCREST. \$1495. Newer condo, 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1200 square feet, all appliances. Cat OK. 3617 4th Avenue. 619-296-3877.

HILLCREST. \$1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, upstairs. Newer building. Amenities: Air conditioning, fireplace, dishwasher, ceiling fan. Vaulted ceilings. Garage. New paint and carpet. 619-865-3992.

HILLCREST. \$1150. Newly remodeled, 2 bedroom, 2 bath within walking distance to uptown district. Enjoy vaulted ceilings, fireplace, your own garage and more. Pedro, 619-865-3992.

HILLCREST. \$1050. In the heart of Hillcrest. Large 1 bedroom. Kitchen bar. Bright, sunny. Patio. Balcony. Dishwasher. Microwave. Underground parking. Laundry on site. Cat OK. 619-291-8060.

HILLCREST. \$730. Studio. Lovely garden courtyard with fountain. Walk to Uptown Village. Hardwood floors, blinds. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-299-1127.

HILLCREST. \$795/up. Studios and large 2 bedroom in the heart of Hillcrest with canyon views, pool, laundry rooms, as-

signed carport, community barbecue. Near Mercy Hospital and bus. No dogs. Sleepy Hollow Apartments. 4201 Sixth Avenue. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-298-1059.

HILLCREST. Robinson Avenue. \$765. Roomy, intercom-gated 1 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath apartment. Redecorated. Always maintained in top shape. Microwave, ceiling fan. Assigned parking. Discount cable. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-296-7255.

HILLCREST. \$800 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. 3853 First Avenue. 619-299-8515.

HILLCREST. \$725. Large studio. Quiet Banker's Hill location. Full kitchen, bath, ample closets, laundry and storage. No pets. 119 W. Walnut Avenue. 858-454-2803.

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HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/flooring. Assigned parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 3820 Georgia. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

HILLCREST. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Controlled access. Off-street parking. 1233-1241 Essex. www.sunriseliving.com, call Brandy, 619-299-7760. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$1395. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Off-street parking. Washer and dryer hookups. Gated community. 4119 Front Street. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

HILLCREST. \$825. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, in old style building with stove and refrigerator. 526 Anderson. Please call 858-335-0744.

HILLCREST. Open houses. View Saturday/Sunday, 12:30-1pm only, 4029 8th Avenue. This spacious tile floor studio in small community, parking included, \$695. Also view, Saturday/Sunday, 1:30-2pm, 3104 First Avenue, in Banker's Hill, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment home, hardwood, 40-foot canyon-view terrace, \$2200. Pet on approval. See website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1015.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, shared laundry. Sorry, no pets. 2433 Howard Avenue. AGD Properties, 619-368-9838.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1450. Quiet, large 2 bedroom, 1 bath patio home, remodeled. Small complex. Low density neighborhood, upgraded interior, washer/dryer. No dogs. 619-506-5066.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1500. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Canyon. Huge urban loftstyle, high ceilings, hardwood, view deck, washer/dryer hook-ups. No dogs. 4538 Maryland Street. 619-298-5066.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Stunning, huge (approximately 1500 square feet) vintage Craftsman 2 bedroom nonsmoking duplex. Hardwood floors. Formal dining room. Parking. Courtyard. Laundry. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

HILLCREST/ITALIAN HEIGHTS. \$700. Ground floor studio home. Secluded, quiet duplex. Partly furnished, laundry, parking, views, gardens. Low ambient noise, spectacular birds/flowers. 619-296-2963.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1795. Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath with additional dining room/office, view of bay, breakfast area, garage, walk-in closet, laundry, dishwasher. Small pet OK. 116 Redwood. XILA, 619-683-7638.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$875-900/month plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath (3 available). Newly remodeled, new kitchen, appliances, cabinets, bath. Spacious, bright, immaculate. Small gated with courtyard. 4075 Florida Street. 619-683-2779.

HILLCREST/BANKER'S HILL. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Hardwood floors, new kitchen. Available 10/16. 121 Ivy. Call 619-230-1234.

HILLCREST/NORTH PARK. \$625-\$725. Studio. Private balcony. Off-street parking. Great location. Close to shops and downtown. 619-299-5718.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$845. (\$300 off first month's rent). Remodeled, quiet, 1 bedroom apartment, bright, hardwood floors, courtyard setting, laundry, Cat OK. Nonsmoking. 4617-1/2 Campus Avenue. 619-269-4314.

HILLCREST/MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bath. Secure garage, on-site laundry. Near all. Recently refur-

bished. Open house, Saturday/Sunday, 12-4. 550 West Pennsylvania, #2. 858-689-1448.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$795. Antique, quaint, small 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, stove, refrigerator. No laundry service. Cat OK. 4473 1/2 Maryland Avenue. 858-292-1773.

HILLCREST/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$820. 1 bedroom. Quiet gated courtyard. Lower unit. On-site laundry. Cat OK. Cleveland House. 619-297-7437.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath condo. 2 balconies. Ocean view. All appliances. Laundry hookup. 2 blocks to beach. Secured building with parking garage. No pets, nonsmoking preferred. Available now. Open Saturday, 11am-3pm. 243 Date Avenue. 858-453-3004.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$895. Sunny 1 bedroom. Live at beach, steps to sand. Recently renovated, in small private complex. Laundry, parking. 1003 Ocean Lane. Agent, 619-423-9632.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1250. Oceanfront, 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo, steps to ocean and estuary. Beautiful, brand new everything, front patio, carport, laundry facilities and storage. 1580 Seacoast Drive #B. 619-424-5946

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$950. Near beach. 2 bedroom apartment with garage. 223 Evergreen. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus den. Enjoy seabreezes and ocean views. Very clean. Washer/dryer. \$1595/month. Available now. Call Cindy, 619-917-2362.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1400. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage. New appliances. Near ocean. Nice area. Must see to appreciate! Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

IMPERIAL BEACH. Oceanfront. \$850, 1 bedroom apartment. \$1450, 2 bedroom cottage, fenced yard. Pet OK. Laundry. Off-street parking. 1046 Seacoast Drive. 619-424-9233.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$775. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in well-maintained garden setting. Laundry, pool, parking. No pets. 1445 Grove. Manager, 619-575-0778.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$665-\$795. 1 bedrooms, 1 bath and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, dining area. Quiet complex. New carpet, near shopping. Available now. No pets. 1472 Iris Avenue. apt#J. 858-483-3534. www.cai-prop.com.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$1050. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Garage, off-street parking, storage, refrigerator, stove, laundry hookups. Pets considered. 619-977-6222.

IMPERIAL BEACH. \$850. Deposit \$750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large unit, off-street parking, laundry on site, close to all. 1085 12th Street. 619-843-8168.

JAMUL. \$1800. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Fireplace, beamed ceilings, fishpond, 8 acres with trees and view. Separate studio apartment available, \$500/month. 619-267-4227

KEARNY MESA. Handyperson: One month free rent! Renovate and create office with living space for yourself. No smoking/drugs. Quiet. \$899. 858-576-2273.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper-level overlooking pool, located in heart of Kensington. Pergo floors, remodeled bathroom and kitchen with Travertine marble, wood shutters, 1 parking space. Available 11/1. 5110-1/2 Marlborough. Call Alex, 619-813-7181.

KENSINGTON. \$875. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Garage. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Stove. Blinds. Carpeted. Quiet. Clean. Skylight. Available now. 4164 Madison Avenue. 619-282-4054.

KENSINGTON. \$1950 plus deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, washer/dryer, 2-car garage, garden, canyon views, fruit trees, gardener. 4010 Hempstead. Agent, 619-280-7399.

KENSINGTON. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Equipped with refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer, hardwood floors. Comfortable domestic atmosphere. Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

KENSINGTON. \$785. Charming 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs unit with carpet.

Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. In the heart of Kensington. 4186 Madison Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1695. Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath with hardwood floors and landscaper included. No pets! 4774 Edgeware Road. Agent, 858-560-1178.

KENSINGTON. \$2100/month. Vintage spanish 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, laundry room, garage, fenced rear yard. 5114 Canterbury Drive. 619-295-9017.

KENSINGTON. \$595. Cute studio. Hardwood floors, Murphy bed, quiet complex. Pets welcome. 1-year lease preferred. 4421 Marlborough Avenue. 619-417-5400. www.coastpm.com.

KENSINGTON. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Classic Spanish home with charming upgrades and amenities. Washer/dryer, 1 block from Village. 619-280-1800.

LA COSTA VALLEY. \$3400. 5 bedroom, 3 bath home. Built in 2000. Spa, large family room, highly upgraded throughout, community recreation. Short-term lease OK. No pets. Panda Realty, 858-748-8850.

LA COSTA. \$1300. 1/2 off first month's rent (call for details). 3 bedroom, 2 bath in quiet community. New carpet. Cats OK with deposit, no dogs. Assigned parking. Available now. Gunney, 760-943-7590.

LA JOLLA COLONY/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury, www.Xtreme-Living.com. Crown molding, Pergo, new appliances, washer/dryer, more. Cybernet Cafe. Pools, spas, jogging trail. Pet friendly! 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1405. La Cima, 7503 Charmant Drive. Toll free, 1-888-372-6243. www.sdreader.com/rent/1054.

LA JOLLA RACQUET CLUB. \$1250. Large, luxury 1 bedroom condo. Upgrades. Near La Jolla Shores. Tennis, pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gym, secured parking. No pets. 858-451-6185.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. 2 units available, \$2300-\$2400. Large 1800 square foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, spa/tub, large patio, air conditioning, washer/dryer hookups, double garage, pool, elevator. Small pet OK. 7555 Eads Avenue. 858-456-0406.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$1250. New garden studio. Steep roof and turret, stained glass, ivy entrance, near cove, furnished, cable TV, parking, utilities. No pets. 858-459-8347.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Washer/dryer, 2-car garage, beautiful courtyard, quiet, gated. Bright/airy. Near all. Immaculate, \$2150. Must see. 619-265-2828, 619-818-1188.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE/UTC. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Near UCSD, shopping, parks. Pet ok. New paint, carpet, bathrooms, kitchen appliances. Washer/dryer. Call 858-481-1973.

LA JOLLA, WOODLANDS. \$1495. Large 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Fireplace, garage, pool/spa, patio, balcony. Newer washer/dryer. Immaculate, like new. 619-253-2541.

LA JOLLA. \$1975. Light and bright 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1/2 block/Windansea Beach. Partial ocean view. Newer carpet, paint, appliances. Parking. Laundry. 858-361-5488.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Full bath, kitchen, walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Block to beach, bus, restaurants. \$1095-\$1375/month, includes utilities. Cable ready. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$1030. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK, air conditioning, patio. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1430. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Cat OK, air conditioning, patio. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$965. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Refrigerator, stove, laundry, patio. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1600. Unfurnished and furnished 1 bedroom in the heart of the Village! Pool, laundry. Walk to Cove, dining and shopping. No pets. 858-459-8254.

LA JOLLA. Location, location! 1 bedroom, sunnyhiny windows galore, \$1575, Near beach, tennis, cafes. Available 11/1. Truly

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LA JOLLA. \$2950. Like new. Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage, yard, all appliances. Pets? Agent, 858-922-3311.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with balcony, in Village, third floor views. Close to shops. 858-569-8799 x104.

LA JOLLA. \$1195. Large 1 bedroom townhome. Washer/dryer. Garage. 858-274-6323.

LA JOLLA. \$935. 1 bedroom apartment. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. In Windansea area. Agent, no fee. 619-223-2524.

LA JOLLA. \$1575. large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Vaulted ceilings, 2 parking, tennis, pool, jacuzzi, washer/dryer, balcony, new carpet. Near UCSD, walk to shops. Available 11/1. 909-684-7152.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Upper, bright, large studio. Near Windansea/bus. No pets please. 6-month lease. Parking. Laundry room. 396 Kolmar. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

LA JOLLA. \$1350. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious and bright. Large private balcony. Garden window. Fun, cosmopolitan location. No pets. Available 10/24. 8849 Villa La Jolla Drive. Ask manager for details, 858-457-4509.

LA JOLLA. \$500 move-in special! \$1495. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Apartments in the village. Intercom entry. Fireplace. Microwave. Dishwasher. Laundry. Verticals. Underground parking. No pets. 7575 Eads Avenue. 858-459-1102.

LA JOLLA. \$1300+. Dream home! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet plus amenities. Near ocean and shops. Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

LA JOLLA. \$1035. Small 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Fireplace, appliances, carpet. Fireplace. Share patio. No pets. 8040 La Jolla Shores Drive #C. Agent, 858-453-6115.

LA JOLLA. \$1585. 1 block to beach. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, wood floors, parking, fenced yard, pet OK. Lease til June. 858-459-1700.

LA JOLLA. Ocean view beautiful, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Start at \$1495/month. Garage. Gated, newer building, balcony. 12 month lease. No pets. For information, 858-454-3679 x301.

LA JOLLA. \$1650. 3 bedrooms. End-unit townhome. Living and dining room. Fireplace. Private patio. Community amenities include pool, spa. Priced nice! Hurry! Parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA JOLLA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, block from beach, alley entrance, private yard, patio, street parking, laundry room. 1-year lease. No pets/smoking. Available 10/15. \$2575. Appointments, 858-454-3140.

LA JOLLA. \$2100. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Fireplace, patio and balconies. Attached 2-car garage. Spacious and bright. 3406 Via Alicante. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1550/month. One Unfurnished apartment, 1 year lease. Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, lease through June 2003. Patio, fireplace. Parking. Laundry. Block to Windansea. No pets. 858-459-8943.

LA JOLLA. In village. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo-quality apartment in garden setting. Washer/dryer, 2 parking spaces. 7601 Eads Avenue. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4200.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Garage, air conditioning, dishwasher, washer/dryer, fireplace, pool, spa. Visit: Http://home.socal.rr.com/town-center. 619-465-0395.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 car garage, storage, walk-in closet, all amenities. Close to all. \$1375. Available 11/1. 619-427-7500; 858-229-9992.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1695. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome, 2-car attached garage, washer/dryer, custom kitchen, new appliances, fireplace, huge deck, garden setting pool/spa. Pet ok. 858-576-9346.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1100/month including cable. 1 bedroom, vaulted ceilings, balcony. Pool, fitness center. Stephanie, 858-452-2622.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$3100. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Enclosed yard, all appliances, hardwood floors, fireplace, walk to beach, newly renovated cottage-style. Available 11/1. 619-795-1010.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Stylish Italian sophistication! Courtyards with fountains. 4 resort style pools with spas, sun decks. High tech fitness center. Full time activities director. Studios, 1, 2 and 2 bedrooms plus den. Full size washer/dryer. The Villas of Renaissance, 5280 Fiore Terrace. 888-218-0377. rental-living.com, visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1051.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1800 and up. 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom spacious townhouses. Immediate occupancy. 1 block to bus, pool, park, lots of parking. 858-578-3392.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Up to \$1000 move-in special! Select homes, restrictions. Xtreme living meets... Xtreme luxury. www.Xtreme-Living.com. Enjoy new appliances, washer/dryer, faux granite countertops. 1, 2 bedrooms from \$1190. Gated parking. Pools, spas, fitness center. Cats welcome. Nobel Court, 8895 Caminito Plaza Centro. Toll free, 1-888-372-6228. www.sdreader.com/rent/1037.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1650. Quiet complex, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, fireplace. Excellent location. Available now. 858-571-4858.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$2100. Near UCSD. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath end unit. All appliances. Large terrace, canyon view, 4 parking spaces. A beautiful home. 858-531-2241.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1595. Remodeled beach unit! 2 bedroom. Garage available. 330 Rosemont. Open house, Saturday, 10/12, 1-2pm. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. \$1675. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upper unit one block to Windansea beach. Updated interior. Laundry. 1-car garage. No pets. 330 Palomar. Torrey Pines Management. 858-454-4200.

