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He's Sad for Ships

Richard DeRosset was shipwrecked on the 21st of May 1977 while returning from a commercial fishing trip off the banks of San Nicolas Island. There was a stack fire on the *Petrel* that night. It quickly engulfed the vessel, an old Coast Guard cutter built in the 1920s. This was just after they had passed Santa Barbara Island, which is

between San Nicolas and Catalina. DeRosset and the others onboard were forced into the water about 75 miles out to sea. The gusts of wind were 60 knots. The swells stood 18 feet before they crashed down.

DeRosset, along with the captain and a crew member named Charlie, hung on to a

hatch cover. The lifeboat had burned in the fire.

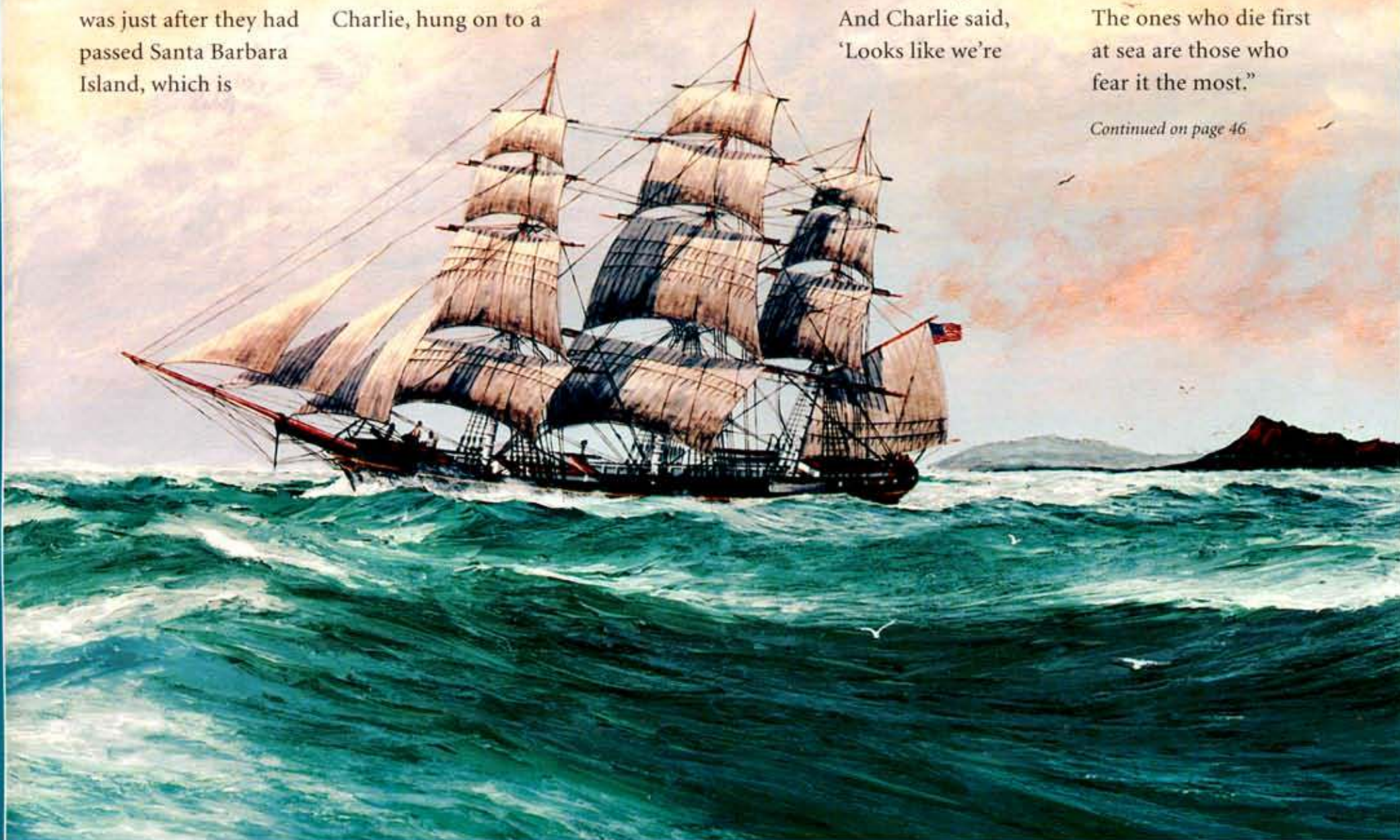
"And then," says DeRosset, "I heard this boom-boom-boom,

boom-boom-boom. And I said, 'I hate to tell you this, guys, but the boat's underway.' So we were watching as she headed straight for us. And Charlie said, 'Looks like we're

goners.' And then the captain said something that still brings tears to my eyes. He said, 'No, she's not coming to get us. She's just coming back to say good-bye.' "

No one died. "The ocean is like religion," says DeRosset. "If you love the ocean it overpowers the fear. The ones who die first at sea are those who fear it the most."

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LETTERS

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Face Feelings

I've just finished your cover story on Casa Raphael in Vista ("Down and Out," December 5) and have shed tears along with the men graduating from the program. Each of those men shared truly poignant personal stories of their courageous rise from powerlessness to freedom from drug addiction. America wants more heroes? Look to these men of the Casa Raphael program whom we might never have given a glance except for one of disdain.

Most affecting is the men's ability to develop the self-esteem, pride, self-realization, and honesty needed for such an arduous life change. Never again will I doubt the efficacy of the AA and NA programs. Even for those of us who aren't addicts, it's important to remember to stop smothering our feelings, our fear and anger and inadequacies, no matter how uncomfortable it is to confront those emotions.

The Casa Raphael program and its staff and clients should receive Purple Hearts! It's so wonderful to hear of hardworking community members who've rallied around these recovered souls and continue to work diligently, compassionately, and intelligently to bring a little peace to people's lives, no matter what the struggle.

Lisa Thompson
La Jolla

Help

There is a growing problem here in San Diego County. I see it in El Cajon, but I know it is all over. It is the problem of homeless families. It is really sad.

My family and I are homeless. My husband was laid off a job where he worked for nearly 21 years. Since that time, he had several hospitalizations due to severe de-

pression and it was discovered he has bipolar disorder. The reason he was laid off was due to company downsizing...the company laid off hundreds of employees only to replace them with temporary workers from places such as Adecco.

My husband was receiving disability and it ran out. He is finally working again, but not before we lost our place to live. It is really difficult because the motels take everything we have. My oldest son is also employed full time. I work part time, but due to my own medical problems, I can only handle so many hours. I am trying to get my disability going.

The housing costs in San Diego County are outrageous. I have gone to many places, and quite a number of them want you to earn three times the amount of rent you pay there. If I made that kind of money, I would be buying a home or something. I am on the list for Section 8, and from my understanding, it is at least two to three years — a very long time.

I see many other families in need like this as well. It is heartbreaking. I worry every day, not knowing if I am going to be able to pay for a room or not, and we did have to sleep in the park in our cars one night...a very cold and frightening experience. I have four kids — the oldest is 20, the others are 16, 13, and 10.

I would like it very much if the public could be aware of the situation and something be done to help. I realize that a lot of people are aware of it, but many are not. This isn't something that most people want — it is by some of life's horrible circumstances that we are out here like this.

I would like very much to be living in an apartment or house. What the problem is, we can't save the lump sum we need, as everything we make goes to cover the motel rooms, gas to get to and from work, and the kids to school, food, laundry, etc.

If you know of any help I can turn to, I would appreciate it very much. I would be very grateful for

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Tales of death A world-famous promoter of euthanasia is set to show off his new \$50 suicide machine at the national convention



Philip Nitschke

of the Hemlock Society here next month. Dubbed by critics the Jack Kevorkian of Australia, Dr. **Philip Nitschke** travels that

country giving lectures about how to kill oneself and distributing plastic "Exit Bags" that accomplish the deed. According to Australia's *National Review*, he's also proposed purchasing a "suicide ship" to be taken into international waters for a mass euthanasia of ill and disabled people seeking to die. "I tell them what drugs are lethal and what drugs are not," he told the *Sydney Morning Herald* last month. "I point out the serious difficulties in getting access to drugs that are reliably and peacefully lethal." But the Nitschke-sanctioned suicide of a 79-year-old woman who was not terminally ill has set off a storm of controversy, including comments from Prime Minister **John Howard**, who proclaimed, "I'm appalled to think that we may have reached a situation in this country where any aid or assistance or encouragement is given to a healthy person...and I have quite strong views about euthanasia generally." Nitschke's newest invention, the COGEN machine, is designed to pump lethal carbon monoxide into the lungs. Joining Nitschke at the Hemlock Society convention, to be held beginning January 9 at the Bahia Resort Hotel on Mission Bay, will be Hawaii governor and right-to-die advocate **Ben Cayetano** and "radical" Episcopal bishop **John Spong**, according to a news release from the group. But it won't all be gloom and doom. "There will be plenty of opportunity to relax as well, starting with a two-hour harbor cruise on the evening before the convention opens. In addition, the conference features a skit by **Steve Miller**, editor of *Goodbye*, a newsletter about obituaries, who was recently featured in the *New Yorker*." Other speakers set to appear include Hemlock Society founder **Derek Humphrey**, pollster **Michael Perry**, and **Carlos Prado** of Ontario, Canada, author of *The Last Choice: Preemptive Suicide in Advanced Age and Theory and Practice in Elective Death*.

From the heart San Diego school-



John de Beck

board member **John de Beck**, fresh from his electoral trouncing of **Clyde Fuller**, the ex-FBI agent and supporter of district superintendent **Alan Bersin**, is out with an e-mail message attacking the way in which Bersin recently revealed to *Union-Tribune* writer **Maureen**

Magee his demotion of district "Chancellor of Instruction" **Tony Alvarado**. "Notice that I learned about this decision *after* Maureen did!



Anthony Alvarado

And no local media EXCEPT the *U-T* had the story. Alan told me yesterday Maureen violated his agreement with her that the info was to be embargoed until Friday. Even so, neither **[Frances] Zimmerman** nor I had any heads up from him until Tuesday evening at 6. But he gave Magee the scoop and withheld the information from all other local media. WHY AREN'T THE TV AND RADIO STATIONS MAD? If they don't see this as managed news and a payoff for pro Bersin candidate support and leaking Lee records, then I think they are all just patsies! In a TV interview (**Rory Devine**) I used the fruit fly as a symbolic view of Tony's exit. 'Tony is the educational fruit fly laying his eggs in the orchard and leaving before the spray hits.' We are the host for his parasites.... But perhaps the sinking ship is a good visualization as well."

Fat city Rancho Santa Fe denizen **Frederick D. Lawrence**, former chief executive of San Jose's Adaptive Broadband, is under the gun. During the height of the dot-com boom, between February 2 and March 8, 2000, Lawrence sold \$47.8 million of Adaptive's stock and that May bought a six-bedroom, \$6 million house in Rancho on 2.4 acres, reports the *San Jose Mercury News*. After the market crashed, Adaptive tried to merge with another wireless broadband outfit, but the deal fell through, and four months later, in July 2001, Adaptive filed for bankruptcy. Now the bankruptcy trustee is threatening suit against Lawrence in an attempt to recover an interest-free loan of \$150,000 used for "among other things, purchase of personal residences." Today "retired" as CEO and working out of his home as a "part-time venture capitalist," Lawrence told the paper that even he is concerned about bloated executive compensation.



John Casablancas

"It's right that people should worry about this. If there's the perception that someone won and lost, then nobody is going to be happy. I'm not smart enough to know how you change that."...Sixty-year-old **John Casablancas**, founder of the famed Elite modeling agency, which has represented supermodels Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell, is being sued in Los Angeles Superior Court by an unidentified San Diego woman who claims Casablancas impregnated her when she was 15 and then arranged for an abortion. Now in her 30s, the plaintiff is said to be living here with her husband and two children.

Contributor: Matt Potter

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Architectural Mystery

By Robert Kumpel

Restoring the Tecate train station is Maria Castillo Curry's obsession. As a member of El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, a think tank located off the Ensenada toll road, Curry is devoted to saving historical buildings on both sides of the border. "My Ph.D. dissertation is on railroad sta-

country and have 1500 photos of railroad stations in Mexico. There are 2611 stations there, and I've seen all of them. I know that there is no other railroad station

also on the board of the San Diego Railroad Museum. "When they started building the wall behind the Tecate brewery two years ago, a lot of people asked me to come and help them, and that's how I ended up in the museum, trying to save this building. The depot and the older buildings next to it all came in stages. Every few years, there was a new building, and it revolved around the depot. It's the oldest part of the town, and that's the town's history, but the wall divided all of



Tecate train station

tions. When I started work, the railroads were undergoing privatization, and the Mexican government didn't know how many railroad stations were in the country. So I traveled around the

like this in Mexico. I'm so busy that I don't sleep at night anymore!"

Curry has worked as a fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History and is

that. And when you arrive by train, the wall reflects the noise of the train back at you."

Describing the restoration as a "grassroots

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Neal Obermeyer



High Noon in Dulzura

By Robert Kumpel

Sheriff's Deputy Bill Smith pulls his black-and-white Chevy Tahoe in front of the Dulzura Café. He is stopping a man on

a motorcycle who looks like a traffic cop, clad in a black security officer's uniform with shoulder patches and a badge. Smith suggests that it might not be the smartest idea to go riding around dressed like a police officer. As we get in the car, he talks as if he feels sorry for the man. "He's just a private security guard, and they don't have a lot of training, and they don't think like a police officer. When an officer is off duty, the last thing he wants to look like is a cop — that's making yourself a target."

A National City policeman in the 1970s, Smith has been the resident deputy on the Dulzura beat since 1984. He is responsible for a 200-square-mile area with a population of 900 people, most of whom are white, middle and lower class, with a few upscale exceptions. "My western boundary is

Honey Springs Road and Otay Lakes Road; Barrett Lake Road is my east boundary; the top of Barrett Lake is my northern boundary; and the Mexican border, about eight miles to the south, is my southern boundary." Smith works 11-hour shifts, four days a week, but he's on call 24 hours each of those four days.

If any word characterizes the population Smith serves, it's "private." "Most people out here enjoy their privacy. There's a lot of old families that have been here for many years. A lot of them are just retired folks or people who want some breathing room and don't want their neighbor's bathroom window ten feet from theirs. There's some nice houses here, and some people will buy a hilltop and build a nice home on top of it. Then there's a lot of peo-

ple who live here just because they can afford to. A lot of places are really run-down and rickety, and the residents don't have money to put into their homes. There's an element that comes out here because they want to do things like grow drugs or cook drugs, and they don't want neighbors nearby either, but that's a pretty small element. I

wouldn't say we have more criminals per capita than in town, but out here, we work so long on the same beat that we know everybody. If something happens, we generally have an idea who to look at. It's not as racially diverse as in town, but that's a matter of choice. There's just not a lot of ethnic minorities with a desire to move out here."

Smith says there are two major problems he has to deal with in Dulzura: disputes and traffic.

"Domestic disputes and boundary disputes are a big problem — people not getting along. I would call them petty disputes. 'My neighbor's dogs are coming in my yard and tearing up my trash,' or 'My neighbor's fence is two feet on my side of the line.' That's law enforcement in general: refereeing. Law enforcement out here is pretty much the same as in town, except you don't get as many calls. I'd be doing the same thing even if I was still in National City. But anything that happens in town happens here — murders, burglaries, spousal assaults, petty thefts, child abuse."

Like any city policeman, Smith does not like handling disputes, particularly domestic ones. "We'll get calls from a parent because

ten-year-old Johnny doesn't want to go to school. That's not a law-enforcement problem! The parents can't control their ten-year-olds, and they want the sheriff to come out, show some discipline, and make Johnny do what Mom says. But my job is not to raise people's kids for them. Some people don't understand that. A lot of people figure that law enforcement is the last resort

to any problem, whether it's little Johnny not wanting to go to school or the daughter not dressing the way they want or the neighbor's dog coming on their property and pooping. How do you know it's the neighbor's dog? Did you see him? Our problem is not petty crimes but petty disputes. We get a lot of calls, and we have to answer them all. We try not

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Field call



Bill Smith



Daley Flats, Jamul



Dulzura

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effort" — something unusual for Mexico — Curry recalls the outcry when the brewery first built the wall. "There were protests. It was in violation of the preserva-

tion law of Baja California. After two years, the state government responded. People want to protect their history in Mexico, but in a different way. The preservation of our monuments was under the jurisdiction of the

federal government for some buildings. But Baja California is a different region and has its own state law. We've moved from a centralized system to a decentralized system, and it's been very, very hard. Preser-

vation is more grassroots in the U.S. and more centralized in Mexico, but now they want to do it at the state level. And the focus has always been on ancient structures — colonial and pre-Hispanic. That's our na-

tional history, but the depot is in the north of Mexico, and most of the country wouldn't think it was important. They look at it as something made by foreigners, which doesn't help.

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However, the people say it is important to them. I come from Mexico City, and I didn't think anyone would care, but to my surprise, I found there are people who

care for these buildings. They remember from when they were kids. It's an emerging movement."

One look at the station reveals it as an American project. Built by the San Diego–Arizona Railroad,

the design is American and the materials found on the site come from San Diego. Curry holds up a brick with the letters "UBCo" embossed on it. "This came from San Diego. It was a brick from one of the chim-

neys. I think it stands for Union Brick Company or United Brick Company.”

No one seems to know exactly when the station was built or who exactly built it, but Castillo believes it had to have been between 1914

and 1919. “We have photos of a previous building there, and this is the second one. I lead historical tours from Carrizo Gorge to the depot. I tell people that when it was built, Tecate had just one street and the depot. There

were only about 400 people in Tecate back then. It was a ranch, but they put in this terminal like it was a big city. I don't know if they saw potential or thought something was going to happen. But it's one of the best railroad buildings in Mexico."

While working as a Smithsonian fellow, Curry met Mexico's director of railroads. "I told him, 'You are privatizing the railroads, and you don't know what you have!'" After lobbying the government of Baja California as well as the Great American Station Foundation in Las Vegas to designate the depot as the Most Endangered Station of 2001, Curry managed to get the station listed and persuaded the state government of Baja to pay for the restoration.

Restoration poses a number of difficulties. The biggest obstacle is the state government, which mistrusts grassroots organizations, Curry claims, and tends to take credit for historical preservations. "I have tried to convince them that this will not threaten them but make them look good."

Further, the company contracted for the restoration was supposed to be finished by December — a timetable too tight for historical restoration. To the local contractors, “restoration” means building anew, without any respect for the architectural integrity of the original design. “We don’t have courses or schools that teach preservation [here],” Curry says. “We have to have standards.” For instance, even though the building has three bathrooms, the construction chief wanted to build an additional modern bathroom and attach it to the back of the building until Curry stopped him. There are no original blueprints to consult, and Curry has relied on the volunteer efforts of San Diego’s Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) and San Diego architects to advise the Tecate architects. “We are doing cross-border cooperation. I have a master’s in historical preservation, and the experts in San Diego help me, and I go to Tecate to advise the architects there. I go every day.”

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why Curry believes the station is worth saving. "It reflects the history of the region, the history of Mexico and the U.S. at a very important moment. This was built during the Mexican Revolution. When it was built, the U.S. had stopped work on all other railroads, but not this one. It was also during World War I, and this location was very strategic. It's also important in the history of the border." She pulls out a map of the San Diego-Arizona Railroad. "This railroad goes from San Diego through Tijuana-Tecate. It happens to go through Mexico because of

the topography. It's less mountainous and more smooth, which made it less expensive to build the railroad that way."

The two-story building, located behind the south wall of the Tecate Brewery, is no longer prominent and takes a little searching to find. When Curry discovered it, it was in a shambles, covered with graffiti, a situation that could have been prevented. "Eight years ago, it was in perfect condition. Even in 2000 it was in good shape. But passenger service was ended, and the caretaker was let go because of privatization. It was abandoned, which is the worst thing you can do to a build-

ing. A woman who is rumored to be the wife of the late caretaker has been staying there every night until recently. During the winter, she made fires inside the depot. Everything was wood, the furniture, the floors, everything! And she was using it to make fires inside! We cannot believe the depot didn't burn down. But these old stucco buildings are very fire resistant. You can see the hole she used to burn things in and all the damage from the fires, but she didn't burn the building! And that was in the upper level!"

"It's a building in the prairie style, part of the arts-and-crafts movement. There's not another build-

ing like it for the next 140 miles. There are different theories about who designed it. The historian Kathy Flanagan said it must be Eugene Huffman from San Diego. Some people believe that it was a son of Frank Lloyd Wright, and there's a man from Tecate who swears it's from Frank Lloyd Wright himself. SOHO is offering a \$250 reward to whoever can prove who built it. We don't know."

One of the foremost experts on Frank Lloyd Wright and his work is local architect Spencer Lake. Lake discovered Wright in 1959 as a student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. "I was already look-

ing for something that had a philosophical grounding as a career. I didn't just want to do something like be an airline pilot. With architecture being so multidisciplinary and engaging and, on top of that, the Wrightian belief that architecture derives from a deeper thread in human history, that was enough to get me excited."

Although Wright had died by the time Lake's interest awakened, Lake started what would become an extensive collection of books on the famous architect and began studying his writings (including 10,000 pages of correspondence). Within three years, Lake had a substantial reference on

Wright, the subject of the first of three architectural exhibits Lake curated while at Cal Poly. "That gave me access to his drawings and photographs. I was able to get into a lot of his work intimately." Lake went on to become friends with two of Wright's sons, Lloyd Wright and David Wright. In 1988, Lake developed a multimedia production, "Frank Lloyd Wright: Architecture as a Quality of Mind," which was presented at universities across the country. He maintains contact with David Wright's widow and is currently writing a book about her husband, who died in 1997 at age 102. Lake

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has also worked with architect Sim Bruce Richards, one of Wright's apprentices, and is often consulted when one of Richards's homes is restored.

Lake had heard about the Tecate depot restoration but had never seen the building. After looking at a photo, he doesn't think it is a Wright design, though he agrees it is unique for a railroad station. "It doesn't have

the fundamental visual scale [Wright] used. For example, he used broad roof eaves. These eaves are cut back. The fenestration [windows] is broken up. These look like holes in the wall, and by the time Wright was working in

his Prairie period, he had solved the requirements to actually make the windows a feature in the design. This is too broken up to be a Wright building."

The Prairie period, roughly 1900 to 1910, refers

to the Chicago Prairie school of architecture. "The Prairie School evolved in Chicago under the leadership of Frank Lloyd Wright," Lake explains. "You can see a little of the Chicago Prairie School in [San Diego archi-

tect] Irving Gill's work, and you can recognize it in the windows. In Gill's works, you read the windows the way you would read a musical score. In the Prairie School, windows aren't only a hole in the wall, but an actual feature of the design. I only speculate, but I have heard other sources say that [the depot] might be an Irving Gill building. It's very curious, because it definitely has the Midwestern look to it, and I don't know of any 'kit' building like this.

"Train stations were mostly kit buildings," Lake continued. "You'd buy the blueprint, and they'd all be practically the same building from small town to small town. The Prairie style continued in a fragmentary way in his work all the way up until about 1915. But it's very unlikely that Wright would have been involved with that [station] in any respect, because by 1910 he had quit his family and fled to Europe with the wife of a client. But the building has little figments of Prairie in it. I'd say it's an exaggeration to say it's influenced by Wright, unless you can find a link with somebody local or perhaps somebody out of L.A. who may have worked with Wright. It was definitely influenced by the so-called Prairie School," Lake concludes, "a term that was actually coined by a newspaperman or art critic."

While most of the work on the station is finished, Curry is hopeful that some additional touch-ups will make the restoration more historically accurate. "We had an excellent institution help us with this, but they didn't send their experts for this project. They put some aluminum stripping on the roof to protect against humidity and some modern tiles in the building that don't really look right. To remedy that, we are working with trained professionals on both sides of the border for future projects in Tijuana and Ensenada. They have the expertise in restoration, and they can train more people in Mexico about proper techniques and architectural accuracy. But the building is no longer threatened with destruction. Our grassroots efforts have paid off." ■

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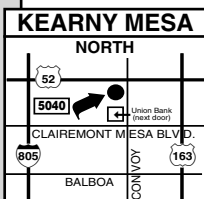
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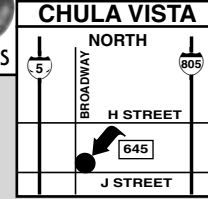
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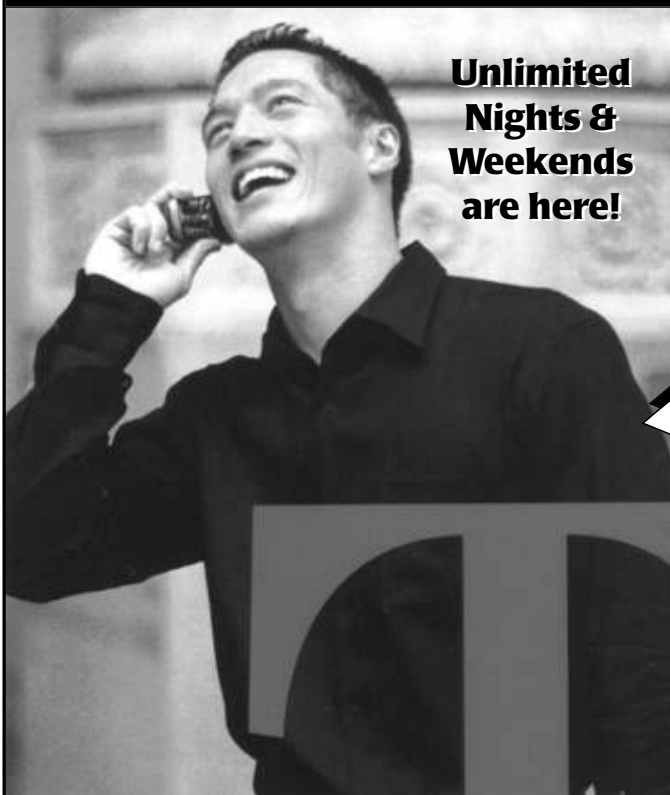
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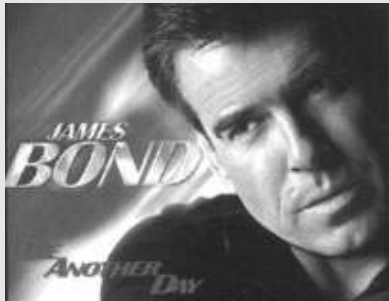
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to alienate people by saying, 'Hey, this is a stupid problem and it's none of our business.' But we try to make them understand that in the future, they should try to solve [the problem] in another way; we try to give them some ideas about how to deal with it. But a lot of them will call again the next week. There's a lot of time wasted on things like that, and it will always be that way."

When it comes to disputes between neighbors, Smith is more understanding. "A lot of people don't want to go to their neighbor's door and say, 'Hey, I've

got this problem with you.' They don't know if they're going to get beaten up or shot or have a dog set on them or what. People nowadays don't know their neighbors very well and are afraid to confront them.

"There's two ends to the spectrum on that," Smith continues. "Out here, there's a lot of people where everybody knows everybody. Then there are those people who are very private, and their neighbors don't know them at all. They may have lived next to them for years and years and never had any contact with them. And most places are not window-to-window; you have big chunks of properties.

Up on Honey Springs, the lots are all about six acres, so you're not rubbing elbows with your neighbors. People don't introduce themselves to each other — that's just people in general nowadays. They are less outgoing than they used to be — not as neighborly. And some people come out here for peace and quiet, and they find out that their neighbor has four or five dogs that bark all night, or roosters or kids on a dirt bike who ride until dark after school every day — and what can you do about it? If somebody wants to press the issue, you can write a case for disturbing the peace, but even if some-

body's willing to sign a complaint about some of these issues, the district attorney doesn't want to deal with that case."

Some residents are neighborly. An alliance devoted to looking out for community interests was created called the Highway 94 Club. "Basically," says Smith, "anybody who lives in the Highway 94 corridor can be a member. Their premise is to work as a citizens' voice on issues that affect anything in this corridor. Here at the Barrett Café is where they have their meetings. It's not a radical group, just people who are interested in traffic, border, and immigration issues —

when that was a problem — but now it's as much a social club as anything."

The upper and middle classes present few problems for Smith, but the lower classes and drug users are another story. "Many of them don't work or they live off the system, be it welfare, disability, their own family members, or something like that. They are our biggest problem as far as crimes. Mostly theft. They'll steal a car or break in someone's house to steal stuff. They'll steal from each other! There's a criminal element that is more inclined to commit crimes than other people. That's true anywhere, but out here, we

know who they are: People who have an incentive to commit crimes to create income. Dopers need money for dope or gas. They'll steal, and a lot of it's opportunistic. If they see a chance to steal something, they will. If they know somebody's gone on vacation, they'll break in their house. We don't have a lot of it, percentage-wise, but we do have it. Your basic family out here is almost never any problem except for the domestic stuff. There are places out here I've never been to because there's never been a need for law enforcement at their house. I may know them socially in the community, but

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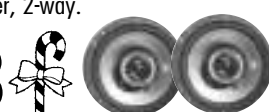
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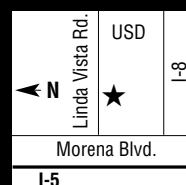
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out here in sheriff's rural, there's 25 of us, and we cover 60 percent of the land in the county — but we also only cover maybe 2 percent of the population."

In his 18 years in Dulzura, the biggest change

Smith has noticed came with Operation Gatekeeper, which reduced the flow of human smuggling. "We used to have a lot of illegal-alien traffic through here. The checkpoints really cut the traffic down. I don't do

much to help the Border Patrol find aliens, but if I run across a group, I will call them and tell them. If an alien is robbed or beaten, that's my jurisdiction. When there was a lot of traffic, we'd get a lot of aliens being robbed or an occasional rape. Most of the time, there's not much you can do, because they can't identify the suspect, and the suspect is gone anyway. It might be days after the event before you have contact with the victim, because they won't report a crime unless the Border Patrol catches them. If they are not caught, they just keep going and absorb their loss. They don't trust law enforcement anyway, because in Mexico, there's so much corruption; plus, they know that they're here illegally. They don't generally seek us out."

Smith's other big issue, traffic, is driven by Dulzura's proximity to the Tecate border. "There's a lot of traffic between town [San Diego] and Tecate. There aren't any more roads than there used to be, but 94 has become an incredible problem. It's a two-lane road that hasn't been improved in many, many years. They've put more turnouts here and there and widened a few sections and taken out a few curves. All that does is make the traffic faster. The problem is, with Tecate and the maquiladoras, the population of Tecate has mushroomed. A lot of Tecate residents work on this side of the border. The truck traffic from the maquiladoras — they don't drive from Tecate to San Diego via Tijuana; they want to drive on the north side of the border on 94, because the road is much better. But it's a two-lane road, and they're holding up traffic and making people pass where they shouldn't. They're spilling loads, because there's still a lot of curves in the road. The trucks hold up people in cars, they cause accidents, and they crash every once in a while. The majority of the trucks are Mexican trucks, and they're not as safe as American trucks. The Highway Patrol inspects a lot of trucks at the Tecate crossing, but they can't do them all. We've had a lot of

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people killed in traffic. And in the morning rush hours, the traffic heading west from Tecate is so heavy, it's almost like a two-lane free-way, the way people pass each other. If you are driving eastbound during those hours, you're taking your life in your own hands."

In spite of his concerns, Smith finds an easygoing manner with traffic violators more effective than being hard on them. "I have no incentive to arrest more people or write more tickets. Nobody's keeping track of that or cares. My assignment is to take care of my beat and keep my beat quiet. If someone is driving too slow and uses the turnouts to allow people to pass them, I won't write a ticket, but if they keep bypassing the turnouts and holding traffic up, I will write a ticket. That's almost as dangerous as passing illegally, because it frustrates people, and they end up passing when they shouldn't."

Illegal passing on 94 became a bigger problem when CalTrans wrote new regulations that took away passing areas, which were repainted with double yellow lines. One such area is Daley Flats, a one-mile stretch of straight road on 94, bordered by open meadows on each side, that runs between Rancho Jamul and the town of Jamul. "A lot of people see a straight area where they have room to pass and see it as an opportunity, but it's not legal anymore. If I see someone do something stupid and dangerous that is illegal, I write them a ticket. If they do something illegal, but it's not stupid or dangerous, I leave them alone. And there's a lot of in between where I will see something borderline, and I'll stop them and tell them why and warn them. I write a ticket for probably every seven people I stop. In my opinion, stopping someone and giving them a warning is often more productive than giving them a ticket. You give them a ticket and you've pissed them off, and they're one notch closer to hating all law enforcement. But if you give them a warning, they'll appreciate it.

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They'll know that they got caught and they got reprimanded, but they're appreciative that they didn't get stuck with a fine. It's a win for them and for me."

As he drives through the hill-covered area, Smith says he can go for days without a call. "I drive around a lot. I'm looking for anything out of the ordinary. We're showing the flag so people know we're around. That makes them feel better. The other thing it does is keep me up to date. If I go down the road at least once a week, I know what belongs there, and I know what's normal. So if I go down later and something's out of place, I'll recognize that. If a car doesn't belong here, it may have been left by a smuggler for aliens, or it may be stolen and abandoned. People see you and wave or talk to you. They may tell you about something to watch that they might not have called in."

Although the area is relatively stable, trouble heats up in summer. "When the weather's warmer, people drink more. There's an increase in domestic problems — not an outrageous increase, but noticeable. In the winter, people stay indoors more and keep to themselves more. When people are out interacting, they tend to drink more and get into more trouble."

Some neighbors' familiarity can also create headaches. "There's a lady in Dulzura who calls us once a week, maybe a couple times a day, and she always has some kind of bizarre story. One time she said she had been poisoned by canned refried beans from Mexico. Another time there was a blinking light on the hill up from her house that was aliens. One time she said there was electricity coming up through the floor. She's big on conspiracies from government agencies. She calls us, and legally, we have to call on her every time she does. We know she's just an organically mentally disturbed person who is no danger to anyone or herself, so there's no reason to take her into custody. She's had stories about a buzzing in her ear that was an implant from somebody

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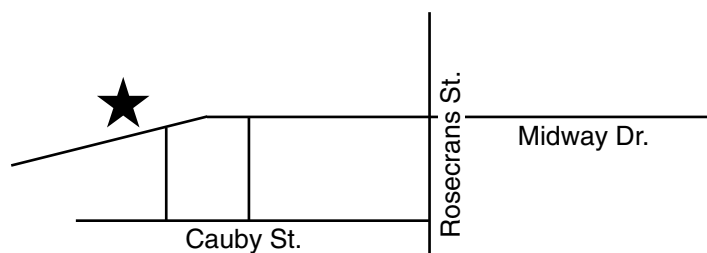
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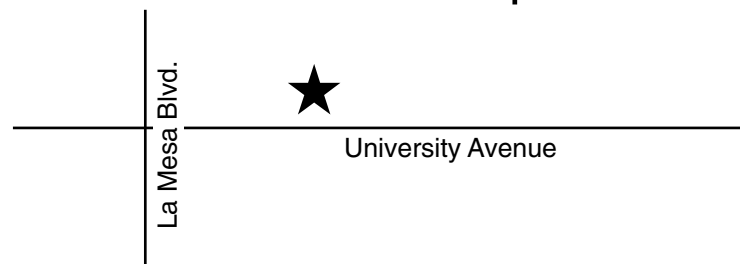
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who was controlling her brain and reading her thoughts. Her phone was bugged. Customs was out to get her. So many bizarre things. Every time she calls us, it's more bizarre than the last time, and she's very regular."

A radio call from dispatch informs Smith that one of his regulars wants to see him. Smith groans as soon as he hears the man's name. "He thinks he's a real close friend of mine — which I don't exactly discourage, because you want people to be friendly with you. But he's an alcoholic, his wife's an alcoholic, and they live on his disability. His back's all messed up. If he's been drinking — and it's noon, so he probably has been — then he's always got a problem with some neighbor. This call said he had a neighbor trespassing on his property. We're basically going out there to pacify him."

After driving slowly for two hours, Smith picks up the pace to answer the call. Soon we are winding south on Honey Springs Road at 80 miles per hour. He tells about the caller. "Once we got a call — a medical call — and the fire department wants us to cover them when they don't want to be alone with people. They were called to his place for a burn. He and his wife were both drinking, and she fell in the fireplace, butt first. The medics were there, trying to treat her, and they had to uncover her butt, and he's drunk and getting pissed off because they're looking at her butt. He was causing problems with them, and we had to have him arrested so they could do their job. They don't care what her butt looks like!"

We drive into a residential area marked by barren land, a few trees, dilapidated fences, and trash strewn around. We pull up to a tin garage. Inside, a grizzled-looking man with long white hair framing his bald skull is listening to a rock station with another male friend, who's sitting in a chair. A yellow hot-rod truck is on blocks, looking years away from completion. The older man calls

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out to Smith, using his first name. When Smith asks what's wrong, he says, "They left the goddamn gate open again! This is private property! I want the sonofabitch shut!" He hands a list of names to the sheriff. "These are the people I want you to talk to." The discussion turns to the neighbors, all of whom Smith knows by first name. While the man is plainly angry, he is friendly with Smith and seems to trust him to take care of the problem. He and his friend explain that the gate-crashers are dealing and using drugs; they want to help the sheriff put a stop to it. Neither man appears drunk. After 20 minutes of conversation, Smith thanks them and leaves, promising to look into the problem.

When we get back in the car, Smith is pleasantly surprised. "When he's drinking, he just can't talk reasonably, but he's okay now. There's trespassing, but the drug thing may yield something."

We follow up by driving through a nearby gate with a sign that reads "Road Closed. No Trespassing." Smith explains that it's an access road for the water department and a flume runs through it. We approach a tin shack strewn with trash and old tires. A hollowed-out blue jeep is parked in front along with a sedan. A stout red-haired man covered in grease and a skinny woman in a tank top greet Smith. Smith never changes his tone, and the couple respond by talking to him in a friendly way. He asks the man for his driver's license and takes down the information. After ten minutes, Smith returns to the car, as relaxed as ever.

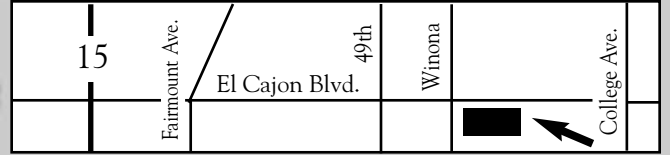
"They're involved with drugs. I've gathered some information that will eventually send some people to jail who definitely need to go there for a while. This actually produced some good information."

Smith's calmness in the midst of a potential arrest seems unusual, but he takes it in stride. "I talk to people every chance I get, because something like this leads to something better. Being a mechanic is more dangerous than being a cop. More mechanics die on the job than cops." ■

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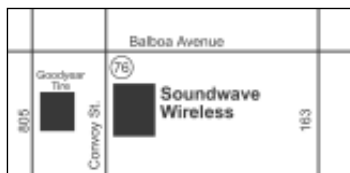
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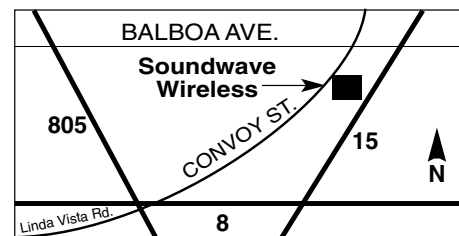


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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

According to Grandma Alice, the Christmas theme at our house this year will be Homeland Security. She's registered at the local army surplus store so we'll know exactly what to put in her stocking. The elves were hoping to get giant-screen TVs, but I overheard Grandma on the phone negotiating a group rate on tiny gas masks. She's even developed her own color-coded terrorist threat system and posted it on the refrigerator:

— If she's wearing the pink apron with the ruffles, we should remain tranquil and centered but mindfully alert.

— Red plaid apron: Appear polite, but be vaguely suspicious of all strangers, and let them know you don't trust them.

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— Green apron she got last Christmas: Don't answer the phone or use your own name.

— Green apron she got last Mother's Day: Leave the house only if necessary; keep radios tuned to phone-in talk shows.

— "Kiss the Cook" apron: Grandma is having a bad day; do your own laundry, do not ask for pie.

I've been mindfully putting together our end-of-the-year review. As much as you all complain, I know you'd miss it if I didn't. In these troubled times, we'll be grading on a curve. Best of all, actions that in the past we might have called cheating will now be relabeled public cooperation in the interest of national safety and patriotism. But Grandma has asked that each of you show two picture IDs and register in her book of potentially suspicious people so we can keep an eye on you just in case you do something potentially suspicious.

1. True or false: The game of craps was invented by John Crapper, the same guy who invented the toilet; and Parcheesi used to be played with real cheese.

2. In her book on how to duplicate junk food in your own kitchen, Gloria Pitzer's recipe for Twinkie filling requires whipping together (a) mineral oil and powdered sugar; (b) blow-in foam wall insulation and powdered sugar; (c) shaving cream and corn syrup; (d) none of the above, though they probably would work too.

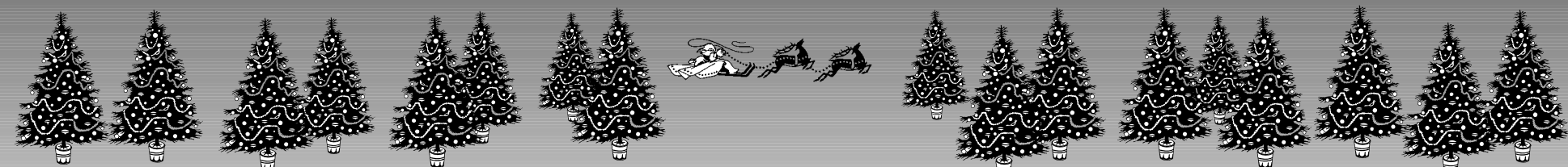
3. When El Centro was named, it was in the middle of (a) nowhere; (b) a get-rich-eventually plan in which a city was built with the hopes that people would eventually find it and come up with a reason to move there; (c) yeah, really, the b. story is mostly true and only a slight exaggeration; really, we wouldn't kid you. The answer is b. Really. (d) Oh, well, now that I've said that, maybe the answer is c.

4. Which of the following are true in regard to the unbelievably stupid 143 (I love you) thing? (a) 143 multiplied by 1000 is how many e-mails M.A. got explaining that 1-4-3 is the number of letters in "I love you" and is part of a larger dictionary of pager shorthand, and well, *duh*, *Matthew*.... (b) Matthew Alice is unrepentant for not knowing this. (c) Actually, Matthew Alice is proud to have not known this. (d) Consider Matthew Alice a grumpy old so-and-so for not knowing and not caring? Hey, 245...(can you tell that's Spanish?).

5. Rank these real events in the order of their uselessness to practical living: (a) California names West Coast swing its state dance; (b) California passes a law (VC 23114) that essentially requires a motorist filing a broken-windshield claim against a dirt-hauling company to prove the offending rock came from the truck's cargo, not its tire treads or the road surface; (c) ex-U of Washington cheerleader and *Entertainment Tonight* tube boob returns to his school for a 1981 football game against Stanford and invents the wave; (d) Neil Diamond receives full sports scholarship to NYU (fencing).

6. Essay question: Ten years ago, a survey of Matthew Alice questions revealed that the subjects that baffled you most often were bugs and beer. We've evolved to the point where the most frequently asked questions in 2002 had to do with bugs and underwear. Offer some rational explanation for why this should be. Speculate on what this says about all of you. Present well-thought-out arguments for why I should continue this charade for another year in the face of that kind of evidence.

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



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By Patrick Daugherty

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Don't worry. I've researched Christmas sports opportunities in hopes of getting you and those whiny people who won't let a fourth quarter go by without shrieking that something needs to be done in another room out of your dreary hovel and onto the highway of life, en route to Christmas Day Sports Fun For The Family!

Now then. San Diego County is the home of ten, count 'em, ten happy-go-lucky Indian casinos, where fun never stops, but — here's the question — which one offers the most fun for Christmas?

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"Can you hold, please?"

"Sure."

A recorded female voice tells me, "...is back and now it's even easier to play. Grab a free entry every day you visit.... No football knowledge is required." Six minutes pass.

"Pala Casino entertainment and dining. This is Vanessa speaking. How may I help you?"

"Wanted to see if you have anything special for Christmas."

"Can you hold, please?"

"Absolutely." Five minutes pass.

An older woman's voice says, "Hello."

"Wanted to see if you have anything special for Christmas."

"For Christmas?"

"Yes, Christmas."

Several seconds go by. The woman says, "For Christmas?" Silence. "Okay. Was it a certain restaurant?"

"No restaurants. Do you have any special Christmas events planned for your customers?"

"Let's see." Silence. "Our Oak Room will be open from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m." The woman begins to read, "At the Oak Room we'll be having our regular menu with two specials." Silence. "Seafood. Glazed lamb." Full stop. "Let me transfer you to Events so they can give you information."

"Okay."

Three minutes pass, then a middle-aged woman's voice comes on the line. "Events."

"Wanted to see if you have anything special for Christmas."

"For Christmas?"

Pechanga Resort and Casino. Take I-15 north to 79 south, go one-half mile to Pala Road, turn right. The usual table games, showroom, bars, restaurants, 522 hotel rooms, 2000 slots, and 1200 bingo seats.

"Happy Holidays from Pechanga Casino."

"I wanted to know if you have any special events for Christmas."

The young woman (it's always a woman) says, "The buffet will be offering a delicious Christmas traditional menu from 11:00 a.m. until 11 o'clock in the evening."

"What's on the menu?"

"We're still waiting for the food and beverage director to give us a menu."

"Anything else?"

"That's pretty much it."

I'm beginning to see a trend here. "Will any customers get Christmas gifts?"

"No, marketing has not said anything yet."

Casino Pauma. Take I-15 north to 76 east, drive 12 miles, turn left on Pauma Reservation Road. You'll find 65,000 square feet of casino fun done up in tropical decor, 850 slots, 24 table games, all-you-can-eat buffet, Pauma Bay Café, deli, and Triple Seven Bar.

A woman says, "Casino Pauma. How may I help you?"

"I was wondering if you had any special events for Christmas."

"Excuse me."

"If you have any special events for Christmas."

"For Christmas?" Another period of time passes.

"We're having our cash, ah, ah...our \$100 cash count."

And yet, I want more. "Isn't there anything special for Christmas? That sounds like something you do all the time."

"Well, that's our promotion for the month."

"Anything else?"

"Not that I can think of."

This cannot be. "Any gifts for customers or any

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holiday ceremonies?"

"Only if you're a high roller. Then, you get something sent to you in the mail for a free buffet."

Finally. "As a Christmas gift?"

"Yes. And then you come over here and you get your gift. There was a letter mailed out to 200 people, I think."

"Inviting them to come to the buffet?"

"Yes."

Sweet. A holiday repast for the family. "What do you have in the buffet, what sorts of foods?"

"You know what, I don't know, because I never ate in there. They don't let us eat in there."

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She says, "Our buffets are going to be special."

"What's going to be special about the buffet?"

"They're going to have the four cuisines as always and then special Christmas."

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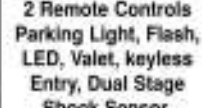
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SHEEP AND GOATS

PLACES OF WORSHIP REVIEWED

Denomination: Free Methodist Church of North America

Address: 120 North Ash St., Escondido, 760-745-2832

Year founded: 1918

Senior pastor: Reverend Vern Burgess

Congregation: 140

Staff: 2 full-time

Sunday school enrollment: 35

Annual budget: \$190,000

Weekly giving: \$3600

Singles program: no

Diversity: white, Hispanic

Dress: casual to dressy

Services: Sunday worship, 10:15 a.m.

Last year, Oxford University Press published the second edition of 73-year-old Father David Barrett's 1700-page *World Christian Encyclopedia*. For the past 30 years, Father Barrett, an Episcopal priest, has for his encyclopedia traveled the world cataloging religions and numbering their followers. Within Christianity alone he counts 33,830 denominations.

The *Encyclopedia of American Religions* lists 2100 denominations, the majority of which are Christian. (The Mormon Church alone has generated more than 300 denominations.) These numbers make my head spin. They also remind me that the classifications we use to describe American Christians — fundamentalist, evangelical, liberal, etcetera — don't begin to suggest the variety of American belief.

Thanks to Trent Lott's recent remarks, I remembered the Free Methodist Church, a smallish denomination that tends to get lost in the vastness of American religions. Founded in western New York in 1860, the Free Methodist Church was very conservative in its theology. It prohibited drinking, dancing, and cast a cold eye on popular entertainment. But the Free Methodist Church was also radically antiracist.

"The 'free' in our name comes from two things," Reverend Vern Burgess explained to me when I called him early last week at his office at Light & Life Church in Escondido. "The first issue was that a number of people felt something was very wrong with Christianity when your average pastor owned slaves. So, there was the 'free' of abolitionism. Secondly, in Methodist churches at that time, there was a growing practice of selling pews. A family could literally own a pew inside a church. The Free Methodists opposed this and advocated that pews should be *free* for everyone.

"I have to admit that we haven't done a very good job of making our name and denomination better known to the public. Fundamentalists and mainline liberals have done an excellent job of getting their message out there. But when you're different, when you're trying to hold to a middle path, who you are and what you believe can't be reduced to a sound bite. I know that here in San Diego some of the more liberal denominations think of us as fire-breathing fundamentalists, which we're not. And I know that out

in the Temecula area, where the fundamentalist evangelical presence is very strong, we're thought of as liberals because we ordain women. We've *always* ordained women, but our theology isn't liberal. We also baptize infants, but we teach that baptism isn't salvific."

Reverend Burgess explained to me that what made his denomination distinctive was its continued adherence to Wesley's emphasis on holiness.

"Over time we've gotten away from the legalistic aspect of holiness — the strictures against dancing, for example — and have returned to Wesley's belief in deep spiritual change in a person's life. What does a contemporary drive for holiness look like? We've returned to Wesley's emphasis on small groups. Right now we have 14 in our church and we'd like to double that number. Every week these groups meet and discuss Sunday's sermon. These lessons are very practical. We use the Gospel to make concrete changes in our lives. Love thy neighbor, for example. Which neighbor do I neglect? Which of my neighbors haven't I shown concern for?

Pragmatic steps you can take in your day-to-day life."

Reverend Burgess's church is small and handsome. Before last Sunday's service, members packed the aisles and hugged and chatted. When the time came, they sang contemporary evangelical-style hymns accompanied by drums, electric piano, tambourines, and electric guitar. ("Drums and guitar are the language of today," Reverend Burgess earlier told me about his church's music. "It's not that I like it particularly, but Wesley advocated reaching people through contemporary means.") In the middle of the service, everyone paused for 20 minutes of "congregational prayer," during which people clustered at the front of the sanctuary to pray for one another.

Reverend Burgess spoke to us about the message of the angels in the second chapter of Luke.

"Lately, angels have become popular in American culture. And what people say about them is odd. When they say they've had an encounter with an angel, they say they experienced a feeling of peace. But nowhere in the Bible are angels described that way. In the Bible, angels inspire feelings of awe, of dread. That's why the angels in Luke say, 'Fear not.' They say, 'We bring you tidings of great joy.' The actual Greek word used for 'great' is *megas*, meaning tremendous, total, absolute. Joy that knows no bounds.

"This part of their message is crucial. 'Fear not.' What they're about to say strikes at the very heart of fear. They've come to bring joy. We must remember that Jesus' last message to his disciples, recorded in John, is a message of joy. The message that the angels brought was that God can save us from our sin, suffering, and bad choices. I wish evangelical Christians would recognize this fact. The Bible is *not* a book of fear. The Bible is a book of joy."

— Abe Opincar



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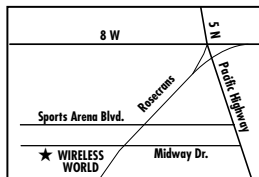
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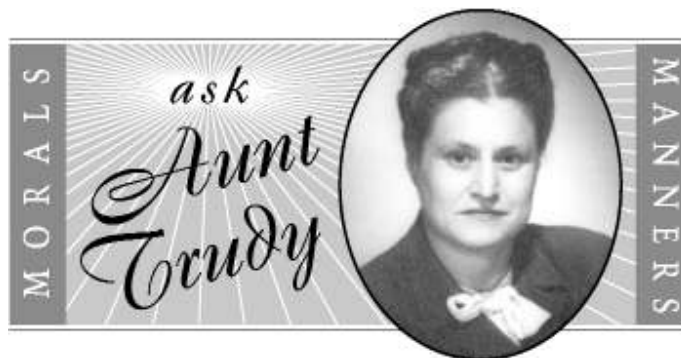


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Dear Aunt Trudy,

My best friend's husband is very jealous without reason. His wife is faithful and in love with him. She does not lust after other men. They have been married 12 years and have three great kids. "Claudette" is beautiful, but that does not mean she is a flirt. Whenever she goes away on a business trip, "Joe" frets endlessly that other guys are sweeping her off her feet. He tortures them both about it. Since we work together, when we get back from a business conference, Claudette will often ask me to assure Joe that she wasn't fooling around or giving guys the eye. Of course she wasn't, but I feel embarrassed having to testify to my friend's loyalty. Why would a man doubt his wife when she has never given him cause? I hate to see the strife these unfounded suspicions cause in an otherwise happy marriage.

TRUE-BLUE FRIEND IN OCEANSIDE

Dear True Blue,

Who knows why Joe is so rabidly insecure when it comes to his wife? Things haunt us for all manner of shadowy reasons. He may have been burned in past relationships or had philandering parents. Next time you are called to bear witness, politely decline to be placed on the stand for either the defense or prosecution. Simply say some version of what you wrote to me: you care for both parties, feel that Claudette is virtuous, and you don't want to be placed in this uncomfortable position anymore, where you are asked to account for your friend's conduct. If the couple in question can't work this out on their own, I hope Joe will find a skilled and sympathetic psychotherapist to help him stop playing Othello to Claudette's Desdemona.

Dear Aunt Trudy,

In a recent column you repeated a statement that has been shown to be pure bull pucky. That statement is "healthy adults are advised to drink a minimum of eight eight-ounce glasses of water a day." A physician (unfortunately, I do not have his name or a reference to where he published his results) decided to check up on this statement and find out what research backed up the eight glasses of water a day claim. His finding was that there is absolutely no scientific research anywhere to support this claim! He could trace the statement back to the '40s or '50s when it first started being quoted, but there was no medical research verifying the idea. As best as he could figure, the statement came about through a misunderstanding: adults need to take in the equivalent of eight eight-ounce glasses of water a day. That includes not just the water you drink each day, but also the water in other drinks, such as coffee, tea, soda, beer, etc. It also includes the water in the food we consume. Since most foods are 50-70

percent water, the food we eat actually supplies the major part of those eight glasses of water required. So the "eight glasses of water a day" is just another urban myth that has been repeated so often that everyone believes it. I hope you can check up on what I'm saying and convince yourself not to continue spreading this nonsense.

AFLOAT IN ENCINITAS

Dear Afloat,

Thanks for your contribution to this water debate. Far from being resolved, the debate rages on, perhaps like the cataracts of a great river. I showed my doctor and one of her colleagues your letter. They respectfully disagreed with some of the points you made and wanted to share the following information. You mention that beverages such as coffee, tea, sodas, and beer can help hydrate their drinkers, obviating the need to drink lots of water. Her response is that the caffeine-containing liquids you mention, such as coffee, caffeinated teas, and colas (herbal teas tend not to contain caffeine) actually deplete the body's water supply. They are dehydrating (as are alcoholic beverages, such as beer) and therefore increase the body's need for water rather than supplementing it. Also, she said we humans lose a substantial amount of water as we go about the business of living, through perspiration, evaporation through the skin, etc. She also said that while fruits and vegetables contain a high percentage of water, most Americans, sadly, tend to eat diets focused on meals that contain less H₂O, such as breads and pastas, meats, and high-sugar snacks. Even accounting for individual differences in health, metabolism, diet, and so on, my doctor said she sticks by her guns and recommends to patients that they at least try to make drinking eight six- to eight-ounce glasses of water a day their approximate goal. Any members of the scientific community want to weigh (or wash) in on this damp topic?

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I told myself it wouldn't happen to me. I would never become like the worrywart old gals in my family, the kind who think of deadly falls whenever a kid climbs a tree or pneumonia whenever someone coughs. But now, a few shades past 30, I found myself in a panic over Christmas-tree fires. I started looking into home extinguishers.

On that score, my meeting with David Burk, division chief fire marshal for La Mesa, didn't help much. Burk showed me a video of a Christmas-tree fire; the entire tree was engulfed in flames within 4 to 5 seconds. By 7 seconds, the fire had spread to the furniture, and by 45 seconds, the whole room was in flames and heavy smoke. Unless I happened to be standing by the tree, extinguisher in hand, just when the fire started, I wouldn't have much of a chance.

"It's important not to buy your Christmas tree too early," counseled Burk. "You don't want to let it get dry. Make sure to keep it watered." Happily, I learned that a broken bulb was not the fire hazard I feared it was. "Typically, a light fixture on a tree will not cause a fire. You have to get up to 450+ degrees to set it off—that's pretty hot. Most trees fires start because a mobile heater is placed too close, or a candle has been knocked over into the tree."

Still, Burk did think home fire extinguishers were a good idea, and he gave me a tour of the device. "You have the tank, which contains the extinguishing agent, and then the hose and nozzle. You have a gauge with a little green area; that's where pressure is indicated. Next there is a valve assembly that screws into the tank. There's a pin secured in place; you have to pull the pin to deploy it. Finally, there's a handle for carrying and a trigger; you squeeze them together to discharge it." Some valves are plastic—these cannot be serviced, and must be disposed of and replaced on a regular basis. Metal valve assemblies cost more, but they can be serviced, which means you aren't chucking a tank full of chemicals every one or two years. (Burk stresses the importance of servicing, noting that your pressure indicator could show green, but if moisture has seeped into the tank, then the powder inside has hardened into a brick, and good pressure doesn't mean anything.)

For home use, Burk recommends an ABC fire extinguisher, which may be used on A fires (ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, and paper), B fires (petroleum products such as liquid gas, oil, and paint), or C fires (electrical, energized fires, such as appliances plugged into outlets). The "extinguishing agent" in an ABC extinguisher is "a dry powder, which is potassium bicarbonate. It's very fine, like pancake mix. It almost flows like liquid. Think of a fire triangle: fuel, heat, oxygen. If you take away any one of those, the fire will go out. The powder basically smothers the fire by excluding oxygen."

Typically, a home extinguisher will be labeled 2A 10BC. That indicates the size of the tank and the amount of fire, which the extinguisher can extinguish. The bigger the number, the bigger the tank—the more fire you can put out. But Burk

"It's important not to buy your Christmas tree too early. You don't want to let it get dry."

stressed that "extinguishers are designed to put out incipient fires—just the starting stages, not big fires."

When a fire starts, says Burk, "call 911 right away, or have someone else call. That gets us rolling. We'd much rather get there and find that you put the fire out than have you wait to call and have your house burn down because it got that much of a start on us. Then get the extinguisher, pull the pin, and test it by giving it a light squeeze. If the fire is outside or in the garage, approach it upwind and uphill. Upwind because, if the wind is at your back, it's pushing heat and smoke away from you. Uphill because, if what's burning is a liquid and its container fails, the liquid will run downhill, bringing the fire with it. Stay low, because heat travels up and out. Turn your body sideways to expose as little of yourself as possible to the heat. Then point the nozzle at the base of the fire and use all of the extinguishing agent. Overkill is better than no kill. You're going to have to either replace or service it anyway, and servicers charge a flat fee no matter how much powder is left. Back away from the fire—don't turn your back on it—and wait for the fire department to arrive."

Burk admits that extinguishers "aren't that aesthetically pleasing," so he suggests storing one in a kitchen pantry, as long as it's close to where you would actually need to use it. "We prefer not to have them sit on the floor," he says. "If a tank is metal and it's sitting on concrete in a garage, it could be exposed to some moisture and start to rust."

He closed by assuring me that I didn't have to worry about buying a bargain-basement model, only to have it perform like a bargain-basement model in the clutch. "They're all UL listed—that's the Underwriter's Laboratory. They test a lot of different products to make sure they're safe. You don't have to worry about whether you have a good one."

Prices around town:

A-1 American Fire Equipment, 619-275-3473, in Bay Park, sells a 5-pound ABC extinguisher with metal head and valve for **\$39.95**. Reservicing available, **\$9.95**.

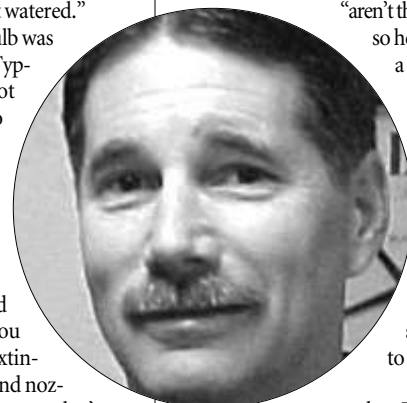
All County Fire Extinguisher, 619-284-4770, in Normal Heights, sells a 5-pound ABC extinguisher with metal head and valve, **\$28** reconditioned; **\$44.80** new. Prices include installation in home with bracket and wall mount. Reservicing available in-store, **\$12–\$15**; onsite, **\$25**.

Dixieline, 619-465-4242, in La Mesa, sells Kidde Professional 4-pound ABC fire extinguisher with metal valve and plastic handle, rechargeable, **\$36.98**; Full Security 5-pound ABC fire extinguisher, disposable, **\$19.98**; Kidde kitchen/garage 2-pound BC extinguisher, disposable, **\$12.98**.

Lowe's, 619-584-5500, in Mission Valley, sells First Alert Heavy Duty Plus 4-pound, 12-ounce ABC extinguisher with plastic handle, rechargeable, **\$19.87**; First Alert Kitchen 1-pound, 5-ounce BC extinguisher, disposable, **\$9.84**.

Ace Hardware, 619-291-5988, in Hillcrest, sells a Kidde 5-pound ABC extinguisher, plastic handle, rechargeable, **\$47.99**; Kidde 2-pound ABC extinguisher, disposable, **\$18.49**.

Several vendors indicated that although some extinguishers say they are rechargeable, if they have a plastic handle, the risk of breakage during recharging is heightened.



David Burk (middle photo)

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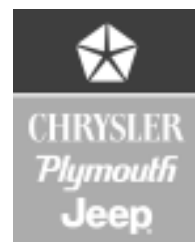
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He's Sad for Ships

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DeRosset is a painter now, a marine artist, self-taught. He works in oil, acrylic, and house paint. Twenty years ago, when he was 29 and still working at sea, he went to an art show on Shelter Island; he thought he could do better, and so he began. The artist is also an amateur marine historian, with a savant's recall for minutiae, and anybody who engages him in conversation had better have plenty of time. A friend of his, when told that I had already spent a day and a half with DeRosset, said to me, "Oh, well, then you already know a lot about Richard — and about everything else in the world."

DeRosset's publicity says he is internationally famous. A flyer for a talk he gave at the Foothills Art Association in La Mesa on May 3, 2001, says his commissions and speaking engagements are "booked years in advance." That isn't exactly the case. It is true that his paintings hang in some prominent public places in San Diego and elsewhere. The out-of-town venues include the George Bush Gallery of the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, and the Port Columbus Civil War Naval Center in Columbus, Georgia. But DeRosset works also can be found in a few pretty inconspicuous places. One is the photocopying room at his church.

The painting at the First Baptist

Church in Lemon Grove is the size of a door; it *is* a door, in fact. DeRosset often uses doors as "canvas." It shows the *Titanic* in the Irish Sea on the 3rd of April 1912. That was 11 days before she hit the iceberg and 12 days before she sank. Her sea trials in Belfast had been completed, and she was headed toward Southampton to pick up passengers before proceeding across the English Channel to Cherbourg, where more people would come aboard, including Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, their three servants, and their pet Airedale, Kitty. Other passengers — lucky ones — would disembark there.

The *Titanic* is not alone in the horizontal composition. To her left and headed in the opposite direction is the

where DeRosset had a one-person show of his artwork last fall and winter.

"There's dynamism and movement and action." She calls his paintings "celebratory" and praises his "sense of pounding waves, the moody changeability of the ocean, the exhilaration of moving between open sky and sea."

DeRosset doesn't speak abstractly about his work. He's a storyteller. "What's really nice," he told me before I'd had a chance to see the painting at the church, "is that I've got the crew of the smack waving to the crew on the deck of the *Titanic*. The fishermen are cold, wet, and miserable. It could have been either a good trip or a bad trip for them. In either case, they don't know when their next trip will be or when

"The first rocket the *Titanic* fired was white, which means they don't want you to come any closer."

Olympic, one of the *Titanic*'s sister ships (that is, built of similar design). To the *Titanic*'s right is a small British fishing smack. The black shadows of its scarlet sails fall perfectly.

"There are surprising placements throughout Richard's work," says Helen M. Ofield, executive director of the Lemon Grove Historical Society,

they'll get their next paycheck after this one. And they're looking at these guys on the *Titanic* and they're thinking, 'They have gainful employment, good lodgings, good food. They're comfortable. Boy, I sure would like to have one of their jobs.' And yet, in less than two weeks, the ship will be lost with over 2200 people onboard."





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The *Titanic* is one of DeRosset's pre-occupations. He has painted her innumerable times. There are two door-sized *Titanics* for sale at Maidhof Brothers, International Shipware Merchants, on San Diego Avenue in Old Town. One shows her being launched, with various tugs and excursion boats nearby, their crews and passengers looking on. The other shows a different view of the *Titanic* and the *Olympic* passing each another. (Because the *Titanic's* life was so short, the two passed each other on only one occasion; this painting and the one at the church commemorate the same moment.) Each is priced at \$5000. In the office of Maidhof Brothers hangs a DeRosset that isn't for sale. It shows the *Carpathia* and the *Californian*, two liners that heard the *Titanic's* call for help and responded in varying ways.

"The *Californian* came around the left side of the ice field," DeRosset told me. "She came up, went around the stern of the *Carpathia*, then made a big loop, and headed *away* from the scene. That's because the first rocket the *Titanic* fired was white, which means they don't want you to come any closer. 'There's something dangerous in front of me.' So she showed up only after working her way around the ice field. I forget the name of the third officer who was on the deck watch, but he went to wake up the others, because there was a ship that was looking 'queer,' accord-

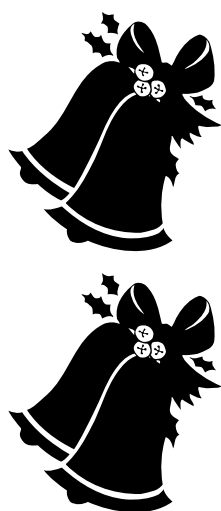
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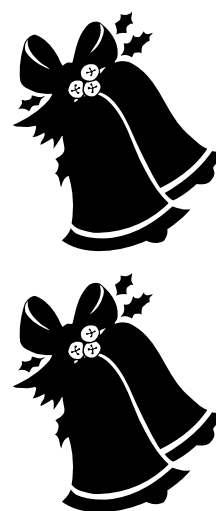


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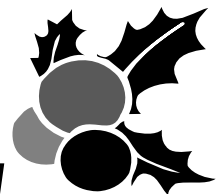
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The *Carpathia* herself barely avoided hitting an iceberg. “Her captain came close to having his own disaster. He wrote a book, and the fact that he didn’t mention too much about the *Titanic*’s passengers, plus the way he handled the chapters on the general subject, gave me the impression he was deeply traumatized by the whole affair. I mean, you’re looking at a guy who had a reputation for being extremely competent, who really hazarded his ship while



trying to get to the rescue at sea. He pushed the ship to 17 knots, when the maximum it had ever done was 14. He doubled and tripled the watches and avoided his own disaster. But when he got there all he

Near-misses are a favorite theme of DeRosset's. A door-sized piece in the collection of Scott Chapin of La Mesa shows one that involved the *Titanic*, the *Oceanic*,

and the American liner *New York*. It occurred near Pier 38 in Southampton. In the picture there is also a little tugboat. DeRosset's commentary on the event goes like this:

"The *Oceanic* is

inboard, and the *New York* had just come in from a transatlantic voyage. So she tied up next to the *Oceanic*. What happened was that the *Titanic* got underway from the shipping dock. Then she turned in to the River Test, and in the process, she went all back with her port propeller wheel. Between that and the two-knot outward current from the River Test, the back thrust from the port wheel, plus the displacement of her hull — the *Titanic* displaced a lot of water — swells came up between the hulls of the *Oceanic* and the *New York*, pushed the stern out, and, when the mooring line snapped, she kept on swinging out. The little tug, which was part of the Southampton Red Funnel Fleet, was in the pro-

cess of starting to take workers out of an access door aft on the port side, and she got underway and was trying to pull back alongside the *Oceanic*. Meanwhile, the *Titanic* went straight. And most descriptions say it was one single event, but it was actually two separate events. The *Titanic* came within 12 feet of smashing the bow of the tug. The near collision proves that the handling characteristics of the vessel were really quite good. The idea that the rudder was too small is total nonsense. I've done a number of tugs for the Foss tugboat company for its calendar. Tugs are fun, because they're in the same category as trash trucks. They're the type of vessel that people like to make fun of. And yet they're very romantic...."