LA MESA. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Close to everything, SDSU. Newly refurbished unit. A must see! For more information, to view photos, and to view other vacancies in San Diego area, check out www.SanDiegoApartments.com.

LA MESA. \$750. 1 bedroom unfurnished house, off-street parking, quiet area with great view. Small enclosed yard. No pets. 619-466-4322

LA MESA. \$925. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove, refrigerator, new carpet, laundry room, cul-de-sac. 5040 Woodyard Avenue. No dogs. 619-464-1384.

LA MESA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Upper unit in small building. Off-street parking. Quiet cul-de-sac. Small pet considered. Available now. Agent, 619-246-7715.

LA MESA. \$895. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street #18. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$1095. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, new carpet, microwave, dishwasher, air conditioning, ceiling fan, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Close to Lake Murray. Manager, 619-460-9107.

LA MESA. \$800/month. 1 bedroom flat in private home. Utilities paid. Pool, secure gated. No smoking, drugs, pets. No section 8. 619-461-1677.

LA MESA. \$1275. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. All appliances included. Ceiling fan, built-in bookcase, Cool pool. Secluded in greenery. Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

LA MESA. \$1895. 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Fireplace. Den. Garage. Large enclosed yard. Clean, lovely neighborhood. Pet on approval. 619-884-3888.

LA MESA. \$925. Cottages. All utilities included in rent. Beautiful hardwood and ceramic tile flooring. Lots of open space and garage parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$1400, 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment homes. Near Lake Murray, military bases. Freeway close. Unique floor plans. Laundry, dishwasher, fans, parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

LA MESA. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Top-notch condition, great location. Laundry, parking. No pets. 3717 69th Street. Manager, 619-337-2369.

LA MESA. \$895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Covered parking. Pool, spa. Great location! Laundry, fireplace. No pets. Mr. A's Property Management, 619-697-1888.

LA MESA. Move in special! Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms. On site laundry, off-street parking. Pool. \$750-\$950. \$500 deposit. Adriana, 619-589-6766.

LA MESA. Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom, air-conditioned apartment homes. Close to lovely parks and shopping centers. Enjoy quality, comfort and convenience at a price you can afford at Vista Amaya. Call us now at 619-697-3285. For photo, floor

plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1035.

LA MESA/GROSSMONT. \$795. 1 bedroom apartments. Dishwasher. Balconies. Beautiful hilltop setting. Air conditioning. Pool, spa. Laundry. Quiet. No pets. Rimrock Apartments. 619-462-8420.

LA MESA/COLLEGE AREA. \$995. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath nestled in a quiet courtyard setting. Washer/dryer hookups. Fresh paint. Like new carpet and blinds. Private balcony. Covered parking. Easy freeway access. Located 7007 Saranac Street. Please call 619-460-8773.

LA MESA/MT. HELIX. Charming New Orleans-style 1, 2, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath from \$895. Completely gated community. Flower gardens. Parking. Small pet OK. 619-462-1212.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Beautiful complex. Close to everything. New carpet. Modern kitchen. 8745 Lake Murray Blvd. 619-243-4000 x0.

LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 931 square feet. From \$900-\$975. Dogs/cats are welcome. Dog must be 40 pounds or less. Cats must be indoors. Two pet maximum. \$200 off move-in! 619-561-2922. Website: sdreader.com/rent/2024.

LAKESIDE. Spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartment homes from \$725! Air conditioning. Ceiling fans. Dishwasher. Exercise facility. Vertical blinds. Easy freeway access. Gated community. Barbecue area. Laundry facility. Close to shopping. Cats welcome on approval. Ashwood Apartments, 10112 Ashwood Street. 619-443-1720. Visit: www.sdreader/rent/2038.

LAKESIDE. \$1950. Move-in bonus! Brand new, 4 bedroom, 3 bath home! 2-car attached garage, gardener, fireplace. 8929 Gateway View Court. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

LAKESIDE. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Approximately 2000 square feet. Living/family room, large garage, large yard, RV parking. Quiet street. 619-561-1385.

LAKESIDE. \$900. Deposit \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit in small complex. Pets welcome, dog run on property. Near park. Laundry on site. 1 parking space. 12633 Lindo Lane #D. Available now. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

LAKESIDE. \$700. 1 bedroom. Upper. Huge walk-in closet and dressing area. Covered parking. Pets OK. 9721 Wintergardens Boulevard. 619-297-1483 x100.

LAKESIDE. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Small backyard, carport, pool, laundry, facilities, newer amenities, air conditioning. Pet on approval. Steve, 619-255-8600.

LEMON GROVE. \$1595. Pet OK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, extra large house. Fireplace, pool, RV parking, double garage. Costada Court cul-de-sac. Available early December. 619-469-1831.

LEMON GROVE. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Custom patio, new carpet/paint. Well kept yard. Hidden in greenery. Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

LEMON GROVE. \$1550. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered patio, dining room, fireplace. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LEMON GROVE. \$550. including utilities. Studio, new paint/carpeting/vinyl. 7620 Pacific Avenue. 619-281-4698.

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.

MIRA MESA. \$1100+. Nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Newly remodeled, patio, freshly painted. Secluded in greenery. Quiet area. Fee. Pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MIRA MESA. \$1475. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dining room, fenced yard, gardener paid. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

MIRA MESA. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Master has sit-down vanity area. Fenced rear yard. Enclosed patio room. Very bright, clean. Charge. 858-751-1497.

MIRA MESA. \$950. Large, 1 bedroom Quail Creek condo. Covered parking, light, park-like view, pool, spa, tennis courts, clubhouse. Manager, Sandy, 619-518-5528.

MIRA MESA. \$1900 rent. \$1200 deposit. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1726 square foot house. Available 10/16 on Capricorn Way. Agent 619-299-8515.

MIRA MESA. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2-car garage, new paint/carpet, refrigerator, community pool, patio, near all, available now. \$1500. 8439 Calle Morelos. gqviet21@yahoo.com. 858-793-8827.

MIRA MESA/SORRENTO MESA. \$1490 lease. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with large loft. 1140 square feet. Quiet canyon view, upper unit. New appliances, carpet. www.aurotechinvestments.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 Clairemont Drive. Call 888-816-5137. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1090.

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. \$2000. 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. Furnished, spacious 2 bedroom apartment. \$1699. Wood-burning fireplace, 2-car parking, coin laundry, built-in bookcases, steps to ocean. Must see to appreciate. Available now. 619-234-7572; 619-544-1086.

MISSION BEACH. Bill Luther Realty has 10 available units! Furnished and unfurnished. 858-488-1580 x14.

MISSION BEACH. \$1450-\$1550. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Two available. One with den. Hardwood tile floors. Assigned parking. Laundry. No smoking/dogs. 619-224-0985.

MISSION BEACH. \$1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 30 yards/beach. New kitchen cabinets. Appliances. Ceramic floor tile. Ceiling fan. One parking. Nonsmoker. 720-1/2 Queenstown. 858-488-9476.

MISSION BEACH. \$1100/month. Loft apartment in oceanfront building. Ocean views from loft bedroom, use of oceanfront patio. Gas/electric and water paid. Agent, 619-296-1000.