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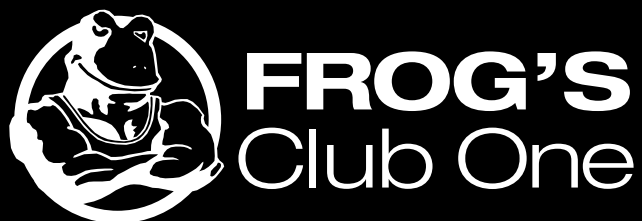
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What to make of DeRosset's obsessions? Such things are not unusual among artists and their psychic kin, collectors. But something else about DeRosset deepens their mystery. "One of two things can happen when you meet him," I was told by the same friend who commented on his garrulousness. "He'll either scare you away or take you into his world." The friend is David Brown, editor and publisher of the *Veterans Journal*, whose office is in the basement of the Veterans Memorial Center in Balboa Park. "Richard is an outrageously good artist, but he's also outrageous as a person," said Brown. "Everybody acquiesces to his knowledge. The paintings are



Star of India, Medea, and Berkeley (on display at Harbor Drive Holiday Inn)

absolutely right, down to the rivets. His eye for detail is annoying, it's so precise. But people steer clear of him, because of his 'temperament.'" Brown asked me if I'd heard about the inci-

dent on the *Berkeley*, the steam ferryboat that is part of the floating San Diego Maritime Museum. DeRosset's publicity says he is the museum's "official artist." Again, that's not

exactly the case. Mark Allen, the museum's special exhibits curator, wrote me in a letter (sent at DeRosset's request), "For some years now, Richard had ably performed the services of a sort of 'house' maritime artist." I wondered what "sort of"

meant. Joseph Ditler, then director of communications, clarified: "We wanted to make him 'official painter,' something he had been wanting us to do for years. When we finally drew up the papers, his agent canned the deal." At any rate, his paintings hang on the museum's walls, and reproductions are for sale in the gift shop. And the captions on some greeting cards do refer to him as "official artist." But one day a few years ago he got insulted. "He was supposed to be given a ceremonial dinner at the museum," Brown told me. "Instead, it was given to another artist. When Richard found out, he threw some of his paintings into the harbor. They're still down there." Upstairs from

Brown's office at the Veterans Memorial Center, in the former chapel of the old Naval Hospital, DeRosset has painted the first in a series of six planned murals. The finished one is a surrealistic collage of the attack on Pearl Harbor — or, as DeRosset prefers to call it, the Battle of Oahu, since more than Pearl Harbor was bombed. It shows not only exploded battleships and burning oil but Mount Fuji and the Japanese rising sun. "I was amazed at the number of brushes he wore out on that wall," said Brown. "Pockets full of brushes." For Brown, waiting for DeRosset to complete the piece was like "watching the calendar, like waiting for spring." It took three years. During that time, while DeRosset did his

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research — in order to discover, for example, the exact formations of the dozen B-17s involved in the combat and the exact look of the U.S. Army mobile SCR270 radar antennae, with its 150-mile range — he also managed to alienate many members of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. They found DeRosset to be abrasive, abusive, and crass. (“Voting in the last presidential election was like bobbing for turds in the toilet.” — Richard DeRosset.) Since the first mural was completed, the survivors applaud the artist when he enters the room, according to Brown, whose father-in-law is in the survivors’ group. In fact, they have made the artist an honorary member.

“I’ve seen him so gentle and I’ve seen him so angry,” said Brown. “There is a passion in Richard that nobody can explain. I asked him once why he had chosen to paint the HMS *Prince of Wales*.” The British battleship sank shortly after Pearl Harbor, on December 10, 1941, along with the *Repulse*, after both were attacked by Japanese bombers off the coast of eastern Malaysia. Eight hundred and forty British sailors were killed. “He said, ‘I never had a chance.’ He really feels sad for ships.”

Joe Ditler told me other stories about DeRosset. “Where do I begin?” he wrote in the first of many e-mails.



He described himself as one of DeRosset’s greatest champions, a friend and fan, as well as someone who is often chagrined by the artist’s “tantrums and outbursts of insanity” — “extreme behavior” that has embarrassed the museum and offended its patrons. “I love him and hate him all in the same breath.” In addition to displaying permanent pieces by DeRosset, the museum has hosted two big loan exhibits of his work over the years. “And both were well received.” But Ditler had to develop “a DeRosset protocol.” It dictates that the artist not be allowed to grab the microphone in front of groups. DeRosset loves tasteless jokes and

vocabulary, said Ditler. A “special Richard-watcher” ghosts him at public events, keeping him out of trouble. (It has usually been Ditler’s assistant, Barbara Sarda.) Ditler himself has been DeRosset’s occasional “baby-sitter” and “judge advocate.” (“You know: ‘He’s *your* friend, Ditler. *You* handle him.’ Despite his rough side, Richard is a big sweetie — one large, talented teddy bear. He’s among the great characters who make our colorful waterfront great. And history will remember him fondly, I think. But I’m always the guy who has to put tape across his mouth.”)

Once, DeRosset wanted to be invited aboard the *Star of India*, the museum’s sailing ship, for an all-day party. “That’s eight hours at sea, and the ship can be awfully small if someone goes sideways. But then we had the idea of putting Richard in the very visible sail-makers’ cabin, have him paint the *Star* while we were underway, and then raffle it off at the end of the voyage. It was amazing.”

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Children and adults gathered around him, utterly charmed, says Ditler. "We finally had discovered a way to allow him out in public — keep him busy doing what he does best."

Occasionally DeRosset has used his paintbrushes as barbs. "A few years ago, he was mad at us here at the museum. It was while he was working on a beautiful painting of the *Titanic*. When he finished it, he received rave reviews. Limited-edition lithographs were signed and numbered, and it was a huge success. But much later I discovered he had painted our executive director and development director as victims struggling to leave the sinking liner. He was so mad, it was his way of getting back at them.



Star of India

"Another time I commissioned him to do a painting of Cabrillo's ships entering San Diego in 1542. Well, the painting was grand. But I noticed a tiny reflection on Point Loma and asked him what it was. Richard said, 'It's an INS truck

waiting to nab Cabrillo for illegal entry.' Sure enough, under the magnifying glass that's what I saw."

The museum had him paint over it before it presented it to the president of Portugal.

Ditler said that when DeRosset was

asked to paint another landing for the Cabrillo Festival in 1994, DeRosset put in "pelicans grabbing at Cabrillo's ass." The painting was intended for the cover of the flyer produced by the Cabrillo National Monument for the event, which commem-

orated the 452nd anniversary of the landing. Needless to say, DeRosset was compelled to paint over that prank too.

In my earliest encounters with the artist, on the phone, I noted his odd sense of humor. "I did a ship in a bottle that I absolutely loved," he told me, "but I almost got fired for it. I was captain of the *Pacific Trojan*. That was a small tanker out of L.A. Harbor. The only thing we did was to haul the brine water from Starkist canneries out to sea, dump it, go back in, and get another load. And I had a big aspirin bottle on the bridge, and the owner of the ship came onboard, and I said, 'Hey, Matt, would you like to see the *Pacific Trojan* in a bottle?' And he said, 'Oh, I would love to see my ship in a

bottle.' So I pulled out this aspirin bottle full of rust. And the guy got a real funny look on his face, and he said, 'You know, captains can get fired for this sort of stuff.'"

I also noted that he sometimes displayed insensitivity to the feelings of others. For example, in describing the Veterans Memorial Center as it looked before he began to contribute artworks, he said, "Basically you had a bunch of old cronies from World War II getting together. It was like a good old boys' club that they conveniently left open to the public. It was like a VFW hall. In other words, cronies would come in with relatively worthless pictures. Or someone would die, and their roomful of crud would either go to the Dump-

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By Anne Knight

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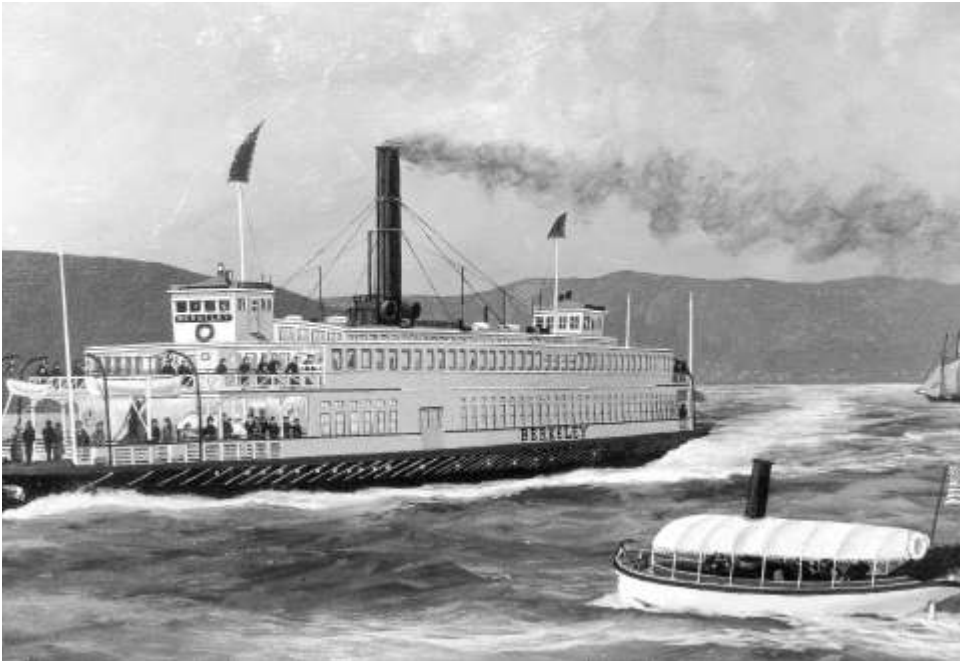
ster or wind up there. Or you've got some guy who's had a stroke and he's in the rest home and they give him some watercolors, and he does a picture of his old ship. So the first thing he wants is to donate it to the center, so he can brag about what a great artist he is."

Unfortunately, I could imagine him saying similar things to the veterans.

And yet he also expressed great compassion for the men: "The center's members have taught me a lot when it comes to human nature. Everyone knows of an old veteran who is extremely bitter and hard to get along with. It's some guy who used to be a master sergeant and now he's president

of the homeowners' association, and all he does is give people grief. Well, it finally occurred to me exactly what the situation was. If they were someone who lost their five best buddies, it could have greatly affected their psyche. I had some really bad run-ins with these people initially. But if you come across someone who is totally and unreasonably bitter and angry, there's usually a reason."

If you come across someone who is totally and unreasonably bitter and angry, there's usually a reason. I wondered if this could be an accurate assessment of his own psychology. It made me want to know the details of DeRosset's personal history.



In the Way (Berkeley on left)

He was born in Massachusetts on the 28th of April 1953. "We lived in a town that I absolutely loved — Marshfield Hills," he told me. That's a community on the south

shore of Boston, about 20 miles from the city. "We had a huge house with ten acres of land and a lake, right at the bottom of Prospect Street. I remember the cranberry bogs." The

family moved to San Diego in 1962, when he was nine.

Why did the family move west? And what did his parents do for a living? Helen Ofield told me they owned the Top

O' the Cove in La Jolla for a while, and that detail is in the biographical note Ofield wrote when the Lemon Grove Historical Society mounted its DeRosset exhibit. But it was hard for me to get DeRosset to reconfirm that his parents were restaurateurs. He'd rather talk about the *Titanic*, the *Olympic*, the *Britannic* (the *Titanic*'s other sister ship), or just about any naval battle. He changes the subject of his progenitors whenever it's brought up. Once I asked him if his father had been in World War II, hoping to meld the two subjects, war and origins. "Yes, my dad was a lieutenant in the Army. His specialty was artillery, and he was in the Pacific. He

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saw a little action. I think he was at Guadalcanal and all those wonderful places.” He didn’t go on at his customary length, however; and on another day, in another mood, he told me, “I have no idea who my father was.”

I can confirm that he was graduated from Helix High School in 1972. His education ended there, he says. Was he recognized as an artist by his teachers? “As a matter of fact, I almost got kicked out of high school, because I got into trouble in an art class,” he told me. “I made a comment to a teacher that wasn’t appreciated. She criticized something I did, and I said, ‘Well, what dippy Dumpster did you get your diploma from?’ Two types of teachers taught me — those who liked me and those who hated my guts and would have been willing to go to prison for



DeRosset with painting of the Normandie

killing me, if they’d had the chance. I run into each kind every so often. But after high school I joined the Navy and then spent a lot of time at sea, so I got out of the social circles.”

I wanted to know more about his time in the service; I discovered it was another taboo subject. “I have more nightmares about high

school than Vietnam,” he said. It would be his single comment on his war experiences. And the only DeRosset painting of Vietnam War-era ships that I have seen (in a snapshot) was captioned on the verso, “The USS St. Paul (CA-73), shown relieving the battleship USS New Jersey (BB-62) off Vietnam” and dated

“September 1969,” when he was still at Helix High. Where is the piece now? DeRosset was vague. “I just do them and then they go I don’t know where.” And this artist is not one to have a typed résumé.

After the Navy and his commercial fishing stint, he spent the rest of his sea career on the *Pacific Trojan*. Where is

the *Pacific Trojan* today? “She’s rusting where she sank. She went down on the 18th of August 1985.”

Were there people onboard? “The entire crew. And the word I got was, she went down at night. And then I found out that she didn’t just sink, she capsized and three days later sank stern first.”

Did they lose anybody? “I’ve heard conflicting reports. Some say she went down with everyone onboard. Someone else said one person was rescued but then got killed in an accident.”

They’re sea stories, maybe. “Yeah, well, the funny thing about sea stories is, they’re always toned down, because, if you tell the truth, no one will believe you. The truth is always so bizarre. They always tone them down so at least there’s a little bit of credibility.”

When I asked David Brown if DeRosset’s “sea stories” were to be believed, he replied: “Well, he did work on a tanker, but it wasn’t a big one. It was a scow, and he was a day tripper. It wasn’t a very glamorous job.” Joe Dittler expressed a series of his own doubts. “Were you able to confirm his military record?” he asked me. “I never was.” I got the most emphatic response to my question from a woman who answered the phone at his house in Lemon Grove one day when he wasn’t home. She described herself as his roommate of five years but his girlfriend never. Her name is Karen Trammel.

“I was here once when you called another time,” she told me, “and he was going on and on. And I said to myself, ‘Well, I hope this lady knows what she’s getting into.’ He exaggerates. He

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Some doubtful claims of DeRosset's are less crucial to the story of his art than others. For example, does it matter if he has or hasn't seen the movie *Titanic* 70 times? (When I asked him how many times he had *really* seen it, he repeated, "Seventy.") I've come to the conclusion that whether or not his stories are true, they are *his* stories. And they obsess him as much as stories of famous wrecks. The sinking of the *Petrel*, for example, he brings up every chance he gets: "We were picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. It was a 52A helicopter out of LAX. We were hanging on to this hatch cover, and we could see the *Petrel* burning like a Roman candle, and all of a sudden, the guys in the helicopter shot this

I did not reveal that I had already driven by his bungalow on El Prado Avenue and seen



the boarded-up windows, the old appliance on skids in the driveway, the random slaps of sea- and sky-colored paint on the siding. Nor did I mention that Karen Trammel had told me:

“He tore it all up. Completely tore up the front room, because he was going to redo it and never did. When I accepted his invitation to come clean up the place, I had to push

Like David Brown and Joe Ditler, Trammel said she has been frustrated by the antics of the artist. "He has absolutely no common sense. He's like a little kid." Why didn't she move out? It wasn't solely economic convenience that kept her there. She has income from property and earns money selling Indian war bonnets that she makes out of turkey

David Brown told me, "I can accept his eccentricities, because we Englishmen know what eccentricity is. And I know how to manage him. The key is this: He's not a mature adult. He's a very mature teenager." Trammel, for her part, said, "I have beaten him on the head with a broom. If I could, I'd kick that guy from here to the moon...." When I met DeRosset's agent, Quint Fernald, I would learn about *his* attempts to manage the artist. ("He and Richard are like a couple of billy goats on the same side of the mountain," Trammel said.) But that



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would come after I met the artist himself at *his* choice of meeting place — in the maritime museum's gift shop, aboard the *Berkeley*.

Although I arrived early, he was already waiting, paging through a book from the display. He is well over six feet and burly, but when I introduced myself, I thought I saw him cringe. A German shepherd of mine, whose first owner was neglectful, used to do exactly that when approached by strangers. Either she'd cower or she'd bark viciously, ready to go on the attack. But after she realized you were her friend, she wouldn't leave your side. My sister dubbed her "Velcro dog." This was my first impression of Richard DeRosset.

His hair was cut in a sugar-bowl style, his mustache was scraggily, and his big, square glasses were smudged.

He wore no jacket, despite the December weather. Wasn't he cold? "My idea of cold is when you're soaking wet and there's a wind blowing," he said. "My idea of warm is to be dry." Seeing the golf motif on his short-sleeved polo shirt, I asked if he liked the sport. He said he had never noticed before the golf-club pattern. "I love trinkets," he said as we left behind the key chains and floaty pens and entered the exhibit area.

He led me to his painting of the *Berkeley* in the museum's permanent collection. Another door-sized one, this glossy, intensely colorful *Berkeley* was commissioned by the museum for the 100th anniversary of the ship's launch in 1898. For 60 years she operated in the San Francisco Bay area. "It went to Sausalito, Oakland, and elsewhere," said DeRosset. "Of



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course, that was before the bridge was built. The bridge didn't go up until 1936."

Prominent in the composition is a clock

tower. The hands of the clock's face point to shortly after five o'clock, 12 hours before the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. "The quake was at

5:13 in the morning. These other steamers were there too," he said of the secondary boats in the picture. "The *Oakland* was the oldest boat on the ferry round at the time."

Were any ferries damaged during the quake? "Matter of fact, no. Afterwards, the *Berkeley* and other ferries carried thousands of survivors to safety. But most of the buildings on the hill were destroyed. This [painting] gives you a good idea of what was lost."

In 1973, the *Berkeley* was towed to San Diego to become part of the museum, I read aloud from the signage below the painting. "Oh, yes," said DeRosset, "this thing would have wound up on the bottom or scrapped or burned or towed out to sea and sunk if the museum hadn't gotten hold of it."

We moved on, to a

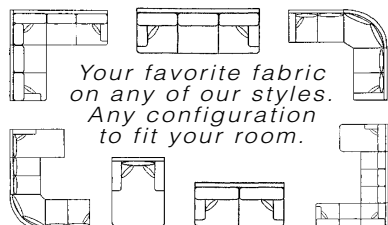
second painting. "I call this *In the Way*, because they're in the way of each other," he said. "They" are the *Berkeley* and a small launch. "You can see that the *Berkeley*'s wake is heading straight for the launch, and the launch is zigzagging."

It's an unsettling picture, as all his near-misses are. The little white launch is a dinghy compared to the oblivious, impervious *Berkeley*, with its rows of shiny windows lit from within and its big black stack puffing curlicues of smoky purple.

Joe Ditler, although he praises DeRosset's seas and skies, complains that the artist can't draw figures. David Brown echoes the criticism. ("His real work is boats and planes. 'Stop painting people!' I told him.") But as I studied DeRosset's tiny ferryboat riders, each consisting of a

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few simple strokes, I realized they weren't meant to be individuals with life stories and buttonholes in their jackets. Reminiscent of the sled drivers and maple-tree tappers of another self-taught artist, Grandma Moses, they were part of the overall design.

We looked at artifacts in the cases on the *Berkeley* — sextants, chronometers, pages from ships' logs. DeRosset commented on every one. Yes, he is a talker, but unlike an egoist whose favorite

topic is himself, he often forgot that his work was the focus of our visit. Either that, or else he identifies so strongly with these items that, in speaking about them, he is speaking about himself.

We went downstairs to a loan exhibit, *Masterpieces in Miniature: A Precious Collection of Tiny Yachts*. DeRosset was captivated by these models; the tiniest were models of *models* — just a few inches long. "These things should be national treasures," he

said. "They're breathtaking. The work here is the most splendid I've seen anywhere in the world. These are fine works of art."

One of the models — a minuscule *Waratah* — held a special fascination for him. The Lunds Blue Anchor liner disappeared off the coast of South Africa on July 29, 1909. "She was on her way back from Australia to London, a brand-new ship — only her second voyage — when she vanished between Durban and

Cape Town. Why it happened is one of the great sea mysteries. The consensus is that she was overwhelmed by weather, but when I look into shipwrecks, I don't look into the obvious; I look into the way the vessel was built. She was originally laid down as a tourist steamer or trunk steamer. A series of ships were built after the Suez Canal opened, and they had one purpose only. That was to bring large amounts of cargo through the canal at greatly reduced rates,

because the way they worked it, generally speaking, is that they would charge a cargo ship by its measurements...."

DeRosset has painted the *Waratah* for Clive Cussler, author of the Dirk Pitt action-adventure novels. The image appears on Cussler's website (www.numa.net). It depicts a confident ship, slicing through sapphire sea foam. Its three decks are striped with the shadows of the ship's lines on a bright sunny


day. But I find her black hull ominous. And the thick black smoke from her single stack blows beyond the picture's right border, into the unknown. Her row of white lifeboats saved none of the 211 lives aboard.

Cussler has published 17 consecutive *New York Times* best-sellers, and so he has a little loose change. He has put some of it into a nonprofit foundation, the National Underwater and Marine Agency, that looks for sunken



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ships and lost aircraft around the world. For nearly 20 years Cussler has been searching for the *Waratah*. For a while in 1999, he thought he had found her. What he had found instead was a freighter sunk during World War I.

I asked DeRosset how he had come to work with Cussler. "He's really picky about the people he talks to," he said. "I got hold of his agent and worked through his agent. Clive Cussler is a real good friend of mine. He's very generous and very friendly. I get along very well with people that are considered untouchable. I love working with him. He's one of the wealthiest authors in the world. He's also a fine gentleman. I don't judge people by what they do for a living, how much money they have, or who they are. Clive Cussler is simply one of the finest gentlemen I've

ever met."

Has DeRosset actually met the author? He deflected the question. Later, though, he was sure to give me a copy of page 305 from Cussler's 1997 novel, *Flood Tide*. This paragraph was underlined: "She rolled over on her side and stared through the doorway into the living room, where shelves on two walls were filled with delicately built ship models of wrecks that Pitt and his crew had discovered and surveyed. The remaining walls held dockyard builders' half models and four seascape paintings by Richard DeRosset, a contemporary American artist, of nineteenth-century steamships."

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It was difficult to tear DeRosset away from the models, but I wanted to see more of

his work with him. So from the *Berkeley* we headed over to the *Star of India*, where one of his paintings was hanging in another loan exhibit, *Treasures of the Manila Galleons*.

"The *Star of India* is rich in history," DeRos-

"Mount Fuji and the setting sun represent the end of the Japanese military complex and also the beginning of the nuclear age."

set said as we went aboard. "She has played a number of different roles. Each one by itself would have given her great historical status." Built in England in 1863, she was first known as the *Euterpe*, and her earliest voyages were to India. She spent

her middle years bringing immigrants to New Zealand. At the turn of the century, she was sold to Americans in the canned salmon trade. It was they who changed her name and began sailing her from Oakland to the Bering Sea

each spring. In the 1920s, she was towed to San Diego and sat derelict; in 1976, her restoration was completed and she became part of the museum.

"She's built out of iron," said the artist, who has painted her in each incarnation. "It

was an experimental material for a sailing ship back then. She's like a cast-iron skillet, which can get really rusty but doesn't lose its strength."

The galleons predate the *Star*. These were large, three-masted sailing ships that Spain used for transporting gold and treasure from the 1500s through the 1700s. Pirates often marauded them, and the exhibit contained some samples of what they were after. DeRosset's contribution was a small painting (two feet by three) showing the capture of the galleon *Santa Ana* by two British ships, *Content* and *Desire*. The event took place off the coast of Baja California in 1578. The *Santa Ana* had left Manila four months earlier; it had nearly reached its home port, Acapulco, when it was taken by the buccaneers.

But the *Santa Ana* picture was not among his best, DeRosset said, and I silently agreed. It was merely illustrative. The trouble was, he had been rushed; the deadline came too quickly, and he hadn't been able to do enough research. He had been busy with paid commissions.

Weren't the museum's commissions paid ones? DeRosset said no, he donates his work to the museum. (That's true, although, said Joe Dittler, "For a while we were paying him \$500 a painting. We would give them to major donors, with the request that they bequeath them to us later. We wanted them to become part of the permanent collection of Richard's works that we are slowly amassing.") But, added Dittler, "you should know that he was offering to do the work for free.")

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his donations to chumming the water. "I look at any business that's successful in the same way I look at commercial fishing. You have to throw some bait over the side. You know, if I had an aluminum siding company, and I moved into a town, I would do some buildings free, like the church, maybe a school. It would be for goodwill. If you went to sea and came back with a load of tuna, it means you had a successful trip. But in order to get that tuna, you have had to use bait from the bait tanks."

Tuna are more predictable than people, and DeRosset says he has received few if any paid commissions as a result of the free work he has done for the museum. He admitted that the situation was a source of unhappiness for him. Then he dismissed the subject: "People have told me I would have been dangerous if I'd had money."

We would go next to the Veterans Memorial Center, but first DeRosset wanted to visit the Berkeley's engine room, so we returned to the other vessel, where he reveled in the deep chugging — even though it wasn't real: it's on tape. "These things are just like tea kettles," he said, imitating the steamer's sound perfectly, just as he did the boom-boom-boom of the Petrel. "If I had to do it over again, I'd be an engineer. I've always had utmost respect for engineers. Anyone who doesn't hasn't a clue as to what goes on below deck."

Who doesn't have respect for engineers? The people who think that the captain does all the work? "Yeah, well, the captain has basically the same status as the figurehead," said DeRosset.

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Before we left the *Berkeley*, DeRosset said he wanted to introduce me to the museum's executive director, Ray Ashley. "He's a fine historian," said the artist. Ashley is *not* the director DeRosset put into the *Titanic* lifeboat. However, as we entered the reception area of Ashley's office, it was apparent to me that his secretary wasn't happy to see DeRosset. His reputation precedes him.

DeRosset didn't seem to notice her reaction. He introduced me to the woman, who, busying herself with something on her desk, said that Ashley wasn't there. We left.

As we drove in DeRosset's white pickup truck to the Veterans Memorial Center, he said he has donated his work there too. But unlike the free work for the museum, this was a genuine gift; he had no

thought of receiving any payback from it.

We parked and entered a side door. The first mural of the planned six was just inside it, in a recessed archway. Hawaiian blue and explosion orange are its predominant colors; DeRosset said they were meant to match those in the stained-glass windows. The epic piece overwhelms. Even DeRosset was momentarily silent, looking at it. Here is his commentary on it:

"Starting at the top, I've got a Japanese rising sun and part of the Japanese task force heading east towards the Hawaiian Islands. They're up by the Aleutians. I've got the two Japanese battleships and the six Japanese carriers." He named them all. "I've also got an oiler, which is important, because, of course, the excuse for the attack was natural resources.

"Below that, I've got the aircraft carrier *Enterprise*. Aloha Tower. Just above it, 18 STD1s flying in from the southwest. One of the reasons the casualties were so high in Honolulu — and no one's come up with this information yet — is because I honestly believe that the gunners in Pearl

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Harbor mistook these aircraft for another incoming flight of Japanese aircraft. So they fired on them.

"Next, I've got the scene at the north end of Ford Island. There's the *Detroit*, the *Utah*, the *Curtis*, the other ships in the yard. That's dry dock number two

with the USS *Shaw* inside blowing up and the USS *Nevada* backing down. One thing that's confusing is that the *Nevada* actually had a fake bow wave painted on its bow."

So it would look as if it was moving? "Moving faster — yes. And they were experimenting with different colors

and paint schemes in order to see what was most effective against aircraft. This is one of the things they did during maneuvers.

"This is the tugboat *Hoga*; she played an important role. Right now, she's in Oakland. But she assisted the *Nevada* and the *Arizona* and was able to pull the badly damaged *Oglala* away from the cruiser *Helena* that had sustained only moderate damage. Just below that I've got two Japanese Zeros and Schofield Barracks. Below that I've got the bow of the *Pennsylvania* burning.

"In the next layer I put in the destroyer USS *Ward* closing in on one of the five Japanese mini-submarines that were trying to get into the harbor. And then I have mine sweepers, the *Crossbill* and *Condor* — those were Pacific tuna boats. I have the USS

California as it was rebuilt. That was the most severely damaged battleship — it took months to repair — but she was rebuilt and became quite an asset in the war. Then there is the USS *West Virginia*. Below that I've got the wreck of the *Arizona* as it looked a couple of days after it was hit. Right after that, I have the USS *Pennsylvania*. And the last ship is the USS *Nevada* again. And the reason she's painted bright orange is because she was the test ship for the Bikini atomic test — Operation Crossroads — after the war. She was actually painted orange in Pearl Harbor, sailed to Bikini, and then was used in the atomic tests."

The bottom layer repeated the top, in a reverse pattern of planes and ships heading west, along with other symbols. "Mount Fuji and the setting sun represent the end of the Japanese military complex and also the beginning of the nuclear age. I'm showing the conclusion of the war, and the effects of the attack on Pearl Harbor, with the American ships headed towards Japan, whereas on the top you see the Japanese ships headed towards Hawaii."

After he completed the mural, DeRosset painted a big white life ring in the middle of it. "This was for the sole purpose of giving the veterans a place to sign, with a permanent marker pen. And I asked them to put their name and their duty station or ship. I added a second life ring when the first one got crowded. Until then, I had one individual give me such grief you can't imagine. After he signed, he apologized to me. And I said, 'You don't need to apologize, considering what you've been through.'"

DeRosset told me

about a few of the men whose signatures I saw. "Medal of Honor winner John W. Finn signed here, so afterwards I painted the Medal of Honor around it, and I painted a Japanese Zero with the markings of one that he shot down. Right above him is the signature of James C. Bounds, who was the last person pulled out alive from the overturned *Oklahoma*; he was trapped 36 hours. They finally cut him out of the bottom. Joseph Novak — he's a docent here — signed his name and 'USS *Dobbins*, Radio Room.' In the movie *Pearl Harbor* they showed these modern missile ships getting blasted. That movie was laughable. It was an insult. The best war movie ever made is *Das Boot*, 'The Boat.' But see the director's cut. In reality the only time a nest of destroyers was attacked at Pearl Harbor was when two bombs were dropped on the stern of the *Dobbins*. One man was killed, but beyond that there was no damage."

He pointed to a signature difficult to read on the wall's bumpy texture; the first name was "Ivan." "In the National Archives the coxswain of the *West Virginia* has been identified," he said. "Well, it turns out, the real coxswain was Ivan, and Ivan mentioned that mistake to me. And I said, 'Well, we've got to do something about it.' So I took him down to David Brown's office, and David wrote the Navy, and they're in the process of fixing the record."

Other DeRosset works hang in the basement of the building. He was storing them there, he said; he had no other place to put them. We'd see those too, but first, he pointed upward. He had painted a portion of the chapel ceiling with sky and

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clouds. As an artistic accomplishment it's minor, in his opinion. "The ceiling needed to be painted anyway, so I said okay, I'd do it." But it was a physical and technical challenge. "The lighting was horrible. And I couldn't get a good view of it. Ideally, I like to stand back and see how to make something more effective. Because of the scaffolding, all I could see from the floor was boards. It was a real pain in the neck." A smile. "But it kept me out of trouble."

The basement has white walls, a low ceiling, and fluorescent lighting. It's not a great place to hang art. But even the compromising conditions couldn't diminish the power of the next group of paintings, perhaps a dozen, most door-sized.

Among them were four panels he did for a History Channel program about the sinking of the *Indianapolis*. (He has also done work for the Discovery Channel, A&E, and the PBS network, he said.)

On July 30, 1945, shortly after midnight, the *Indianapolis* was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Philippine Sea. It sank in 12 minutes, with 1196 men onboard. About 300 of them went down with the ship; the other 900 or so found themselves in shark-infested waters.

"This is the actual torpedoing," DeRosset said of a panel showing a fiery burst. "The Japanese fired six torpedoes. The first hit just forward of the number one turret; the second hit just forward of the number two turret. This was painted from eyewitness accounts. I actually changed the location of the moon and intensity of the sky 11 times. Now it's right where people remember it. I talked to one guy who was on the stern here. I talked to another

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guy who was standing here. And I talked to three people who were in the water.”

The two middle panels continued the story of the attack and sinking. The fourth panel showed the belated rescue. “What happened was that the ship was never missed. Just by accident, a Ventura bomber saw the oil slick, followed it, and

came across the sailors.” The Ventura had been on a routine anti-submarine patrol. “Many men in the water” were the words Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Wilbur C. Gwinn used to call to others for help. Only 316 men survived.

Two other paintings in the basement showed the *Titanic*’s sister ships during World War I. (“When I do research,”

DeRosset told me, “I read every possible thing I can about the particular vessel I’m going to paint and also about other vessels relating to it directly and indirectly.”) When the Great War broke out, some ocean liners were transformed into troop carriers. Here, then, was the *Olympic* as she looked when she carried troops across the

Atlantic. “That’s off the Scilly Islands,” said DeRosset. “Once, she ran over and sank a German U-boat.” Before she went to war, he said, lots of tourists had booked passage on her “in morbid fascination.” After the war, she became a tourist liner again, catering to the Caribbean trade; in 1937, she was scrapped. The *Britannic*

wasn’t a transport ship; during her wartime service, she became a floating hospital for wounded British soldiers. With red crosses painted on her white hull she flew a flag with the same international protective symbol. It wasn’t protective enough. “She was torpedoed and sunk toward the end,” said DeRosset. “I think it was the 16th

of November 1918. She was the largest merchant ship lost in either world war at sea.”

The *Britannic*’s hull, at this stage in the ship’s life, was rusted around her portholes and elsewhere. DeRosset’s choice of color for the rust was a dried-blood brown. Although it’s strange to say about a symbol of decay, something about the color’s precision brought the whole painting to life. But that’s what the right detail does for a work of art.

We were hungry for lunch now, and DeRosset drove us out to what he called his usual place, an all-you-can-eat buffet at the Sycuan Casino and Resort. He parked in his usual spot, at the far end of the mostly empty lot; the walk was his exercise, he said.

Having noticed earlier that he was limping, I asked about it. He said he had fallen on his boat. What kind of boat was it? He answered obliquely: “I have always owned a boat, although getting out to sea is somewhat of a pain.” I would hear more about his boats the next day.

We didn’t enter by the front door; instead, we walked all the way around the building. This wasn’t just for exercise. DeRosset wanted to avoid the casino, having nothing complimentary to say about gamblers — nor, for that matter, about the casino’s architecture and landscaping. He pointed out its garish peach-and-fuchsia color scheme, its neon-green lawns. “Osama bin Laden lives here,” he said.

The price of the buffet was \$7.95. The cashier greeted DeRosset warmly; unlike the museum secretary, she looked happy to see him. He was a good customer, she said, and always had nice things to say about the food

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and service.

DeRosset loaded his plate with slabs of roast beef, mashed potatoes, hot salads, cold salads, bread. Then he had seconds and dessert. (DeRosset may be impractical about some things, but he has discovered at the casino a way to take in lots of calories cheaply.) On the anniversary of the *Petrel's* sinking, he said, he goes to an all-you-can-eat fish place — “to eat all the fish that didn’t eat me.”

Despite the shipwreck, DeRosset said, “I miss the ocean terribly.” Then he thought better: “Commercial fishing is only fun if you’re catching lots of fish. When

you’ve got albacore piling up in the hull, then you feel like a food producer. If you’re just sitting and waiting for a bite, then you’re basically killing time.”

With the artist’s help I made a list of other DeRosset work in public places around the city. At the San Diego Aerospace Museum, there is a small one (two feet by three) of the USS *Langley*, America’s first aircraft carrier, c. 1922. In the lobby of the Holiday Inn on the Bay, on North Harbor Drive, there are several DeRossets. The one behind the concierge’s desk shows a long view of the hotel and three of the maritime museum’s

vessels — the *Berkeley*, the *Star*, and the steam yacht *Medea*. (Joe Ditley is in that one. He sometimes rows to work from Coronado, and as a gesture of friendship DeRosset painted him and rowboat into the

Center, third floor, room 13104. The plaque says, “A Memory Lives Forever. Donation by Richard DeRosset on behalf of San Diego Maritime Museum in memory of Dr. Charles A. Stern.” In a

David Brown told me that Pastor Jeff had asked *him* for advice on how to handle the unruly parishioner.

scene.) On the wall of Hazelwoods, a delicatessen next door to the Holiday Inn, there is a mural of the harbor view. At the University of California San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest there is a *Star of India* in the mist. It hangs in the waiting room of the Pulmonary Transplant Outpatient

semi-public place, inside David Brown’s office, there is a finished *Battle of Dunkirk*. (“It’s a busy picture, because Dunkirk was a busy place,” DeRosset said, paraphrasing Brown, whose father survived it by swimming out to sea; he was picked up by a Norwegian trawler.)

In the days to come I would see most of these works. I wouldn’t be able to make the trip to see DeRosset’s major out-of-state commissions. For the one in Columbus, Georgia, at the National Civil War Naval Center, the artist worked at home in Lemon Grove. The result was three big panels (each one 17 feet long) showing 50 Union and Confederate ships.

For the commission in Texas, he worked on-site for nearly six months, at the National Museum of the Pacific War (formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum) in Fredericksburg. The finished work is mammoth, perhaps his most significant piece to date: 800 feet of murals (12 feet high) showing the battles of the Pacific theater.

DeRosset loved his time in Texas as the museum’s artist-in-residence: “They gave me a trailer to live in. It was old and decrepit but comfortable, and it was situated in the artifact receptacle yard. That was two blissful acres of burned-out tanks and that sort of thing. They have a real mini-submarine there, which is the only one to be preserved from Pearl Harbor. I was living right next to a shed where they kept a Zeke!” (That’s another name for the Japanese fighter aircraft Zero — or Mitsubishi A6M.)

He said that some people he knew at the Veterans Memorial Center were worried when he announced his Texas trip. “One board member said, ‘Richard, I’ve had a long talk with some of the others, and we don’t think you

should go. You can’t keep your mouth shut, and we’re afraid you’re going to be lynched inside of a week.’ And the guy was serious! I do occasionally get myself into trouble here,” he admitted. “But in Texas it all worked out. I loved Fredericksburg. It was a cross between Mayberry RFD and the Twilight Zone. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I could have lived there for ten years, and it would have seemed like a weekend. I liked everything about Texas. I liked the people, the weather. I liked the isolation. Of course, Fredericksburg is something of a tourist trap. It’s an old German town. But the peace of mind is the best thing. You don’t have the same hustle and bustle, the pace.”

He dislikes San Diego, he said. “I see San Diego as a suburb of Los Angeles. I have never really liked it here.” If he moved, though, he would want to take along his girlfriend.

Like his roommate, she is named Karen. To distinguish between the two, he referred to her as “the New Karen” and his roommate as “the Old Karen.” The New Karen’s house is a cou-

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ple of blocks away from his in Lemon Grove. Both Old Karen and New Karen belong to his church. In fact, that's why *he* belongs to it, he said. He also joined because he likes Pastor Jeff, whom he described as young — and yet he loves World War II. He and Pastor Jeff had enjoyed many long talks about that era, said DeRosset.

Speaking of Lemon Grove, I told him I still wanted to see his studio. How about if I met him at his house tomorrow

morning? He countered that we could meet in the parking lot of the Lemon Grove Historical Society. Then he could show me the work hanging there.

Yes, but afterward I wanted to see the studio.

Finally he said okay.

On our way back to the city, we stopped at the Art World Western Heritage Gallery in El Cajon, where DeRosset had a painting for sale. I quickly spotted it, even though it was decorative,

not documentary — a coral-and-golden-hued seascape. The price was \$6000.

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“I hate little tubes,” he said. “If you’re a real artist you don’t waste your time with that crap.”

the gallery’s owner, Floyd Jones, had asked him to paint a picture without a ship in it. “Ships don’t match fur-

niture,” said DeRosset. It’s a little more complicated than that. In the marine art category, sinking ships are

generally a hard sell. No disaster scenes, please, not even the *Titanic*. Beyond that, the common gallery wisdom is

that buyers want bright pictures, not dark paintings. This DeRosset attempt at being more commercial certainly glowed.

He approached a woman who worked there. Was Floyd around? No, Floyd wasn’t there, she said. And now I did see, for the second time, the same reaction that the museum secretary had — pursed-lipped displeasure. Again, though, DeRosset seemed not to notice.

As we drove down

the freeway, DeRosset said, “Floyd is interesting. He has a new gallery in Rancho Santa Fe. After I did the seascape, he made some suggestions, like a little more blue in the sky to the right. For just that reason I didn’t varnish it until he’d had a chance to see it again. I took it back and he absolutely loved it. So that opens up a whole new avenue.”

It began to rain. DeRosset was ecstatic, looking at the roiling clouds and their colors. “Things like that just

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stay in my mind. I memorize them, then use them in the paintings.”

The next morning, I arrived at the Lemon Grove Historical Society on Church Street, not far from the First Baptist Church. It’s in a small clapboard house painted lemon yellow. I went inside and waited for DeRosset. Helen Ofield was in her office; otherwise, I had the place to myself.

DeRosset’s exhibit consisted of a wide sampling of historic ships on seas of all kinds. The *Winston Churchill*. The *Queen Elizabeth*. Several *Star of Indias*. Warships, schooners, steamers. Closely hung, they still

took up one whole north-facing room. Marine art experts say, “Look to see that the rigging is right.” But the show made me think that DeRosset might be misplaced in the category of marine art. His rigging, when he had rigged ships as his subject, was beside the point. I wondered if he might be better described as an outsider artist. Also known as naïve or primitive artists, they are so named because they work “outside” the mainstream art world, just as DeRosset does. And they are invariably as obsessive as he, choosing subjects that are either “visionary” or

documentary — religion, politics, and history commonly. The work is often highly detailed; “found” materials are typically employed. DeRosset’s doors would qualify. In

the end, though, I dropped this idea. It’s unfair and unproductive to put any artist in a box. Categories are for convenience and commerce, not true comprehension. DeRosset sim-

ply called himself “self-taught.” I’d leave it at that.

Soon enough, he arrived. Together we looked at the picture showing the near-collision of the *Titanic*, the

Olympic, and the *New York*. “A lot of mail was sent from the *Titanic* when it docked in Cherbourg,” said DeRosset. “It has the ‘Steamship *Titanic*’ cancel on it. These ships didn’t make

their money from first class. They made it from steerage, third class, and also from mail contracts.”

He talked on about the lore of the *Titanic*. “From Cherbourg, she went to Queenstown, Ireland. Some people got off, and a lot of people got onboard. From there she started the North Atlantic trip. And the fact that there was a huge ice field was common knowledge. And Fleet and Lee, the two men who were up in the crow’s nest, actually discovered the ice field ahead of them at 11:10. And on the horizon you could see this real thin layer of white, which was the ice field’s haze

that was reflecting light from the stars. That was reported to the bridge. Now this business of the *Titanic* coming up to an iceberg and somebody shouting, ‘Iceberg! Iceberg!’ is wrong. [First Officer] Murdock knew there was an ice field there, and he took out his binoculars and scanned the horizon until he saw what he thought was a safe and clear passage. The problem was, it wasn’t that at all; it was an optical illusion. And soon enough they realized they were actually heading for a giant berg.”

As DeRosset explained Murdock’s maneuverings, two other people walked in.

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I understood from DeRosset's pleased look that he had summoned them. They seemed happy enough to be here, but I also sensed that theirs was a mission of mercy — to put in a good word with the reporter.

Pastor Jeff Lettow said neither he nor Crystal had seen the show yet. They'd been busy with their other parishioners.

How long had he been employed by the church? "For 18 years. First I was youth pastor, and then the senior pastor retired, and they asked me to take his place. Youth pastor means I worked primarily with the youth; now I oversee the whole thing. I can't do all-nighters like I once did. When you get older, you hire younger people for that."

How long had DeRosset been a church member? "Almost two years. We'd had a little conference, and I was calling [Old] Karen to thank her for coming, and this guy picked up the phone and we started a friendship. We enjoy each other. We try to encourage each other, and he paints paintings I like."

DeRosset said of Pastor Jeff, "He tests people's faith. He's got this huge old radio, with the vacuum tubes and everything, and that's set on the edge of the tub of water. His problem is keeping the piranha fish fed. For me he had a special thing: boiling gasoline."

Pastor Jeff and Crystal shook their heads.

When were you baptized? I asked.

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shipwreck, the 21st of May, fell on a Sunday, then I'd go and get baptized."

Two years ago, it did.

Pastor Jeff and Crystal said he has come a long way in his faith.

"Even though I got kicked out of Sunday school," said DeRosset. "The last time that happened to me was 43 years go."

"He can be pretty vocal at times," said Pastor Jeff. "He gets agitated. We told him to go out and calm down for a while."

"Yeah. Time out. Face the wall for ten minutes," said DeRosset.

"The thing that hurt you the most that Sunday was that you didn't get a piece of Crystal's cake," said Pastor Jeff, as if he were speaking to a small boy.

I wondered how well Pastor Jeff did

manage DeRosset. In his studio later I would notice a church program with "Fuck" written all over it: "Fuck Mohammed." "Fuck Islam." David Brown told me that Pastor Jeff had asked *him* for advice on how to handle the unruly parishioner. Perhaps Pastor Jeff has since come to the same realization that the maritime museum did after putting DeRosset to work painting aboard the *Star*. At Christmas-time he painted the scenery for the church's nativity pageant.

When it was time to see the studio, finally, I followed DeRosset's truck in my car. When we got there, I saw that the old appliance was gone from the driveway. So he must have cleaned up a bit for my inevitable visit.

Stepping inside the front door, I faced a pre-

carious jumble, and the boarded-up windows made it dark. He turned on a light that was clipped to a chair. DeRosset had told me his library consisted of 9000 volumes. I did see books galore, in piles not in bookcases (and not thousands but dozens). There were art books, history books, and Clive Cussler paperbacks. Tacked to a long wall was the unfinished Dunkirk canvas. I also saw cans of house paint.

So he really did use house paint. "I hate little tubes," he said. "If you're

a real artist you don't waste your time with that crap. You use lots of paint." He mimicked perfectly a TV art teacher instructing his students to unscrew their tubes of burnt sienna. "But it's good house paint. Latex HL enamel. See? I have a nice variety of cans."

What did he use for brushes? "Well, here's one." He held up a mauled five-inch-wide house-paint brush. "And here's another." It was a regular artist's tool, with fine bristles. The two sides of Richard

DeRosset.

On the floor was an old pencil sketch for the completed Manila galleon painting. "I do most of my sketches in church during Pastor Jeff's sermon," he said.

I saw no easel. He didn't use one. "What I'll do is take this chair, pile it up with books, prop the painting up on it, and paint on top of the books."

Didn't he worry that he'd get paint on the books?

"No, the only thing that worries me is Old Karen's cat. It has a tendency to lie down on wet paint."

It was chilly — colder inside than out. "I love it," said DeRosset in short sleeves again, this time a polo shirt with a sailboat pattern.

The temperature was only partly due to the lack of sunshine. The carpeting was gone,

and the exposed cement floor still held the cold of the night. "I hate carpeting," said DeRosset. "I tore it all out, along with the ceiling tiles — and the ceiling plaster too." I saw that the plaster was indeed gone. The house looked as if it were in the middle of a renovation but one that had been abandoned.

"See, my mother and stepfather both smoked. I've never smoked. I can't stand cigarettes. And the smoke damage was extensive. And what I wound up doing was — See, I bought this house from my parents back in '72, when I went into the service. My stepfather died, and then my mother died, and I started totally revamping the place."

The wall between the garage and the living quarters had been removed too. How

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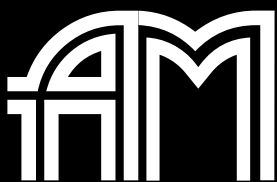
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come? “Well, the smoke was so bad, it was even on the inside of the wooden panels. I spent \$7000 just cleaning up the place. That included hiring people to remove the tar adhesive on the cement. So basically I stripped down the house. Then financially everything kind of caved in. So I have been using this as my studio.”

I pictured DeRosset as a child enveloped in his parents’ smoke. I thought of the liners’ smoke stacks. Later I remembered what he had said about the captain of the *Carpathia*: *He didn’t mention too much about the Titanic’s passengers, plus the way he handled the chapters on the general subject gave me the impression he was deeply traumatized by the whole affair.* In the end, I didn’t ask about his childhood in this house. Instead I asked about Dunkirk.

He showed me books he was using for his research. One was *British Destroyers* by Edgar J. Marches. “I spent \$500 just trying to find this thing. I finally found it downtown in Wahrenbrock’s for 75 bucks. They’re still in business. It’s a superb book. I just love stuff like this. I drool.” He showed me another, called *Images of War: Combat Artists*. “Gordon Grant did this one,” he said, showing me an image of the English Channel, c. 1940–41. “I used this for the basis of that. The white stripe here around the bridge, the white stripe on the stack, the fact that they put yardarms on the mast.” He went on in his usual way, at length, about Dunkirk, until we stepped into the room beyond the studio.

It was like stepping into somebody’s giant junk drawer. “I believe, having been in the Navy, that every place has its thing,” said DeRosset. “It’s when people clean

up the area that I get totally lost.” Conversely, he said of a table piled high with papers: “Probably under that pile are things I have been looking for, for years.”

Next to the table was an ancient artificial Christmas tree, a nod to the season, ornamentless. On the wall were scrawled phone numbers, including my own.

I noticed a piece of old currency in a frame, not hanging, just propped. It was from the *Andrea Doria*, said DeRosset. On July 25, 1956, in dense fog near

midnight, the Italian liner was struck by the Swedish liner *Stockholm* in the New York shipping lanes. The *Stockholm*, which survived, was able to use its

lifeboats to rescue over 500 of the *Andrea Doria*’s passengers. The *Ile de France* picked up another 753. Other ships collected survivors too. Fifty people died.

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The following morning the *Andrea Doria* sunk. Since then, divers have been exploring the wreckage, photographing it, and salvaging items from it.

How did DeRosset happen to get this paper bill? “I had a horrible run-in with the diver who salvaged the safes. He was a total jerk. They had one of these really slick TV presentations. They go down there with a diving bell that used to be a cement mixer. They get into the side of the ship, and the thing that really burned my house down was that there were these three glass panels for the first-class entryway into the first-class dining salon. They’re etched, absolutely exquisite, and I said, ‘Oh, I can’t believe they survived the sinking. They’re in perfect shape.’ But the diver said, ‘Oh, it’s in the way,

we gotta get to the safes.’ So they smashed them, along with literally thousands of pieces of really fine china, because they ‘gotta get to the safes.’ Well, they recovered the safes, and then they put them in warm water for six months. When they finally opened them, I got a few bills. I told those people, ‘I can’t stand you. If I ever get any of that stuff, I’ll eat shit from a toilet.’ So they made sure I got some.”

Some snapshots were on the table. “Oh, here’s a picture of my front yard.” It showed a power boat up on metal drums in the driveway. He told me the neighbors had complained about it.

They were probably afraid it would fall down, I said. He shrugged. “So I go from one day almost winding

up in jail and losing my house to, you know, having a one-man show at the historical society.”

He showed me another photo, of himself, the New Karen, and her young son, Joshua. It was taken when they went aboard the Canadian destroyer *Yukon* before she sank in July 2000 about two miles off Mission Bay. The San Diego Oceans Foundation arranged for the sinking; researchers and divers visit her regularly now.

“We spent the night on the *Yukon*,” DeRosset said. “This is below decks. I saw this ship when she was brand new and made her first trip here in the 1960s. This is the engine room. We had the run of the ship. There were three divers onboard, and they thought we were spies. These guys were super-friendly; they left

around midnight. Everyone says, ‘Let’s go to Knotts Berry Farm.’ ‘Let’s go to Hawaii and stay in a hotel.’ Spending the night in a derelict warship is my idea of fun.”

He wanted me to meet the New Karen, so we arranged another date, that evening at his favorite coffee shop. “The coffee-shop visit is a daily thing,” he said. But he didn’t drink coffee, I knew from our casino lunch. “I am very fond of green tea.”

DeRosset said he hoped I would also speak to his benefactor. Most pieces in the Lemon Grove show belonged to him. That was Scott Chapin of La Mesa. “He’s been basically keeping me alive for years,” he said. I told him I would make sure to speak with this crucial person. But first, that afternoon, I was

going to see his agent. It was he who had arranged the commissions in Texas and Georgia and the TV work. But the artist had nothing good to say about him at the moment. “I told Quint, I started painting long before I thought I could make any money at it. And when it’s not fun, I quit. When I start doing it strictly for money, when that’s the sole motivation, it’s not worth it. I mean, you’ve seen my house now. You know how I live.”

“Don’t let Quint sell you any aluminum siding for your car,” he said before I drove away.

Like Scott Chapin, Quint Fernald lives in La Mesa, partway up Mount Helix. His house is Versailles compared to DeRosset’s virtual shack. There are iron gates at the entrance and exit of the circular drive. They

can be remotely controlled from inside.

“We’re on the migration path, and all these unusual birds are here for a short time and then go away,” said Fernald, as I admired the view.

We were in the kitchen — the house has an open plan — where he was putting brownies into the oven. There was sliced cake on the counter, and he offered Coke and coffee. He’s a tall, slender man in his early 60s (I would guess), who whisked from stove to sink with caffeinated energy.

In an area beyond the kitchen, closer to the view, there was a big white grand piano. Over the mantel was a small painting of a 19th-century sailing ship — by Richard DeRosset.

Fernald used to be an airline pilot but hasn’t flown since 1985,

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when he was forced to retire because of a medical problem. After that, he bought a yacht and lived on it for four years with his wife and three kids. In time he learned a lot about yachts and became a yacht broker. Now the kids were grown and his wife was gone too, having left him for another yachtsman, a rich one. But Fernald said he was still involved in the yacht business.

And the art business? At that he is fairly new; DeRosset is his sole client. He took him on at the suggestion of his neighbor Scott Chapin. He did it, he said, because he wanted to be nice to Chapin, to help out Richard, and to make money. It hasn't worked out. For one thing, marine art

private constellation. The water was black and reflected all the golden lights of the portholes and the lighted decks above. It was as if a magnificent skyscraper were sinking into the sea at night. "Did you know that he put a star in the sky for everyone who was lost? That's 1500 and something stars." So that was why it was, somehow, a joyful painting. The tipping ship was a stairway to heaven.

Hanging up in the bedroom was his favorite DeRosset. This was the *James W. Ewell*, a four-masted schooner out of Portland, Maine, homeward bound with a storm approaching. The painting was mostly sky and sea; the schooner was on the far right in temporarily

"Cornelius Vanderbilt said it best: 'Owning a yacht is the most expensive way to go third class.'"

doesn't sell in San Diego. What does? "Pastels."

DeRosset was "brilliant," said Fernald. Before the artist got to Texas, he had thought the space for the murals was a cyclorama. When he got there, he saw it wasn't round. "It had lots of ins and outs, S-curves, stops and starts. And what Richard had planned wasn't going to work. But he looked at the space and in two minutes decided what needed to be done, and that's exactly what he did do. He saw it in two minutes, in his mind."

In his office Fernald showed me a dozen or so DeRossets. They were mostly door-sized ones, leaning against the walls. One was the *Titanic*, listing. A white flare that its crew had sent up into the navy-blue sky was its own

beautiful weather, headed toward the squall on the far left. Seeing this one, which somehow managed to be both decorative and documentary, I thought that maybe DeRosset could do seascapes after all. Couldn't Fernald sell this one? Couldn't this somehow qualify as at least partly "pastel"?

Fernald sighed. The problem was that, like so many other DeRossets, it was painted on a door. "You can't charge \$5000 for something on a door that will warp over time." He showed me that some of the paintings had begun already to distort.

He began to speak more frankly about his client. He said one project had not turned out well at all. He had arranged it for DeRosset with the National Steel and Shipbuilding Com-



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pany — that is, NASSCO — whose shipyards are on 80 acres of land and 46 acres of San Diego Bay, on the south side of the Coronado Bay Bridge. Fernald was furious about what he called a “fiasco.” It seemed that DeRosset had painted one oil tanker for them. “And it was wonderful. They loved it; they hung it up in their boardroom. But then they wanted him to do another one, for British Petroleum, and I guess Richard did it quickly. And that one did not work out well at all.”

He spoke of other projects gone awry because DeRosset worked at his own pace and in his own idiosyn-

cratic ways. But in most cases, DeRosset’s failed subjects had been contemporary ones. Besides needing the right working conditions, the artist seemed also to require the romance of history to do his best. Would Fernald agree? I didn’t ask my question, because he was already on to another subject: despair over DeRosset’s “spendthrift ways,” which made a folly of Fernald’s secondary role, as the artist’s financial manager.

There was, for example, the matter of the boats. The one that used to be in the driveway had never been out to sea with DeRosset on it; it sat and sat, getting the neighbors angry.

When DeRosset was in Texas, Fernald had it taken away. But there was another boat in Chula Vista. DeRosset pays \$200 a month to moor it at the marina — more when the fee is late. And it’s useless and worthless, said Fernald, who tried to donate it to the Salvation Army — but even they wouldn’t take it. Then he tried to hire someone to cut it up and dispose of it, for \$3000. DeRosset said absolutely not. Fernald got someone else excited about buying it (apparently despite its being “useless” and “worthless”) for \$200. DeRosset said no to that too.

The brownies were done. As we ate them

and the cake, and drank our Coke and coffee, Fernald talked more about his difficulties with DeRosset. Were they insurmountable? Maybe not, he thought. He mentioned that DeRosset is a virtuoso lecturer. “The only trouble is, you have to tell him when the time limit is up, because he could go on all night.” I told him what Joe Ditler had said about his behavior in front of audiences. Fernald said he had never seen it happen.

He showed me a glossy color photograph of the huge wall mural at Lindbergh Field — a computer-altered photograph of it, that is. Images had been added to the portrait of Lind-

bergh holding a model of his plane. There was a sailing ship on one side of him and a vintage plane on the other. What is more, the background had been divided into sea and sky. All of these new elements had been lifted from works by DeRosset. It wasn’t meant to be a joke. “People think [the mural] looks unfinished,” said Fernald, who wanted to approach people in the city about “finishing” it this way.

But wouldn’t there be objections from the artist who designed the mural in the first place?

“Well, if everybody agreed to it, it would be a big improvement.”

What did DeRosset

himself think of the idea?

He wanted his own wall.

As our conversation ended, Fernald walked me to my car. The iron gates were newly installed, and he had trouble opening them with a handheld device. I told him I was thoroughly jangled by the sugar and stimulants; he said he would work off his snacks at jitterbug class that night.

I called Scott Chapin to arrange a visit with him; but when I learned that he had only a couple of DeRossets hanging up — the others were in storage — we decided that a phone conversation would suffice.

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Australia route, she was called the *Leviathan* when she was launched in 1858. Other ships on the same route needed frequent refueling. She was so big, her first fuel stop didn’t come until Calcutta. At 19,000 tons, she was said to be six times larger than any ship ever built. She could carry 4000 tourists, or, if need be, 10,000 troops. Still, she wasn’t a financial success and later was converted to a telegraph-cable-laying ship. In 1866, she laid the first transatlantic cable, the only ship large enough to carry it.

“Richard asked me what other paintings I might want him to do. I asked for the Battle of Trafalgar. And since I remembered the ships that left Rhode Island

“I had a long talk with her the other night. I told her that lots of wives support their artist husbands.”

things out into the Pacific.” After the war, he went into the insurance business. “I had an uncle who was president of one. I went to work for him in Hartford. I came out here in 1952.”

Chapin collects other artists’ works but is benefactor only to DeRosset; in all he owns about 60 of his paintings, he said. He saw his first one in a Lemon Grove antique shop in 1982. “And Richard happened to come in, so I met him at that time. It was just a ship, an ocean liner. I didn’t see him for several years, but when I ran into him again, five or six years later, he had improved his style tremendously.” He bought his first DeRosset painting then.

Its subject was the *Great Eastern*. Originally a passenger steamship meant for the Europe-

and went to New York — we called them ‘lightning boats,’ because we saw their lights coming down the bay — he did one of those for me. It was the *Priscilla*. So that was the start.”

He consulted his records and read off a list of the other DeRosset works he owns: French fleet off Toulon. Lifeboat No. 4 (“With the *Titanic* sinking in the background”). The *Star of India* and the *Euterpe* (“In the same picture, so it’s looking at itself”). The HMS *Victory*. The HMS *Royal George*. The HMS *Prince*. The HMS *Grafton*. Arctic whalers. New York Harbor in the 1930s. The RMS *Mauritania*. The RMS *Lusitania*. The *St. George* (“A British warship, circa 1701”). A couple of Cabrillo landings. The



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Chapin had paid between \$1000 and \$3000 each for most of the paintings, he said. "But for some I paid as little as \$500." Was \$500

the price for a DeRosset in the early years? "Not necessarily." They're smaller paintings? "Well, I've been helping him out financially." Did he mean that he was paying him regularly, beyond the cost of the paintings? "Well, yes, I'm afraid so. I like him and I'd like to see him do well. I'm sort of his Dutch uncle" — someone who isn't actually one's uncle but who gives advice as if he were.

"People just don't understand him," said

Chapin. "You talk about the artist's temperament. Well, he's got a pretty strong one. Have you seen the movie about Jackson — ?" *Pollock*? "Yes, a great movie."

I mentioned that Fernald seemed to understand DeRosset least of all. Chapin said he realized now that introducing them had been "a mistake." "Richard is no good on finances, no good at all. Unfortunately, Quint is too businesslike. But I can see why he's frus-

trated. Richard can't be put on a time schedule. He wants to do all the research. He wants everything exactly as it was. If he's painting a ship from 30 or 40 years ago, he wants to know what its stack color was then, not now."

He was hopeful that an idea that David Brown had for DeRosset might work out. "David Brown is trying to get Richard to paint all the San Diego-based aircraft carriers; then Richard could make lithographs with a new

process that David knows about and sell them to all the seamen for ten dollars each."

Brown also wanted DeRosset to paint the USS *San Diego*. (Brown himself would tell me about this idea. "A famous cruiser, the first modern cruiser in World War II, it was like a porcupine, with guns everywhere. It earned 18 battle stars and has an association here. But it was made into razor blades, just like everything else.") The hope was that lithos of

DeRosset's painting could be sold to every seaman who had ever served on the ship.

"Or he could get a grant," said Chapin.

I told him I couldn't imagine DeRosset doing the paperwork.

"I suppose you're right."

Chapin sighed and told me again how much DeRosset's style had improved over the years. "I ran across a couple of the earliest ones in the storage locker the other day. Three small

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paintings — just ships. But he has always had a real feel for bad weather and rough seas,” he said without irony.

He told me about an argument DeRosset had with someone who owed him money, just the other day. “They had lunch, but during the meal DeRosset got angry and said, ‘Keep your money.’ ”

I have heard that his temper is a weakness, I said.

“I know. And so he walked away with nothing.”

The person with whom he had argued was an ex-girlfriend, who collected DeRosset paintings too. When DeRosset needed money he still sold work to her, but for under market value.

DeRosset should probably leave San Diego, Chapin said. “He has spoiled the market here by selling his work too cheaply.”

But what about the new girlfriend? Would he want to leave her? The Old Karen was a good influence, he thought. “The Karen that lives with him is very helpful. He doesn’t appreciate her enough.” The New Karen, on the other hand, might be looking for more stability than DeRosset could ever offer her. “I had a long talk with her the other night. I told her that lots of wives support their artist husbands. But I’m afraid she wants him to become something he’s not.” Apparently, Chapin is her Dutch uncle too.

He sighed again. “I wish I knew what was going to become of him. I just hope it’s something good.”

I met DeRosset for the last time at the Coffee Cottage in La Mesa, where he sat on a couch beside the New Karen, whose real name is Karen Bingman. Bingman’s son Joshua played

checkers with the young woman who worked the counter.

“Old-fashioned girl” is the phrase that best describes Bingman. She was born on the same day as DeRosset, seven years later, in 1960. She wore a chaste blue dress with a hemline to the shin and costume pearls around her neck. It was the same outfit she had worn to work at a municipal tax office. Her light-brown hair was worn long, middle-parted, and pulled back, like an early ’60s folksinger’s. Once, David Brown published in his *Veterans Journal* a parable she wrote. Called “The Perfect Rose,” it’s the story of a little boy who picked a rose for his mother. “It did not matter that some of the leaves were turning brown, or that the rose petals were not in a perfect award-winning shape, or even that little bugs crawled on the petals...” She didn’t smile much; she looked worried, and tired. We all drank our green tea.

I noticed paint speckles on DeRosset’s pants. What time of day did he like best to work? It depended on the weather. “In real cold weather the paint doesn’t stick, and in real hot weather it dries too fast.” That afternoon, it had warmed up sufficiently; he had been able to paint.

We talked about Fernald. I told DeRosset that Fernald had called him “brilliant.” Bingman said Fernald was much too hard on DeRosset. He had made him redo things over and over, like the deck of the British Petroleum oil tanker. “Fourteen times!” Fernald had wanted to search her house, looking for things that DeRosset might be doing outside of his contract, or else doing for free.

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next mural at the Veterans Memorial Center. "I was thinking of doing the Spanish-American War. The USS *Bennington* blew up in San Diego harbor in 1905, so I was thinking of putting in the *Bennington*, and also the *Maine*, which blew up in Havana in 1898, of course...."

Meanwhile, Fernald wanted DeRosset to paint people's yachts. For the artist it was not an exciting prospect. "Cornelius Vanderbilt said it best: 'Owning a

yacht is the most expensive way to go third class.' If I were a Bill Gates and had lots of money, I would not own a yacht. What I would do would be to buy an historic vessel that was on the brink of becoming a derelict. Either an old steam tug or something interesting like a puffer, a small freighter, something with really classic lines, and I would restore it to the way it was. There's a fishing boat that I fell in love with. This thing was built in the '20s and had

traditional lines and wasn't very big. It was called the *Jezebel*. A lot of people buy old fishing boats, and then they convert the fish hold into another room and take out the refrigeration coils. I would totally restore the vessel so that she was a working fishing boat. I might not use it for fishing, although I think fishing boats should be fished."

He had brought a selection of reproductions on greeting cards to give me; the originals were owned by Scott

Chapin. One was the brigantine *Lawrence*. An American privateer, it was painted by DeRosset as it looked in the act of luring the armed escorts away from a British convoy during the War of 1812. Another showed the last clipper ship by famed Massachusetts ship-builder Donald McKay. Called *Glory of the Seas*, it was southbound along the California coast in the 1870s.

The waves in both of those images are spraying the sails. The

clouds are racing along above. But a third card, and the most charming, was painted in different mode. In *Parade of Lights*, the water is calm and reflective, and the boats, being newer, are powered by steam. It shows the Christmas celebration of the New York Railroad tugs, c. 1926. There are four of them, strung with Christmas lights and gathered in a circle. They competed against each other in the tug-boat competition earlier in the day. When they

were working, their job was pulling barges loaded with railroad boxcars.

In this scene of tranquillity the smoke from the tugs' stacks goes mostly straight, not sideways — there wasn't much wind. Tall vertical poles strung with lights are topped by holiday firs, like arrows pointing upward. In the sky, a mail-carrying Jenny (the nickname for the Curtiss JN-4 biplane) playfully buzzes the tug men and their families, who wave to them from

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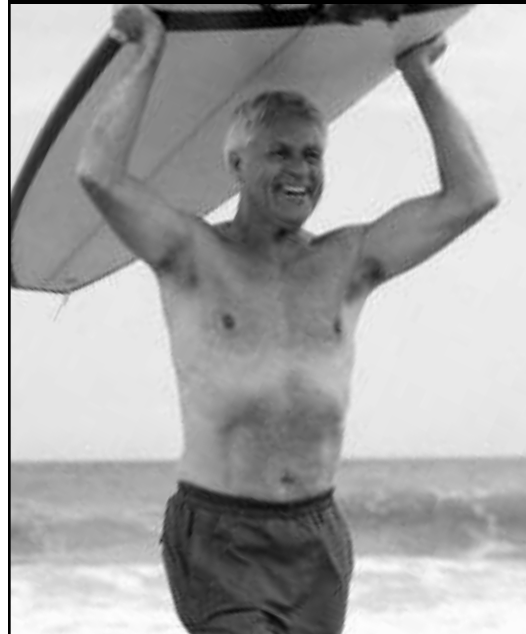
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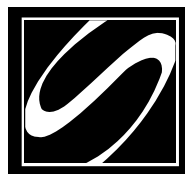
He had also brought me photographs of some paintings. He sat and labeled them on their versos in a black flare pen: The *USS Dyer* (DD-84) with an H-16 seaplane overhead. The *USS America*. The *RMS Bounty*, Cape Horn-bound. British ship in heavy weather. Battle between the *CSS Alabama* and the *USS Kearsarge*. *CSS Hunley* sinks the *USS Housatonic*. Confederate blockade runner *Stonewall Jackson*....

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He began to reminisce about his time in Texas, where he said he was better known than he was in San Diego. "Out in the storage receptacle yard I made friends with the critters. I was feeding the squirrels and everything else that came hobbling up to the trailer in the morning. After working at the museum all day I would get back late at night, have some tea, eat a grapefruit and a can of Texas-style beans...."

"The only thing I didn't like about Texas was that we weren't close to the ocean," said the artist. "I consider oceans my real home." ■

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While there is uncertainty surrounding the cause of the fight, the following witnesses concurred that escalating tensions between the two gangs was a factor.

Peter

What did you see?

“I was in my car, stopped at the intersection on Voltaire and Chatsworth, like, right in front of that store, you know, ‘The



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Point Loma intersection where fight occurred

Stadium,’ or whatever. All of a sudden, about 50 Mexicans came running out from behind the Venetian [restaurant] and they were all throwin’ rocks and shit. This one guy was wailin’ on some fool with a baseball bat. The fight spilled out onto Voltaire, in the middle of the street, and I was still in my car

and the Mexicans were all hitting my car and pounding on it, and I was, like, ‘get the fuck off.’ All of the parents in cars picking their kids up from school were all trying to drive away from the Mexicans, and they were all swerving not to hit any of them. I took off when the cops got there.”

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How did it start?
“I dunno how it started...probably somebody talking shit. That’s how this shit always goes down.”

Why do you think it happened?
“Same shit. Southeast versus Wop Town.”

Did you know any of the individuals involved?
“Yeah. My friend Cory got arrested, but he didn’t do anything. This other guy, Omar, got arrested for smashing a windshield with a bat.”

Are tensions between these gangs visible at Point Loma High?
“At Point Loma, it’s like separate worlds here. The whites do their own thing and the Mexicans do their own thing...kinda like voluntary segregation. There was no racism involved in the fight. It was just...Mexicans fighting other Mexicans.”

Diego
What did you see?
“There were, like, 50 guys from Southeast and Wop Town fighting in the street. OT got in there too. There was this one guy with a bat going after these three other guys, and it all went to hell from there. When the cops came, there was this guy lying on the floor and he had a plastic grocery bag around his head, tied around his neck...it was hardcore, man.”

How did it start?
“Word was spreading at lunch. Shit, I dunno who started it, we just all knew there was gonna be a fight.”

Did you know any of the individuals involved?
“Yeah, I knew, like, all of them...I was, like, halfway in it.”

Jose
What did you see?
“It was crazy. All of these guys were in the middle

of the street, all throwin’ down and shit. It was a really good Mexican gang fight.”

How did it start?
“Some shit started and then everyone joined in.”

Why do you think it happened?
“Stupid shit between Wop Town and Southeast. OT jumped in too, but I dunno what they were fighting for...probably just for the hell of it.”

Did you know any of the individuals involved?
“I knew some of the guys.”

Daniel
What did you see?
“I was standing in front of the library when I saw these ten Mexican guys running. After that, more and more Mexicans kept running out and they all started fighting in the street. They were throwing rocks and everyone was fighting. It was a mess...people were in their cars honking, but nothing stopped them. There were people everywhere. There were these three guys standing there, and one guy charged at all three with a bat. The police showed up after awhile, and most of the guys ran away. I saw the one guy, the guy with the bat, in the back of the police car being hauled away.”

How did it start?
“I don’t know what set it off...somethin’ happened.”

Why do you think it happened?
“Some Mexican probably said something stupid to another Mexican and it resulted in a fucking riot.”

Did you know any of the individuals involved?
“No.”

Are tensions between Hispanics visible at Point Loma High?
“Yeah. They’re always fighting one another. It’s usually a smaller group...nothing like this.” ■

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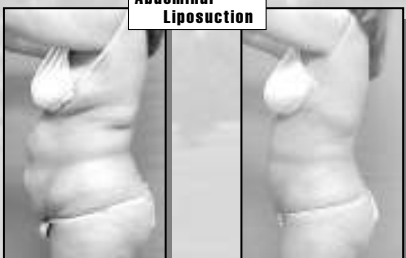
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Private eye and part-time nightclub owner Tom Hickey puts it best himself: the more miles he could put between himself and his worries about Cynthia's family — not to mention the merry pranksters they were playing with — the better. Not that his trip to Mt. Shasta didn't drag him deeper into this crazy case: why was this religious cult, the *Nezahs*, with Cynthia's mother Venus the queen bee, buying up property near the mountain? And what's with all the pregnant women? Key people weren't talking — not just the suspicious townfolk, but the dead aunt, trapped under an avalanche. And the person he'd driven through the night to find — his nightclub's chanteuse, the young, beautiful, and elusive Cynthia Tucker Moon — was on a train back to San Diego. And he was right behind her.

CHAPTER 7

Once he got away from the Black Forest Lodge and made up his mind to go home, when he put aside the puzzles — about the Tuckers, the Bitch, the death of Emma Vidal, why Venus and the *Nezahs* would scheme to buy up Dunsmuir — he realized the more and quicker miles he crammed between Tom Hickey



Mount Shasta

and a gang of believers, the better. Leaving the Black Forest, he felt as if he'd scurried out of a hole in which he'd got infested

by parasites.

The curious part of him wanted to gab with Fay Giles, ask if she'd heard about the avalanche,

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of him, weary and apprehensive, was relieved to find her gone, the office locked. He slipped a ten into the key drop, packed his things, and left the motel.

Sue Lynn and the tattooed cook still worked the Outpost. Friday night, the place was jammed with females, kids, and men old enough to escape the military, a few boys probably exempted as farm workers. Everybody except Sue Lynn wore a hat. Hickey took his off.

While he was waiting for a spot at the counter, he bartered with the cook, finally gave him \$3 to use the phone. Violet Weiss answered, chatted a minute, then got Leo out of his bath.

“Catch any wild geese, Tom?”

“Meaning she’s back in town.”

“Yep. Now, what was the cause of you sending me to Laurel Tucker? Some lousy joke?”

“Why’s that?”

“The dame’s a hellhound. The captain and me, we walk up to her door figuring to use the warrant, bust in, and snoop around. But there she is, glaring like a banshee. I tell her we’re looking for Cynthia. The lingo she used to say ‘get lost’ polluted my ears. Now, Thrapp, being a cop, takes offense and waves the warrant around. She attacks us, breathing fire, swinging with both claws. Thrapp and I scamper out of there. He’s ready to call in reinforcements, but I convince him we consult you first.”

Hickey sent his partner back to the tub, chuckled with relief as he walked to the stool that had opened at the counter. He sat down and lit his pipe. When Sue Lynn appeared, he ordered chicken fried steak and a glass of their hardest liquor. She gave him a Schlitz and a water glass half full of bourbon whose label he didn’t want to see.

After Sue Lynn plopped ice cream onto three slabs of apple pie and delivered them to a bearded fellow who was picking his teeth, she returned to Hickey, leaned close, face

in her hands, elbows on the counter, and let him tell her what he’d seen at the Black Forest Lodge. All he admitted seeing up close was two pregnant women, nice enough, who believed in a screwy religion that imagined spirits — not goblins — lived inside Mount Shasta, and who claimed they both had husbands gone to war.

“Shoo, everybody gets pregnant says that.”

She whisked up his glass and went to fetch him more bourbon. Hickey took a swallow, sighed gratefully. “Say, the ladies told me about an avalanche on Mount Shasta, last Saturday.”

Sue Lynn pursed her

wheel tight and kept reviewing lines he remembered from Cynthia’s book, wondering if Miss V and the Bitch could be the same person, Emma Vidal — if she’d clobbered Henry Tucker with a Remington typewriter, maybe delivered the final insult when she returned his ring, and in payment got a bullet in the head.

His nerves began to thaw and his mind to light on more pleasant topics as soon as he’d crossed the summit, out of the shadow of the Holy Mountain.

Near Stockton, he found a hot bath and a lumpy bed in a highway motor court. Thick fog poured

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lips and frowned. “I ain’t heard about no avalanche this winter.”

“Hmmm.”

“They tell you what Netsock means?”

“It’s one of the *Sefirot* on the Tree of Life.”

“I’ll be darned. What kind of tree’s that?”

“Looks something like a mulberry.”

The cook whistled, she served Hickey’s dinner, then a couple tables emptied and refilled. Still busy when Hickey walked out, Sue Lynn blew him a kiss and stood forlornly watching him leave.

A sheriff’s car was parked in front of a log building across the street, a hundred yards up the hill. Hickey would’ve gone there, asked the sheriff about the avalanche, except he didn’t care to arouse any suspicions that might lead to incriminating Cynthia Moon. Not yet.

As he drove into the Trinity Alps, he wished he’d remembered to buy chains. The sky was black and jagged as a field of lava stones. Each time he rounded a turn he got shaken by wind or a snow flurry. He gripped the

through the window Hickey’d left open because he couldn’t sleep in a stuffy room. The wall heater switch didn’t work. He curled up under three blankets and his overcoat.

Feeling small and endangered, he remembered long ago. When he lay curled like this on a four-poster bed. A door clicked open and a shadow entered, wearing a black dress and veil. Its arms were out, feeling its way. Hickey shivered, rolled over, pressed his face and belly into the mattress.

“Tom?”

He squeezed his arms tighter to his sides and pinched his mouth and eyes closed. The creature knelt and lifted the cov-

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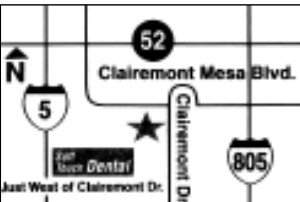
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ers off him. Its cold bony hands started kneading his shoulders. One, then the other tracked down his spine and veered out to his waist. Fingers, splayed like the legs of a spider, crawled over his hips, down his thighs to his feet, then crossed over and started up his legs on the inside. Hickey's guts boiled. He socked the bed and cussed, rolled and tossed until the room began spinning and whirlpooled him down into sleep.

Almost noon, the room air was still icy. Another hot bath sounded fine, but it was either that or breakfast, or not risk making San Diego in time to catch Cynthia at Rudy's that night. He dressed and shaved, crossed the parking lot to the Blue

Ribbon truck stop, a converted barn. He got steak and cornflakes and filled his thermos.

Highway 99 was slow, 45 mph tops, and he had to stay alert to go that fast, with cars backed up at traffic signals appearing like spooks out of the fog and northbound produce trucks squeezing the white line, littering the highway with Imperial Valley tomatoes, lettuce, alfalfa. He'd crossed the Merced River before the fog lifted, freeing him to drive on instinct and ponder things, to confront monsters the nightmare had loosed, ones he should've killed 25 years ago.

He saw his mother in a chair stitching him a pair of trousers. All day she'd perch there, straight and prim in a flowery

dress, her knees together, both feet on the floor. She worked as a seamstress for the actress Mary Pickford. Every pattern she cut and sewed by hand.

When Hickey came home from school, sandlot baseball or shining

No question she blamed only him, his father, and the devil for being a spiteful, negligent son.

shoes on Hollywood Boulevard, a cookie or bowl of strawberries from her garden would be waiting. First, though, he was required to kiss her forehead or suffer through her lecture about ingratitude being abhorrent to God. Then she made him

sit beside her while she stroked his hair with her bony fingers and read to him. "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-All."

Maybe he'd could've understood, even believed, if she'd gotten her wretched hand off him and if she hadn't worn a look that enraged him, the one declaring that he was a dunce, while she knew everything.

By his ninth year, at

nights he'd lie dreaming of the north, of forests where she couldn't find him, where he could fish, carve a bow and arrow, or wash dishes or shine boots in a logging camp. Every week he saved a couple dollars, buried them in a can under a rock up the hill from their cottage on Gramercy Place. He bought a heavy woolen coat for \$3 from a rich kid, two flannel blankets from a rummage sale. He carved the knots off a long manzanita branch for a walking stick, bindle staff, and club to whack robbers.

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He pictured Florence and himself huddled over campfires beside wild-eyed hobos with hooks where their hands used to be. He heard Florence whimpering. What if she starved or got mauled by a bear? Finally he decided not to run. In that moment, his fear of their mother was transformed into hatred — once he understood she'd backed him into a corner. It was fight, or get chewed up and swallowed.

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tled the door and yelled. He told her to scram. Faintheartedly, she called him a devil, as he lay there cupping his groin in both hands, smiling. Never again would she bathe him or stand watching him on the toilet, waiting to scrub him raw, to make him clean as God demanded.

For seven hours through the San Joaquin Valley, the litanies of Christian Science pulsed through his brain like the lyrics to inane, catchy songs.

Spirit is immortal Truth;

matter is mortal error.

Spirit is the real and eternal;

matter is the unreal and temporal.

Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness.

Therefore man is not material;

he is spiritual.

At times he went goosefleshed and tasted bile, from remembering Mom's hands as they bathed, massaged, or petted him. Once he socked the dashboard and gashed a knuckle, recalling how many times she'd caught him with an erection and pinched it to death with her fingernails.

He hadn't seen the saint since 1933 when he quit the LAPD and moved to San Diego. In ten years they'd only spoken a few stiff minutes on the phone around Christmas. The last two summers, Florence had invited him to send Elizabeth to stay a week with her and their mother and Florence's husband Bob, a gentle man who owned a factory that made airplane propellers. Florence offered to take Elizabeth shopping at Bullock's in Long Beach, buy her a new wardrobe in the latest Hollywood styles, which the old woman could tailor to fit perfectly.

"Yeah," Hickey said, "she can smooth the material over Elizabeth's breasts and hips, down her legs, cooing about how lovely she is, like she used to do with Mary Pickford."

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"Hey, Flo, you put Mother in the nuthouse

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where she belongs, then I'll send Elizabeth."

The last few miles before Griffith Park, he thought about taking Glendale to Hollywood Boulevard, going west, then right on Highland up to Florence's place, seeing for himself if the saint had truly gotten as frail and mild as his sister claimed. If he could forgive her, it would please Elizabeth, and Florence. Even Madeline would be proud of him.

The trouble was, the old woman would never understand what she'd done to him. She'd still believe she'd raised him to holiness. No question she blamed only him, his father, and the devil for being a spiteful, negligent son. Nobody that pure, who conversed with God daily, a practitioner and

a healer who lived for good works and righteousness, had to blame herself for anything.

Unless she begged his forgiveness, which she'd never do, there was only one way to settle the account. And Hickey preferred not to kill his mother.

CHAPTER 8

Even after dark Hickey made good time until he got stuck behind a Navy convoy. It was nearly 11:00 when he caught a side street he knew through Anaheim, sneaked around the convoy and back onto 101, and yanked the throttle, still hoping to make Rudy's in time to catch the girl's last set.

There were big guns blasting in the dark hills of Camp Pendleton, a trio of ships, two destroyers

and a carrier, heading south about a mile off the coast at Cardiff-by-the-Sea. Tanks prowled the sea cliffs of Camp Callan, north of La Jolla, and the

fish fluttered and bounced like party balloons. Hickey turned up Broadway. Saturday night, 12:35, around the arcades, tattoo parlors, Greyhound depot,

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rattle and pop of machine gun and rifle fire carried toward him on an onshore breeze.

The palms along Harbor Drive rustled and swayed. The flying silver

and YMCA, soldiers and Marines lounged and strolled beside sailors from England, Russia, Brazil. A visitor from an earlier century might've thought every enlisted man in cre-

ation had showed up tonight on lower Broadway. Most of them whistled and catcalled at the few young women who strutted by, risking whatever virtue they had left. Across from the Pickwick Hotel and Greyhound depot, a drunken ensign steadied himself with his right arm wrapped around a lamp post, while his left hand cupped the bottom of every female who passed.

Hickey made a left on Fourth Street, coasted past three stop signs, wheeled into the lot behind Rudy's. He dug into his briefcase for the drawing he'd found in Cynthia's room, rolled and stuck it into his pocket, then got out and passed Skeeter the keys to his car.

"It's swell we got Miss

Moon back, boss," the lot boy said. "Guys sure tip big after they watch her. When Martini's singing, folks stiff me, like they're blaming me he's a bum."

As Hickey stepped into the kitchen, LeDuc the chef and a waiter named Jaime rushed him, chattering complaints. Hickey raised his hand for peace and slipped around them. It had been 12 days since he'd heard Cynthia, and he didn't want to miss a song.

He stood just outside the kitchen door and watched. Cynthia gripped the microphone with one bare hand, the other wearing a glove that matched her red silky gown, low cut, hemmed at the calves, slit on her right side to six inches up from the knee. The skin of her upper chest and arms

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looked whiter than ever. Her hair was down, curled into medium waves and flipped toward her left side so it covered part of that eye and cheek. On the right ear, she wore a dangling piece of turquoise. Above the ear, she had an orchid pinned into her hair. In red pump heels, she towered above Clyde, who stood close by, holding his baton still, watching the girl, her head cocked back a little, making her neck appear especially long and vulnerable, as if she were offering it to be kissed or chopped off, whatever you pleased. She sang, "I'll Never Smile Again," or laugh again, and hopelessly asked what good it would do. Her foot didn't tap, her leg didn't bounce or shimmy, both arms, as she let her hands fall away from the microphone, hung still at her sides. Her lips hardly moved. She glanced around the room with eyes dull and dry as sandstone. So mournful that the audience looked stunned, as if the girl had announced her decision to slit her throat. A waiter had stopped in passage holding a tray. He drew a sleeve across his eyes so tears wouldn't plop into the soup. Hickey wondered if she were singing to the ghost of Emma Vidal. She bowed slightly as the drum rolled and clarinet riffed a fade.

After the hush, a few people sighed, others whistled, yelped. Most of them bashed their hands together as though trying to knock them off.

Phil the maitre d' materialized beside Hickey. A tall, sleek, blond young fellow who'd lost both kneecaps when he crashed a race car. The maroon dinner jacket looked as comfortable as if invented for him. "Good trip, boss?"

Hickey nodded. "How'd things go?"

"A few complaints, you know, cold soup, a suspicious particle in the salad. Only thing I oughta bother you with — Louie orders up a bloody rare prime rib, so LeDuc's gotta hack into a new roast while he's still working on the old one. He's chopping and griping away,

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slices his finger. ‘Bastard wants bloody rare,’ he says, ‘I’ll give him bloody rare.’ Wipes his damn finger on the meat and sends it out.”

Hickey scowled, patted Phil on the shoulder, made a mental note to fire the savage as soon as he found a better chef, meanwhile to threaten the guy. He pardoned his way through a crowd of folks waiting for tables. Just inside the door, Paul Castillo leaned against the hatchback counter whispering something to the cigarette girl. When he saw Hickey, the hint of a smirk crooked his lips. He laid his arm across Hickey’s shoulders. “Glad you could make it back, pal. It’s a killer of a drive for nothing.”

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Though Hickey would have preferred to

pâté the man’s nose, he only nodded, trying his damndest to keep the peace between them, knowing that once they began to spar, Castillo wouldn’t stop for the bell, he’d go for the knockout. Because that was his style,

and out of jealousy that Hickey had Madeline. If they got to quarreling, Hickey’d use impolite adjectives — greedy, crooked, phony — and probably a few unfriendly nouns. Castillo would escalate the language, find

himself on the floor. Maybe jump up waving a gun. No matter how the skirmish got resolved, the golden goose would remain stewed. Hickey and family would be eating meatloaf once again, and to Madeline he’d once

again be a loser.
“Good house,” Hickey said. “I gotta get some bread and water.”
Instead of taking his dinner in the office as usual, he grabbed the only unspoken-for stool, carried it to the end of the bar, cleared himself a spot between the martini olives and the cherries. He told Hwang, the bartender, to rustle him up a T-bone, potatoes, carrots, and a splash of Dewar’s.
Cynthia had transformed. Loose and vivacious, she invited everybody to Niagara, Saint Paul, Bermuda, any good place to get away from it all.
Hickey’s scotch arrived. He gulped half of it, started on the next gulp, and realized he had one of those thirsts it feels like you can quench with booze, a fight, mostly any wild pleasure, but you can’t even touch it. All you can do is wait it out. He put down the glass, got out his briar and Walter Raleigh, watched the

stage, and tried to observe any new gesture of Cynthia’s, any change in her manner or voice. When his food arrived, he devoured the steak. If he hadn’t minded taking his eyes off the girl, he would’ve gone into the office and gnawed morsels off the bone.
Cynthia’s encore was “Ain’t Misbehavin’.” She let the final note carry long and high, then cut it off as if she’d suddenly gone mute, and without waiting to revel in the applause as usual, she swept off the stage and down the aisle to the bar, her eyes on Hickey all the way. She stopped a foot in front of him, hands clasped on her waist. Her cheeks were flushed, eyes damp and glinting.
“They love me,” she said breathlessly. “They’ve never seen anybody like me.”
“Yeah. Who has?”
Hickey stood, took one of her hands. The skin felt at least a hundred degrees. He showed her




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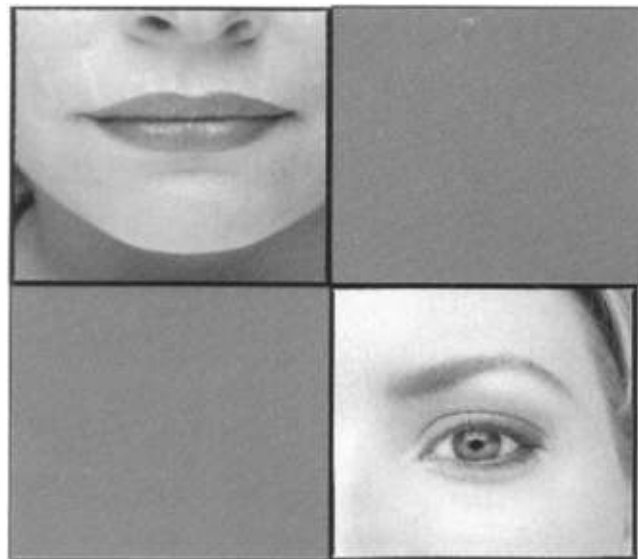
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around the bar to a quieter nook by the office. The rolled manila envelope started to fall from his coat pocket. He rolled it tighter and shoved it back in. "Let's go someplace and talk."

"Sure, get away from this joint," she said tensely. "Around here I feel like the Maharani. Half the men want me to marry them and the others want to pounce on me. You'd think I was Susan Hayward."

He gave the compliment she'd fished for, then stepped into his office and brought back her coat, a long fleecy number in eggshell white, and helped her into it. From a pocket she produced a second red glove, stretched it over her fingers and up her arm, watching all her motions carefully as though glad for the excuse to avoid his eyes. She hadn't worn a hat because it would have crushed the orchid.

They left Rudy's the back way, circled the block, and walked down Fifth, Cynthia keeping slightly in the lead though she held his arm. Twice or so every minute she looked back furtively. A cold, damp wind whooshed around them. It gusted hard straight up Broadway. Black clouds had massed low over the harbor. A few large raindrops splashed down, and crowds at the bus or trolley stops jogged for cover or hoisted umbrellas.

Cynthia whisked Hickey along faster, a block west and across Market Street to the part of town where charred buildings didn't soon get rebuilt and music from rival Negro clubs clashed on the sidewalks. Dodging an occasional hooker, they strode the three blocks down to the Horton Grand Hotel, a place that must've been elegant about the year Hickey was born, with its cut-glass windows, Persian carpets, chandeliers, and doilies on every table in the cocktail lounge. Hickey tossed the doilies from their table onto a nearby Grand Rapids chair. He ordered scotch for himself, ginger ale for the girl, who sat stiffly wearing a petulant scowl, already defending

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herself against the questions she anticipated Hickey'd ask.

"Where you been?"
"You should know. You broke into my room, then followed me 500 goddamned miles."

"Yep. And I learned a couple things. You're going to tell me more."

"The hell I am." She turned toward the lobby and pressed the heels of her red gloved hands to her eyes. After a minute she dropped the hands, slowly peeled off the gloves, folded and crammed them into the pocket of the coat hanging over the back of her chair. She reached out for Hickey's hands. "Sorry. I don't like to swear. See, I didn't want you to know about my family. My mother the swami's whore. My daddy..." Her voice choked and faded.

"Hey, you're not the only one with creeps in the family."

She made a hiss with her tongue. "Go on, tell me about yours."

"First, out of curiosity, what were you doing with the gun?"

She tried doing her eyes their widest, but the innocent look wouldn't hold. Her lips curled as if to spit, and she slapped a hand onto the table. "I rode the bus, nitwit. You know what I do to men."

Hickey wagged his head, figuring the more riled she got, the more likely she'd come clean.

"What do you think I had it for, you old crook? See, Pop, I know Rudy's is a front for the mob and that you stink as much as anybody."

At three tables away, the Navy high brass and their girls Hickey'd seen working the Playroom, the lovey couple, and four dowagers had turned to listen and stare.

"Swell. We're gonna talk about that anytime you please. After you tell me where you went and why." Hickey sipped his drink and gazed around until the eavesdroppers turned back to gabbing.

He leaned over the table close to Cynthia. "You shoot Emma Vidal?"

"Oh God, you're a fool," Cynthia yelled. She lifted her glass as if to throw it, then lowered it slowly, set it on the table, and raised a finger to one of her weepy eyes. "I can't make it with her gone," she blubbered. "She was the only person who cared about Daddy and me. The only one who could have saved us."

"Saved you from who?"

"It doesn't matter anymore. Daddy's dead and so am I." As if to prove her claim, she looked up at him with dry, vacant eyes and a face so calm it spooked him.

Maybe he could shock her back to life. He reached to his pocket for the manila envelope. He'd only gotten the drawing halfway out of the envelope when she recognized it. She sprang to her feet, knocking over the chair, grabbed the drawing, and bolted for the door.

Hickey tripped over his own chair and hers. By the time he reached the sidewalk, she was turning the corner onto Island. Raindrops the size of hailstones pelted the street. As he ran, he noticed one of Cynthia's red shoes in the gutter. He slid around the corner onto Island and spotted her half a block ahead, running in her stockinged feet, the slit on her tight dress torn almost to her hips so her long legs could stride freely.

He sprinted, weaving like a halfback to dodge pedestrians. They raced and skidded, down and across Island, up Third, across Market, and around two more corners. As he slid onto G Street — having gotten close enough to hear her feet slapping over the noise of wandering crowds and motors — he slammed into a troop of sailors and Marines milling in front of the Hollywood Burlesque. About ten feet ahead, Cyn-

thia was busy slapping a guy. Hickey lowered his shoulder and plowed through, bellowing. The instant Cynthia had tugged her arm free from the grip of the man she'd belted, Hickey reached her and snatched the envelope. In one motion, he rolled and stuck it under his belt, then grabbed Cynthia's wrist.

"Get off me! Get him off," she screamed, as if he were a tarantula.

Hickey got broadsided, then a big arm choked him. His knees started buckling. He saw only a blur of arms and legs firing at him, until a wild kick he threw found its mark and one sailor lurched away howling. The others, startled, backstepped to regroup, which gave Hickey the instant he needed to catch his balance. Backing away, he growled, "Come on, boys. A couple more of you this time. See if you can wake me up."

Several voices hollered for cops. Some-

body touched his sleeve, then gripped his arm as if they had a date to go strolling. Melinda, a hooker he knew. She gave him a cheery wink. "You like redheads, Tom, I'm yours."

Hickey wheeled a half circle and spotted the girl, running, tailed by a couple sailors. They disappeared around the corner of Second and G while Melinda snuggled against him. He gave her a peck on the cheek, broke off, and walked away, secured the envelope under his belt. His fury transforming to a knockout headache, stiff, sore, drenched, and worried about the girl, he trudged back through the gentler rain toward the Horton Grand, to pay the tab and retrieve Cynthia's white coat. ■

— Ken Kuhlken

Next week: Family time

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Albright Depression

With respect, Jan Genovese, I believe you need to do a little research into the topic of depression ("Quit Rome, Anne!" Letters, December 12). Depression is not just "feeling down" or "being bummed." Trying to think happy thoughts doesn't help, any more than it will help you fly. Profound, pervasive depression, such as Anne Albright describes experiencing on and off since childhood, has been known to respond to a combination of drug and behavioral/cognitive therapy. It is caused by a lower-than-normal production of the mood-modifying hormone serotonin.

St. John's wort, pushed by many herbalists as a sovereign cure, is actually counterproductive, as it stimulates the brain to absorb serotonin faster — which will help if you're temporarily bummed (technically, "situationally depressed") but will send you right down into the abyss if you're a victim of major depression.

Depression is not caused by churches, Catholic or otherwise. Some churches can exacerbate the condition, maintaining that depression is the result of sin (also most emphatically incorrect), but religion itself is not the primary culprit. The causes (and they are legion) are primarily genetic in origin. Sometimes, all that will help is for someone to stand by the depressed person in all situations, loving them no matter what. It can give the depressive something to hold on to when the floodwaters rise too high to tread. For some, like my mother, a church provides that handhold.

How did I learn all this? My wife is profoundly depressive. For weeks, she will be fine; then, one day, for no

apparent reason, something that gave her no trouble the previous day will just be overwhelming, and she will break down crying. It has nothing to do with her faith (Christian, but decidedly non-Catholic), nor with our daughter (a delightful little girl, with only some indications of normal two-year-old destructiveness), nor with me (or so her therapist assured me). It just happens, especially without the medications (Zoloft, for her) and therapy we can no longer afford.

Ms. Albright, provided she is also seeing a counselor, not just popping the pills, is doing exactly what she needs to do for her own long-term health and that of her children. Ms. Genovese (and I apologize in advance if Jan is, in fact, a man), please do not blame the Catholic church for Anne's difficulties. While the church does have a lot to answer for, from the Inquisitions to Cardinal Law, in this instance they are blameless.

Jonathan Sills

Dumb Down Duncan

I was wondering if you could

hire an alternative to your movie critic, Duncan Shepherd. He is not in touch with most moviegoers. He seems to be an intellectual who lowers himself to attend Hollywood movies only because he is required to do so to get paid by the *Reader*. He obviously detests the great majority of films he is forced to watch while only appreciating a few foreign films made by a certain select few. It must pain him to have to see movies that he knows in advance he will hate. I, and I'm sure others, go to these movies to be entertained, merely entertained; maybe turn our minds off for a while and laugh at the dumb jokes or cringe at the grossness or root for the good guys and hiss at the bad guys. We're all in there. Mr. Shepherd wants to intellectualize the process of filmmaking. He obviously does not enjoy himself at the movies. I'm sure that some people appreciate reading that particular type of intellectual, comparative aspect of film review, but how about the rest of us? Most of us read reviews to get a gist of what a particu-

lar film is about. There are so many choices to make when trying to decide how to spend our money and our time. Yes, we can read the *Trib* or watch the entertainment reports on TV, but I wish we could read a critic in the *Reader* who is more of a "regular-Saturday-night-grab-a-partner-see-what's-playing" kind of person. Let's lighten up, please.

Langston Hough

Duncan's My Guy

Duncan Shepherd's the best thing you've got, and the only reason I would go out

of my way to pick up the *Reader*. Occasionally you have a few interesting articles. "Straight from the Hip" is good (even if only a slightly pale imitation of "The Straight Dope"). Some of the cartoons are good: "Red Meat," "Story Minute," sometimes "Julius Knipl." But Duncan Shepherd is why your paper ever finds its way into my home.

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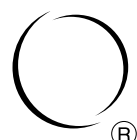
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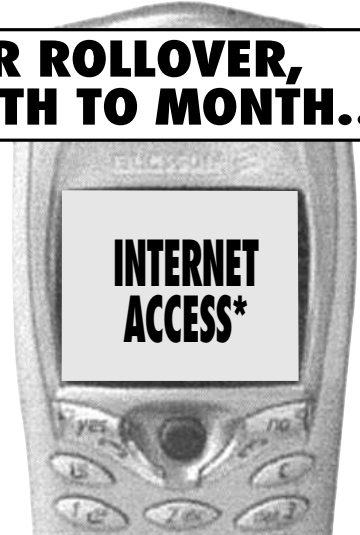
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Collection of Hord and Schlappi Ornaments

If the name “Florence Hord” sounds only vaguely familiar, it may be because her husband, Donal, was the famous one in the family. While Donal, a sculptor, worked in granite and bronze, Florence made her artistic statements, such as they were, in Styrofoam.

The couple lived on Kendall Street in Pacific Beach. There was a main house, where they frequently entertained, and a studio, where Donal worked until his death in 1966. His multiton pieces were commissioned for public spaces at UCSD, SDSU, the Civic Center, Seaport Village, and Balboa Park. Meanwhile, Florence’s Styrofoam creations got hung on the branches of people’s Christmas trees.

But, according to Elizabeth

Schlappi, who, along with her mother, was drawn into the Hord orbit in the mid-1950s,

even Donal recognized his wife’s “genius.”

“Mother once heard Donal say, ‘Florence shows more creativity with her ornaments than I do with my sculptures.’”

The Schlappi family became collectors of Hord ornaments, starting in 1959. Mrs. Schlappi was taking sculpture lessons from Donal at the time. On Christmas morning, the younger Schlappi, who was home from college in Ohio, found a box of six Hord ornaments under the tree. “They were the most beautiful things I’d ever seen,” she said last week. “I determined then and there to have someday, somehow, a whole tree of Hord ornaments.”

The Schlappis’ tree was already renowned, at least to their neighbors on Banker’s Hill and then South Mission Hills. (“I was born in Mercy Hospital and lived in only two houses my whole life,” said Schlappi, who retired from teaching fifth grade for the San Diego public schools in 1994. “I’ve had the last

four digits of my phone number my whole life, too.”) Their ornaments weren’t handmade, but they were vintage pieces from the 1930s and 1940s, some made of glass, others of wood, including miniature hobby horses and Santa heads. “We used to have a sign-up sheet for people who wanted to come see the tree; once, there were over 200 names on it.”

Hord sold her ornaments through shops in La Jolla and San Francisco, and the Schlappis bought some of her samples. Mostly, though, she just gave them away. And by the mid-1960s, the Schlappis did have a whole treeful of Hords.

As crowds continued to come see the tree, the Schlappis were told that a rotunda would better suit the spectacle. For four years in the 1970s, the tree went up at the rotunda in the San Diego Museum of Art. It was in the Museum of San Diego History for a while after that. For the past 15 years, it has been in the foyer of the Timken Museum of Art.

Hord ornaments range in size from apple equivalents to basketballs. The heaviest ones weigh two and a half pounds, requiring a web of invisible fishing line for strengthening the branches.

Most Hord ornaments are abstract — patterns of beads and sequins, costume pearls and other “jewels,” filigree, even fur. “She had the ability to take small elements and make them into a big design,” said Schlappi, who claims an ability of her own: “For me, Hord ornaments are like cars. I can say, ‘Oh, that must be a ’62 or a ’63.’ The materials got ever more complicated — and expensive. She did make a few with semiprecious stones, although many more only *look* as if they’re made of them.”

In the mid-1980s, Hord’s health started to fail, and Schlappi began to work as her assistant. When Hord stopped making ornaments, Schlappi started, aided by Hord’s critiques and the gift of her mentor’s remaining inventory of materials. Schlappi’s tend to be representational. “My first one celebrated the pandas — the zoo’s first pandas, not the ones we have now. The second one celebrated the *Star of India*, since I’m a crew member.”

Now the tree is a Schlappi-Hord collaboration, increasingly reflecting Schlappi’s personal interests: “Butterflies, elephants, country music, Egypt. Lots of



Hord ornaments

Egypt — I’ve been there four times on archaeological travels.”

New ones this year include a big (six-inch diameter) chartreuse peacock ornament.

The Schlappis weren’t the only San Diego family to become major collectors of ornaments by Hord, who died in 1995 at age 91. The Swartzes of Coronado have a collection, a small part of which can be seen this winter at the Coronado Historical Association’s Museum of History and Art.

Ilene Swartz and her husband met the Hords in the 1960s and began being invited to their annual Christmas party. “Every year she made an ornament for each person who came,” said Swartz. “Then she started making them for our two daughters’ birthdays. That’s how we accumulated so many. I found two more boxes in the attic just yesterday, and I’ve brought them down to the museum.”

— Jeanne Schinto

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The 10K Turkey Run for all runners including children is slated for Sunday, December 22, beginning at 8 a.m. at Los Pioneros Landmark. For more information, call 011-52-686-557-0017. (MEXICALI)

Tijuana Celebrates the New Year with festivities from Monday through Wednesday, December 30-January 1, 2003. The party — with mariachi music, arts and crafts, entertainment, and more — runs from 6 p.m. to midnight each evening, on Avenida Revolución. Dial 011-52-664-688-1721 for details. (TIJUANA)

Usher Out 2002 with a one-mile walk planned on Tuesday, December 31, beginning at 6 p.m., at Agua Caliente Tower (located on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Free. For more information, call 011-52-664-683-1985. (TIJUANA)

Holiday Posada, El Lugar del Nopal hosts its seventh annual holiday posada on December 20 and 22. On Friday, Punto y Son will perform all kinds of Latin American music, and the posada starts at 9 p.m. The cover charge: one unwrapped children’s gift to donate. This event is for adults.

All ages are invited to the posada on Sunday, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be storytelling about the meaning of the posada. Find El Lugar at Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328. For fur-

ther information, dial 011-52-664-684-8455. (TIJUANA)

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 Full Moon rises dramatically over the northeast horizon tonight (December 19) at about 4:45 p.m., during early-evening twilight. Does the moon appear abnormally large to you when it comes up? If so, that’s an optical illusion, the so-called “moon illusion.” When we view what we know are large terrestrial features (buildings, trees, etc.) on the distant horizon, these objects look tiny because of their distance. We subconsciously take cues of size and scale from these objects, and the moon, looming behind them, often seems larger than life — gigantic.

As the moon clears the horizon, try viewing it through a long tube or telescope, effectively isolating it from foreground objects. Then re-check it later when it’s much higher in the sky. You probably won’t detect any change in size. Actually, the moon *grows*, rather than shrinks, a tiny amount in angular size as it gets higher in the sky; this is because the spinning earth carries us (on its surface) a few thousand miles closer to the moon during the

six or so hours it takes the moon to climb upward in the eastern sky.

Poinsettias, a favorite of back-yard gardeners, are now exhibiting their scarlet, petal-like bracts, just in time for the holidays. The onset of 14-hour-long nights triggers their behavior: In San Diego this condition is met just before the date of winter solstice — December 21.

Ever Hiked to the Kumeyaay Solstice Observatory on Cowles Mountain? See the rising sun split by a peak on the eastern horizon during outings planned this week. The Kumeyaay used this site and similar sites to mark the winter solstice. Volunteer trail guides in Mission Trails Regional Park will lead hikes beginning at 6 a.m. on Friday and Sunday, December 20 and 22. The ascent to a point approximately one mile up the trail is in the dark, so good shoes and flashlights are recommended for all hikers. Join the groups at the staging area found at the foot of the mountain (at Golfcrest Drive and Navajo Road). 619-668-3278. Free.

The Canyoneers lead a solstice hike up Cowles (pronounced “coals” by those in the know) on Saturday, December 21, starting at 6 a.m. at the aforementioned staging area. Free. For more information, call 619-232-3821 x203. (MISSION GORGE)

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with a docent-led walk at Batiquitos Lagoon on Saturday, December 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. The outing begins at the Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. Free. 760-943-7583. (CARLSBAD)

Winter Solstice, the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost

point on the celestial sphere, occurs this year at 5:14 p.m., Saturday, December 21. This event signals the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With only about 10 hours of daylight, San Diego must endure its darkest and gloomiest nights this week and next. During the day, the sun struggles to an altitude of only 34 degrees (as seen from San Diego), then quickly sinks toward the horizon.

In Search of Birds, David Kisner, Kerry Kenwood, and Jay Rourke lead a bird walk on Saturday, December 21. Free. The walk starts at 8 a.m. at the Mast Boulevard restoration site. For information, call 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Avoid the Mall and spend some time next to the San Dieguito River during the work party slated for Saturday, December 21. The background sounds won’t be harried shoppers, but chirping birds as volunteers help rangers water, weed, mulch, and revegetate a restoration site. Participants may also collect seeds and plant native cuttings in containers to be tended until they are mature enough to be planted.

To reach the site, take I-15 and exit at West Bernardo Drive/Pomerado Road. Head east, turn left onto Highland Valley Road, and proceed for approximately 2.5 miles. Watch for San Dieguito River Park signs on the left side of the road. To make the required reservations, call 858-674-2275 x5. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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

ter Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on December 21 and 22. 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)

A Guided Nature Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on December 21 (and on the third Saturday of each month), in Tecolote Canyon. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads nature lovers through the oak and sycamore trees and chaparral, pointing out the birds and wildlife that call the park home. The walk begins and ends at the Fox Run entrance to the canyon, located at Boyd Street off Genesee. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Time and Tide Permitting, it’s time for the Long, Long Beach Walk hosted by Jerry of Walkabout. On the 22nd annual installment of this adventure, participants walk surfside from La Jolla to Encinitas — it’s a 5-hour, 14-plus-mile jaunt, set for Saturday, December 21.

Meet the group at the bus stop in front of the Veterans Hospital (just west of I-5 at the La Jolla Village Drive exit; park in the back of the visitors’ lot) at 12:15 p.m. Walkers bus back to the starting point after the walk at around 5:15 p.m. (or after dinner; bring money). (LA JOLLA, ENCINITAS)

Can’t budget five hours for that walk? Jerry leads an adventure to “walk out” 2002 on Tuesday, December 31. This two-hour, seven-mile jaunt begins at 12:30 p.m. at the northwest corner of Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Shores Road. Free. For further information on either walk, call 619-443-4661. (LA JOLLA)

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Track and Sign, join an experienced tracker from the San Diego Tracking Team for a tracking walk on Saturday, December 21, at 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Participants will look for signs of coyote, bobcat, raccoon, and other native species. Beginners are welcome. To reach the Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road and follow the signs to the ranch house. For registration and information, call 619-294-9618. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Enjoy a Winter Campfire when the staff at Kumeyaay Campground presents a campfire program at the amphitheater at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 28. Find the campground at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; noncampers should use the day-use parking lot. For information, call 619-668-2748. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

S-s-s-s! Get the skinny on “Sensational Snakes” and other reptiles when trail guide Alicia Berg makes a presentation on Saturday, December 28, at 10 a.m., at the Mission Trails Regional Park visitors’ center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

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

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

Exceptionally High and Low Tides will occur early in the New Year. High tides of +7.0 feet are predicted for 7:35 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, and for 8:17 a.m. on the following day. A low tide of -1.7 feet is predicted for 3:30 p.m. on New Year’s Day. Strong ocean swells coinciding with the highest tides of the early year could cause flooding of low-lying coastal areas.

Escape to the Natural Beauty of the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve with its secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre open-space park offers approximately ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, and mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily from 8 a.m. until around one half-hour before sunset. For information, call 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

DANCE

Holiday Bellydance Showcase, featured dancers Lucia, Judeah, Niki, and Dahra Zoninah will dance to live music by Middle Earth during the show-

case planned on Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). The cover is \$5. For information, dial 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Swing “Kwanzaa-Style” when SwingOrama.com hosts its annual holiday swing party on Thursday, December 19, at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). There will be music by the Billy Watson Band, a performance by the local African percussion troupe Sela Ni Yele, and African cuisine catered by the Aswan African Cafe. The cost is \$10. Swing classes precede the party (7 to 9 p.m.). For more information, call 858-395-6060. (HILLCREST)

It’s Nutty! Don’t miss Clara’s magical dream when the California Ballet Company presents *The Nutcracker* with live orchestra Thursday through Sunday, December 19-22, at the San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets range from \$20 to \$55. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Friday and Saturday and at 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. The company presents *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 28 (8 p.m.), and on Sunday the 29th (1 and 5:30 p.m.) at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). For tickets, call 858-560-6741. (DOWNTOWN, POWAY)

Just back from touring Montana, Wyoming, and Arizona, the San Diego Ballet presents the *Nutcracker* Friday through Sunday, December 20-22, in UCSD’s Mandeville Auditorium. The troupe also presents this holiday classic on Sat-

urday, December 28, at the East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Performances begin at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$26 for adults, \$16 for children 12 and younger, with senior, military, and student discounts available. For reservations, dial 619-401-0552. (LA JOLLA, EL CAJON)

Need another opportunity? The Southern California Youth Ballet presents its version of *The Nutcracker* on December 21 and 22 at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Expect “lavish sets, exquisite costumes, and a cast of nearly 100 dancers.” Tickets range from \$12 to \$24. For reservations, call 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

The Room Will Be Hopping when KSDS-FM DJ Ida Garcia plays the tunes on Friday, December 20, at the Cafe Savoy Swing Club, found at the Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard, near College). Doors open at 8 p.m., with swing lessons at 8:15 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$6 general, \$5 for those who arrive before 9 p.m. 619-729-2900. (COLLEGE)

Salsa and Latin Dance Party, Pattie Wells’ Dancetime Center hosts dancing on Friday, December 20, for singles and couples of all ages. The DJ plays music for dancing from 9 to 11 p.m., with a dance lesson at 9:30. Find the center at 1255 West Morena Boulevard. 619-275-3533. Admission is \$5; free for first-timers. (BAY PARK)

Dickens Dance, enjoy the dances done at balls in 19th Century America and England during the San Diego Folk Heritage Dickens Dance slated

for Saturday, December 21. Start the evening with an optional potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.; dance instruction starts at 7:45 p.m. The caller is Graham Hempel, and maestro Dave Allen and fellow musicians will provide the tunes. Admission is \$6.

The contradance on Friday, December 27, includes calling by Shawn Brenneman and music by Larry Unger and company. All the fun takes place 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)

Fumbling Toward Ecstasy, this exploration of movement and dance — “a journey of discovery that can lead to freedom and healing” — is slated for Saturday, December 21, at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Center for the Moving Arts (3255 Fifth Avenue). Admission is \$15. For more information, call 619-298-2687. (HILLCREST)

FILM

In Five Distinct New York Tales, *13 Conversations About One Thing* focuses on the lives of seemingly disparate characters that are interwoven

in the course of the flick. See this 2002 film when it screens for the Sunday Matinee on December 22, at 2 p.m., at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Live Action and Animation Mingle in *The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys*, a film adapted from Chris Fuhrman’s coming-of-age story starring Jodie Foster (as a peg-legged nun), Kieran Culkin, and Vincent D’Onofrio. This surprisingly funny and tragic film screens on Monday, December 23, at 6:30 p.m., for the Film Forum at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, visit Tanzania’s Gombe Stream National Park in *Jane Goodall’s Wild Chimpanzees*. Within the 20-square-mile park, Goodall established what has become the longest continuously running study of animals in the wild. In her studies, Goodall has revolutionized our understanding of chimps, and of human behavior itself. The film continues through April 2003.

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Ultimate X: The Movie brings 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. The film 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)

LECTURES

Self-Described “Activist Poet” Jim Moreno leads a progressive poetry workshop on Sunday, December 29, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). All levels of poets are welcome, invited to bring a poem to read for an open-mike session at the start of the workshop. The video *This Is What Democracy Looks Like* will be shown. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 619-230-1869. (DOWNTOWN)

Get Out — And Like It! Wilderness ethics, first aid, equipment, water filtration, nutrition, map and compass — all of these subjects and more will be covered when the Sierra Club offers its annual “Wilderness Basics Courses.” Classes continue for ten weeks, with lectures and outings.

The course begins on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at San Pasqual High School (3300 Bear Valley Parkway), and on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Classes run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost for the course is \$95 (cash or personal check), with registration on the first night of class. Information on the northern classes is available at 760-728-8220; call 858-272-9229 for information on the southern course. (ESCONDIDO, MISSION VALLEY)

“Getting It Built Right: The Architect’s Role During Construction” is explored when architect Donald Goldman presents a program for the Friends of San Diego Architecture on Saturday, January 18, 2003. The talk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the New School of Architecture, 1249 F Street. For information, call 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. A \$3 donation is requested. (DOWNTOWN)

IN PERSON

“Notes on Winter” are being offered by the Palomar College Concert Band on Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m., in the Howard Brubeck Theatre. The band is directed by Carl Hammond. Tickets are \$10 general. Find Palomar College at 1140 West Mission Road. For more information, call 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

The Hills Are Alive...and the Pershing Middle School is presenting *The Sound of Music* through Decem-

ber 20. Shows begin at 11:15 a.m., 12:45, and 7 p.m. on Thursday and at 9:15, 11:15 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. on Friday. Find the school at 8204 San Carlos Drive. Free. Call 619-465-3234 x4804 for information. (SAN CARLOS)

Friday Night Freeflow, local artists share works-in-progress across performance disciplines in dialogue about art and its relationship to social improvement on Friday, December 20, at 8 p.m., at Eveoke Dance Theater. Admission is free. La Red Revision Project will be on hand with artisan crafts from Mexico and Guatemala. Find Eveoke at 644 Seventh Avenue (between Market and G Street) and by calling 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Beauty Talk, dermatologist Mitchel Goldman and model Dianne York-Goldman will discuss skin care, damage, and nutrition as well as “teen beauty tips” during the signing of their book *Beauty Basics for Teens* on Friday, December 20, at 4 p.m., at the La Jolla Spa M.D. (7630 Fay Avenue). For information, dial 800-886-5318. (LA JOLLA)

Santa-palooza, local bands are expected to participate in this alternative rock concert scheduled for Friday, December 20, at 6 p.m., in the MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). The roster includes Free Confusion, Formula 316, the Biped, and the Mansions. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 760-757-2121. (OCEANSIDE)

Let Your Heart Be Filled With Song during one of this week’s many holiday concerts. “Got Spirit!” is the theme for the concert planned by the combined San Marcos and Fallbrook ensembles of the Palomar Youth Chorale on Friday, December 20, at 7 p.m., in the Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Guests will hear both

sacred and secular tunes. Tickets are \$10 general, available by calling 760-744-1150 x2453. (SAN MARCOS)

The concert planned by Cappella Gloriana on Saturday, December 21, caps the day-long “greening of the church with seasonal decorations.” Events begin with a light supper at 4:30 p.m. and the concert at 6 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church (845 Chestnut Street, at Ninth Avenue). The \$10 donation includes supper. 760-743-1629. (ESCONDIDO)

The St. Peter’s Choir and instrumentalists, conducted by Brett Haouser, will present a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 22, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Admission is free, and child care is available. Find St. Peter’s Episcopal Church at 334 14th Street; 858-755-1616. (DEL MAR)

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays for the musical celebration planned by the Pomerado Community Band on Monday, December 23, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road, at Titan Way). Tickets are \$12 general, \$8 for seniors and children, \$32 per family. For information, call 858-661-4872. (POWAY)

In India During the Cold Month of Margali, it was the custom to rise early “while the celestial beings still slept,” bathe in the sacred river, and sing praises to God. Vocalist Sri Hemmige V. Srivatsan will be joined by Sri Ajay Narasimha (violin) and Sri Vadaraja Bhatt (mrudangam) to present “Saint Andal’s Tiruppavai” on Saturday, December 21, at 4 p.m., at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple (7930 Arjons Drive). Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$15 for couples and families. Questions? Call 858-549-3940 for answers. (MIRA MESA)

Support Your Local Photographer, Becky Cohen will sign *Robert Irwin Getty Garden*, which contains many

of her photographs, on Saturday, December 21, at 1 p.m., at the Book Works. Free. Find the shop in Flower Hill Mall, at 2670 Via de la Valle; 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

The Multi-Talented Tim Flannery — known as a baseball player, coach, and musician — presents a concert on Saturday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m., onboard the *Star of India*. Tickets are \$30. The ship is berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero. For reservations, call 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

“The Art of Dr. Seuss” is being celebrated during events this month at the Fingerhut Gallery. Professional actors present readings on Saturday, December 21, at 11:30 a.m. Free. Find the gallery at 1205 Prospect Street. Call 858-456-9912 to reserve a spot. (LA JOLLA)

Take in Some Nuevo Canto when Trio Caminante perform their “socially conscious” Latin American music — in Spanish — on Saturday, December 21, at 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (917 E Street, between Ninth and Tenth Avenues). Admission is \$20 general, \$10 for students. Questions? Call 619-230-1869 for answers. (DOWNTOWN)

(Holiday) Open Poetry, sign-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. and open readings run from 8 to 9:30 p.m., on Monday, December 23, at Twigg’s Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard, at Madison). Call 619-296-0616 for information. Free. Sing-ups start at 7:45 p.m. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Poetry Unlimited, when the group gathers on Friday, December 27, the featured poet is Scott Van Camp, the showcased artist is Chong Chiu, and musician Ken Kopelson performs various piano selections. Admission is free. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street. 858-552-1658. (LA JOLLA)

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Go Greek for New Year's Eve! Greek tragedies are being presented in readings by Weeks of Greeks in conjunction with 6th@Penn Theatre. On Tuesday, December 31, at 7:30 p.m., the program includes *Lysistrata*, followed by the "satyr play" *The Cyclops*. The requested donation is \$5. Find the theater at 3704 Sixth Avenue. Call 619-688-9210 for reservations. (HILLCREST)

A "New Year's Eve Spectacular" is planned by the National Comedy Theatre on Tuesday, December 31, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Expect "competitive, team improvisational comedy played just like a sport." Tickets are \$40. For reservations and information, call 818-953-4933. Find the theater at 3717 India Street. (MIDDLETOWN)

SPORTS

How About Some Soccer? The San Diego Sockers host the Baltimore Blast on Saturday, December 21; the Kansas City Comets on Thursday, December 26; and the Milwaukee Wave on Thursday, January 2, 2003. All of these games begin at 7:05 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 games on KSDO (1130 AM). (POINT LOMA)

The Regular Season Draws to a Close when the San Diego Chargers head to Kansas City to play football against the Chiefs on Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. The season ends with a game against the Seattle Seahawks in Qualcomm Stadium on Sunday, December 29, at 1:15 p.m. For ticket information, call 877-CHARGERS. (MISSION VALLEY)

Up for Water Skiing? The Convair Waterski Club provides three ski boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding 8 to 11 a.m. on Sundays year-round, with instruction on request. The group meets at the south end of Crown Point Beach, and guests of any skill level are welcome. For nonmembers, the fee is \$8 per run (about 15 minutes). For information, call 800-699-2466, press the pound sign, and then mailbox number 456-838-6754. (MISSION BAY)

Holiday Bowl, the Kansas State Wildcats take on the Arizona State

Sun Devils for the 2002 Pacific Life Holiday Bowl game starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 27, in Qualcomm Stadium. The pregame show gets underway at 4:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$44 to \$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Take a Break from Work and run in the MicroSkills 5k at the Big Bay Balloon Parade (formerly known as the Holiday Bowl Parade 5k) on Friday, December 27, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Tuna Harbor Park (on Harbor Drive). Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 858-268-1250. (DOWNTOWN)

Runnin' the Ranch, septuagenarian roadrunner and naturalist Don Parnell leads a run over hills and through meadows in Daley Ranch on Saturday, December 28. This two-hour trail starts at 8:30 a.m. in the main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Call 760-839-4680 for more information. Free. Bring water. (ESCONDIDO)

How 'bout Some Ice Hockey? The Bakersfield Condors arrive for a game against the San Diego Gulls on Saturday, December 28, at 7 p.m. On Sunday, December 29, the Long

Beach Ice Dogs are in town for a game at 5 p.m., all at the San Diego Sports Arena. Tickets range from \$5 to \$18, available by calling 619-224-4625. The games are broadcast on KSDO (AM 1130). (SPORTS ARENA)

California's Ugliest State Park? It's a phrase that's been used to describe Border Field State Park, which Knickerbiker bicyclists will explore on Saturday, December 28. The 33-mile ride for intermediates starts at 9 a.m. at the Vons shopping center (4404 Bonita Road). Dial 619-262-3969 for details. (BONITA)

Coast North, Ride South! Join the Sierra Club bicyclists for an adventure on Tuesday, December 31. Bicyclists start with a ride on the #635 Coaster train — departing Old Town at 9:40 a.m., Sorrento Valley at 10:10, and Solana Beach at 10:19. The bicycling south starts at 10:45 a.m. trackside at the Oceanside Transit Center. Bring money for Coaster fare and a snack. For further details, dial 858-587-0272. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Start the Year With a Century (100-mile) or 50-mile bicycle ride hosted by the San Diego Bicycle Touring Society on Wednesday, January 1, 2003. Bring along lots of food and water

for this ride starting at 7:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road, at Nobel Drive). Bicyclists will ride through Miramar, Poway, Escondido, Rincon, Bonsall, Oceanside, and then back. 619-426-8192. No sag wagon. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

SPECIAL

Celebrate the Return of the Light when the Taoist Sanctuary hosts a winter solstice celebration from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, December 20. Expect meditation, ritual, readings from the I Ching (the Book of Changes), lectures, and more. Free. Find the sanctuary at 4229 Park Boulevard (at El Cajon Boulevard); 619-692-1155. (NORTH PARK)

A Short Story by J.D. Salinger will be discussed when the Great Books Reading and Discussion Group meets on Saturday, December 21, at 2 p.m., in the third-floor conference room at the San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). For details, dial

858-755-8978. Free; newcomers are welcome. (DOWNTOWN)


The Coalition for Peace and Justice leads a solstice candlelight procession for peace on Saturday, December 21, beginning at 4 p.m. at the "main fountain in Balboa Park." Participants will walk to Sixth Avenue and Laurel to express "solidarity against war." Free. 619-263-9301. (BALBOA PARK)

Sandy Claws, dress your pooch in a costume for the contest that takes place during this annual Dog Beach holiday beach fair, slated for Sunday, December 22, from noon to 3 p.m. The event includes Surfing Santa and Surf Dog water demos, the annual "State of Dog Beach Address," the "land mine game" (a.k.a. the poop pickup contest), and more. Free. To reach the beach, take I-8 west to the end, bear right onto Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, turn right on Voltaire Street, and proceed into the parking lot. 619-316-6151. (OCEAN BEACH)

What's Kwanzaa? Find out when the Pan-African Associations of America celebrate their 12th annual community Kwanzaa on Thursday,

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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

December 26, at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market Street). The program begins at 11 a.m. with a children's workshop featuring games, music, art, and storytelling. Adults may take part in a concurrent workshop about celebrating Kwanzaa at home.

The annual *Umoja* program and candle-lighting ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. There will be music, poetry, dance, drumming, and "words of wisdom."

The day of "Kujichagulia" (self-determination) is commemorated at the Malcolm X Library on Friday, December 27, 2 to 4 p.m. Organizers plan a round-table discussion on a variety of topics of interest to "African people who want to explore the important issues of African incarceration, African refugee adjustment, African culture in the local school systems," and more. For more information on any of the events, call 619-501-2748. (DOWNTOWN)

Pooches and Their People are invited to take part in the Doggie Cafés planned by the San Diego Humane Society on the last Friday of each month, including the "Happy Holidays Cafe" planned on December 27,

at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Dog-friendly trainers will be on hand to offer training tips on how to keep dogs calm and civilized while around distractions such as food, people, and other canines. The requested donation is \$5. To reserve a spot, call 619-299-7012 x230. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kwanzaa Is Nearly Here, and the World Beat Center plans a variety of related events. The Motojaye Children's Theatre presents "Kwanzaa Time" on December 21, 22, 28, and 29. This play is performed by young people from 8 to 16. Shows begin at 7 p.m. on Saturdays and at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children, free for those under 10.

Candle lighting and libations are promised during the *Ujoma/Unity* festivities on Thursday, December 26, 6 p.m.; *Kujichagulia/Self-Determination* is commemorated with poetry readings, speakers, crafts and vendors, and candles on Friday, December 27, 6 p.m.; and *Ujima/Collective Work* is marked with a "Day of the Drum" on Saturday, December 28, 1 to 4 p.m.

Find the center at 2100 Park Boulevard; 619-230-1190. (BALBOA PARK)

America's Largest Balloon Parade: It's time for the Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade, taking place on Friday, December 27. Floats, marching bands, and enormous balloons are expected to be part of the

fun, starting at 10 a.m. on Harbor Drive (along the Embarcadero) and proceeding to Seaport Village. Admission is free for spectators. For information, call 619-283-5808. (DOWNTOWN)

"Origamic Architecture and Innovations," this adaptation of Seventh-Century paper architecture by Ron Sawyer is on exhibit through Sunday, December 29, at the Japanese Friendship Garden. Sawyer's interest in the craft began after the purchase of a book of preprinted cutouts by two masters of the craft, Masahiro Chatani and Keiko Nakazawa of Japan.

Garden hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 general, \$2 for students, children 6 and under free. 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

Garden of Lights, the seventh annual event at Quail Botanical Gardens features the gardens decorated with thousands of sparkling lights on the plants and trees. The Holiday Garden of Lights can be enjoyed nightly from 5 to 9 p.m. through December 23, and December 26-30. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, holiday music, children's activities, and food for sale.

The gardens are located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers, free for those 5 and under; additional fees apply to some activities. Call 760-436-3036 for more information. (ENCINITAS)

Choo-Choo! The All-Gauge Toy Train Association's annual show

runs through Monday, December 30, at the Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). For viewing hours and other information, call 858-573-5007. Free. (MISSION VALLEY)

First Nights, North and South, this year's First Night Escondido '03 runs from 6 p.m. until midnight on Tuesday, December 31, in the downtown/Grand Avenue area. Organizers promise 13 stages of music and dance, restaurant and vendor foods, hands-on art activities, fireworks (at 8 p.m. and midnight). The entertainment roster includes Rockola, Candy Kane, Theo and the Zydeco Patrol, Grupo Imagen Azteca, Berkley Hart, Eve Selis, Malashock Dance, Jean Isaacs Dance, the Fern Street Circus, magician Dick Dale, and many others. Tickets are \$15 general, free for those six and under. For more information, call 760-639-0220. (ESCONDIDO)

The 11th annual First Night San Diego is slated for Tuesday, December 31, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., at Marina Park North (behind Seaport Village on the Embarcadero). There will be six stages featuring country, rock and roll, salsa, oldies, big-band, folk, contemporary, and jazz performances, along with carnival rides, crafts, dancing, children's activities, food for sale, fireworks at midnight, and more. Tickets for this party are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger. Call 619-296-6731 for further details. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

The Annual Year-End Bell-Ringing at the site of the Japanese Friendship Bell is set for Tuesday, December 31. The ritual begins at 11:30 p.m. with a brief explanation of its significance and the history of the bell. As part of a short Buddhist ceremony, atten-

dees are invited to offer incense. The event concludes "with the joyous bell ringing by all." The bell tolling is said to be symbolic of ridding oneself of the year's misdeeds to start the new year afresh.

Find the bell at 1401 Shelter Island Drive (where the street ends). Free. For more information, call 619-239-0896. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Colorful Work by the Pacific Quilt Artists is on view through December at the Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). These quilts are created by members of a local juried group of studio quilt artists. Free. For information, call 760-434-7491. (LA COSTA)

The Light Time of the Year, organizers of the Holiday of Lights at the Del Mar Fairgrounds boast of "the largest drive-through holiday light show on the West Coast," with holiday-themed displays continuing through Wednesday, January 1, 2003.

Hours are 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 5:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$10 per vehicle (up to five people), \$15 per vehicle with six or more people. For information, call 858-793-5555. (DEL MAR)

Cars Are the Stars, the 2003 San Diego International Auto Show rolls into the San Diego Convention Center, with 2003 and 2004 model cars, trucks, minivans, and sport utility vehicles on exhibit from January 1 through 5, 2003. Concept cars, exotic vehicles, and muscle cars will be displayed as well.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday (New Year's Day) through Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults, with discounts for seniors,

military, and children. Find the Convention Center at 111 West Harbor Drive. For information, call 619-525-5000. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rose Canyon: A Walk Through History" — this San Diego Archaeological Center exhibit explores the geologic, natural, and cultural history of one of San Diego's loveliest places. See the show through January 2003, in terminal two at San Diego Lindbergh Field. Artifacts included in the show were excavated from Rose Canyon. For information, call 760-291-0370. Viewing is free. (SAN DIEGO)

Who Was Duke Kahanamoku? What was the first surfing magazine? Get answers to these and other questions when viewing the history of surfing exhibit on display through Monday, February 3, 2003, in the donor corridor of SDSU's Love Library (5500 Campanile Drive). The exhibition includes books, magazines, photographs, posters, and album covers. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Ice Is Always Impermanent Here, and so is the "only outside ice rink"! The ice rink at Horton Square is open for skating daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Sunday, January 26, 2003. Find the square at 225 Broadway (adjacent to Horton Plaza). Admission is \$6, and skate rentals are \$2. 619-234-1031. (DOWNTOWN)

The 1915 Wood Lath Botanical Building is the site for the 16th annual poinsettia display, continuing through Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Over 300 poinsettia plants will decorate the historic building, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Wednesday. Free. For more

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FOR KIDS

How Exactly Did the Grinch Steal Christmas? Find out when the Cat in the Hat (played by local actor Quentin Proulx) recites *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 4 and 5 p.m. daily from Thursday, December 19, through Tuesday, December 24, in the lobby at Loews Coronado Bay Resort (4000 Coronado Bay Road). Free. For information, call 619-424-4000. (CORONADO)

The “Holiday Puppet Review” being presented by the Balboa Park Puppet Players Guild continues through Sunday, December 22, in the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next, Weaver’s Tales perform *Rumpelstiltskin* December 26-29. The year begins with *The Emperor’s New Cloak* performed by Puppet Express January 2-5, 2003.

Performances 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. Ad-

mission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 12. For more information, call 619-685-5990. (BALBOA PARK)

Forces provide the topic when the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts a family science day on Saturday, December 21, from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will “make a free science experiment” to take home. The event is included in regular center admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Little Match Girl” by Hans Christian Andersen has been adapted for the stage by Joe Powers and will be presented the North Coast Repertory Theatre at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 21. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for children. Find the theater at 987-D Lomas Santa Fe. For tickets, dial 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

“Deck the Halls” when the San Diego Symphony’s Family Festival Series continues on Sunday, December 22. The festive program includes songs and carols from around the world. Pre-performance activities include face painting and a musical petting zoo. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30. The fun commences at 2 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

She’s an Eccentric New Yorker known as Auntie Claus, “none other than Santa’s big sister,” and she’ll be on hand for the story time planned on Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.m., at White Rabbit Bookstore (7755 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-3518. For children three and older. (LA JOLLA)

A Winter Wonderland Carnival is planned on Sunday, December 22, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple (1895 Camino del Rio South). Organizers plan games, performances, Russian ballet, music, magic, and more. The program is scripted and directed by Dimitri D. Marinoff.

The program for children 2 to 7 years old starts at 12:30 p.m.; kids 8 to 13 enter at 3:30 p.m.; and teenagers take part in a teen party with DJs Alex and Alan Berezovsky at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, available by calling 619-857-7359 or 858-361-5998. For more information, call 858-277-6937. (MISSION VALLEY)

Teddy Bear Teas, bring your family and teddy bear to the Westgate Hotel’s teddy bear teas, taking place through December 25, at 2:30 p.m. each day. There’s storytelling, food and beverages, and a visit from Santa Claus. The fee is \$18.50 for adults,

\$12.50 for children. Find the hotel at 1055 Second Avenue. For reservations, call 619-557-3650. (DOWNTOWN)

Listen to Close Your Eyes by Kate Banks when it’s read for the pajama-rama planned on Friday, December 27, at 7:30 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

You aren’t allowed to stay up late? You’re invited to make a New Year’s Eve hat and hear *12 Hats for Lena* by Karen Katz on Saturday, December 28, at 11:30 a.m. This event is suitable for those four to ten years old). Find the bookstore at 9938 Mission Gorge Road. Free. 619-562-6791. (SANTEE)

Explore Nature and Your Senses when Mission Trails Regional Park hosts junior naturalist programs. Participants will learn how animals see, hear, and move. Kids in grades one through three meet on Friday, December 27, while those in grades four through six gather on Monday, December 30. Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. The fee is \$5 per person. Find the park at Two Father Junipero Serra Trail; 619-668-3275. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Pulse, it’s described as “the tightest event in North County for high

school and college students aged 13-22,” and it takes place on Friday, December 27, at 7 p.m., at His Church Christian Fellowship (620 South Andreason Drive). Expect live music, skate demos, and live “pumpin’ atmosphere to brighten your weekend” with music by Embrace the Ashes and Josiah’s Hope. Free. For more details, call 760-480-6233 x154. (ESCONDIDO)

Children’s Discovery Museum of North County, make and hang traditional cut-out snowflakes “with a local twist” when the museum hosts a workshop on Saturday, December 28.

The museum is designed as an educational environment through art, science, and social activities for children 2 through 12. Look for a medieval castle, magic mirror, minicity, and renovated children’s marketplace. Find the museum at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, suite 103; 760-720-0737. (CARLSBAD)

Arts and Activities, kids three and older are invited to the crafts and activity program planned on Saturday, December 28, at 11:30 a.m., at the shade structure at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (Two Father Junipero


Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3275. (MISSION GORGE)

Wild Winter Weather, learn how specific weather conditions arise, and find out about barometers, weather vanes, and other instruments used by meteorologists when the Birch Aquarium-Museum hosts this class for those in grades two and three on Saturday, December 28, at 9:30 a.m. The fee is \$25. The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). For the required reservations, call 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

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



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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)

Computer Museum of America, “Secrets, Lies, and Teletypes: A History of Cryptology” explores the development of cryptology and code breaking from ancient times to the

present, focusing on the role of machines and computers. The National Cryptologic Museum, part of the National Security Agency, has loaned the German Air Force Enigma Machine; the three-rotor Enigma was used by the Nazis in World War II to secure messaging. Also on view, the M-209, a U.S. Army Signal Corps machine used by American troops to send and receive encrypted messages. Visitors will learn about the use of semaphore, punch card equipment, teletypes, and other machines.

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

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

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

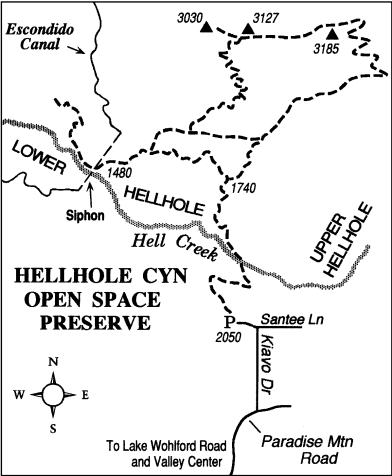
Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Roam-O-Rama

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Eleven miles of hiking trail lace through the 1700-acre Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve, east of Valley Center. The San Diego County parks department acquired this former parcel of surplus public-domain land, one of several such parcels in the North County inland area, when the federal Bureau of Land Management sought to “dispose” of it in the mid-’80s. This disposed parcel of land will remain as a buffer of wildland between the mountainous interior of San Diego County and the metastasizing suburban spread of Valley Center.

To reach the preserve entrance, take Paradise Mountain Road 3.3 miles east from Lake Wohlford Road to Kiavo Drive, where



Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 BC) through the Ming periods (AD 1368-1644) 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 con-

nected with the conviction that jade brought long life. A new acquisition is now on exhibit: a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 BC to AD 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). The jade suit continued the quest for immortality. Ongoing.

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



Live oaks along old canal bank, Hellhole Canyon

or the next trail junction ahead, it is possible to reach a looping route that attains elevations of more than 3000 feet on a scrub-covered ridgeline. Without tall vegetation to hinder the view, you can gaze north to Palomar Mountain and west over much of inland North County. By following this circular route and returning via the Hell Creek crossing, you cover a total of about eight miles. Be sure to bring along plenty of drinking water if you choose this option.