MISSION BEACH. \$2200, utilities included. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath new house. Furnished, fireplace, garage, washer/dryer. Steps to beach, no pets/smoking. Available now through May. 619-954-3301.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. Blue Pacific view from huge windows overlooking sandy beaches. 2 bedroom duplex. Oceanfront walk, parking, laundry. Available now. \$1650. Nikki, Betty 619-307-0071, Nikki, 858-272-3900 x102.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. Luxurious 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage, washer/dryer, steps to beach. Ocean view. No pets. \$2195. 619-417-4392.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Furnished/unfurnished renovated condo beach units off boardwalk. Lease October-May. \$2400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1150. 1 bedroom. San Luis Rey Place. 619-247-2114.

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. \$1700. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2nd floor condo with garage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, new carpet, two balconies. View. Steps from beach. Available now! K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$2500/month. On the boardwalk. Fall rental. 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Furnished. Fireplace. Washer and dryer. 2-car ported parking spaces. Call 858-273-4820 or 858-735-1459.

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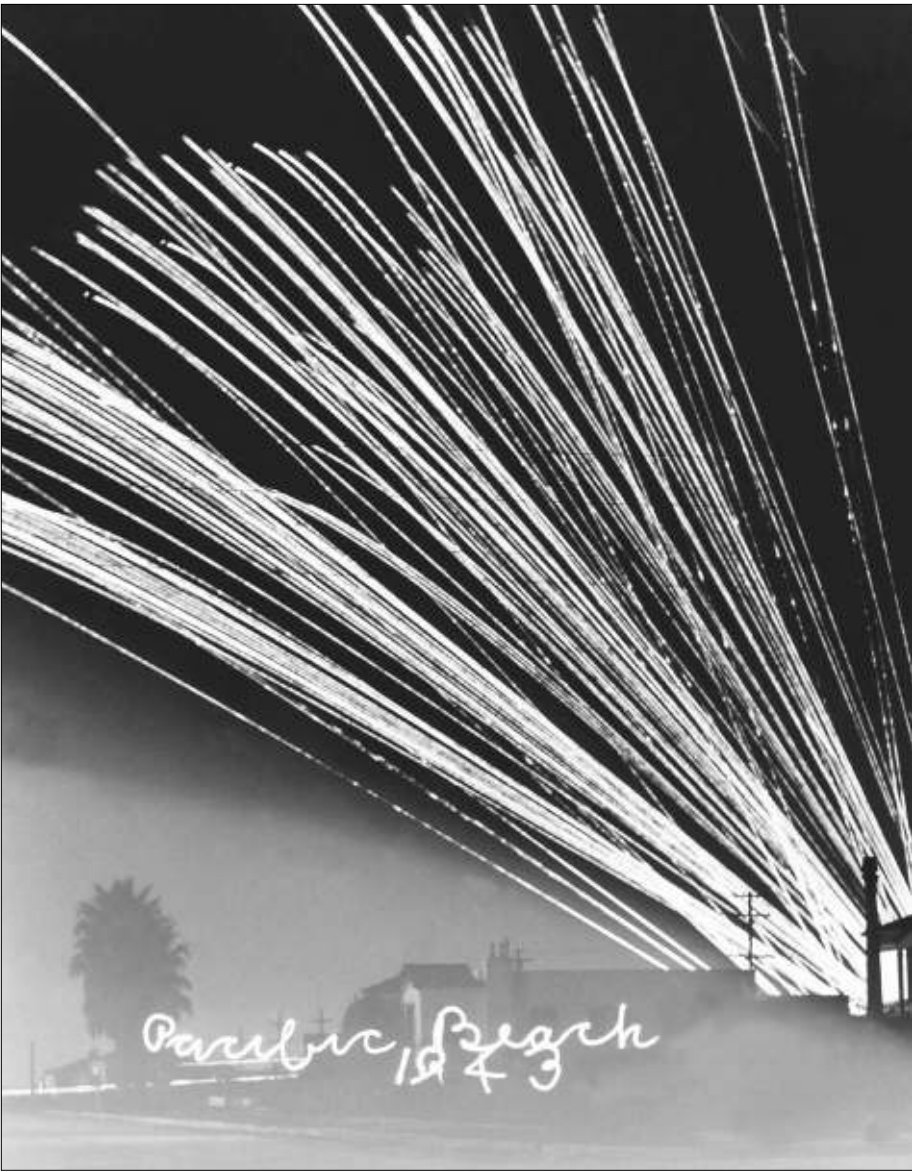
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“The city cannot take action beyond the closing of the Bird Rock anti-aircraft bunkers, which the owner has done, O.W. Campbell, city manager, advised councilmen

yesterday.

“He said city inspectors examined the concrete structures and that persons no longer can enter them. The property is privately owned.

“La Jolla and Bird Rock organizations protested the bunkers’ existence as a morals and health hazard. Some of them demanded demolition, contending boarding-up was inadequate.”

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NORTH PARK. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace. Microwave. Ceiling fan. Dishwasher. Air conditioning. Gated. Off-street parking. No smoking. No pets. 4459 Arizona. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. Upstairs 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Garage. Balcony. Dishwasher. Air conditioning. No smoking. No pets. 4459 Arizona Street. 619-282-4054.

NORTH PARK. \$1450. Exceptional neighborhood. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2-car garage, private yard, hardwood floors, enclosed patio, quiet. 619-227-6772.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Charming spacious with lots of storage, assigned parking and laundry facilities. 4020 Kansas #3. 619-281-0703.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated access, pool, assigned parking. Laundry facilities. Recently remodeled. No pets. Available 10/20. 3956 Texas. Call 619-269-0549.

NORTH PARK. \$1875. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-car garage. Washer/dryer, refrigerator, stove, small backyard, 3910 Florida Street. Available 11/3. 619-585-0739.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. House for rent. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, great location, enclosed yard, off-street parking. Pets with deposit. Available 11/1. 619-640-3414.

NORTH PARK. \$1095. 2 bedroom duplex, front and rear yard, laundry room, garage, no pets, cul-de-sac. Open house Sunday, 12-6pm. 2237 Commonwealth Avenue.

NORTH PARK. Haunting specials! 1 bedrooms with fireplace and other goodies. \$759 and up. Hurry! 858-536-1900.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Historical apartment, unique design, wood floors. 1 bedroom. No pets. 3783 Park Boulevard. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 2 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking, dishwasher, laundry facilities, new carpet. No pets. 4169 Alabama Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. Deposit \$600. 858-458-9462.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom. New paint, newer complex with large units. Minutes from Kensington. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4527 39th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$550. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Assigned parking, laundry, gas stove. Deposit \$550. 3853 Cherokee #D. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom duplex with fenced rear yard, hardwood floors, all new interior. Pet OK. 3473 Wightman. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage, hardwood floors in gated courtyard. Laundry. No pets. Non-smoking. Optional garage \$75. Available 11/1. 3379 30th Street. Agent, 619-685-3960.

NORTH PARK. \$1145. Fresh condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 parking. Courtyard, balcony, storage, laundry, security building. 3259 Bramson Place. Credit check. Cat OK. 858-272-5071.

NORTH PARK. Newly renovated 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$850 plus 1 month security deposit. 4170 34th Street. 619-203-4119.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 2 bedroom, large lower, gated courtyard building, upgraded apartment. Available 10/1/2002. No pets. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and company Inc. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. charmer. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo top floor, fireplace, air, balcony. Laundry in unit. garage. Small gated complex. Has it all! 619-297-7214.

NORTH PARK/BALBOA PARK. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/tile. Laundry. Large '60s apartment. Quiet residential neighborhood. Available immediately. 3236 Bancroft at Thorn. 619-281-6789.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom in gated building. Downstairs. New carpet and tile. Large kitchen. Plenty of storage. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 2 bedroom, new carpet, new refrigerator, and new verticals. Tile, garden/patio. Quiet building near all. Off-street parking. 4011 Illinois Street. 619-640-0983.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Large 1 bedroom. Upstairs. Off-street parking, laundry. Cats only. Quiet complex. 3930 Louisiana Street. Agent, 619-977-6179.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Nice upstairs unit. New dishwasher, wall air conditioning. 2-car tandem parking, laundry. 4269 Wilson Avenue #6. Agent, 619-295-1100. www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. \$710. 1 bedroom. Quiet complex. Laundry. Parking. 4155 Alabama Street. 619-297-1483 x100.