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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, hand-crafted, bejeweled, and dazzling Christmas ornaments created by the late artist Florence Hord (1904-1995) are on display at the museum through Thursday, February 20, 2003. While many of the 50-plus ornaments included in “Bejeweled: Ornaments by Florence Hord” are Christmas-themed, the museum has also incorporated some of her Valentine’s Day ornaments into the display. Hord used corsage pins, seed pearls, ribbon, metallic beading, velvet, satin, and semi-precious stones to make her one-of-a-kind creations contained in this “Curtis and Ilene Swartz Family Collection” of ornaments.

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, “From the Other Side of the Glass” is a col-

THE LONG PASS

On the football field, some fight, others run away
after the long pass. For all the shoulder pads' clatter and
helmets' crack, football is less culturalistic Darwinism than
a complicated game of catch.

People who love me have always done so in spite of my desire
to hit and shove with or without pads, on grass or sand or mud
as long as the light holds,

the light necessary not to illuminate
the lineman who could dance like a dozen sumo wrestlers in the dark.
No,
we light stadiums because football is a game of sky.

When I played tight-end – a halfway-house position for lapsed pacifists –
most of the game I would swing my forearms, throw my shoulders,
and drive my legs into the man across from me.
I was yell, muscle, grunt and rumble.

But for a few plays, I would release from the line and run downfield,
trying to put distance between myself and everyone. It felt good to be
alone and
pray the ball would drop over my shoulder and into my hands, as soft
as I could make them, hold on tightly and run as far as possible.

For all the yelling, I learned to listen for football's quiet.
The long pass flies silently, is no "bomb" unless dropped.

The long pass is a prayer with answers

After the ball's snap,
the charge of the line, and

calls to put the quarterback in a sack,
the spinning oblong sphere brings a hush.
So much can go wrong between
your hands and mine.

The linemen lean back from one another as the ball reaches the apex,
and even drunks in the bleachers quiet when we all lift our eyes
in the moment the ball starts to drop into the space between our voices'
rush.

— Brandon Cesmat



Brandon Cesmat was born in Escondido and raised up the hill in Valley Center. He earned his MFA from San Diego State University and currently teaches at California State University San Marcos as well as serves on the board of trustees for California Poets in the Schools. Both a collection of his poems and the anthology *Classrooms of Poets* edited by him are forthcoming from Poetic Matrix Press. He still makes his home in Valley Center with his wife and their three sons.

Mr. Cesmat writes, about his poem "The Long Pass," that it was written on a challenge after a softball game in Squaw Valley. "As we recapped the game with Galway Kinnell, the question came up about the overwhelming number of baseball poems published. Mr. Kinnell's position — a suspiciously biased one, if you ask me — was not that one sport was better suited to poetry than the other but that 'baseball players apparently write more poems.' He then turned to me and said, 'If you want more football poems in the world, then you better write your football poem.' Spoken like the true first-baseman he is."

lection of "behind the scenes" photographs taken by Eddie Kramer, the recording engineer known for his work with Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones, Santana, Frank Zappa, and Jimi Hendrix. Kramer's photographs are described as "candid and casual." The exhibit concludes on Friday, February 28, 2003.

The past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of au-

dio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial

Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. Women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800 are also on display. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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

San Diego Aerospace Museum, known for his aviation art and miniature three-dimensional sculptures, Robert Karr also produced artwork for the bands Fleetwood Mac and Cheap Trick in the 1970s. An exhibit of his two- and three-dimensional aircraft nose art sculptures, in addition to his calendar work, book covers, and private commissions, is on view through December.

The U.S. Air Force and the Boeing Corporation have donated a

global positioning satellite (GPS) for the permanent "GPS Satellite" 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 log-books, and photographs for inclusion in "Pacific Air Race"; items on view alternate every six months to highlight the accomplishments of local women aviators from the six local chapters of the group. Other permanent exhibits include "You're in the Pilot's Seat" and "Global Hawk" (UVA).

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, what's more fun than model trains? How about Legos and model

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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 paleontologist and T. rex expert Jack Horner weighs in, acting as judge in the case. Complete casts of fossil skeletons of Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and Deinonychus are included in the exhibition. One series of exhibits shows how paleontologists uncover evidence, develop hypotheses, and excavate items at research sites. Guilty or innocent? Make the call through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

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Lilith's Dream: A Tale of the Vampire Life



Whitley Strieber

Atria Books, 2002; 324 pages; \$25

FROM THE DUST JACKET: An ancient vampire, beautiful beyond words, a vulnerable young man drawn to her by a power beyond his understanding, two desperate parents searching across the world for the son they love — these are the riveting, unexpected elements of Whitley Strieber's extraordinary new novel.

Lilith, the ages-old mother of the dying race of vampires, has been forced to come out of her cave deep in the Egyptian desert in search of food — human blood. But she knows nothing about the modern world. She can't drive a car, rent a room, turn on a TV. She struggles to New York, penniless, vulnerable, and starving, protected only by her beauty and her power to capture men with desire...especially certain very special men.

The instant she sees young Ian Ward, she knows that he is part vampire himself. She knows that Ian, if he ever tastes human blood, will belong to her forever. And she needs him desperately, to help her survive and live in this harsh new world of jets and credit cards and guns. She sets out on a campaign of seduction — as sensuous as it is terrifying — to touch human blood to Ian's

lips, which will then become for him a drug a thousand times more addictive than heroin.

Ian's father, Paul Ward, part vampire turned expert and obsessive hunter of vampires, knows that if the blood transforms Ian, Paul will have to kill his own son. The titanic conflict between father and son and seductress, hunter and hunted and huntress, comes to its surprise conclusion in the secret chambers beneath the great pyramids, where the hidden truths of all human history are stored.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Strieber's third, rambunctious novel in the vampire series he began with *The Hunger* in 1981 and continued in last year's *Last Vampire* introduces a new female blood-sucker to replace Miriam Blaylock (vanquished in *The Last Vampire*). She's Lilith — the biblical Lilith, first wife of Adam — and the mother of all vampires, or Keepers, who in turn created humanity, according to Strieber's elaborate vampire mythology. Like Miriam, Lilith is incredibly beautiful, powerful, and rapacious. She lacks Miriam's modern sophistication, though, having spent many centuries buried in a cave. The novel begins as she awakens, outside Cairo, and Strieber adds a sprinkling of humor to this dark, emotionally intense series as Lilith fumbles through an array of modern technologies ranging from automobiles to bathtubs to credit cards. Returning in this novel is CIA vampire-hunter Paul Ward, who's part vamp himself and who in *The Last Vampire* fathered a son, Ian (now 17), by Miriam. Also playing major roles are Paul's wife and fellow agent, Becky, and Leo Patterson, "blooded" by Miriam years ago and now a global singing star whom Ian worships. Much of the action takes place in Manhattan, where Lilith joins forces with Leo, and then kidnaps Ian, adoring him as a new, superior species, a blend of vampire and human; the novel climaxes back in Egypt, where Lilith, Leo, and Ian are on the run from Paul and his cohorts. Strieber remains a superb prose stylist, with a coherent and persuasive vision of vampirism.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Whitley Strieber was born in 1945 in San Antonio, Texas. His mother, according to a *Texas Monthly* article,

came from a prominent old San Antonio family, and his father, Karl, was a successful lawyer with interests in oil and gas. Mr. Strieber graduated from the University of Texas in Austin. Intending to become a filmmaker, young Strieber enrolled in the London School of Film Technique in London, England, an institution that he described in an interview in the *San Antonio Express-News* as "sort of a slapdash institution." He added, "But I met a lot of interesting people. I hung out at Eric Clapton's flat in King's Row." After a year abroad, Mr. Strieber returned to the States, settling in Manhattan. He served as an apprentice at the Directors Guild but soon gave this up. He found a day job in advertising and began to use nights and weekends for fiction writing. Over the next ten years he wrote seven novels; all seven were rejected. Then in 1977, when Mr. Strieber took a midnight stroll in Central Park, he came upon the material from which he would make *The Wolfen*, his first published novel. Mr. Strieber told his *San Antonio Express-News* interviewer, "I was shadowed by this pack of dogs. It was an innocent thing, nothing scary about it. They wanted something to eat. I realized that there were real feral animals living in Manhattan." *The Wolfen*, published in 1979, was followed by Mr. Strieber's first vampire novel, *The Hunger*, published in 1981. Both became bestsellers and Mr. Strieber left advertising. *The Hunger* was made into a film, starring Catherine Deneuve (as the glamorous six-foot-tall blonde vampire, Miriam Blaylock), Susan Sarandon, and David Bowie. *Lilith's Dream* is Mr. Strieber's 15th published novel.

In 1987 William Morrow paid a \$1 million advance for the rights to publish Mr. Strieber's second nonfiction title, *Communion: A True Story*. On *The New York Times* bestseller list for almost a year, *Communion* has been read, worldwide, by 12 million people. The book is an account, according to its dust jacket, of Mr. Strieber's contact with "intelligent nonhuman beings in his isolated cabin in upstate New York." On his website, *unknown-country.com*, he wrote, about this contact, "I found myself face-to-face with real masters of inner work, my visitors. To this day, I do not know who or what they were." Enormous controversy followed the book's publication, with Mr. Strieber described as everything from a charlatan to a nut to a brilliant and courageous seer. Recently, on his website, he wrote:

what we see? Find out in the exhibit "Animal Eyes," on display through Tuesday, December 31. The exhibi-

tion explores what is known about human and animal vision and the ongoing quest to understand what

animals actually see.

The traveling exhibition "California's Native Grandeur: Preserving Vanishing Landscapes" features more than 40 oil paintings of California landscapes from the late 19th

and early 20th Centuries by artists whose works inspired early environmentalists. See this show through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

An assemblage of museum specimens, rocks, fossils, live plants, and

animals tell stories about the region's prehistoric and current habitats in "Natural Treasures: Past and Present." The ongoing exhibition is said to "display old treasures most loved by the community and to introduce

new fossils that have never been seen by the public," as well as highlighting the museum's extensive paleontological collections. Visitors will also discover why dinosaur fossils are rare in San Diego (the region was underwater during dinosaur times).

The museum also offers the "giant-screen films" *Lost Worlds: Life in the Balance* and *Ocean Oasis*, exploring Mexico's Sea of Cortés and the Baja California Desert. For more information, call 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

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

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.

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My book [*Communion*] was taken to be a lie written to get money, a literary fraud. Nothing I said could change this because nobody of any note culturally dared to disagree, not even those who knew the falsity of the charge.

Nothing I have ever written since *Communion* has received wide review. Instead, the mad culture of the press has taken it upon itself to be silent about Whitley Strieber, or publish nasty reviews, in order to punish me for my alleged literary fraud.

In 1995, Mr. Strieber and his wife of many years, Anne, left Manhattan and returned to San Antonio. The couple has one son.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR: I became aware of Whitley Strieber only recently. One evening I absentmindedly twirled the AM radio dial. A pleasant voice said, “This is Whitley Strieber...and this is Dreamland.” Something about that voice made its way so intimately into my ear that I stopped and listened. I hardly recall now what that evening’s topics were — crop circles, I think, and perhaps animal mutilations and perhaps extraterrestrials or time travel or out-of-body experiences or remote viewing. It hardly mattered to me then what Mr. Strieber and his guests were discussing, and it does not matter to me now. I had then and have now no particular curiosity about these subjects. I had then and have now no particular opinions on these subjects. What interested me was Mr. Strieber’s fervor. He showed such enthusiasm for his guests. He seemed so engrossed by their ideas. This absorption in what a guest was saying is something that one does not often hear on AM radio — one hears hectoring and rudeness and self-satisfaction. I was taken in; I was intrigued and curious.

I knew that Mr. Strieber had written *Communion*, and I knew that what he wrote in that book’s pages had something to do with what Mr. Strieber called “the visitors” and something to do with those visitors checking him out with an anal probe. But I’d never read anything Whitley Strieber wrote. I found a worn paperback copy of *The Wild*, published in 1991. What happens in *The Wild* is that Bob Duke, a Manhattan resident who works as a computer consultant and writes poems that never get published, turns into a wolf. I’d never read anything like this. I expected to scoff, and I didn’t. For one thing, Mr. Strieber pro-

duces active, well-wrought sentences. For another, his characters read Kafka and Amy Clampitt (although they do not care for Amy Clampitt’s poems), and I tend, easily, to make friends with characters who read Kafka and American poets. I was hooked. By the time *Lilith’s Dream* emerged this fall, I’d read Mr. Strieber’s two other vampire novels. I had become a fan.

On the morning that we spoke, Mr. Strieber was at home in Texas. Mrs. Strieber answered and handed over the telephone to her husband. When he said, “Hello,” I felt oddly shy. Why I felt shy was that this public voice from the radio had become a private voice in my telephone’s earpiece. I hesitated before I asked my first question, a question about Mr. Strieber’s association with the Gurdjieff Foundation.

George Ivanovitch Gurdjieff was born in Armenia in the 1870s, no one is quite sure whether in 1872 or 1877. He died in 1949, in France. As a young man he traveled through Asia, studying with various gurus. In 1913 until the Revolution he lived in Moscow. By 1922 he had set up in France, in a chateau near Fontainebleau, his Institute for the Harmonious Development of Man. The Gurdjieff program, called by its followers “The Work” or “The Fourth Way,” involved meditation, Sufi-esque dancing (the Gurdjieff movements), lectures, study, and physical labor. In 1924 Gurdjieff visited four U.S. cities; for the rest of his life he would continue to visit America. Among Gurdjieff’s better-known followers and/or admirers are Pamela Travers, author of *Mary Poppins*; short story writer Katherine Mansfield; director Peter Brooks; and Frank Lloyd Wright’s third wife, who would stamp her husband’s Taliesin Fellowship with the principles of Gurdjieff’s philosophy.

On Mr. Strieber’s website he had written that in 1970, in New York, he joined the Gurdjieff Foundation. I asked Mr. Strieber how he came to be interested in Gurdjieff.

“I got interested,” he said, “when a friend introduced me to the book *In Search of the Miraculous* by P.D. Ouspensky [Ouspensky was a Gurdjieff follower]. I was involved in the Gurdjieff work at the Foundation for 15 years after that.”

On his website, Mr. Strieber writes, “Essentially, the Gurdjieff work is about learning to use one’s attention as a tool, rather

than letting it fly aimlessly from one thing to the next.... Trying to really do this was the beginning of my life’s inner journey.” As to why he ended at least his formal relationship with the foundation, he writes, “In 1983, I left the Gurdjieff Foundation on the theory that, if I could not do it on my own after 13 years of intensive effort, then perhaps I wasn’t strong enough.”

Mr. Strieber was raised in the Catholic Church. I said I’d imagined him, when he was first in Manhattan, as this young, somewhat impressionable Catholic boy raised in Texas when he initially came into contact with the Gurdjieff group.

“Yes,” he said, “raised in Texas, but I’d just spent a year in London. London was quite an eye-opener. I always was a searcher.

“They’re stories about spiritual transformation and change in personality induced by extreme situations. The vampires are metaphors — aspects of our souls.”

I’ve never really trusted things like faith very much. I’m not much of a believer, just by nature. I don’t think it’s necessary, for example, to believe in the Resurrection at all in order to be a good Christian. But I must say also that Gurdjieff work doesn’t really involve giving up one’s existing religion. Gurdjieff remained an Orthodox Catholic — Eastern Orthodox — until the end of his life.”

“All your fiction,” I said, “seems to focus on stories of transformation — man into wolf, human into ‘blooded vampire,’ and so on.”

“That’s very much what my theme is in my work and what my life is about. They’re stories about spiritual transformation and about change in personality induced by extreme situations. And the vampires are metaphors — aspects of our souls, I guess, would be the best way to describe it.”

I said how much I liked *The Wild*’s Bob Duke, both as a man and as a wolf.

“Bob,” Mr. Strieber said, “basically was a nice guy. He turns

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

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

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this diminishing creature. The exhibit showcases 13 species of live animals, both local species and those from abroad.

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phins, 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 au-

dio-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

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out to be a really nice werewolf too. He was really not a werewolf at all but an actual wolf. I loved writing that story. That story received no real critical attention at all. Most of my books don't. That's not something new; it's been true since the first book was written. I get a little review in *Publisher's Weekly* and in *Kirkus*, and that's generally it. The newspapers rarely pick up on my books. You'll see once in a great while a review, but it doesn't happen often. I haven't had a review in *The New York Times* in 15, nearly 20 years. And in the *Washington Post*, I guess the last review was about 20 years ago. I think I'm being punished for having written *Communion*."

"I think you'll always be punished for having written *Communion*."

"Sure. It's my everyday life, and it never gets away from me. We live pretty much in isolation because I just don't want to deal with the stupidity and the jokes that people make who haven't read the book and don't understand it and have no idea what it's about."

I said that some of Mr. Strieber's attackers seem rather like schoolyard bullies.

"It turns out that, at least as far as my life is concerned, I seem to have attracted a vast number of schoolyard bullies. They're everywhere. I never knew there were so many."

Mr. Strieber returned to discussion of his fiction. "What I do in my novels is that I personify interior states, such as what happens to Bob when he becomes a wolf. He meets a part of himself that he cannot reconcile his life with, that part of himself that is richly involved with senses. I'm a great believer in the use of our senses. We don't use our senses enough, but if you get involved in the Gurdjieff work, you learn that we are, literally, living like machines. We're asleep. And my books, variously, are about waking up. Gurdjieff never said that the process of waking up would turn you into an angel. But it might turn you into someone real, a real version of yourself, and so that if I have an underlying theme in my books, that would be it.

"My intention was — is, always, in one way or another — to write about the process of awakening. This is a big part of that theme behind most of the novels, these transformative experiences. In *The Wild*, Bob Duke discovers the truth about what he thought he was, and the difference between what he thought he was and what he really is. Sarah Roberts in *The Hunger* discovers that her passion can be greater than that passion that tends to feed her ideas about what she should and shouldn't do. She discovers that we

sometimes find ourselves in an unbearably difficult position, and we do what is called evil on behalf of desires that we really cannot control."

About his fictional vampires, who, left to their own devices, can live forever, Mr. Strieber said, "This isn't being alive. It only feels like life. And that's why in the end, someone like Miriam Blaylock in *The Hunger* and *The Last Vampire* is lonely, isn't really alive, or why Lilith in this newest book is so profoundly isolated and feels her isolation to the point of grasping in almost any direction for somebody, anybody who will recognize her for what she is and be with her on terms that she considers valid."

I confessed to Mr. Strieber that before I read his books, I'd never read anything in the horror genre, not one title by Stephen King or Anne Rice or Peter Straub. I said that I was surprised that Mr. Strieber's vampire novels frightened me and gave me bad dreams. "What," I asked, "makes it possible for people to write such frightening stories?"

"Well, of the horror novelists I know, Stephen King, Peter Straub — with the exception, I think, of Anne Rice — are all very sort of down-to-earth people that tend to stick with the same wife for many, many years and live extremely quiet lives. I think it might be that all of that stuff goes out into the fiction."

"What kind of little boy were you?"

"Very full of pranks and fun and very much of a free spirit. I liked children who would do and try anything. I was very adventurous. I would go anywhere and do anything. In fact, looking back on it, I was with a friend from those days a few months ago, and we just sat there looking at each other, asking, 'Why are we alive?' There must be guardian angels or we wouldn't be; we just couldn't have lived through what we were doing in those days otherwise."

"Were you wildly imaginative?"

"I was filled with imagination, but more even than that, I was filled with energy, a tremendous amount of energy. I've always had a lot of energy, but as a little boy, I could go from early in the morning, before dawn, until midnight easily, day after day after day. And my poor parents — my mother ended up in the hospital when I was about four from — just from exhaustion. So, yes, I was very full of energy and imagination. They finally ended up nailing the screen windows of my room closed. Because I would go out at night, and they didn't know where I was going."

"Were you one of those little boys who always was filling notebooks with drawings of ships and planes and animals?"

"No. All of that was in my head. I've never had much of a hand as an artist. I went through a period of that. I took art lessons

from an artist here, for two or three years, when I was 11 and 12. I made a turning then. I decided I would be a writer. I wanted to write more than I wanted to paint."

"In your new book, there's quite a bit of funny material. For instance, all Lilith's tangles with modernity make a reader laugh."

"These books are also supposed to be funny. I have a good sense of humor, and I don't use it enough in my books. My editor says, 'You should bring your sense of humor in more, it would make the books more fun,' and so I did."

I said that I thought that Mr. Strieber did quite a good job in *Lilith* with the character Leo Patterson, the singer.

"Ah," said Mr. Strieber, "I shouldn't have done that. Anne Rice's new book also has something like this in it. I didn't find that out until after I'd published the book and someone pointed it out to me."

When I started reading Mr. Strieber's novels, I knew so little about vampires that I turned to *Encyclopaedia Britannica* to read about them. This is some of what the encyclopedia had to offer: "In popular legend, a bloodsucking creature...who drinks the blood of humans.... Typically the vampire had a pallid face, staring eyes, and protruding incisor teeth and fed by biting and sucking blood from the victim's throat."

I said to Mr. Strieber that I found this blood-sucking pretty disgusting. But, I added, "I guess you can't have a vampire who doesn't eat blood, can you?"

"Well, you could, sure. You'd just have a psychic vampire. I would love to write a story like that one of these days, actually. But the blood has such power in our imagination. And it has a numinous and transformative significance — we have a religion which is bound up in memories of the ritual of human sacrifice and the drinking of the blood of the victim. In New Guinea, until recently, they actually were doing what those rituals are a memory of. That is to say, they were devouring the heart and brain of the victim in order to take on his power, his energy. And so also we used to devour the flesh and the blood of the victim in order to take on and absorb his power. And we still do it. That's what communion is. It's the memory of a primitive ritual that went on for many, many, many thousands of years.

"And, as it became more and more socially shocking, it disappeared from the visible surface of religion and went into the dark of the mystery cults, where they had gone on in places like the temples of the Middle Eastern religions. The vampire turns this myth inside out. He or she turns to this ancient ritual and uses it for his or her own greed. The vampire myth is a myth about

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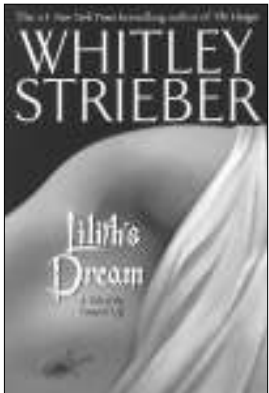
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greed. I mean, how dare we think that the consuming of another person's body and blood will grant us eternal life? But what is that? At church it happens every Sunday — but another version of the vampire story.”

About drugs, Mr. Strieber averred that he was “very interested in drugs and in the impact of drugs on our lives. I had a friendship with William Burroughs, and we talked an awful lot about the meaning of drug experience. And I’ve had a lot of drug people on my radio program, people who were trying to expand

consciousness with the use of drugs. I don’t consider drug use for myself. I’ve never been involved in drugs; I’ve never even experimented with them. I think the results of consciousness expansion with drugs is ersatz. I think it’s artificial and I’m not interested in the artificial.”

I said that I thought Mr. Strieber was a bit delicate to be experimenting with drugs.

He did not disagree. “It does concern me because I have a cousin who did LSD and never recovered from it. He did LSD back in the ’60s, before it was illegal in Texas even. He is still in a mental institution and will be until the day he dies. I went once to a party in New York soon after Anne and I were married. She’s very impervious to drugs, and we went to this party, and the air was thick with marijuana smell. There were people doing a lot of drugs, and I got high just by being there. And I remained that way for a week. I didn’t know I was still high, and then we went to a party four or five days later, and I was complimenting the host on the goldfish in her lamp, and she looked oddly at me and said, ‘There are no goldfish in the lamp!’ And yet, I was seeing these goldfish swim around in the clear crystal bases of these lamps. Anne took me right home.”

Mr. Strieber, like most Americans, is concerned about America’s future. He offered this. “There’s a very interesting analysis used in the stock-and-bond market called the Elliott Wave Principle [Ralph Nelson Elliott is this analysis’s originator]. Elliott invented

this idea of these five waves that indicate fundamental patterns. When they come to the point of exhaustion they would indicate a fundamental change in the direction of the market. And in the microcosm of the day-to-day level, it’s very hard to say that the Elliott Wave theory is a credible way of predicting the markets, because in detail the markets have a randomness to them that’s hard to see beyond. However, it’s a powerful asset of market functioning on a macrocosmic basis. Things like Elliott’s Wave theory do work over a period of years, and if this Elliott Wave theory is correct again, as it has been in the past, then we are just at the beginning of a massive decline in the value of stock. We shall see whether or not that’s true. But certainly one thing is true: with what we now have in Washington we have no chance at all of solving our real economic problems. I think that you’re looking at a deeply flawed theory that is based on ideas about life that are just not true.

“The model of reality with which our government is addressing the world around it is not true. It’s a false model. The Soviets had the same problem. It takes an enormous amount of energy to maintain the illusion that a false model is working. And we will see a catastrophe unfold in our economy and in our social life over the next few years, and especially we’re going to see within ten years a profoundly discredited and hated judiciary to the point that there will be, before ten years are out, very substantial reforms of the American judiciary. I speak in particular of the federal judiciary, because far-right-wing ideologues are going to clog the federal judiciary as a result of the recent election.” Left-wing ideologues, Mr. Strieber noted, were no better. “People at extremes, right or left, the farther they go to those extremes, the less true their vision of reality is. And people at those extremes are not going to succeed. And in the past, the judicial appointments of Reagan and of Bush, Sr., were basically for the most part much more secular than these in the future will be. There were a few that weren’t, but now this new Bush administration proposes to appoint many right religious extremists to the federal judiciary. It’s going to be one of the most damaging things that any American president has ever done to the United States.”

Many of these right-wing extremists, I said, seem to wish to bring on the world’s end.

“The religion that they believe is wildly at variance with reality. For example, there are, right now, American right-wing reli-

gious groups financing groups in Israel who want to blow up the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. And the reason they’re doing that is to foment trouble in the Middle East, because they believe that if they induce a war in the Middle East, they will cause Armageddon, and they will be raptured into a better life. The words of compassion and the genuine acceptance of humanity that are represented by the life of Christ is completely at variance with ideas of that nature. Because those ideas are incredibly selfish, arrogant, and, in fact, childish to the point of being terrifying.”

Recently, on radio, I had heard Mr. Strieber interview Joseph McMoneagle, whose area of expertise is remote viewing. I said that I felt extremely uneasy, as this gentleman described his brushes with what seemed to be intruders from other worlds. I said, too, that Mr. McMoneagle seemed to be an unhappy man.

“Specifically,” said Mr. Strieber, “Joe McMoneagle was walking on a beach one night with a friend and, suddenly, an enormous light shone down on them in the dark that left them sunburned and left the friend with scars that he would take with him to his grave. I’ve had similar experiences that are just completely believable as experiences and completely unbelievable in a larger context, and that leaves you terribly uneasy. It leaves you unable to know, for example, what will happen when you close your eyes at night. And these experiences leave you unable to know where you will open your eyes. I have opened my eyes in a place so extremely strange and so outside of the norm and so ultimately terrifying that subsequent to that experience back in 1985 [when the visitors first appeared to Mr. Strieber in his Upstate New York cottage], I have never slept peacefully again. Not one night. And I never will. Just a few days ago, I went to the dentist because of a lot of jaw pain, and it turns out, I’m clenching my jaws so tightly as I do starting in September or October when the visits began that year, 1985, and then through January and February. He’s going to get me a mouth guard, and I’ll use it until the spring. I’ve had them in the past, but this year I think that there’s going to be a lot of this activity in 2003, so I’m exceptionally tense about it.” Mr. Strieber concluded, saying, “But that’s why I am a haunted man. Joe McMoneagle is a haunted man, too. Everybody who has these experiences is haunted. And the people who had them and don’t or can’t remember them, even they are haunted.”

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The San Diego Harpsichord Society (harpsichordSD@aol.com) presented a delightful recital by Susanne Shapiro. The instrument, a French-style two-manual built by William Neil Roberts and Anthony Brazier, was close to ideal for a program of Baroque music covering a century of composition, by composers from five countries, and in a wide range of styles. Its sound was both sweet and robust, with fine clarity, assertiveness without aggressiveness, and — when the music required it — a ripe and full resonance. Shapiro, whose home is in Los Angeles, is an experienced musician with a magisterial command of the keyboard, and a deep and sensitive understanding of the Baroque imagination in its varied manifestations. She played with zest, in a bold and expressive manner appropriate to the program.

The pleasures of the concert were enhanced by its venue: the parish hall of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar. The church's handsome complex of buildings, in a simplified Tudor style, centers on a beautifully proportioned, enclosed square, quite hidden from the traffic of the nearby coast highway. The parish hall, on the square's west side, provided precisely the kind of environment a harpsichord recital needs: intimate, designed with a sure sense of line, space, and dimension, and entirely of wood. Its acoustics enhanced the sound of the instrument, enriching it without ever blurring its lucidity.

The sound — both of the instrument and of the hall — was an important factor in this music, for Shapiro's program seemed in part chosen to illustrate the development of the harpsichord's sonorities from Johann Jacob Froberger, who was born in 1616, to Padre Antonio Soler, who died in 1783. During this period, harpsichord makers and harpsichord composers were in a relationship of mutual stimulation, more versatile instruments encouraging new styles to exploit their possibilities,

and composers of newer music demanding instruments that could fully realize their creative visions. That is why the Roberts and Brazier harpsichord, basically an 18th-century model, suited the program so well. As astutely played by Shapiro, it could simulate the modest instrument Froberger must have composed for, but at the same time it offered the far greater resources demanded by the French and Spanish schools that extended up to the French Revolution and beyond.

For Froberger, whose career centered on the Imperial court in Vienna, Shapiro assembled a composite work from his 1649 publication: first the Toccata II, and then the Suite II, all the music being in D Minor. The Toccata took the place of the initial improvisatory movement that became standard in lute and keyboard suites in the French style (Froberger was, in fact, the first composer to organize various dance movements into a keyboard suite). In Shapiro's performance, it illustrated the character of the lute literature from which the keyboard style derived, including the freedom to change rhythm, direction, and expressive tone again and again, in unpredictable spurts, as though the music were being made up on the spot. Shapiro brought out something of the same qualities in the subsequent dance movements, but balancing the improvisatory, impassioned divagations of the "fantastic" style against the serious, aristocratic decorousness and sense of majestic inevitability that characterize Froberger's treatment of the "dances." (Typically, only the concluding *Gigue* actually sounds like a dance.)

Froberger was one of the great composers of the early Baroque. Three other composers on the program represented the Baroque in its 18th-century maturity, at the height of its structural power. These were the Frenchman, Jean Philippe Rameau; the Italian, Domenico Scarlatti; and the German, Johann Sebastian Bach — all close contemporaries.

(Bach and Scarlatti were born in 1685, Rameau in 1683; together with Handel, also born in 1685, they make up the supreme tetrad of High Baroque masters.) What unites their music, aside from its plenitude of invention, is its orderly, rational structure, which decisively replaced the impulsive whimsy that tended to govern structure in the early Baroque period. However they might differ among themselves in style and in the genres of music they favored, all four composers (and their lesser contemporaries as well) lived in the age of enlightenment, and they absorbed its attitudes toward proportion, symmetry, balance, and order, as the controlling framework for acts of the imagination.

The Rameau composition on Shapiro's program, the E Minor Suite (1724) of his *Pièces de clavecin* (which she performed with "La Villageoise" omitted), is colorful, sensual, and representational, its brisk dance movements full of witty and picturesque effects. One of its famous movements, "Le Rappel des oiseaux," is a dazzling tone-painting of twittering birds, with their multiple whistling at the same time figured as a jumble of trumpet calls, punctuated by unexpected pauses. Another — the "Musette en rondeau" — imitates a rural bagpipe (an example of the aristocratic taste for the prettied-up pastoral, in the era of Louis XV). Still another — "Tambourin" — discovers in its dronelike chordal accompaniment harpsichord sounds that Froberger could scarcely have imagined. Rameau's tunes are wonderfully memorable, and they are encrusted with a gorgeous filigree of trills and mordants, elaborate ornaments sometimes on every other note. But encompassing all this entertaining material is a firm sense of balanced and symmetrical form, with well-shaped phrases, clear counterpoint, logical harmonic movement, and a decided preference for a hierarchical texture of tune and accompaniment.

In Bach's keyboard music, the rational basis is even more pronounced, since the listener is not distracted by picturesque evocations, and the logic of the musical discourse is much less disguised by

lush ornamentation. This is so even when Bach is writing in the French style, as in his Second French Suite (in C Minor), which Shapiro played with consummate skill. (Bach's so-called "English" Suites are also French suites, by the way; so are his Partitas.) This six-movement work — seven, if you count the two minuets separately — is almost exactly contemporaneous with Rameau's E Minor Suite, and the names of some of the movements are



Susanne Shapiro

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Susanne Shapiro, harpsichord
St. Peter's Church, Del Mar (San Diego Harpsichord Society)
Froberger, Toccata II and Suite II (1649); Rameau, Suite in E Minor; Soler, Sonatas in E Minor (R. 106) and B-flat (R. 13); J.S. Bach, French Suite No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 813; Domenico Scarlatti, Sonatas in B Minor (K. 87), F (K. 82), and D (K. 119).

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identical (*Allemande, Courante, Gigue*); but Bach’s focus is not at all the same.

The movements generally conform to a strict *aabb* structure, and in several of them, the opening of the *b* section contrasts the major key with the minor of the *a* section. There is a strong sense of formal architecture. Furthermore, the textures are quite different. For Bach, who knows how to get a full chordal sound out of the harpsichord when he so desires, what is most important is counterpoint, and here he makes use of the instrument’s unrivalled ability to highlight contrapuntal lines.

A characteristic example is the *Air* of the C Minor Suite, essentially a two-part invention in which the bass and treble lines each have their own complete integrity. Anyone who has played this music knows that the left hand and the right hand, while not really independent of each other (since they belong to the same world — namely, this piece), have lives of their own, and that each one, by itself, makes complete musical sense. To appreciate the music, you have to be able not only to hear the two lines but also to listen attentively to them, and for that no keyboard instrument (except perhaps the organ) can equal the harpsichord, as Shapiro’s brilliant performance demonstrated.

The tone production of a modern piano — even when it is played as though it were a harpsichord, as Glenn Gould attempted to do in his Bach performances — significantly softens and blends the melodic lines. Moreover, pianists can almost never resist the temptation of giving prominence to one or the other of the lines (sometimes alternately) by making it louder — something the harpsichordist is constitutionally unable to do. A harpsichord performance such as Shapiro’s enables us to perceive with total clarity the Baroque composer’s astounding ability to write two or more simultaneous melodic lines without subordinating any of them to any other. (All Baroque composers could do this — it was a fundamental element of the style all of them worked within — but no one could do it as tellingly as Bach.)

Finally, we come to Scarlatti and Soler, natural partners since Scarlatti (long resident in Spain) was the prime master of the Spanish keyboard style, and

Soler followed in his footsteps. Among Domenico Scarlatti’s close to 600 sonatas, many exhibit his impressive polyphonic skill (K. 82, which Shapiro played with vehement eloquence, is a neatly contrived four-voice fugue), and at times he can fashion an extraordinarily extended lyrical meditation of unutterable poignance and strangeness (such as R. 26, not on Shapiro’s program). But his art is especially striking in those works that combine counterpoint with amazing effects of color and texture to reproduce, at a high artistic level, the sounds of popular Spanish music.

In her Scarlatti section, Shapiro included the dumfounding D Major Sonata, K. 119, in which a driving rhythmic ostinato of repeated chords relentlessly grows in density, weight, and fiery intensity, with some of the chords — immense, dissonant, and spread out over the keyboard — encompassing 11 pitches. A lot of performers play Scarlatti pieces on the piano, often to marvelously poetic effect, but a piece like this one comes into its own only on the harpsichord, which makes it sound like a gang of wild guitarists accompanying ferocious flamenco dancing.

The expressive potential of this style, and its development of unheard-of harpsichord sonorities, is further pursued by Soler, a Catalonian monk who was music director at the Escorial (both a monastery and a royal palace), but whose irrepressible — and thoroughly undevout — imagination took the Baroque harpsichord as far as it would ever go. Once again, however, the most daring innovations — dissonant harmonies, distant modulations, obsessive repetition of motifs, along with a temperamental flamboyance (in his compositions) that would not be matched until Franz Liszt — were combined with lucid, rational, 18th-century structures.

On her recent program, Shapiro offered only two Soler sonatas, both of them rapid, vivid, and exuberant. Her 1991 Soler recording, more varied, and breathtakingly played throughout, gives a profound insight into the genius of a composer who, except among specialists, is known almost exclusively for his spectacular *Fandango* (though a project of recording all of Soler’s keyboard music — by Gilbert Rowland —

is currently underway).

Not only Scarlatti, but a number of other Baroque composers (including Soler, Rameau, and — of course — Bach) have been given wider currency through piano performances of their works. This musical transvestism can work both ways, however, as Shapiro showed in her encore at St. Peter’s: three movements from Bartók’s *Rumanian Dances*, which are known in their piano originals and in an orchestral version, but certainly not as harpsichord pieces. The harpsichord version was nevertheless remarkably effective, reminding one of the sounds of the Hungarian *cymbalom* (a large dulcimer — like the harpsichord a plucked string instrument), for which this folk-oriented music would have been completely idiomatic.

The Harpsichord Society has planned four additional harpsichord recitals during the coming season: Kathleen Scheide (January 8), Gilbert Martinez (January 26), Yonit Lea Kosovske (March 15), and Susanne Pumhösl (April 8). Susanne Shapiro may have touched on a number of highlights of Baroque keyboard music, but there’s a lot more where that came from. ■

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It’s the “Messiah” Time o’ Year, the San Diego Chamber Orchestra and San Diego Master Chorale will perform this holiday favorite in three venues this week. Hear the complete two-hour oratorio on Friday, December 20, 8 p.m., at St. Joseph’s Cathedral (1535 Third Avenue); tickets range from \$15 to \$75.(DOWNTOWN)

Head to St. James by-the-Sea to enjoy the 70-minute Christmas portion of the piece at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 21. Find the church at 743 Prospect Street. Tickets range from \$28 to \$75. (LA JOLLA)

The complete oratorio may also be heard on Sunday, December 22, at 2 p.m., at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$15 to \$30. To obtain tickets and information on any of these recitals, call 888-848-7326 x7. (ESCONDIDO)

Holiday Pops, celebrate the season when the San Diego Symphony presents holiday concerts featuring “time-honored songs and carols from around the world” with guest artists on Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets range from \$10 to \$55. For reservations, call 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

“Christmas by Candlelight,” the MiraCosta College Chamber Chorale, the Camerata Singers, and soloists perform in the dining room of the student center on campus on Saturday, December 21. The \$16 tickets include dessert. Find the campus at One Barnard Drive. For reservations, call 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

In India During the Cold Month of Margali, it was the custom to rise

early “while the celestial beings still slept,” bathe in the sacred river, and sing praises to God. Vocalist Sri Hemmige V. Srivatsan will be joined by Sri Ajay Narasimha (violin) and Sri Vadaraja Bhatt (mrudangam) to present “Saint Andal’s Tiruppavai” on Saturday, December 21, at 4 p.m., at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple (7930 Arjons Drive). Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$15 for couples and families. Questions? Call 858-549-3940 for answers. (MIRA MESA)

There’s an “Extraordinary Educational Concert” planned on Saturday, December 21. The program features young students (9 to 17 years old) from “Introduction to Classical Music” and “Intro to Chamber Music Classes” at the Fairbanks School of Performing Arts playing selections by composers including Mendelssohn, Bach, Bruch, Schubert, Paganini, Sibelius, Ravel, and others.

The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive. Admission is free. Call 858-259-2503 for more information. (DEL MAR)

Candlelight Musical Meditation concerts are planned at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá on Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22. The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá Choir and Classic Brass will perform at 7:30 p.m. each night at 10818 San Diego Mission Road. An offering will be received. For further details, dial 619-283-7319 or 619-449-1587. (MISSION GORGE)

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The Annual Christmas Sing-Along is planned by civic organizer Carol Williams and soloist Clark Sterling in the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, December 22. Williams returns for a concert on Sunday, December 29. Both free concerts begin at 2 p.m. For more information, call 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Vienna’s Famed New Year’s Concert is recreated in the “Salute to Vienna” planned on Wednesday, January 1, 2003. The event showcases the Strauss “Symphony of America” with conductor Peter McCoppin, soprano Patricia Nussy, and Wilfried Scharf, a renowned zither player from Salzburg, Austria. The program also boasts orchestral and operetta classics of Strauss and his contemporaries, as well as the “Radetzky March.” Dressed in period costumes, the ballet of the Viennese State Opera will perform the Viennese waltz and other classic dances onstage.

The event begins at 2:30 p.m. in Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. Tickets range from \$35 to \$75, available by calling 619-235-0804 and through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

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The icy, opaque draping recalled the impermeability and secretiveness of the Third Reich.

The regional express I take to downtown Berlin from Wannsee, the suburb where I've been living this fall, passes through one of the many construction sites that are the topographical signature of post-Wall Berlin. The site is a train station, Lehrter Bahnhof, which will be a traversal for regional and inner-city rail traffic as well as Europe's largest interchange for its high-speed ICE trains. It's expected to handle 240,000 travelers daily. Only the concrete shelving that will become above-ground platforms has been finished. There will also be a deep tunnel for the ICE trains and two bookended multi-use structures enclosing offices and a shopping mall.

The bookends will be glass boxes, and curved glass panels vault the basilica-size shed. Visible through them is the glass and steel Reichstag Dome built in 1996 by the British architect Sir Norman Foster. From the Bahnhof you can see people walking around the dome's spiraling ramps. Built in 1884 to house Imperial Germany's parliament, the Reichstag was nearly burned to the ground in 1933 — by a deranged Dutchman, they say, or by Nazis who hoped to lay blame on the Socialists — then left a husk by Allied bombs. The glass enclosure replaces the original war-damaged dome, which was demolished in 1954.

The Bahnhof panels, the dome, and the glass canopy covering the Sony Center courtyard in Potsdamer Platz (more on this in a minute) are all architectural expressions of a political ethic, "transparency," foundational to postwar German self-definition. Preserving an open society has been essential to reconstruction efforts, especially after the Wall came down in 1989. I'm reminded of this when I walk Wannsee's suburban lanes, lined with villas fancied by the Nazi high command. Up the street from my apartment is a house, hidden from the road, that Goebbels frequented, and not far is the lakeside villa of the 1941 Wannsee Conference, where Adolf Eichmann and other murderous mediocrities plotted and gave name to the final solution.

When Christo was given permission in 1995 to wrap the Reichstag in silver foil, he turned it into a complex metaphor. The icy, opaque draping recalled the impermeability and secretiveness of the Third Reich, but it also turned a classical symbol of parliamentary freedoms into a reflecting public showpiece. It expressed the will to renewal, toned by a kind of mournful exuberance. Work on the glass dome began shortly afterward. A Jewish friend of mine is contemptuous of it and other glass signatures around town because, while

he nods to the concept of transparency, all he really sees are reminders of Kristallnacht. There are countering statements. The Jewish Museum designed by the Polish-born Daniel Libeskind is the most formidably aggressive architectural form in town. Its ambiguous zigzag shape looks like an unfolded Star of David and a stormtrooper lightning bolt. Its zinc exterior has fewer windows than any comparable structure in town, and they're such narrow slashes (or tears, as Libeskind calls them) that you can't see much from them.

After my first glimpses of the dome through that platform shed, I began seeing glass everywhere. I live in earthquake country (San Francisco) and am skittish about what's hanging over my head. I get the willies just looking at the newest structure on Friedrichstrasse, the main north-south axis in central Berlin. The façade of the five-story building — traditional city height limits have given the city a skyline with a very low center of gravity — is shingled with 5- by 8-foot sheets of glass just waiting, I'm certain, for a provoking autumn wind to peel them loose and slam them down upon my gray head. Farther up Friedrichstrasse is the second-largest department store in town, the Galeries Lafayette, glass inside and out, shopping areas deployed around a central conical well so that wherever you are, you can look up and around and see inside four floors of merchandise. It's as far as the 19th-century French arcade, the prototype for malls, can be taken.

The history of postwar American architecture is largely a story of capitalist ideology, of commercial enterprise articulated by taste. Generally speaking, our urban planning isn't critically mediated by political history or ethical reflection. The voices debating what to do with the World Trade Center site are addressing issues outside conventional architectural discourse. Should the site become a memorial? What, then, to memorialize, and how to do it in a way that answers to the city's and country's feeling of loss and violation? Whatever gets built there will be a measure of the American style of conscience.

When a nation gives public shape to remembrance, it's choosing how to represent itself to the world and to itself. Much of Berlin's postwar, post-Wall reconstruction has been shaped by questions we've seldom had to ask. The Wall, all 27 miles of it (plus 70 more separating West Berlin from surrounding GDR territories), cut right across Potsdamer Platz, which during the Weimar years was one of Europe's most dynamic, elegant public spaces. In the years after the war, it was a



Reichstag Dome



Potsdamer Platz, c. 1930

wasteland of dirt, weeds, and rabbits. Just before the Wall came down in 1989, the Daimler-Benz Corporation negotiated the purchase of 15 acres of Potsdamer Platz at one-third to one-seventh of their value. The political left was appalled by the giveaway — Daimler-Benz had worked with the Nazis — and foresaw what came to pass, that a brilliant Mercedes hood ornament would rotate like a perennial Christmas star above what is again becoming Berlin's most famous public space. Daimler-Benz wasn't the only privateer. Sony, too,

bought itself a bargain plot. Many West Berliners thought this all a healthy sign of their city's emergence as a powerful post-reunification commercial entity. By 1993, land values in Potsdamer Platz had quadrupled, and it was too late to prevent the area from becoming the sort of banal, mixed-use, global corporate cluster functioning as a tourist center, a *see-through* center.

Three tall buildings more or less wedge into the Platz. At street level you can look through the glass prow of a building designed by Renzo Piano and

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Potsdamer Platz, 2000

see a portion of the Daimler-Benz complex, designed by the conservative Hans Kollhoff, whose stolid red-brick walls and small windows typify classical Prussian reserve and functionalism. The Kollhoff and Piano skyscrapers are reflected in the broad bow-window glass façade of a structure belonging to the Sony complex, designed by the Chicago-based German-American Helmut Jahn. The Sony Center proper occupies a city block, its courtyard umbrellaed by the glass canopy that, like the Reichstag, can be sighted from the Lehrter Bahnhof. I've passed through Potsdamer Platz several times, and although the layout is massive and simple, I always feel a little disoriented. It's a cloistered space of a certain kind, an intensification and modernization of the covered arcades of 19th-century Paris, which were designed largely to encourage shop-window commerce. Even when I'm outside in the pedestrian zone connecting the buildings, I feel I'm in an arcade. And there is in fact a sprawling *Arkaden* inside one of the buildings, indistinguishable from malls around the world. Glowing faintly amidst the skyscrapers and construction sites is Potsdamer Platz's patient-butler traffic signal, Europe's first, erected in 1925, which in its current setting looks rather quaint and puny.

In 1999, the *New York Times* critic Herbert Muschamp described Potsdamer Platz as "an edge city, one of those private, development-driven urbanoid clusters that have sprouted up across the American landscape in recent years. It is reassuring

that the new Potsdamer Platz is without nationalist expressions. The downside of this is that the place could be anywhere. Like other edge cities, it occupies a kind of nebulous international airport space." That's accurate enough. For better or worse, Potsdamer Platz is one expression of Berlin's constantly self-revising view of itself. The critic Karl Scheffler wrote in 1910 that the city suffered "the tragedy of a fate that condemns it forever to become and never to be." That may be a condition of Berlin's existence, but I don't think it's a gloomy one. The condition of becoming, materialized as architecture and planning, has a nervous energy, a splendid anxiety that doesn't diminish a city, it merely characterizes it, and — for the time being — it's the Berlin style. ■

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ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, "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" continues through the end of the year. Featured are examples of the fine carousel animals carved by the Dentzel family of Pennsylvania, considered classics of their kind. Also on view are an oversized American toy train, Japanese toys, international dolls, and a five-foot-tall Italian Pinocchio.

"Jack Lenor Larsen — The Company and the Cloth" is on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. The included items are from the renowned textile designer's company archives, made up of more than 100 textiles, including some samples meant to be touched. Larsen is described as a gardener, designer, colorist, author, and the "consummate collector of decorative, primitive, design, and folk arts."

Few Westerners have explored Guizhou, the last province opened to tourism by the People's Republic of China. Guest curator Phila McDaniel was the first American to escort a group from America to this "mysterious and terraced land"; she's made 49 visits to China. "Silver and Silk — Textiles and Jewelry of Guizhou, China" is an exhibition of intricately embroidered, handwoven textiles, and silver headdresses, necklaces, and bracelets. View these artifacts through Sunday, March 16, 2003.

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, native New Yorker Roger Ballen has lived in South Africa since the 1970s, creating "startling, confrontational, and intensely personal photographs." Ballen's art is said to blur "the boundaries between documentary photography and constructed instal-

lations." "Roger Ballen: Photographs," explores "themes as diverse as the doomed apartheid system, the nature of contemporary photographic practice, and the artist's intensely introspective nature." The exhibition closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

"Cerca" is a Spanish word referring to things nearby, or the process of bringing things closer. It's also the title for a 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 explore common cultural issues. Helen Altman explores the relationship between humans and nature, reality, and fiction by using familiar imagery in "Natural Inclinations." This exhibition features delicate torch drawings of animals, moving blankets painted with illustrations from schoolbooks and field guides, and pyramids of artificial fireplace logs. Altman's show closes on Sunday, February 16, 2003.

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

Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla, some of the most visually breathtaking works of art in the 20th Century are on exhibit in "Christo and Jeanne-Claude in the Vogel Collection from the National Gallery of Art." The artists have used fabric to transcend the traditional bounds of painting, drawing, sculpture, and architecture. Spanning 40 years in the artists' joint career, the exhibition features 61 objects, including several early wrapped packages, models for large-scale public works, preparatory drawings and collages for projects in urban and rural sites, and photographs of completed projects. This show closes on Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Los Angeles-based sculptor Peter Shelton has unveiled his newest work, *ghandiG*, cast in bronze and standing nearly 30 feet high. The work's elongated appendages and truncated torso exemplify the playful anthropomorphic qualities of Shelton's organic creations. The piece, inspired in part by the physique and clothing of Indian statesman Mahatma Gandhi, will remain in the museum's plaza for at least two years.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, Sir John Herschel was a prominent mathematician, astronomer, and scientist of the 19th Century and a friend of William Henry Fox Talbot. Herschel began experimenting with the camera lucida, an optical device used for exact drawing, in 1816. "Sir John Herschel's Camera Lucida

Drawings," continuing through Sunday, January 5, 2003, features a number of his drawings, as well as a camera lucida.

Photojournalist James Nachtwey has spent over 20 years photographing regions in turmoil throughout the world; his work has brought him close to war, racial conflict, famine, and all manner of human rights abuses. The 140-print retrospective "James Nachtwey: Testimony" covers Nachtwey's long career on the front lines of suffering. View the horrors through Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Several large- and medium-format photographs by contemporary South Korean photographer Bohnchang Koo are on exhibit through Sunday, January 12, 2003. Taken from two of his most inspired and minimalist photographic sequences, the "Pencil of Nature" and "White" series, Koo is said to draw heavily from the natural world.

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, the biennial juried international exhibition "Quilt Visions 2002" continues through Sunday, January 5, 2003. The 45 featured art quilts from seven countries were selected from nearly 900 submissions. Take in the exhibit at 704 Pier View Way. Call 760-721-2787 for information. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, postwar designs in America were dominated by curvilinear forms inspired by nature. Just how ubiquitous organic form evolved and made its way into almost every facet of American life during the 1940s and 1950s is explored in "Vital Forms: American Art and Design in the Atomic Age, 1940-1960." With more than 265 items, this exhibition organized by the Brooklyn Museum of Art includes painting, sculpture, architectural photography, fashion, textiles, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, glass, toys, and graphic design. The show, closing on Sunday, January 26, 2003, boasts paintings by Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning, furniture and sculpture by Charles and Ray Eames and Isamu Noguchi, and ceramics by Eva Zeisel, among many other items.

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.

Surveying 100 years of American watercolor, more than 65 works from the museum's collection representing a diverse group of important artists who excelled at the medium are featured in "Mastering the Medium: American Watercolors from the Museum's Collection, 1870-1970." The artists include Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt, John Marin, Charles Burchfield, Childe Hassam, and Stuart Davis, with a special focus on California artists. The show closes on Sunday, January 19, 2003.

Jean-Honoré Fragonard's masterwork *A Young Girl Reading* (circa 1776) serves as the focal point of "Painting Women: From Fragonard to Bouguereau," a gallery installation of 12 paintings of women from the museum's collection. On loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Fragonard's painting presents an image of bravura brushwork and rich color that embodies the painting aesthetics of his time, particularly in how they were applied to the depiction of women. Enjoy these women through Sunday, April 27, 2003.

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.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, originally created for court occasions, diplomatic gifts, and political purposes, sculptures by the 16th-Century sculptor Giambologna were admired for their high quality and incredible detail. An exhibition of bronze sculptures by Giambologna and the artisans and artists who worked in his studio is currently on exhibit. "Giambologna: Sculpture by the Master and His Followers" includes approximately 70 works, with a diverse range of subjects such as animals, historical, and mythological figures. The exhibition closes on Sunday, March 30, 2003.

For 15 years, artist Elizabeth Schlappi and her friend, the late Florence Hord, have created ornaments to decorate the holiday tree in the foyer of the museum. This year's tree features two dozen new handcrafted ornaments by Schlappi, including flags, fish, peacocks, hearts, and Noah's ark. View the adorned tree through December.

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"Growing up was not fun — incredibly miserable, in fact. Once I started doing shows, theater gave me a world that was nonjudgmental."

The San Diego Rep staged its first *Christmas Carol* in 1976, at San Diego City College. Sam Woodhouse directed, Douglas Jacobs wrote the adaptation. Both were recent graduates of Cal Arts. Bernard Baldan, of the legendary Indian Magique company, played Scrooge.

"Doug wrote the part for me," Baldan, now 51, remembers. "This was one of the Rep's first shows. He and Sam pulled from a core of local actors. In a repertory company, you cast what you have: the big guy, he'll play a big guy; the girl, she'll play — wait, I know! — *the girl*. And Bernard'll play Scrooge. Like that."

Woodhouse and Jacobs started the Rep just as Indian Magique was breaking up. Begun around 1973, Magique performed everything from wide, wild comedy to experimental Shakespeare. "We'd done it a long time, and guys wanted to go different ways. When Sam and Doug came on the scene, they admired our risky, aggressive humor. Doug wanted that energy for *Christmas Carol*."

For the first production, on a black stage, the set pieces were ink-drawn, cartoonlike plywood cutouts — "even the turkey." Everything was black and white, "partly because we had no money, and partly because they just looked really cool."

To Baldan, the semi-Victorian costumes were an eye-opener. "Indian Magique used *rags*. Ev-

erything was patchwork and frumpled. *Christmas Carol* was the first time in years my costume fit. Plus, there was this real-life actual wardrobe person taking care of the stuff."

The show was a transition from Indian Magique to the Rep — and also for Baldan. Before Scrooge he saw everything through a comic lens. "I loved making people laugh and had a ball doing theater. I'd have

a ball whether it was Chekhov, *Christmas Carol*, whatever.

"Why? When I was a kid — maybe nine, ten — my parents were inching to a divorce they finally got when I was in high school. So growing up was not fun — incredibly miserable, in fact. Once I started doing shows, theater gave me a world that was nonjudgmental, a world — I hate to say control — I could have input into and could affect its outcome. Also: I could affect *an audience's* outcome. People would walk out transformed in a small or large way. I was completely addicted to that feeling. Completely.

"Some say comedy's just about getting the laugh. But it's much more. Laughter creates an instantaneous bond with an audience. You get in sync with them: a rhythm, ebbing and flowing. You blend. You share the ride. You have total acceptance."

Along with Charlie Chaplin, Groucho Marx,

and Jonathan Winters ("he'd find the humanity of any character, and the humor'd come spilling over"), his heroes include Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd. He loves their "vaudevillian double-takes and cartoonish situations." Given these roots, plus his many skills, it's clear why Jacobs made the original Scrooge a vehicle for Baldan. "I could build any kind of comedy I wanted. No restrictions."

Then came rehearsals. Scrooge was one of the first characters he ever played with a "sincerely dark side." Baldan's impulse was to shelter his audience from it. "I wanted the dark stuff to ring with humor. You know, just have a ball. But when I got to the graveyard scene and the transition scenes, *there weren't any funny bits to play*."

Rehearsals forced him to explore all of Scrooge. "He had this evil side you couldn't ignore. Look at Dickens's world — how children were treated, the poor, like animals. And Scrooge was a *figurehead* in that world! To embrace the character you must embrace that reality. I'd never done that before."

As a member of Indian Magique, Baldan made his own choices ("I could decide, like, *bam!*"). He

never worked with directors, he recalls. He worked "on" them: "I did what I was going to do. In many ways I forced productions around me. With Scrooge I couldn't do that."



Bernard Baldan as Scrooge

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Woodhouse and Jacobs began to suggest other levels besides humor. They never told him what to do, "just possibilities to explore."

Resisting the dark as much as Scrooge does the light, Baldan "clung to comedy like a dear old friend." Jacobs or Woodhouse would point out a comic bit, say something supportive, then ask if there weren't more to the moment, something deeper.

"It was the first time I really was directed, actually collaborated to bring something else to the part." His performance found laughs even in the serious moments, "but with Doug and Sam's help, they became... shaded. In having to relate to Scrooge, *Christmas Carol* helped me grow as an actor."

Not that he slighted comedy. And on opening night, he had a moment beyond the reach of art. "At the end, the narrator's going, 'Scrooge was the greatest old guy,' right? 'And the greatest old town, and the greatest old blah blah blah.' And Scrooge's happy as a clam at high tide, and I'm twirling my little top hat, and I had this little tiny ledger book that was supposed to have all these debts." As each sentence ended he tore out a page, wadded it up, tossed it over his shoulder, and tried to kick it with his right foot.

"It went 'he was such-and-such'; wad-throw-kick; 'and so-and-so'; wad-throw-kick." For the final line, he lobbed a wad over his shoulder, kicked it, and the wad flew back, "right into my three fingers. The audience just went ba-zonkers!"

Could he do it again? "Maybe, but I don't have that many years left."

Reviews raved. The *Reader* sang his praises; the *Daily Transcript* called him "brilliant"; the *Union*, a "bravura" performance, "the glue which sticks the show together."

"Bernard was a great Scrooge," says Douglas Jacobs. "Tragedy is an art. Comedy is a science. Bernard is a scientist of comedy. He spent years studying the great comic actors. I studied Bernard. He and Whoopi were two people I'd watch closely and often come away still wondering, 'How the hell'd they get that laugh?'"

"The scientist doesn't laugh when he sees other comedians. He takes mental notes. Lots of chin-stroking and very little chuckling. I rarely see Bernard laugh at a comedy, unless he's trying to be polite or make an impression on a first date."

"In rehearsals he fussed around, doubted, questioned, and fiddled with everything. Once in front of an audience, though, Bernard was absolutely calm and completely fearless: the deadpan warrior comic."

So how would he, now close in age to the character, perform him today?

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“But then you can’t go home. So if I were to do *Christmas Carol* today” — the scientist dons his lab coat, test tubes bubble — “like, right now? Perhaps a Vegas version: the cigar and martini days of Sinatra and the Rat Pack. And Scrooge owns this big casino, right? And he’s got a huge lock on everybody. They’re all horribly underpaid, no security, and Cratchitt works in, like, the counting room. Yeah! And his wife’s probably schlepping drinks — and maybe the kids are doing a Cirque du Soleil show. Yeah! And Tiny Tim’s, like, this Keno runner? On crutches? So he doesn’t really leave the room, but everybody gives him money ’cause he’s such a good kid.

“Wait, yeah! And semi-Mafioso thugs. They shake you down; only one day of the year they do it for *charity*, right? Like, ‘We’re doin dis fer da kidz.’ Yeah!

“Now...for sets...” ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Ama! and the Night Visitors
Oceanside Academy of the Performing Arts presents Gian-Carlo Menotti’s “inspiring story of how faith, charity, unselfish love, and good deeds can work miracles.”
STAR THEATRE, 402 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY, OCEANSIDE, THROUGH DECEMBER 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 760-721-9983.

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The Lamb’s Players and the Hotel del Coronado present their annual

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Angels Among Us
6th @ Penn Theatre presents Leigh Scarritt’s “holiday treat for all ages” — a musical about a nontraditional family that endures the most tragic event of all. Scarritt directed.
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Aunt Agatha’s Christmas Tea
Lamb’s Players Theatre offers a shorter version of *An American Christmas*, featuring a three-course luncheon, hosted by the irrepressible Aunt Agatha, and having a special focus for children.
GRAND BALLROOM, HOTEL DEL CORONADO, 1500 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, AT 1:00 P.M.

Beehive
Those tall cans of AquaNet spray are back in the spotlight. As are the gigantic domes of hair, worn by the “Hives,” in the Theatre in Old Town’s reprise of its 1992 hit show. *Beehive* celebrates the women singers and “girl groups” of the

1960s. But if you caught only the first half hour, you’d swear something’s amiss. The six talented performers parody every song and vocalist. As in melodrama they exaggerate gestures and tones, from Lesley Gore to the Supremes (who break up before our eyes) and Patti LaBelle (who, when she sold her heart to the “Junkman,” was far more serious than this!). Directed by Paula Kalustian, the production abandons its aura of overkill-silly as the ’60s lose innocence. And the second half includes first-rate solos: especially Renae Mitchell as Aretha Franklin, Lisa Payton-Davis as Tina Turner, and Joy Yandell as Janis Joplin. The show captures some of the texture of the era. Jill K. Mesaros’s costumes are a history lesson (the times weren’t the only thing “a-changin’ ” back then; styles made 180-degree turns about every three years). Jasper Grant’s four-piece band keeps the evening cruising. To the young, however, Nick Reid’s set may require an explanation. What are those big black round things all over the place? Phonograph records. The ones with big holes in the center were 45s. And for the generation of the ’60s, they were minted currency.

Worth a try.
THE THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 5:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M.



Beehive

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.

Chalk It Up to Murder
H.I.T. Productions presents a dinner theater-mystery: life in Cactus

Gulch is pretty much normal, of late, “but things change.”
SHIRLEY’S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

A Christmas Carol
The San Diego Repertory’s annual holiday production returns to Victorian England, featuring tradi-

tional music. Todd Salovey directed.
SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

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Eighth Annual Welk Musical Christmas
The Welk Resort Theatre takes a nostalgic look at yuletide music. This year’s theme: “New York, New York — For the Holidays.”
WELK RESORT THEATRE, THROUGH JANUARY 4; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Friday Night Freeflow
Eveoke Dance theater hosts an evening of works-in-progress and a dialogue “about art and its relationship to social improvement.”
EVEOKE STUDIO, 644 SEVENTH AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-238-1153.

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H.I.T. Productions’ newest interactive mystery. Everyone thinks Aunt Zelda electrocuted poor Uncle Vern while playing “Feelings” on the accordion. Don’t be so sure.
SHIRLEY’S KITCHEN, 7868 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, LA MESA, SATURDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-561-8673.

Holiday Memories
La Jolla Stage Company offers a “family friendly” Christmas production, based on two of Truman Capote’s memoirs of early childhood. Tim Heitman directed.
LA JOLLA STAGE COMPANY, THROUGH DECEMBER 22; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas
The Globe Theatre presents its annual Christmas show — book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin — in which the Green Meanie discovers his humanity. Jack O’Brien directed.
OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH DECEMBER 31; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

Irish Dance Cabaret
Dublin Square Irish Pub & Grille presents “San Diego’s answer to the Celtic wave,” an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, comedy, and song — and a three-course Irish dinner.
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Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol
Jacob Marley’s dead, lo these seven years, and in hell. To get out, he and his “bogle,” a Tinkerbell-like spirit nestled in Marley’s right ear, must effect a “willing and reversible change of heart in Ebenezer Scrooge.” Impossible? Wait.

They have 24 hours. Tom Stoppard went behind-the-scenes with *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, showing *Hamlet* through the eyes of minor courtiers. Tom Mula’s comedy-drama takes a new angle on Charles Dickens’s popular story. Mula’s premise intrigues, as does his pedestrian portrait of hell (“Dante got it wrong; his sinners are operatic”). But his play grafts Marley with all-too-familiar Dickens, and you know where you’re headed long before you arrive. Ron Choularton, who plays Marley and everyone else in the solo piece, has a second difficulty: though vividly descriptive, Mula’s two-hour-long script is wordy, tells multiple stories, and has about five different climaxes. So skip *Marley’s Christmas Carol* for other holiday fare. For theatergoers, maybe, sure, whatever. But theater-lovers take note: Choularton’s performance ranks among the year’s best.

Worth a try.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

Joey and Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding
The Culy Theater hosts “not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater,” as Joey and Maria tie the knot.
CULY THEATER, 338 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Lamb’s Festival of Christmas
“I’ll be home for Christmas — if only in my dreams.” The lyric gets new meaning in resident playwright Kerry Meads’s holiday tale of downtown redevelopment, where the homeless wander outside the grimy store windows of Mike Buckley’s apt set — and rank among the most talented people in town. The spirit of the season encourages some of the haves to walk for the first time “through city streets without blinders.” The story also serves as a vehicle for 20 Christmas songs — which range from Eighth-century Gregorian to Vanda Eggington’s beautiful “Sign of the Dove” (which Lamb’s should include in all future Christmas festivals, please?) — and expressive dance numbers, choreographed by Pamela Turner, performed by Turner and her daughter, Arielle. Along with its savvy regulars (David Cochran Heath, Tracy Hughes, Chris Reber), two rela-

tively new faces shine: Chris O’Byron sings and plays a quality piano and enlivens everything he does; and as the wise Mrs. Riley, a homeless woman, Karen Ann Daniels keeps the audience in the palm of her fingerless gloved hands.

Worth a try.
LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 29; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M.

La Pastorela Nacer de Nuevo
Teatro Mascara Magica’s popular Holiday show, now in its 12th year, follows the shepherd’s journey to Bethlehem. On the way they face temptation and danger — and Jerry Springer? William Virchis directed.
LYCEUM SPACE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH DECEMBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 23) AT 2:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-544-1000.

The Little Match Girl
North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Joe Powers’s adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen’s children’s story.
NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M.

The Mystery of Irma Vep
Charles Ludlam wrote a funny homage to things dark and stormy — werewolves, mummies, bumps in the night — for two actors. At Diversionary Theatre, David McBean and Farhang Pernoon excel in multiple roles, including Lord Edgar and Lady Enid Hillcrest. They perform in a stylistic homage to 19th-century acting (their characters are serious; they just express themselves ornately). Part of the fun, along with trying to follow Ludlam’s circumlocutory plot, comes from watching McBean and Pernoon drift offstage, as one person, then roar back, in seconds, as another — often a different gender, usually a different emotional state (the actors’ backstage schizophrenia must verge on hall-of-mirrors proportions). Aided by three dressers, they make the changes so crisply the show never wanes. Credit for the pace, and much else, including Ludlam’s rich ear for allusions (which range from



Joey and Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding

Francois Villon to B movies) must go to director James Saba, whose deft touch shows that, along with being one of San Diego’s better actors, he’s found a second, much-needed calling. All the designers contribute: David Weiner’s wood-paneled set, Shulamit Nelson’s H. Ryder Haggard costumes, Chris Rynne’s spooky lighting, and, especially George Ye’s sounds, be they rhapsodic 1940s Hollywood violins or fright-flick mood music, which often intrudes like a third actor onstage.

Worth a try.
DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 21; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M.

National Comedy Theatre
ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked Priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of John-

stone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on AstroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a “challenge match” against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit, rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledged failure, abundantly, then forgot it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

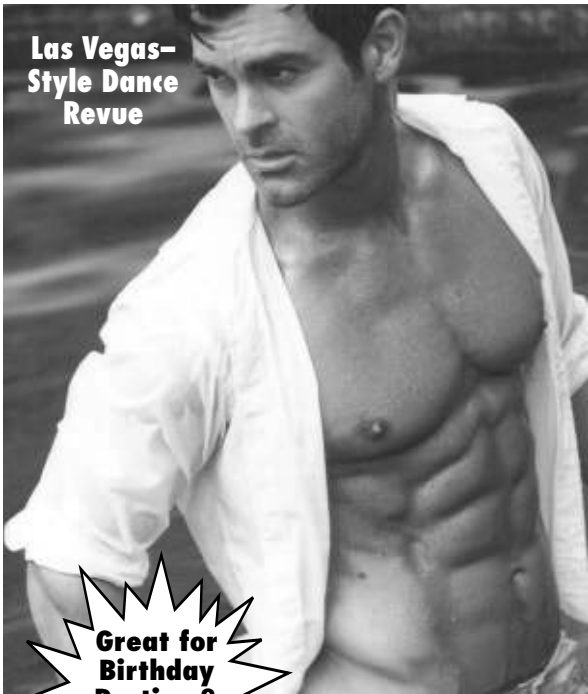
Worth a try.
MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-295-4999.

La Posada Magica
South Coast Repertory Theatre’s ninth annual holiday production — by Octavio Solis, music by Marcos Loya — follows Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging. Diane Rodriguez directed.
ARGYROS STAGE, SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 12:30 P.M. AND 4:30 P.M.

The Producers
The “most awarded show in Broadway history,” based on Mel Brooks’s 1968 movie, comes to the Civic for a limited two-week engagement.
SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, THROUGH JANUARY 12; 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.