NORTH PARK. \$950. Unique 1 bedroom condo with high ceilings, air conditioning, washer/dryer, fireplace. 3932 Hamilton. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$725/up. Large 1 bedroom. New carpet, patio, and 2 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, garage. Laundry room. No pets please. 4170 Texas. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK, WEST. Completely remodeled, centrally located. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood and ceramic tile floors, on-site laundry, small gated complex with courtyard. \$775. Sorry, no pets. Carl, 619-296-8876.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large, airy, upper apartment. 5 units. Small, gated complex. Laundry. Deposit \$750. Garage \$100. 4127 Wabash. 858-483-7011. 619-659-0486.

NORTH PARK. \$1350. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse near Morley Field. Washer/dryer hookups, dishwasher, patio. Parking for two. New decor, squeaky clean, quiet. No pets/smoking. 3767 Villa Terrace. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Gigantic 1 bedroom cottage-style duplex. Lose yourself in the lush, secret garden with fountain. Coin laundry. Squeaky clean. No pets. 4146-1/2 Utah. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Spacious, 1 bedroom upstairs apartment in classic older well maintained building. No pets. 2533 University Avenue #6. 619-298-1493. 858-272-9547.

NORTH PARK/BURLINGAME. \$2500. Classic 1921 Spanish, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2400 square feet. Complete restoration, original built-ins, hardwood, porcelain tile, clawfoot tub, 3 decks, beautiful mountain views. Master suite plus walk-in closet. Huge yard, garage, workshop. 619-584-0702.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom handcrafted apartment, set in serene courtyard with trees, vines and flowers. Refinished hardwood floors! Kitty is welcome. 3949 Kansas Street, #15. 619-223-5278.

NORTH PARK. \$699. Extra large studio, walk to Morley Field. New paint, stove, refrigerator, hardwood floors, ceramic tile floors. French door. 3749 Mississippi Street. 619-464-1652.

NORTH PARK, WEST. \$995. Safe, well-kept neighborhood. Very large intercom-gated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment plus security garage. Redecorated, always maintained in top shape. Large living room, balcony, dishwasher, microwave, ceiling fan, blinds. Easy move-in. No pets. 619-683-7850.

NORTH PARK. \$1295. New construction, must see this spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath with laundry. Designer kitchen, large closets. Private yard with patio. Includes water and yard service. No pets/smoking. 619-282-9041.

NORTH PARK. \$1750. Beautifully remodeled, Craftsman house. 2 bedroom, 2

bath, all new appliances, washer/dryer. Huge, private, fenced yard with deck, gardener. Close to park. Small pet ok. 619-282-1818.

NORTH PARK. \$825 and \$995. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Spanish style, re-modeled, laundry, parking, courtyard with fountain. Upper and lower. 4077 Utah Street. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$825. \$875 deposit. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Small patio, 1-car garage. Centrally located. No pets. 4510 Idaho Street. Available 10/25. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$800. \$850 deposit. Adorable 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Small patio, 1-car garage. Centrally located. No pets. 4514 Idaho Street. Available 10/25. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$1700. Large 4 bedroom, 1 bath house, refrigerator, stove, fireplace, off-street parking. No pets. 5020 34th Street. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$675. \$725 deposit. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Laundry on site. Quiet complex. Off-street parking; 1 space. No pets. Available 11/1. 4046 Florida Street #8. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Unique crafted house. Italian tile floors, claw foot tub, skylights, stone bathroom, yard, washer/gas and electric. Cat allowed. 619-281-5983.

NORTH PARK. \$500. Cute 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, remodeled kitchen, newer appliances. Pet negotiable. Quiet area. Low deposit. Fee. Pchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom, view. Upstairs, gated. New paint/carpet/vinyl. No pets. Laundry on site, parking. Available now. Credit check. 2837 University. 858-705-4535.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Second floor. 700 square feet. Cathedral ceilings. Laundry on site. 1 assigned parking. Gated community. No pets. 3753 Cherokee #6. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom house. Fenced yard, gardener paid, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Lots of light. Beautiful resurfaced hardwood floors. Fresh paint. New vinyl, new blinds. Microwave. Cool older building with laundry on site. If you want something in North Park that's a little different, come by. No dogs. Available 10/15. 4504 Illinois Street. 619-563-1215.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Large, newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 4164-1/2 32nd Street. Call 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$600, spacious studio. 1 bedroom, \$72

paint, shutters. Quaint. Near all. Pet OK. Available now. 619-640-5626.

NORTH PARK. \$1850. Cute, newly constructed, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 1-car garage. No pets. Nonsmoking. Manicured landscaping. 3791 Arnold Avenue. 858-442-2590.

NORTH PARK. \$1050. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Hardwood floors. Laundry facility on site. Available November. 3789 Utah Street. Trident Pacific, 619-435-9442.

NORTH PARK. \$1650. 3 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman-style home. Built-ins. Gleaming hardwood floors. Decorative fireplace. Large kitchen. Washer/dryer included. Landscaped yard. Gardener included. No pets. Off-street parking. 1-year lease. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$700 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom row apartment. No pets. 4347 Arizona Street. Agent 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK. \$700 rent. \$500 deposit. 1 bedroom. No pets. 4222 Alabama Street #8. Agent 619-299-0951.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom apartment, completely remodeled. Nice ceramic tile, gated. Close to all freeways. 3782-1/2 36th Street. 619-295-9017.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Air conditioning. Security building. Laundry on premises. Off-street parking. No dogs. Great location! Must see! 619-907-0458.

NORTH PARK. \$550. Large studio apartment. Quiet building. Off street parking. No pets. Great location! 619-907-0458.

NORTH PARK. \$675. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 3952 Iowa Street, #4. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$650 #B: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upper unit, off-street parking. \$775 #D: 1 bedroom, 1 bath with garage and private laundry. 3528 Herman Avenue. 858-456-8626.

NORTH PARK. \$995. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. Quiet. Close to all. No pets. Laundry on site. 4124-1/2 Arizona. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath close to park, barbecue area, quiet complex, spacious, bright, available 11/7. Sorry, no pets. 4153 Idaho #2. 858-483-3534 www.cal-prop.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. 3864 35th Street. Gated, wheelchair access, elevator, parking. Senior complex. Contact Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Senior complex. Newly remodeled, gated, laundry, close to busline. 4086 Swift. Ray Murphy, 619-563-7845.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$775, new carpet. 2 bedroom, \$975. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4120 Kansas. Irma or Rafael, 619-282-3050; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated community. Indoor cat OK. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 4070 Mississippi Street. www.sunriseliving.com, or call Jo at 619-291-5757.

NORTH PARK. \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and vinyl. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. Gated community. 4633 Bancroft Street. www.sunriseliving.com or call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Big upper unit. Great location. West of I-805. Covered parking. Agent, 619-246-7715.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. 4525 Texas Street. www.sunriseliving.com or call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, stove, refrigerator. Off-street parking. Laundry on-site. No pets. 2605 Madison Street #4. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, on-site laundry. No pets. 4036 Oregon Street #8. 619-298-4036.

NORTH PARK. \$895-\$1095. 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom, 2 bath newer apartments with garages. New carpet, flooring, appliances. Fresh paint. Squeaky clean! Gated, coin laundry, Fireplace. Air conditioning. Microwave. Patio. No pets/smoking. Available 11/9. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$995. Deposit 900. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. Vaulted ceilings, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer/dryer. No pets. 3036 Juniper. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Light management duties. Walk to park. 760-439-1163.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1795. 2 bedroom house, block to beach, front deck, rear deck and yard, 3 parking spaces, fireplace, verticals, wet bar, select pet OK. Nonsmoking. 5045 Cape May. 619-280-4693.