Reckless
Rachel’s having such a Christmas Eve-inspired euphoric attack, even the snow outside is probably a nice monster that “will carry us away into a dream.” Not long after that observation, she’s in the snow, wearing housedress and slippers, and tumbling through absurdist scene after absurdist scene. Rachel, who never worked (and whose only irksome trait was a tendency to talk

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a ton), finds herself “unsheltered” and learns that life can be “reckless” with some people — everyone she meets, in fact — and that the past can be a nightmare you “wake up *to* every day.” 6th @ Penn Theatre has a lively, provocative antidote for chipper, holiday theater fare. Craig Lucas’s comedy-drama recalls Bob Dylan’s lyric, “I woke up on the wrong side; daydreaming ’bout the way things really are.” The very funny production, directed by Kevin Burk, has a game, if uneven cast and features Lisel Gorell-Getz as Rachel, a woman turned outside-in. Whether she’s exalting or exhausted, Gorell-Getz is terrific (she runs the entire zodiac of emotions in under two intermissionless hours). So is Lucas’s smart, pell-mell script, especially in showing how a single second can change everything and how attempts to turn things back can repel one farther away.

Worth a try.

6TH @ PENN THEATRE, THROUGH JANUARY 5; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Rocky Horror Show

The Jack Dodge Theatre has extended its run of the “newly revised 2000 Broadway version” of the cult movie about Brad, Janet, and liberating alien abduction. JACK DODGE THEATRE, 335 SIXTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 10:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-231-5949.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene-making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, has written one of the few brilliant books (*Improv*) I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

SWEDENBORGIAN THEATRE, 1531 TYLER AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAYS AT 8:00 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 619-465-SHOW.

The Santaland Diaries

The Globe Theatre offers David Sedaris’s “irreverent antidote” to Christmas shows, an “elfin stand-up routine” about his work at Macy’s as an elf. Brendon Fox directed. CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, THROUGH DECEMBER 24; TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY AT 8:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. (NOTE: THE GLOBE OFFERS 6:00 P.M. SHOWS; FOR INFORMATION CALL THE THEATER, 619-123-1941.)

Seven MORE Weeks of Greeks!

What a great idea! To reacquaint local audiences with the masterworks of ancient Greek drama, 6th @ Penn offers a series of staged readings, produced by Linda Castro and David Cohen. I caught the first, Euripides’ *Medea*, and it was a huge success. The approach is refreshing. There is no attempt at polished work or choices set in stone. Instead, the actors treat the text as if this were the first day of rehearsal: the threshold of exploration. They read in a semicircle. There’s some movement, a suggestion of costumes, and (re)acting, but the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn’t take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows the reading and admission is free — though 6th @ Penn greatly appreciates donations.

Worth a try.

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Silent Night, Lonely Night

Actor’s Asylum Productions presents Robert Anderson’s drama about “two lonely people struggling to get through a personal crisis during the holidays.” William Lawrence Kerr directed. ACTOR’S ASYLUM, THROUGH JANUARY 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

The Sopranos’ Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: “gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun.” CULY THEATRE, 338 SEVENTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL 800-944-JOEY.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy
Hugh Butternutt’s done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — “Grape,” “Scandinavian Blizzard,” or “Mokoko Cocoa Mocha” — Hugh plays ’70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh’s anniversary, got stuck in the ’70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They’re “losers,” they admit, but not “ordinary” ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story

line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There’s also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One’s a whiz at the piano. Another’s a first-rate mime, and the third’s a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficul-

ties to overcome, you wish they’d quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) **Worth a try.**

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"She wouldn't let me stamp her hand, so I just stamped her forehead."

The difference in clubs here and pubs over there," says Ray Aitken, "is that people tend to be a lot more aggressive in Scotland and Ireland, you know. They're not as laid back there as they are here."

Aitken is a native of Scotland, recently transplanted to the Del Mar area. "Here," he says, meaning North County specifically, and the rest of the U.S. in general, "they don't necessarily look for trouble. Everybody's kind of easygoing. Here," he says, "they go to a bar and they have a few more than they should. Then, they'll just start mouthing off. In Scotland, they'll smash a bottle and maybe try to stick it in your face."

Aitken is 33, trim, quick, and gracious. He is wearing a black T-shirt, black jeans, and black American cowboy boots. He loves his job, working as a bouncer for the Surf and Saddle in Solana Beach. He says he loves a good scrap, even though he looks more like a motivational speaker than a security thug. He maintains that "people here, they couldn't fight their way out of a wet paper bag. They really don't know how."

Checking IDs at the door eats up the lion's share of Aitken's working hours. He uses a palm-sized device that reads the information embedded in the magnetic strip on the back of a plastic ID card.

"A real ID'll give you a name and a date of birth. A fake ID'll give you nothing." (Later in the evening, when the thing's batteries run low, it will report my age as 83 instead of 48.) Aitken's thick brogue makes it difficult to understand him sometimes.

"It took me a while to tone it down," he says. "When I first got here, people could barely understand what I'm saying."

So far, it's a slow night. It's early. Aitken stops to card a tanned young woman with the whitest teeth I've ever seen. There's a problem — she can't find her driver's license. After a minute of rooting around in her purse, she offers Aitken her Kaiser hospital card instead. "I've been here before," she pleads. "You remember me, right?"

I brought my mother last time." Aitken, all smiles and impeccable manners, says he remembers, but she does not get in.

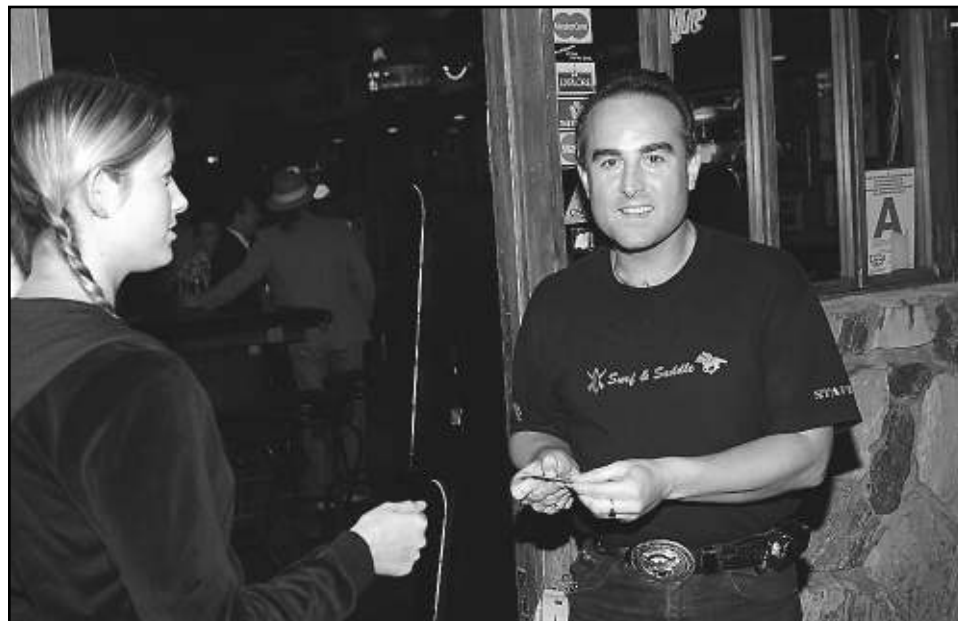
"Three young-looking girls came to the door one night," he tells me later. "Two of 'em looked about 15, and one looked about 12 years of age. So I asked them for their IDs, and they were acting surprised, like, why would you card us? Two of 'em, the

15-year-old-looking ones, I found out they were 21. That was fine. Then the one that looked 12 years old eventually gave me her ID." Aitken says that she turned out to be 22 and was unhappy about being carded. "She's in one hell of a mood. I go to stamp her hand. She's acting very difficult. She wouldn't let me stamp her hand," he says, "so I just stamped her forehead."

I wonder out loud why Scotland has such a reputation for violence. "It gets dark at three o'clock in the afternoon from October to March," Aitken says. "Nine o'clock in the morning it'll be light again. It's raining all the time. It's wet. It's miserable. It's cold. So people are a bit more, you know — they go to pubs looking for trouble." He tells me that pub music therefore is mellow and "tends more toward folk, maybe a single guitarist or a duo," says Aitken. Rock music, he says, is restricted to the more fortified concert halls. There are virtually no Top 40 cover bands sweating up Scottish pub dance floors. "A lot of them stopped playing in the bars in Glasgow," he says, "because it just got too rough."

"Here," Aitken says, looking around the bar, "nobody's prepared to throw the first punch, really. And here, I don't have to put as much force on them here as I did in Scotland."

Aitken claims to have a technique for getting a hooligan (it's a word he uses often) out of the bar quickly and quietly. He demonstrates this technique on me. "You just squeeze the back of the neck just to slightly disable them and pull their hand up the back, behind, and then just move them out of the bar quickly. The moment they try to give force, you just move their hand



Ray Aitken

[the one that he's got turned backward and pulled up parallel to my spine] and just basically walk them to the door. Once you get them out," he says, "they usually come around."

"Then what?"

"I leave them outside," he says.

Still collared and immobilized, Aitken hustles me outside the bar for purposes of demonstration. Sensing movement, patrons sitting outside at the establishment next door look up from their tables. So this is what it feels like, I think, to be trotted up for a public flogging. Aitken twists the arm a little for effect, and I can feel it. People are beginning to stare. Almost instinctively, I look at the ground. But when Aitken releases me, the small audience goes back to eating, and our prior social roles fall back into place.

I wonder if Aitken ever had to actually use this move for real at the bar.

"All the time," he confirms. "Maybe once a night."

"Sometimes," Aitken says of the bar's patrons, "they get *dr-r-r-runk*." (When I say "drunk," it rhymes with "skunk," but when Aitken says "drunk," it is a multisyllabic word full of trills.) "The bartender has to cut them off," he says, "or they'll start fighting with other customers. And the bartender will call me in and tell me, this guy is causing a problem, you know,

he'll have to go. So basically I'll say to him, 'Sir, it's time to leave, you know, the bartender's said you've had too much to drink.'

Aitken relays this as if it was the saddest news on earth. "But sometimes they don't want to leave quietly, and you've got to put on what they call 'reasonable force,' meaning, of course, the Vulcan neck-and-arm twist. This surprises me because the bar, which is not far from expensive neighborhoods, looks to be about as rough as a Ben & Jerry's."

"When you escort a patron out of the bar, and there's an audience of smokers and whatnot, sometimes the one being escorted becomes aggressive. But the minute they lay a hand on me, then I can defend myself any way I see fit. Couple of times, that's happened." Aitken smiles. "As soon as they put a hand on me, I put them down on their back so hard, they're like, whoa!"

He describes a defensive move he calls the Glasgow kiss. "You use the base of your forehead and just smack them up above the nose. I did that once to one guy here. He got right in my face because I had to move him from the bar. And I put him right on his back. And he didn't know what happened. The guy came back the next night," says Ray, "and he had a couple of black eyes." Later in the evening, Aitken will say this: "I'm here to do a job, but I'm not here to be messed with in such a way, you know."

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Aitken is equally generous with his opinions about American women. "On the East Coast, if they like you, and you like them, and you have a conversation over a couple of beers, you're good to go. Here in California, you need to fax them a résumé with a bank statement. They want to know, how much money have you got in the bank and do you drive a Mercedes? What kind of a job do you have? They can be," he says, "a wee bit materialistic at times." ■



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"We had one of our two Christmas shows at the Belly Up Tavern," said 92/1 music director Rick Savage about the nearly sold-

in town called 94/9.' Jack mentions Halloran by name at my *fucking Christmas show!* You don't piss off the station who is playing your record and who is presenting the show! Jack McDowell gives him props when I was the one who added the record after Halloran was long gone."

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the inside track

out show December 3.

"Halfway through [Stickfigure's] set [Mike] Halloran walks in [the Belly Up], shaking hands and kissing babies like he is running for president," Savage explains. "Jack [McDowell, founder of Stickfigure and former major-league pitcher and Cy Young Award winner who lives in Del Mar] sees him onstage and says, 'We'd like to thank 92/1 for their support, and by the way there's also this new station

Savage said he was solely responsible for playing Stickfigure's "Hey Man" on 92/1.

"The thing that really bugs me is that the first week after Halloran got fired, I added Rocket from the Crypt and No Knife. I always said, 'Let's add Rocket,' and Mike kept saying, 'We don't have room.' But Mike gets credit for being the savior of local bands."

Savage and Scott Riggs host 92/1's all-local *Go Loco* show, heard Sundays from 6

to 10 p.m. on 92/1. Halloran created *Go Loco* and hired both Riggs and Savage when



SAVAGE TEARS INTO THE COMPETITION

he launched 92/1 as an alternative station in May 2001. Halloran was fired by 92/1 owner Art Astor as program director and afternoon DJ in September. He now works at FM 94/9.

"I understand he did a lot for blink-182 and Jewel ten years ago," but more recently Savage said he pleaded with Halloran for a month to play music by local band Pinback and "at least a month and a half" to add Finch.

"He gets a lot of credit for stuff he hasn't done," said

Savage.

I note to Savage that I haven't heard "Hey Man" by Stickfigure on 92/1.

"You haven't?" was all he would say.

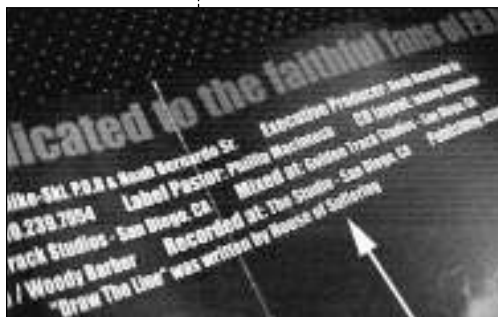
— Ken Leighton

"No comment," says Regis Guerin. "I cannot comment on this case since it seems that we are heading towards a settlement."

Guerin is one of the attorneys for Darryl Blount and Tim Gonzales, who were members of early-1990s hardcore group House of Suffering. Hailing from Chula Vista, HOS influenced countless bands, among them L.A.'s Downset, Rage against the Machine, and San Diego's own Atlantic recording artist Payable on Death.

According to a lawsuit filed by Blount and Gonzales, P.O.D. was so influenced by House of Suffering that they decided to cover a House of Suffering

song, "Draw the Line" — first recorded on House of Suffering's first single — and included the song in their first P.O.D. release, *Snuff the Punk* (Rescue Records 1994, rereleased 2000). It was also released on *P.O.D. Live!* (Rescue Records 1997, rereleased 2000) and *The Warriors* EP (Atlantic/Tooth and Nail 1999). But in these subsequent releases P.O.D. did not credit House of Suffering, allegedly claiming that enough of the lyrics and music had been changed to constitute it a new song and one of their own; however, the title is still the same — "Draw the Line."



P.O.D. GIVES CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Between those three releases, Payable on Death has sold close to 100,000 CDs.

In May of 2002 Blount

and Gonzales sued Atlantic Records, Tooth and Nail Records, Rescue Records, and Payable on Death individually and collectively for copyright infringement, unfair business practices, and defamation. The lawsuit is for \$500,000.

Several attempts to reach Atlantic Records and Payable on Death's attorneys and management team went unanswered.

— Oscar Muñoz

"I heard it described as *Lord of the Flies*," said storeowner Dan Harlan, who owns the Presidio Jewelry near Brick by Brick.

One bystander said that the club's melee on November 29 reminded him of a "National Geographic episode on apes.... The *Union-Tribune* said the number of people was 8 to 10. It was closer to 20 to 25 who were actually involved in physical confrontation."

The eyewitness, who did not want to be identified out of fear of retribution, said one of Brick by Brick's guards was beaten badly enough to be hospitalized.

Harlan said, "I was not there, but I heard that they were yelling at the guard on

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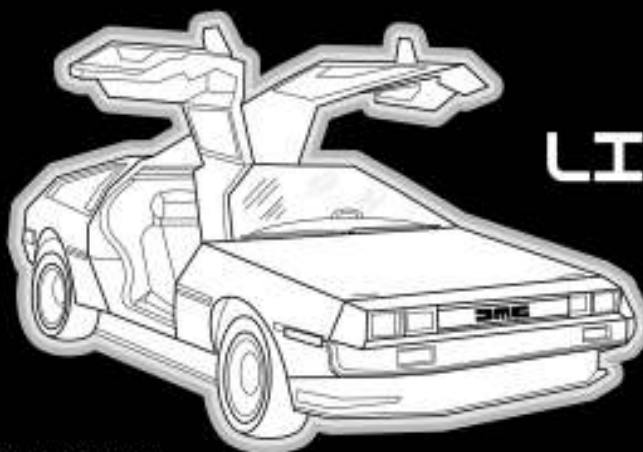
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the ground, saying, 'Kill him, kill him.' One of my front windows was shattered. I had glass spread all over the store."

Harlan said a policeman told him it happened around 2:15 a.m.

"I heard the same group has caused trouble in OB." Harlan said he is not upset with Brick by Brick.

"The guys who currently own the bar are a good group of guys. Compared to what they had in the past, these guys are doing a real good job. The worst thing I see in the morning is vomit or broken beer bottles. I don't see needles."

The November 29 show at Brick by Brick was a benefit for the Washington Street Skate Park. Punk bands Aggression, Lisafer, Shed, and 666 Pack were on the bill.

"It sounded like shit," said the eyewitness, who said about 100 fans attended. "They were all part of the skate park group. I would describe them as a gang for lack of a better word. Every one of them was already drunk. None of them wanted to pay the cover charge. It was supposed to be a fundraiser for their skate park, but none of them wanted to pay."

He said patrons were asked to leave after one person "acted like a human bowling ball and rolled into the patrons." Once outside, he said the crowd overwhelmed the five guards who work for Brick by Brick. "It was a mob mentality. They started throwing skateboard decks at us."

— Ken Leighton

Pokeez owner Rafa Reyes is glad he's back in the music business. Pokeez, on the corner of Tenth and E, used to host live bands for all-age crowds from its opening in 1994 until 2000. But two years ago, his restaurant

dropped bands and DJs. Reyes blamed it on "small-minded [neighbors who] didn't like the way the kids looked."

Earlier this year Reyes



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NEW UNDER-21 CLUB IN JANUARY

rented the next-door spaces that formerly housed a smoke shop and a yoga center. He soundproofed the combined rooms and on Halloween night opened the Roseary Room, which presents bands, DJs, and beer and wine to those over 21.

"We can have bands for kids [under 21], but we have

to do it during the day.... We'll start doing it after the first of the year."

Reyes says the Roseary Room is just for music, and Pokeez is only for food and nonalcoholic drinks.

Reyes said the neighbors who used to complain when Pokeez had music have not complained with the Roseary Room.

Local bands Tristeza, Via Satellite, Upsilon Acrux, the Deere Johns, and Gunfighter have so far played the Roseary Room.

"I hardly do cover [charges]," said Reyes. "Only if the band is touring and needs money for gas.... We had the Stretch Marks from Kansas City."

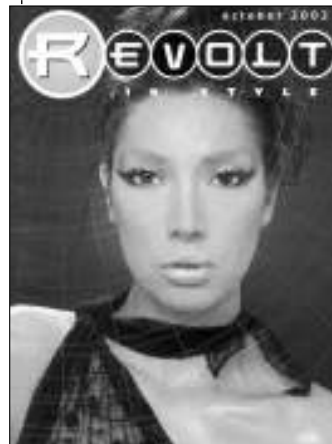
At 9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays (including tonight), the Roseary Room presents Nuits Africaines, an Afro-beat song-and-dance group, free. The next live band dates include local band Robot Ate Me, January 18, and Mantra from Japan, January 19.

— Ken Leighton

"It's up for sale."

Editor John Shore said that's the reason *Revolt in Style*

hasn't been published since October. He was brought in by publisher Nick Harbaugh last summer to steer *Revolt* in a new editorial direction.



THE "REVOLT" IS OVER

After putting out two issues (September and October), Shore said Harbaugh decided to halt production, put *Revolt* up for sale, and launch a new magazine dedicated to downtown.

The glossy *San Diego Downtown* magazine debuted two weeks ago. Shore, a former editor of *SLAMM* magazine, said, "We felt like we could do better with a cleaner, more mature

publication."

The new magazine does not use the services of Jason Riggs, part-time 91X DJ, who was music editor of *Revolt*.

"Because we're just starting, we don't yet have the space to commit to any material that's not specifically about downtown," said Shore. "I plan on having a music section once we're large enough to accommodate that feature."

Founder Trevor Watson said he launched *Revolt in Style* in 1980 as the local "manual of hip." He left four years ago. Thaddeus Temple and Harbaugh ran the magazine for two and half years after that. Temple left *Revolt* earlier this year.

In a *San Diego Reader* interview in 2000, Temple said publishing *Revolt* the year before was not easy. "We were losing \$1000 a month."

— Ken Leighton

I had a free pair of tickets to see Peter Gabriel, but instead of suffering through the poor sound at the Sports Arena, I opted to pay 15 bucks and see Glenn Tilbrook (lead singer of Squeeze) at the Casbah

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December 8. It was an intimate show — 50 people max. One guy yelled out a song, and Glenn said, “Chris [Difford] sings that. I don’t do it well. But you can come up here and sing it, and I’ll play guitar for ya.” The fan didn’t take him up on his offer.

The show was being filmed for a special to run on VH1. When he sang “Pulling Mussels (From the Shell),” he came into the crowd and insisted we all leave our seats and surround him. His acoustic guitar was now unplugged, and we were inches from him. When the song finished, he suggested we follow him for a jog around the block. He went into “Goodbye Girl,” and we ran behind him as he played and sang running around. It looked like something out of a Monkees episode. He ended up standing in the middle of Kettner Boulevard singing the song. It was midnight, and only a few cars drove by, changing lanes to get around the crowd. At one point he was lying in the street

strumming his 12-string.

I said to Tilbrook after the show, “That was like the Beatles playing on Abbey Road, except those fans didn’t have to dodge cars.”

He laughed and said, “It was a good bit of exercise though. We got to get out of the club for a bit.”

— Josh Board



TILBROOK TAKES HIS FANS FOR A JOG

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Carolyn Tipton has alerted other record store owners to be on the lookout for stolen CD collections of John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Björk, the Band, and the Doors. At 3 a.m. on

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November 23 someone broke the seven- by eight-foot front window of her North Park record store, the Muse, and took all 12 of her collector’s edition CD albums. She estimates the loss at \$800.

In spite of the vandalism and robbery, she said she is still glad she moved her store (formerly called Spin Records) from Oceanside to North Park, even though her Oceanside store wasn’t vandalized once in five years.

“It’s a better music scene here. People [in North Park] are a lot more friendly. We’re selling tons of vinyl. In Oceanside most people only wanted Top 40.”

Tipton said product theft surprisingly is not a problem when the Muse holds up to 80 people to see bands play at

in-store concerts.

The Muse has hosted five such shows since opening in September with local bands like the Tori Cobras, Mannequin Piss, and Sun Hypnotic.

“But the other day I did notice I was missing all my CD covers for Led Zeppelin, Björk, and the Pixies. I don’t put the actual CDs out in the store. I keep them behind the counter. But what happens is a kid may steal someone’s CD envelope with all their CDs, and they want the jewel boxes to go with the stolen CDs so they can resell them.”

Tipton said she now has a suspect, has contacted police, and is pressing charges.

The next free-admission live show at the Muse is 9

p.m. December 28 with the Mites.

— Ken Leighton

“The police said he was going at a very high rate of speed when his car hit a bump and went 40 feet in the air. It hit the ground and rolled numerous times.”

Jordan Adams, 18, was talking about the last moments in life of his big brother Jarrod, 23. The accident took place around 2:30 a.m., December 8 on Vulcan Drive in Leucadia.

“He ended up in somebody’s front yard. He was killed instantly. They said there was no pain.”

Jarrod Adams played in a four-piece North County band called Sunday Drive, which released a six-song EP

on the Accident Prone record label. Accident Prone is organizing an acoustic tribute show on Saturday in honor of Jarrod. Everyone in attendance gets a nine-song CD of the Sunday Drive tunes already released and three more that were recorded but not released. Also appearing at the free-admission acoustic show are Maudlin, Pound 51, and members of the Classified. The show is 7 p.m. at the Metaphor Café in Escondido. For more information:

www.accidentprone.com.

— Ken Leighton

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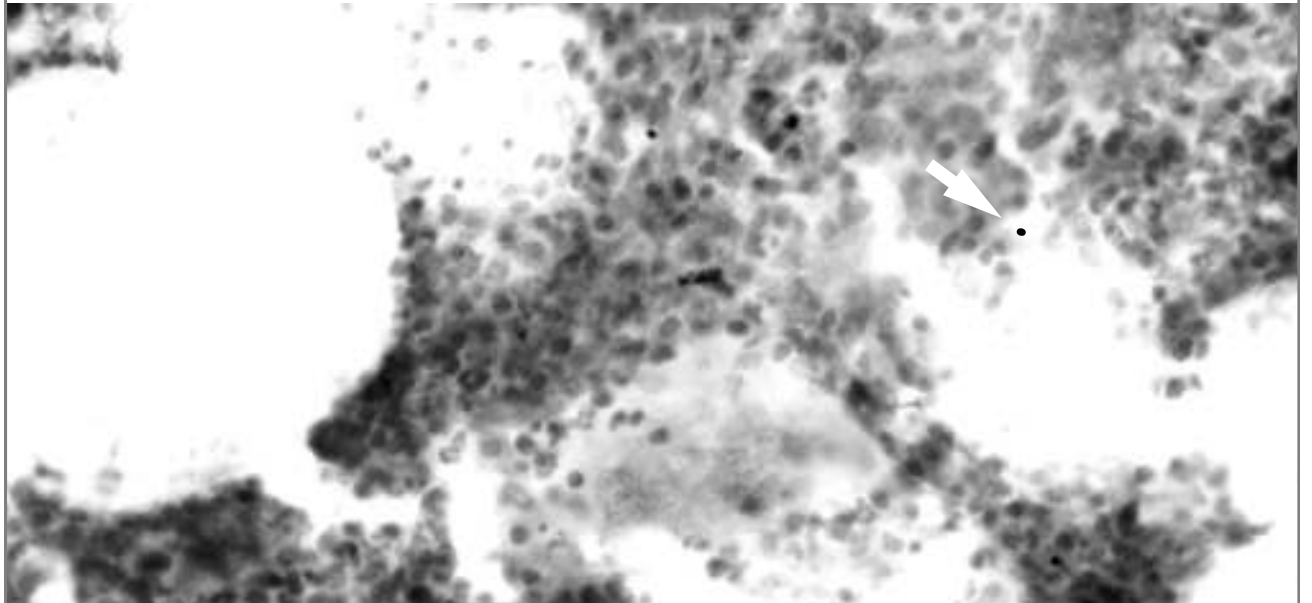
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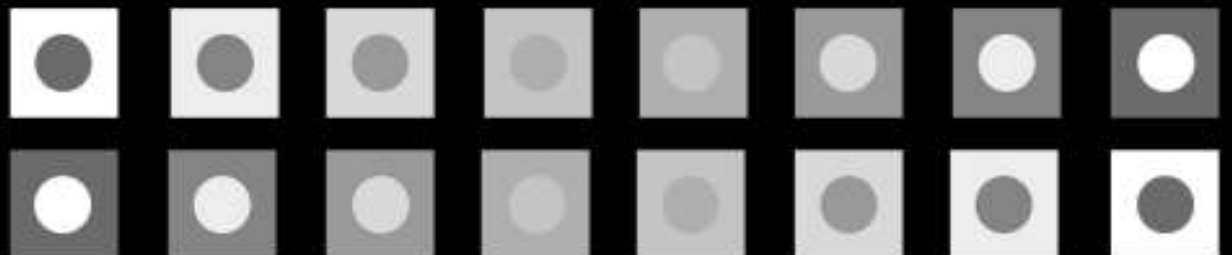
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No two peoples are more opposed in temperament than the Hawaiian (easygoing) and the Prussian (not).

I caught a solo ukulele performance the other day at a noon concert. The performer was one Jake Shimabukuro, a young, relentlessly cheerful ukulele virtuoso who appears to have earned a large commercial success (so far as ukulele virtuosos go) as a soloist and leader of a group called Colon, voted 2001's "Favorite Entertainer of the Year" — by whom, it was unclear but probably someone having to do with the Hawaiian musical world. Shimabukuro has also won four Hoku awards, the Hawaiian equivalent of the Grammy. Such is his renown that he was asked to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a recent Pro Bowl in Honolulu. Jake and his people are not at all shy about sharing their plaudits and honors.

Jake gets an extraordinary amount of volume from that little, four-string relative of the guitar. He fairly attacks the instrument, and I was mildly surprised he didn't break a string or two. He is a performer more interested in showmanship than the music, per se, but in the course of his medleys, which cover pop standards, flamenco, blues, rock, and even Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," he explores the entire compass of this curious little instrument, endowing it with a far broader range than one might ever have imagined.

The ukulele is a descendant of the *cavaquinho* guitar, a small guitar introduced to Hawaii by Portuguese immigrants in the 19th Century, where it gained its name — literally, "little flea" — allegedly the nickname of a local Hawaiian

performer who had taken to the instrument. It gained a foothold and popularity on the mainland by 1916 or so and became familiar to American audiences ever after, usually associated with the Hawaiian "sound." Arthur Godfrey, that miserable SOB, who wrecked Julius La Rosa's career among other unpleasantnesses, liked to play the ukulele on his nationally syndicated daytime variety show in the 1950s.

The ukulele is half the size of a traditional guitar. It has rear tuning pegs, 12 frets, and is strummed with the nails and fingertips. Young Jake, who beams like a senior Moonie operative or Mr. Personality of Sigma Delta Phi, circa 1995, actually picked a few notes with his teeth. The ukulele is part of a family of small guitars, through the *cavaquinho*, that includes the *charango* (of the Andes, traditionally with the body of an armadillo), the *cuatro* (four strings), the *guitarillo*, *requinto*, *tiple*, *jaruna* (Mexico), *vihuela*, and the German-made *Terz-gitarre*, tuned a third higher than the ordinary guitar. Traditionally, these little

guitars play melody, while the larger, deeper-sounding guitars play chords and bass.

Many Hawaiian children grow up playing the ukulele, and there were more Polynesians in the room that day than I've seen outside of Hawaii or New Zealand. An unusual proportion of East Asians as well. They were enjoying

themselves quite a bit. I wasn't, especially. Jake has put together a Vegas-style act, a Hawaiian Wayne Newton, at least in his manner and choice of material. I am not unfamiliar with the Hawaiian Aloha spirit, but this was a bit much. Of course, I don't know that Wayne can play anything but the microphone and the ponies, and Mr. Shimabukuro could play a lot of ukulele, let me tell you. I should add that there were plenty of Caucasians in the audience, and since this was a medical facility, they were all doctors and nurses. Maybe they were ukulele fans; maybe they noticed Jake's band was called *Colon*. It made me wonder if there were dozens of bewildered gastroenterologists in there wondering what all they'd gotten themselves into.

There is Hawaiian guitar music worth listening to, even if I think Mr. Personality, the ukulele wonder Jake Shimabukuro, isn't. The "slack key" guitar, with its slackened strings providing an open chord and simplified tuning (as suits the entire Hawaiian experience) has a distinct sound many probably associate with the blues, but, in fact, this particular slack-key sound originated in Hawaii. Likewise the steel guitar, developed from the slack

model and played horizontally, strings facing upward. Thought the Nashville crowd dreamed this up, did you? Nope. And the slide or bottleneck style of rural bluesmen? Well, some creative Delta souls may have dreamed it up on their own, but in general its origins are Hawaiian as well: a steel rod pressed along steel strings, generating that distinctive sliding sound, somehow found

its way into African-American ears around the beginning of the 20th Century.

That distinctive Hawaiian sound would have its roots in ancient chants and drum dances. Like

most colonized societies, that traditional music was bred with the song forms, harmonies, and instrumentation of its colonizers.

A curious development transpired at the end of the 19th Century when the Hawaiian royal

family created the Royal Hawaiian Band and hired the celebrated Prussian army bandleader Henry Berger. Now, this is more than passing strange. Having visited both places, I can testify that no two peoples are more opposed in temperament than the Hawaiian (easygoing) and the Prussian (not).

Regardless, what we now think of as Hawaiian music, the

Hawaiian sound, came out of this bizarre conjunction, with its marrying of traditional Hawaiian song (out of the hula tradition) and English lyrics. The result is called *hapa haole* ("half-white"). It was also around this time that Hawaiians developed their slack-key open tuning called *Ki Ho'alu* after a gent by the name of Joseph Kekuku, a student on Oahu, made the discovery that by sliding a hard object along the strings after they'd been plucked, you get a distinctive *glissando*. Many readers probably first heard this sound in the late '60s from British electrified rockers such as Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, John Mayall, and Keith Richards, who would have heard it first in the blues of Mississippi Delta musicians. And who's to say some inventive field hand, while noodling around on his guitar one Sunday afternoon, with the neck of a broken beer bottle snug over a middle finger on his left hand, didn't come upon the notion on his own and exclaim to himself, "Golly, now *that's* interesting!" ■



Keith Richards



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Sleepytime Gorilla Museum, Skeleton Key, and ZZZZX: The Casbah, Thursday, December 19, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

FRIDAY

The and/or [227], **Sin Sin '77**, A.M. **Vibe**, and the **Peppermints:** The Casbah, Friday, December 20, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Ozomatli [228] and the **Peak Show:** Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, 9:15 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or 858-481-8140.

MONDAY

"El Vez [834]: **The Christmas Show**": The Casbah, Monday, December 23, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

DECEMBER

Billy Idol [488]: 4th & B, Thursday, December 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys [343], **Deke Dickerson & the Ecco-Fonics**, and **Todd Stedman & the Fat Tones:** The Casbah, Saturday, December 28, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355.

Zebrahead [521], **Lefty**, and **Super Bright Light:** 'Canes Bar and Grill, Sunday, December 29, 7 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

The Rugburns [263], A.M. **Vibe**, **Vertibird** [169], and **Anya Marina** [118]: The Casbah, Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-4355 or 619-220-8497.

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Etta James [938]: Belly Up Tavern,
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Tristeza [300], **Ilya** [204], and **Loop
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9, 8:30 p.m., 2501 Kettner Boulevard,
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Foghat [503]: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Friday, January 10,
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Erykah Badu [931]: Belly Up Tavern,
Wednesday, January 15, 9 p.m., 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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Creeper Lagoon [485] and
Lualta [124]: The Casbah,
Wednesday, January 15, 8:30 p.m.,
2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown.
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Rita Coolidge: Sycuan Casino
Showcase Theatre, Thursday, January
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Poncho Sanchez [646]: Belly Up
Tavern, Thursday, January 16,
8:30 p.m., 143 South Cedros Avenue,
Solana Beach. 619-220-8497 or
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Habib Koité & Bamada: Mandeville
Auditorium, Friday, January 17,
7:30 p.m., UCSD campus, La Jolla.
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Pinback [398]: The Casbah, Friday,
January 17, and Saturday, January 18,
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy [647]: Viejas
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**Robert Walter's 20th
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Rocket from the Crypt /237/: The
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Pennywise /159/: San Diego Sports
Arena, Friday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.,
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The Blind Boys of Alabama /927/:
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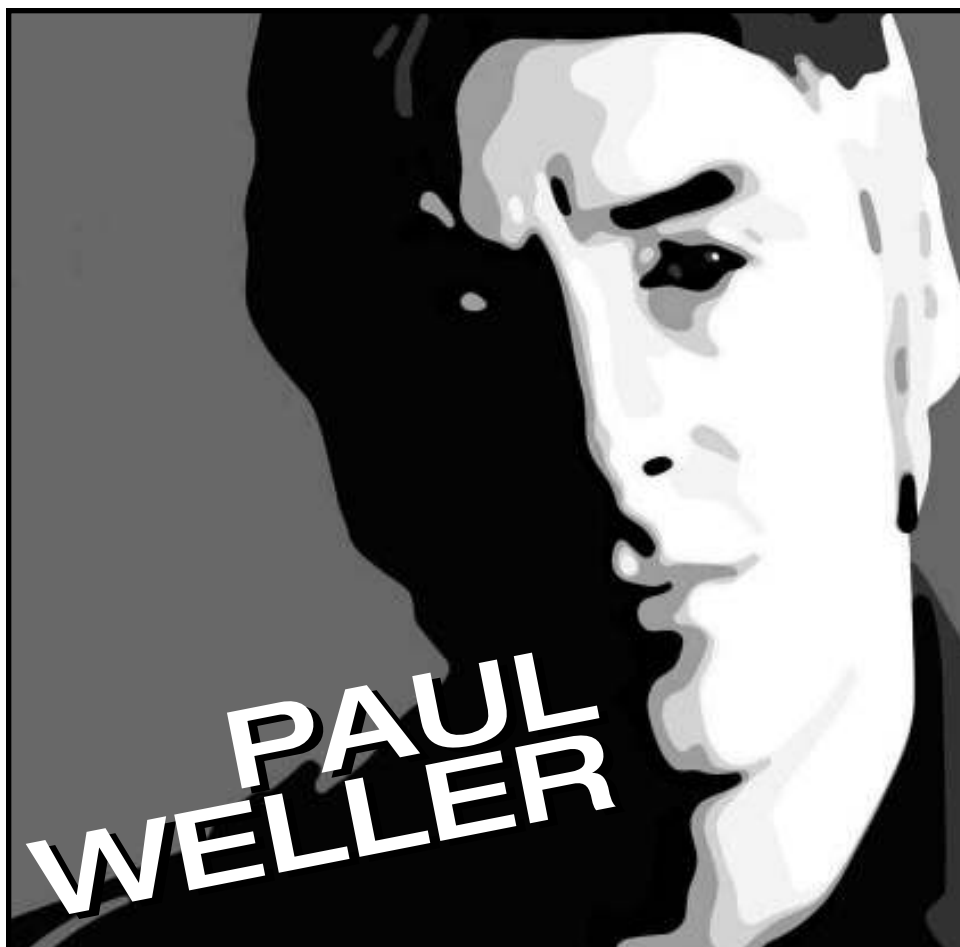
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The and/or's [227]: The Casbah
Arraya: The Casbah
The Big Provider: Tiki House
Blint: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
Burl Jives: Brick By Brick
Bus Driver: Blind Melons
Call Box: Brick By Brick
Canobliss: Dream Street
Chaotic Order: Vista Entertainment Center
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Die Princess Die: The Casbah
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Drama Bomb: Brick By Brick
Dumbfound: The Scene
Edify: Soma
Fifth Wheel: Epicentre
Fore Dayz: Brick By Brick
Fortress: The Playhouse
Generation: Soma
The Glossines [134]: The Casbah
Idle Train [112]: Fannie's, O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
The Iron Maidens: Vista Entertainment Center
Jacky Jasper: Canes Bar and Grill
The Kidney Thieves: Soma
Lennon: Soma
Mark Lewis & Positive Theory: Club Montage
Life Hates Me: Soma
Lo-Key: Epicentre
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Lovelight Shine: The Kensington Club
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Roulette: The Scene

Saturday's Child: Soma

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Season of Decay: Dream Street

77: The Playhouse

Simply Complex: Surf N'Saddle

Sin Sin '77: The Casbah

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Sleepytime Gorilla Museum: The Casbah

Slew Foot: Brick By Brick

Smile /382/: The Casbah

Souls & Syzygy: Winstons

Sunblind: Soma

Tall: Brick By Brick

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Universe: Blind Melons

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Voodoo Organist: The Casbah

The Walking: Lestat's Coffeehouse

The Warrior Finches: The Scene

Wither: Vista Entertainment Center

Zion I: Canes Bar and Grill

ZZYZX: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Absinthe: Bayou Bar & Grill

The Abuse /441/: Dream Street

Ban Diego: Pal Joey's

Baywolf /460/: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Joey Bowen Band /498/: Winstons

The Bumpin' Uglies: Surf N'Saddle

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EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

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EXTENSION 4005

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Agua Dulce /711/: The Kensington
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/452/: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

The Keith Methven Band: Borders
Books and Music (Mission Valley)

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/:
Hotel del Coronado

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Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice: Loew's
Coronado Bay Resort

The Sue Palmer Trio /641/: The
Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Jazz Bar, Belly
Up Tavern

Project Jazz: Cannibal Bar

Reel to Real: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Costa Coffee Roasting
Co.

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band:
The Inn Suites

Stellita: The Wyndham Emerald Plaza

Matthew Stewart: Dizzy's

Joe Tarrantino: The Wyndham
Emerald Plaza

Rob Thorsen: Dizzy's

Torre & Novelli: Elario's Bistro & Sky
Lounge

Trio du Jour: The Beach House

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The Vanguard Players: Bayou Bar
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Yavaz: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Bredren: Victor's Restaurant & Bar,
The Scene

Crucial: The Scene

Diego Roots: Blind Melons

Jah Judah: Dream Street

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Quino: Humphrey's

Quino & Soul Shakedown: Dizzy's

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Bottom (Gaslamp)

Star Shak: Henry's Pub

Stranger: The Scene

The Tribe of Kings: The Scene

The Iniversal Saints: The Scene

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

Kennard & Miller: Don's Cocktail
Lounge

Ty Nelson: Borders Books & Music
(Carmel Mountain)

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Berkley Hart /880/: Humphrey's

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Joe Byrnes: Blarney Stone Pub

Hernan Cattaneo: 4th & B

Compton Foster: Blind Melons

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El Vez /834/: The Casbah

The Hatchet Brothers: The Ould Sod

The Justin Brothers: The Beach
House

La Tanya Lockett: Dizzy's

Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's
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John Lowery: La Costa Coffee
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Bill Mayes /836/: Hot Monkey Love
Cafe

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Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B

P.J. Olsson: Winstons

Pass the Peas: Galoka

Marlow Angela Patua: Lestat's
Coffeehouse

Tommy Price: Kelly's Pub

Ron & Gonzo: Hennessy's Tavern
(Carlsbad)

Lisa Sanders /893/: Lestat's
Coffeehouse

Satish & Don: Miracles Cafe

Chuck Schiele: Dizzy's

The Strange Woods /821/: The
Camelot Inn

Gene Warren: The Ould Sod

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

Bayou Bros. /948/: Patrick's II

Blues Brokers: Patrick's II

Buddy Blue /963/: Tio Leo's Lounge

Chill Boy: The Kraken

D.C. Blues: Patrick's II

Dejablu: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge

The Fremonts: Tiki House

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen /912/: Croce's
Top Hat Bar and Grille

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Band**: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Bill Magee Blues Band /947/:
The Kraken

Kymberlee Maxine: Elario's Bistro &
Sky Lounge

Mississippi Mudd: Patrick's II

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors
/910/: The Kraken

Nite Life /934/: O'Connell's Pub and
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Jerry Rainey: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Rockin' Blues Hounds: On The
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The Small Town Heroes: The
Gordon Biersch Brewery

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

**Earl Thomas & the Blues
Ambassadors** /946/: Winstons

Jonny Viau and the Blue Allstars
/920/: Patrick's II

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

Julio de la Huerta: The Westgate
Hotel

DJ Valo: Sevilla

The Drop Science /988/: The Casbah

Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant

Karen Giorgio: The Westgate Hotel

Joe Guevara: Bayou Bar & Grill

Kjell Holmes /994/: Edelweiss
Restaurant

Honey Bucket /986/: Blind Melons

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Gordon Kohl /983/: Edelweiss
Restaurant

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UNDERGROUND DANCE CLUBS

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Acapulco: Saturdays, in the cantina, *Comfort Zone*, DJ Primo mixes hip-hop, old skool, classic rock, and Top 40. 8998 Miramar Road, Mira Mesa, 858-578-6390.

Bar Dynamite: Thursdays, *Ladies' Night*, DJ Iron Mike spins hip-hop, soul, breaks, and dancehall. No cover; 21 and up. 1808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-295-8743.

BK Lounge: Fridays, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, and R&B. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Beneath Buffalo Joe's, corner of Fifth and Market, Gaslamp, 619-236-1616. Information, 619-998-4336.

Brown Sugar: Fridays, good vibes and urban music with DJ Myxzlplix. The Brass Rail, 3796 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-2233.

Cathedral: Saturdays, cyberpunk, future pop, tribal, neo-folk, dark techno, Goth, industrial, and more. Open midnight; 18 and up with ID. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720.

Club '80s: Thursdays, DJs Bryan Pollard, Muckley, and Adam Z spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-465-5827.



BY DAVE GOOD

Thursday night at the Kraken, the same night as the Stones, and the place is nearly empty. **Jeff Moore and the Witchdoctors** will play anyway, to a handful of mostly fellow musicians who know what they are getting — jazz-blues fusion and pure rock charisma from a master guitarist. Moore, said to have gigged once with the Neville Brothers, is also no slouch in the sound reinforcement department. Earplugs would not be wasted here. He plays loud through a VibroLux Reverb or a Vox AC 30 with a Leslie speaker cabinet turned sideways and an Ampeg 100-watt head powering it. Moore and his trio kick off the evening with an extended fusion jam that Jeff Beck might have played. A couple eventually find the dance floor and begin pushing each other around like feral animals in the darkness.

Club '80s II: Fridays (except the first of the month), DJs Bryan Pollard, Adam Z, and Kurt Heilige spin '80s music, new wave, synthpop, and new romantic. 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 18 and up. Club Xanth, 4225 30th Street (at El Cajon Boulevard), North Park, 619-584-2720. Information, 619-465-5827.

Club 911: Fridays and Saturdays, Top 40, hip-hop, house, and trance featuring "Goliath," San Diego's most powerful sound system. 18 and up. Red Mill Entertainment Complex, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. Information, 619-441-1800.

Club Tropics: Thursdays, DJ Kool T spins Latin, freestyle, house, and hip-hop. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-9402.

Darkwave Garden: Every second and fourth Saturday, gothic, ethereal, electro, fetish, and dance; 21 and up. Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, uptown, 619-296-6789. Information, 619-465-5827.

Fluid: Saturdays, dance, hip-hop, and house. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. 'Canes Bar and Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.

Fusion Young Adult Laser Dance Club: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and Latin house; DJ Battle spins trance, progressive house, and jungle on the patio. Thursday, December 26, *After-Christmas party*. Tuesday, December 31, *New Year's Eve Jam 2003*. High school and college students admitted. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido, 760-741-9393.

Neon Beat: Mondays, DJ Eternalux and Abe spin '80s new wave, hits, misses, and obscure. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-284-2848.

The Pompeii Room: Fridays and Saturdays, world-class DJs spin house, hip-hop, and dance classics. Tuesday, December 31, *New Year's Eve Jam 2003*. 740 Nordahl Road, San Marcos, 760-737-5040.

Pure: Saturdays, *Liquid*, ladies' night, resident DJ Showtime spins hip-hop and Top 40. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; 21 and up. 8125 Balboa Avenue (at

Highway 163), Kearny Mesa, 858-538-PURE (7873).

Sabbat: Saturdays, DJs Eric Hart, Marc Brueland, and Adam Atom. Dark electro, gothic, darkwave, industrial, and fetish. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, San Diego, 619-574-0744. Information, 619-743-1623.

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. Information, 619-998-4336.

Studio West: Three Saturdays per month, hip-hop, old skool, R&B, and NYC house with DJ Bob One and DJ Van; 21 and up. Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4131.

Therapy: Industrial, EBM, electro, ethereal, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, DeKay, Creep, and guests. The first Friday of every month at the Blue Agave, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., 6608 Mission Gorge Road, Allied Gardens, 619-521-3194. Remaining



JEFF MOORE

and we leave in mid-set. Outside, a posse of Harleys is pulling in out of the fog on the 101. They are a good match for the thunder pouring out of the Kraken's open front door.

(To hear a sample of **Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors**, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4910.)

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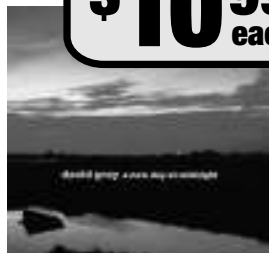


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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *the Pretenders*, rock. Friday, *the New Breed Band*, pop, jazz. Saturday, *the Stiletos*, rockabilly. Sunday, *Hera's Olive*, rock.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 7:30 pm, *the Grossmont College Jazz Big Band*. Friday, 8 pm, *Indie by Design, Danielle LoPresti & the Masses, Matthew Stewart, Chuck Schiele, and LaTanya Lockett*. Saturday, 8:30 pm to 11 pm, *Brian Levy, Gilbert Castellanos, and Rob Thorsen*, jazz. Sunday, 8 pm, *Quino & Soul Shakedown*, reggae, soul.

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Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Wednesday, *the David Patrone Quartet*, jazz.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Thursday, *Mississippi Mudd*. Friday, *Teresa Russell & Cocobilli*. Saturday, *Blues Brokers*. Sunday, *Jonny Viau and the Blue Allstars*. Monday, *D.C. Blues*. Tuesday, call club for information. Wednesday, *Bayou Bros*.

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Thursday, *the San Diego Island Boys*, reggae. Friday, *80z Enough*, pop. Saturday, *Jungle Boogie*, pop.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Music is Latin. Thursday, *Primo*. Wednesday, *DJ Valo*.

U.S. Grant Hotel, 326 Broadway, downtown. 619-232-3121. Lounge: Friday and Saturday, *Ches Wesley*, contemporary piano.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm, *Fran Loskota*, piano and vocals. Monday, 8 pm, *Julio de la Huerta*, guitar and vocals. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 pm, *Karen Giorgio*, piano and vocals.

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Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 pm, *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes, or Vicki Eriqat*, European and ethnic accordion.

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Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 pm, *Barbara Jamerson*, jazz.

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Loew's Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado. 619-424-4000. Cays Lounge: Friday and Saturday, 8 pm to midnight, *Mario Oliveras & Latin Spice*, Latin jazz.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, *Baywolf*, classic rock. Friday, *the Jackson 3*, rock. Saturday, *the Rockin' Blues Hounds*.

NightSpotting

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\$10 (18 bottles); sign said mixed drinks \$1.99 on Monday and Tuesday; another sign said "3 for 1 mixed drinks," but the waiter said, "Two for one, at \$3.50 each"

FOOD ► they have a "taco shop" with a variety of tacos

ACCESS ► Revolución is a half-mile from the border; I took a taxi for six dollars (same price even if you have four people); if you take the trolley, it drops you off right at the border; parking lots on U.S. side are \$7-\$10 for all night. If you drive 805 or 5 south to the border, stay in the two left lanes as you cross the border, and signs will guide you

DRESS ► casual

DANCE FLOOR ► two dance floors; one 20' x 50', another around 20' x 20'

BATHROOMS ► it smelled more like urine on the street; bathrooms were clean, freshly painted green; men's had three stalls and ten-foot-long trough; one small mirror that was shattered; two sinks (one without soap); women's had four stalls with pink toilets and a large mirror, no graffiti

CAPACITY ► 500

SPECIAL AREAS ► three pool tables (\$3 for an hour) and Foosball near an area that sold T-shirts for \$10 and Cuban cigars from \$6 to \$10 (they are illegal in the U.S. because of the trade embargo)

FURNISHINGS ► four benches near the dance floor (nobody sitting on them, the music was so loud in that area); 50 small tables inside; 20 tables upstairs; lots of colored lights in the dark place; ten tables along outside patio where you can view all the activity on Revolución; four TVs

DECIBEL LEVEL ► 112 from 20 feet away from speakers; 86 last

week at Jolt'n Joe's

QUOTABLE ► "Dude, that burp was nasty! It smelled like carne asada burrito."

The doormen blow whistles as they walk you upstairs into the club, and they come around blowing them before they knock shots down people's throats. In high school, we thought that was so fun to watch. As adults, it seemed annoying that the waiter kept asking us to do a shot and then blowing that damn whistle.

There's guys whistling everywhere on the streets nearby and offering deals like "free tequila shots" or "We'll let the lady drink free all night." One club nearby whose hawkers claimed ladies drink free still charged the woman I was with for her drinks. When we asked why, the waiter said, "Ah, well, ah, it's only mixed drinks she gets for free, not beer."

— Josh Board

2444. Friday and Saturday, *Kennard & Miller*, country.

Fannie's, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Idle Train*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 pm, *the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band* featuring *Jo Dark*.

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When it comes to entertaining friends and family flying in for the holidays, I have a short list. This year, that list grew by one.

Since the holidays are hectic enough, I look for a restaurant that's comfortable, gracious, and good-looking, with tasty food and sufficient scenic pizzazz to show off San Diego at its sweetest. I set my sights on Sally's this time, and I wasn't disappointed.

The restaurant is rather obscurely located on an isolated plaza between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, its patio sporting a splendid view of the marina. Sally's classically French-trained chef, Stephane Voitzwinkler, hails from Alsace but finds Provence's lighter, sunnier cuisine a better fit for California. The first sign of the high-quality meal to come showed up immediately, with the bread basket — warm, chewy rolls accompanied by a ramekin of sweet, ripe peeled tomatoes with fresh herbs and a touch of garlic in extra-virgin olive oil. The tomatoes could have come out of my own garden two months ago. How Voitzwinkler procured these prodigies in December defies explanation.

What really sold me on Sally's was the crab cakes, the chef's masterpiece. While it's too late for me to shoehorn them into the upcoming "Best Of" issue, I have to pronounce them the best crab cakes I've ever tasted, so pardon me if I rave on. Elegantly simple, they're made of fresh (never frozen) sweet Maryland blue crabmeat, in slices and chunks large enough to really savor, seasoned with Old Bay and Italian parsley, lightly bound with mayo and dusted with panko. It's what's left out that counts: There's no breadly filler, no aggressive onions or peppers to muck up the pure ocean flavor. Alongside comes a *remoulade* (similar to tartar sauce) made of mayo and a touch of Dijon, dotted with diced, tarragon-scented cornichon pickles and a few capers — again, very simple, subtle, and clean. Sally's loses money on every crab cake that they sell — such is the exorbitant price of the crabmeat — but any crab lover who tries them is bound to be hooked on Sally's at first bite.

The classic bistro plate of cold shellfish is a bargain, too, with or without Maine lobster. You can get any of its individual components à la carte, so to glimpse the platter's quality, I ordered a few oysters, the riskiest member of the cast.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

That evening's bivalves were flawless specimens from British Columbia's Outer Islands, buttery rich and nearly sweet, accompanied by lemon slices, very mild horseradish cream, and a light cocktail sauce (with teeny bottles of Tabasco to sharpen these flavors — or to kidnap and use to douse your next deadly airplane dinner).

And don't miss the Salmon en Croûte, featuring tender, rare fish encased in the lightest puff pastry, with a lining of fresh basil on top and minced Kalamata olives on the bottom, rising from a pool of a swoony *beurre blanc* scattered with Beluga caviar. A few squares of assertive Scottish smoked salmon play backup, along with some vaguely pleasant rabbit food.

Many appetizers are merely standard hotel-restaurant choices: the requisite salads and soup du jour, a portobello mushroom number, seared sea scallops (of good but not exquisite quality) on silver-dollar pancakes with a few roasted corn kernels scattered into the batter. One starter that I actually found rather revolting was a perfunc-

tory "ahi tower tartare" — a towering bore. The high-rise edifice featured veiny, coarse-chopped raw tuna of a quality below sashimi grade, with a one-dimensional citrus dressing and no relief but for a jaunty little cap of a sugared tomato slice and a thin central layer of sliced avocado.

Yet that same undistinguished ahi becomes a triumph with the chef's closer attention, as an entrée crusted with powdered porcini mushrooms, seared to order. The very veininess of the tuna, when cooked rare, abets its impersonation of a loin cut of Prime steak, with its textural combination of velvet and

chewiness. Reinventing the "pepper-crusted seared ahi" cliché, the dried-mushroom coating (sparked by palpable grains of sea salt) is dark, earthy, fascinating. For sauce, there's a tangy-sweet deglaze of white wine with shallots, ginger, soy sauce, and lemongrass, finished with fish stock and lime. Alongside is a large, sweet shallot roasted in its skin, a heap of mashed potatoes, and a scattering of green beans. "I am a very Provençal chef; this is my one try at 'fusion.' I was

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with a substitution of flaky, flavorful swordfish. We quickly fished out the perfect prawns and set them on the rim of the bowl to keep them from cooking further in the hot broth. (Don't be surprised at the lack of Maine lobster — although many uppity American restaurants feel duty-bound to include it, that cold-water Atlantic denizen can't live in the warm Mediterranean off the shore of Marseilles, where the dish was invented.) A separate platter holds the classic lightly toasted slices of French bread, a ramekin of mild *rouille* (aioli with roasted red pepper), and freshly shaved Parmesan. A few shreds of the nutty cheese bring out unsuspected smoky undertones in the broth. As for the bread slices — try smearing them with *rouille* and floating them in the broth like croutons, then devour them when they're deliciously soaked.

A lively, peppery paella features firm grains of saffron rice bedecked by a similar array

of tender, freshly cooked shellfish, plus chunks of a winey Spanish chorizo, leaner and firmer than the familiar Mexican version. For those with no fondness for fish, the menu includes duck pasta, free-range chicken, beef tenderloin, and roast lamb. The latter consists of a succulent hunk of the rib rack, with all but one rib deboned — which makes it easy for the kitchen to cook to order and easier yet for the diner to tackle it. Ours arrived cooked precisely as specified, with a scattering of white beans and a summery Provençal "*tian*" of tomatoes, onions, and squash slices.

Desserts are co-designed by Voitzwinkler and his pastry chef. A trio of little sorbet cones looked perfectly adorable in a colorful plastic stand resembling a miniature ice cream parlor counter, with the sorbets as customers — three semi-hollows in the "counter" held cones made of crisp, browned wonton skins coated on the inside with semi-sweet chocolate. The night's flavors were raspberry, mango, and an invigorating grapefruit. We also tried a "Napoleon" of fluffy, tender chocolate crème brûlée

enriched with powdered pistachios, with a couple of fragile filo sheets providing a mere hint of layering (sure to please the chocoholic in your group). Other choices include vanilla crème brûlée, roasted fresh fruits with ice cream, chocolate-orange mousse, and *profiteroles* (small cream puffs) with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream.

Although the restaurant's chic, hard-edged decor — black slate floors, black faux-marble tables, wraparound windows, and a glassed-in exhibition kitchen — tends to bounce the sounds of everyone's conversations around the dining room, the food itself brings a sense of ease and relaxation. You can generally trust your dinner. There's an expert chef in the kitchen, working with easy assurance: For him, the unchallenging, please-all-comers hotel-restaurant menu is clearly child's play. You'll enjoy your meal, and so will your visitors.

Oh, by the way — who's Sally?

ABOUT THE CHEF

If you want to know just what Chef Voitzwinkler can do when he's unleashed by bolder din-

ers, you can book "The Chef's Table" — a multicourse lunch or dinner in the kitchen for at least 6 and up to 12 people (minimum \$75 per person, not including beverages, tip, or tax; book at least 48 hours ahead).

"It's actually inside the kitchen — there are no dividers," says Voitzwinkler. "We consult together a few days ahead of the dinner to design a custom menu based on the customers' likes and dislikes and on my recommendations of what's freshest and what's the best available right now to use. It's three or four courses for lunch, and four, five, or six courses for dinner, including dessert. And the customers can actually walk around the kitchen and see what usually goes on behind closed doors — although here it's a glass-walled kitchen so people can see what we're doing anyway. And I help with the service, match the wines, and introduce each course as we go. These are dishes that are not necessarily on the regular menu, although some people who know the dining room menu will say, 'We really like your crab cakes, can we put those in somewhere?' I'm very accommodating. I please myself

as much as I please the customer, but I really like to please the customers first."

Voitzwinkler learned to cook via the standard rigorous French apprenticeship system, starting at age 13 at a small Alsatian restaurant called Au Bon Coin. "My dad owns a gas station, where he sells and services French cars. My grandpa made him do that job, but my dad wanted me to be able to do something that I cared about doing. My mom cooked for the family, three meals a day, and I really enjoyed eating everything. So at age 13 I tried working in the restaurant kitchen during the summer break, and when it was time to go back to school, I started chef school, a four-year program.

"After I graduated, at 18, I stayed there for another year, and then I went to the Meridien Hotel in London. Although I learned to cook all the Alsatian dishes, somehow there and every place I've worked the theme is more Provençal. The Meridien brought me to San Diego to work for the branch they used to have [now a Marriott] on Coronado Island. I worked at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort and at the Bel

Age Hotel in Los Angeles — all restaurants in hotels that were very well known and very pleasant for me to work at. But somehow, restaurant hotels have a 'bad vibe,' I've heard. So Sally's, the 'fine dining restaurant' at the Hyatt, is independent of the Hyatt but is also part of the Hyatt. It's true that I don't shop for my own produce, but I stay in touch with the people who sell produce and fish and so on, and if I find something I should be using, I relate it to the hotel's executive chef, and we bring it in. I like working in hotel kitchens because the hours are more regular and limited than if you own your own restaurant. I want to be able to spend time with my children while they're growing up.

"But the Chef's Table is where I can do food like I used to do in Europe. Sally's dining room is — well, people are kind of conservative there, so the menu is more mainstream. I can be a little more creative with the specials. But the people who come for the Chef's Table are more adventurous. Which is fun for me, fun for the crew, a lot of fun for the customer." ■

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Grizzled Guys, Chirping Kids

“Now look at your neighbor and say, ‘I love you.’ ”

Today?” says Spencer. “Bean day.” He’s standing on the edge of the sidewalk at 16th and Island, finishing off a cigarette. “Food’s usually pretty good here. But you have to be inside by half past four.”

That’s half an hour from now. You’re allowed in from around 3:30, if you just want to sit and read or doze. This is God’s Extended Hand, one of the smaller Christian food-and-help groups in East Village. Yes, everybody knows you get a sermon first, but that good food keeps ’em coming back. The building’s a 100-year-old place. Used to be the Baseball Inn. Had a Mexican bar next door.

So Spencer and I kinda stand around, talking, shifting from one foot to the other. “I had a house, in Escondido,” he says. “But when the money stopped coming in...”

He spent 30 years in the Army and the Marines. Became one of those Marine Corps drill instructors everybody fears at Camp Pendleton. Then he made officer. Got a sociology degree and was into music big-time. A drummer. “My greatest moment playing drums,” he says, “was making a recording of Maurice Ravel’s *Bolero*.”

And yet, here he is homeless these past ten years. Somehow, his military pension stopped. Then he got shot through the back of the head in an incident in Escondido. It took him six years to recover. Ever since, he has been sleeping on the streets.

It’s 4:30. We troop inside. Fluorescent tubes light the room, but they’ve painted the lower walls green and the uppers lime, and it feels pretty welcoming. Along the left side they’ve built over-sized green shelves for people to dump their sleeping bags and plastic totes on. Some women, but mostly grizzled guys with beards, young and old, fill the dozen rows of seats, heads down, keeping to themselves. A lot of them read newspapers. The one joyful noise comes from a kid chirping away with his mom. Like a sparrow in winter, he brightens

up the place.

Spencer and I sit in the front, second row.

Someone brings a mike stand. “Testing? Very good.”

“Tonight,” he says, “we have a Pentecostal service. We ask that you give them respect.”

“Praise the Lord, everybody!” Light clap. “PRAISE THE LORD, EVERYBODY!” That wakes us up. “People are the purpose! Father, send the POWER down!”

Two women and one big man take turns sermonizing, singing, sometimes breaking off to speak in tongues. “Allelujah! *Talanbandu. Shanna halla halla!* Luck is Lucifer! Faith is Jesus! God is love. Now look at your neighbor and say, ‘I love you.’ ”

Well, I guess...I look at Spencer. “I love you, Spencer.”

“I love you, Ed.”

Elsewhere you’d have embarrassment, smirks. Not in this place. “I LOVE YOU ALL!” shouts

the minister, and limps off the stage with his two ladies.

And now, chow time. “Row one!” calls the guy in charge. People in front start the line down the side. “Row two!” We get up, shuffle through the chairs. At the back, a lady slides a gray plastic tray at you, loaded with food in different sections. You pick it up and return to your seat.

We look at what we’ve got. It’s a lot. The big bowl is pinto beans and ham hock meat chunks stewed in their juices. Beside that, a scoop of rice, two buns, a shredded-cabbage-and-tomato salad, and a large sticky sweet pastry.

“Hot sauce!” says a lady coming by. She hands out sachets of Tabasco.

“Here,” says Spencer. And he pours half his beans and ham into my bowl. “Spencer, no...” “Don’t worry. I had this big meal at the Rescue Mission lunchtime.”

Fact is, I can’t finish it. ‘Specially as Spencer gives me most of his sweet pastry too.

“How did the gum cross the road?”

It’s the chirrupy kid. Michael. He’s 11. He and his mom have been eating up at the table where the volunteer staff sit. He’s into jokes.

“It was stuck to the chicken’s foot.”

His mom, Karen, has a place in Encanto but can’t afford rent *and* food. “I come here because

the food’s good. They never use food after the sell-by date. Kitchen’s clean. I don’t have to worry about Michael getting sick.”

Now the staff’s stacking the chairs around us. “Financially, we just go week to week,” says Brother Ray. He’s one of the leaders. “We don’t have any church, any big backers. All our staff is off the street. They get board and food but no pay. I was a food manager with Safeway when I found Christ, and Sister Winnie challenged me to commit.”

Sister Winnie?

“She’s run this place since 1954, though it’s been going since 1924. Maud Blackstone started it. I get no pay either, but I’ll never trade this life. I love it.”

Ray says Sister Winnie’s 82 now and mostly retired. “She still insists we include fresh greens every meal,” he says. “She says it’s life. That’s why she painted the inside and outside green.”

I notice that everybody who was reading a newspaper tucks it into his tote. To lie on tonight, for sure. Spencer has gone and found his two white plastic bags and coat. “See you again, buddy,” I say.

“I’m here most nights,” he says.

Outside, around the corner on 15th, folks are already preparing their sleeping bags. ■

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The showroom sauna at Skandic Custom Home Products on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard features a stained-glass window decorated with letters that read "Viking Sauna." Viking Sauna is no more, but Skandic co-owner Matts Olssén still sells saunas. He also sells (and constructs) custom wine cellars, a line of work that originated almost 30 years ago when Viking decided, "Hey, we've got this insulated room for saunas; let's find another use for it." They replaced dry heat with damp cold, and the Wine Vault was born. "Basically, they used a panel system that was insulated with foam. It had a redwood interior and redwood racks inside for the bottles and a cooling unit on the floor. They typically went in a garage; they were freestanding. I think the smallest one held 150-200 bottles, and they went up to five or six thousand."

Three decades ago, "it was on the forefront. When we started selling wine cellars, it was pretty much to people with big money — collectors, people serious about wine. They wanted something for the utility, somewhere to put their wine." Lacking actual cool, damp house cellars and faced with ground that absorbed too much late-summer heat to make simply digging an underground cellar worthwhile, connoisseurs turned to the new technology.

Business boomed; the market was flooded with options. Jim Mackey, VP of the wine cellar division of the Wine Appreciation Guild, reports that small home wine cellars (24-200 bottles) are now a \$200 million industry. (The Guild also happens to be importing its own line of cabinet cellar, the Swedish Silent Cellar, which uses compressor-free absorption refrigeration to avoid vibrations that can disturb sediment in bottles and rush chemical reactions within the wine itself.)

Olssén saw the multiplying competition and decided to take another tack. His company was already geared to custom construction with regard to saunas, and he already had contacts among local homebuilders. So he set himself up

as a custom cellar builder, with a specialty in high-end "production homes" — those similarly styled personal palaces springing up in developments all over North County. "We've put in cellars in quite a few model homes," he says. "The builders make their money on the upgrades — mir-

rored closet doors, crown molding, whatever." A wine cellar is one more option to make your new home that much finer. "The first one, we sold only three or four in the development, but it was great exposure for us — people go to look at those homes to get ideas for their own."

The good-time '90s ushered in a wine-collecting boom. As a corollary, it also saw the rise of wine collecting as a rich man's sport — as in Who Can Get Which Allocated Wine, and How Many Bottles? In certain circles, wine began to gain cachet, eventually becoming as much fashion accessory and status symbol as dinnertime beverage. Standing in the checkout line in Home Depot last weekend, I picked up a luxury decor magazine and read that built-in home wine cellars are one of the things that we want now, along with game rooms and La Cornue ranges. The blurb said nothing about storing and aging wine to allow it time to mature. Rather, it gushed over the pleasure of a predinner ritual that begins with the line "Let me show you my wine cellar."

Olssén confirms the existence of this mindset. "There are two types of customers. The one guy just wants utility; he usually has four, five, ten thousand bottles he wants to store. Then you have the guy who would just like to have a wine

cellar. People want something for show; it's a conversation piece. When you talk to him about a 1000-bottle capacity, he says, 'I'll never have that many in my life.' "

Olssén is happy to build for both types, but he does try to avoid some smaller jobs. "My first question is always 'How many bottles do you want to store?' If their answer is anything under 400 bottles, I usually tell them to go buy a cabinet. You can get a cabinet for a couple thousand dollars, whereas custom stuff typically starts at four grand."

Once you sign on the line and lay down your deposit, construction usually takes about three weeks. Olssén has carved rooms from cavernous garages, but usually, he takes an existing space and converts it. "The most important thing is the prepping of the room. We seal it off with a vapor barrier. Once you cool the room, it's like a sponge for moisture." Without a barrier, moisture can be "sucked through the wall, and then you'll have all kinds of mold and problems you didn't see before you put the cooling unit in." After the vapor barrier, the installer lays down fiberglass insulation, then foam insulation, and usually, wood paneling on top of that. Then the racks — custom-designed and prepped for assembly back at the shop — are ready to go in.

The racks utilize the same design developed by Viking all those years ago, unless a customer orders differently. Built-in arches over small granite countertops are possible, as are display racks for trophy bottles, racks for oversize bottles, and racks that curve their way around corners. "We do a lot of work in cedar, because people like the lighter look of it, but we can do redwood or any other wood. Right now, the Tuscan Old World style is really popular in all these high-end homes. People want a darker, more antique look." Stain takes care of the color; for the antiques, Olssén relies on old-fashioned brutality. "We beat it up. You can use a chain on it, or a claw hammer works really well. We use some



Matts Olssén

nails and an awl to make the little worm holes."