OCEAN BEACH. Beautiful beachfront ocean view, spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Serene security garden building. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile, laundry. Garages available. Furnished or unfurnished. 5085 Saratoga. \$950-\$1500. 619-224-1748; 619-501-5553.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$2150. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Available 11/1. Washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, gardener and water included. Quiet street. Pets OK. 619-224-2662.

OCEAN BEACH. \$650. Studio. 2 blocks to beach. Clean, quiet complex. Gas, water, sewage paid. No pets. Deposit \$400. 5081 Lotus. 858-695-3759.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1025. Charming 1 bedroom cottage with laundry hookups. 4335-1/2 Banning. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

OCEAN BEACH. \$645. Large studio. New carpet, paint, bathroom. Quiet. Garden setting. 4168 Udall Street #9. Laundry facilities. Available immediately. Near coffee house, restaurants. 619-225-2242.

OCEAN BEACH. \$925. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom, 1 bath Near beach. Tile floors, laundry parking, gated. No dogs. 619-221-8158.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875/month. 1 bedroom, gated building, upgraded, 1/2 block to beach. Available 10/15/2002. 5060 Santa Monica. John A. Reis and Company, Inc. 858-272-1348.

OCEAN BEACH. \$925. 1 block to ocean. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, laundry room, garage. New paint and carpet. 1783 Bacon. Steve Richards Realty 858-483-2844.

OCEAN BEACH. \$2450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath unique house. Panoramic ocean view. Near beach! 2-car garage. Yard. Washer/dryer. Includes bonus storage room! No pets. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836 x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1075. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment in 4-plex. 1-car garage. Recently remodeled with new appliances. Common patio/yard area. Laundry on site. Close to the beach. 4966 Narragansett Avenue. Available approximately 10/21. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875/month. 1 bedroom cottage. Garage. Blocks to beach! No pets. 4866 Brighton Street. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1175. 2 bedroom, 1 bath downstairs apartment. First block on beach! Parking. Laundry. No pets. 5043 Santa Monica #17. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$750. Cute studio. On the beach! Parking. Laundry. No pets. 1984 Abbott. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment with deck. New carpet, vinyl. New appliances. No pets. 4231 Voltaire #9. Sunset Pacific Realty, 619-222-4836, x14.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1200. Large, 2-story, 1 bedroom, 2 bath. Balcony. Great view of ocean/sand. Parking. Available November. Cat OK. \$176 Longbranch. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

OCEAN BEACH. Ask about move-in special! \$995. Cozy 1 bedroom. Available 10/11. 1 block from beach. Walking distance to shopping and entertainment. Near bus. Off-street parking. Laundry. 4925 Del Mar Avenue. Check us out at www.pacificliving.com, call 619-234-9989 x15.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$900. Behind front house. 1 bedroom. Shared yard. Nonsmoking. Street parking. Small pet OK. 2129-R San Clemente. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$1995. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath newer tri-level, corner unit with bonus room, washer/dryer, refrigerator, gas fireplace, new carpet, 2-car garage, water/trash included, 2109 Mendocino Blvd. 858-597-6100 x315.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1250. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. 1000 square feet, cathedral ceilings. Close to ocean. Off-street parking. No pets. 4953 West Point Loma. 619-223-2347.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$2600. 3 bedroom, 3 bath house, 4653 Bermuda. Newly remodeled, with all new appliances, carpet, cabinets, bathrooms, paint, washer/dryer. Garage. Roof deck. 3 blocks to ocean. Available 11/1. No pets. 858-270-4492 x203.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. Charming bungalow with 1 bath. Yards to beach. Newer appliances. Spacious kitchen. New paint. Quiet and cozy. Fee. Fchrent.com, 858-581-1290.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775-\$1150. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. So close to the beach.

Private yard or balcony. Laundry, parking. Charge. 858-751-1497.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. Studio. 5050 Niagara. Great location next to Ocean Beach pier! Gated entry, laundry, parking, rooftop sundeck. Call Donna today! 619-225-1260.

OCEAN BEACH. At the beach! Loft-style apartment. \$2100. Like new! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Central air and heat, fireplace, ocean view, 3 decks, secure parking, ceiling fans, washer/dryer, microwave, stove, refrigerator. 4969 Santa Monica #D. 619-224-0009.

OCEAN BEACH. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage-style, near beach. Barbecue area, quiet building. Close to all. Sorry, no pets. Available 10/19. 5048 Brighton Avenue. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

OCEAN BEACH. Oceanfront! White-water view. Fully furnished 1 bedroom with patio/balcony. \$1550. Free cable and phone. One unit with fireplace. Spa. Gated building. Laundry. Available now. 5101 Narragansett. 619-223-7977, 858-456-2049.

OCEAN BEACH. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath in well maintained, quiet complex. Available now. Upgraded with new carpets, paint. Parking and on-site laundry included. Two blocks to beach! No pets. 4957 Cape May Avenue. Orion Property Group 619-749-6545.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$1300. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Newly painted, new carpet, 900 square feet, street parking (no garage), new kitchen stove, fenced yard. No smokers. No pets. \$1000 deposit. 4635 West Pt. Loma Blvd. 619-204-3199.

OCEAN BEACH. \$675. Large studio near beach, shops and restaurants. Laundry. No pets. 4960 Santa Monica. Manager, 619-224-2110.

OCEAN BEACH/SUNSET CLIFFS. \$995. Spacious 1-bedroom units with imported floor tile, new appliances and many amenities. Quiet, professional, well-maintained complex with tropical courtyard, pool, laundry, barbecue and assigned parking. Unbeatable location, only 1/4 block to ocean! 5075 Narragansett Avenue. For more details, visit www.sandiegopartments.com. Call 619-223-3854.

OCEANSIDE. Starting \$1000 monthly, furnished studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Steps to beach. Great whitewater views. www.atvantage.com or Harriet 888-322-8722.

OCEANSIDE. \$875. 2 bedroom. \$700 deposit. 1 bedrooms, \$745. \$600 deposit. No pets. 6 month lease. 2 blocks to beach. Clean and quiet. 760-439-6426.

OCEANSIDE. \$975/month. On the beach oceanfront, studio or 1 bedroom newly remodeled. 760-721-8000.

OCEANSIDE. Don't miss a sunset! 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished cottage on the beach. Private patio. \$1750/month to month. Call Mary 619-507-2915.

OCEANSIDE. \$795-\$895. 1 and 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Beautiful garden-style community. Swimming pool. Laundry rooms. Carports. Security gates. Balconies/backyards, more. Call 760-433-9510.

OCEANSIDE. \$975. Ocean view 2 bedroom, 4-unit building. Gated courtyard near beach. Wood/tile floors, laundry, parking. Available 11/1. 216 South Clementine #1. 760-788-9571.

OCEANSIDE. \$1199. 3 bedroom house. New paint and carpet, close to beach. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

OCEANSIDE. \$925 (pets ok + \$50). Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with laundry. Blocks to beach. 2012 S. Tremont. 619-843-9831.

OCEANSIDE. \$725. Deposit \$650. Studio with garage, west of I-5 Freeway, laundry, close to beach and shopping. 814 Missouri Avenue #4. 619-843-9831.

OCEANSIDE. \$1895 plus deposit. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, new house near shopping and schools. 1 year lease. 277 Belize Way, Rancho Del Oro area. 619-843-9831.

OCEANSIDE/RANCHO DEL ORO. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. New paint/carpet. Attached garage, washer/dryer, pool, jacuzzi, easy freeway access. Quiet. Available 10/15. 760-805-2148.

OLD TOWN. \$650-\$675. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$3000/month. Furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath view home, full bay and ocean views, dishwasher, washer/dryer, 2-car garage. Agent, 619-296-1000.

PACIFIC BEACH/LA JOLLA. Ocean and bay views! Studios from \$875. Available after 10/1. 2 blocks to beach. Courtyard. Assigned garage parking. Laundry. Controlled entry. Balconies. Pool. Spa. Exer-

cise room. Dishwashers. Near shopping, restaurants, more! La Jolla Pacific Apartments, 840 Turquoise Street. 858-488-4404. www.pacificliving.com, visit web-site: www.sdreader.com/rent/1066.

PACIFIC BEACH. Panoramic white water view! Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condos. Pool, laundry on site. Available through May 30, 2003. \$1800-\$1900. 626-524-2272; 626-287-9664.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BAY. First month's rent free with 12 month lease! Large 1 bedrooms from \$1075. Views! Garages available. Huge closets. Pool, spa, sauna, gym. Barbecue. Near I-5 freeway. Walk across to Mission Bay Golf Course. Pacific at Mission Bay, 2636 Grand Avenue. 858-272-7464, www.pacificliving.com, visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1049.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1900. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Quiet neighborhood. Private patio. 2 fireplaces. Appliances. 1932 Mission #2. Available approximately 9/10. 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1800. Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, ocean view, steps to sand, clean, balcony, laundry facilities. Next to Crystal Pier. IREN, 858-272-0081.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTHWEST. \$925. Cozy 1 bedroom in quiet duplex. Beautiful back yard. Gas appliances. Laundry. Off street parking. No pets. 858-551-6049.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with patio. It's huge! Walk-in closet. Washer/dryer. 3 blocks to beach. 4850-B Cass Street. 619-221-8233.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$925. 1 bedroom apartment. Quiet. Neat. 5 blocks from ocean on Thomas Avenue. Laundry. No pets. Long term. 858-454-1375.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2100. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Peak ocean view. Garage. Air conditioning. All appliances. Available now. 1025 Turquoise Street, #1. Barry, 619-697-1660.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$1200. Month-to-month. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1846 Oliver. Available 10/27. Manager, 858-272-5304.

PACIFIC BEACH/MISSION BAY. First month free with 12 month lease! From \$1075. 2 bedroom, 1 bath units. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Close to freeway. 858-272-7464.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$880. 1 bedroom apartment, close to beach and bay, month-to-month, first month's rent plus deposit. Quiet, available now. 858-270-4766.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Spacious studios. Newly renovated units. 2 blocks from Crown Point. Sorry, no pets. 858-273-5234.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$850-\$1495. Studio, and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry, courtyard, off-street parking, pool. Only 1 block from beach! 1327-1335 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-274-6850.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$975. Large, bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath with off street parking. Only 3 blocks to the bay! Newly renovated. 1544 Pacific Beach Drive. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$950. Great 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Only blocks to bay! Apartment comes with assigned parking space, laundry facilities, gated community, barbecue. Ask about move in special! 2011 Grand. 858-270-5500.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1900. Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo next to Tourmaline Surf Park. Ocean view, pool, sauna, garage. Remodeled with wood floors, mirrored closets, all appliances. 858-272-8901.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1495/month. 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment. 3 blocks to beach. Newly remodeled! Refrigerator, dishwasher, ceiling fans, coin laundry. Nonsmoking building. No pets. Available now. Kerri Klein, 858-459-4052.

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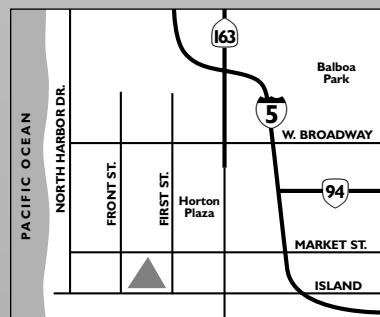
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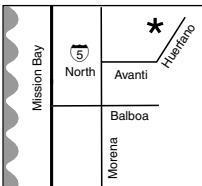
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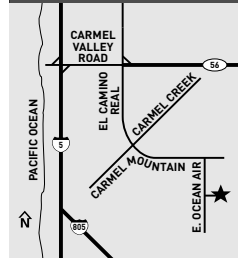
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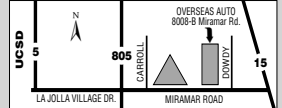
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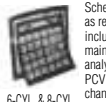
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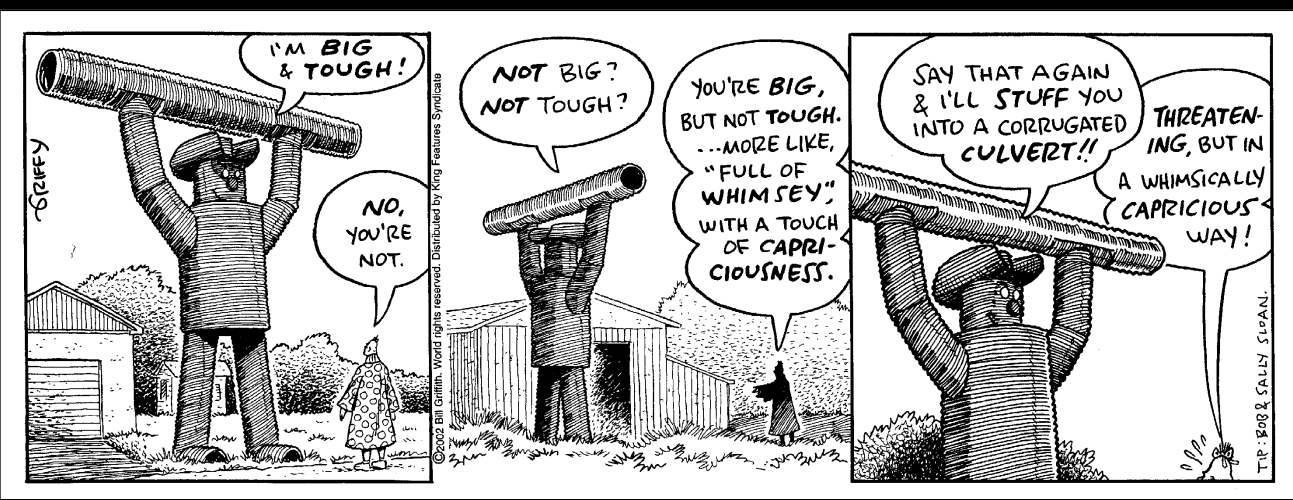
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HILLCREST. Moving sale. 7:30am-2:30pm, Saturday, 10/12. Sofa bed and matching love seat. Miscellaneous. 434 Brookes Avenue, between 4th and 5th.

LA JOLLA. Multifamily garage sale. 8am-2pm, Saturday, 10/12. Great stuff, clothes, microwave, household items, books. No early birds. Alley behind 7457 Draper Avenue.

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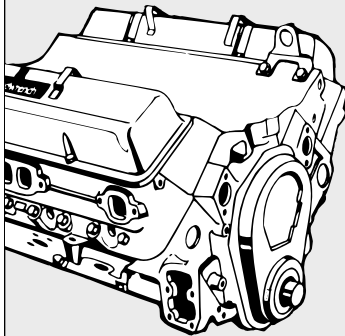
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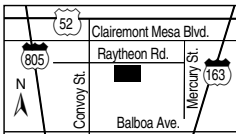
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By John Brizzolara

It probably originated in India, according to most sources (mine is the *Columbia Desk Encyclopedia*), and by the 13th Century it was played all over Europe. I was a little surprised to learn that the first modern international chess tournament was as recent as 1851 in London. I suppose it depends on what is meant by "modern." In research for a new book project, I found many references to chess in the Tristan and Isolde cycles, ascribed variously to Bèroul, the Frenchman; or the poet "Thomas"; Gottfried von Strassburg and others, way before Wagner, some written over a range of historical periods and each telling a tale of long ago (from the narrator's POV). Many of them describe Tristan as a whiz at the game. I was about to introduce chess into a plot set in 6th-century England. I had already introduced nonexistant corn before discovering that "corn" was a Saxon word for almost any kind of meal, and finally, most importantly, that publishers cared nothing about any of this stuff, at least coming from me. Fools. But I digress.