Besides looking good, "the wood acts as a little bit of a buffer for the humidity" created by the cooling unit. "If you get a little excess, it can be absorbed into the wood temporarily and then released out if it gets too dry. But humidity is not a problem if you use the proper cooling device and get it dialed in." Olssén installs Breezeaire coolers, sometimes running a split system to keep the evaporator and condenser noise far from the cellar space.

Olssén builds "mostly medium cellars; I would say one to three thousand bottles." But he has installed racks to hold as many as 30,000. "That's a lot of wine; you'd have to have some pretty serious parties if you wanted to move that." Usually, when you arrive at those kinds of numbers, you're dealing with a serious collector, but each of those parties could still open with that delicious line "Let me show you my wine cellar." ■

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NORTH COASTAL

BUBBY'S GELATO 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewater and chocolate cinnamon. Open daily, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

JUANITA'S TACO SHOP ESTILO TEPATITLAN 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frioles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food's cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita's does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a "Flying Saucer" — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

KEALANI'S 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says "Saimin" (for Hawaii's version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes "Living Da Aloha Spirit." A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is "plate lunch" — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic "grines." Don't miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern "pulled pork." The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau's worth of "local food." While you're waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

LA BONNE BOUFFE 471 Encinitas Boulevard, Town and Country Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3081. Boeuf Bourguignon, rack of lamb, frog's legs (when available), duck in peppercorn sauce, and Dover sole in lemon-butter sauce are the staples of this French provincial restaurant. Dinners are à la carte. Charming room and sensitive wine list. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Reservations for weekend dinners advised. Moderate to expensive. — E.W.

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crowd who've grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas's "new people" — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi's own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green "meat" is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

ST. GERMAIN'S CAFE 1010 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe's best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn "cafe potatoes" or fresh fruit salad. But don't overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered

patio is always crowded, but there's a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

ST. TROPEZ 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, Encinitas, 760-633-0084. If you love continental breakfast, this bright cafe with indoor-outdoor seating offers scores of house-baked pastries (among them the rare, elusive brioche) and four styles of coffee, including an excellent French roast. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crepes, quiche, onion soup gratinee, or a chicken-filled vol-au-vent puff-pastry shell. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade nicoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Open daily, breakfast to very early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

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NORTH INLAND

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ABBEY'S REAL TEXAS BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, behind Denny's), Miramar, 858-566-5235. Newer, smaller branch

What the Chef Eats

MOO SHU DUCK ROLL

BY ANDREW BARD

Chef de Cuisine, Star of the Sea, Downtown

As a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, I have established a strong foundation in various types of cuisine. I have a particular love for Asian cuisine, especially Chinese. I enjoy dining in great Chinese restaurants, and, from these experiences, enjoy preparing Chinese dishes at home for friends and family, as well as in the Star of the Sea.

One of my favorite dishes is moo shu pork. This is a Chinese staple, made with strips of pork that are either deep-fried or stir fried and com-

bined with different Chinese vegetables. This mixture is then rolled in a thin Chinese pancake or crepe. I make a slightly different version of this classic. I use duck confit (salted duck leg braised in its own fat) and wild mushrooms. This is my version of a French technique of preserving meat. The mixture of duck and mushrooms is then rolled in a thin crepe made with 5-Spice and cilantro. This is a great mixture of sweet, salty, and slightly spicy, and it goes well with fruit-forward, low-alcohol wines, like Ries-

ling or Gewürztraminer. This dish also goes great with beer! This dish might sound complicated, but it is easy to prepare.

HOW TO DO IT

Duck confit: Season the duck legs generously with salt and 5-Spice and let sit overnight in the refrigerator. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. In a heavy saucepot, add a little duck fat or corn oil and sauté the fat side of your duck legs until they turn slightly crispy. Add the remaining fat to cover the legs and bring up to a



slight simmer. When the oil starts to slowly bubble, put the duck in the oven. Slowly braise in the oven without letting it come to a boil at any time. Cook until the duck is tender and falls off the bone, about two hours. Let cool and then remove the skin and excess fat and shred the meat off the bone.

Crepes: Combine all ingredients except

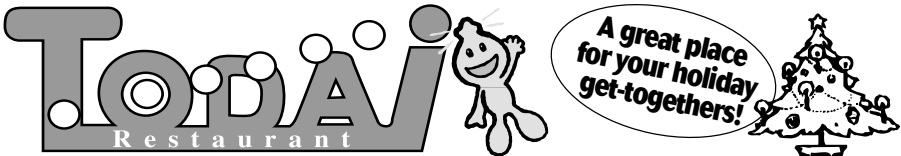
at 9353 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Ruffin Road), Kearny Mesa, 858-279-7427. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a marinade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-r-ry

slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. No wheelchair access to bathroom at the Miramar branch. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner week-

days; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — E.W.

CHIEU-ANH VIETNAMESE CUISINE 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10, Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. Gourmet Vietnamese food is available here from a lengthy menu, including many items showing

French influence. Good bets are chicken crepe, fresh fish with lemon grass, tangy-and-sour soup, egg rolls, and filet mignon beef. Chieu-Anh enhances the selection of fine dining rooms in Rancho Bernardo. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.W.



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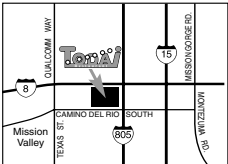
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cilantro in a blender and blend until smooth. Add chopped cilantro to crepe batter. Prepare crepes in a nonstick pan or a pancake griddle. Get the pan or griddle hot and coat thinly with a little vegetable oil. Spoon a small amount of batter into the pan or on the griddle to make a six-inch circle. This should resemble a paper-thin pancake. Let cook until the edges turn slightly brown; flip the crepe over and cook for about another minute. They should now have the thickness of a fresh flour tortilla. This recipe makes

about 15 crepes. Mushrooms: Heat a sauté pan and add the oil until it turns fragrant and has visible ripples. Add the shallots and mushrooms and sauté rapidly until tender. Season with salt and pepper. To assemble, place the duck confit and wild mushrooms in a pan large enough to hold them. Gradually stir in equal parts soy sauce, sweet chili sauce, and hoisin sauce until the mixture coats the duck and mushrooms. Heat through, stirring the mixture so it will not stick or burn. Roll

some of the mixture in a pancake to resemble a small burrito. Cut in half or, if serving as hors d’oeuvres, cut into three pieces. Serve with a ramekin of hoisin sauce on the side. This recipe should make 15 rolls.

INGREDIENTS

- Duck confit:
- 2 duck legs (muscovy works best and is readily available at many local meat markets and at Asian food markets)
- 1 quart duck fat (if you cannot find it, corn oil can substitute nicely)
- Salt

EL GALEON 503 West Mission Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter, and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well-treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *al-bóndigas* soup(lime it up, too.) Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inex-

pensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

EL TAQUITO MARISCOS 500 North Escondido Boulevard (Felix Plaza, next to Pool King), Escondido, 760-739-8204. Also 503 North Grande Avenue (Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-735-5819. At this sparkling, airy *taqueria*, a semi-open kitchen wafts out the alluring aroma of fresh corn tortillas. You can get breakfast right through lunch hour, fill up on huge combo plates, or create your own assortment of Baja-style mini-tacos (of

asado, cabeza, pastor, carnitas, etc.) for pennies. The refried beans are as good as they get. But seafood is the focus, occupying a whole menu page offering gargantuan cocktails, soups, salads, *antojitos*, and hot and cold platters featuring shrimp, *langostinos*, *tilapia*, snapper, crab, etc. They’re beautifully seasoned, if a tad overcooked. Try the lively *levanta muerta* (“raise the dead”) seafood soup and rise again. Open daily, breakfast until late. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (5/01)*

- 5-Spice (can be found at Asian markets or high-end grocery stores)
- Crepes:
- 3 large eggs
- 10 ounces whole milk
- 4 ounces all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon 5-Spice
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- Mushrooms:
- 2 large shallots, peeled and chopped
- 1 large portobello cap, sliced thin
- 5 shiitake caps, sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- Assembly:
- Soy sauce
- Asian sweet chili sauce
- Hoisin sauce

sandwiches, and a dozen-odd potato casseroles. Whatever you choose will carry you deliciously through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. Open daily, breakfast-lunch (until 2 p.m.). Moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

LUNGREN BROTHER’S PIZZA AND KARAOKE 29,000 Lilac Road, Valley Center Road, Escondido, 760-749-2346. It’s all so cozy here that you don’t care that this restaurant was once the cooler room of a turkey farm. The combo of spaghetti with eggplant parmigiana (around \$6) is excellent, generous, and includes garlic bread and soup or salad. Wash it down with the house’s gutsy red wine. Other specialties include meatball sandwiches, lasagna with spaghetti, and mini pizzas. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

GOLD COAST

BESTA WAN PIZZA HOUSE 148 Aberdeen Drive, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/01)*

J. TAYLOR’S 1540 Camino del Mar, L’Auberge Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, 858-259-1515. Excellent value, good service, relaxing atmosphere. “Small plates” dinner offers well-prepared bargain-priced five-course meal at moderate cost. Otherwise expensive. — *E.W. (6/00)*

PAMPLEMOUSSE GRILLE 514 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-9090. The locals’ favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cap-pucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly,

lunch Wednesday through Friday. Diners expensive. — *E.W.*

SCALINI 3790 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-259-9944. A handsome dining room offers Northern Italian specialties with at least ten pasta dishes. All items on menu, which includes fresh fish and seafood, are tempting and well prepared. Imposing surroundings and excellent service. One of the best Italian restaurants in North County. Open for dinner nightly. Reserve for weekends. High moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *E.W.*

WILD NOTE CAFE 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-259-7310. Located in the Cedros Design District next to the Belly Up Tavern, this uniquely decorated room offers excellent salads, pasta, fresh fish, grilled meats, and burgers in a casual atmosphere. Friendly, attentive service. Live music at dinner, Sunday jazz brunches, Wednesday wine tastings. Lunch and dinner six days, lunch only on Mondays. Moderate. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

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HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. This landmark coffee shop is noted for its breakfasts, served from opening to closing. The buttermilk pancakes, varieties of waffles made from scratch, and egg combinations are all generous and well prepared. One of the few places where you can still get hot oatmeal or cream of wheat, Harry's also serves freshly squeezed orange juice and entire carafes of freshly ground Kona coffee, as well as specialty coffee drinks. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.W.

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ROPPONGI 875 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the

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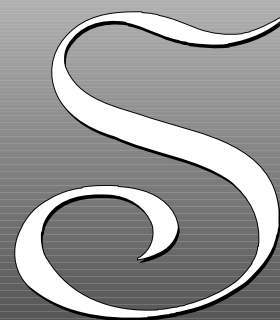
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morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese “run over” between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an “outback experience,” order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it’s the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; week-ends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

COSTA BRAVA 1653 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the “Euro” atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that’s made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for week-end evenings. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

THE FISHERY 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Half fish market, half casual fish menu, it offers fine fish and chips, salads, and fish sandwiches. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

FRENCH GOURMET 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. This pleasant, airy dining room serves French food with California influences. It’s light, good-tasting, and easy on your purse. Breakfast items and lunch are served simultaneously. Ravishing desserts and bakery at one end of the restaurant. Open daily. Moderate. — *E.W.*

KARINYA THAI RESTAURANT 4475 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. The impressive menu boasts 80 items, of which 21 are appetizers. There’s also a room with floor seating. Best bets here are firecracker shrimp, spicy fish cakes, stuffed chicken wings, and any item from the list of house specialties. Stunning presentation and excellent preparation. On weekends arrive early to avoid waiting for tables. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

SASKA’S 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior’s low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook’s sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant’s serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M. (8/02)*

CENTRAL

SAN DIEGO

ANTIQUE ROW CAFE 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land’s favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you’re into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The

word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include “The Works” omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on-breakfast potatoes. “Philly Steak Heaven” (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

CHICKEN PIE SHOP OF SAN DIEGO 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They’re gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

OLD MILL CAFE 3949 Ohio Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-294-3804. The best-kept secret in North Park looks like a Swiss chalet inside, but serves 1950s American eats in big platefuls. Breakfast buffs should check out the pork chops with two eggs, potatoes, and toast, or biscuits and gravy, or the famous pigs in a blanket (three sausage links rolled in hot cakes with powdered sugar). The lunch and dinner menu is also good and cheap — for instance, golden fried chicken with vegetables and rice or baked potato. They feature nightly prix fixe specials (“Meatloaf Mondays,” etc.) just like Mom did in the 1950s. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

PEKIN RESTAURANT 2877 University Avenue (near 30th Street), North Park, 619-295-2610. This old-time Chinese eatery was founded in 1931 by an immigrant from Canton; his grandchildren now run it and it’s hardly changed in 70 years. You’ll find red-tasseled hanging lanterns with translucent pictures of songbirds, mother-of-pearl wall decorations, and big cushioned booths. The food is Gold Rush-era Cantonese-American: chop suey, chow mein, barbecued pork, bean cake with shrimp and rice — all for a song. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner Saturdays. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

RED SEA RESTAURANT 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You’ll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn’t nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kitfo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say “hot,” expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

RESTAURANT AFRIQUE Oak Plaza Mall, 4990 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-283-3838. The previous tenants’ Chinese decor remains, but the atmosphere here is full-on Somali. Evenings, it’s an unofficial club for the often-robed Somali men of the neighborhood. Dominoes and card games make it nicely rowdy. The food is mainly Somali, with some Ethiopian and Sudanese dishes. Try *muufo* (Somali bread) with marinated goat meat or chopped steak, or spiced rice with goat. Sudanese *fuul* (fava beans in tomato sauce) with regular or pita bread makes for lighter eating. Bananas come with each meal. There are right and wrong ways to eat — ask the owner, Abdiaziz, to show you. Many dishes come with pasta, a leftover from the Italian colonial period in Somalia. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

RIB MASTERS EXPRESS 4297 Market Street (at 43rd Street), Chollas View, 619-262-7993. They split Hermie’s Market to create this Chicago-style BBQ, New Orleans-style Southern food joint. It started off short on facilities (like no tables), but long on great food. This is the baby of Tony Seales, the San Diego pro heavyweight boxer. Tony’s originally from Chicago. He knows ribs, and he invented his own BBQ sauce recipe; even his employees don’t know the formula. But try it on cheap deals like the BBQ chicken sandwich. Add other great deals like collard greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, spicy spaghetti, sweet potato pie, macaroni and cheese, and that oh-so-delicious peach cobbler. Then, of course, there’s the ribs themselves. Everything available “to go.” Lunch to early dinner, seven days. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/02)*

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JIMMY’S 9635 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We’re at the end of the line here, the trolley’s Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast “Eggs and Cakes” (two eggs, three pancakes), the “Touchdown” (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the “Monte Cristo” hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SALA THAI 6161 El Cajon Boulevard, Campus Plaza, College Area, 619-229-9050. You will find this Thai restaurant as charming as its owner.

The menu is extensive, the service attentive. Try the spicy seafood combination or the Chinese specialties. A delightful, gastronomically satisfying experience. Open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.*

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. As for the food — 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)*

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UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

THE ABBEY CAFE 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during

the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna New Orleans style (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (12/01)*

BERTRAND AT MISTER A'S 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel Street), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Fabrice Poigin's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive, but not bank-breaking. — *N.W. (12/01)*

CALIFORNIA CUISINE 1027 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. This Hillcrest restaurant has been around forever and has a durable reputation and an established clientele. Perhaps the flawless waitstaff working their sleek, calm dining room is the reason why. The menu is sensible, but the preparations uneven. The appetizers are interesting, but don't live up to their promise. It is California Cuisine's classic entrées that endure despite their menu's excessive range. I recommend the New York steak or lamb loin, accompanied by one of their clever salads. If you appreciate life's finer things, California Cuisine is a place for a good meal. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (5/99)*

CHEZ ODETTE 3614 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-299-1000. The nearest thing to a drop-in French bistro in town, even if Odette (yes, she's real) comes from Belgium. Her place is small, slick, and smells of fresh French bread. She and her husband are usually slaving away in the kitchen preparing for the constant banquets they seem to cater. She has cooked for Julie Andrews, Governor Jerry Brown, and Linda Ronstadt. For you, she'll cook great breakfast omelets (the *Provençal*, with peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and onions, or the smoked salmon are two good ones). They come with sautéed potatoes with the perfect tang of garlic. Lunchtime, the *salade niçoise* (with tuna, anchovies, olives, and potatoes on lettuce) is the real thing, and so is the quiche Lorraine. But be like the French: have your main meal in the middle of the day. Weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EXTRAORDINARY DESSERTS 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-7001. The desserts here do live up to the name, whether you gobble them on the spot on the patio of this charming café or buy them to take home. Owner Karen Krasne's pastries are created with strict French techniques with flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the rice fields of Bali to the *souks* of Morocco. The white cakes are true food for angels — ethereal and not excessively sweet, vibrant with flavors of fresh ripe fruits — and some of the chocolate cakes (e.g., the "Caribe") follow suit, while others are rich and dense. Not your piece of cake? There are also tarts, cookies, chocolates, ice cream dishes, puddings, breakfast pastries, and fine teas and coffees, along with Krasne's own lines of honeys, jams, chutneys, syrups, and popcorn — plus a truly lovely assortment of international craft objects. Open for weekday breakfast, weekend brunch until late, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. — *N.W. (5/02)*

THE GATHERING 902 West Washington Street (at Goldfinch Street), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during

Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

HOB NOB HILL 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter, but it's been under new management since the turn of the century. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

LAUREL RESTAURANT & BAR 505 Laurel Street (at Fifth Avenue), uptown, 619-239-2222. Chef Jason Shaeffer is maintaining the flavors of Southern France that made Laurel's reputation as a sophisticated eatery, but he isn't simply carrying on — look for spritely innovations and frequent specials that take advantage of seasonal foods. Also look for a duck confit that changes its environs — surrounded now by white beans, now by flageolets, or chard, or escarole. The restaurant is doing many things right: locally-grown vegetables are thoughtfully employed, the wine list is especially deep and broad in the Rhône department, and the chef is capable of intelligent inventiveness. Five-course prix fixe (appetizer, risotto, fish, meat, dessert, plus three glasses of house-selected wine) is available, and on Fridays, you can get lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair elevator in back. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M. (9/02)*

MIXX RESTAURANT 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. A meal here resembles an informal dinner party at the home of a good, well-traveled cook. Fitly, the dining room resembles a bohemian living room on steroids, with moody decor, rump-sprung Naugahyde banquettes, and witty paintings on the walls. The menu is an international hodgepodge of whatever chef-owner Deborah Helm fancies cooking; touristic Fisherman's Wharf crab-and-artichoke fondu in hollowed sourdough may cohabit with haute-Mex cremini mushroom quesadillas, "Indonesian" battered shrimp, or duck ragout with pasta sheets. Desserts (by Danielle Helm) carry through the "loving hands at home" theme — the most popular is a gooey peanut butter pie. A mainly California wine list is easy on both palate and wallet, with ample selections by the glass. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

PARALLEL 33 741 West Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — the 33rd parallel. This new ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for their shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the mango and ahi appetizer, one of the best I've ever eaten. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or steak strips over mashed potato and caramelized onion show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. — *M.N. (10/99)*

SAVOR 3687 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania Street), Hillcrest, 619-299-3663. This cute, converted cottage offers seasonal comfort food with a Mediterranean accent, including an excellent revisionist bouillabaisse (saucy rather than soupy). Seafoods are delivered fresh daily (except Sundays) and are well-treated by this kitchen. Meat dishes, if sometimes over-simple in preparation, arrive in huge portions. Weekend brunches on the front patio overlooking the street are wildly popular with the local crowd. Dining room has tight-packed tables and an open kitchen, and can be very noisy. Wheelchair lift to left of staircase. Open for brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

DOWNTOWN

BAYOU BAR AND GRILL 329 Market Street (at Third Avenue), Gaslamp, 619-696-8747. Bayou has the most expansive (and expensive) Louisiana-style menu in the Gaslamp. Their best dishes are terrific — for instance, their red beans and rice (the washday treat) is the area's sole authentic version, meaty and with a rich, deep heat. Eggplant dishes shine, too, as do seafood pastas and a huge pork chop with dressing. Alas, though, too many dishes are faux-Paul Prudhomme, with incoherent spicing and, at times, too much cayenne added too late in the cooking to cozy up to other flavors. Desserts are frankly, fabulously revisionist, including pecan pie and bread pudding half as heavy and twice and good as their Creole models. Reservations advisable. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

BROADWAY PIZZA 1008 Broadway (at 10th Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers good, no-nonsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimping: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches, portions are generous and filling. The sausage link sub (Louisiana-style hot sausage link, marinara sauce, and melted cheese) is great grub, but if you like a full dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread and salad. But the main thing is while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

CANDELAS 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in "*la nueva cocina Mexicana*," a luxurious, inventive update of traditional Mexican fare, combining French techniques and Latin ingredients into a sophisticated new cuisine that you've never tasted before but will want to taste again. In a romantic Spanish-style dining room with extremely gracious service, you'll find a menu that emphasizes seafood, including jumbo prawns flamed with three tequilas, sea bass with *huilacache* ("corn fungus," but think of it as a mushroom), and a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Meat-lovers will also enjoy several dishes, including a thick veal chop with a rosemary-spiked update of traditional *mole* sauce. Reservations advised, slightly dressy. Expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

DOBSON'S 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

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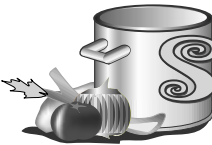
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HARBOR HOUSE 831 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-1141. The two-level building and the view of the harbor are major attractions. Fish and seafood predominate, but chicken, pasta, and steak are also available. The dining room seats 250, so don't expect intimacy. Preparations are wholesome, but not original. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA CASITA 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

OSTERIA PANEVINO 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

SIXTH AVENUE BISTRO 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

VIDA CART Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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ISLAND PASTA 1202 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-4545. This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant has somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-on-the-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al

fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. The spaghetti pesto sauce is rich, too, with basil, pine nuts, and cheese, but all the standard Italian pasta and pizza dishes are reliable. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of artichoke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions and olives over spaghetti. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

RHINOCEROS 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb's Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn't abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that's why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a "split plate" fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that's where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show dinners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

SOUTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER CAFETERIA 500 Third Avenue (at C Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-4599. Hey, this is a courthouse. You expect the cafeteria in its basement to be brown and anonymous. You know you'll be munching with worried groups of litigants and moms with custody-dispute kids. But here, it's all worth it. This cafeteria is one of best-kept county secrets. For years, concession-holder Ben Riddell has kept his prices stable and his portions big. Lunches like roast pork or meat loaf or roast turkey or chicken pot pie or lemon chicken are the comfort food that folks coming here need. Breakfast and lunch only, Monday to Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

SPIRO'S GYROS Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlakia chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

TANGO GRILLE ARGENTINE STEAK HOUSE 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

TIN FISH Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Seacoast Drive, Imperial Beach, 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish — fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant

pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/01)*

YE OLDE PLANK INN 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one-to-ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No

wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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CAFE FRANCAIS LA BELLE CLAUDE Calle Galeana, #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes,



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and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriquez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

EL FARO DE MAZATLAN 9542 Boulevard Sanchez Taboada, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-2236, or 684-8883. This fish and seafood restaurant offers a gorgeous dining room, an extensive menu with English translations, and fresh fish and seafood items which include abalone, squid, crab, clams, shrimp, and lobster. The atmosphere and service are lovely, but the fish may be too dry. The style of cuisine will appeal to those who prefer simple preparations. The price of the main course includes an appetizer (fried fish

plus ceviche), seafood soup, and Mexican rolls. Open daily, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., same menu for lunch and dinner, continuous service. Moderate. — *E.W.*

MR. FISH 6000 Blvd. Agua Caliente, Tijuana, 686-3603. It's fun to eat in this restaurant with its thatched roof and wide variety of fish and seafood. Don't overlook the whole fish, either steamed or fried, the filet in garlic butter, or, for those who'd like a smorgasbord, the "Combination Mr. Fish," which supplies fresh lobster, shrimp, squid, and a filet of fish. The half-dozen preparations of crêpes are wild — there's even a Mexican version of blintzes. Open Sunday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Follow Revolución until it bends to the left and becomes Agua Caliente. Continue past the

twin high-rise towers. Mr. Fish is on the right-hand side of the road, just before the country club. Moderate. — *E.W.*

RICA TORTA Niños Heroes Avenue, No. 890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beef-steak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

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Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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It gives Scorsese a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs.

What Christmas means to me: so many “big” movies in so brief a time that, even without the annual mid-holiday hiatus of the *Reader* and the requisite year-end wrap-up upon its return, I can have no hope of ever dealing with them in the manner they deserve, much less the manner their distributors, their makers, or their makers’ mothers *think* they deserve. What I have seen of them so far:

Adaptation. Easily the most deserving, and therefore cause for the most despair. The reteaming of the writer and the director of *Being John Malkovich*, Charlie Kaufman and Spike Jonze, has produced no less madness but much more method. Or anyhow more meaning. Kaufman, playing fast and loose with the truth, evidently set out in reality (though it doesn’t seem his sort of project) to do a screen adaptation of Susan Orlean’s nonfiction best-seller, *The Orchid Thief* (“It’s that sprawling *New Yorker* shit”), and ended up by writing himself and his creative torments into the script (“That’s what I need to do: tie all of history together”). More precisely, what he wrote into the script was a fatter, balder, lonelier version of himself (Nicolas Cage, in a characterization of unsparing physi-

cal detail), together with an identical twin brother who is also a screenwriter, albeit a happy-go-lucky hack: not so much a separate entity as an alternative self or a divisive inner voice. In short, Kaufman found a way to make a movie

out of a mess, or vice versa. The surviving movie is still very much a mess: two movies in one, with attendant

disruptions of momentum and shifts in tone. Susan Orlean remains in place as a central figure (played by Meryl Streep, whose director on *The River Wild*, Curtis Hanson, plays her husband), in tormented pursuit of her own story, that of a toothless redneck orchid cultivator (Chris Cooper, in his best role so far, and fully up to it). The movie has much to say, and much of it quite funny, about such large subjects as the solitary struggles of the writer in front of the blank page (how soon can he take a break for a muffin, and what kind of muffin?), the tug-of-war between artistic integrity and commercial compromise, the hidden depths of people beneath their opaque surfaces. All of this, including the funniness, is not achieved without a mighty sense of strain. And no amount of winking self-awareness, postmodern irony, and impish impudence (Susan Orlean turns into a drug-trafficking

homicidal adulteress) can lessen the disappointment of the climactic swerve into thriller-dillerdom.

Gangs of New York. Martin Scorsese’s long-delayed, and just plain long, survey of Irish gangs in lower Manhattan during the time of the Civil War, Boss Tweed, and all that, beginning and ending in major blood baths, with minor blood rinses and sloshes in between. (It’s not hard to see why the internecine discord in the New York melting pot was thought unsuitable for post-9/11 entertainment: “It wasn’t a city, really,” the lowborn narrator grandly philosophizes. “It was more a furnace where *someday* a

city might be forged.”) The wonder of it is that it’s not more compelling. Indisputably, it has a lot going for it. It gives Scorsese, for a start, a new avenue down which to pursue his lifelong interest in thugs, specifically thugs of a different ethnicity (but same church), with such colorful group identities as the Dead Rabbits, the Plug-Uglies, the Slaughterhousers, the Little Forty Thieves, the Broadway Twisters, etc. It has history; it has sets; it has costumes (the Mad Hatter look was in vogue); it has flavorfully antique language; and it has a daring portrayal by Daniel Day-Lewis of a one-eyed underworld kingpin known as “The Butcher,” who looks

and acts like someone who would tie Pearl White to a train track and twirl the tip of his mustache while doing it. (Leonardo DiCaprio shrivels alongside him, in spite of his pumped-up new physique.) Yet in all these things the film has more a feeling of musty research than of pulsing life, and as a tale of revenge it seems static and monotonous. And please don’t bring up *Hamlet* for precedent: the Prince of Denmark was not an eyewitness to his father’s murder, and he at least had the presence of mind to hash over his hesitation, and for all the flavor of the language here (from a trio of heavy-weight screenwriters, Jay Cocks, Steven



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The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. Another three hours on the journey of a thousand miles, with pretty much the entire third hour given over to a single indecisive battle. (And now: "The battle for Middle-earth is about to begin.") The viewer who did not scrounge up the video of Part One for a refresher, or who has not committed the Tolkien books to memory, might have some difficulty getting his bearings. More simply, the storytelling is terrible. (Yeah, sure, the technology is terrific.) Every now and then someone, usually Viggo Mortensen or Orlando Bloom, will give a decent impression of being a legendary hero in a timeless landscape, but the point and purpose remain vague generalities. And the subhead of Part Two notwithstanding, it will be futile to search for 9/11 prophecy beyond (once again) the vaguest generality: "So much death! What can men do against such reckless hate?"

Star Trek Nemesis. Tenth entry in the series, if, that is, you can regard the adventures of two distinct starship crews as somehow connected and continuous. The one episode of overlap, *Star Trek Generations* (thanks to a spot of time travel), makes it harder to argue for separation. But I would argue it all the same. The reunion of the original crew on the big screen, and the resumption of their exploits a decade after their TV cancellation, was something quite unique, and for a while quite vital. To attach them to their parasitic successors is to tarnish their legacy even further than they eventually tarnished it themselves. Granted, one of the nice things about a science-fiction "franchise," whether you look at it as one or two, is that the cast of characters is not just cannon fodder to be sacrificed to some ravening alien, as in most cinematic space operas. And this installment makes use of that fact to reach for an emotional payoff equal to that of *The Wrath of Khan* — if, again, you can feel the same for Picard and Data as you once could for Kirk and Spock. I cannot. And nor can I feel that this one is as clear as that other one in either thematic development or cinematography. ("Can you learn to see in the dark, Captain?") Patrick Stewart, confronted on this occasion with a youthful clone of himself (Tom Hardy) who more strongly suggests a

clone of Mike Myers's Dr. Evil, is his usual commanding self. And Brent Spiner is a thicker layer of makeup over an increasingly cracking façade.

Chicago. How quaint: a Broadway musical transferred to the screen! (Directed and choreographed by Rob Marshall.) Apologetically self-conscious and campy, despite the present-day "relevance" of the courtroom antics and media manipulation in a sensational murder trial of the Jazz Age. (Commemorated already in William Wellman's rambunctious *Roxie Hart*.) There's a good deal of frenetic cutting and hyperkinetic camerawork, as if in mortal terror of being taken for a stage play. And the dingy, dungeony image hardly recalls the genre's Technicolor glory days. Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones (it must be without precedent for the two top-billed stars of a movie to be so close to the end of the alphabet) do indeed sing and dance as advertised, and in Zellweger's case, even act. Lest she never again land a role as anything other than a prison matron, she also amply demonstrates that the pounds she put on for Bridget Jones are all gone now. Yet her new fig-

ure — thin as a rail, though knotted and gnarled with muscle — cannot be counted an asset to the re-creation of the period.

Rabbit-Proof Fence. Factual folk tale of three little half-caste girls who in the early 1930s, by authority of the Aborigines Act, were taken from their home and transported 1200 miles away to an "assimilation" camp, whence they promptly escaped and set out homeward on foot, using the titular structure — "the longest fence in the world" — as their road map across Australia. The assimilation policy, scandalously on the books into the 1970s, is no doubt deplorable, and as a dramatic subject, in consequence, it inspires easy indignation and self-satisfaction, as well as such dog-eared images as the mother running tearfully alongside, and then collapsing in the dust, of the vehicle spiriting away her children. And Kenneth Branagh, as the prissy pen-pusher in charge of enforcing the policy, all too plainly relishes his blandly villainous lines: "In spite of himself, the native must be helped." (Director Phillip Noyce's subsequently shot but almost simultaneously released

The Quiet American, from the Graham Greene novel, ventures into grayer morality. Coming soon.) The trek itself makes an acceptable if unexciting adventure story, with the girls going through a variety of terrains and helpers. And the appended documentary footage of two of the real girls as old women administers a guaranteed heart-tug.

Talk to Her. It just wouldn't be Christmas without Almodóvar at the art house. In awe, all over again, of the opposite sex. (Michael Cunningham's novel, *The Hours*, can be spied at one point as bedside reading, and we might well speculate that Almodóvar would have *killed* to be the filmmaker who brought it to the screen. Coming soon, too.) The first half, delineating the central quartet of a male nurse, a bald journalist, a lady bullfighter, and a comatose dancer who embodies the Mystery of Woman, is played with such simplicity and sincerity as to raise the interest and hopes of the director's non-fans, and to sow uneasiness among the

faithful. The second half restores order, in particular the ostensible silent-movie pastiche involving an incredibly shrinking man and a foam-rubber vagina. (An image ripped from the reels of another provocateur, Bertrand Blier, *Femmes Fatales*.) The color, in a warm palette weighted toward red, rust, orange, and yellow, can be appreciated by anyone.

That still leaves (that I know of) Denzel Washington's directing debut, *Antwone Fisher*, Spielberg's *Catch Me If You Can*, Benigni's *Pinocchio*, Bruce Beresford's *Evelyn*, Philippe de Broca's *On Guard*, on which I remarked favorably when it played (under the title of *En Garde*) at the fly-by-night San Diego World Film Festival in 1998, and Alexander Payne's *About Schmidt*, the one, of all of these, to which I was most looking forward. ■

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Adaptation — Reviewed this issue. With Nicolas Cage, Meryl Streep, Chris Cooper, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Brian Cox; directed by Spike Jonze. ★★★ (COVE; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 12/20)

Analyze That — The obligatory token of respect and appreciation for 1999's *Analyze This*. In a word, the sequel, likewise directed by Harold Ramis. The revised concept: the vulnerable mobster gets himself released from prison, and into the custody of his former therapist, by singing the entire score of *West Side Story* nonstop. (Not only can Robert De Niro not carry a tune, he cannot get within arm's reach of one.) That — a mafioso who knows Broadway show tunes — sets the standard for the humor to come. (Somehow it's worse, not better, that he is *faking* his

madness, and that he can call up the lyrics, if not the melodies, *consciously*.) The outtakes during the closing credits, albeit a hand-me-down idea, raise the standard considerably: always a bad sign. Once again, the balance of attention, and even the balance of admiration, favors the mobster over the therapist, though you might hypothesize that Hollywood filmmakers on the whole would have a more intimate familiarity with the latter profession. On the other hand, they have made more money off the former. With Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Joe Viterelli. 2002.

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Bowling for Columbine — Michael Moore's engaging and enraging documentary on gun culture in America, and by extension violence, homicide, and the climate of fear in America. Dishevelled as ever in his baggy clothes and collection of ballcaps (one of them emblazoned with "Writer"), usually unshaven, a definitive schlump, he is still his own protagonist, no matter how antagonistic a one. Here he is, selecting a free rifle as a bonus "gift" for opening a CD account at a heartland bank *cum* licensed firearms dealer. Here he is, testing the theory that Torontonians don't



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bother to lock their homes, by going right up to some front doors and opening them. (Canada comes off very well in the film, not just for the low murder rate among a well-armed populace, but for the bedrock of social beneficence.) And here he is, escorting two crippled survivors of the Columbine school shooting to Kmart headquarters, to "return" the bullets to their place of purchase. Surprisingly — you can see it plainly on his face — Kmart capitulates to the cease-and-desist demand, a tiny victory on Moore's quixotic quest to change the world. His search far and wide for connections and causalities, for an

explanatory nexus, can at times resemble mental meandering. And he is not averse to the cheap shot and the heavy hand: a montage of U.S. foreign-affairs follies will be accompanied by Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." (Joey Ramone's sneeringly ironic cover version of the song will be heard in the closing credits.) Yet his sincerity, for all his showmanship and all his sarcasm, never seems in doubt. His lack of slickness may or may not say something about his level of expertise as a filmmaker. The film is not so much *unslick* as strategically and pragmatically *anti-slick*. The film mirrors

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the filmmaker. With Marilyn Manson, Dick Clark, Charlton Heston. 2002.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Bread, My Sweet — American independent film starring Scott Baio as an Italian baker, directed by Melissa Martin. (HAZARD CENTER 7, FROM 12/20)

Chicago — Reviewed this issue. With Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere, and Queen Latifah; directed by Rob Marshall.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/27)

Children of the Century — Tony historical romance centered around the affair of the twenty-three-year-old Alfred de Musset and the six-years-old George Sand, "poetry and prose," perhaps not a perfect match but an ignitable one. Not half, not a quarter, not an eighth the fun of the cooler-headed and farther-distanced *Impromptu*, navigating the same social circle, plus Chopin. (Mandy Patinkin and Judy Davis were Musset and Sand in that one.) The approach here is so straight, so square, as to be severely wanting in interpretation and personality, apart, anyway, from the standard feminist point of view (Diane Kurys, director) from which the woman will appear deep, ardent, authentic, and completely committed while the man will seem a fickle, self-indulgent, self-destructive *poseur*. As far as that goes, you wonder why Sand would have put up with him. Asking Juliette Binoche to play one of the luminaries of the Romantic Movement only incites her to turn up her already high-flame histrionics. Asbestos is the recommended attire for all but the most devoted moth. Benoit Magimel comes across as closer to caricature, but that seems to be the point. The opening credits sequence of setting and printing a block of type by letterpress has more magic in it than has all of the emotional combustion. 2002.
★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

El Crimen del Padre Amaro — Carlos Carrera's modernization, and Mexicanization, of a 19th-century Portuguese novel by Eça de Queiroz, a disciple of Flaubert. The film was a box-office bonanza in its native land, perhaps surprising in view of the sedateness and sobriety with which it looks at its subject. The subject on the other hand — priestly indiscretions — is *muy picante*. And there are moments worthy of Buñuel: the palming of a dollar from the collection plate, the spitting-out of a communion wafer to take home to the cat, the attempted force-feeding of a wafer to a palsied invalid. With Gael García Bernal, Sancho Gracia, and Ana Claudia Talancón. 2002.
★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys — Catholic-school hellions in the 1970s. Peter Care's handling of alienated youth falls somewhere between Larry Clark and John Hughes, though it's not a fixed position: there's an uncertainty of tone and intent. Todd McFarlane's animated sequences, bringing the kids' superhero fantasies to fruition, tend toward flattery, but the performances of Emile Hirsch, Kieran Culkin, and Jena Malone are cast in a colder light. Based on a novel by Chris Fuhrman; with Vincent D'Onofrio and Jodie Foster. 2002.
★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/23, 6:30 P.M.)

Die Another Day — It is now (ahem) four decades since James Bond made his debut on screen, never mind another decade since his debut on the page: he must, as a film entity alone, be into his seventies by now. However you calculate it, he can ill afford to spend fourteen months in a North Korean prison, coming out afterwards looking like Robinson Crusoe, as he does at the beginning of this, the twentieth entry in the series, give or take a *Casino Royale* or a *Never Say Never Again*. If the opening bout of incarceration, torture, and disgrace ("Double-0 status rescinded") is meant to provide a jolt, it



The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

would have been advisable not to precede it with one of those preposterously overblown pre-credits sequences, or to accompany it with techno-Madonna all through the actual credits. The film is wrecked before it can get off the ground. There was perhaps cause for hope in the enlistment of a new director, Lee Tamahori (*Once Were Warriors*, *Mulholland Falls*, *The Edge*, *Along Came a Spider*), a cut above most of the recent helmsmen. Then again, the same could have been said about Michael Apted before the previous one, *The World Is Not Enough*. Bond proves again to be director-proof. In fairness, the second-banana villain's getaway by helicopter from an islet off Cuba is excitingly staged, and there's a vigorous swordfight in the Flynn-Rathbone tradition between Bond (who never needs practice to stay in trim) and the top banana. But then there's the laser-ray satellite, the invisible automobile, the wind-surfing on a tidal wave, the car chase through the melting Ice Palace, the cosmetic conversion of Asian to Caucasian, and so on. With Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, Rick Yune, Judi Dench, John Cleese. 2002. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HARBOR DRIVE IN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Drumline — Disney-esque formula sports film, directed by Charles Stone III, about a hot-shot freshman on a full scholarship to Atlanta A&T, who needs to learn the meaning of teamwork. Except that the "sport" isn't football, isn't basketball, isn't even a sport; it's the marching band (motto: "One band, one sound"), pointing toward a competition of its own on the BET network. Orlando Jones, usually a cut-

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Eight Crazy Nights — Animated holiday greeting card — Christmas and Hanukah both — addressed to Adam Sandler's flock: juvenile tastelessness sprinkled with sugar. Besides being the model for the bah-humbug protagonist, Sandler supplies four different voices, all of them irritating in different ways. And the brand names and corporate logos on parade — Radio Shack, See's Candies, Victoria's Secret, Dunkin Donuts, etc. — demonstrate his full grasp of the Spirit of the Season. Directed by Seth Kearsley. 2002. ● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

8 Mile — Screen debut of rapper Eminem, a pop-star acting vehicle not unlike some of the more serious (everything being relative) of the early Elvis vehicles: *Loving You*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *King Creole*, *Wild in the Country*. (The Eminem character is even addressed on occasion as "Elvis.") On the score of "realism," one cannot fault the views of the ravaged urbanscape of modern Detroit (Michael Moore territory) or the trailer-park squalor of the hero's home life; and Eminem himself, who came out of this background, does nothing in his acting to dispel the illusion. But all this grit goes only so far to cover up a hip-hop *Rocky* centered

around a blue-eyed, blue-collar rapper who freezes on stage during the opening "battle" — forty-five seconds apiece to trash an opponent in rhythm and rhyme — and who ultimately redeems himself in the climactic rematch. What happens in between is a sub-Scorsese parade of scrapes and scuffles threaded together by a plotless blur of "What the fuck, man!" and "What's your fucking problem?" (Eminem, despite his runty size and his perpetual deer-in-the-headlights look of fright, holds his own in the physical battles, too.) And the grit, such as it is, never gets so thick as to blacken the rosy image of rap music as the voice of liberation: just what our Founding Fathers had envisioned for the disenfranchised youths of the inner cities. The un-PC "gangsta" element has been all but eliminated, and although the personal vituperation in these "battles" leads naturally to challenges of an opponent's manhood — which lead naturally to imputations of homosexuality — our hero will not descend to such depths. He descends instead to the level of the grade-school playground where a rival will be perceived as vulnerable on the basis that his given name is Clarence. As in Darrow. With Mekhi Phifer, Brittany Murphy, Kim Basinger; directed by Curtis Hanson. 2002. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18)

The Emperor's Club — Pedantic

induction into the hallowed halls of St. Benedict's School for Boys: the dedicated teacher, the troublemaking pupil, the lessons learned, the damp-eyed twenty-five-year reunion. The bulk of the action is set in the Seventies, but it often feels as if it's seventy years earlier. With Kevin Kline, Emile Hirsch, Jesse Eisenberg, Rishi Mehta, Embeth Davidtz; directed by Michael Hoffman. 2002. ● (FLOWER HILL 4)

Empire — Street Smart meets Wall Street: a South Bronx drug dealer, looking to go legit, moves downtown to SoHo and gets taken to the cleaners. Directed with lots of tricks and little style by Franc Reyes (who wants us to put a period after his first name, a neat summary of his directorial sensibility). John Leguizamo, looking like a Latino John Garfield, and Peter Sarsgaard hold up their end, but the rest of it drags along in the muck. Denise Richards, Delilah Cotto, Isabella Rossellini, Sonia Braga. 2002. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Evelyn — Pierce Brosnan as a working-class Irishman in a custody fight for his

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children, directed by Bruce Beresford.
(FASHION VALLEY 18, FROM 12/20)

Extreme Ops — A team of “extreme” athletes, on location in the Alps to shoot a commercial, cross paths with a band of fugitive terrorists: just something else to get the adrenalin pumping and the rock music pounding. Extreme stupidity. With Rufus Sewell, Rupert Graves, Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras; directed by Christian Duguay. 2002.
● (PALM PROMENADE 24)

Far from Heaven — At the outset, Todd Haynes carries us on a crane over a Peyton Place-y town square (or square town) and into the glossy world of the 1950s “women’s picture.” It is mildly amazing how straight he plays it, or anyway how deadpan, although there are nonetheless as many laughs as there would be if a present-day audience were to sit and watch *Imitation of Life* or *All That Heaven Allows*, the two Douglas Sirk soapers that provide the most overt inspiration. One flagrant difference between this and those is the taboo subject matter that never could have seen the light of day on the old Universal Studios backlot: the struggles of a white-collar family man with his suppressed homosexuality (“I know it’s a sickness, because it makes me feel *despicable*”) and the possibility, if not the actuality, of a clandestine affair between a liberal-minded suburban housewife and her cultured “Negro” gardener. Somehow the director’s deadpan does not hide every hint of his condescension, self-congratulation, and higher evolution. Off screen, which is to say in interviews and in the press notes, he will insist on how relevant and universal — as distinct from Universal — the material continues to be, but this might have been easier to swallow if he had updated the setting. When Rainer Werner Fassbinder paid his own homage to Sirk in *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, he made the same point, and made it better, by taking an old soapy story (*All That Heaven Allows* cross-pollinated with *Imitation of Life* — and clearly Haynes owes as much to Fassbinder as to Sirk) and then transplanting it into a thoroughly modern style and setting. Why could the



Star Trek Nemesis

point not just as well be made a slightly different, yet slightly more daring, way: by transporting an old story *along with the old style* into a modern setting? While it is well photographed (Ed Lachman), well designed (Mark Friedberg), well costumed (Sandy Powell), and well acted (Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert), the film has a dollhouse quality that stiffens it, flattens it, squeezes the life out of it. Perhaps there’s significance in the fact that Haynes’s name-making first film, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*, was enacted entirely with Barbie dolls. What had seemed at the time a budgetary limitation might be a bigger limitation. 2002.
★ (COVE, THROUGH 12/19; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/20)

Frida — Belated contribution to Frida-mania. The same-named 1984 film by Paul Leduc, while timelier, was too low-profile to discourage additional spotlight-seekers and altar-worshippers. So now we have a

new chiselled Frida Kahlo (Salma Hayek), an almost Manneristically elongated one, to grace the cover of the paperback reprint of Hayden Herrera’s definitive biography, and to obstruct our view of the real woman. The movie unmistakably works a kind of magic (not to say “magic realism”) in the transformation of so fascinating a life, so lavishly re-created and so lusciously photographed, into something so dull and ordinary. Certainly we might have expected some visual pyrotechnics from director Julie Taymor, who had shaken up Shakespeare in *Titus*. And for sure, Taymor pulls out all the stops for the grisly trolley accident that crippled the artist in her youth (though she’s dancing a tango before you know it). And her voyage to New York — otherwise known as the Invasion of Gringolandia — will be done as an animated collage of paper cutouts, with her muralist husband, Diego Rivera, scaling the Empire State Building as King Kong. For the rest, this is a surprisingly pedestrian “biopic,” in the subgenre of Tormented Artist, endlessly relating the marital

infidelities and blow-ups (“My goddam sister! You’re an animal!”), and casting only passing glances at the oh-by-the-way paintings. Taymor, in effect, is like the socialite who attends a gallery opening only in order to gossip about the artist, and who can barely spare a moment for what’s on the walls. The artwork is important to her, just as Kahlo’s circle of friends is important to her, only to the extent that it confers a reputation. The movie counts on the cachet of the characters to compensate for the triteness and repetitiveness of the incidents. With Alfred Molina, Geoffrey Rush, Ashley Judd, Antonio Banderas, and Edward Norton, as Diego Rivera, Leon Trotsky, Tina Modotti, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Nelson Rockefeller, in order. 2002.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA)

Gangs of New York — Reviewed this issue. With Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz, and Jim Broadbent; directed by Martin Scorsese.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8;

FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/20)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone — The children’s book by J.K. Rowling, now a movie by Chris Columbus — maker of, among others, *Adventures in Babysitting*, *Home Alone*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Nine Months*, *Stepmom*, and *Bicentennial Man*, chief rival of Steven Spielberg for his in-touchness with the Inner Child. No longer applicable, quite plainly, will be the line of defense to the effect that, however good or bad it might be, the kids at least are *reading* it, reading *something*. Even if you haven’t read it yourself, you can infer a slavish fidelity to the text on the grounds that no special-effects movie, no “event” movie, no movie scored by John Williams, would otherwise keep so leisurely and strung-out a schedule of dramatic incident. It’s more a matter of going new places and meeting new people (or new owls, goblins, trolls), a social schedule. The bespectacled little hero, if you didn’t know, is a put-upon orphan who, on reaching his eleventh birthday, and despite the interference of an abusive adoptive family of Dickensian grossness, discovers that he is a natural-born wizard and is eligible for admittance into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, there to develop his infinite inner potential. In short, he is a close cousin to every neglected, unappreciated, unloved, scorned, mocked, but ultimately (sweetly, revengefully) triumphant hero out of Hans Christian Andersen’s fairy tales. In the end, his plodding path will lead him to a confrontation with the evil entity who slew his parents. But this destination is not signposted with the efficiency or urgency of a *Hamlet* (for instance). Maybe admirers of the book will be content with what amounts to an ancillary text of lavish illustrations. Still, it’s not the, or a, book. More bluntly, it’s not anything special. With Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Robbie Coltrane, Ian Hart, Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, and Maggie Smith. 2001.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Hot Chick — A teenage girl in the body of Rob Schneider, directed by Tom Brady.
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The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers — Reviewed this issue. With Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Orlando Bloom, and Ian McKellen; directed by Peter Jackson.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Maid in Manhattan — Can Jennifer Lopez be Pretty Womanized? The question does not ask whether she can be America’s Sweetheart (which, owing to her career choices to date, and despite the cuteness of her giggle, her nose-scrunch, her accent, etc., seems very much out of the question), but rather whether she can have a mega-hit on the scale of Julia Roberts. This question will chiefly be of interest to her business

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manager, her accountant, her agent, her publicist, perhaps her psychiatrist. The legitimate interest, meantime, of the critic and the casual moviegoer is the simple question of whether she can make a good movie, more exactly a movie concerned with something other than flattering its star. (Of course she made one of those, *Blood and Wine*, but that was before she became a star.) This particular Cinderella story casts her as a single-mom housekeeper at the four-star Beresford Hotel, with aspirations to a management position, but suddenly in jeopardy of losing everything after she tries on the Dolce & Gabbana pantsuit in the closet of the Park Suite, and the dishy and highly eligible State Assemblyman — Ralph Fiennes — from the York Suite down the hall walks in on her and takes her for a lady. (Nothing in her daily hairdo and makeup could give her away.) Complications, as you can all too well imagine, ensue. For flattery, she has her own cheering section among her co-workers, and she has the compliment, “It’s perfect,” aimed in the direction of her renowned back bumper. Suspense is not heightened a millimeter by the identification of the politico as a Republican. “What’s the difference these days?” pipes up the heroine’s precocious ten-year-old. The real question of the movie is what on earth the director of *The Joy Luck Club*, not to mention stuff like *The Center of the World* and *Smoke and Slamdance*, Wayne Wang, thinks he is up to. Or to ask it another way: how many pop songs on the soundtrack can self-deceit accommodate? With Natasha Richardson, Stanley Tucci, Bob Hoskins. 2002.

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15; HAZARD CENTER 7)

On Guard — Classy French costume adventure very much in the *Cartouche* mode (from the same director, Philippe de Broca), with an enchantingly myth-like plotline, plenty of swordplay, literate dialogue, tasteful color, a fine leading man in Daniel Auteuil, but not, alas, a musical score by *Cartouche*’s Georges Delerue. (Big swells, instead, of the same Mascagni intermezzo that Scorsese used in *Raging Bull*.) The discovery of the slaughtered

wedding guests is a breath-stoppingly spooky scene, capped off with the poetic shock effect of a corpse whose face is masked beneath dripped and hardened candlewax. De Broca still knows a thing or two about filmmaking after forty years of it. Fabrice Luchini, Vincent Perez, Marie Gillain, Philippe Noiret. 1997.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 12/27)

Personal Velocity — Subhead: “Three Portraits.” In specific, portraits of Delia, Greta, and Paula, each in turn instead of intertwined. The omniscient narrator, male, keeps us constantly mindful of the literary roots of the material (“She felt the ambition drain out of her, like pus from a lanced boil”), a selection of short stories brought to the screen by writer-director Rebecca Miller, their original author. The digital-video image is in and out of focus, insecurely framed, shrouded in smog or coated in wax — a ghastly thing to look at. With Kyra Sedgwick, Parker Posey, Fairuza Balk. 2002.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Rabbit-Proof Fence — Reviewed this issue. With Kenneth Branagh, Evelyn Sampi, Tianna Sansbury, Laura Monaghan, and David Gulpilil; directed by Phillip Noyce.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/25)

Real Women Have Curves — Elementary ethnic feminism, to do with the tough choice facing a chubby Chicana: whether to work in an L.A. sweatshop or to attend Columbia University on a full scholarship. (An hour and a half to decide.) Corroboration of the title comes when four overweight seamstresses strip off to compare cellulite. The cellulite, at any rate, is real, if not the women. America Ferrara, Lupe Ontiveros, Ingrid Oliu; directed by Patricia Cardoso. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Ring — Heavily hyped remake of a little-seen Japanese horror film follows around a Nancy Drew reporter (Naomi Watts) as she looks into the rumor of a videotape that kills its viewers one week to the minute after they view it. She even looks at the tape herself after intrepidly tracking down a copy of it at the Shelter Mountain Inn, where four simultaneously deceased teenagers had stayed the week previous. (The video looks a bit like a product of the 1920s avant-garde cinema, but not necessarily lethal.) She then asks the appropriate journalistic questions: “Who made it? Where’d it come from?” She has exactly one week to find the answers. Directed by the chameleonic Gore Verbinski (*Mouse Hunt*, *The Mexican*), the film is rather poorly photographed in a nauseous bluey-green or a bilious greeny-blue, but is watchable all the same. Its emphasis falls more on detective work than on cheap thrills, and it offers some quietly creepy details (the housefly in the video which can be plucked off the screen in freeze-frame mode) as well as one hair-raising scene of a panicked horse running free on a ferry. It even has a satisfactory if incomprehensible ending, before it presses on mandatorily to a less satisfactory and no more comprehensible second ending. With Martin Henderson, Brian Cox, Jane Alexander. 2002.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; VOGUE)

Roger Dodger — It’s not only Roger who’s a dodger. It’s also the cameraman: he feints, he zigzags, he bobs and weaves. (Under instruction, presumably, from novice writer-director Dylan Kidd.) Like Roberto Duran in pursuit of Sugar Ray Leonard, the spectator might want to throw up his *manos* and say *no más*. The sexual tutorial of a sixteen-year-old Ohioan (Jesse Eisenberg) by his jaded and jaundiced

uncle (Campbell Scott), on a night on the town in Manhattan, produces a babbling brook of glib patter, delivered glibly. But what’s the point of trying for punchy dialogue if the camera is just going to dance around it? Even if you could push the freeze-frame button, you would not have anything solid in front of you: wafer-thin faces slotted between a mushy background and mushy foreground, something like potato chips stuck in a mound of guacamole dip. With Isabella Rossellini, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Berkley. 2002.

● (HAZARD CENTER 7)

The Santa Clause 2 — There’s a lot going on, probably too much: the son of Father Christmas has landed himself on the Naughty List and requires some emergency parental attention; a contractual codicil dictates that the incumbent Santa must leave office if he fails to find a Mrs. Claus by Christmas Eve; in Santa’s absence from the North Pole, a plastic facsimile of him (a fascinating make-up job) oversteps his bounds into fascist tyranny; and the Tooth Fairy, unhappy over his name, is given a prominent supporting part. Each of these elements ends up getting short-changed. But altogether it’s a serviceable holiday entertainment from Disney, in spite of the strain of wisenheimer irreverence that

seems to have seeped over from the animation department. Molly Shannon contributes a show-stopping turn, suitable for *Saturday Night Live*, as a desperate blind date with Country-Western aspirations. Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, David Krumholtz; directed by Michael Lembeck. 2002.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; VOGUE)

Singin' in the Rain — The growing pains, the lead-footedness, and the outright gaffes of early sound moviemaking are bullishly mocked in a movie that is itself a faultless display of cinematic and choreographic razzle-dazzle. One of the most thoroughly satisfying of the MGM musicals, most thoroughly of all during the dance number where Donald O’Connor dances straight up the walls. With Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds; co-directed by Kelly and Stanley Donen. 1952.

★★★★ (KEN, 12/27 THROUGH 1/2)

Solaris — Redemption for Steven Soderbergh, after the crass commercialism of *Ocean’s Eleven* (and, in lesser degrees of crassness, *Traffic* and *Erin Brockovich*), to say nothing of the self-indulgence of *Full*



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Frontal. Not that this one is without self-indulgence: a fifty-million-dollar science-fiction film devoid of action and sparse in special effects. Yet the self-indulgence here is balanced by intelligence, by generosity (beyond the glimpses, for interested parties, of George Clooney's tush), and by a

genuine urge to engage and to stimulate. Part of the enjoyment of it, then, is the anticipation of the feelings of outrage, bewilderment, even outright derision on the part of the multiplex crowd unaccustomed to demands on their patience, their attention, their willingness actually to think about what they are seeing and to talk about it afterwards. In these demands, as well as in things like the Resnaisian nonsequential editing and the Godardian muting of sound, Soderbergh summons up the art film of yore (similar, in that sense, to his First Career Mistep,

Kafka), so that the time frame of the film almost seems less futuristic than historical. Of course, the Andrei Tarkovsky film of the same name was a bona fide art film of yore — the Russian answer to *2001*, carrying the upmanship spirit of the Space Race onto the movie screen — and indeed much of the Soderbergh intelligence comes down to knowledgeability in place of originality. He knows enough about movies to select a Tarkovsky film for remake. But then, too, he knows enough about moviemaking to make some improvements. The viewer who is wriggling

out of his skin at the Soderbergh version might be astonished to find out how far Soderbergh has streamlined it, shaving a full hour off Tarkovsky's running time, while still offering much to mull over on the subject of human relationships. The science-fiction fan of today, though, may be out of shape for such ruminative rigors. (Certain plot points, concerning the materialization of memory, bring to mind *Journey to the Seventh Planet*, not a designated egghead film like *2001* and *Solaris*, but a grade-Z quickie from the time — early Sixties — when SF was not

simply a synonym for FX.) And the fans are not the only ones who might be out of shape. It would not be improper, not be ill-bred, to suggest that Soderbergh leaves too much to conjecture at the end; that a few more questions could have been answered, or least *asked*, without quashing all discussion; and that the postulation of an afterlife, although it leaves room for ambiguity and irony, invites the kind of mushy, muddy feel-goodism that John Edward and James Van Praagh hold out to the bereaved on daily television. With Natascha McElhone, Jeremy Davies, Viola

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(11:10, 4:25) 10:10; Tue. (11:10, 4:25); **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; Tue. (11:50, 12:20, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30; **They** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 7:50, 10:00; Tue. 7:50; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 11:10, 11:45, 1:10, 1:45, 3:10, 3:45, 5:10, 5:45, 7:10, 7:45, 9:10, 9:45; Tue. 11:10, 11:45, 1:10, 1:45, 3:10, 3:45, 5:10, 5:45, 7:10, 7:45

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Adaptation (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Tue. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00; Wed.-Thu. (2:00) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

La Jolla 12
8657 Villa La Jolla Dr (858-558-2262)
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
(PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (11:00, 3:00) 7:00, 11:00

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Bowling for Columbine (R) (Fri. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Mon. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Tue. (1:40) 4:15, 7:00; Wed.-Thu. (11:00) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; **Children of the Century** (Not Rated) (Fri. (4:25) 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:10) 4:25, 9:45; Mon. (4:25) 9:45; Tue. (4:25); Wed.-Thu. (11:10) 4:25, 9:45; **Far from Heaven** (PG-13) (Fri. (1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Mon. (1:55) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; Tue. (1:55) 4:35, 7:15; Wed.-Thu. (11:20) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Real Women Have**

Curves (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Mon. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; Tue. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35; Wed.-Thu. (11:35) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; **The Way Home** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (2:05) 7:25

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Hazard Center 7

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Gangs of New York (R); Real Women Have Curves (PG-13); The Bread, My Sweet; Roger Dodger; Standing in the Shadows of Motown; My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

Mission Valley 20

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Cinerama 6

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 7:25, 9:55; Mon. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55;
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 the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Mon.
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 berries Movie** (PG) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 2:45)
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 9:15; Tue. (11:45, 2:45, 5:05) 7:05

Ken

4061 Adams Avenue (619-283-5909)
Wasabi (R) Fri. 7:10; Sat.-Sun. 2:40, 7:10;
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Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (PG)
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 5:00, 9:30

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Frida (R) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (10:45) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Mon. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; Tue. (1:30) 4:20, 7:00; Wed.-Thu. (10:45) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45; **Personal Velocity** (R) Fri. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Mon. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40, 10:10; Tue. (2:10) 5:00, 7:40; **Rabbit-Proof Fence** (PG) Wed.-Thu. ; **Talk to Her** (R) Wed.-Thu.

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★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Standing in the Shadows of Motown — Well-deserved and long-overdue tribute to the anonymous studio musicians, known collectively as the Funk Brothers, who shaped the Motown Sound in the 1960s. The visual material is a little thin: minimal archive footage (these men by definition were out of the limelight), bogus “re-enactments,” and a sentimental but largely meaningless reunion concert of the surviving Brothers and “cover” vocalists

such as Joan Osborne, Meshell Mdegeocello, Bootsy Collins, Ben Harper, Chaka Khan. So many of the key players were already dead when the film was shot — and another of them, keyboardist Johnny Griffith, would die within a week of its release — but it’s a pleasure and a privilege to listen in on the reminiscences of the rest. Directed by Paul Justman. 2002.
★★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

Star Trek Nemesis — Reviewed this issue. With Patrick Stewart, Brent Spiner,

Jonathan Frakes, and Tom Hardy; directed by Stuart Baird.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Talk to Her — Reviewed this issue. With Javier Cámara, Darío Grandinetti, Leonor Watling, Rosario Flores, and Geraldine

Chaplin; written and directed by Pedro Almodóvar.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 12/25)

They — Dim-lit chiller, with a no-name cast, about childhood “night terrors” made tangible. (“They” are not the gentle beings of the same-named ghost story by Rudyard Kipling.) Not much development, but some effective tightening of screws. Laura Regan, as finely whittled as the young Jamie Lee Curtis, is a credibly distressed damsel. Directed by Robert Harmon. 2002.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Thirteen Conversations about One Thing — Four (or so) intersecting plotlines on the themes of the pursuit of happiness and the quirks of fate, but snipped up and patched together so that events that follow each other on screen do not follow each other in chronology. Additional chopping-up and rearranging are achieved through chapter headings excerpted from the dialogue: “Ignorance is bliss,” “Fuck guilt,” “Fortune smiles on some and laughs at others,” “Eighteen inches of personal space,” and so forth. There might be something to be gotten from the out-of-

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joint construction — a sense of the seeming randomness of the universe, the mysterious interconnectedness of all things, the surreptitious action of cause and effect, the endless recurrence of the pattern — but it’s hard to be sure you’re really getting it. Even so, the film is stronger on overall vision than on the fine points of dialogue and narrative. The former tends to sound “written” and artificial, while the latter tends to look contrived, uninventive, thesis-driven, illustrative. Somehow it’s not surprising to hear that the filmmaking sisters, director and co-writer Jill Sprecher and co-writer Karen Sprecher, acknowledge Bertrand Russell’s *The Concept of Happiness* as a “jumping-off point.” The economical, energy-efficient, no-waste performance of Alan Arkin as the consummate sourpuss, suspicious of anyone’s good fortune or good humor, so dominates the proceedings as to foment impatience with the alternating plotlines. (Despite the presence in them of such watchable players as John Turturro, Barbara Sukowa, Clea DuVall, Tia Texada.) The office milieu around Arkin — a tight-fisted insurance outfit — reminds us that the Sprechers had earlier collaborated on *Clockwatchers*. Their ambition since then has increased by leaps and bounds. Their charm has increased, too, by at least a hop and a skip. With Matthew McConaughey, Amy Irving, Frankie Faison, William Wise. 2002. ★★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12/22, 2 P.M.)

Treasure Planet — An incohesive and indigestible blend of Robert Louis Stevenson and Robert Heinlein, besides an



Two Weeks Notice

incohesive and indigestible blend of hand-drawn animation and CG stuff. The spaceships have masts and sails, like the flying pirate ship at the end of *Peter Pan*, except that these keep on going beyond the ionosphere, with the crew held to the deck by “artificial gravity.” (Okay, but how about some artificial oxygen?) Most of RLS’s memorable characters are present in one form or another: Jim Hawkins (a fatherless teenage daredevil with two-tiered, two-toned hair and a jet-powered surfboard), Long John Silver (a soft-hearted surrogate father), Dr. Livesey (prissified in

the voice of David Hyde Pierce), Billy Bones (minus the Black Spot), Ben Gunn (a senile robot dubbed by Martin Short: “Was I ever dancing with an android named Lupe?”), in addition to a new Strong Female Character (in place of Capt. Smollett) and a comical shape-shifting mascot by the name of Morph (in place of the parrot): serious demographic oversights on Stevenson’s part. To tell a boys’ story nowadays would be risky more than just financially. The Disney team of John Musker and Ron Clements, wanting to overlook no one, include plenty of

campy touches for the sophisticate, flatulence jokes for the innocent, and rollicking Korngold-esque musical passages for the nostalgist — and the whole thing exudes the warmth of a cash register. 2002. ● (CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

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Flower Hill 4

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of an “environmental warrior” and a “philandering robber baron,” more prosaically a community-activist attorney and a Trump-like urban developer. The glowing photography by Laszlo Kovacs has greater gravity: way beyond cute, really quite gorgeous. With Alicia Witt, Dana Ivey, Robert Klein; written and directed by Marc Lawrence. 2002. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SWEETWATER 9; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 12/20)

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College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790) **Analyze That** (R) Fri.-Mon. 9:30; Tue. 7:00; **Drumline** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:40; Tue. 12:20, 3:30, 6:40; **Empire** (R) Fri.-Mon. 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:15; Tue. 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 10:15, 2:00, 6:00, 9:45; Tue. 10:15, 2:00, 6:00; **The Hot Chick** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35; Tue. 11:45, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50; **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:45; Tue. 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:15, 3:15, 5:10, 6:30; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:35, 7:00, 7:35, 10:00, 10:30; Tue. 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:35, 7:00, 7:35; **The Santa Clause 2** (G) Fri.-Mon. 11:45, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00; Tue. 11:45, 2:30, 4:45; **Star Trek Nemesis** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 10:20, 1:20, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20, 1:20, 4:15, 7:20; **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. 11:20, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30; Tue. 11:20, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45; **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG) Fri.-Mon. 10:50, 1:30, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00; Tue. 10:50, 1:30, 3:50, 6:30

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401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733) **The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers** (PG-13); **Gangs of New York** (R); **The Wild Thornberrys Movie** (PG); **Two Weeks Notice** (PG-13); **Star Trek Nemesis**; **Maid in Manhattan** (PG-13); **The Hot Chick** (PG-13); **Drumline** (PG-13); **Analyze That** (R); **Empire** (R); **Treasure Planet** (PG); **Die Another Day** (PG-13); **Friday after Next**; **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**

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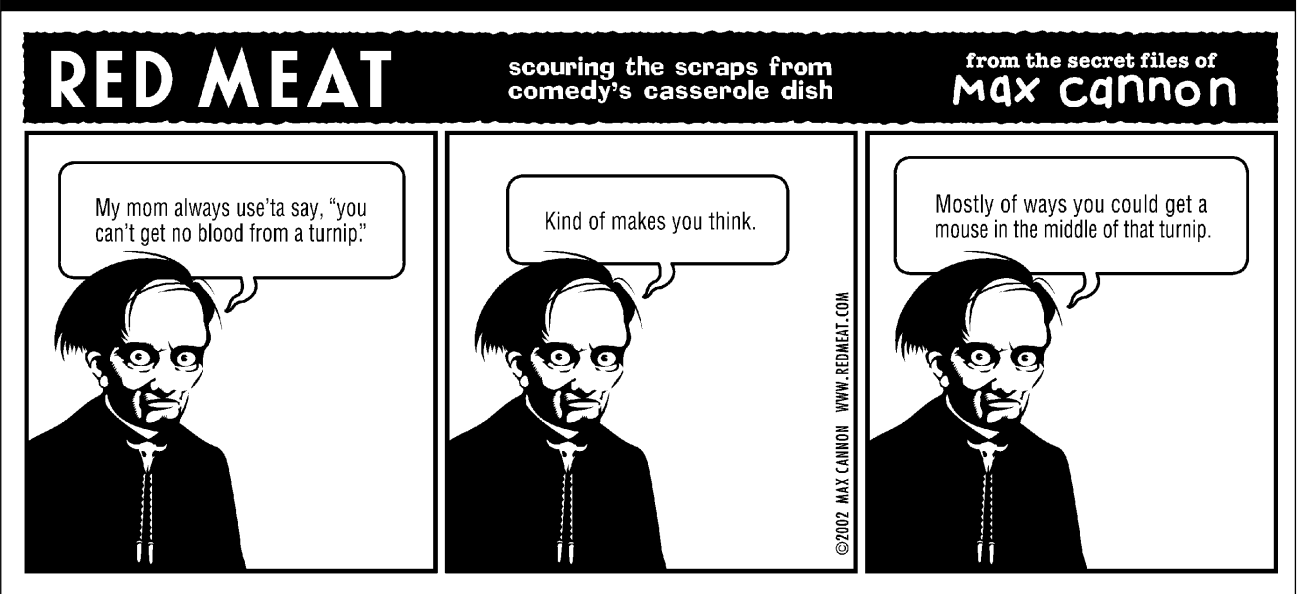
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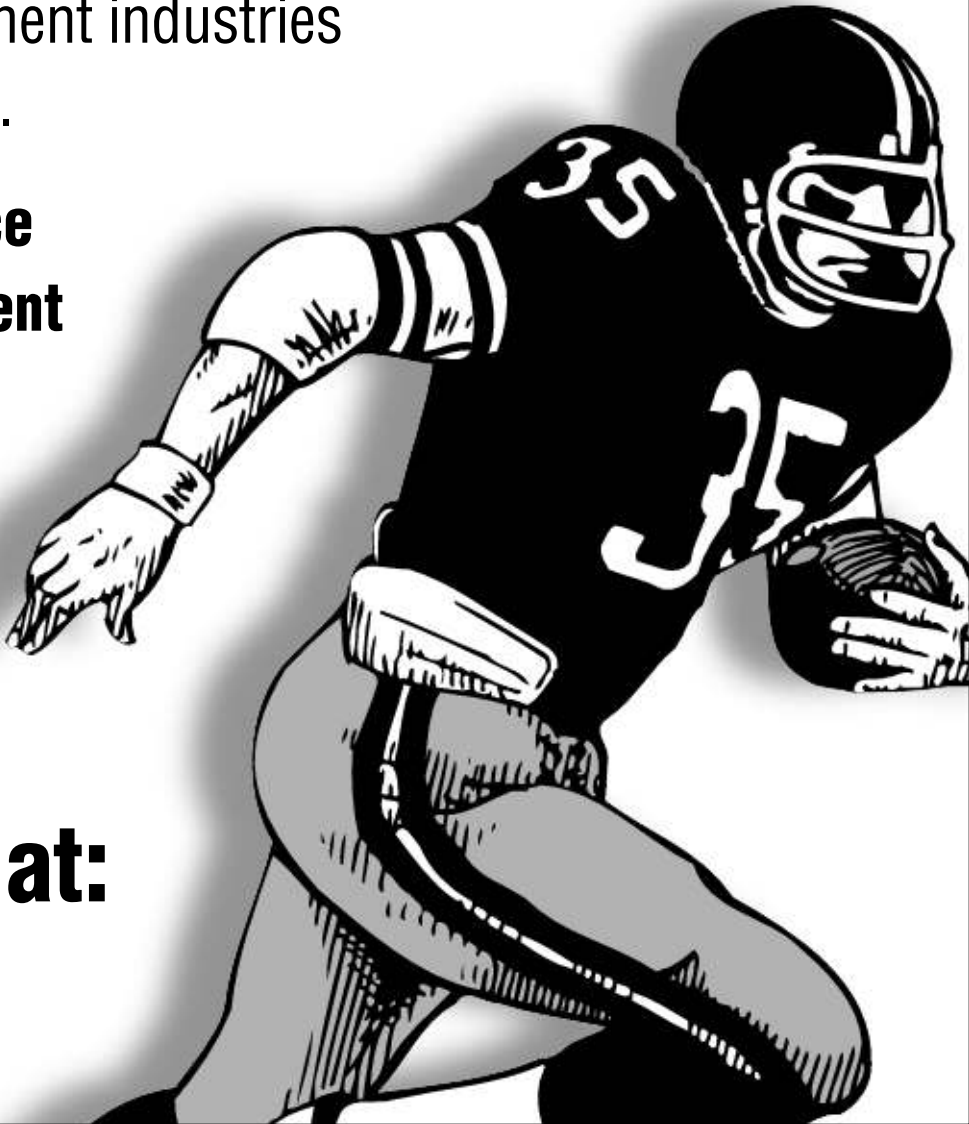
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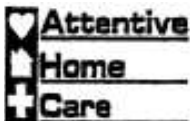
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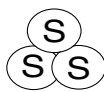
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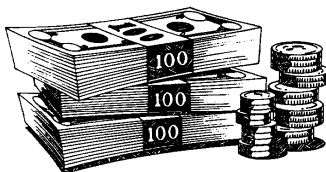
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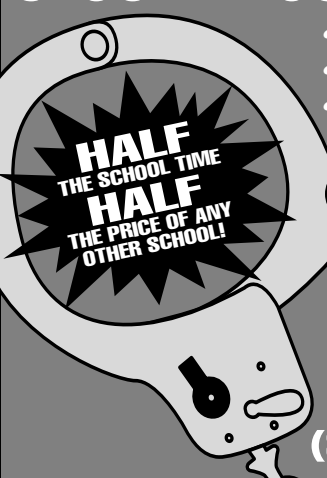


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MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL, intelligent, fun, good values, enjoys mountains, home projects, woodworking, stained glass, cats. Seeking companion, partner, friend, 45-57, to share similar interests. Non-smoking. (12/25) ☎50116

SENSUAL, ATTRACTIVE, loving, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoys outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 55-65, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (12/25) ☎50115

ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, me too. Want to meet someone, me too. You're in your 40s or 50s, me too. Call, let's talk. (12/25) ☎50141

ATTRACTIVE, BLACK WOMAN, voluptuous, 40ish, professional, looking for serious relationship with an attractive Asian man, 30-50, kind, supportive, businessman, who likes to participate in sports. (1/8) ☎50154

KIND, INTELLIGENT, NURTURING, assertive, secure, active, passionate, responsible, rebel, biracial, Scorpio. I've been told I'm different. Are you also? No atheists, druggies or passivity. (12/25) ☎50112

AMPLE, VOLUPTUOUS BEAUTY, 35, seeks love, romance and mystery! Challenge my intellect. Make me blush. Passion, hard kisses, moonlight, wine, travel. You: 32-42, adventurous ready! (1/8) ☎50173

PURPLE HAIR, BLUE EYES, Tall, full figured, white girl who loves fun. Seeking someone to tickle my fancy. Call me, we'll have lots of fun. (12/25) ☎50134

WINE AND DINE ME, Single, kind, trust-worthy gentleman sought by sincere female, for intelligent conversation and open sensuality with an offbeat, slender, shapely, pixie brunette. (1/8) ☎50174

EDUCATED THAI LADY seeks nice, professional gentleman for dining, dancing, movies and spending quality times together. Must be honest, compassion, considerate and good character. (1/8) ☎50160

FEMALE, 22, 5'2", ITALIAN goddess, creative, intelligent and energetic, looking for attractive male, 23-30, with firm assets, who is honest and outgoing. Remember, I'm picky! (1/8) ☎50152

HOPEFUL, OPTIMISTIC LADY seeks gentleman companion. I have held a government, civil service job for 22 years. Income/age not important. Good manners appreciated. (12/25) ☎50144

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LOVELY LADY, Delightful, intelligent, slender, beautiful, warmhearted, honest. Looking for gentleman, quiet, unassuming, successful, giving, for mutually beneficial relationship/companionship, possible travel. Call me. (1/8) ☎50158

PIERCED, CUTE, BLACK, single mom, 26, easygoing, seeks longhaired, white male, tattooed, pierced, funny, nonsmoker, 25-35, financially okay, for friendship, maybe more. (1/8) ☎50163

CUTE GUY WANTED! You: Good looking, white, 21-31, 5'10"+. Me: Cute, white, passionate, enthusiastic, sweet. Love cars, beach, travel, movies, sports. Want to have fun! (12/25) ☎50117

ASIAN, 33, ATTRACTIVE, educated, spiritual, honest, loyal, good heart, loving, caring, family oriented. Seeking similar gentleman, serious relationship leading to marriage. No games please! (12/25) ☎50121

ANGEL? SEEKS TEDDY BEAR. Single, 40, white, big and beautiful lady, 5'6". You: 33-45, good sense of humor, morals and values. No smoking or drugs. (12/25) ☎50124

SENSUOUS, SASSY, SWEET, silly is what I am! Tall, curvy, blonde, awaits Mr. Handsome who's tall, dark, clean shaven, ready for long term, not marriage. (12/25) ☎50125

PRETTY, INTELLIGENT, warm, 33, enjoys outdoor activities, diverse interests, dining and adventure. You are educated, successful, professional male, 35-45, to love and share life with. (1/8) ☎50171

SPONTANEOUS, FUNNY, CUTE, fit, petite lady. Love life, growth oriented, like hiking mountains, nature, travel. You are also cute, fit, hot, sensitive, caring, spiritual, nonsmoker. (12/25) ☎50137

GOISH, WHITE, 5'5" LADY, looking for 55-65, white male, good sense of humor, fun, educated, enjoys going out or staying home. Nonsmoker. Light drinker OK. (12/25) ☎50132

SANTA WANTED TO WALK IN winter wonderland, stand under the mistletoe, fill stockings, enjoy the holiday with attractive, adventurous 70-year-old, young at heart. (12/25) ☎50143

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLACK female desires white male for relationship. I'm a single mom with biracial kids. You must be attentive, loving, passionate, honest, love kids. (1/8) ☎50151

CHRISTIAN FEMALE, 50, 76lbs., 5', Carlsbad area, with morals, adventurous, honesty a must, travel foreign or states, humor, ocean, fishing, no high expectations, average human. (12/25) ☎50139

ANGELIC, GOLDEN RINGLETS, brilliant painter, of heavenly spheres, mysterious, deep, passionate, sweetheart, 42. Living for now. Desires cultured, magnetic individual for life's simple pleasures. 35-55. (1/8) ☎50168

PRETTY, VIVACIOUS, professional, brunette, 47, seeks emotionally/financially stable man, 40s, must be fit, dependable, honest and love travel. (1/8) ☎50165

WHAT YOU SEE IS what you get! Funny, good hearted, feminine yet rugged, high energy, single mom who loves life/family. Drop me a line! (1/8) ☎50167

HOLIDAY COUPON. Fun and romance is waiting for the right man who is self assured, good looking, humorous and appreciates sexy women over 40. (1/8) ☎50162

WOULD LIKE TO MEET MATURE, independent, romantic college student. I am a cute older woman. (1/8) ☎50153

LIKE FULL FIGURED GALS? Loads of fun, especially me! I'm white, 29, single parent, attractive, blue eyes. Seeking white male, 25-40, serious relationship. No games. (1/8) ☎50148

LIFE TO THE FULLEST! 41, brown/blue, attractive, active, outdoorsy, spiritual, nurturing, professional singer, outgoing humanitarian, affectionate, seeking tall, kind, compassionate lover/best friend, adventures. (1/8) ☎50155

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, blue eyed blonde, 5'8", 125lbs., classy, 52. Seeking handsome, intelligent, active professional. (1/8) ☎50172

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, CHRISTIAN male desired by full figured, white female, for fun, passion and sincerity. Be 38-48, honest, gentle, relationship minded, responsible. (12/25) ☎50113

ATTRACTIVE, 45, seeks white gentleman for dating/possible relationship. Must be kind, honest, emotionally/financially stable, with sense of humor. Nonsmoker. North County preferred. (12/25) ☎50108

ARE YOU READY? Sexy, green eyes, blonde, discerning, fit, 5'5", 37, intelligent, funny, loves life. You: witty, intelligent, stable, tall, fit, professional, romantic, loves life! (12/25) ☎50126

CURVACEOUS, ATTRACTIVE blonde, great legs, 125lbs., 5'3", selective, exciting, traditional. Seeking lifetime playmate, 55+, 165lbs., nonsmoker, emotionally/financially secure, sincere, active, healthy, humorous, theater, travels. (12/25) ☎50133

I'M LOOKING FOR A KIND, intelligent, comfortable, 55+ man, who has enough confidence in himself for one woman. Good energy, you won't be sorry. (12/25) ☎50130

ISSUELESS, BLACK, 5'11", 50 and looking for a tall, big, black teddy bear of a man, for fun, dancing, talking and more. Be 35-55. (1/8) ☎50164

MEXICAN/AMERICAN, plus size woman, enjoys dinner parties, board games, children. Seeking honest, marriage-minded, 21-31, man seeking a modern twist to a 50s lifestyle. (1/8) ☎50169

FOR MY BIRTHDAY I WISH to meet this great guy, around 60, educated and honest, not tall and not shy. This cute, red-haired German, romantic and smart, likes to travel and spoil you and capture your heart. (12/25) ☎50147

ASIAN, SWEET, SULTRY, sensational, healthcare professional, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. Seeking tall, fit, successful, nonsmoker, generous, white, professional, 35-55. Let's enjoy food, music, explore. (1/8) ☎50156

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE, TALL, built, black professional, 44-56. I'm a stunning 47-year-old white female professional, 5'6", 134lbs, healthcare. Must be degreed, healthy, great kisser. (12/25) ☎50120

AUSTRALIAN DESIRED by citizen of the world. Not giving up on my dream. Still looking for my match down under! Where are you? Show yourself! (12/25) ☎50145

CREATIVE, HANDSOME, spiritual man sought by tall, attractive, youthful 55, blonde. We are intelligent, intuitive, fit,

sensual, adventurous, artistic, enjoying massages, growth, culture, laughter, life. (12/25) ☎50136

EXOTIC, BLUE-EYED BLONDE, 5'6-1/2", 155lbs., extremely intelligent, playful, conceited, wise, daring, tattooed, pierced, into metal yet professional. You: rugged, gorgeous, inquisitive, secure, spontaneous, unpredictable. (12/25) ☎50142

FIREPLACE, MUSIC, WINE and the right man to share them. Attractive, petite blonde, successful, spiritual, sophisticated, seeks dynamic, adventuresome, equal, 55+, for life's incredible journey. (12/25) ☎50146

BLONDE, EUROPEAN BORN, good looking, green eyes, sophisticated, professional, funny. Seeking attractive, tall, educated, financially secure, witty, quality male, 40-45. Enjoy laughter, dining, travel, music. (12/25) ☎50128

PROFESSIONAL, HISPANIC lady, university graduated, attractive, romantic, sexy, healthy, seeks handsome, caring, fit, financially secure, African-American gentleman for meaningful relationship, no smoking, no drugs. (1/8) ☎50170

INTO SPIRITUALITY, dyer, prosperous, nonsmoker, 37 maximum, great Latino looks, never want kids? If yes, I'm loving, beautiful, 33, thin, blonde, waiting to meet you. (1/8) ☎50159

ATTRACTIVE, CHRISTIAN female, 35, tall, fit, active, honest, college degreed, sense of humor, nonsmoker, seeks similar male, 28-38, marriage minded. Kids OK. (12/25) ☎50140

HE-MAN, LUMBERJACK TYPE with kind heart, good mind, sought by active, attractive, adventures woman who's funny, smart and entrepreneurial. Motorcyclist? Happy holidays! (12/25) ☎50114

ENERGETIC, FUNNY, spontaneous. I'm a 38-year-old woman who likes walks on the beach, going out to dinner and dancing. (12/25) ☎50122

LOOKING FOR A GENTLEMAN between 50-60 years old, nonsmoker who is bilingual, Spanish. Enjoys traveling, jogging, movies and good sense of humor. (1/8) ☎50157

LOVER/BOYFRIEND WANTED by plus size brunette, nonsmoker, very romantic, very loving and sincere. Seeking long-term relationship. Let's go for it, big boy. (12/25) ☎50111

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL guy. I'm attractive, 52, 5'5", spiritual. Seeking sincere, honest man and a great kisser, 45-56, for happiness, love, romance and life. (12/25) ☎50118

PRETTY, FIT, YOUNG ATTITUDE, early 40's, fun loving, very likeable, outgoing. Seeking emotionally/financially secure, enjoys life, healthy, male professional, 40-55, nonsmoker, honest. (12/25) ☎50131

WERE YOU A GOOD BOY? Naughty or nice? Deserving of a special lady? Intelligent, loving, generous, adventurous. This

beautiful, black, diverse, sexy, goddess awaits. Viva. (12/25) ☎50138

DIVORCED ASIAN, 45, NICE, intelligent and attractive. Love outdoors, movies, traveling. Professionally employed and financially secure. Looking for a guy with similar qualities. 43-55. (1/8) ☎50175

ATTRACTIVE, TALL, FIT, adventurous, educated, 46, East Indian, childless. Seeking considerate, warmhearted, fit, fun guy, 30-40s, skiing, hiking, surfing, exploring, dining, music, friendship, romance. (1/8) ☎50149

LAKESIDE, 46, 5'8", 110lbs, very pretty, loves horseback riding, walks, togetherness, seeks nonsmoker, 40's, no cheating, no lying, outdoorsy, quiet type of guy. (12/25) ☎50109

A GIFT FOR YOU. Sexy, African American, 5'4", 120lbs., seeks friend/lover with Hispanic/white, under 40, 5'8"+, passionate about love/life, confident, fit, honest. (12/25) ☎50127

FRIENDLY, CARING and sensuous. Looking for same in a man who also happens to have a good sense of humor and is nice looking. (1/8) ☎50166

EUROPEAN, COSMOPOLITAN, attractive, sexy, athletic, health conscious, interested in a masculine gentleman, 45-60, who desires to share the wonderful things that life has to offer. (1/8) ☎50150

EUROPEAN, EDUCATED, sexy, smart, gorgeous, petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, compassionate, monogamous, stylish, passionate, friendship, sportive, spiritual/nonreligious. No previous kids, 35-48, 5'9"+, no Republicans. (12/25) ☎50119

MUSIC, MOVIES, MORE. Active, spirited, romantic, compassionate, successful woman seeks sensitive, loyal man, share commitment, excitement and romance. Let's accept the journey and experience life! (1/8) ☎50161

MATCHES

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DEMOCRAT, NONRELIGIOUS, fit, active, fun, tennis, ski, all activities, emotionally/financially secure, decent looks. Seeking 40-55, like-mind, neat, sweet, petite, affectionate, nonsmoker, lasting relationship. (1/8) ☎49684

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I'M A PRESCHOOL TEACHER who loves football, soccer, running and the beach. Would like to meet a nice, Asian lady. (12/25) ☎49612

TIRED SEARCHING; CONNECT! Tall, 6'+, spiritual, centered, caring, retired, coastal, travelled, eclectic, seeks tall, creative, sensual, trim woman, unencumbered, ready for our nirvana on earth. (12/25) ☎49645

BLONDE LADY WANTED. Latino man, fit, slim, 5'8", never married, educated. Seeking childless, slender woman, 20-40. (1/8) ☎49655

I LIKE NATURE, HIKING, camping, swimming, traveling, music, art, movies, photography, books, history. I'm tall, slim, athletic, health conscious, professional, educated, witty, agnostic, 59. You? (12/25) ☎49621

HANDSOME, ROMANTIC, christian, Hispanic professional, 30s, 5'7", brown hair, brown eyes, athletic. Looking for honest, attractive professional. For dining, dancing, romance, possible long-term relationship. (1/8) ☎49649

ARE YOU SINGLE, about 30 something, Caucasian, Christian, physically fit, financially responsible, childless and ready to click with similar yet older, mature, monogamous male? (1/8) ☎49677

INTELLIGENT, business minded, white male, early 40s, 5'7", seeks fun, loving, petite female for friendship, dating, romance. I'm well traveled, like cooking, movies, weekend getaways. (1/8) ☎49690

LONGTERM RELATIONSHIP desired. Me: creative, positive, loyal, average height, looks, 44, nonsmoker, artist, Hispanic, explorer. Seeking that special, sexy, hot springs of a woman. (1/8) ☎49650

LOOKING FOR GAL FOR DESERT, dunes, beach, mountain trips. I have desert toys. 45-55, share expense, long weekends. I am retired, I have camper. (1/8) ☎49651

SOMETHING DIFFERENT. Male, 38, seeks lady, 30-50, for friendship, romance, travel and to do things with. I'm down to earth and honest. (12/25) ☎49596

AFFECTIONATE ROMANTIC, monogamous, biracial, African American/white, 63, 6'4", 205lbs., financially secure. Seeking lifetime relationship with white female. Home, dancing, travel, fun, more. (12/25) ☎49603

FRIENDLY AND KIND, 27 year old guy who is searching for a fun, nice lady. I am 6' and 189lbs., very athletic, loves life. (12/25) ☎49585

I'M A FINANCIALLY SECURE musician looking for an attractive female I can learn from. I'm a childless, 32 year old gentleman with tough guy looks. (1/8) ☎49664

QUALITY BLACK MALE, seeks nice and attractive, white female for dating and possibly more. I love workouts and dancing. Let's do San Diego together. (12/25) ☎49599

BLACK PROFESSIONAL, 35, seeks special lady to share the finer things in life. I'm the man you want to bring home to meet your family. (12/25) ☎49597

ATTRACTIVE, WHITE male professional, 40, 155lbs., 5'9", seeks Latina, 25-40 for fun. Tijuana OK. Se habla. Prefer nice figure, sense of adventure/humor, good attitude. (12/25) ☎49606

SINGLE, WHITE, CHRISTIAN, seeks 35-40 female, loving, adventure, affection, communication, compassion, family, friendship, honesty, humor, life, outdoors, patience, peace, proportion, sincerity, value, very compromising. (1/8) ☎49669

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- Across**
- 1. Really miffed
 - 6. Hitchhiker's request
 - 10. Depress, with "out"
 - 13. Man of la casa
 - 14. Kuwaiti chief
 - 15. Second introduction?
 - 16. Resort town on the Riviera
 - 18. Abba of Israel
 - 19. Prize for 25-Across and 41-Across
 - 21. Trim
 - 24. Knocker's announcement
 - 25. 19-Across winner in 1972
 - 30. Willow
 - 31. Pocahontas' husband
 - 32. "Bad Behavior" star Stephen
 - 35. Mouthpiece attachment
 - 36. Kind of liberty
 - 37. Turner, the 40's Sweater Girl
 - 38. Symbol on a cape
 - 39. Sticks figures?
 - 40. Equestrian
 - 41. 19-Across winner in 1974
 - 43. "A Cooking Egg" poet
 - 46. Area
 - 47. Character portrayed by 25-Across and 41-Across (the only role for which two performers have won a 19-Across)
 - 52. "____ first you ..."
 - 53. Kurt Russell, to Kate Hudson
 - 57. Journey segments
 - 58. Ooze through the cracks
 - 59. Gave as an example
 - 60. Sold-out inits.
 - 61. Is inquisitive
 - 62. Tempts, in a way

- Down**
- 1. An end to sex?
 - 2. ____ Speedwagon
 - 3. Columnist Landers
 - 4. Did the math, say
 - 5. Kind of set
 - 6. One of two ballroom dancers
 - 7. '50s Hungarian leader Nagy
 - 8. "The Godfather," e.g.
 - 9. "Troilus and Cressida" setting
 - 10. Raisin cakes
 - 11. Take the heat off?
 - 12. It means the world to Parisians
 - 15. Unfamiliar with
 - 17. Columnist Herb

- 20. White House worker
- 21. Camp-out treat
- 22. Mantel pieces?
- 23. Great Lakes tribesmen
- 26. Illegal inducement
- 27. Vagabond
- 28. Glitterati
- 29. Org. governing two conferences
- 32. Spoke more than once?
- 33. When Cuba celebrates Liberation Day
- 34. Moses' older brother
- 36. Tinkers or Evers or Chance
- 37. Something in a "Victoria's Secret" bag
- 39. Org. in which Colin Powell once served
- 40. Simulate, in a way
- 41. 1976 best seller that starts in Gambia
- 42. Steep slope
- 43. Contents of Pandora's box
- 44. Person not getting paroled
- 45. Give ____ (try)
- 48. Thessalian peak
- 49. Blvds. and rds.
- 50. Vichyssoise ingredient
- 51. Omar of "The Mod Squad," 1999
- 54. Dolls in the '80s
- 55. After-tax take
- 56. 29-Down stats

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* (addressed to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803) by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, six days following the issue date.
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 12/12/02.

Of the 125 entrants, 122 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Peter Troiano, *San Diego*
- 2. Mary Beckert, *San Diego*
- 3. Jerry Reimers, *San Diego*
- 4. Lori Hartscher, *El Cajon*
- 5. Kate Bader, *San Diego*

RENAISSANCE MAN: A man having varied interests and expertise in several areas! Native Germany, mixed African-American, husky, 36, MBA, 6'2", baby-faced. Race open. (12/25) **49644**

LATINO MAN, decent, slim, fit, 5'8", 49, educated, never married. Seeking companionship with honest, kind hearted woman. Your race/age is immaterial. (12/25) **49589**

36, WHITE MAN, SEEKS an attractive, career minded, white female, 28-36 for fun and possible lasting relationship. You like a hardworking man, be happy life. (1/8) **49652**

VERY GOOD LOOKING, WHITE male, 40, 6'2", 210lbs., looking for attractive, hu-

morous, loving, emotionally stable lady for good times, laughter, best friends, long term relationship. (12/25) **49582**

HERPES. I JUST WANT to love and be loved. I'm light brown hair, blue eyes. I'm secure. E-mail photos and go from there. Compassion, intelligence. (1/8) **49665**

LET'S PLAY, holidays are here. I'm single with many events to attend. Must be average build, pleasant personality, pleasing to the eye, sexy. Any race. (12/25) **49627**

BLACK MALE, 40, looking for full figured, black woman, for conversations, walks on the beach, music, closeness, honesty, laughter, long term relationship. Age between 35-50. (12/25) **49580**

NICE BUT LONELY. 53, 5'6", guy looking for nice, lonely woman to start a meaningful and satisfying relationship together. Simple ad, simple request! (1/8) **49687**

WELL-ROUNDED 37-year-old with a hunger for life and all it entails. Ready to expand your horizons? Then let's share what comes next! (12/25) **49647**

LUTHERAN GIRLFRIEND WANTED, slenderly blonde, church musician, director, organist, open-minded to dating black church musician. You are slender, songwriter, singer, artistic like me, faithful. (1/8) **49660**

DEL MAR. Loving, interdependence, healthy lifestyles, travel, semi-retired, camping, family, heart connected, communication, best friends always, physical fitness, dancing, yoga, good looking, 5'10", 177lbs., 45-55. (12/25) **49592**

6'3", HANDSOME, BLACK MAN, 38, athletic, well built, financially stable, beach homeowner. Seeking slim, slender, average woman for dating and potential future

together. Race unimportant. (1/8) **49668**

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, WHITE MALE, 51, very loving, caring, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure. Seeking sexy, mature, loving, affectionate, older woman for closeness, intimacy, togetherness and love. (12/25) **49607**

HANDSOME, CHARMING, romantic, successful executive, 50s, centered, spiritual, jeans to tux, 5'8", eclectic. Seeking classy, professional lady, 35-55. (12/25) **49628**

TALL, SUCCESSFUL, HANDSOME, 41, dark hair, Dutch, professional, balanced, no drugs, nonsmoking, established. Seeking beautiful woman. Must be warm-hearted and reliable. (1/8) **49658**

FUN, 50, 6'1", SLENDER, fit, part-time father, sincere, romantic, professional, weekend getaways, dance. You: 38-50, North County, bright, fit, nonsmoker, attractive, marriage minded. (1/8) **49681**

AT 43, WITH YOU next to me, the best is yet to be. (12/25) **49622**

MAN AND GOLDFISH DIVORCED seeks steady partner. Solvent surfer, empty nest, 48. Needs to get a life, likes movies, outdoors, 5'10", nonsmoker. (12/25) **49608**

BORREGO SPRINGS. Anyone like to camp or hike in the mountains and desert? Let's get together then! Friendship, love, romance, adventure? 45, slender, clean-cut, respectful. (1/8) **49670**

HARDWORKING, EAST COAST, Jewish guy. Seeking Jewish woman with family values, loves to travel, enjoys spontaneous adventure, getaways. I'm looking for a lover, a friend. (12/25) **49637**

DON'T WANT TO GROW OLD alone. White, Lakeside homeowner, 60, 5'11", 150lbs., enjoy music, movies, honest talking, sharing feelings, your companionship. Lots of time. (1/8) **49686**

LOOKING FOR a punk rock girl. (12/25) **49636**

FULL HIPS, VOLUPTUOUS, curvaceous, ample, passionate, sexy lady wanted by white male, 59, 6', 200lbs. Let's have fun, romance, dining out, weekend trips, good conversation. (12/25) **49584**

UNCONVENTIONAL WOMAN wanted. Handsome, financially secure, white, 40s. Seeking adventurous, sensual lady who prefers simple pleasures and intimacy, yet enjoys her own space, time, independence. (12/25) **49634**

TOTAL PACKAGE NEEDS elegant wrapper for Christmas. Exceptional, professional, white male with brains, lean body, a generous personality. Seeking lovely, sexy, sweet, affectionate, dark, beauty. (12/25) **49635**

ADVERTISING NOW TO START the New Year finding the dream. Would you like to learn more about each other? (12/25) **49593**

OFFICER AND GENTLEMAN seeks pretty woman for fun and adventure! Looks like Hemingway, Kenny Rogers! Likes dancing, music, nature, library, Corvettes, Trans-Ams, football, basketball, tennis. (12/25) **49615**

Bonjour My Lovely Ladies

I'm on a tour from Canada to explore, search, share a adventure with a very sexy, open, honest, no games lady that knows what she wants. So please, go out with me. Enjoy/share good, romantic times together. It's time for us to bring happiness for each other. (1/8) **49699**

CARMEL COLORED HOTIE! Into surfing and beach lifestyle. Seeking platinum/strawberry blonde for fun and excitement! (1/8) **49688**

PROFESSIONAL, WHITE, handsome, funny, 43, childless, 5'10", 175lbs., hazel eyes, golfer, photographer, outdoors man, enjoy movies, novels, concerts, sports. Seeking compatible woman for monogamous relationship. (1/8) **49666**

LET'S MEET FOR DRINKS. Single, white male, 40, 6', 195lbs., blond hair, hazel eyes. Must like barbecues, Chinese food, frisbee, dogs, rock and roll. (12/25) **49623**

MERRY CHRISTMAS! This tall Santa, seeks female Santa, 25-50. Sleigh rides, romantic evenings, 45, 6'4". Ho! Ho! Ho! Read this, and listen to my introduction. (12/25) **49616**

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. (12/25) **49642**

ADVENTUROUS, medical doctor seeks professional lady, 30-40, with a gusto for the incredible pageant of life. (12/25) **49643**

HANDSOME, complete package, 40, 6'1", 190lbs. I live in tropical paradise, join me! Retired, waterfront home owner, enjoys travel, fitness, humor. Seeking slim beauty, 25-40. (12/25) **49630**

MALE, 35 LOOKS 25, average looks, slim, 5'5", honest, easygoing, never married, childless, sense of humor, has a job. For meaningful relationship. You: 21-38 years? (12/25) **49646**

50 YEAR OLD, AFRICAN AMERICAN male, 5'9", medium build. Intelligent, handsome, professional gentleman with a bent for the eclectic and unusual. (12/25) **49605**

BLACK MAN, 50, HARD WORKING, sincere, fun loving and spiritually sound. Looking for a white woman who has character, sense of humor and patience, nonsmoker. (12/25) **49577**

HISPANIC LADY DESIRED, foreigner preferred, home grown ok, no spies please. Me: 50, handsome, humorous, romantic, not poor, have house, enjoy travel, outdoors. Ex-fireman/contractor. (1/8) **49657**

BIGFOOT SEEKS HOMEBODY for nesting, adventure and exceptional companionship. (12/25) **49625**

ATHLETIC, HANDSOME, 27, 6'1", 175lbs., white/Asian, nonsmoker, without children, adventurous, romantic, loves outdoor activities, dancing, playing guitar, seeks possible soul mate. (1/8) **49682**

CHARMING CAT LOVER FROM midwest. 42, seeks adventurous and creative cat woman for exploring life and distant lands. Let's make the holidays something special this year. (1/8) **49663**

PROFESSIONAL, college educated, divorced, black male, mid 40s, 5'9", 170lbs., nonsmoker, no kids, no drugs, seeks peaceful relationship with lady, 30-42. Will respond to all. (1/8) **49691**

SEEKING OLDER WOMAN by 33, prefer slender, fun loving, stable. Enjoys life, is positive, who is interested in settling down and likes kids. (1/8) **49679**

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Seeking 34-48, loving, honest. Share future with me, hand in hand, in love. (1/8) ☎49671

I NEED A FUN, FEMININE, approximately proportionate lass, 35 to 55. You get a fun, well read, educated conversationalist, dining, wining, road tripping, Tarzan-like hardbody, 5'10", 170lbs., 50. (12/25) ☎49629

PEOPLE TELL ME I'M A GOOD man, 50's, nonsmoker, attractive, bright, solvent, honest, caring, southern professional. Seeking 40's, white, curvaceous, slender, humorous, affectionate, positive, stable. (12/25) ☎49586

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I'm an affectionate, fun, thoughtful, adventurous, intelligent, ambitious, movie buff, 25, entrepreneur, loves to cook. Seeking an independent, goal oriented, adventurous woman, 18-29, fun, great sense of humor. You like movies, sparkling conversation, great talks, great fun. I'd love a great woman to enhance my life. (1/8) ☎49685

SINGLE, CHILDLESS, professional, black male, 35, seeks educated, athletic female, with passion for life to enjoy San Diego and life. Loves dining out. Race unimportant. (12/25) ☎49576

HANDSOME, SEXY, successful executive, 58, trim, 5'10", blonde, green eyes, clean, caring, considerate, romantic, seeks pretty lady, 40s+, for travel, fun, happy, exciting, committed relationship. (1/8) ☎49653

BRUNETTE PREFERRED! White, 43, tall, dark, nice looking, communicative, responsible, witty, homeowner. Seeking: cute, witty, financially secure, homeowner for potentially long-term relationship! (1/8) ☎49673

LOVABLE, CUTE, financially secure, 5'10", physically fit and slightly compulsive, North County guy seeks unencumbered, attractive woman, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. (12/25) ☎49617

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good life! Must love lots of fun! No previous children please. (12/25) ☎49618

SINCERELY NICE GUY, 42, young at heart, fit, sweet, more. Yummy hugs for Christmas. 6', brown/blue. Very adventurous, young at heart. Seeking white female. (1/8) ☎49672

HANDSOME, ATHLETIC TEACHER, with sincere smile, mid 40's, surf, dance, humorous, fun, 5'10", 190lbs., passionate man. Desires attractive, intelligent, proportionate woman who's interested. (12/25) ☎49583

THOROUGHbred, free to good home, 50ish, trim, attractive, nonsmoker, yesterday values, seeks elusive dream, counterpart, beachcombing in tropics, espresso in Seattle, brunch at the Del. (12/25) ☎49591

44 YEAR-OLD, HISPANIC male, born in USA, seeks Hispanic female for marriage. Must be 18-35 and loving, caring, nurturing and mothering. All sizes welcome. (12/25) ☎49632

TROPICAL BIRD, paradise fruit trees, gardening, eleven acres in Bonita, creek, wildlife, horses. Liberal artist seeks earth

lover for sharing in the sacred spirit dance. (12/25) ☎49604

ATTRACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS, North Coastal home owner, 43, brown/blue, 5'9", 165lbs., hiking/biking, skiing/surfing, travel/music. Seeking attractive, fit, spontaneous, for fun/adventure/relationship. (1/8) ☎49676

YOUNG, SEXY, 25, playful and fun loving. 5'6", 150lbs. Career-minded, spirited young man, looking for outgoing woman for fun in the sun, cozy evenings. (12/25) ☎49624

NORTH COUNTY professional, 48, 6', 195lbs., brown/brown. Pretty good shape for an aging gentleman, more of a homebody, love to cook, talk about life. (12/25) ☎49620

DOCTOR, GUITAR PLAYER, 39, tall, fit, blue eyes, Jewish, good listener, sensitive, very attractive, enjoys reading, music, seeks sensitive, empathetic, intelligent, growth-oriented, caring female. (12/25) ☎49639

VERY ATTRACTIVE YOUNGER lady, 30-45, nonsmoker who likes kind, caring, distinguished, mature, nice looking gentleman, 52, for friendship, companionship,

maybe more. I'm 6'2", 180lbs., blond, fashionable, successful, romantic, passionate who wants sweet, personable, monogamous, trendy and cute with fashion who will let me be what god intended. I want a princess to spoil. (12/25) ☎49648

ITALIAN MAN, 39, 6'1", honest, sincere, enjoys movies, walks on beach, easygoing, home oriented. Seeking slender, attractive woman for meaningful relationship. No drugs, smoking games. (12/25) ☎49610

SHAVED HEAD, WHITE MALE, 36, 6'1", fit, caring, humorous, comfortable in jeans. Seeking slim, shy, passionate, childless female. Conversation, walks, music, life's endless possibilities. Call. (1/8) ☎49667

TALL, ENTHUSIASTIC, 165lbs., 50 years old, ocean, beach, outdoors type, seeks attractive, warmhearted, quality, single lady with ready smile, to share beach, Balboa Park, gardening. (1/8) ☎49659

ITALIAN AMERICAN, 48, 6', 181lbs., attractive, athletic, biking, tennis, hiking, foreign films, metaphysics, dancing,

seeks Filipina, 32-50, very attractive, athletic, North County. (12/25) ☎49600

I'M THE ONE who'll make you laugh, think, sigh. Handsome, hip, confident, young looking, 39, 5'7", slim. You: 29-42, slim, humorous. Any race, kids cool. (12/25) ☎49631

ANY CUTE, SEXY, CHRISTIAN, petite, shapely, successful, lonely lady, 30s-50, looking for hardworking, European lover boy, musician, artist, actor, model, contractor, for eternal, monogamous oneness. (1/8) ☎49654

LARGE, BLACK, TEDDY BEAR, very cuddly, huggable, romantic, honest, down to earth. Seeking female with similar qualities, race open, full figure is a definite plus. (12/25) ☎49579

LONGHAired GENTLEMAN, easygoing, 5'10", brown/green, fit, small business owner, honest, local musician, 49. Seeking sweetheart for all life has to offer. (12/25) ☎49578

OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA. Caucasian, bohemian, 8-14-50, yang, moderate vices, offbeat mirth, sometimes blurred, seeks focus with cutely, shy, yet noticeably en-

tering yin, hidden in the crowd. (12/25) ☎49581

MARRIAGE MINDED. Age 41, 5'7", caucasian, healthy, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic, adventurous, home and business owner. Seeking unencumbered and healthy partner, 28-35. Encinitas. (12/25) ☎49588

DYNAMIC, INTELLIGENT, attractive, fun loving professional, 44, 5'7", 160lbs. Seeking attractive female with personality and intelligence for relationship offering enjoyment and growth. (12/25) ☎49611

BALANCED, UNENCUMBERED, educated, professional, athletic, 52, participatory, solvent, attractive, romantic, spontaneous, home owner, social, midwest values. Seeking compatible/chemical relationship with proportioned, outgoing woman. (12/25) ☎49587

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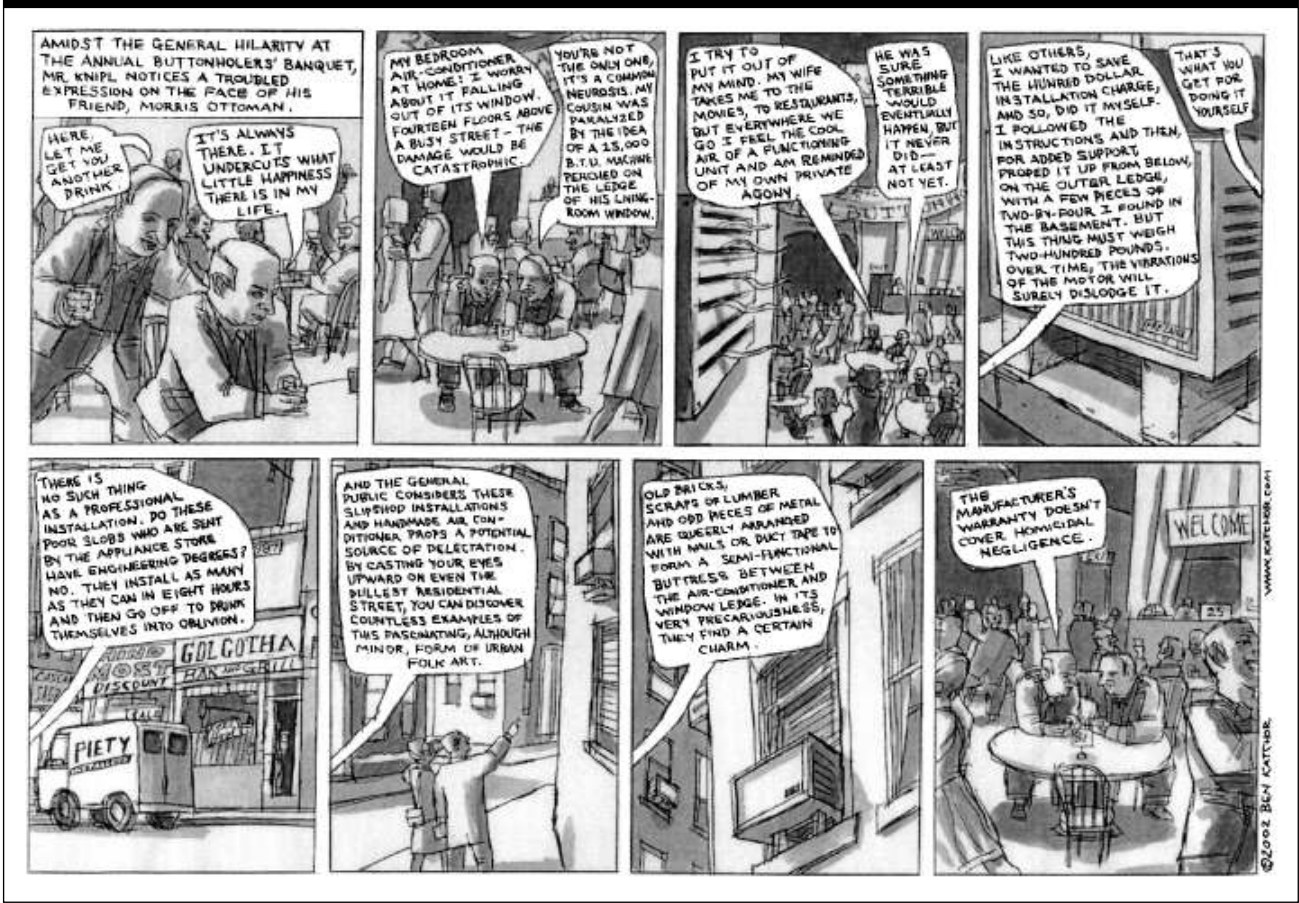
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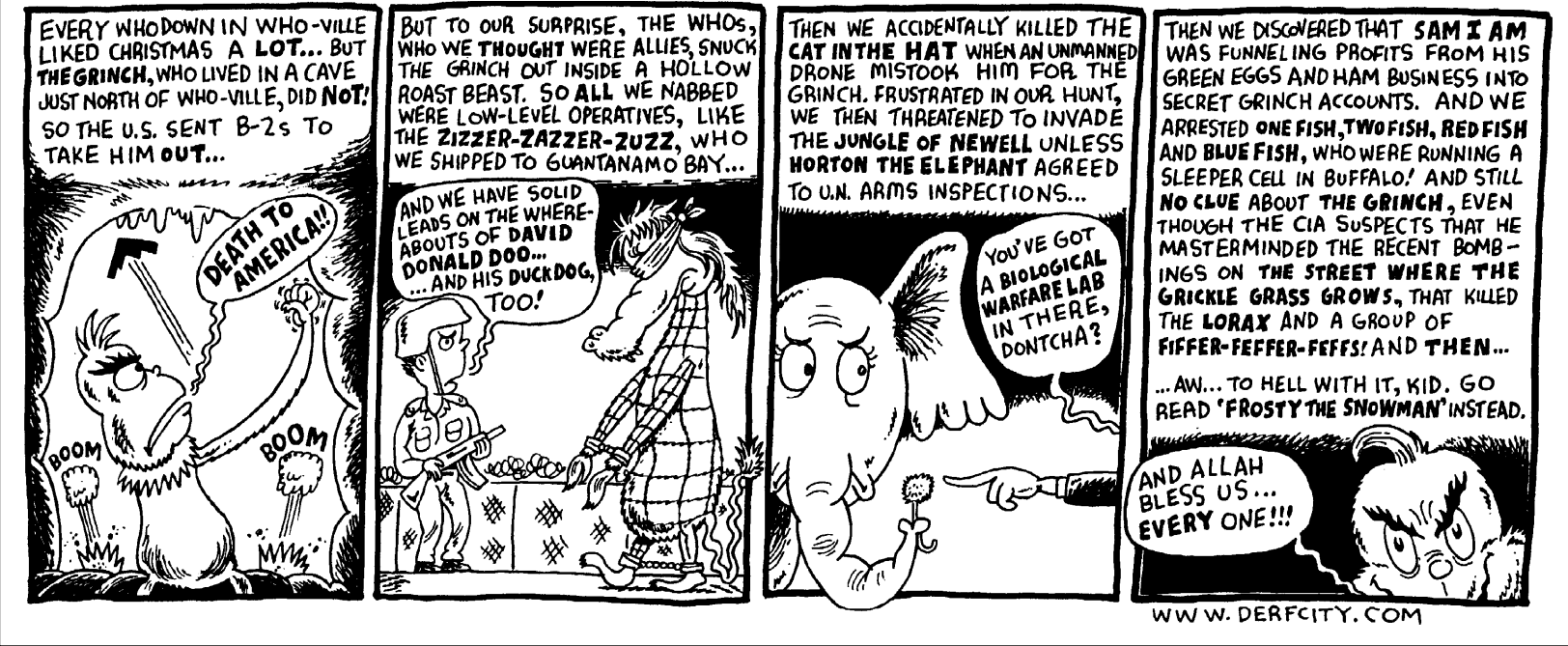
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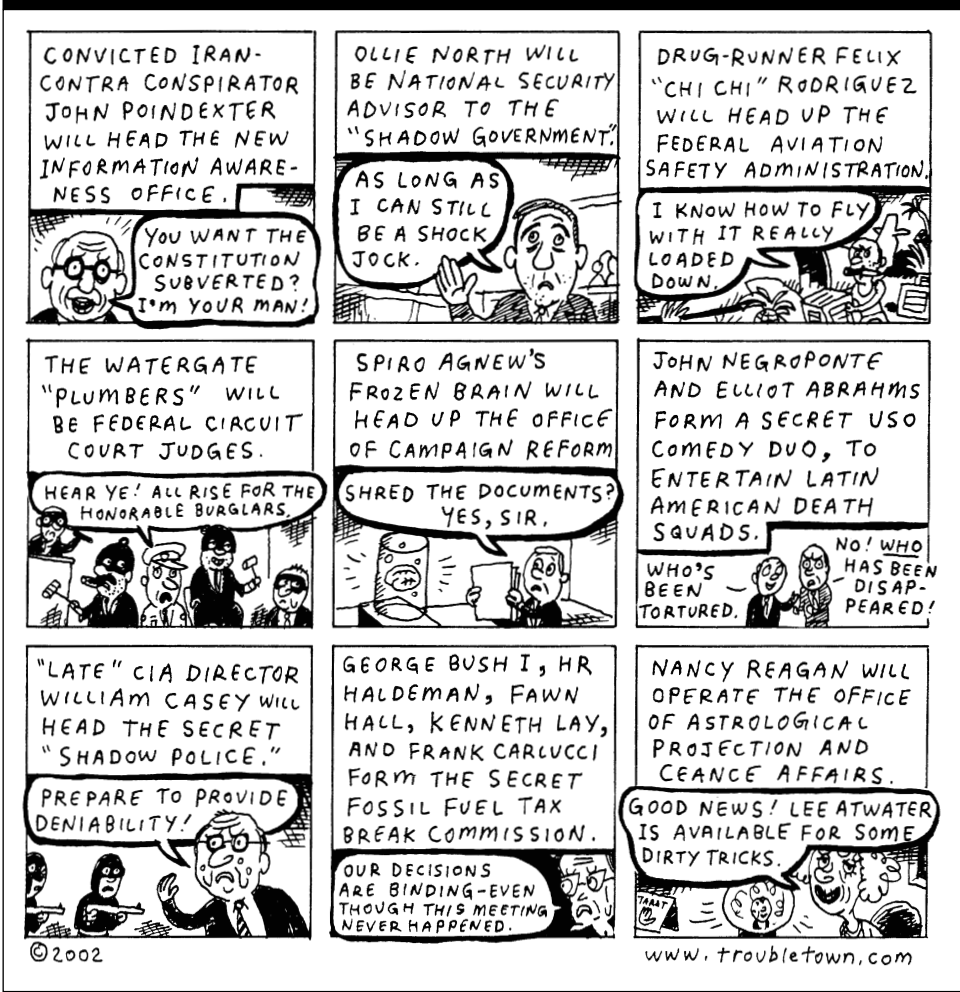
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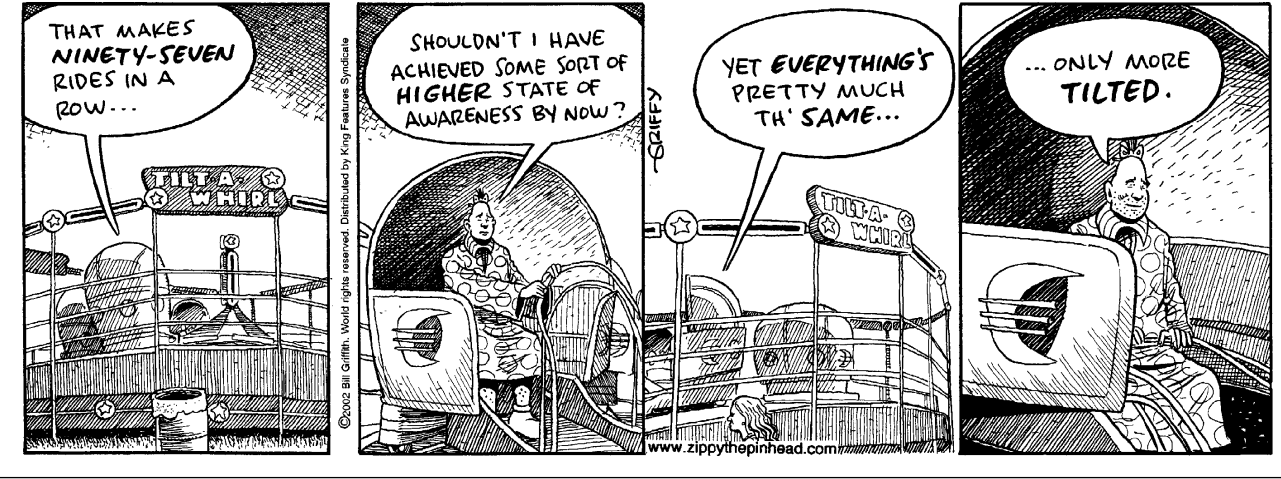
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CLAIREMONT. 1 bedroom. Balcony with views of Mission Bay. No pets. 1 covered parking space, storage. Coldwell Banker Property Management, 858-488-2228.

CLAIREMONT/BAY PARK. \$1125. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. In triplex. Available 1/7/2003. Full size washer/dryer. Refrigerator and dishwasher. No pets. Extra storage. 858-270-3893.

CLAIREMONT. \$1385. Newly remodeled 3 bedroom. Garage for Dodge. Fenced yard. Pets OK. RV and boat parking. Quiet street. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

CLAIREMONT. \$750-\$1050. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Bring your pet. Short drive to the beach. A few houses also available. Large yards. Dishwasher, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

CLAIREMONT/MISSION BAY. \$1200. \$200 off first month's rent! Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with view of bay. Pool. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cat OK. 2920 Clairemont Drive. 619-276-5937.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. Duplex. \$1125. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice fenced yard. Garage plus carport. New interior, stove, refrigerator. Available now. 619-223-6479.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Laundry hookups. Exceptionally nice kitchen/bath, new fixtures and ceramic tile. Large master bedroom. No loud stereos. 858-270-5519.

CLAIREMONT. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, large yard, garage, gardener, unfurnished homes. Close to UCSD and shopping. ASPM. No pets. 858-565-6420.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Downstairs unit with garage. Patio, new carpet, laundry on site. Available now. 1204 Vega Street #1. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, units in a large complex. Laundry on site. Swimming pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking for one vehicle. 4104 Mountain Alifan Place #C and 4198 Mountain Alifan Place #A. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

CLAIREMONT/KEARNY MESA. \$1070. Extra large 2 bedrooms, 2 bath apartment with garage. Clean, quiet, new paint, carpet. Parking, laundry facilities. No pets. 7745 Stalmer. Also, Serra Mesa area, huge 3 bedrooms, 2 baths fourplex, \$1325. New everything. Pets OK. 619-665-2547; 858-277-4994. mbochene@aol.com.

CLAIREMONT. 1 bedroom. Large unit in small gated property. Laundry, pool, off-street parking. Great location and price. 619-296-2787.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1095. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 2-car parking in garage. Gated. Near golf course/park. Side by side washer/dryer hookups. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Central air conditioning. Near all. No smoking. 619-285-3822.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$725. Large 1 bedroom. Security gated, quiet, clean. Laundry. Parking. Ceiling fan. Available 1/1/2003. 4420 Estrella Avenue. 619-281-2063; 619-253-2290.

COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from \$750. Air conditioning, heating, pool. Gated access. Assigned parking. Two laundry rooms. Close to bus, stores, freeway, and more! Aztec Pacific Apartments, 6663 Montezuma Rd. Please call 619-286-2611. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. www.pacificliving.com. Photos and floor plans, visit website: www.sdreader.com/rent/1042.

COLLEGE AREA. Motel. \$249 and up/week. Air conditioning, phone, cable, maid service, on-site laundry, quiet, clean, on bus route, walk to shopping. 619-582-1414.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. From \$825. Remodeled large 1 and 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large kitchen. New appliances! Ceiling fan. Courtyard. Cable ready. New carpet! Laundry. Gated community. Pool. Controlled access. Cats OK. Pacific Pines Village, 4355 46th Street. 619-282-1191. www.pacificliving.com. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2001.

COLLEGE AREA. Short-term specialists. Studios from \$350/week (including tax). 1 bedroom apartments from \$595/week (including tax). Fully furnished, full kitchen, maid, phone with dataport, cable, HBO, continental breakfast, air conditioning, heated pool, barbecue, laundry. Mention this ad for discounted rates. Best Western Lamplighter Inn and Suites. 619-582-3088.

COLLEGE AREA. \$675. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, laundry. No pets/smoking. 619-583-3166.

COLLEGE AREA/TALMADGE. \$800. Nice 2 bedroom apartment in small, quiet complex. Downstairs. New carpet, vinyl and blinds. Coin laundry. No pets. 4438 Menlo Avenue. Agent, 619-469-7790.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. 1 bedroom. Utilities included. Air conditioning. Carport. On-site laundry. Walk to shopping, bus route. No pets. EOH, 619-299-8746.

COLLEGE AREA. \$895-\$1150. 2 bedroom, 1 bath and 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartments near campus. Near all. Available now! Call agent at 619-286-1503, x121.

COLLEGE AREA. \$700. Charming little 1 bedroom, 1 bath house, fenced yard, very clean. Near all. Extra storage space. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

COLLEGE AREA. Del Cerro view. \$1295 (first month)-\$1795. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, skylight, privacy, cul-de-sac. Remodeled baths/kitchen. New carpets. Fireplace. Roman tub. 858-270-0214.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1195. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, private fenced yard, hookups, 2 blocks south of El Cajon Boulevard. No dogs. Available 1/6. 858-272-3113. 619-295-1160.

COLLEGE AREA. \$795. 1 bedroom duplex. New paint, tile, carpet. Off-street parking. Fenced yard. No smoking/pets. Available 1/1/03. 4324 56th Street. 619-997-9383.

COLLEGE AREA. Large 1 and 2 bedrooms. All new units. Gated entry. Also 3 bedroom homes available. Laundry, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

COLLEGE AREA. \$950. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Clean, fireplace, off street parking in small complex. 5886 Streamview Drive. Call 619-804-9313.

COLLEGE AREA. \$775. remodeled huge 1 bedroom. Dishwasher, air conditioning, walk-in closet, ceiling fan, sundeck. Gated. Covered parking. Laundry. Bus stop. 4501 Collwood Boulevard. 619-275-5757.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$1150. Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Furnished optional. 180-degree fireworks view. Kitchenette. Free utilities including cable, broadband Internet. Kip, 619-846-4728.

COLLEGE AREA. \$1100. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

COLLEGE AREA. \$675 and up. 1 bedroom apartment for rent. Hot water paid. Appliances included. \$500 deposit. Avail-

able now. Leave message, 619-698-0777.

COLLEGE AREA. \$750. Unique studio apartment. Huge private deck with canyon view. Airy and light with new custom bathroom and kitchen. Private covered carport. Includes all utilities plus cable plus washer/dryer. Pet welcome. 619-265-5962.

COLLEGE AREA. \$650. Senior complex. 6650 Amherst #17-A. 1 bedroom apartment. 619-640-7530.

COLLEGE. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. First floor. Central air and heat. Dishwasher, microwave, stove, refrigerator. Balcony, gated intercom entry. 600 square feet. 1 assigned parking. Laundry on site. Manager on site. No pets. 4828 Art Street #1. Agent, 619-298-7724.

COLLEGE/ROLANDO. \$750. Large 1 bedroom, extra closets, pantry, laundry, pool, off street parking, near all. No pets. 6295 Stanley Avenue. Manager #4. 619-501-5622.

CORONADO. Luxury waterfront apartments. Furnished 1 bedrooms from \$1100. Up to 1 month free! Studio, 1, 2 bedrooms. Also, short term corporate apartments/vacation stays. Pool. Spa. Training facility. Movie theater. Basketball. Volleyball. Golf driving range. Tennis. Coronado Bay Club. 1515 Second Street. EHO. www.coronadobayclub.com, 619-435-2254. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1094.

CORONADO. \$895. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Only 1 block to bay! Ask about move in special! Laundry, courtyard, some off-street parking. 141-1/2 D Avenue. 858-270-5500.

CROWN POINT. \$875. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, gas included, very quiet. Close to bay, barbecue area. Great location. Sorry, no pets. 4009 Honeycutt Street. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

CROWN POINT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$700, \$1300. Studio and 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 blocks to bay. Parking, coin laundry, sunny patio. 4077 Lamont. 858-488-1263, pbppapa@hotmail.com.

CROWN POINT. \$950. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cottage. Close to the bay. Great area. 4060 Kendall Street #B. Available approximately 1/15/03. K & R Properties. 858-490-1600.

DEL CERRO. \$1095. Large 2 bedrooms. Pool. Near shops and freeway. 5757 College Avenue. 619-286-1777.

DEL MAR, \$1350/month. Newly remodeled, one bedroom, luxury apartment in quaint gated community with one car garage included. Steps from beach, large patio, ceramic tile and breakfast bar. Cats OK. Please call, 858-755-1466.

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DEL MAR. \$1400/month. Condo, Stratford Court, 1 block to beach, second floor, ocean view, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 reserved parking spaces, pool. 619-987-0242.

DEL MAR. \$1495. 1/2 block to the beach with peak ocean view! Updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1200+ square feet. New range, microwave. Newer Berber carpet. Neutral decor, ready to move in. Underground secured packing. Unbeatable location. Quiet street. www.gregjoyner.com. 858-274-9992.

DEL MAR. \$1800. Furnished condo. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 off street. No pets/smoking. Near beach. 2731 Camino Del Mar. Available through 6/30. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

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DEL MAR. \$2200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 1 block to beach. New remodel, granite counters, tile floors, stainless appliances. 1-year lease. No dogs. 858-204-8811.

DEL MAR. \$2000. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Tennis and pool. Balcony. Fireplace. Washer/dryer in unit. Parking. 246 Dolphin Cove Court. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

DEL MAR. Special opportunity. \$1500/month. Stage our beautiful 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with your nice furniture. Over \$1,000,000 home! No pets. www.showhomes.com. 858-486-0588.

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DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$2229. 2 bedroom luxury apartment. First month free. Washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, 24 hour gym, gas stove/fireplace, 2-car garage, hot tub, pool. Pets OK. Free cable/Internet. Great view. Gated community. Near I-5 and beach. Available now. 805-550-4539.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. A passion for living... 1, 2, 3 bedrooms from \$1199 with carport. Designer wood in entry ways, kitchen. 9' ceilings, crown molding. Wood burning fireplaces. Full size washer and dryer. Garages with extra storage in select units. Carmel Pointe, 3834 Elijah Court. 858-481-6512. www.sdreader.com/rent/1096.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Offering free rent! Call for details. Pricing starting at \$1129 for immediate move-in. Dishwasher. Patio/balcony. Pool. Jacuzzi. Fitness center. Laundry. Garages available. Blocks to beach. Near freeway, transportation. Cat OK. Esprit Del Sol, 873

Stevens Avenue. Please call, 858-481-1155. www.sdreader.com/rent/1038.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. Coastal living! Live west of I-5 from as low as \$1125. Spacious 1, 2 or 3 bedroom floor plans. Swimming pool, tennis court and fitness center. Close to beaches, entertainment and shopping. Small pets welcome! Solana Highlands, 701 South Nardo. www.hgftenton.com, 1-877-443-4030. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1057.

DEL MAR/SOLANA BEACH. \$2195. Totally upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath with spectacular ocean views. Large view deck. 2-car garage. Close to beach. Appliances. No smoking or pets. 858-204-7822.

DOWNTOWN, Condo for rent. Fabulous new loft with courtyard view, granite kitchen counters, upgraded appliances, hardwood floors, balcony, walking distance to Gaslamp. Available now. Only \$2000. www.ahomeinsandiego.com. Associated Realtors, 619-232-5077.

DOWNTOWN, SOUTH. \$725-\$1100. Harbor. Completely remodeled Victorian studios, 1 and 2 bedrooms. 10' ceilings, hardwood floors, claw foot tub. Cable ready. Secure parking. Laundry. 2026 Kearney Avenue. 619-549-9355.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$850-\$875. Downstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Large private fenced patio/lard area. Coin laundry. Entry intercom. Parking. 215 West Grange. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN, NORTH. \$785. Downstairs 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator. Coin laundry. Convenient location. 103 West Fir. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071; www.delsolpm.com.

DOWNTOWN. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Panoramic views of downtown/harbor. Gourmet kitchen, balcony, 24-hour security entrance/parking, pool, gym. "Renaissance" complex. \$2675. 714-969-0078.

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DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Porto Siena luxury condo, top floor, views, upgraded, large master bedroom plus den. 1-1/2 bathrooms, all appliances, security, parking. \$1700/month. 619-296-8555.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. \$650. Studio, January 1. Hardwood and ceramic floors, clean, nonsmoking building, cat welcome. 830 12th Avenue. 619-236-9117.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. \$695. Studio. Limited access building. Charming, quiet, nice residential neighborhood. Utilities paid. On-site laundry. No pets. EOH. 619-233-7067.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$695+: Spacious, sunny studio. Desirable western slope of Golden Hill. Brand new carpet, gourmet kitchen, remodeled bath, huge closet. 619-231-8723 or 858-270-7999.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP. From \$600-\$700. Beaumanor's mini lofts. Unique urban lofts, approximately 250 square feet, 12' ceilings, brick, hardwood floors. Paid cable, electric, water. Includes refrigerator, microwave, color television. Impeccable renovation. No pets. 927 6th Avenue, corner of 6th and E Streets. To view a loft, call Michael, 619-232-1517.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. \$1175. Huge 2 bedroom, 2 bath with downtown views. Small, gated complex. 1233 22nd Street. Available now. Rochelle, 858-490-6543.

DOWNTOWN/Little Italy. \$825. Sunny and bright upstairs 1 bedroom in small complex. Laundry. Large kitchen. Partial views. Near restaurants and shops. 2442 India Street. 858-492-8745.

DOWNTOWN/EAST VILLAGE. Spacious 1 bedroom apartment. Available now! From \$800. Including gas, water, trash. With gas stove, microwave, ceiling fan, storage space, laundry facilities. Controlled access building. Cats OK. Walk to City College. Gaslamp/Horton Plaza not far away. Check us out at www.pacificliving.com, or call to view 619-235-9018.

DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. 1 bedrooms from \$1150. Upper corner units. Full bath. Phone/intercom entry. Walking distance to everything. 552 5th Ave. Cogan properties. 619-283-2144.

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DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Up to 1 month free! New luxury 1, 2 bedroom townhomes and apartments from \$1365-\$2110. Gourmet kitchen. Washer/dryer. Central heat and air conditioning. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Underground parking. Near Gaslamp, Horton Plaza, Seaport Village, more! The Heritage, 1471 8th Avenue. 888-707-3529. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2010.

DOWNTOWN/CORTEZ HILL. Seeking quiet, long term residents. Studio for \$795, 1 bedrooms from \$895-\$1195. 1 downstairs cozy. 1 upstairs bright. Hardwood floors/fresh paint. Marble kitchen and bathroom. Between Balboa Park and Downtown. 619-544-1948.

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DOWNTOWN/GASLAMP QUARTER. New 2-bath condo at Park Loft, Island Avenue. \$1900, includes utilities. 1325 square feet. 1-car garage. Available now. 858-550-2560, 858-212-2274.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. From \$625. Private bath, cable TV, microwave, refrigerator. Utilities included. Secure, quiet, charming. Residential hotel with laundry. Near trolley/bus lines, blocks from harbor. On-site manager. Villa Caterina, 1654 Columbia Street. 619-232-3400.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. 600-1200 square foot luxury lofts with city/bay views, roof access, 17 foot ceilings, concrete floors, \$1595-\$1700. Also, \$1095-\$1500, brand new studios/lofts. www.sdurbanliving.com. Call 619-255-0526.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1575 with lease. 1 bedroom brand new condo at India and A. Stainless steel kitchen, washer/dryer, underground parking, central air and heat, fireplace, balcony and more. Available 2/1. kimathome@san.rr.com or please call, 858-679-8235.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. Move in special! Available now. \$1464. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Close to trolley. Laundry facilities. Income qualified property. No pets. Nonsmoking. Call for details, 619-236-9353.

DOWNTOWN/LITTLE ITALY. \$1850. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Gorgeous city and bay views. Call Victoria, 619-890-0600.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. Up to 1 month free! From \$1405. New 1 bedroom apartments, 2, 3 bedroom townhomes, premier lofts. Gated garage parking. Rooftop sun, barbecue deck. Business, computer center. Exercise facility. Tile floors. Washer/dryer. Granite countertops. Berber carpet. High speed Internet. 101 Market Street, 1-888-204-4310. www.sdreader.com/rent/2026.

DOWNTOWN/MARINA DISTRICT. \$1775. Stunning brand new, never lived in townhome/loft. 1 bedroom plus office/den, 1.5 bath. Top floor, 1252 square feet, 2 balconies, granite counters, marble-like tile, carpet, upgraded appliances, washer/dryer, underground parking, walk to grocery, mall, and Gaslamp District. 619-226-6212.

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EAST SAN DIEGO/CITY HEIGHTS. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs unit. Patio, stove, refrigerator, carpet, blinds. 650 square feet. Gated entry. 1 assigned parking. Laundry on site. No pets. Available now. 4336 Estrella. Agent, 619-298-7724.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$575. Fully furnished efficiency 1 bedroom/studios off quiet cul-de-sac. Pool, off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Low \$150 security deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup fee required. 5101 Towle Court (near 52nd and University). Call 619-281-9451.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$725. Deposit \$700. 1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, stove, refrigerator, laundry on-site, large unit, off-street parking, no dogs. 3423 Marlborough Avenue #V. 619-843-7827.

EAST SAN DIEGO. \$550. Deposit \$550. Studio. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 2731 44th Street #8. 619-843-8168.

EL CAJON, CENTRAL Only \$690. 1 bedroom upper. Central air/heat. Ceiling fan, microwave, dishwasher, vertical blinds. Barbecue area. 275 Ballantyne. Manager, 619-442-5618; owner, 619-448-9062.

EL CAJON. Brand-new studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Pool, laundry room. Excellent location. Gated community. Lush landscaping. No pets. \$695, \$795, \$895. 619-441-7572.

EL CAJON. \$1250. Distinctive 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhomes. Spacious floor plans provide convenience/flexibility. Patios. Air. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Pool. 619-561-5693.

EL CAJON. \$800-\$1250. Best in price range! 2 and 3 bedroom new renovated apartments available. Pool. Laundry facilities. Some with backyard. Nice quiet area. 619-807-2022.

EL CAJON. \$1200. Security deposit \$800. Deluxe 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhome. Central air/heat. Walk-in closets. Washer/dryer hookups. Security building. Intercom. Parking. Andy, 619-447-1189.

EL CAJON. \$895, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with small fenced in backyard. \$915, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath town home. New appliances and new carpet, freshly painted. Small, quiet gated community with laundry facilities and swimming pool. No pets. Available now. 619-593-6602.

EL CAJON. \$950, upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Deposit \$100 on approved credit! Dishwasher, central air conditioning, lots of storage, patio, gated, pool/spa, laundry facility. New paint, blinds. No pets. Call for Availability. 390 South Mollison Avenue. 619-444-5799.

EL CAJON. \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, country hideaway, sunlit kitchen. New carpet and paint. Private parking. Extra storage space. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

EL CAJON. \$650. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath, off-street parking, pool, laundry. Move-in special! 619-590-2690.

EL CAJON. \$775. Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet and vinyl, walk-in closet. Large yard, pool, off-street parking. 619-447-1880.

EL CAJON. Very large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$725. New carpet/blinds. Laundry facilities, assigned parking. 1423 Peach Avenue. Phillips Realty, 619-401-2993 or 619-249-2770.

EL CAJON. \$925. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upstairs apartment. Vaulted ceilings, central heating/air, washer/dryer in unit, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, microwave, pool. No pets. 300 Roanoke Road, Phillips Realty, 619-401-2993 or 619-249-2770.

EL CAJON. \$695. Spacious 1 bedroom located in gated community with on-site laundry, off-street parking and sparkling pool. 247 N. First Street. Agent, 619-442-8618.

EL CAJON. \$695. Clean 1 bedroom units located in gated community with on-site laundry, off-street parking and pool. 452 and 506 Emerald Avenue. Agent, 619-579-0413.

EL CAJON. \$1200. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with on-site laundry and off-street parking. 255 S. Second Street. Agent, 619-807-2867.