Keeping an eye out for more sedentary pursuits to fill the dozing hours of what's left of the September of my years, or what I like to think of as my dotage, I decided to look into the San Diego Chess Club. On the east side of the street, at 2225 Sixth Avenue in Balboa Park, between Juniper and Ivy. It turns out, on Fridays budding little Spasskys

seize the night. Friday night's big at the chess club.

A kind of chairman or director of the club by default, David Saponara, was president of the San Diego Senior Citizens Club and the San Diego Chess Club, both operating out of the same location. "The seniors' club is now defunct," Saponara says, "and the chess club has taken over the facility. I used to be president of that too, but now I'm just more of a director." The club formed in 1965; Saponara joined in 1971. "It started out at the Clairemont rec center on Clairemont Drive. It was there until the city could no longer afford to support us. We play kind of late, and they didn't have the people to stay with us. So we moved to a church in North Park for about a year and a half and then started working toward this senior facility, which was starting to go downhill—just a sign of the times. People were mobile, going out, and didn't need a neighborhood club like this.

"So in 1984 we started working with these people, and I was elected president of the Balboa [seniors'] club in '85. A few months later we brought the chess club in. We did rather well here. The chess club has about 150 adults, and we have about 30 members who are children. You'll see about 15 or so of them with the Jedi Knights Club in a little while." Through the glass wall of the next room, children were already listening to an instructor. With a pointer she would stab at a flag of a chessboard to make her points. The audience was intense but rapt, or perhaps twitchy but enthused.

"We also have outreach programs. We have a 500-member mailing list that goes out to the schools and the office of education. We run six tournaments a year here for kids on Sundays. We're affiliated with the United States Chess Federation, and they do our ratings for us and send the kids their magazines. This is a big, hard-core chess club. Everybody who comes is very serious." The director outlines ratings for the players, from "senior master" to "novice," with "experts" in between, and a point system from 1000 to 2400. Members of the kids' academy are clustered around 1500 or so. He mentions a celebrity draw of sorts, with champion member Cyrus Lakdawala.

Picking up a schedule of weekly events, I see Wednesdays at 7 p.m. is the time for the rated tournaments. "Wednesdays..." the director taps the sheet, "...if you ever want to see the best in San Diego or Tijuana...right here. On Thursday nights are group chess instruction; Friday's, of course, 'children's instructional.' " Also listed: an "open blitz tournament" on Saturdays. The sheet also contains the house rules about digital clocks and adjournments, stalemates, and situations with names like triple occurrence of position, sudden death, and insuf-



Cyrus Lakdawala (standing) prepares for the kill

ficient losing chances. It is clear I may need some kind of primer before actual orientation.

At the downtown library the next day I pick up Fred Reinfeld's 1958 *Chess in a Nutshell*, because it is small and well bound, and also Capablanca's *Primer of Chess*, because Philip Marlowe recommended Capablanca in *The Long Good-bye*, if I recall. Capablanca offers no happy crap right away. Chapter one, he says, "To those who are uninitiated in its mysteries the game of chess seems much too complicated for the average individual. But this is really not the case. With a little application the average person should be able to play the game after 10 or 12 lessons."

Well, there's the question: Do I have a dozen or so lessons in me before I am crushed beneath a falling grand piano in a freak accident? The kids around me, unrolling their chessboards and calling happy challenges to each other, don't seem overly concerned about the unseen piano factor.

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Moving Up

My husband Jack and I bought our home in San Marcos three and a half years ago. We found our four-bedroom, three-bath, 1838-square-foot, 25-year-old house in a quiet neighborhood of cul-de-sacs between the retirement community of Lake San Marcos and Discovery Hills, a new development. On weekends, we would walk with our four, then five children on Discovery Hills’ perfectly paved paths. We walked to Discovery Lake and Discovery Park. We walked up the steep hill above Discovery Lake and looked down over Old California Restaurant Row and Cal State San Marcos and the miniature cars whizzing along Highway 78.

Every now and then we would walk up to where one of the Discovery Hills streets dead-ended into a steep canyon. One day, we noticed someone had done some grading. The air blowing down the canyon smelled of sage and mesquite and freshly turned earth. “I wonder what they’re going to do,” I said to Jack as we headed back down the street. “They can’t be putting in homes. It’s too steep.”

I was wrong. A few months later, more heavy equipment arrived. For months, graders and earth movers and dump trucks bigger than my house crawled up the canyon and along the hills above Discovery Lake. A sales office appeared in a strip mall on San Marcos Boulevard. I stopped in one day and leafed through the packet of information the well-dressed woman behind the desk handed me. “There will be two phases,” she explained as she adjusted her silk scarf. “We’ll build out the canyon first. Then we’ll build along the ridge. The ridge homes will have spectacular views.”

After another few months, the models for the first phase opened. Where the street used to dead-end into the canyon, a wide driveway passed through a gate between landscaped green belts. Long, thin flags on tall poles lined the street. Three model homes sat clustered against the canyon’s south wall. Beyond the models, houses in varying stages of framing climbed up the canyon. Beyond the framed houses, cement trucks beep-beeped as they backed up and poured foundation after foundation onto the

stair-step house plots. At the canyon’s top, bulldozers shaved off the crest of the hill and huge backhoes dug trenches for water and sewer pipes big enough to stand up in.

On one of our weekend meanderings, Jack and I walked the kids through the models and up to the top of the hill. While I followed Ben as he toddled through the mud, Jack watched Rebecca, Angela, Lucy, and Johnny play hide and seek in and around the giant pipes lined up along the ridge. When we walked back down the hill, I told Jack, “Those models were nice. But I can’t wait to see the models for the ridge houses.”

Last Sunday, I almost got my wish. Late on the last Sunday in September, Jack and I popped two-year-old Ben into his stroller and rolled him up the street. Rebecca, Lucy, and Johnny, aged nine, almost six, and four, respectively, walked along with us. (Angie was spending the afternoon at the home of one of her friends from second grade.) We walked past the flags and the gates, past the models. Finished homes now lined the lower half of the canyon. Gleaming BMWs and SUVs sat parked in driveways. A few residents waved to us as they watered freshly planted landscaping. Beyond the finished houses, the framed and papered and roofed houses stretched to the hill’s crest. Construction detritus littered the sidewalks. Where the kids had played hide and seek, half-finished homes obscured the view.

We climbed a little higher. Three more

models, bigger than the homes in the canyon, sat atop a higher ridge. One sported a Craftsman exterior. Another a Spanish façade. The third and largest had intricate stonework along the bottom half of the front. A few workmen’s trucks sat in the unpaved driveways or we would have walked into the almost-finished models. “Wouldn’t you love to live up here?” Jack asked me as we turned to look at the view. “You can see the ocean.”

“What do you think we could get for our house?” I asked.

Jack let Ben out of the stroller. We followed the kids around the open lots that overlook Discovery Lake. “We could buy one of these giant houses and take in a boarder to help make the mortgage payments,” I said half-jokingly.

Jack and I threw ideas back and forth about how we could possibly afford to move up. All the way back down the hill, I thought about a new house. New carpet, new yard, new kitchen. “Maybe my messy life wouldn’t seem so messy in a new house,” I almost said out loud.

When we got back down to our street, I ran ahead to meet Angela, who was scheduled to come home just before dark. As I came around the corner, I looked at our house, at the patch in front where I plan to plant wildflowers and bulbs for the spring, at the new screen door Jack put in, at the light spilling out onto the lawn. For a moment there in the dusk, messy didn’t seem half bad.

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