EL CAJON. \$950. 2 bedroom house. Dining room, fenced yard, fireplace. Pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. \$1475. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, covered patio, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

EL CAJON. \$675. Quiet 1 bedroom, 1 bath, in attractive complex. Located near shopping and schools. Offers: off-street parking, laundry facilities, pool/barbecue area, air conditioning, ceiling fans and dishwasher. No pets. Available now! Also, studio with full-size kitchen available mid January, \$675. www.thejohncollinscompany.com. Call 619-447-7891.

EL CAJON. \$850. \$100 off first the month's rent! Deposit \$700. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 632 W. Washington Avenue, #B. Please call 619-843-8168.

EMERALD HILLS. \$1600. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, single-story home, fenced yard on very nice street. 1-car garage. all appliances. Harriet, Agent, 888-322-8722.

ENCANTO. \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. New carpet, new appliances. Above canyon with beautiful view. Se habla espanol. Call 800-696-9729.

ENCINITAS. Ask about our move-in specials! Call for details. From \$1260. 1, 2 bedrooms with brick fireplaces. Washer/dryer included. Gated community. Business center. Minutes from beaches, hiking trails. Pool, spa. Lighted tennis, racquetball courts. Cats, dogs welcome. Canterwood, 1720 El Camino Real. Toll free: 1-888-333-0921. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/1052.

ENCINITAS. Brand new, west of I-5, 4+ bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, granite island

PICTURE STORY



Mission Beach leisure activities, c. 1915. By this time, researchers in San Diego had found practical uses for kelp. In 1888, our local daily reported that “Parties on the beach [in Coronado] have made some interesting experiments with seaweed and kelp, gathered

Photograph from the San Diego Historical Society

from the ocean and planted in the ground. Some fine specimens of flowers and shrubs have been raised in that manner, and the results have been closely watched by the botanists on the beach.”

— by Robert Mizrachi

kitchen, family room with fireplace. 3-car garage. Near beach, park, Coaster. Water and gardener included. No pets. \$3400. 858-756-9610.

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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, \$1900, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse, pool, private deck, 2 car garage, new washer/dryer, near park, shopping, I-5. Available 2/1. 8316 Via Sonoma, #123. 619-379-3391.

LA JOLLA, \$1950. Immaculate, spacious, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, wood floors, garage, storage, walk to all. Pets OK. Cape La Jolla Gardens, community pool, gym. 858-457-8000.

LA JOLLA. La Jolla Shores 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath house. \$2900/month. Beach 1/2 mile. Hidden valley, quiet. Near UCSD. Beautiful home! Available now. 858-454-5414.

LA JOLLA. Studio. Full bath, kitchen, walk-in closet, dresser drawers/shelves, laundry. Block to beach, bus, restaurants. \$995-\$1375/month, includes utilities. Cable ready. 619-645-8082.

LA JOLLA. \$1575. Location, location! Sunshiny 1 bedroom upper unit. Near beach, tennis, cafes. Available 1/1. Truly "In Eden," 616 Prospect, See Sunday 12-3pm, 858-729-0342.

LA JOLLA. \$1795. Very nice, fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 5 minutes to La Jolla Shores and UCSD. 3 month minimum. Russ 858-775-1812.

LA JOLLA. \$2750. 180 degree ocean view, near village/beach. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1500-square-foot unit with deck. 1-year lease. 858-551-9344.

LA JOLLA. \$960. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher. Low fee. 858-272-7368. Free guest search at: www.sdrentals.com.

LA JOLLA. \$1260. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Cat OK, refrigerator, stove, pool. Low fee. 858-272-7368

car garage. \$1700. Call Pat, 858-274-3866 x209.

LA JOLLA. \$925 plus security. Villa La Jolla condos. Studio+. New carpet/paint. Prime location, upstairs. Near laundry, recreation room, pool, jacuzzi. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, covered parking. 760-583-6650.

LA JOLLA. \$1150. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, in the heart of the Village. Washer/dryer. No pets. 7711 Eads. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1450. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, in the heart of the Village. Laundry. No pets. 7713 Eads. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

LA JOLLA. \$1950. 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. \$1675. Upstairs 2 bedroom, 2 bath, in quiet 5-unit property; stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave; private balcony; garage plus open space; coin laundry; close to Windansea beach. 6237 La Jolla Boulevard. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. \$900. Charming 1 bedroom. Stove, refrigerator, microwave. Nice shared courtyard with gated entry. 415 Colima. 858-270-2071, Del Sol Property Management. www.delsolpm.com.

LA JOLLA. Awesome location, 1/2 block to ocean. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Ask about \$200 off deals! 365 Bonair. Call 858-536-1900.

LA JOLLA. \$2600. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Master bedroom with garden setting, fireplace, hardwood/tiles floors, washer/dryer. Walk to pool, beach. Pets OK. 858-220-6699.

LA JOLLA. From \$1390. Beach living at its best! Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Adjacent to Tourmaline surf park. Underground parking. www.thejohncollinscompany.com. 619-994-7166.

LA JOLLA. \$1100. 1 bedroom condo. Pool, spa, fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, balcony, large closet. Agent, 619-668-4443.

LA JOLLA. \$1250. Condo, 1 bedroom, 1 bath with loft. 4085 Rosenda Court. 619-726-3016.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$2750. Like new. Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 2-car garage, yard, all appliances. Pets? Agent, 858-922-3311.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. \$2500/month. Spacious oceanview townhome. Furnished or unfurnished 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 1550 square feet. Living room, open gourmet kitchen. View deck. All appliances. New secure car garage. Large quiet master. Elevator access. Lease option possible. 5443 La Jolla Blvd. Boone Properties, 858-274-0307.

LA JOLLA/BIRD ROCK. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Block to ocean. Patio. Washer/dryer, air-conditioning, 2-car parking. Year lease, \$1695. 858-270-0310.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1690 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. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large downstairs split bedroom floorplan. Washer/dryer hookups, huge patio, ceramic tile, pool, spa. Very light and bright. 619-296-2787.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1255. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Kitchen, patio, washer/dryer hookup, stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, storage. Good neighborhood. Available immediately. 858-344-6716.

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/UCSD. \$1675/best. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath gorgeous townhome. \$12.5K of new tile, paint, carpet, washer/dryer, 20' vaulted ceilings. 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, pool, hot tub. Matt, 619-795-2178, 714-658-3582.

LA JOLLA/UCSD. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1-1/4 bathroom condo, 1-car garage, washer/dryer, refrigerator, pool, spa, new paint/carpet. Quiet upstairs end unit. Marc, 760-519-8474.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$1700. 1449 square foot, two bedroom, 2 bath condo. Quiet, gated community. New paint, appliances, molding, hardwood floors, Travertine tile, Berber carpeting. 858-845-7922.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, \$1850 unfurnished, \$1995 furnished. 2 blocks from beach. 1-year lease. Everything professionally remodeled. 619-602-2741.

LA MESA. \$1215. Townhome, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 story. 1000 square feet. Large private fenced yard. Dogs welcome. 8685 Mellmanor Drive. 619-698-0505.

LA MESA. \$1295, deposit required. 2 story condo, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Many amenities. Pool, spas, quiet, secure. By Lake Murray. No pets/smoking. 619-460-4188.

LA MESA. \$875. Deposit \$500. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$1050. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shops and freeways. 4515 Third Street. Available now. Glenna, 619-469-5010.

LA MESA. \$1150. Deposit \$500. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Large, spacious apartment. Laundry room on site. Parking on site. Close to shopping and freeway. Lemon Manor Apartments. 8600 Lemon Avenue. Available now. Al and Rose, 619-466-1532.

LA MESA. \$940. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs unit, gated complex, air conditioning, laundry, near village. Available now. 4641 Date Avenue. Donna, 619-469-3809.

LA MESA. \$755. Quiet 1 bedrooms, courtyard setting, air conditioning, patio, laundry room. Cat Ok with deposit. 4751 Jessie Avenue. Colonial Apartments. 619-460-8011.

LA MESA. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment homes. Near Lake Murray, military bases. Freeway close. Unique floor plans. Laundry, dishwasher, fans, parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

LA MESA. \$925. Cottages. All utilities included in rent. Beautiful hardwood and ceramic tile flooring. Lots of open space and garage parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

LA MESA. \$950. 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Balcony. Dishwasher. Blinds. Intercom entry. Laundry. Pool. Garage parking. 4311 Parks Avenue. 619-460-5406.

LA MESA. \$695. Junior 1 bedroom with patio. Garage included. Onsite laundry. No pets. Quiet complex. Call 619-462-1550.

LA MESA. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath courtyard apartment. Top-notch condition, great location. Laundry, parking. No pets. 3717 69th Street. Manager, 619-337-2369.

LA MESA. \$1650. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered patio, fenced yard, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LA MESA. Holiday special!! Two 2-bedroom duplexes. New inside, one with garage. Pets OK. Section 8 OK. Reduced to \$1100. Low deposits. Agent, 619-668-4443.

LA MESA. North of I-8, near Costco. Spacious, new carpet. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, from \$1095. Garage available. Swimming pool, grills. Pet friendly; cat or small dog accepted. www.SanDiegoapartments.com. Barbara, 619-589-0802.

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.

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LAKESIDE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath from \$925. Air conditioning. Dishwasher. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Yard. Balcony. Assigned covered parking. Quiet gated community. Pet policy. 619-561-7086.

LAKESIDE. Marilla Sundance Apartment homes located in scenic Lakeside. We offer spacious 2 bedroom, 2 full bath approximately 931 square feet. From \$925. 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. \$950. Stylish 2 bedroom, country hacienda, 1 bath, sunlit kitchen and tile. Newly remodeled. Large yard, very private. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

LAKESIDE. \$850. Very private 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, vinyl and blinds, fresh paint. Off-street parking, on-

site laundry. Small complex. www.cethron.com. Agent. 619-295-1100.

LAKESIDE. \$899 total move-in special! Spacious 1, 2, 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.com/rent/2038.

LAKESIDE. \$775. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, air conditioning, off-street parking, on-site laundry. Quiet complex. 619-561-1879.

LEMON GROVE. \$725/month. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Recently remodeled, new paint, carpet, linoleum, blinds. Appliances. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. 619-280-2658.

LEMON GROVE. \$1100. 2 bedroom house. New paint, fenced yard, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LEUCADIA. \$1850/month. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage, yard. All appliances including washer/dryer, water/gardener paid. Very clean. Close to beach. Available 12/21. No pets. 127 Sanford. 760-436-7517.

LEUCADIA. \$1800. 3 bedroom, 3 bath triplex. 2-car, fireplace. No pets. 1900 Square feet. 261-A Hillcrest. Available now! Agent, 858-755-1139; www.scubarentals.com.

LINDA VISTA. \$820-\$845/month. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Convenient location, fenced backyards, assigned parking. No pets. Office at 2451 Ulric Street. Please call for appointment at 858-278-3610.

LINDA VISTA. Now renting! Beautiful senior garden community! Spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Patios. Recreation area and laundry on site. On call maintenance. Close to shopping/freeways. No pets. 7720 Belden Street. www.sunriseliving.com, call now, 858-560-5707.

LINDA VISTA. \$950. 3 bedroom house. New paint, carpet, fenced yard. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

LITTLE ITALY/DOWNTOWN. \$1200. Deposit \$1200. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with hardwood floors, beautiful view! 2311 Fourth Avenue. Available now. Call 619-696-3780.

LITTLE ITALY/DOWNTOWN. \$825. Deposit \$750. Studio. Hardwood floors. Beautiful view! 2311 Fourth Ave. Please call 619-696-3780.

MIRA MESA. \$1800. Detached, 1998, new appliances, laminate floor, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage, fireplace, fenced yard, bright, clean, nice quiet neighborhood. 858-527-0867.

MIRA MESA. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with family room, fireplace, pool, 2-car garage, washer/dryer. Semifurnished. Pet ok. Francis, 619-474-3511; John, cell, 619-719-7039.

MIRA MESA. \$1400. 3 bedroom, 2 baths; country kitchen, fireplace, 2-car garage. New carpet, storage container in backyard. Quiet street near shopping. Call Robert, 858-273-3121.

MIRA MESA. \$1450. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Master has sit-down vanity area. Fenced rear yard. Enclosed patio room. Very bright, clean. Charge. 858-279-2725.

MIRA MESA. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. All appliances, washer/dryer. New washer and oven. Gated community. No pets. Available 1/15. Olivia, 858-695-2785 or 858-722-3939.

MIRA MESA. \$1425. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. New paint, carpet, pets OK. Fee. Rent Ready, 858-505-4848.

MIRA MESA. \$825. Deposit \$750. 1 bedroom, close to all, off-street parking, on-site laundry. 8787 Mira Mesa Blvd., #7. Call 619-843-8168.

MIRA MESA. \$975. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Wood floors, remodeled bathroom, all appliances, laundry, pool, spa. Cat OK. 8480 Westmore #348. 619-698-6911.

MISSION BAY/CLAIREMONT. \$1150. Move in special! 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex, 1 car garage. Private patio. Laundry hookups. available now. No pets. 619-265-0585; 619-540-2488.

MISSION BAY. Spacious studio and 1 bedroom located 1 block from Mission Bay are available for move in, beginning to mid January. Cats OK. Please call Casa Riviera for more information. 858-581-3403.

MISSION BAY, EAST. \$775. Deposit \$500. Bright 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Walk-in closet. Close to bay. Small, beautiful complex. Assigned parking. Nice carpet. Laundry. Security lighting. Cat OK. 619-276-8816.

MISSION BAY/BAY PARK. \$1650/month. Large, 1550 square foot condo with two car attached garage. Two master bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, washer/dryer in

separate laundry room. Large living room with patio. New carpet and paint. 714-389-0133.

MISSION BAY. Big studio. \$550, negotiable. Furnished. Month-to-month. Centrally located. Shared bath and kitchenette. Near I-5, Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach. 619-858-1040.

MISSION BEACH. \$1795. 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Bay view! Living/dining room. Decks. 2 car garage. Fireplace. Washer/dryer. 3560-1/2 Bayside Walk. 310-454-1398.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1095. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Available 12/15. Extra large unit, many built-ins, quiet complex, parking. Second floor unit. Year round. No pets. 2985 Bayside Lane #6. Call 858-488-2217.

MISSION BEACH. Furnished, spacious 2 bedroom apartment. \$1550. 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. \$860. 1 bedroom upstairs. New decor! Stove refrigerator. Sunny, corner. Laundry. 3613 Mission Boulevard at Naticmic. 1/2 block ocean/bay. Open daily, 9am-5pm. 858-539-4408.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, new paint, 2 parking spaces, great location, available now. 2788 Mission Boulevard. 619-688-9191

MISSION BEACH. \$850. Deposit \$900. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished upstairs unit. Available January-May 31. Steps to beach and bay. Off-street parking. 1 parking space. No pets. 3764 Bayside Lane #5. Available 1/15. Coastal Choice Realty, 858-539-7433.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$2100 per month. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, 2-car garage, rooftop deck, many extras. No pets. 858-274-6570.

MISSION BEACH. \$2495-\$3495. Oceanfront, panoramic ocean views. Furnished/unfurnished. 725 Jamaica Court; 3249 Oceanfront Walk. Available short/long term. Free rental/buying information. Pictures at www.sandiegorealtor.com. Prudential California Realty. Kevin Burke, 858-755-8580, x1.

MISSION BEACH. \$1195. 1 bedroom at the beach. View, patio, parking. No pets. 3617 Oceanfront Walk. 619-230-9005.

MISSION BEACH. \$625-\$650. Nice studio. 1 block from beach. No pets. 3239-3253 Mission Blvd. 619-230-9005.

MISSION BEACH. Bill Luther Realty has available units! Unfurnished. Won't last! Hurry, call today! 858-488-1580 x14.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1995. Half off December rent! 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, steps to boardwalk. Large roof deck with ocean view. No pets. 619-417-4392.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. Ocean Front Walk, fabulous views, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 2 parking, year round. Fireplace, sauna, sunny, private. \$2300. +41.21 038 2556 (-3 hours) or fellman@xtra.co.nz

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1100. Upstairs 1 bedroom, 1 bath, charming bungalow. 1/2 block to bay, view. New windows, paint. 830-1/2 Ormond Court. 858-488-8120.

MISSION BEACH. \$695. Clean, bright, upper studio. Steps to bay! Includes utilities and parking. No pets. Available 1/18. 3266-1/2 Bayside Lane. Shore Management, 858-274-3500.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$1850. New Year's special! Immaculate 2 bedroom, 1 bath furnished home, all amenities, parking 732 Venice Court. Pictures: http://home.san.rr.com/venicecourt. 858-488-4969.

MISSION BEACH. \$1050. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with parking, near bay and beach, sunny, excellent condition, patio and barbecue area. No pets. 821 Kingston Ct. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1400. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1/2 car garage, beach side, bright units. Must see! Steps to beach. Available 11/17. 720 Rockaway Court. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$1050. 1 bedroom upstairs apartment with parking, very close to beach, excellent condition, storage. No pets. 739 Santa Barbara Place. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH, SOUTH. \$1750. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large bedrooms, balcony, dishwasher, breakfast bar, steps from the beach, garage, laundry. 2954-3 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. \$800. Studio. Utilities included. Steps from the sand. Fresh ocean breezes. Parking. Charge. 858-279-2725.

MISSION BEACH/BAYFRONT. \$1725. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, bayfront apartment with

large patio. 1-car garage, plus 1 space. Laundry. 3282 Bayside Walk, near Santa Barbara Place. Torrey Pines Management, 858-454-4209.

MISSION BEACH. \$1150. 801 San Jose Court #2 and #3. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, up-stairs apartments. Hardwood floors. 1 block to the beach and bay. #2 available now. #3 available approximately 12/20/02. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. \$1000. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, unit in duplex. Furnished. Off-street parking. Patio, yard. No pets. 821-1/2 Isthmus Court. Available now! K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

MISSION BEACH. Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath house plus 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment and garage. 1/2 block to bay. 1 block to ocean. \$1700 for both. 810 Avalon Court. 858-539-4407.

MISSION BEACH, NORTH. \$2300/month. \$850/week. Steps to beach. Fully furnished house, everything new! 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage. Laundry. 619-246-9999; 858-273-8428.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$1695. 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse. Air conditioning. Garage. Washer/dryer. No pets. New carpet. 622 Bush. 858-643-9212.

MISSION HILLS. \$1095. Stunning spacious 1 bedroom. New deco bathroom. Huge custom closets and storage. Balcony, laundry, covered parking. Non-smoking building. Cat OK. 619-299-4769.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom. Quiet neighborhood, nice area. Garage, laundry facilities, nice yard. 619-234-7572.

MISSION HILLS. \$850-\$1000. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Extra large. Stove. Refrigerator. Carpet. Parking. Laundry. Near all. 1 cat OK. Excellent location. 3330 Reynard. 619-295-7370.

MISSION HILLS. \$1300. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, city view, yard, garage, laundry. No pets. No smoking. 728 West Upas Street. 619-275-2681.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. New apartments, loft! 1 bedrooms from \$1495. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths from \$1975. Underground parking. Elegant interiors, crown moldings, high ceilings, washer/dryer. Elevator, fitness center. Great location, near restaurants, shopping, freeways. Lease, November move-in. No rent, no deposit, no application fee! www.MissionHillsCommons.com, 1-866-579-6028. www.sdreader.com/rent/2032.

MISSION HILLS. \$1100. 2 bedroom apartment. Quiet, near market, bank and bus line. Canyon view. Garage. No pets. 619-298-6436.

MISSION HILLS. \$1350. Upper, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fully remodeled, new appliances, tile. Great view, quiet, gated community. Laundry. Crown molding. Gaile, 619-297-3511. www.floir.com

MISSION HILLS, NORTH. \$1475. Spanish-style 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Dining room, hardwood floors, garage, washer/dryer, guest fireplace. 4068 Lark Street. 619-222-5518; 619-543-1248.

MISSION HILLS. \$675. Cozy studio with view, full kitchen, upper unit, very clean, small complex. Includes utilities, laundry on premises, great location, available 1/1. 619-269-4596.

MISSION HILLS/Z, SOUTH/Hillcrest area. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Off-street parking, laundry. No pets. \$750 plus deposit. 619-291-1711.

MISSION HILLS. \$850. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet, refrigerator and stove. Utilities paid. Extra storage space. Near all. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

MISSION HILLS. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, deck. Near trolley. No pets. 619-294-6687.

MISSION HILLS/HILLCREST. \$860. 1 bedroom. Quiet. Pool, recreation room and barbecue. Dishwasher. On-site laundry, covered parking. No pets. EOH. 619-299-8746.

MISSION HILLS. \$2500. 2500-square-foot penthouse. Loft floor plan. 2 master beds and baths. Harbor and city views. 3 large decks, marble floors and fireplace. Laundry. Parking. 1769 Guy Street. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

MISSION HILLS. Luxury 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow, 1 block to cafes, shopping, deck on lush canyon, off-street parking, luxurious bath, hardwood, underpriced at \$1500/month to move. 619-298-4108.

MISSION HILLS. \$700. Cozy studio size apartment. California style bungalow duplex. Hardwood floors, off-street parking. 619-298-2367.

MISSION HILLS. \$1695. Spacious 2 bedroom, 2-story house on canyon setting.

Large living room, deck off den, brick patio, laundry hookups. 619-298-2367.

MISSION HILLS. \$750. Quiet, upper, bright studio. Garage, laundry room. Near bus. No pets please. 1219-21 West Montecito. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS. \$625. Cozy studio. Newer carpet, quiet, clean, near all. Available January. 3790-1/2 Curlew. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS, SOUTH/Banker's Hill. \$1400. Spacious 2 bedroom penthouse. Harbor view, Spanish style triplex, garage space, appliances, much more. 2357 Curlew (south of Laurel). 858-272-9547.

MISSION HILLS. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Parking, pool, spectacular view, newer carpet, freshly painted. No pets. 1767 Torrance #315. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, cottage style 4-plex. New carpet. Tiled kitchen and bath. Large patio. Detached garage. Cat OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

MISSION HILLS. \$650. Studio. Great location. Clean! Full kitchen/bath. Parking. Take India Street north, turn right on Chalmers Street, right on Linwood. 1527 Linwood #6. 619-886-8837.

MISSION HILLS. \$750. Cozy studio. Pool, parking, laundry room. Near bus/market. No pets please. 4039 Brant. Centre City Property Management. Call manager, 619-269-6411.

MISSION HILLS. \$2000. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Hardwood floors, large yard, hookups, garage. No pets please. 1829 West Montecito. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS/OLD TOWN. \$1650. Spectacular view townhouse. 2 plus bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, 1954 square feet. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, decks, patio. Pool, spa, 2 gated parking. Nonsmoking. No pets. 619-297-6636.

MISSION HILLS/LITTLE ITALY. Starting at \$895. Deposit \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Units/

MISSION VALLEY. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom condo. Air conditioned. Centrally located. One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$750. Large studio apartment. Air conditioned. Central location! Great place to live! One-year lease. No pets. Excellent condition. 619-542-1200.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1225. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. No pets. Quiet. Appliance. Underground parking. Balcony, pool. 1615 Hotel Circle South #D-212. Agent, 858-453-6115.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. No pets. Quiet. Carpet, appliance. One parking. Balcony, pool. 1621 Hotel Circle South #E-218. Agent, 858-453-6115.

MISSION VALLEY. Luxury condo. Upper floor. 2 bedroom, 2 bath \$1395. Spacious. Air conditioning, fireplace. Laundry in unit. Totally refurbished. Pool, gym, elevator, garage. 619-980-6290.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1350. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. River Scene, dishwasher, microwave, balcony with view, pool and gym, fireplace, washer/dryer. 580 Camino de la Reina. 858-483-3534. www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION VALLEY. \$890. 1 bedroom condo, 10699 San Diego Mission Road, Mission Plaza complex has pools, tennis courts, 2 parking spaces, move-in ready, dishwasher, refrigerator. Lee, 619-778-8888.

MISSION VALLEY. \$850. Bright and clean 1 bedroom condo. Pool, Jacuzzi. Laundry. Recreation. Parking. Near shopping, stadium. 6046 Rancho Mission. Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Fireplace. Parking. Pool. 6747 Friars Road. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU/San Carlos. Ask about move-in special! Brand-new 1, 2 bedroom gated community. From \$1270. Spectacular views! Lush landscaping. Sparkling pool, spa. Play center. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. 619-464-4144. Visit: www.sdreader.com/rent/2011.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1090. Luxury 1 bedroom, 1 bath loft. Beautiful view of stadium and city lights. Pool, spa, laundry, 6-month lease. Barbara, 858-229-3267.

MISSION VILLAGE. \$1650. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with garage. Remodeled bath, new tile, carpet. Fireplace, vertical blinds, washer/dryer. No pets, no smoking. Available 1/10/03. 3485 Lockwood Drive. 619-445-2347.

MORLEY FIELD/NORTH PARK. \$850. Charming 1 bedroom apartment. Must see! Newly remodeled, large sunny windows, hardwood floors, balcony, private garage. Quiet and secure. Walk to park. No pets/smoking. Call 619-255-3795.

NATIONAL CITY. \$695/month. 1 bedroom fully furnished. Low \$150 deposit. No SDG&E deposit or hookup required. 624 East 24th Street. Office open daily. 619-474-3787.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$2075. Must see bright and sunny 3 bedroom, 1 bath house. Newly painted inside and out, refinished hardwood floors and new kitchen. Great neighborhood. Garage, fireplace, refrigerator, washer/dryer, dishwasher and gardener included. Cats OK. 3327 North Mountain Drive. Available now. Louis, 619-284-9411.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1600. Charming French bungalow! 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Brand-new kitchen, appliances, bathroom. Hardwood floors, huge yard. Water, gardener included. griffin6@cox.net. 619-282-0662.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$895. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Washer, dryer, Water paid. Off-street parking. Upstairs. Available now. No dogs. 4642 36th Street. 619-281-6003.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1400/month. Adorable 2 bedroom, 1 bath Craftsman home. Garage, new carpet, fresh paint. Convenient location. Pets OK. 4513 39th Street. 619-283-4684.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer in unit, cable included, garage, hardwood floors, barbecue, no pets, available 1/15. 4428 Arizona Street #7. \$1400. 619-692-9869.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom. Garage, parking, new carpet, new paint, new appliances, laundry. Cat OK. 4586 Hawley Blvd. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$885. Large 2 bedroom/1 bath apartment. No pets. One parking. New carpet, painting. Appliance. Nice, quiet. 4241 Swift Avenue #6. Agents, 858-453-6115.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$1200. Pride of Normal Heights! Totally remodeled, extremely large 2 bed, 2 bath, with three closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet, storage closet and pantry. Private fenced patio. New paint, new carpet and new tile flooring. Refrigerator, dishwasher and stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-15. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$800. Pride of Normal Heights! Extremely large and clean, 1 bed, 1 bath, with 3 closets (one walk-in) plus linen closet and storage closet. Private fenced patio. New paint, refrigerator and new stove. Huge pool and jacuzzi. Off-street parking. Laundry rooms. 1 block below Adams on Madison Avenue with easy access to I-805 and I-5. 858-695-1663.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$745. Upper 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Clean. Gated community. Barbecue. Off-street parking. Air conditioning. Laundry. No pets. Available 1/2/03. 4730 32nd Street. www.sunriseliving.com, 619-584-7790.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs. New carpet, laundry, gated, parking. Quiet. 3744 Ward Road. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, upstairs, parking, laundry. Gated building. Available now. 4754 32nd Street. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs, assigned parking. Available now. 3262 Adams Avenue. 858-483-5111.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$525. Studio. Utilities included. Stove, refrigerator, carpet, blinds. Off-street parking. Close to bus and shopping. No pets. 4671 Felton Street. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$650. Spacious, private 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Hardwood floors. Fenced yard. Close to bus. Garage available. No pets. 4442 30th Street. Available now. Agent, 619-298-7724.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. \$500 deposit. Deluxe 1 bedroom. Upstairs with balcony. Dishwasher. Refrigerator. Newer building. 4675 Ohio Street. Close to Adams Avenue. 619-582-7235; 619-282-3736.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 1-car garage. No pets please. Laundry room. Near Adams/Park. 4613 Alabama. Centre City Property Management, 619-296-6699.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$850. Lower 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Like new paint, carpet, tile. On-site laundry. No smoking/pets. Assigned parking. Available 1/1/03. 4750 33rd Street. 619-997-9383.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. 1 bedroom. North of Adams. Gated. Laundry. Minutes to highway. No dogs. 3128 Collier Avenue. Karen, 619-297-0274.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Large 1 bedroom. Parking. Laundry. Newly remodeled. Upper unit. Small quiet complex. 4657 32nd Street. Available 12/1, Uptown Property Management, 619-297-7368.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, lower unit, bright, new paint/carpeting/vinyl, large closets, on-site laundry, parking. No pets. 3773 Ward Road. 619-281-4698.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Recently refurbished. Two parking spaces. Near Mission Valley. No pets. 4607 Iowa Street, #4. Available 1/1. 619-264-1085, mdmiller@cts.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. Deposit \$700. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with off-street parking and on-site laundry. No pets. 4625 35th Street #13. 619-843-7827.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$700. Deposit \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath with stove, refrigerator, laundry on-site, off-street parking. 4389 39th Street #3. 619-843-7827.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit. Laundry on site. 4761 Mansfield Street #8. Available now. K & R Properties, 858-490-1600.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$950. 2 bedroom. Gated complex with laundry. No pets allowed. \$500 deposit. 4342 Idaho. 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, recently remodeled. Tiled living room, kitchen, bathroom. Elevator, on site laundry, security building. 619-280-2658.

NORTH PARK. Move-in special! \$100 off first month's rent! \$825. Charming 1 bedroom handcrafted cottage style duplex.

Lush "secret garden" with fountain and artistic touches. Gated. Laundry. Squeaky clean! No pets. 4142-1/2 Utah. 858-270-7594.

NORTH PARK. 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 4541 Texas Street, #1. Available now. Call agent, 619-286-1503. x121

NORTH PARK. \$1450. Deluxe, spacious 1 level 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment with patio deck. Garage plus parking space. Small gated. Quiet newer building. Fresh paint. New everything! Air conditioning. Cozy fireplace, microwave. No pets. 4158 Utah. 858-270-7594.

NORTH PARK. \$625. 1 bedroom apartment. Laundry on site. Wheelchair accessible. Stove. Refrigerator. Garden courtyard. Lighted parking. Small complex. Security gate. On site manager, 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$775. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Small quiet complex. Gated entry. Parking. On site laundry facilities. 4443 Campus Avenue. Page manager, 619-293-8902.

NORTH PARK. \$800-\$850. 1 bedroom duplex with hardwood floors and private backyard. Garage. Laundry on site. 4141 34th Street. Drive by only, call for appointment. Agent, 619-548-4599.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartments. Fresh carpet/paint. Quiet. Laundry, parking. No pets/smoking. Deposit \$700. 858-458-9462.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$695, plus \$695 deposit. Charming, large studio. Private entrance. Full kitchen. Separate bathroom. Hardwood floors. No pets. 619-521-2001.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 2 bedroom, large lower, gated courtyard building, upgraded apartment. Available now. No pets. 4245 34th Street. John A. Reis and Company Inc. 858-272-1348.

NORTH PARK. Studios, \$650. 4351 Hamilton #5 and #11. Below market! Close to all. Cat OK. Available now. A&J Property Management, 619-220-4840.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$900. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath, air conditioning, tile, new carpet and paint. Off street parking, gated courtyard. Available January 1. Call 619-298-1140.

NORTH PARK. \$75. Deposit \$150. 1-car garage available for dry storage only. 4361 Idaho Street. Available now. Coastal Choice Realty, 858-539-7433.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom. New paint. Upstairs unit. Big closets. Near Kensington. Off-street parking, laundry. Cat OK. 4527 39th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Large. New paint and carpet, fire-place, rear patio, garage. Cat OK. 4246 37th Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Large 1 bedroom. Must see. Garden complex. Hardwood floors, ceiling fans, bright kitchen, laundry. Cat OK. 3957 Mississippi Street. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Canyon property. North of Adams. Outside deck, bright kitchen, huge living. Small pet OK. 4756-1/2 Arizona. XILA, 619-683-2728.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry, upstairs unit, new paint, large unit. Cat OK. 3853 Cherokee #E. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$650. Studio. Utilities paid. Parking, laundry, downstairs unit, new paint. Cat OK. 3853 Cherokee #K. XILA, 619-683-7638.

NORTH PARK. \$600. 1 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Stove, refrigerator, carpeting. Centrally located. Small yard. No dogs. 4019 33rd Street. Available 1/1/03. 619-281-6003.

NORTH PARK. \$1300. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath house, yard, laundry hook up. New kitchen carpet and paint. Off-street parking. Freeway close. Ready 1/1. 619-442-4815.

NORTH PARK. \$1050. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Ceiling fan. New refrigerator, carpet, paint. Carport. Fenced shared yard. Pets OK. 4189 Kansas. Available now. Call for appointment, between 8am-6pm, 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Available 1/7/03. Pool. Parking. Controlled-access building. Clean and quiet. Dishwasher. Ceiling fan. Laundry rooms. Centrally located. Small pets OK. Good credit required! 4133 Kansas Street. Viewing by appointment only. Call between 8am-6pm, 619-640-0112.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. 4234 Wilson Avenue, 92104. New carpet, new paint, stove, refrigerator. Very clean. 619-846-1183. mandomt@yahoo.com.

NORTH PARK. \$825. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath newly remodeled, spacious kitchen, private parking. Near all. Hidden in greenery. Fee. www.pchrent.com. 858-581-1290.

NORTH PARK. \$1500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath unfurnished house. Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. Big backyard. Outside pets OK. Available 1/02. 3676 Bellingham. 619-601-3592.

NORTH PARK/HILLCREST. \$775-\$950. 1 and 2 bedroom. Gated garden complex, pool, laundry facilities, off-street parking. No pets. Close to all. 3710 Alabama. 619-299-1699.

NORTH PARK. \$775 plus \$775 security deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully upgraded, gated. New appliances, laundry, parking. No pets. Call 619-294-7730.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath in garden setting. New carpet/paint. Assigned parking. Laundry facilities. 4611 Ohio Street. 1/2 off first month's rent! 858-270-5500.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath in duplex. Top floor. Dishwasher. Garbage disposal. Walk-in closet in master suite. Laundry room. Available now. 3719 Pershing Avenue. 619-888-6604.

NORTH PARK. \$925. 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Gated, nice, parking and laundry. 4333 Mississippi #1. Agent, www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Nice 1 bedroom apartment in small, quiet complex. Downstairs. Gated entry, patio. Newer carpet, blinds. No pets. 4045 Mississippi Street. Agent, 619-469-7790.

NORTH PARK. \$750. cute front cottage. \$100, single garage. Laundry. 4357 Mississippi. Agent, www.cethron.com. 619-295-1100.

NORTH PARK. \$975. 1 bedroom cottage. Near Morley field. 2632 Myrtle, McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom apartment. Off-street parking. On-site laundry. No pets. 3766 Swift. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700. www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Charming 1 bedroom apartment with on-site laundry. No pets. 2860 Lincoln. McKee Asset Management, 619-435-2700; www.mckeecompany.com.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On-site parking and laundry. Available 12/26. 4553 Texas Street #8. Agent, 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. Corner unit. Freshly painted. New carpet. No pets. Mission Gorge Realty. 619-229-0231.

NORTH PARK. \$825-\$950. 1 or 2 bedroom apartments. Completely refurbished including ceramic tile floors, ceiling fans, mirrored closet doors, new appliances. On-site laundry. 3740 Pershing Ave. Agent, 619-725-3648; 619-846-6615.

NORTH PARK. First month's rent moves you in! Newly remodeled. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, from \$750. Off-street parking. Laundry facilities. Gated community. 4525 Texas Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$835. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. On-site laundry. Off-street parking. Beautiful courtyard. 4541 Florida Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sandy, 619-269-5602 or Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Washer/dryer hookup. Off-street parking. Close to shop and library. 3766 31st Street. www.sunriseliving.com. Call Sunrise Management, 858-571-1970.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom, 1 bath plus large loft. \$1295. 3705 Arnold Street. Must see! Agent, 619-229-2440.

NORTH PARK. \$695. Lovely 1 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Den, kitchen nook, hardwood/Berber floors, small yard. No pets. Available 1/1. 3626 Ray Street. 619-298-7639.

NORTH PARK. \$1250. Large, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Completely remodeled with new appliances. Nice west view. Gated yard, washer/dryer, private patio. One car garage. Great location. Available 1/1. 619-985-0871.

NORTH PARK/BALBOA PARK. \$1100. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New carpet/tile. Laundry. Large 1960s apartment. Quiet residential neighborhood. Available immediately. 3236 Bancroft at Thorn. 619-281-6789.

NORTH PARK. Staring at \$650-starting at \$1150. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments in locked, gated courtyard. Near transportation on-site laundry. Garage available on select property. Garage additional. Application fee \$15. 619-291-2152.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom in gated building. Upstairs. Corner unit. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry. Off-street parking. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom cottage on shared lot. Hardwood floors. Large kitchen. Very bright. Water paid. Cats OK. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORTH PARK. \$600 rent. \$500 Deposit. 1 bedroom duplex. No pets. At 3035 Monroe Avenue. Agent, 619-299-8515.

NORTH PARK/MORLEY FIELD. \$1995. 3 bedroom, 1 bath house with giant kitchen. Washer/dryer, immaculate, garage, new landscape, includes gardener. 3505 Arnold. 619-260-1400.

NORTH PARK. \$850. 1 bedroom. Keyed entry with intercom. Pool. Elevator. Covered parking. Laundry. Cat OK. 4111 Illinois Street. 619-284-2424.

NORTH PARK. \$675. 1 bedroom in small complex, second floor, hardwood floors, tile kitchen/bath. On-site laundry. Close to all. No pets. 619-232-2628.

NORTH PARK. \$925. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, all new, downstairs, quiet, laundry, assigned parking. No pets. Available 12/21. 4344 Ohio Street. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$645. 1 bedroom, available. Newer paint, carpet, vinyl, appliances. On-site laundry. Gated. No pets. Nonsmoking. 3119 Howard Avenue. 619-281-4698.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Beautifully redone. Refrigerator, microwave, laundry facility. Off-street parking. No pets. No section 8. 4035 Utah. Agent, 619-683-5422.

NORTH PARK. \$1200. Awesome 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. All new kitchen, baths, refrigerator, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Off-street parking. Large yard. No pets. 3575 Quince Street. Agent, 619-683-5422.

NORTH PARK. \$995. 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. Large immaculate apartment. Large windows. Bright, spacious kitchen/dining with new refrigerator. Carpet and floor tile. Parking, laundry, very quiet. Near Henry's Marketplace. 4225 Georgia. Manager, 619-299-1004.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath house. Stove, refrigerator, dining room. Shared yard area. Will consider dog. Garage available for \$50. 4044 Oregon. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

NORTH PARK. \$695. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Upstairs. 4 unit property. Stove, refrigerator. Shared yard area. Garage available for \$50. 4048 Oregon. Del Sol Property Management, 858-270-2071. www.delsolpm.com.

NORTH PARK. \$895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment with balcony. New carpet and paint. Small gated com-

plex with laundry and parking. Garage space available. 3754 Cherokee Avenue. For appointment, 858-653-4960.

NORTH PARK. \$795. Charming 1 bedroom cottage. Available 1/1/03. 4635-1/2 33rd Street. Agent, 858-560-1178.

NORTH PARK. \$685. 1 bedroom. Quiet community. No pets. Laundry on site, pool. Close to all. 3051 Meade Avenue #5. 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$650. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$600 deposit. Stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, downstairs apartments, laundry on site. Pets welcome. 4165 Alabama Street. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$700 deposit. Stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, upstairs apartment, laundry on site. No pets. 4360 Hamilton Street. 619-843-7827.

NORTH PARK. \$1195. Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath Spanish style house. Secluded. Garage, fenced yard. Pets negotiable. 2017 32nd Street. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$875. Cute 2 bedroom (second bedroom very small), 1 bath. Hardwood floors throughout, garage. Pets negotiable. 2962 Kalmia Street at 30th. 619-563-5206.

NORTH PARK. \$1150. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with garage. Newly refurbished. Close to all. Available now. 4325 Texas Street, #1. Call 858-483-5111.

NORTH PARK. \$825. 1 bedroom cottage, quiet. Wood floors, fenced patio/yard! Full bath, kitchen. No pets. Laundry on-site. 3212 30th Street. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$600. Studio, utilities included. Full bath and kitchen. Lower corner unit. Laundry on-site. Air-conditioning. Quiet. 3208-1/2 30th Street. Cogan Properties. 619-283-2144.

NORTH PARK. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse, small gated complex, New carpet. Pet OK. 4371 Arizona Street #2. 619-640-7530.

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. 2 bedroom, \$975. Pool. Laundry. Parking. Cats OK. 4120 Kansas. Irma or Rafael, 619-282-3050; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. \$700. Refurbished 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$350 deposit. New carpet. Quiet complex. No pets. Available now. 4152 32nd Street. David, 619-584-4956; 619-243-4000 x0.

NORTH PARK. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. \$750. Parking, laundry. 4385 Arizona. 619-243-4000 x0.

OCEAN BEACH. \$875. Lease. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Lower. Small quiet building. 1/2 block/Sunset Cliffs. Off-street parking. No pets/smoking. 4928 Coronado. Available 12/15. 619-224-5970.

OCEAN BEACH. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer, parking. Great location. Small pet OK. \$2195. Available 1/1. 619-675-1802.

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. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Recently remodeled. Newer appliances. Off-street parking. Laundry. Outside storage. \$1095/month, \$800/deposit. 4307 Tecumela Street. 619-222-7949.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1295. 2 bedroom. Pool. Verticals. Block to beach. Nonsmoking. No pets. 5025 Cape May. 619-280-4693.

OCEAN BEACH. \$850 including utilities. Studio. beautiful, serene, remodeled, oak, clean, lots of light, quiet neighborhood. Beach area, private brick patio, laundry. Off-street parking. No smoking. Available 1/1. 619-269-8766.

OCEAN BEACH. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$1350-\$1400. Elevator. Laundry. All appliances. Gated, private. Underground parking. No pets. Available now. 619-223-1353.

OCEAN BEACH. \$1300. Deposit \$1350. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice upstairs unit. Close to ocean. Ocean view. Laundry on site. 2 parking spaces. No pets. 4837 Brighton Street, Unit D. Available 1/3. Coastal Choice Properties, 858-539-7433.

OCEANSIDE. \$1230, zero deposit. \$200 off first month's rent. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer in unit. 10 minutes from Camp Pendleton. Pets allowed. Julie, 760-757-6825.

OCEANSIDE. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$750. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$875. Parking, laundry, pool. 328 Weitzel. Rosann, 760-722-8353; 619-243-4000 x0.

OLD TOWN. \$825. 1 bedroom cottage. Includes gas, water, and electricity. Up-dated kitchen with dishwasher and microwave. No pets. 2363-1/2 Linwood Street. Agent, 619-295-6005.

OLD TOWN. \$675-\$695. Low \$150 deposit. Fully furnished studios-alcoves on excellent hillside location. Free basic cable. 1616 Guy Street. 619-298-6242.

OLD TOWN. \$685. 1 bedroom, upper, off-street parking, washer/dryer on premises. 2067 San Diego Avenue. Don't disturb tenant. Available 12/15! Leave message, 858-270-9086.

OLD TOWN. \$850. Quaint, 1 bedroom cottage in duplex. Charming, very sunny. Quiet street. Eat-in kitchen. On-site laundry. Detached garage. No dogs. 4122 Twiggs. 619-997-1222.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1685. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. 2 blocks from beach, 1 block from Garnet. Gorgeous interior. Hardwood floors. Spacious stand-alone townhouse with garage. Good view. 916-1/2 Felspar. Please call 858-273-3883.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1550. Very nice 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, 3 blocks from bay. Garage plus 1 parking space. Washer/dryer, new carpet/tile. Perfect barbecue porch. Available 1/03. albcole@deltyme.com or Alan 619-954-3269.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2150/month. 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, patio, diawasher, frost free refrigerator. No pets. 1030 Agate #2. 619-297-5100; 858-488-4919.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$2000 per month. 2 bedroom 2 bath oceanfront condo. Fully furnished. Underground parking, pool. Newly renovated. Available now. 619-225-2222.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1250. Remodeled 2 bedroom upper unit. Large kitchen. Quiet area. 1 block to bay. Barbecue area. 2033 1/2 Oliver. Available now. Agent, 858-490-2727 x100.

PACIFIC BEACH, NORTH. \$1700/month. 3 blocks to ocean, 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 1-car garage. Storage. Laundry hookups. New paint/carpet. Available 12/27. 858-551-9520.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$795. Spacious studios. Newly renovated units. 2 blocks from Crown Point. Sorry, no pets. 858-273-5234.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1450. Nicely remodeled, sunny, 2 bedroom upstairs apartment in small complex. Private balcony, 3 blocks to beach. Laundry. No pets. Must see! 1017 Diamond. 858-273-0947.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$995-\$1495. 1 and 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments. Spacious, deluxe interiors! Full amenities. Steps to bay. No pets. 619-223-0254.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. Great move-in special! \$1385. Extra large upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Available now. Totally renovated, new appliances. Dishwasher. Microwave. New carpet/tile floors. Private patio. Security building. Tandem parking garage available. Near beaches. Laundry. Cat OK. 6-month lease available. Drive by 1955 Thomas, then call for appointment, 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH. Great move-in special! \$775. 6-month lease available. All up-graded upstairs studio. Security building. 1-year lease. Large kitchen, eating area. New carpet, paint, flooring. Good condition! Full-size refrigerator/stove. Laundry facilities. Gas barbecue. Enclosed courtyard. Near beaches. Off-street parking. No pets. Available 1/15/03. Drive by first, 1415 Grand, then call for appointment, 858-205-2397.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$1500. 2 bedroom/1 bath. Bright. 1.5 blocks to beach. On-site laundry. No pets. 858-273-3233.

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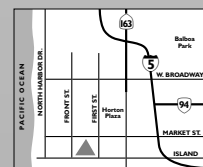
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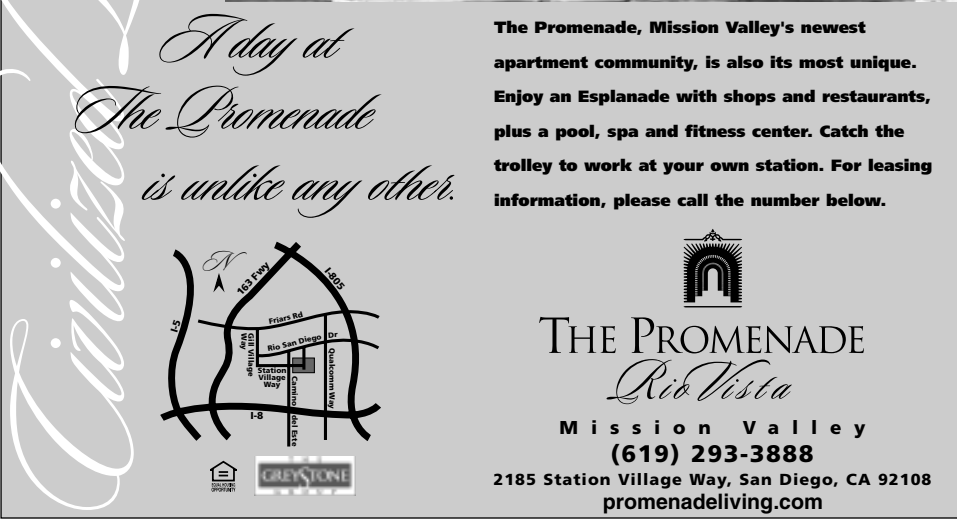
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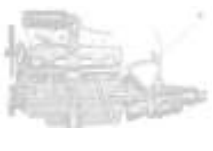
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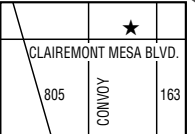
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- Inspect brake components
- Adjust brakes
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Starting at **\$129⁹⁵*** Per axle.

Lifetime warranty on pads!

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- Inspect brake components
- Adjust brakes
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DINING TABLE, 1930s mahogany Duncan Phyfe dropleaf, 26"x40", extends to

94" with 1 armchair, 1 side chair, beautiful condition, \$895. 619-347-6463.

EAMES, brown leather chair and foot stool, \$900. Antique oak desk and chair, \$400. Bronze elephant, 3'x3', polished tusks, \$400. Leave number, 760-632-7188.

IMPERIAL CHING-TE CHEN porcelain plates, "Beauties of Red Mansion", master artisan Zhao Huimin. Set of 12. Absolutely beautiful! Signed/certificates. E-mail for photos: spellblast@msn.com.

MISCELLANEOUS, Baseball cards, large lot, perfect for the holidays, Griffey, Sosa, Bonds, A-Rod, etc. Serious buyers. 619-702-6653.

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POSTERS AND FLYERS, punk rock, 150 posters and 250 flyers, Sex Pistols, Clash, Damned, Black Flag, Ramones, etc., prices vary. Johnny, 619-222-7976.

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WANTED: 1950s-1970s rock and roll concert posters, flyers, handbills, used/unused tickets, programs. Private party. Please call 619-476-9190.

WANTED: Big game fishing reels by Vom Hofe, Meek, Milam, Kovalosky, Seamaster, Fin Nor, Zwarg, Bogdan, Hardy, Coxo, Pflueger, and many more. Private collector, 858-496-0033.

GARAGE SALES

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CLAIREMONT. Garage sale. Love seat and matching chair, lamps, Yamaha digital piano, computer, dressers, bookcase, bed frame, silk ficus tree, pictures, folding tables, excellent. 858-279-1141.

COLLEGE AREA. Garage sale. 7am. Furniture, household, clothes, bikes, electronics, Christmas, and more. 4541 Toni Lane.

LA COSTA. Garage sale. 8am-1pm, Saturday, 12/21. Furniture, kitchenware, clothing. 2565 Navarra Drive, unit B.

LA JOLLA. Big garage sale. 8am-noon, Saturday/Sunday, 12/21-12/22. Surf/snow gear, teacher's supplies, furniture, electronics, housewares, clothes, more. 8490-12 Via Sonoma.

LA JOLLA. Moving sale. 9am-3pm, Saturday/Sunday. Snowboard plus bag and clothes, Sony tape, CD boom box, lots of good stuff. 2631 Calle Del Oro.

LA MESA. Moving sale, Saturday 12/21, Sunday 12/22, 1-4pm. Sofabed, chair, bedroom, bookcases, lamps, desks, kitchen, art, TV, more, \$1-\$329. 5701 Cowles Mountain Blvd., Z-98.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. Garage sale. 8am-3pm, Saturday, 12/21. Tons books, computer monitors, printers, clothes, toys, great stuff. 4780 East Mountain View Drive (36th Street, behind Vons).

NORTH CLAIREMONT. Garage sale, Saturday 12/21, 7am-4pm. Stereo receiver, dual tape deck, aquarium supplies, 4 track portable studio, more great stuff! 3315 Idlewild Way. 858-483-3813.

OCEAN BEACH. Garage sale. 8am, 12/21, everything must go. Household items, furniture, bike, TV, stereo, etc. 4320 W. Point Loma Blvd., #P. 619-615-5197 or 714-225-4806.

POWAY. Moving sale. 8am-4pm, Thursday 12/21, 8am-noon, Saturday, all day Sunday. Everything must go. E-mail: nana2@juno.com. 11929 Acacia Glen Court (92128).

SAN DIEGO. Garage sale. 7:30am-noon, Saturday, 12/21. Everything must go. 3262 Lahitte Court (92122).

SPRING VALLEY. Moving sale. 7am, Saturday, 12/21. Furniture, antiques, lots of tools and yard equipment. 8932 Innsdale Avenue (off Elkelton).

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APPLIANCES. Almost new, GE 27" double white convection oven, \$750. GE Profile 30" white electric glass cooktop, \$200. Deluxe Hotpoint 30" white over range microwave/vent, \$200. Please call 858-456-9996.

APPLIANCES. Kenmore washer, \$125. Side-by-side refrigerator, water and ice in door, like new, \$250. Electric dryer, \$100. Can help deliver. 619-795-6494.

ARMOIRE, dark mahogany wood, exquisite detail, beautiful crown molding, converted from wardrobe to office interior, mirrored inside doors, very solid, excellent condition, \$1300. 619-405-6255.

ART. Oriental paintings, oil on canvas, framed 20"x30", subject matter Chinese junks in Hong Kong harbor by Yau, 2 at \$30 each. 858-484-2253.

BARBECUE GALORE. Turbo, 4 burner, 60K BTU with Jarrah wood cart. New, \$900, sell \$250/best. Michael, 619-557-5081 x222. Cardiff.

BATHROOM CABINET, trifold mirror, 29"x29"x4-1/2"D, excellent condition, bargain at \$30. 619-299-9151.

BATHROOM CABINET, wood, \$100. Lazy Susan storage, \$25. Toilet, white porcelain, complete, \$50. Sink, white porcelain, round with silver faucet/handles, complete, \$30. 760-439-7121.

BATTERY CHARGER, large, industrial series type, charges from 0-72 volts up to 12 amps, fuse protected, rheostat adjustment, \$150. 858-278-1048.

BED A BARGAIN! Queen, pillowtop, extra-thick mattress/box springs. Never used. Still in plastic. Cost \$750, must sell, \$165. Can deliver. 858-864-8722.

BED AWESOME PILLOW TOP orthopedic mattress/box unused in plastic with warranty. Queen \$169. King, \$249. Over 60% savings. Credit cards accepted. Can deliver. 800-464-6420.

BED CALIFORNIA KING. Extra-thick pillowtop mattress with box springs. New, still in plastic with warranty. Cost \$995, sell \$275. Can deliver. 858-824-0442.

BED CHERRY/SLEIGH headboard, footboard, with wood rails. Solid, unused, in package, \$269. Credit cards accepted. Call 800-464-6420.

BED CHERRY SLEIGH, solid wood with pillowtop mattress/box. All-new in package. Beautiful. Cost \$950, sell \$450. Call 858-824-0442.

BED FRAMES/RAILS. 4 metal frames. Full/twin, \$18. Queen, \$24. King, \$29. 3 sets of metal bed rails. Full/twin, \$14. Queen, \$18. 858-277-3065.

BED MATTRESS, new (5 months), great condition, \$20. Twin futon, perfect for child or futon frame. Dylan, 619-693-6600.

BED, children's, white headboard, mattress, drawers underneath, \$75. Matching white desk with pull-out keyboard shelf, \$50. 858-578-6112.

BED, electric Niagra, twin, raises head and/or legs, massages, new \$1200, will take \$250. 619-962-1265.

BED, single, complete with frame, extra firm, high-quality mattress, \$50. Leave message, 619-804-6873.

BED. California king, black wrought iron canopy bed, brand new, still in original box, mattress not included. \$450. 619-269-2170.

BED. New pillowtop mattress set, luxurious, extra thick, orthopedic, still in original plastic, 15 year warranty. Originally \$900, sacrifice \$199. Can deliver. 619-934-4141.

BEDROOM CHAISE, Ethan Allen, light green background with peach floral, \$1500 new, sacrifice \$300. 760-917-0503.

BEDROOM FURNITURE. Whitewashed finish, queen bed, no mattress, mirrored headboard, end tables, 64"x30" dresser, 36"x54" chest, 19 drawers, \$350. Santee/I-52. 619-994-5825.

BEDROOM SET, contemporary, queen, black padded, platform bed with 2 mirror top nightstands and armoire, like new. Moving, must sell. Take everything for \$550. 858-220-2019.

BEDROOM SET, queen-size sleigh bed, 2 dressers, 2 nightstands, tropical style, light/medium natural rattan color wood and bamboo, beautiful, \$5000 new, now \$900. 858-505-0333.

BEDROOM SET, like-new modern 7-piece set with California king mattress and box spring, \$950/best. 619-286-8723.

BEDROOM SET, beautiful carved dark oak, armoire holds 27" TV, large 4 drawer dresser with trifold mirror, cedar blanket chest, end table. \$750. 760-730-3219.

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Includes timing belt, plugs, radiator drain & fill, oil & filter. ✓ Suspension ✓ Shocks or struts ✓ Fuel injection or carburetor ✓ Brakes & rotate tires. 4-cylinder. Some cars & trucks extra. V6 & V8 extra. *With coupon. Expires 1/2/03.

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dresser with mirror, man's chest and armoire, Top quality, velvet lined drawers. Unused, still boxed, \$2695. 858-578-9578.

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BOOKS. The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia 10 Volumes, complete set. Contains information about Jews and Judaism since the earliest times. \$100. 619-298-5994.

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BUNK BEDS, oak, with mattress and box spring, new, in cartan, never used, \$500/best. 760-630-2206.

CABINET, walnut, 8'Lx19"Wx31"H, 8 legs, 3 double doors, custom made, \$400. Anytime. 619-465-5708.

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CHAIRS, 2 Oriental rosewood with inlaid shells, corner/end chairs, all wood, not upholstered, really nice, new \$600, now only \$240. 619-680-8243.

CHAIRS, matched set of 8, solid wood, off-white, extra seat covers, excellent condition, dining/entertainment, \$178 for the set. 760-741-4945.

CHAMPAGNE, 12-liter bottle of Korbøl, 1 of 2000 limited edition commemorative bottles, made for Y2K, \$150. 760-471-7657.

CHRISTMAS TREE, artificial, Mr. Christmas, 6.5', green, with stand, \$35. 858-259-0238.

CHRISTMAS TREE, 6' artificial, \$20. Lights, \$5. 619-421-9018.

CHRISTMAS TREE STAND for large tree, fits trunk size up to 9" diameter, folds up for storage, paid \$70 new, sell \$25. 858-349-2619.

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CLOTHING. Women's designer suit by Kasper, size 14, beautiful dark bluish purple, originally \$239, selling for \$35. 619-444-3346.

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CURTAINS, includes pair of curtains, rods, and brackets, \$10 each set. Rugs, sheets, dishes, plants, furniture, wrought iron, more. Dan, 760-798-1878.

DESK, wood, 2 right hand drawers, 24"x46", \$45. Bookcases, wood, white, 4 shelves, 38"Hx9-1/4"x54"; 2-shelf corner, 33"Hx12"x32" and 45", \$25 each. La Jolla, 858-454-1422.

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DINING ROOM, solid pine dining table, 72"x40" with 6 solid pine matching chairs, 2 with padding, excellent condition, \$300/best. 858-560-0748.

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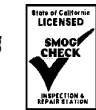
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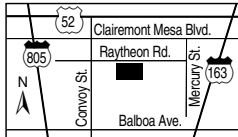
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LEAD STORIES

— Next in the England-to-U.S. TV Pipeline: The newest reality TV show scheduled by London’s Channel 5 for 2003 is a celebrities-in-detox series, in which marginally known entertainment personalities go to an island for a week to undergo enemas and colonic irrigation, with full camera coverage. A station spokeswoman told *The Independent*, “The celebrities will have to survive for a week on oral enemas, which basically means drinking things like olive oil. They’ll also be analyzing their own poo.”

— Some callers to Boston’s major homeless shelters became angry that their requests to help out this year on Thanksgiving and Christmas day were rejected because the shelters have too many volunteers on those days (yet too few on the other 363 days a year). A *Boston Globe* reporter found that volunteers even try to cajole officials to bump them up the waiting list (170 on one shelter’s list, which started accumulating names in August), but express disappointment at suggestions that they help at less “popular” (and less prestigious) suburban shelters.

Boredom, Illustrated

— Ian Jewell, an employee of the West Somerset (England) District Council, was rewarded by his bosses after his counting revealed that the toilet paper in the restrooms contained fewer than the 320 sheets per roll stated in the supplier’s contract (September). And a popular pastime in Bismarck, N.D. (according to an October Associated Press report), is a game called “Slip,” in which teenagers walk the city during summer nights trying to avoid cars’ headlights. (If they get flashed, they’re out.) Said one teenage girl, “It’s better than sitting around on the couch on a Friday night watching a movie.” And in many cities, the opening of a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop has been marked by fans queuing up several hours in advance, but Peter Bolland and his son, P.J. (both grown men), lined up 30 hours early for the store’s debut in Kitchener, Ontario, in November. ([“This] sounds so ridiculous,” said P.J.)

Quotes From Deep in the Story

— “It’s sick, disgusting, and perverted. I know all these things [but] I can’t go to prison for the rest of my life...without seeing [some].” (Spoken by confessed murderer Cory Stayner, offering police a deal in which he’d describe his crimes in detail if they’d give him a “good-sized stack” of child pornography to look at, according to the *San Jose Mercury News*, 7/24/02)

— “It was like a *Blazing Saddles* routine, because every time these [management] guys would move on their seats, you could hear flatulence.” (Spoken by a participant at a September labor-management session in San Francisco, describing a union man’s prank of having placed a small flatulence-sound-producing device under the table during a Pacific Maritime Association negotiating session with the dockworkers union, according to a report in the *San Francisco Chronicle*)

— “[M]any top businessmen spend more of their time in hotels than in their own home.... So when they get home, they like to re-create the hotel experience.... Many of my clients have their own mini-bars in their bedrooms.... They come to me [to make them] a hotel-style [closet].” (Spoken by Arnold Chrysler, owner of Chrysler’s World of Hotel Decor, on trial in London in October for stealing 40,000 hotel coat hangers [the bottom part, useful only if affixed to the closet’s hanging bar])

Just Can’t Stop Myself

— Slow Crime Days: Two St. Petersburg, Fla., police officers were suspended in November after allegedly using their in-car terminals to send each other a total of 4232 non-duty messages in a one-month period (about 10 messages each, per work hour).

— James Sabatino, already serving time in a Putnam County (N.Y.) prison for attacking a federal officer and having recently served time in England for a telephone-based scam, had his telephone privileges removed because Putnam officials said he spent almost eight hours a day on prison phones, for five months, before they caught him in another scam. According to officials cited by

the *New York Post* in November, Sabatino called phone companies and convinced them he was doing movie shoots and needed dozens of cell phones quickly (and was able to order about a thousand activated phones, delivered to places arranged by his girlfriend, without spending a penny).

People Different From Us

— Sadomasochism practitioner Steven H. Bailey, 54, was indicted in St. Paul, Minn., in November in the bondage death of a sexual partner (one of 5000 he said he’s had); Bailey calls himself “The True Master” of his craft, but allegedly failed to render assistance when his partner stopped breathing through the chloroform-soaked bag over his face. And in November, *The Washington Post* disclosed that one of the members of the United Nations weapons inspection teams headed for Iraq was also an uncloseted S&M master: Harvey John “Jack” McGeorge, 53, of Woodbridge, Va., an instructor in “Dungeon 501,” featuring activities involving knives, ropes, and choking devices.

Least Competent People

— Capt. Van Fussell, a Florida Highway Patrol district commander in Venice, Fla., accidentally shot himself in the foot as he was holstering his Glock pistol while taking his annual firearms test in November. (He’ll have to take it over.) And the previous week in Brooksville, Fla., homeowner Jimmy Batten walked in on Sean Todd Duval, 26, who had apparently broken in to steal Batten’s guns. Batten was puzzled that Duval did not try to run away, but the reason was that minutes earlier, Duval had accidentally shot his left middle toe off with one of the guns and was so despondent that he told Batten: “Finish me off. Go ahead and blow my brains out.”

Updating Recent News of the Weird Stories

— New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he was considering purchasing out-of-service cruise ships to alleviate the nightly overcrowding at the city’s emergency shelters (Novem-

ber). And prominent, board-certified Independence, Mo., psychiatrist Donald Hinton, who seriously swears that he has been treating Elvis Presley for the past five years, was put on probation in November by the state for overprescribing a painkiller to a patient (not Elvis). And the Urbana, Ill., mother who was still breast-feeding her 8-year-old boy lost partial custody of him to the state (November).

Undignified Deaths

— A 46-year-old non-swimmer drowned in his apartment house pool during an attempt to overcome his fear of the water (Galesburg, Ill., October). A 73-year-old man died from the extreme heat caused when a thermostat broke and would not shut off (creating such heat that, for example, all of the water evaporated from a toilet) (Great Falls, Mont., November). A 21-year-old student accidentally strangled himself with his belt, which he had looped around a door handle in a contraption to keep his head from nodding off during a marathon study session (Bangkok, Thailand, July).

Also, in the Last Month ...

— Two customers and an employee were trapped inside Sam’s Mini Market for two hours on Thanksgiving Day by successive swarms of bees that coated the front door, until firefighters foamed them off (Chatsworth, Calif.). Panda bear experts announced that “dating” software had been developed to match males’ and females’ personality characteristics so as to improve mating opportunities (Beijing). An aboriginal Manitoba (Canada) woman alleged racial profiling when she was not allowed to buy hairspray at an Extra Foods store, probably because owners feared she only wanted to drink it (Winnipeg). Britain’s Office of Fair Trading charged the toy company Hasbro (maker of Monopoly) with retail price-fixing.

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FORD CONTOUR SPORT, 1998, 4 door, silver, 6 cylinder, automatic, 44K miles, power all, loaded, a beauty, by owner, \$7985. 760-436-9933.

FORD E-150 VAN, 1976, 500 miles on rebuilt engine/transmission, 3-speed, rug in back, ideal for camping, hauling, or surf van, \$1800/best. 619-284-5199.

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We went to Rebecca’s first piano recital. My oldest daughter, Rebecca, started taking piano lessons this past September. I didn’t expect a recital so soon. Last Wednesday, Rebecca’s piano teacher Yolanta waved to me as we both dropped our children off at school. Yolanta’s three kids attend the same small Catholic academy where my husband Jack and I send our three girls. Yolanta, who is from Poland, spoke in her charming, musical accent. “So are you coming Sunday?”

“Sunday?” I asked in a decidedly uncharming, uninformed way.

“Rebecca didn’t tell you?”

“No.”

“We’re having little get-together at the Bradleys’ house. Rebecca will play two Christmas songs. Bring some baked things

to share.”

Wednesday afternoon, when I picked Rebecca up after her piano lesson, Yolanta walked her out to the car. I rolled down the window and Yolanta leaned in. “We are having little problem with your daughter.”

“Really?” I answered as Rebecca climbed into the backseat.

“She’s progressing too fast,” Yolanta said and smiled. “I’ll have to get new book for her. For recital, she can play ‘Deck the Halls’ and ‘Oh Come All Ye Faithful.’ See you Sunday.”

Saturday afternoon, Rebecca and I went shopping. We hardly ever go shopping. I am not a shopping-as-recreation kind of mom. Usually, when I have to purchase shoes or clothes or supplies for my five children, I treat the job as a surgical strike. We get in, we get what we need, we get out. Saturday afternoon, for a change, Rebecca and I waded into the river of Christmas shoppers at North County Fair. We looked at the elaborate holiday displays and laughed at the self-conscious teenagers in belly shirts and spray-on jeans. At ten, Rebecca is still young enough to hold my hand in public. I relished the feel of her hand, now almost as big as my own, in mine.

At Robinsons-May, we wandered the “Tween” department, sizes 7–16. After some searching, Rebecca found a black velvet tea-length skirt and a silver, button-front blouse with poet sleeves. When she tried the outfit on in the tiny dressing room, I held my breath for a moment. “You look so beautiful,” I told her. “You look so grown-up.”

Rebecca glowed in response. She is nearly as tall as I am now. When she hugs me, I can kiss her forehead without leaning down. Her hair, which started out red when she was a baby, has gone brown and gold and flows down to the middle of her back. Her large blue eyes gaze out of a face just this side of womanly. It is my face and my father’s face and my grandmother’s face.

“What shoes can I wear with this?” Rebecca asked as I paid for her skirt and blouse. We found black, square-toed peau de soi shoes with inch-and-a-half heels.

“How do they feel?” I asked as Rebecca walked back and forth across the shoe department.

“They feel great,” she said.

“The heel isn’t too high?”

“No.” Pause. “Do I wear tights with these?”

“No. You can wear pantyhose.”

Sunday morning, Rebecca made cookie dough before we left the house for 9:00 Mass. “The dough needs to chill for an hour,” she explained to me as Jack and I herded her and Angela, Lucy, Johnny, and Ben out the door and into the car. When we got home Rebecca shaped the soft, white dough into balls and rolled them in cinnamon sugar. The smell of warm snickerdoodles filled the house. While the cookies baked, Rebecca sat at the piano and practiced her pieces. When the cookies had cooled, Rebecca dressed in her new finery. We loaded everyone back into the van and headed from our home in San Marcos to the Bradleys’ house in Escondido. The Bradleys’ three children also take lessons from Yolanta.

“Do you know how many kids are going to play?” Jack asked Rebecca as we neared the turnoff to the Bradleys’.

“No. Daddy, I’m a little nervous,” Rebecca said.

“Being a little nervous is part of performing,” Jack told her. Jack plays piano and guitar and has performed in public hundreds of times. “Just concentrate and try to play like you do at home. You’ll do great.”

Fifteen minutes later, we sat in the Bradleys’ living room. A half-circle of nervous children and proud parents faced a gleaming black baby grand. Half-golden late-afternoon light poured through the picture window. The smell of coffee brewing wafted in from the kitchen. Yolanta started with the youngest students, a pair of five-year-olds. They played simple tunes. Everyone applauded. Ben, who just turned two, slept in my arms. A few more students played their pieces. Right before Rebecca stood up and walked to the piano, Ben’s eyes fluttered open. Rebecca bowed and sat down at the piano. When she started “Oh Come All Ye Faithful,” Ben smiled and pointed to the piano. “Ga-Ga pay a tiano,” he said loud enough for the whole room to hear. “Ga-Ga” is what Ben calls Rebecca. A few people chuckled. Rebecca smiled. She finished her first song and started into her second.

“You’re right,” I whispered to Ben. I looked at Rebecca, her face filled with concentration and the sun shining on her hair. I held my breath for the second time in two days. “Rebecca’s playing the piano.”

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